

Local VVA chapter awarded 'honorary partner' status in Vietnam War Commemoration

by MARY KAY WILSON

On April 20 several members of the Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution joined the Vietnam Veterans

of America Bay Village/Lakewood Chapter for their April meeting. The DAR members presented the VVA chapter with a Vietnam War Commemoration flag and stand, and a certificate of appreciation signed by the Secretary of Defense.

The certificate read: "The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, Department of Defense, recognizes Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 249 as an Honorary Partner.

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Vietnam Veterans of America Bay Village/Lakewood Chapter with DAR members at their April meeting.

Friday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough's State of the City address at the Westlake Community Services Center, 28975 Hilliard Blvd.

THE GREEN REPORT

The City of Cleveland wants to give you \$100

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Yep, that's right! If you purchase an electric lawn-mower and scrap your gas mower, you are eligible for \$100 from the City of Cleveland's Division of Air Quality as a rebate for making the switch.

Why should you switch to an electric lawn mower? There are many reasons.

Gas lawn mowers are horrible for the environment – probably worse than you think. Every year over 800 million gallons of gasoline are used in mowers. Furthermore, gas mowers are responsible for up to 5% of the nation's air pollution. According to the U.S. EPA, one new gas mower used for an hour produces the same amount of air pollution from emissions as 11 new cars being driven for an hour!

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Village Project is getting a refresh!

by LISA MCDANELS

Village Project's (VP) humble beginnings started in September 2010, when VP served its first four families in active cancer treatment from the Bay Presbyterian Church kitchen. We were small, but we were mighty!

Today VP serves Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Vil-

lage, Rocky River and Westlake. And, last year, we served close to 6,500 meals! Today that number is only growing. We also know many people need our services but are unaware of what we do.

"The Village Project name, logo and mission statement were created more than 12 years ago and have served our community well," said Meredith LaVecchia, Executive Director.

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Westlake student places first in Holocaust commemoration art contest

Myra Renee Hartford, a Lee Burneson Middle School eighth-grader, won first place in an art contest honoring the 80th anniversary uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. The contest was part of an event sponsored by Kol Israel Foundation and Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

April 19, 1943, was the date of the Jewish uprising in Warsaw, Poland, against the Nazi regime and lasted for 4 weeks. Although it was ultimately unsuccessful, it demonstrated the courage, resilience and heroism of the 400,000 starved, abused and "incarcerated" Jews living in an area

of 1.3 square miles with an average of 7.2 people per room.

Myra's piece, which was awarded first place in the Middle School Art category, depicts a giant golden eagle, the symbol of Germany, with three smaller species fighting it. These include white-tailed eagles, white storks and European bison, a representation of the three historical animals of Poland. The scene is set in a slice of the Warsaw Ghetto. April 17 was Holocaust Remembrance Day. Myra's work was on display when 250 people assembled at Temple Emanu El in Orange Village to commemorate both events. ◆



Myra Renee Hartford (inset) and her award-winning artwork.



VILLAGE PROJECT

from front page

“However, in recent years, we frequently hear from those who drive by our offices or see us at events that they don’t know what the Village Project does. So, imagine the challenge this creates for families fighting cancer who still are not aware of the services we provide!”

A New Look Better Defining Who We Are

Over the last several months, board members, volunteers, staff and supporters have worked tirelessly to address these issues and created a refreshed Village Project look and feel that better represents who we are and what we do.

“We wanted to modernize our logo, mission and vision to represent what we do today, while still keeping our core values at the forefront of what we do to make life easier for our clients,” said LaVecchia.

First, let’s look at the logo. Our current logo is great but does not clearly indicate what we do.

Our updated visual hones in on the work we do with two components that are so crucial to Village Project:

The fork symbolizes the meals we provide, and the flower represents a nod of gratitude to our many amazing volunteers who help us do what we do – gar-

dening, cooking, client interaction and delivery – and, of course, the cheerful flower arrangements our clients receive each week with their meal delivery.

Additionally, our color palette was updated to pop more and focus on healthy greens equated with nourishing meals that are so important when fighting cancer.

Fine-Tuning Our Mission and Vision to Help Guide Us

While we are excited about the visu-



als, the most important work we have done as a board is fine-tuning our mission and vision.

This is the mission that was created in 2010: To come together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer.

Subtle refinements were made to the mission to better focus on the services we offer and clearly define who we’re supporting within our community.

Here is our new mission: Working

together as a community to provide nourishing meals and extended support to families fighting cancer.

Our new mission is what guides us daily. The vision should be where we want to head in the future – our aspiration, what we want to be when we grow up!

