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Porter Library to celebrate grand opening of Makerspace


by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library and the Friends of Porter Public Library will celebrate the grand opening of the new Makerspace and recently moved Book Nook Used Book Store on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Included will be demonstrations of the equipment in the Makerspace, giveaways, and cookies.

The new Makerspace is the result of input gathered from the community in a space study conducted by the library in 2021. It is located in the lobby in the former café space and is a creative recording, design, and fabrication space that allows library patrons the opportunity to access a variety of professional and innovative tools and software. It expands the library's traditional role of providing access to content to providing tools for content creation.

Starting on April 29 Makerspace hours will be 1-4 p.m. on Sundays, 1-5 p.m. on Mondays, 4-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursdays, 10-5 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays. Library staff are on-hand to assist patrons with the equipment and answer questions. Reservations are highly encouraged. For more information or to make a reservation visit westlakelibrary.org/makerspace.

The new Book Nook was moved from its previous location to the space in the lobby previously used by the Portables Gift Shop. It is a larger, brighter and more visible space, allowing for more materials to be displayed and better browsing for shoppers.

Book Nook hours are 3-7 p.m. on Mondays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Thursdays. Most items are \$3 and under. For more information visit westlakelibrary.org/friends. 

'Arbor Day in Bay' event to celebrate trees

by DEBRA JESIONOWSKI

In observance of Arbor Day 2023, the city of Bay Village is celebrating 25 years of its designation as a Tree City USA, which has

been awarded to the city continuously since 1998.

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, a city must meet standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. In addition to the Tree City USA designation, Bay Village has also received four Tree City USA Growth Awards (in 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021) and is on track to receive another award for 2023. The Tree City USA Growth Award is presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement.

The Arbor

Day in Bay event will take place on Saturday, April 29, at Bradley Road Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rain or shine. A Bay Village city official will deliver an Arbor Day proclamation. Tree planting demonstrations are scheduled at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Food will be available for purchase (cash or credit) from the Smokin' Rock n' Roll food truck from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Those attending the event can learn about proper tree planting procedures, proper mulching, pruning, and information on pests and other tree-related topics. ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) arborists and other industry professionals will be on hand to answer questions. Information and handouts on various tree-related topics will also be available. Free tree seedlings will be available while supplies last. Attendees can also register for one of three chances to have a tree planted, with a dedication of their choice, and a plaque to be installed at a later date.

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BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Bay Athletics & Activities Director named 'AD of the Year'

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

Matt Spellman, athletics & activities director for Bay Village City School District was named "Athletic Director of the Year" by the Northeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NEOIAAA).

"The fact that more than 80 percent of our students participate in a sport and/or an activity illustrates how dedicated Matt is to our student body," said Supt. Scot Prebles. "Bay High has already taken four teams to state competition this year, and spring sports are just underway. I am super proud of Matt and the way he leads our coaching staff and activity advisors."

Each year, the Executive Committee of the NEOIAAA honors various athletic administrators and other professionals who have contributed outstanding service to interscholastic athletics in Northeast Ohio. The NEOIAAA Athletic Director of the Year award "is presented to an association member who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism and has made significant contributions to their students, schools and communities."

Matt Spellman



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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

How much weight can you lose by sleeping in?

by DIANA PI, M.D.

When I wrote about the new diet drug semaglutide (Wegovy) years ago, I did not foresee how the nutty rich and famous would embrace it. Who is prescribing this drug to Elon Musk and Chelsea Handler?

This class of drugs mimics a natural hormone and tricks our brains to feel less hungry. It's expensive and in short supply. While we wait for the fad and price to settle down, I want to bring up other natural and healthy appetite suppressants – dietary fiber, healthy oil, stress management ... and sleep – a big appetite influencer that people consistently overlook. Probably nobody knows just how serious a player it is.

We've all heard or experienced food craving after a poor night's sleep. A recent study puts a caloric number to that craving.

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CARTOON BY MEGAN STEWART



SPORTING VIEWS

An Indian by any other name is still a ... Guardian?

by JEFF BING

I must say I was quite taken aback recently when researching the MLB record books for some of the great nicknames in MLB history (starting with Cleveland, of course). The source of my surprise was that nowhere in the record books are the Indians – at least the ones I searched (as well as the players I searched for) – referenced anymore.

Bet you didn't know that unforgettable catch Willie Mays made in the 1954 World Series was against the Guardians, did you?

