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## Bay High digital class students work with real nonprofit client



Bay High School students Mia Gulley, left, and Kristina Laraway working on digital artwork for the New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund.

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

wo Bay High School students in Greg Hildebrandt's Advanced Digital Media class recently had the opportunity to work on a real client project, creating artwork for the nonprofit organization the New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund.

Senior Mia Gulley was the principal illustrator and designer, and Senior Kristina Laraway consulted and was there for the initial meeting with Bay Village resident Nancy Brown, who is coordinating the fundraising efforts for the New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund, an official 501c3 organization. The students created original artwork

for the nonprofit that they turned into a flyer, ad, poster and door hanger.

"Both of these students collaborate together on a variety of projects," said Hildebrandt. "They are great communicators with loads of creative energy that they bring to class every day."

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## 'Princess for the Day' fundraiser to be hosted by The Fairytale Foundation

by ELIZABETH KIBBEY

The Fairytale Foundation has brought smiles to thousands of kids across Northeast Ohio all while raising money for local charities. The company has donated nearly \$26,000 and 12,000 hours of service between over 150 volunteers. All of this has been done through attending local events such as birthday parties, fundraisers, and so much more!

The Fairytale Foundation was founded in 2015 by the company's current president Stephanie Jordan. It started small with a few hand-made gowns and a few friends from school volunteering at Bay Days. As the years progressed, the group began attending a handful of events such as



Fairytale princesses at Bay Days in 2022.

city parades, birthday parties, and small community events.

The Fairytale Foundation has grown beyond expectations over the past 8 years. There are currently 60 active volunteers, over 20 characters to choose from, and have raised thousands of dollars for local charities.

On Saturday, April 15, from 1-3 p.m., The Fairytale Foundation is hosting its first fundraiser!

See FAIRYTALE, page 8

## Westlake teachers join Kiwanis for RePlay for Kids project

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis held a RePlay for Kids project on Tuesday, March 28, at Westlake Porter Public Library. Kiwanis and teachers from the Westlake Elementary School worked together adapting toys. There is nothing that makes a person smile more than making life better for a child with a disability.

They adapted the toys so they can be used by children with disabilities. It involves taking the toys apart and installing switches which can be used to make the toys operate in various ways, such as blowing into a tube or touching with the side of a head. They managed to complete 25

various types of trucks. Leading the group were Kendal Duncan and Amy Davarpanah from RePlay for Kids.

To learn more about volunteering with RePlay For Kids, a non-profit organization based in Medina, check their website at replayforkids.org for dates and times of future workshops. They also accept donations of new or gently used toys and monetary donations.

If you're interested in helping with projects like this, why not join the Westlake Kiwanis, a hands-on community organization dedicated to helping children? Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



Westlake teacher Karen Kane displays an adapted toy as Kiwanian Chip Zyrkowski looks on.



Amy Davarpanah from RePlay for Kids discusses rebuilding toys with Westlake teachers.

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## **Kiwanis of Bay Village supports Buckeye Girls State**

by WARREN REMEIN

ver 900 girls from around the state of Ohio will meet in Bowling Green June 11-17 for Buckeye Girls State. Two girls from Bay High School chosen to be representatives and supported by Bay Kiwanis are Evelyn Ray and Margaret Buttrick. Three additional girls from Bay High will be sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary or other organizations including Emma Lindway, Sophia Heinrich and Delaney Carter.

The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village has supported Buckeye Girls State through the American Legion Auxiliary for several years. This year again the Bay

Kiwanis Club will donate the funds to pay expenses for meals and accommodations for two representatives. A Kiwanis committee, including Foster McMasters, Ed Colleran and co-chairmen Aaron Ereditario and Jim Potter, met with five junior class students and selected these girls to attend the weeklong program at Bowling Green State University.

Jim Potter, a longtime member of both Bay Kiwanis and the American Legion, has been involved in this for over 40 years. Jim will pass the baton next year to Aaron Ereditario.

Buckeye Girls State educates Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of good citizenship. These high school delegates learn about city, county, and state government, run for mock office, vote, campaign, and learn about parliamentary procedures, law enforcement and duties of elected and civil

The program is staffed by volunteers of the American Legion Auxiliary, educators, government, former Girls State participants and people who are interested in fostering citizenship. State and local government officials and speakers participate and provide guidance in their respective fields of expertise.

Attendance also provides Delegates with the opportunity to apply or be selected for awards, honors and scholarships. This includes Girls Nation, United States Senate Youth Program, the Samsung Scholarship and the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Scholarship.

## Area printmakers display work at Porter Library

ine retired artists who met through the Tri-C printmaking program are exhibiting their original prints at Westlake Porter Public Library during April. This is the third time the group has shown their work at the library. During 2022, the group had a month-long print exhibit at the library, then they were invited back to show hand-printed books in the library's show-

April's exhibit features all-new prints that have never been shown in the area. Over 40 original prints, including etchings, woodcuts, lithographs and watercolor monoprints fill the library's hallways. Most of the prints are for sale.

Members of the group will be demonstrating how they make their prints and answering questions on Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. 🎈



"The Cove," a watercolor monoprint by Ken Marshall.