Our current vision is focused on what we do today rather than where we want to be tomorrow: We provide a vehicle to approach the devastating disease of cancer in a positive, hopeful manner by utilizing individual gifts and talents in a corporate, multi-generational setting to provide healthy meals, extended support, and an opportunity for all to experience the joy of serving.

Our new vision: To provide healthy meals for every person in our serving area affected by the devastating disease

of cancer.

This sets a clear path forward for Village Project – reaching all affected members of our service area, leaving no one behind. While many may say this is unattainable, it is what we aspire to accomplish.

More Descriptive Taglines

Lastly, we created a tagline that can be included on signage, collateral and our website so everything is clear about what we do.

Our new tagline: Feeding Families Fighting Cancer.

And we couldn’t ignore our magnificent Project Shoppe that had to be updated to match the new look and feel. If you haven’t had a chance to visit the Shoppe, it is adjacent to our offices and is a gift shop with locally sourced food and gift items and all proceeds go back to support our mission. The current signage and look do not convey what is in the shop and again, most people don’t know it even exists.

So, we hope to change that with our new name Village Project Market! The tagline for this wonderful gem is “Shop With A Purpose.”

It Takes A Village

Amy Martin, Chief Marketing Officer at TruWest Holdings, and Chris Haas, Creative Director and Brand Strategist at TruWest Holdings, worked on this project pro bono alongside our board to create a plan that stays true to who we are and guides us on a path that will move us in the right direction of increased awareness and serving more people in our communities and beyond.

It is volunteers like Amy and Chris and our local vendors and companies who are helping us roll this out! We cannot thank you enough for what you are doing to make this happen.

“We have made it our purpose to grow with intention as an organization. We are empowered by these changes and are committed to providing the same high level of nourishment and support for our neighbors in need during their darkest days,” said LaVecchia. ●

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Sabrina Noelle Foundation seeks support

The Sabrina Noelle Foundation was founded by Bay Village mother Kristin DuPrey after the loss of her 17-year-old daughter, Sabrina, to suicide. The foundation's mission is to create strategies for better mental well-being. Methods for young adults include art as therapy, jewelry making, journaling, music and exercise.

On Saturday, June 3, from 4-8 p.m., the foundation will host its third annual Sabrina Street Party at Liquid Lifestyles, 975 Basset Road in Westlake. Young designers will showcase their work in jewelry, music and art. Local high school bands RRRIOT! and Skippy's on the Run will perform live. Food trucks will offer food and dessert for sale.

Proceeds from this non-profit organization help fund jewelry supplies, journals, exercise programs and local scholarships, allowing the Sabrina Noelle Foundation to give back to the community. To date, they have donated over \$19,900 in

scholarships.

As part of the ongoing effort to raise awareness of mental health, in the scholarship process students are encouraged to write about strategies to help normalize talking about mental health in the community.

To help support this endeavor, you can email info@sabrinanoelle.org or visit www.SabrinaNoelle.org. Currently, the foundation is looking for items for gift baskets and sponsorships. Most important, mark your calendars, and bring the family to check out the event on June 3. It's free, full of raffles, live mermaids, live music and fabulous jewelry, all from young adults. ●

Pictured at right: Mermaids Charlotte Reising and Caitlyn Hartzell, and musicians Nick Szekely of Skippy's on the Run and RRRIOT! members Dom Mangione, Mallory Pajak, Robin Bartos and Luna Hinshaw.



On to the next chapter

by TARA WENDELL

Friends, colleagues and community members celebrated Bay Village Branch librarian Barbara Isaacs on April 28 as she worked her last day before retiring.

Starting as a page at the Berea Branch in 1990, Barb worked her way through the Cuyahoga County Public Library system with stops in Strongsville, Parma, the Administrative Offices, and finally to Bay as the Branch Services Librarian Supervisor in 2008.

Barb played a key role in launching the new building's Innovation Center, and was responsible for many of the library's programs during her tenure.

Best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement! ●



Barb Isaacs was presented with flowers and an award created by a co-worker in the Innovation Center, engraved to look like the Booker Prize, in honor of her retirement.

PHOTO BY SARAH POLACE



My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver

Join us as former Wisconsin Governor Martin J. Schreiber continues the most important campaign of his life when he discusses the challenges of being an Alzheimer's caregiver. Like many thrown into the heartbreaking Alzheimer's world, Schreiber knew little about the disease as he cared for his spouse of more than 60 years. What Governor Schreiber found most disturbing was that even healthcare providers don't know the degree to which Alzheimer's impacts the person who lives with it and his or her family. During this event, Schreiber will share what he has learned so others do not experience the learning curve he did.

A free copy of Governor Schreiber's book will be given to all attendees.

After the seminar, Governor Schreiber will include time for questions, answers and suggestions from other caregivers. He will also be available to sign copies of his books.