Nor were you aware that the 4 homers Jason Kipnis belted in the 2016 playoffs came as a member of the Guardians, were you?

Silly fan. Do I have to clue you in on everything?

The only place the Indians are referenced are in the photos of the pre-Guardian Cleveland players who still sport the Indians uni – at least for now. The smart money says that before long, the Tribe gear will all be erased or simply have black tape over the offending name and/or logos. Cool, huh?

Anyway, as I said earlier, I went on a hunt for great baseball nicknames of

years gone by, and my favorite is a guy who most of the baseball world outside of Cleveland will not remember, but I do.

It was spring of 1971, I was desperately trying to graduate from high school, and the Indians stunk (as they were destined to do for almost another quarter-century), but with me, Indians optimism sprung eternal (hey, it beat studying).

Virtually the last guy to make the opening day roster was a guy named Harold Hodge. He instantly acquired the nickname "Gomer" because he sounded just like Gomer Pyle (played by Jim Nabors) and also bore a resemblance to Gomer Pyle (if the room wasn't well-lit and you had to squint a lot). But Gomer Hodge could belt out Gomer Pyle's famous "G-o-o-o-l-l-l-y!" perfectly.

As I recall, Gomer became an instant legend (again, given the state of Indians baseball, it didn't take much to achieve "legend" status). He pinch-hit a couple of times, won a couple of games (which usually took a couple of weeks for the entire team to accomplish), and was 4-for-4 after his first few games.

Of course, Gomer should have had the good sense to hang 'em up right then and there and call it a career. If memory serves, he had less than 100 plate appear-



Harold "Gomer" Hodge

ances in the bigs and hit either side of .200 for his career. But, much like me getting a "C" in English, it was great while it lasted.

There's another guy who, like Gomer Hodge, had a career that was short-lived. The difference was Joe Charboneau did possess some talent, but a plethora of injuries did a number on his career.

"Super" Joe Charboneau actually won Rookie of the Year honors in the American League in 1980 after hitting 23 dingers with 87 RBI in only 131 games. What really made him "Super" however, was his ability to open beer bottles with his teeth – and I think he may have consumed a couple of lightbulbs as well – which, like Joe's common sense – were very low-wattage.

Until next time ...

ARBOR DAY

from front page

Bradley Road Park is the site of a major tree planting program by the Bay Village Service Department and funded by a Cuyahoga County

"Healthy Urban Tree Canopy" grant.

Since fall 2022, 120 trees have been planted in the park. All trees planted were 2-inch caliper and include Maple, Catalpa, Elm, Sweetgum, Dawn Redwood, Fir, Birch, and Blackgum. Tree planting projects demonstrate a commitment to

improving community green space and restoration of the tree canopy.

Arbor Day in Bay is hosted by the Bay Village Tree Commission and the Service Department with support from Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, and Bartlett Tree Experts.

The Bay Village Tree Commission consists of five members, all residents of the city, who have experience and/or extensive knowledge of shade trees. The mission of the Tree Commission is "To work as a team with Bay Village city officials preserving, fortifying and improving our urban forest."

The Tree Commission is focused on increasing public awareness about how caring for and planting new trees today benefits all Bay Village residents.

SPELLMAN

from front page

"I am honored to be recognized by my peers," said Spellman. "Athletics and activities are so important for students – physically, socially and emotionally. This honor is more about the many wonderful students and families that I have served along with the teachers, coaches, support staff and administrators that I have had the pleasure of working with in the Bay Schools these past 13 years. It is why I love my job and the people I come in contact with every day."

Spellman will be honored at the NEOIAAA Annual Awards Banquet on April 24, during the association's annual conference.

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LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

Former location of Christopher Saddler House, 29737 Lake Road, c. 1835

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

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Christopher Saddler, born in Germany in 1756, first came to America in 1777 as a private in the British Army. He was taken prisoner and in 1778 he switched sides. He served with the patriots under General Count Pulaski.

William Saddler, his son, was a sharpshooter who participated in the War of 1812's Battle of Lake Erie which brought him through Dover. Their home in New York was burned down during

the war, so the son convinced the father to move to Dover. They arrived in 1814 or 1815. Their wives Sophia and Elizabeth later joined them.

Tax records and deeds indicate that it was a Christopher Saddler who owned this land from 1820 through the early 1850s during which time this modest Greek Revival home was probably built, though Christopher, the father, died in 1839 according to a pension application. It stayed in the Saddler family until 1997.