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## **BHS Merit Semifinalist** advances to Finalist standing

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

'n October, Bay Village Schools announced that Bay High School Senior Anna Mayer was recognized as a Semifinalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP). Bay High School Principal Jason Martin was recently notified by NMSP that Anna has advanced to Finalist standing in the 68th annual competition.

Anna is now eligible for Merit Scholarship awards totaling more than \$30 million to be awarded later this spring. Anna is one of only 15,000 Finalists of the more than 1.5 million NMSP entrants.



Anna Mayer

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#### **BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## Rose Hill Museum reopening showcases the artistry of beadwork

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The artistry and significance of beadwork is on full display at Rose Hill Museum's latest exhibition, "Beadwork: The Beauty of Small Things."

Along with its permanent display of artifacts from the history of Bay Village, the museum will temporarily showcase beaded items from the Bay Village Historical Society's collections that are not often displayed to the public. The exhibition offers a unique opportunity to explore intricate designs on many aspects of beadwork on both clothing, personal items and salesman's samples from years gone by.

These stunning works of art showcase the versatility of beadwork and its enduring place in fashion and adornment. Don't miss your chance to experience, "Beadwork: The Beauty of Small Things." Visit Rose Hill Museum on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on April 16 in Cahoon Memorial Park to witness the stunning beauty and cultural significance of these small yet powerful objects. Admission is free. Group tours can be arranged.

Membership in the Bay Village Historical Society is open to anyone in the community interested in keeping history alive. Families are welcome. Phone 216-319-4634 for membership and tour information.

### **DIGITAL** from front page

The projects were created in the Advanced Digital Media class using iMac workstations and Adobe Illustrator software. The class is new to Bay High School's Art Department this school year. Hildebrandt says the class "allows students who already have taken photography or graphic design to further their knowledge and skills and contribute to 'real projects' in the community."

Brown was brought to tears when she first saw the artwork that the students created.

"We are extremely pleased and impressed with how great the students' art is and how it helped us to promote the purpose of The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund," Brown said. "The students and Mr. Greg Hildebrandt were professional and created a beautiful piece to help raise funds and awareness."

Bay High School's Key Club has volunteered to distribute the door hangers throughout the Bay Village community. The door hangers will provide information about the New Bay Village Dog Kennel and its fundraising efforts.

#### **NATURE & ENVIRONMENT**

## How to help our local nesting birds

by CATHERINE SALVA

¬ pring has sprung and the baby birds are about to as well. This is the season for most of the birds in Ohio to start nesting and growing their family. Here in Cuyahoga County, we have several types of nesting birds. Common ones include cavity nesters, ground/scrape nesters and cup nesters. So, what can you do to help? Read below to see how each type of nester can use your help.

Cavity-nesting birds are birds that use a hole or cavity to build and shelter their nests. We have both primary and secondary cavity nesters here in Ohio. A primary cavity-nester, such as a woodpecker, is one who excavates their own cavity by digging or drilling into a tree or river bank. Leaving up dead trees in your yard is a big help for these birds, as it is easier to make holes in.

A secondary cavity-nester is one that uses an already existing cavity and may slightly alter it by widening a hole or bringing in additional nesting materials. These are the birds that need our help the most. They have been in decline over the past decade due to deforestation and development. You can put up nest boxes/birdhouses in your yard to help them out.

Each bird species has set preferences of suitable cavities; including but not limited to, height of the cavity from the ground, diameter and location of the entrance hole, and type of tree/material. Preferences inside the cavity also differ from species to species. Some birds like a bare chamber, where others will build a soft base or complete nest of gathered materials. Make sure to research what type of nest box to put up based on what

bird you are trying to help.

Ground/scrape nesting birds are birds that will nest on the ground or scrape a little bit of a depression to create a "nest." They can be quite camouflaged, so it is important to keep an eye out for them. If you notice a ground nest, make sure to keep your distance, do not mow over the area and keep your pets away.

Some of the ground nesting species like to hide their nests in grasslands or shrubs, so keeping a pile of your fallen branches in your backyard creates a nice little shelter for these species. Also keep an eye out for ground nests while walking on the beach. There are quite a few shorebirds that use these types

Cup nester birds build various size cups in trees and shrubs. These birds build your more traditional style of nest which we often associate with birds. You can help these birds by adding native trees and shrubs to your property.

Check your shrubs for nests before you trim them. Since spring is a stormy time of the year, you may find a fallen cup nest. If you can, try to put it back up in the tree it came from if there are still eggs or baby birds. If it is too fragile, you can fortify it by putting it in a container and returning it to the tree. If you do this make sure to poke holes in the bottom to release water.

On the other hand, if you find only a fallen un-feathered baby bird near a nest and you are able, put it back in the nest safely. If it is fully feathered, leave it alone.

By helping the birds, you are contributing to helping our local ecosystem. In addition to that, an added perk is they are great at insect control.