Guest Speaker Martin J. Schreiber
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MOWERS *from front page*

Aside from emissions, the EPA estimates that over 17 million gallons of fuel are spilled each year while refueling lawn equipment. Gas spillage contaminates groundwater and the amount that evaporates into the air contributes to smog.

Electric lawn mowers are MUCH better for the environment than gas mowers. Electric mowers are available corded or cordless. Electric mowers have multiple benefits, including no spark plugs, fuel filters, or oil to change. They do not need to be refilled with gasoline, and they are quieter than gas mowers.

Corded mowers limit your mobility, however they will not run out of power while you are using it. Cordless mowers have different charging times, cutting paths, and mow time before the battery runs out, so please make sure you do research on the different options before you purchase.

All electric lawn mowers, whether corded or cordless, must be charged or plugged

in while in use, so they are not carbon-neutral because electricity in Ohio is still largely powered by coal. Even so, the amount of carbon emitted from the electricity used to power the mower falls way under the amount of carbon emitted by gas mowers.

What should you do? Make 2023 the year you switch to an electric mower! You will get \$100 rebate as an incentive for doing so – there couldn't be a better time. How do you get rebate? Visit clevelandhealth.org or call 216-420-8049. Proof of purchase is required to get the rebate, as is proof from the scrapyard that your current gas-powered mower was discarded. The rebate is for Cuyahoga County households AND businesses; only one rebate per household or business is allowed.

You can also research different electric lawn mower models on the website. Run, don't walk, to buy your new electric lawn mower! You will not regret it. ●

VIETNAM VETERANS *from front page*

This distinction is reserved for and conferred upon organizations consisting solely of those who "bore the battle" or "bore the loss" of the Vietnam War. A grateful Nation honors your collective service and untold sacrifices. Welcome home! Done this 8th day of March 2023. Signed Lloyd J. Austin, Secretary of Defense.

The Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) is a national 50th anniversary commemoration, authorized by Congress, established under the secretary of defense, and launched by President Barack Obama in 2012. Its primary objective is to thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation. That includes all military members who served from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

No distinction is made between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All

were called to serve, none could self-determine where they were stationed, and all were seen in the same way by a country that could not separate the war from the warrior, as we do today.

One of the symbols of this thanks is a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. The pin features an eagle's head representing courage, honor and dedicated service; stripes representing our Nation's flag; and six stars representing the United States and its five allies who served and sacrificed alongside one another; all encircled by a ring of blue, drawn from the canton of our national flag and signifying vigilance, perseverance and justice. The phrase "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the reverse side, along with the Commemoration's name.

At the meeting, DAR members presented commemoration pins to 11 Vietnam veterans and thanked them all for their service. If you are a Vietnam veteran, or the widow/widower



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (Front)



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (Back)

of one, and would like to be honored and receive your Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin, or surviving spouse pin, please email MKW50@gmail.com.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are 7 million U.S. Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with more than 10 million families of those who served in the Vietnam War era. Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran! ●

Westlake High School artist wins The Foundry Fine Art Show

by BLAZINE MONACO and MICHAEL FERRY

The Foundry Community Rowing and Sailing Center hosted its first-ever Juried Student Art Show, called The Power of Water, welcoming entries from 91 middle and high school students from nine participating Northeast Ohio schools. The entries were evaluated by distinguished jurors Hillary Gent, Kevin "Mr. Soul" Harp, and Sabine Kretschmar, who selected 41 pieces for display in the student exhibition.

The exhibition and opening night were held at The Foundry Community Rowing and Sailing Center in Cleveland on April 27 with over 100 individuals in attendance. The students received cash prizes for Best of Show and in the middle and high school categories of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as certificates for honorable mention and the People's Choice award. Campus International, a Cleveland Metropolitan School, won \$1,000 in art supplies for the school with the highest number of student participants.

Kenan Alsabony, a junior at Westlake High School, was an artist selected for the exhibition and the first-place winner in the high school division. His piece, titled "Fountain of Joy," was inspired by the water scarcity in many parts of the world, particularly in Syria where

he has many family members. Alsabony stated, "I am honored to have been selected in the 'Power of Water' art contest. It allowed me to bring light to global issues important to me while also helping me grow as an artist." In addition to his first-place certificate, Kenan won a \$100 prize.