The home, with an added porch and folk Victorian elements, was demolished in about 2008. The front entrance and sidelights were preserved and are being incorporated into a building in Gates Mills, Ohio. ●



The Saddler house at 30663 Lake Road in undated photos.

Friends of Bay Village Library Book Sale

by LINDA LAMB

The Friends of Bay Village Library will hold a three-day book sale on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, from 1-5 p.m.; and bag morning on Monday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. As always, there will be no pre-sales. Bags will be provided by the friends

for bag morning.

The sale includes fiction and non-fiction books, puzzles, movies and music for adults, teens and kids. The address of the library is 27400 Wolf Road but there is no access from Wolf. You will need to enter off of Dover Center by the Play in Bay Park or off Lake Road onto Bryson Lane. Contact the library at 440.871.6392 with any questions. ●



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Connecting for Kids honors 2 local residents

by LORILYNN WOLF

Connecting for Kids has recognized the following Westlake and Bay Village residents with its 2023 Board Awards. These awards are given to those that exemplify the mission of Connecting for Kids to provide education and support to families concerned about their child.

2023 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Lisa Ruman, a resident of Westlake and president & founder of The Child & Family Counseling Center of Westlake, has logged countless volunteer hours with Connecting for Kids over the years as a program facilitator.

Her nomination points out her integral role in the organization's family support groups: "What makes Lisa an exceptional nominee for this year's award is not only

her ongoing dedication to Share & Support Group programs, but also her willingness to train the organization's next generation of facilitators. In addition, she has contributed to the design of the 'Explosive Child' Book Club and to resources on the CFK website."

Lisa Ruman has been a longtime supporter of the local resource fairs and other programming hosted by Connecting for Kids.

The Kathleen Louise Nash Board Member Award is named in honor of the founding president of Connecting for Kids and awarded annually to a board member who exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication to the mission of the organization. The 2023 recipient is Stephanie McNamara, a resident of Bay Village and Guardian Ad Litem at Voices for Children.

Over the past 12 months, Stephanie

McNamara has successfully recruited, interviewed and onboarded 11 new board members. In addition, she created a new orientation process for board members to ensure better integration into the organization. During COVID, Stephanie actively took a leadership role, helping Connecting for Kids navigate the return to in-person programming safely. She currently serves as the vice president of the board of directors and is a member of the strategic planning, programming, governance and bowling committees.

According to Stephanie's nomination, "Her level-headed advice helps the entire board communicate more effectively and ensures strong leadership as the organization continues to grow."

Connecting for Kids provides education and support to families with concerns about their child. ●



Lisa Ruman



Stephanie McNamara

SLEEPING

from front page

But first, let's chat about calories. Calories are an energy unit (kcal). To estimate my daily energy need, I went online and played with the first four apps that popped up. They used simple information like age, sex, weight, and activity level. My daily energy need falls between 1,800 and 2,200 kcal. They're not precise, but they're in the ballpark.

Another important reference: running or walking a mile (2,000 steps equivalent), you'll burn 80 to 140 kcal.

Good news for those just getting back to exercise: The heavier and more out-of-shape you are, the more calories you'll burn. So don't get frustrated if you're huffing, puffing while speed walking, and a spandex goddess whizzes by barely breaking a sweat.

Remember:

A. We feel you.

B. At that moment, drenched in sweat, you're burning a whole lot more calories than her.

Now let's see how we can literally dream our calories away.

A study recruited 80 people who were overweight and routinely slept

less than 6.5 hours a night. Those with sleep disorders like sleep apnea were excluded. For the first two weeks, the researchers gathered baseline data like diet, exercise, body fat composition, etc. Then they divide the group into two. For the next two weeks, the first group was asked to sleep more, and they ended up averaging one extra hour of sleep per night. The second group continued their usual sleep deprivation. There were no changes in their diet and daily activity.

The researchers found that the sleep-in group naturally ate less – an average of 270 kcal – per day compared to the sleep-deprived group. And the more they slept, the less they ate. After two weeks, the sleep-in group lost almost a pound while the sleep-deprived group gained a pound.

Sleep deprivation is reaching a crisis point. Per CDC data, Ohio is among the worst. In Cuyahoga County, almost 1 in 2 people (45%) are not getting the minimally recommended 7 hours of sleep (the national average is 1 in 3).