#### Support the Westlake Porter Public Library





#### Fast Facts About the Levy

- Issue 5 is a five-year renewal of the current 2.8 mill operating levy plus an increase of .6 mills.
- This is the first time the library has asked for a tax increase
- If the levy passes, Westlake homeowners will pay \$87.82 annually per \$100,000 of home value. The revenue generated from issue

Home Value	Monthly Increase
\$100,000	\$1.75
\$200,000	\$3.50
\$300,000	\$5.25

5's modest increase of \$1.75 per month per \$100,000 of home value ensures Westlake residents can continue to enjoy WPPL's state-of-the-art services and spaces for years to come.

- If the levy passes, WPPL will still have the lowest voted millage of any library in Cuyahoga County.
- If the levy fails, the library will lose 70% of its revenue and will have to cut back on materials, programs, and services.

Paid for by the Porter Public Library Levy Campaign







## **Rotary Art Festival names featured artist**

by ANDREW MANGELS

Testlake-Bay Village Rotary is extremely pleased to announce our 2023 Art Festival Featured Artist, The Cleveland Museum of Art Community Arts Center. Each year our festival selects an artist or organization to highlight and serve as a focal point for the daylong event.

The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA)

Community Arts Center is a 20,000-square-foot space located within the former Astrup Awning factory complex. It increases access to the arts by engaging with diverse new audiences that may not yet be involved with on-site museum programming. The CMA worked in partnership with Clark-Fulton Together, a resident-driven master plan headed by MetroHealth Hospital, the City of Cleveland, Metro West Community Development Organization, and local busi-

nesses to develop program content that meets community needs.

The Community Arts Center offers opportunities for residents in Cleveland's Clark-Fulton neighborhood and beyond to connect with the arts. It features art displays and free hands-on art activities and experiences. The inaugural exhibition, Parade the Circle: Celebrating 30 Years of Art and Community, opening in tandem with the center, showcases a varied collection of puppets,

costumes, and masks created by artists and the community that reflect diverse cultures and global art traditions.

Open every weekend, the Community Arts Center helps families and individuals of all ages connect to art and expression.

On July 29, the Westlake-Bay Village Rotary Art Festival will again be held on the grounds of Porter Public Library and Westlake Elementary School and run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With over 60 artist booths, live music, and a Beer & Wine Garden that is run by the Westlake Porter Library Foundation, this is a community event you don't want to miss!

#### **BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## Dream mansion turned hospital: A history of Bay View

by MICHELE YAMAMOTO

ctober 1948 marked the opening of the new Bay View Osteopathic General Hospital in the old estate of Washington Herbert Lawrence on Lake Road in Bay Village. It was a dream home of this early investor in the new field of electricity and president of The National Carbon Company, which manufactured, among many products, the first "D" cell battery.

Lawrence died in 1900, before the mansion was fully completed to house his seven daughters and their families.

In 1948, funds to buy the old mansion and turn it into a hospital were advanced by the Sheppard family, including new Bay View Hospital Chief of Staff Dr. Richard A. Sheppard and his two sons Dr. Richard N. Sheppard (senior surgeon and obstetrician) and Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard (director of hospital practices and urologist). A third son, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, who was a specialist in neuro-traumatic surgery, joined the staff later in 1951.

The hospital's needs soon outgrew the old mansion and a wing was added in 1953 to increase the capacity to 96 beds. By 1963, 15,300 square feet of two more floors and 30 additional beds

had been added above the newer wing and the hospital was able to provide an emergency room, X-rays, surgeries, lab work, a treatment center for alcoholism and a pharmacy, among other services and amenities for patients.



Drs. Sheppard: Samuel, Stephen, Richard (Sr.) and Richard N., circa 1940s.

By 1971, the hospital needed to expand again and applied for permission from the Metropolitan Health Planning Commission to build to the west of the hospital building. Permission was refused with limited land space, cramped parking, building age and the need to care for more underserved

areas and work with other hospitals listed as reasons for the refusal.

As a result, there was a move toward developing the Westlake Health Campus with St. John's and Fairview hospitals.

At the end of its life, Bay View Hospital included nearly 100 doctors, 300 employees and more than 200 volunteers. The old home and hospital was converted into condominiums in the early 1980s and today is known as Cashelmara.

Photographs and objects from the Bay View Hospital are on display in the "Crime Room" at the Osborn Learning Center at Cahoon Memorial Park. In a related display are pictures and news articles about the well-publicized 1954 murder of Marilyn Sheppard, wife of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, resident of Bay Village and physician at the Bay View Hospital.

The Osborn Learning Center and Rose Hill Museum (next door) will open to the public every Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m, beginning April 16.

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SPORTING VIEWS

## The Guardians' greatest hits ... and misses

by JEFF BING

ow that the Major League Baseball's 2023 season has begun, it's triggered some nostalgic feelings from deep within as I have contemplated all the other season openers I've been lucky enough to experience over the years. It even prompted me to recall some of the best (and the *worst*) players to don a Cleveland uniform from the early '60s (my earliest memories were from 1961) through last year.

So, just for grins, we'll look at each position on the field. I have arbitrarily decided that I'll choose the top two players at each position, whom I shall refer to as "keepers" along with a third player I deemed the worst to have earned a starting job, but then played at a level low enough to essentially fade into oblivion. These players shall be referred to as "weepers" as they no-doubt contributed to the trillions of tears shed by Cleveland baseball fans over the last 60-plus years.