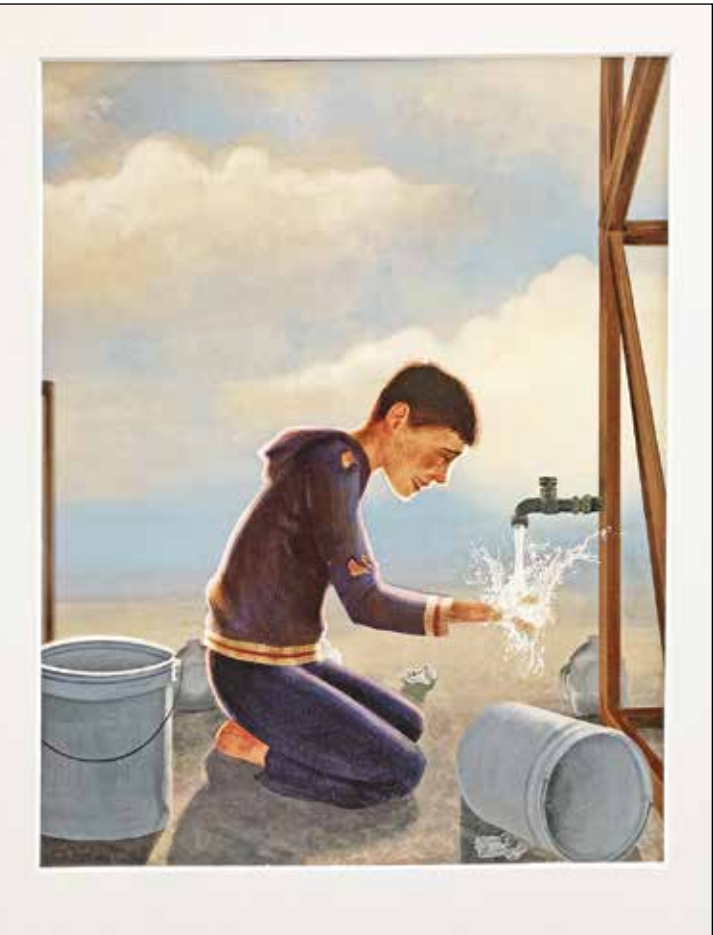
Two other artists from Westlake High School were selected for the show. Aubrie Bartnicki, a sophomore, submitted a piece called "Water is a Pathway" and Helen Willmer, a junior, created a piece titled "Drown" that was included in the exhibition.

Mr. Will Wilson, art teacher at Westlake High School, shared his belief in the importance of opportunities like this for students.

"Prompts like 'The Power of Water' allow students to consider concepts and ideas they may not tackle otherwise," Wilson said. "I am also a big advocate for students showing their work. Art is meant to be seen and shared. Without audiences and venues, it fails somewhat to live up to its potential to communicate and connect."

Christy Gray, art consultant and owner of Gray Haus Studios in Bay Village, served a key role on the committee.

"It was exciting to see the response from the schools and students that entered the Power of Water juried art show," Gray said, "and a delight to work with the jurors through the selection process where the artists' skills and content of their work were both considered. There is a breadth of talent in the students that combined with the writing about their work that shines a light on the next generation of artists from this area."



WHS junior Kenan Alsabony's piece, "Fountain of Joy," won first place.

The Foundry is proud to have hosted this annual event, which aims to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of Greater Cleveland's 6th-12th graders. The Foundry believes that the arts are a critical component of positive youth development, and this exhibition showcases the incredible talent and creativity of the area youth. The Foundry is already looking forward to next year's event and the opportunity to showcase even more of the city's talented young artists. If you have an idea for the student show prompt next year, contact the Foundry with your idea at info@clevelandfoundry.org. This year's exhibition will remain on display at the 1831 Columbus Road location in Cleveland until May 18. All are welcome to see the exhibition. ●



Opening night of The Foundry art show was packed with students and parents.

DEMON DISPATCH

Westlake students use global mindset to prepare for new adventures

by DR. SCOTT GOGGIN, Superintendent, Westlake City School District

As the school year nears its conclusion, many of us anticipate the future. Our soon-to-be graduates are ready to leave home and pursue a college education or launch new careers that will allow them to live independently for the first time and explore different cultures through their newfound peers. This mindset affords our graduates a unique chance to broaden and deepen their understanding of life beyond what is familiar.

Our younger students are going through change. They may be trying different hobbies or looking forward to summer activities that allow them to meet people from other social groups. Many will embark on family trips and explore unknown lands. Some may anticipate the next school year when they move up a grade level or switch buildings.

Although these life changes may appear daunting, our Westlake students greet all difficulties openly. They recognize that each change can offer unique perspectives and unforgettable experiences. Our globally-minded learners are open to a plethora of possibilities!

As our Westlake students continue their academic and out-of-class experiences, they stay open to different cultures and perspectives. They are sensitive to the various diversity in the world around them. Rather than being afraid of transformation or hesitant to attempt something new, they eagerly welcome alternative approaches with open hearts.

Our globally-minded students go above and beyond when it comes to collaboration, working together to reach shared goals while gaining knowledge from each other along the way. These young minds are curious and empathetic – contemplating how their actions can positively or negatively impact those around them and our planet.