If you're trying to lose a few pounds healthfully, prioritize sleep. Think simply how you could drop 270 kcal either by sleeping an extra hour or by walking an extra hour. ●

Let's make that kennel happen!

by NANCY BROWN

The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund is open for business and accepting donations to help us meet our \$50,000 goal. We say thank you to all those citizens who have paid for supplies and advertising: Bay High students for their creativity and hard work in developing an exceptional door hanger and those Key Club members who will be delivering them city wide; and local merchants who have donated a percentage of daily sales to our cause.

Beginning on April 20, dependent on weather, Key Club members will begin canvassing the entire city providing each home with a door hanger. The hanger has the information of how and where to donate to this effort. There is also a QR

code on the hanger to make donating to this 501c3 fund super easy!

FLASH NEWS! We have just been contacted by a Bay citizen who will match up to \$5,000 of donations received starting on April 19!

If you have not received your door hanger by the end of April, please visit our Facebook page at The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund or send your donation to New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund at PO Box 40163, Bay Village, Ohio 44140.

Thanks to all those who have donated via the QR code, sent checks, and placed dollars in jars at Fragapane's, Bay Diner, and Gina's Pizza.

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Historical Bay boat plans get new life

by ED NEAL

Hobbies are where unique aspects of a person's character manifest themselves. Hobbies are pleasant escapes from the tensions of the work-a-day world and offer miniature worlds that absorb a person's full attention. They often are a counterpoint to stresses of career and domestic issues.

Henry Wischmeyer's hobby was designing small boats. The Osborn Center of the Bay Village Historical Society houses boat plans Henry drew before his death in 1959. These are not the quick sketches of a waterfront artist but rather drawings of small sailboats and rowing craft drafted the way a professional naval architect would draw up plans. Who was this man, why did he draw these boats and how did he learn the art of designing boats?

Henry Wischmeyer grew up in a family that owned a summer hotel on the north side of Lake Road by Glen Park Road in Bay Village. The back of the building led down to a Lake Erie beach where guests could enjoy the summer

lake. Small boats could be sailed or rowed off the beach.

The hotel had a small craft for guests to use. Quite possibly, boat maintenance fell to Henry and he became knowledgeable in boat construction and repair.

Also quite possibly, guests might have brought a small boat with them, possibly launching it from Cahoon Creek or Rocky River and storing it pulled up on the Wischmeyer beach. These boats might have introduced new types Henry had not seen before.

Into the late 1920s, boatbuilding persisted on Rocky River. Most famous was the Rocky River Drydock Company and the yacht building and repair yard of Ted Zickes. One can imagine Henry being drawn to these locations and possibly finding work there over the winter. There he might have been exposed to the methods and drawings of naval architects.

However he acquired his drawing skill, Henry drew boats incorporating his own ideas. The Bay Village Historical Society collection shows a wide range of small sailboats and rowing craft ideal for light to moderate weather conditions.

Some drawings appear to imitate conventional, commercial designs – Lyman did produce small sailboats at one time. Others present fanciful elements one might

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough to discuss state of the city

The Westlake | Bay Village Observer will be sponsoring Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough's State of the City address on Friday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Westlake Community Services Center, 28975 Hilliard Blvd. He will outline the city's finances and answer questions from citizens. The event is open to the public.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Mayor Clough answers questions at last year's State of the City address.

think of as experimental craft.

A few drawings present Henry's personal affinity for boats with a canoe bow: a gracefully curved bow extending out from the waterline and curving up and backward in the direction of the stern. Although this curved front end made for a dramatic presence, in reality, it might have been very difficult or nearly impossible to build on a small boat.