I will also require a minimum of three years at a given position for the "Keepers" as a one or two-year phenom could hardly qualify.

There's no way I'll get everything into one column, so we'll get what we can in this issue, and continue with this "series" as time permits.

We'll begin the in-depth analysis by going around the horn (third to first):

First, *Third Base*: (This has all the makings of an Abbott and Costello routine, but - as you all know - I'm way too sophisticated for that. Besides, I've surpassed my quota of "lost readers" for the year already. Hmmm ... I wonder if Tara will let me defer some of those losses until next year - just like the IRS allows.)

Anyway, like I said, we'll start with Third Base: Picking the two best was easy for me. *Keeper #1* has to be none other than our current guy, Jose Ramirez. He's in his 8th year now as our third baseman,

and could you have a more consistent player than Jose? Nope.

Keeper #2 has to be Jim Thome, who logged only three years at third before shifting to first but had very impressive seasons and I cannot recall anyone who comes close to Thome's production for three seasons, anyway. Besides, had it not been for his back issues, he'd have spent his entire career at third because his defense was above average. Weeper: Does anyone out there recall the name "Jeff Manto"? My point exactly. Unless I missed something, Manto logged the most games at third base for the Indians in 1991, but I'm guessing it wasn't because of his .211 batting average or his whopping 13 RBIs. He must have been a positive influence in the clubhouse. Yeah, let's go with that. Positive influence.

Second, Shortstop: (Sorry, can't help myself). This was close, and I am sure many will disagree, but Keeper #1 is Omar Vizquel. As good as Francisco Lindor is, defensively Vizquel had no equal, and he made himself into a very productive Major League hitter, compiling impressive offensive stats during his 24-year career. Keeper #2 is Lindor, obviously. The logical question is, "If Frankie were still here, would I move him ahead of Omar?" Can't say either way, to be honest. Weeper: Anyone out there who remembers Jay - not Buddy - Bell? Not in Cleveland, anyway. In 1988, Jay Bell logged the most games at short of any Indian, and he rewarded management's faith with a resounding .218 average. But oh yes, he did amass 21 RBIs, too, so I'll back off. And to be entirely fair, Bell had a successful career after departing Cleveland, with lengthy stays in Pittsburgh and Arizona.

Wow. I only got two positions done today. At this rate, I may still be continuing this subject when football season

Which might be a blessing for Browns fans.

### BHS' Team United takes top LLS fundraising honors

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

ay High School's Team United, led by seniors Maeve Ransom and John Finley, raised more than \$118,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to be named Cleveland Student Vision-

aries of the Year by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Northern Ohio. Team United raised these funds in just seven weeks, contributing to the more than \$821,000 they and 30 other schools in Northeast Ohio raised to help fight blood cancers.

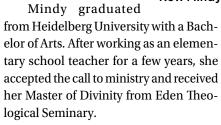


John Finley, left, and Maeve Ransom receiving their award from LLS of Northern Ohio as Student Visionaries of the Year.

## New pastor is called to Dover UCC

by MICHAEL DILAURO

over Congressional United Church of Christ in Westlake welcomes Rev. Melinda S. Quellhorst as the senior pastor. Her first service will be Sunday, April 16.



Mindy has since served congregations in Illinois and Missouri as a student pastor and teacher. She served in Wisconsin and Ohio as a senior pastor and teacher, helping all to become progressive leaders in their respective communities. She has been the moderator of the Ohio Conference and served in other volunteer leadership positions.

Mindy served five churches prior to coming to Dover: Vermilion United Church of Christ Congregational; Barneveld Congregational UCC in Barneveld, Wisconsin; St. Paul's UCC outside of Van Wert, Ohio; Mt. Olivet UCC in North Lima, Ohio; and Grace UCC in Lancaster, Ohio, before coming



**Rev. Mindy Quellhorst** 

to Dover UCC.

In 1811, eight people from Lee, Massachusetts, came into the Western Reserve to establish a mission church in the center of the community. Now, 200 years later, we are excited to welcome Rev. Mindy Quellhorst as the first woman pastor to

serve our church.

Flying a rainbow flag, we proclaim that, "No matter who you are, or where vou are on your life's journey, you are welcome here!" We hope our community will join us in welcoming her.

Mindy has a pastor's heart and lives that in all she does. She stands for justice and following Christ's call to love one another. She is infectiously passionate about ecumenical dialogue, music, outdoor ministries, and mentoring. Immersed in the local communities in which she's served, Mindy is a public witness to the UCC commitment to extravagant welcome and social justice.

Outside of ministry, Mindy loves to read, enjoys a good cup of tea, going to musicals, plays, and museums, spending time in nature, cheering for her favorite sports teams, and spending time with her spouse, kids, and grandchildren.