Thanks to their Westlake education, our students are confident, eager, and ready to take on the world after graduation. They have developed the skill sets needed to collaborate with people from different backgrounds, a strong appetite for new information, and a respectable amount of empathy toward others. Offering them countless opportunities in various industries, our graduates leave us fearlessly prepared to apply everything they’ve learned in practice.

A global mindset may appear daunting, but it starts with small actions – things our students accomplish daily. They bravely go beyond their comfort zones to explore new relationships and experiences. Kindness comes as they assist those in need or join forces for something greater than themselves. With these large and small steps, our students embrace the power of thinking globally!

Our remarkable students are role models and show us the way forward, inspiring us to think beyond our boundaries. By being globally aware, we become more active members of society who are more equipped to confront obstacles head-on and support each other through adversity. We have come together for a common cause – striving towards a brighter future that unites humanity. ●

Lions honor Earth Day

by KEVIN BARRETT

The Westshore Lions Club and community partners Church of The Redeemer UCC, The Lake Erie Huddle and the City of Westlake Service Department teamed up on Saturday, April 15, to clean up litter in various locations in Westlake to kick off the observances of Earth Day and to serve in an important area of Lions’ concern about the environment.

Westshore Lion Linda Krasienko organized and chaired the project which began with a welcome from Westlake City Council President David Greenspan who thanked the volunteers for their efforts as the volunteers then spent the next two hours fanning out to pick up litter in seven different locations in Westlake.

The weather was perfect and the Lions and our partners hope to make this an annual effort. ●



Participating in the cleanup were: (front row, kneeling) Lion Denise Ayres, Lion Jara Dell and Judy Benson; (back row, standing) Council President David Greenspan, Lion Linda Krasienko, Laura Walker, Erin Barnes, Lion Jeff Dell, Ben Miller, Rev. Kim Nagy, Zachary Barnes, and Lion Antonio Dobyne.

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LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

Selden & Nancy Osborn House, 29059 Lake Road, c. 1832-1847

The eighth 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

Selden was the only son of Reuben and Sarah Osborn. He was born in 1809 in New York and married Ohioan Nancy Ruple in 1833.

Selden first owned land in the 1830s away from Lake Road and tax records are not clear as to when this house was built. His father owned this land until 1842 when 25 acres were transferred to Selden and the tax value went up significantly in 1847. The house has had many additions with the east end of the current house probably the original.

“Osborn Family History” by Julia Osborn Scott states that Selden and Nancy lived here all of their married lives, raising nine children and taking in paying guests from Cleveland for summer vacations. It also says: “Selden was an herb doctor, receiving his training in a doctor’s office. He grew his own herbs. Nancy brewed them for him. He travelled by horseback with ... two saddle bags – one for ... his medicine.”

Selden was a captain in the Ohio militia. Nancy was a deeply religious woman. Their granddaughter Mabel occupied the house until 1969. 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 east end (on the left) is likely the original house of Selden and Nancy Osborn.

New titles at BVAN Little Free Library

by CATHY NICHOLS

Bay Village Antiracism Network invites you to frequent our Little Free Library at 27902 West Oakland Street to “Read in Color”!

Dedicated to bringing diverse characters and stories we hope you will borrow, share and donate books that broaden our understanding of various cultures and life experiences. New titles include “Flossie and the Fox,” which tells us how brave little Flossie outsmarts a fox and teaches us to not buy into a bully’s self-importance. Will she successfully deliver her basket of eggs to Miz Viola? Or will the fox’s bravado be intimidating to our heroine?

Another tale, “Brick by Brick, Ladrillo a Ladrillo,” shows us how Luis’ bilingual family shares their dreams as Papi builds their new home brick by brick in both Spanish and English.

In “Graceful,” little Hope’s friend Anna is living at the shelter with her immigrant family where Hope learns about gardening and grace.

Sometimes we are “tickled pink” or “green with envy,” we may have “blue” days or “turn red” in anger. In “I Am A Rainbow,” Dolly Parton celebrates the colorful variety of feelings we all experience.

“When the Storm Comes” asks “what do you do when the storm comes across the water, when the clouds roll in, when the wind chimes clang and the weather vanes spin?” Beautiful illustrations take us from securing the boats from the impending storm, through the darkness to be enjoyed by candlelight, and then the sunshine!

And finally, but perhaps most moving are the illustrations that accompany the lyrics of thanksgiving that fill the pages of the anthem “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” I suggest listening to this powerful hymn performed as you read this with your family.