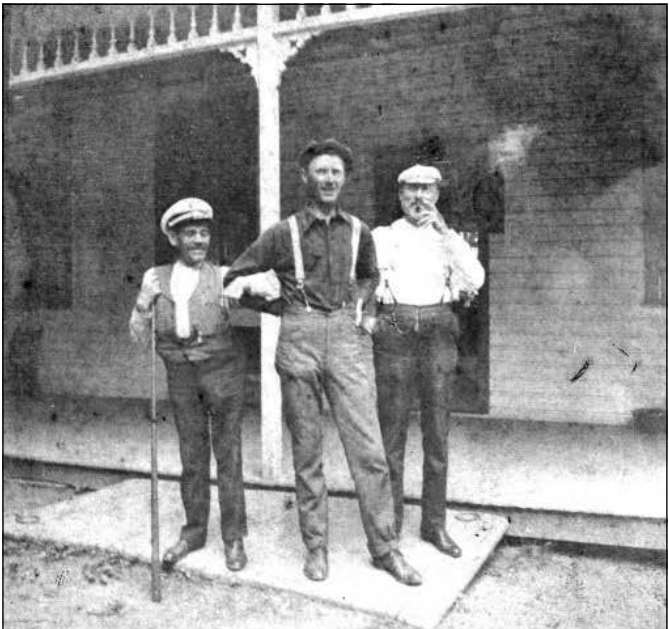
Before a boat is built, it is advisable to build a scale model in which all the detail of the plans are followed. The process works out construction details and solves problems before they affect material and labor costs. There may be crossover between the Wischmeyer boat plans and the Wischmeyer boat model collection housed in the Rose Hill basement.

Some of the boat models are constructed with full details mimicking an actual boat. It is possible that two model boats in the collection – the catboat and the sharpie – might have been pre-construction models of plans drawn by Henry.

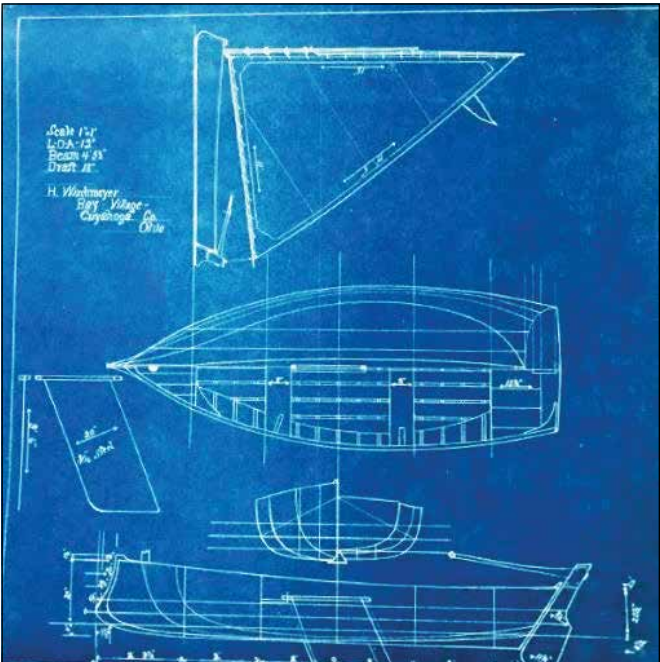
There is no record of any boat built to Henry's plans. However, the Bay Village Historical Society is involved in a current project to actually build Henry's 1953 design for a 9-foot-7-inch boat he labeled a utility dinghy. Since the boat presents a flat transom front rather than the typical pointed bow of a dinghy, it is being referred to as a utility pram to eliminate confusion.

Led by the Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boating Society, the boat will be used to aid in the regular clean-up of North Coast Harbor, the area behind the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame. An early summer launch is planned. Anyone interested in the project can contact Ed Neal at 440-570-7620 for more information or check out the group's website: www.cabbs.org.

This article was originally published by the Bay Village Historical Society.



A young Henry Wischmeyer, center.



Henry Wischmeyer's boat plans.



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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

Wednesday, April 19-26 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Discovery Box (Sign-Up)** – Register for WPPL's personalized subscription box service. For teens in grades 7-12. Registration begins on April 19 and must be done by April 26. Pick-up begins May 3.

Wednesday, April 19 (2-3 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – The Wednesday Book Group meets the third Wednesday of each month. A limited number of books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. This month's title is "Rock Paper Scissors" by Alice Feeney.

Wednesdays, April 19 and 26 (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.

Thursday, April 20 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Android Smartphone & Tablet User Group** – Do you own an Android smartphone or tablet? Bring it with your questions (or tips!) to this guided user group. Please register.

Friday, April 21 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Fun Science Friday: 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. Ages 4-6, up to Kindergarten. Please register.

Saturday, April 22 (11-11:45 a.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 register.

Saturday, April 22 (2-4 p.m.) **Make It, Take It!** – Stop by the Youth Services Department to complete a featured craft. Grades PreK-2. While supplies last.

Saturday, April 22 (3-4 p.m.) **Illustration Creation** – Learn about a featured illustrator and then create a project inspired by their art. Grades 1-3. Please register.