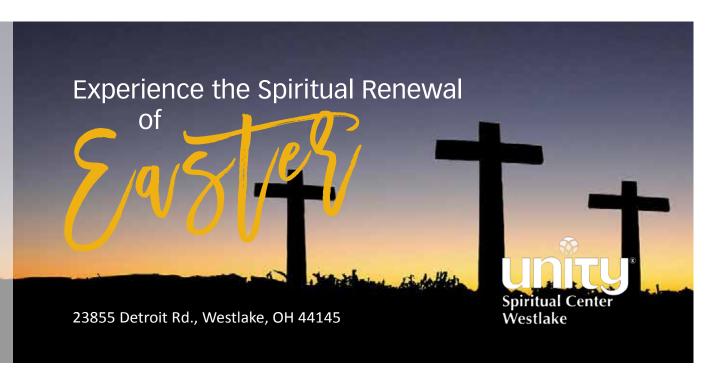
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## St. Bernadette students create artwork for children's charity

by KAREN HOWELL

t. Bernadette art teacher, Mrs. Sarah Butler, put together artwork to send to Arts for Little Hearts, a non-profit that brings hope and to the world's children. Volunteers, organizations, schools, and others create handicraft donations which are then distributed to hospitalized children worldwide.

The creator as well as the

recipient child, even though they will never meet, will share a special bond of compassion, love, confidence, courage and optimism that crosses all cultures and countries.

St. Bernadette students loved this project and they had so much fun working together and designing and creating beautiful and inspiring artwork for the many children who could use some hope, love and a ray of sunshine in their lives.



LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

## Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church, 29931 Lake Road, founded 1827

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The sixth in a series of articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historical Society in 2025.

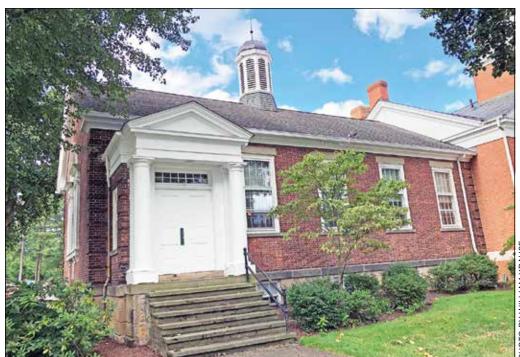
The original log church is long gone but the church community remains, now known as the Bay United Methodist Church. It was in March 1827 that Elizabeth Tryon Sadler signed a deed purchasing land in this location from her husband William's parents, Christopher and Sophia Sadler.

The deed was recorded in June of 1827. It was possibly the same year that walnut logs from the Sadler woods were donated to build the first

church building for the new congregation of which Elizabeth was a founding member. Tax records reflecting the sale were not updated until 1830.

It is said that William and Elizabeth's house was a home for the early itinerant Methodist ministers who came to the area.

By 1828 Eliphalet Johnson, the first resident pastor, is shown as owning property on Lake Road. Elizabeth and her husband gave land and much of the material for the frame church constructed for the congregation in this location in 1841. A picture of this former church building is shown on the Ohio Historical Marker. The existing brick structures date from 1908 and 1955.



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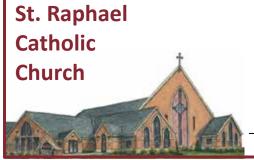
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**Worship Schedule** 

Palm Sunday, April 2 4:30pm Sat Vigil Mass, April 1 8am, 10am, 12pm Sun Mass

Holy Thursday, April 6 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Adoration until 11:30pm

Good Friday, April 7 12pm Stations of the Cross 3pm Veneration of the Cross Holy Saturday, April 8 1:00pm Blessing of Food No Confessions 8:45 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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### **FAIRYTALE**

from front page

You and your child are cordially invited to spend the afternoon with their favorite fairytale characters at the Bay Lodge! Join The Fairytale Foundation as we celebrate the magic of childhood and make your little one "Princess for the Day." Enjoy snacks, stories, singing, and dancing with all of your favorite princesses. Costumes are encouraged!

This is a ticketed event, admission is \$20 per child for the

two-hour experience. One free adult admission included with purchase of a child ticket. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the event.

This fundraiser will benefit the Fairytale Foundation. By supporting the foundation at this event, you help to keep operating costs covered and allow more of the money raised at traditional Fairytale events to be sent directly to child-based charities in Northeast Ohio.

Scan the QR code to RSVP for the event!



A fairytale princess interacts with local children.



Some of the 60 active volunteers of The Fairytale Foundation participated in Bay Days in 2022.







A young girl dressed up like her favorite fairytale princess.



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International border security in Bay Village

by DENNY WENDELL

cross Lake Erie is our neighbor, Canada; the two countries are separated by an international border that runs through the middle of the lake. I came across a U.S. Customs and Border Protection patrol vehicle in Huntington Reservation in March, and had a chance to talk with the patrol officer about his duties along the lake (he didn't want his photo taken for security reasons). The area patrolled in this Cleveland district is from Sandusky to Ashtabula. He said that his visits through Bay Village vary in time and in days. He usually makes a stop at Huntington when he's passing through on patrol.

The mission of this federal agency is summarized in the ethos of the organization, which is:

We are the guardians of our Nation's borders.

We are America's front line.

We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American people against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our Nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American people with vigilance, integrity, and professionalism.

If you are interested in the duties of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, visit cbp.gov.