Stop by and check out our collection, and consider donating a book for others to enjoy as well! Bay Village Antiracism Network meets monthly and welcomes new members. For more information contact sarah@bvan.org. ●



THE DIGITAL WORLD

How hearing apps gave our family hope

by MELY SATO

It was March 23, 2020, when Tak, my husband and The Digital World columnist, said that he couldn’t hear.

“What do you mean by you can’t hear?” I asked, puzzled and wondering if he was kidding. This was not the time to joke around. The COVID-19 pandemic had shut down many services. Schools even closed and conducted classes virtually. Libraries, recreation centers, churches, and colleges went remote.

As it turned out, getting an appointment was also a big ordeal as they cut down on unnecessary hospital visits. Unfortunately,

hearing loss was not one to get an appointment right away either.

Everyone we talked to and everything we read on the internet said that after a hearing loss, it was imperative to see a specialist within 48 hours before treatment options start to disappear. After 48 hours of calling around to find an ENT to see him, Tak was finally seen by one. With his “hearing tool” in hand, he was ready to talk with the doctor. That tool was his smartphone with an app, which he had not used before, called “Live Transcribe” by Google.

This was a scary time for my family, but Tak, having a degree and experience in technology for over three decades, figured out a

way to communicate using this app.

In addition, he had been teaching seniors how to use technology for four years with our nonprofit Center for Aging in the Digital World. Still a little surprised and thankful that even during one of the most stressful times in the world due to COVID, and one of the most stressful times of his life being suddenly deaf, he had the composure to figure out a way to communicate without hearing.

We went to his appointment with his tool. Instead of hearing the doctor, he read what the doctor said and responded.

This app had been a life saver for him and for our family. It gave hope. It gave an alternative to regular communication. When your world went silent suddenly, even temporarily, and you figured out that there was hope for communication without writing everything down, it was truly a blessing. ●

Shipbuilding on the Great Lakes

by GEORGE RYAN

Long before current times many of the native Americans built birch bark canoes; some carried missionaries such as French explorer Jean Nicolet.

The Walk-in-the-Water was the first American-built steamer on the Great Lakes that was launched near Buffalo, New York, in 1818. She was 135 feet long with a 32-foot beam, she had a 30-foot smokestack between the two masts which had canvas to speed her along when the wind was favorable. Her 15-foot paddle wheels could carry passengers from Buffalo to Detroit in a day and a half.

During World War II there were about 21 shipyards in various ports on the Great Lakes that



Walk-in-the-Water was the first American-built steamer on the Great Lakes.

had over 100 ships being built for the war effort.

Celebrities the Dionne quintuplets – five girls born in 1934 who were the first known quintuplets to survive infancy – came to Superior, Wisconsin, in the early stage of World War II to spotlight

the launch of five ships on the same day from the same shipyard. The Maritime Commission began the emergency shipbuilding program which gave large subsidies to shipyards on the Great Lakes and on the seacoasts to begin building a variety of ships. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Sacred Conversations, Christian Nationalism: A threat to both Democracy and Christianity

by JOHN RINEHART

The focus of this month's Sacred Conversations at Dover Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) will be Christian Nationalism. Recently, the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the UCC, delivered a lecture at Elmhurst University, during which he carefully documented the threat of Christian Nationalism to our national well-being.

We have seen and heard a lot of material on this subject on the evening TV news shows we watch, the radio talk shows we listen to, the newspapers we read, and the social media we follow. The question is, how do we Christians respond?

Dr. Dorhauer is well versed on the subject of Christian Nationalism and has dealt with it as a settled pastor and as the General Minister and President of the UCC, which is headquartered here in Cleveland. Dr. Dorhauer's lecture is available on YouTube and we will use it to initiate our own sacred conversation with "Holy Language" regarding this divisive issue.

In her inaugural sermon as settled pastor at Dover, Pastor Mindy Quellhorst spoke of "Holy Language." She made it clear that she was speaking of both interpersonal conversations and conversations with the wholeness of God's creation. Both religious and political institutions are parts of the way in

which we live and organize our lives. In the Gospel of John, Jesus' last commandment to the disciples was to "love one another as I have loved you." He was speaking of our sacred and secular, personal and social lives. Sadly, that commandment is not the governing guide of our religious and secular lives today. Every generation has had to deal with Jesus' commandment in the context of their own time. Religion and politics do mix and, when conducted with the example of Jesus before us, justice can prevail. Sadly, that is not descriptive of our nation today. The conversation will be held in Thomas Hall at Dover Congregational UCC 2239 Center Ridge Road, in Westlake, on Sunday, May 21, at 7 p.m. ●

Bay Village City School District Receives 'Ohio Auditor of State' Award

by KAREN MISCIAGNA



The Bay Village City School District Finance Team – left to right: Meghan Rohde, Ellen Watterson, Judi Hansen and Anne-Marie Zeuch – shows off the Auditor of State Award received last month.