Saturday, April 22 (4:15-5 p.m.) **Sensory Workshop** – Let's make ... connections, friends, cool stuff! In each session of Sensory Workshop you'll make something to take home with you! Ages 8-12. For children with disabilities and typical peers. Please register.

Monday, April 24 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Music Monday** – Develop pre-reading skills with music, movement and rhythm through stories, songs and rhymes. Ages 2-6.

Monday, April 24 (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 24 (7-8 p.m.) **Estate Planning Basics** – Have you created an estate plan for your family? Dave Herwerden of Westpoint Wealth Management

will share how to create an effective estate plan that will ensure that your family's financial needs are taken care of and that your personal wishes will be carried out in the manner you intend. Please register.

Tuesday, April 25 (9:30-9:55 a.m.) **Stories and Signs** – Enjoy an interactive storytime while learning a few words in sign language! Ages 0-3, siblings welcome.

Tuesday, April 25 (11-11:30 a.m.) **Adult Storytime in the Garden** – Join us in the reading garden for stories, songs, and fun! For adults with developmental disabilities. In the event of poor weather, this event will be held in the storytime room. No registration required.

Tuesday, April 25 (11 a.m.-noon) **Successful Strategies for Sitting, Standing, and Stoooping** – Learn ways of getting in and out of a chair more easily and stoooping to pick items up from the floor with more confidence and without pain. Presented by FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers of Westlake. In addition, have your balance assessed by Dr. Jamie Meyers, PT and Clinical Director. Please register.

Wednesday, April 26 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group** – Join us for an hour of creative writing prompts to inspire you to start and keep writing. Creativity is more than putting pen to paper. It's about breaking away and trying something new! Please register.

Thursday, April 27 (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.

Tuesday, April 27 (8-9 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: William Kent Krueger** – You are in for a riveting hour with New York Times bestselling author William Kent Krueger! Join us as he discusses his newest book in the Cork O'Connor series, "Fox Creek," and his other works. Streamed live. Please register.

Friday, April 28 (4-5 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? Bring your ideas and imagination to Brick Builders! Bricks provided. No registration required, but room capacity is limited. First come, first served. Ages 5-12.

Saturday, April 29 (10:30-11 a.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 29 (10:30 a.m.-noon) **Medicare Ins and Outs** – Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare? OSHIIP (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program) volunteer counselor Jim Langan will discuss your Medicare coverage options. Learn about Medicare benefits Part A, Part B, supplemental insurance policies, prescription drug coverage, and Medicare Advantage plans. Please register.

Sunday, April 30 (2-3 p.m.) **Come Play With Me** – An open playtime for children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome!

To register for any of the programs, please visit westlakelibrary.org/events.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Voting reminders for Westlake citizens

by JANICE PATTERSON

Westlake's 2023 primary election is Tuesday, May 2. The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. The only issue on the Westlake ballot is Issue 5, the levy request placed by the Board of Trustees of Porter Public Library. (For more information about the levy, go to westlakelibrary.org/levy-12755 and westlakelibrarylevy.com.)

Early voting is available at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, until April 30. The voting hours at this location are listed at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.

If you are already a registered voter, you can request an absentee ballot. This is a two-step process. First you must

request an absentee ballot by calling the BOE or mailing in a completed absentee ballot application (available on the BOE website). Your request must be received by the Board of Elections no later than Tuesday, April 25, at 8:30 p.m. Then, when your ballot arrives, mark it and then return it by mail. The ballot must be postmarked no later than May 1 to be counted.

If you are going to vote in person on May 2, you must show an unexpired photo ID, such as an Ohio driver's license, a state ID card, a US. Military ID card, an Ohio National Guard ID card, or a U.S. passport.

Citizens in Westlake will be voting on candidates for Board of Education in November 2023. The filing deadline for these positions is 4 p.m. on Aug. 9.

WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

Gail Crum enjoys piecing things together

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

When Gail Crum talks about the medium she uses to express her artistic talents, her joy for what she creates – collages – is contagious. This talented woman will be giving a Collage Workshop on Sunday, April 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library.

Crum will begin the workshop by showing how an item, chosen from an array of items that will be available, can prompt an idea and how that idea

can be embellished with other items. "Spring Things" will be the workshop's theme.

The Westshore Arts Council is sponsoring this workshop and the only cost is a \$10 supply fee, which

can be paid the day of the workshop.