Taking advantage of a sunny day, Jade Liu and others enjoy fishing at the pond at the Westlake Recreation Center.



#### **Westlake Porter Public Library's**

#### upcoming calendar of events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming calendar of events. All programs are subject to change. Please check westlakelibrary.org or follow the library on Facebook and Twitter (@WestlakePorter) for the latest updates.

#### by ELAINE WILLIS

Saturday, April 1 (10:30-11 a.m.) and Wednesday, April 5 (7-7:30 p.m.) Family **Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! For families with children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.

Monday, April 3 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) Financial Literacy Kit for Kids - Celebrate Financial Literacy Month with The Money Monsters! They want to help you learn about money with a Financial Literacy Kit filled with books, bookmarks, stickers, and posters. Geared for children aged 3-8. Kits are available for pick up through 5 p.m. on April 10 unless other arrangements are made. Registration begins March 27.

Monday, April 3 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Teen Craft Pick-Up –** Get supplies for making your own cactus rock garden! For teens in grades 7-12. Registration begins March 27.

Monday, April 3 (9:30-10 a.m.) My **First Spring -** Celebrate your baby's first spring with a simple finger paint flowerpot craft. For babies 0-18 months with a caregiver. Registration begins March 27.

Monday, April 3 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge -** Need a place to hang after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! Video games, board games, snacks and more!

Monday, April 3 (7-8 p.m.) All **About Asset Types -** Explore the different types of assets, how they may perform in different market situations and how they're typically obtained by people looking to prepare an investment portfolio. Please register.

Tuesday, April 4 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) In **Vogue Jewelry Making –** Design and make two fashionable jewelry items of your choice. Many colors and sizes available. All materials and tools provided. No jewelry making experience required. Registration begins March 28.

World at War Forum: Hitler's War Aims and the Holocaust - How do the Holocaust and crimes of the Third Reich relate to Hitler's war aims? Librarian Chad Statler will show how the goals of the Holocaust impacted the direction of the war and sometimes superseded military considerations. Please register.

Tuesday, April 4 (7-8 p.m.) Virtual Author Talk: Kate Beaton - Join us for an enlightening hour online with highly-acclaimed Kate Beaton, the New York Times bestselling author of "Hark!: A Vagrant and Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands." Streamed live. Please register.

Wednesdays, April 5 and 12 (4:30-6 p.m.) **Bow Wow Books –** Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a therapy dog. Sign up starts at 4 p.m. Recommended for grades K-4.

Wednesday, April 5 (6-8:30 p.m.) **HeartSaver CPR/AED -** Get certified for adult, child, and infant CPR and AED. Class led by certified instructors from UH St. John Medical Center. Visit uhems.org/ event-search to register. Email account required. Participants under the age of 14 must have a parent or legal guardian in class. If any questions, contact the instructors at uh4cpr@gmail.com.

Wednesday, April 5 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club –** Join us for another creepy classic from the Vault! New members are welcome, but children under 13 must be with an adult. Please register.

Thursday, April 6 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Microsoft Word & Introduction to Northstar -** Learn the basics of Microsoft Word and how to access Northstar Digital Literacy for self-paced online learning. Please register.

Thursday, April 6 (1-7 p.m.) American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Friday, April 7 (4-4:30 p.m.) Read it, Make it @ the Library - Make a craft based on a story, read aloud. For children in PreK-1st grade, siblings welcome. Please register.

Saturdays, April 8 and 15 (10:30-11 a.m.) and Wednesday, April 12 (7-7:30 p.m.) Family Storytime - Join us for rhymes, songs and play! For families with children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.

Saturday, April 8 (1-2 p.m.) Poké**mon Fun! -** This will be a time to view and trade cards, do a craft (if desired), **estry Weaving -** Learn the basics of Tuesday, April 4 (7-8:30 p.m.) and play a Pokémon Bingo game. Feel weaving while experimenting with color please visit westlakelibrary.org/events.

free to bring your cards! Ages 6-11.

Saturday, April 8 (2-3 p.m.) **Spring Into Organic Lawns -** Learn about safe, chemical-free and earth-friendly approaches to lawn care with Mel Hauser of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care. Please register.

Monday, April 10 (7-8 p.m.) Financial Planning Basics - Do you have a tailored financial plan in place? Dave Herwerden of WestPoint Wealth Management will share how a financial road map can motivate you to share money, help you to meet your financial goals and improve your overall financial security. Please register.

Tuesday, April 11 (10-11:30 a.m.) Internet and Email Basics with **Introduction to Northstar - Learn** the basics of the Internet, using email, and how to access Northstar Digital Literacy for self-paced online learning.

Tuesday, April 11 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) STEAM Club: Happy Earth Day -Join Mrs. K as we celebrate Earth Day by investigating nature's best recyclers earthworms! Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Grades 1-2. Please register.