Recently, Auditor of State Keith Faber announced that Bay Village City School District received the Auditor of State Award for its clean audit reports for the fiscal year ended 2022. Bay Village Schools is one of 165 districts/schools in Ohio, and one of 16 districts/schools in Cuyahoga County to receive the distinction. According to a representative from the State Auditor's Department – Jake Altman, Northeast Regional Liaison – less than 10% of government entities in the state receive this award.

The State Auditor's office shares information as far back as 2014. Except for 2017, Bay Village Schools has received the Ohio Auditor of State Award every year since 2014; eight of the last nine years.

"Bay Village Schools is dedicated to providing accurate, consistent and transparent financial information. Our finance team, along with assistance from the Board and the Superintendent, worked hard to earn this award. We always strive to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars," said Treasurer Meghan Rohde.

The Bay Village Schools Financial Team consists of: Meghan Rohde, Treasurer; Judi Hansen, Accounts Payable & Health Benefits; Ellen Watterson, Accounts Receivable; and Anne-Marie Zeuch, Payroll. ●

Porter opens Free Little Art Gallery

by HEATHER FEENAUGHTY

Westlake Porter Public Library introduced a new Free Little Art Gallery inside the library. Similar to the free little libraries concept, people of all ages and abilities can make small pieces of art and place them in the gallery, or they may take a piece of art, or both. Learn more at westlakelibrary.org/art-exhibits. ●



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Nike missiles in Cleveland ... and Westlake

by DENNY WENDELL

In a previous issue, I wrote about how the U.S. and Border Protection vehicles patrol along Lake Road in Bay Village. But that's not the only time that the United States government had a plan to protect our northern border.

As a last line of defense, Nike Missile Bases were built and operational at seven sites in Cuyahoga County between 1955 and 1971. They were positioned to protect cities as well as military installations.

And, no, it wasn't to keep Canada from invading the U.S. but to protect the U.S. from an enemy jet attack.

On the Westside, a launch base was located near the Westlake-Fairview Park border at 21700 Westwood Ave.

Each launch base consisted of a battery of Nike-Ajax missiles, missile-assembly, generator, acid-storage buildings, fueling area, underground missile storage and launchers, barracks, and

a launcher-control trailer. The control area, one-half mile from the launch area, consisted of a mess hall, administration building, barracks, radar tower, and control van.

The Nike-Ajax missiles could intercept aircraft flying as high as 70,000 feet within a range of 30 miles at more than twice the speed of sound.

Built principally to counter an airborne threat from the high-flying Soviet Union bombers, the bases soon became obsolete. In 1959 a more sophisticated Nike-Hercules missile replaced the Nike-Ajax missiles at the Westside and Bratenahl bases.

Ten years later, all of the bases, including those equipped with the Nike-Hercules missile, were closed. The bases, once closed, were either razed or turned to other purposes.

For more information, visit case.edu/ech/articles/n/nike-missile-bases. ●



Western Reserve Historical Society, photo by Howard L. Newmarker.

A Nike missile stands at the ready at its lakefront launching site in Bratenahl, circa 1958.

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SPORTING VIEWS

April is bad for baseball, weather we like it or not

by JEFF BING

Well, we had one beautiful week, but the rest of the month was dreadful.

To be sure, I could be talking about the Cleveland weather the last month or so, but I'm actually referring to the Guardians.

In the first seven days of April, the Guardians went 4-2. The rest of the month they went 8-12. Beginning around the 11th of the month, the weather was absolutely gorgeous for a week. The rest of the time, it was more like February.

The theme which parallels Terry Francona and baseball in April in Cleveland, Ohio: They

play on fairly common ground (usually cold, wet, and depressing) for the first month or so. So, before we all start bemoaning the issues with the Guardians this year, check out the numbers I came up with after doing some grueling digging in the record books for something – anything – to cheer myself (and you, too) up:

In Francona's 11 years as Cleveland's manager, the team has a cumulative April (including any March games if played) regular season record of 114-126, which is an abysmal winning percentage of .475. However, commencing May 1, and running through the remainder of the regular season, the team has an incredible record of

743-588, which comes out to a .571 winning percentage. For perspective, that winning percentage would translate into a season record of 93-69 per year, for 11 seasons!

So why the constantly constipated Aprils every year? I thought you'd never ask, but I am ready to present my theory...

1. Francona always puts the health of his players first, and thus has always played with the "big-picture" mentality. Especially when it comes to pitchers, Francona will pull a guy on those damp, chilly nights maybe an inning or two earlier than other managers would, setting himself up for a short-term hit (a potential loss). However, the pitcher Terry yanked in April will more

likely be pitching in September when teams are ramping up for the playoff run.