Crum, who has exhibited in over 80 art shows and juried exhibitions, and given workshops throughout Ohio, emphasizes "no experience is necessary." Some of her works will be on display. It is apparent that Crum gets great joy from what she does and wants to share it.

This award-winning artist welcomes anyone with questions regarding the workshop to contact her at artbycrum@aol.com.

To register for the Collage Workshop go to www.westshoreac.org.



Hummingbird collage by Gail Crum.

Return of the 'Guys'

by MEL MAURER

It's that time of year again when my "Guys" – life size figures of superheroes and cartoon characters (including a villain this year, the Joker) – visit Porter Library to join in the fun on Comic Book Day next month.



DJ Nagaj and Duane Gibson, from Porter, ready the 'Guys' to go on display.

There’s more to the story: National Library Week at Porter Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Most people know about the wealth of stories available at Westlake Porter Public Library, in formats like picture books, large print, audiobooks and ebooks, but there’s much more to the story! This National Library Week, April 23-29, the library invites the community to explore the many diverse collections, services and programs available at the library, and will celebrate its loyal customers. During National Library Week library visitors will see interactive displays, puzzles, blog posts, a scavenger hunt and great programs! In addition, the library will celebrate its patrons with Customer Appreciation Week, in which customers of the day will be

celebrated. Winners of the Customer of the Day drawing will be featured in the library’s social media and receive a prize package of library-imprinted items. “One of the things that makes Westlake special is the degree of support for the library,” said Library Director Andrew Mangels. National Library Week is a time to celebrate the nation’s libraries, the contributions of library workers and to promote the use and support of libraries and all the resources they offer. For more information about National Library Week please visit the library’s website at westlakelibrary.org or the library’s Facebook and Instagram pages. To check out and register for any of the programs visit westlakelibrary.org/events. ●



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Take-out/storage containers

Bags, wraps and film

Paper and plastic cups

Drinking straws, utensils and plates

Bulky plastic (chairs, crates, buckets, toys)

Motor oil, antifreeze jugs

Styrofoam

CURBSIDE : COMPOSTING

PLACE ITEMS ON TREE LAWN

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BRUSH & BRANCHES

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Wednesday, April 19, 6-6:45 p.m.
GENEALOGY HELP
Need help with your family history/genealogy research? Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society members will be available to offer assistance. Bring your laptop, iPad or use the library equipment.
Westlake Porter Public Library computer lab, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, April 19, 6:45-8:30 p.m.
CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER, OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Deborah Abbott, Ph.D., will present “Strategies and Techniques: Researching in Black and White.” Dr. Abbott will share how to use the U.S. Census data to find enslaved ancestors and their owners.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.
CLEVELAND DIY PUNK: AN ORAL HISTORY
Author Eric Sandy will discuss his book which chronicles the community-run underground music venue Speak in Tongues that operated

through the late 1990s.
Bay Village Branch Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
SHREDDING DAY/HABITAT COLLECTION
Bring your sensitive documents for secure, environmentally friendly disposal. Cardboard not accepted. Habitat for Humanity will also be on site collecting gently used household items.
Bay Village Senior Center parking lot, 300 Bryson Ln.

Monday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
CONTAINER DESIGNING
The design ideas used when planning a garden are reflected in a Container Garden. Bay Village Garden Club’s own Master Gardener, Rosie Daniels, will present how to create a mini landscape of color, texture and shape to beautify an entrance, porch, and deck. We cannot accept walk-ins, please RSVP in advance to Sharen at 440-871-9098 or rjsvec@sbcglobal.net, or email bvgardenclubohio@gmail.com. Become a member and enjoy the company of others interested in nature and plants!
Bay United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 29931 Lake Rd.

Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
EARTHFEST
Join us for a festival dedicated to celebrating Earth Friendly practices in the Greater Cleveland area! Learn from local community groups and nonprofits who are working to improve our environment, connect with vendors who sell sustainable products, and be inspired by others who share your environmental values. Children’s activities include face painting, tattooing, and chalk drawing. Children and students admitted free of charge; suggested \$5 donation for adults.
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
HELLO SPRING CRAFT AND VENDOR POP UP SHOP
Many local artisans and crafters on display with items to purchase. Located in the Breakwater Independent Living building. Parking located in the back lot.
The Normandy, 22701 Lake Rd., Rocky River

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