Tuesday, April 11 (7-8:30 p.m.) Tuesday Evening Book Club (In Person AND Virtual) - Join us in person or on Zoom to discuss "Bride of the Sea" by Eman Quotah. The discussion will be held in person and on Zoom simultaneously. Please register. If you register for the Zoom option you will receive an invitation and instructions by

Thursday, April 13 (4-5 p.m.) **Roblox** Arcade (Virtual) - Love Roblox? We have some private servers set up for Tweens in grades 4-6 to hang out with their friends and enjoy some of the most popular games via Zoom. Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions, which will be sent the day of the program.

Thursday, April 13 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) **Adapted Storytime -** Join us for this storytime designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime. Content is geared toward ages 3-7. Please

Friday, April 14 (1-3 p.m.) Movies @ **Your Library -** Enjoy a feature-length newly released DVD or favorite family classic. Contact Youth Services for spe-

Sunday, April 16 (2-4 p.m.) **Tap-**

and texture. Each student will get a loom made from recycled materials to keep. Grades 1-5. Caregivers are encouraged to stay for the program to learn the weaving techniques and assist their child(ren). Weaving helps kids develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, self-confidence, patience, and focus - skills used in reading and writing. Registration begins April 9.

Monday, April 17 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) Fine Motor Fun Kit Pick-Up - Pick up this fun kit and practice fine motor skills at home! For children ages 3-7 with disabilities. Registration begins April 10.

Monday, April 17 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) Look Up at the Sky Craft Kit Pick-**Up** - Create celestial crafts inspired by things that float and fly. Kits are available for pick up through 5 p.m. on April 23, unless other arrangements are made.

Monday, April 17 (1-2:30 p.m.) **True Crime Book Club -** "The Killer Across the Table" by John E. Douglas. A great way to discover new and classic true crime writing. Please register.

Monday, April 17 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge -** Need a place to hang after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! Video games, board games, snacks and more!

Monday, April 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Investors' Interest Group: Using Library Resources for Investment Analysis -** Join Lisa Braun to learn how to use business resources available at Porter Library, including Morningstar, Value Line, Global NetAdvantage, and Financial Ratings Series online by Weiss Ratings and Grey House Publishing. Please register.

Monday, April 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Smart Home Devic**es - Learn what you can use in-library or check out from WPPL's Non-Traditional Materials Collection to transfer your VHS tapes to DVD, cassettes and records to MP3, and more. Please register.

Tuesday, April 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Author Visit: Jane Turzillo – "Wicked** Cleveland" by Jane Turzillo delves into the darker history of Cleveland. Join the author as she discusses this history at the library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Please register.

Tuesday, April 18 (7-8 p.m.) Young Adult Book Club - "Long Way Down" by Jason Reynolds. Those unable to attend in person can join us simultaneously via Zoom. Please register. Books available in Youth Services. Please register.

To register for any of the programs,

#### **SENIOR LIVING**

## Chris Ronayne to kick off local senior expo

by MELY SATO

The 7th Annual Living in the Digital World Senior Expo will be held on Thursday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rocky River Civic Center at 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

This free day aimed at "Keeping Seniors Connected" will feature exhibits and experts on local senior services, talks by Tak Sato - Observer columnist and co-founder of the Center for Aging in the Digital World – and information on simple, user-friendly

Additional expo highlights are a special 9:30 a.m. welcome from Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, plus an opportunity to get to know other seniors during a late morning complimentary ice

Seniors may stop in throughout the day to stroll the exhibits, gain new knowledge, talk with exhibitors, and visit with fellow attendees.

The expo is presented by the nonprofit Center for Aging in the Digital World.

Interested businesses and organizations are invited to take part in the 7th Annual Living in the Digital World Senior Expo by becoming a vendor or sponsor. To learn more, including special 7th anniversary vendor rates, contact Mely Sato at we@empowerseniors.org or 440-787-2020.

#### **POETRY & PROSE**

## Spring Birds of Bay Village

by GEORGE RYAN

Some come in flocks, some in pairs and some like dive bombers. The list is wonderful and long in alpha order: blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, crows, doves, grackles, house finches, nuthatches, robins, sparrows (house), starlings (not our favorite), woodpeckers (downy, hairy, and red belly). Yes, we are very lucky to have birds for all seasons.

THE DIGITAL WORLD

## Think like an Egyptian

by TAK SATO

've been feeling a bit nostalgic the past few weeks. The trigger may have been getting lost in the Flats. I never thought I'd have to pull aside and use Google Maps to get out of the maze; pretty embarrassing for 30+ years of being a Clevelander to be lost in the Flats!

That night, memories of how we spent our weekends while in college, circa late '80s, flooded back. Memories of dancing away to tunes like "Walk Like An Egyptian" by The Bangles at Club Coconuts on the West Bank. Guys dressed like Sonny Crockett (Don Johnson's character) of the era-defining iconic TV series "Miami Vice" where pastel-colored baggy clothes and wearing shoes-sanssocks were their fashion trend "influences."

These days the "influencers" are on social media platforms like TikTok and YouTube in the digital world. These influencers, aided by "the algorithm" (I'll demystify "the algorithm" in a future column), have a huge captive audience in the

post-Baby Boomer generations (Millennials, Generation Z, and Generation Alpha), aka Digital Natives, who may not even possess a big screen TV. Instead, they use the tiny screen of a smartphone. One thing is still the same, Miami Vice or social media influencers, we still "see and hear" them.

Did I mention "tiny screens" of a smartphone? If you are/ were a computer user (Windows or Mac), the first thing you may notice AWOL on a smartphone is the standard menu bar that is present in most computer applications - with clickable words like File, Edit, View, Format, Help - lining the top part of the application's window.

This is where I say "think

like an Egyptian" to find your way around the apps on an Android-based smartphone/ tablet or on an Apple iPhone/ iPad. Due to the aforementioned anemic screen real estate, they use "icons" instead. Just like Egyptians used hieroglyphics, tapping on the "trash can" icon will "delete" the selected item while a "✔" icon means "OK." The list of icons used are vast and can have variations thus the need to think like an Egyptian to decipher the meaning.

Among the possible icons you will encounter, one in particular that you want to be cognizant of can manifest itself as three horizontal dots, three vertical dots, or three horizontal lines (I call the latter a "triple burger" icon). In the English syntax or writing style, three dots at the end of the sentence usually implies "to be continued" or "more to come." So when you tap these 3-in-a-row dots/ lines, it brings up a sub-menu of actions you can take. Again, the list on this submenu couldn't have been placed without taking up too much of the screen real estate thus explicitly tapping the icon brings up the list of actions you can choose from. Also this is one example of an icon that has been adopted even by computer applications. This icon has become a standard across many of your devices.

Think like an Egyptian to demystify what action an icon may represent!

#### LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

## Be a part of 'A Night for Nature'

by MORGAN PASKERT

e a part of A Night for Nature, a brand new event to benefit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's programs on Friday, April 28, at 6 p.m.

Enjoy up-close encounters with animal ambassadors, see the planetarium, and learn how the Center's animal programs and wildlife rehabilitation efforts connect people to the natural world. The evening will feature live presentations and opportunities to support programs through mobile giving.

Proceeds from this event will help Lake Erie Nature & Science Center provide wildlife rehabilitation

services and engaging programs for children and families with a collection of live native animals, a dual-projector domed planetarium, and an accessible destination where indoor and outdoor exhibits are enjoyed at no charge. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center serves more than 100,000 people annually as a nonprofit organization supported by contributions, grants, class fees, and this new special event.

Tickets cost \$150 per person and include passed hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer, and a three-course dinner. A portion of the ticket price for A Night for Nature is tax deductible. To purchase tickets, www.lensc.org/specialevents or contact Diane Metzger at 440-471-8354.

### BAYarts holds first annual Spring Fling



Families enjoyed the BAYarts Spring Fling Saturday on April 1.





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Tuesday, April 4, 6:30-8 p.m.

#### **BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM MEETING**

Green Team president Patrick McGannon will give a presentation about the organization's efforts to include a renewable energy option within the Residential Government Electric Aggregation. The presentation will make a strong case why this is good for all residents of Bay Village.

Bay Village Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane

Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, April 15, 7:30 a.m.-noon

#### WESTLAKE COMPUTER ROUND-UP

Westlake residents may drop off a variety of items in addition to computers, such as scanners, phones, video games, stereo equipment, microwaves, cameras, etc. Visit www.cityofwestlake.com to see a list of accepted items.

Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Monday, April 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **MEETING OF CHAPTER 91 OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES, INC. (PERI)**

Guest speaker Kimberly Moore will talk about "Decluttering and Organizing in an Age of Abundance." Mrs. Moore, of Bay Village, has a passion for the benefits of a simpler, tidier lifestyle and will talk about

our material abundance, offer overviews of some popular books on the topic, and provide ideas for how to make your home work better for you. PERI District 10 Representative Rick Lawrence will update members about what's happening around the state. All public sector retirees are welcome. Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Monday, April 10, 7-8 p.m.

#### **MASTER GARDENERS**

Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will introduce elements of landscape design to help you plan a spectacular low maintenance perennial bed or border.

Bay Village Branch Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.

Tuesday, April 11, 4-6 p.m.

#### **BV60+ HAPPY HOUR**

Enjoy a local brew or two and mingle with other area residents age 60+. Please register on MyActiveCenter.com. Email twendell@cityofbayvillage.com if you don't have an account.

Sibling Revelry Brewing, 29305 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB MEETING The meeting will start at 10:30. After a brief

lunch at noon, the club is pleased to present Dr. Amy Sapola, guest speaker from The Chef's Garden and The Culinary Vegetable Institute, which is located in Huron, Ohio. The Chef's Garden grows vegetables for area restaurants. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 440-382-5840 or visit theherbguild.org. Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Sunday, April 16, 8 a.m.-noon

#### **WESTLAKE KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Enjoy a pancake breakfast while helping the many civic projects Westlake Kiwanis supports. Price at the door is \$8. There will also be a 2-mile and 4-mile run, starting at 9 a.m. Contact Rick Grane with questions: 440-829-0974 or rickgrane@aol.com. Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.

#### SPEAK IN TONGUES: CLEVELAND'S INFA-**MOUS DIY PUNK CLUB**

Author Eric Sandy will discuss his book which chronicles the community-run underground music venue that operated through the late 1990s.

Bay Village Branch Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.







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