2. Overall, Cleveland teams can't hit consistently until the weather warms up, which can be mid-May or even as late as June. A roster full of players who have played a large portion of their career in warm climates just don't seem to get a feel for the bat until they get some consistent 80-degree-plus temperatures. The Johnny Damon-esque batting averages will begin to rise.

The moral to the story is this: History says the Guardians will hit. History also says the Guardians will win. So don't sweat the start. Life in the village will be all good again soon enough.

One last thing that I just must get off my chest:

When the Cavaliers (the higher seed) lost the first playoff game vs. the Knicks at home, Cavs coach J.B. Bickerstaff attempted to minimize the importance of losing game 1 (along with the home-court advantage) by referring to it merely as a "wake-up call."

Note to J.B.: teams that haven't accomplished a thing to date should not need a "wake-up call." They should be so eager to taste a run at a championship that losing to a team like the Knicks would have been a slap in the face to the entire organization. How can a team that had achieved nothing to date sleepwalk as the Cavs did in that entire playoff series? Game 1 set the tone for the entire series, my friend.

If anyone needs a wake-up call, J.B., it's you. ●

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ornamental beadwork on exhibit at Rose Hill Museum

by BARBARA COMIENSKI

Rose Hill Museum is excited to be premiering our special exhibition for the year on ornamental beadwork in costumes and accessories, "Beadwork: The Beauty of Small Things." Every room features an aspect of beadwork, in addition to the museum's permanent displays.

Beads have been in existence between 70,000-100,000 years. Originally beads were fashioned totally of natural materials such as bone, shell, or wood. Metal and glass beads followed. Often these beads were strung as jewelry and were a visible sign of prosperity. For centuries few people could afford to embellish clothing with beadwork. One needed the wealth to buy beads and then to have the workforce to apply these to clothing and accessories.

Embellishment followed trends with beads losing popularity, then resurging. Lush fabrics and pearl and gemstone jewelry were popular in the 1700s, but simpler styles in the early 1800s

resulted in less use of beadwork.

The mid-nineteenth century invention of the sewing machine focused attention on fabric embellishment; however, jet beads resurged in the 1880s. Decorative accents were achieved in the nineteen teens with metallic thread and sequins until glass beads returned to popularity in the 1920s.

The special exhibit includes jewelry and actual embellished garments. Early twentieth century Campfire Girls' Indian dresses on display in the basement area replicate the wooden bead patterns used by Native American artisans. The Cahoon Library displays include wooden beads from Africa, and silver and stone ones from Mexico; other mediums include bones, polished stones, pearls, and even paper beads!

The historical society's beaded purses, also on display in the library, show the intricacies of design possible in beadwork, as do design school sample strips from the

newly accessioned collection of items from the Darvas School of Fashion Arts in Cleveland from which several Bay Village residents graduated. The school, established in 1910, operated into the 1950s. Students would use these design samples to learn beading skills.

Rose Hill is fortunate to have

some beautifully preserved late nineteenth century berthas, bodices, and dresses ornamented in beads, a variety of 1920s beaded flapper dresses, and a stunning mid-twentieth century pink dress with silver beading. Even children's clothing in the nursery has beaded embellishment.


Rose Hill Museum is located

in Cahoon Memorial Park and is open from 2:00-4:30 p.m. every Sunday, April through December. Admission is free and our docent guides will be happy to direct you.

You may also visit our website, www.bayhistorical.com, or contact us at 216-319-4634 or info@bayhistorical.com. ●



A beaded glasses case from around 1910.



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The Bay Village Service Department provides residents (sorry NO commercial businesses please) the opportunity to drop off household hazardous waste items for disposal at the Service Department at 31300 Naigle Road on certain dates.

Household hazardous waste drop off dates for early spring through early summer, 2023 are:

Friday, April 28	7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, April 29	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday, May 26	7:30 am to 3:00 pm
Friday, June 30	7:30 am to 3:00 pm

The following items will be accepted for drop off:

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- ✓ Caustic household cleaners

- ✓ Pool chemicals
- ✓ Oils and grease
- ✓ Automotive fluids, car batteries
- ✓ Adhesives, roof tar or driveway sealer
- ✓ Kerosene, gasoline or lighter fluid
- ✓ Mercury

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- ✓ Computers and Electronics
- ✓ Scrap Metal
- ✓ Bulk Items

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- × Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, sharps

- × Asbestos
- × Batteries, household or automotive
- × Smoke detectors
- × Fluorescent tubes and Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's)
- × Business or commercial waste

For items not accepted or listed above, please check the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's website (www.cuyahogarecycles.com) for information on proper disposal. Contact the Bay Village Service Department at 440-871-1221 or check the city website (www.cityofbayvillage.com) for assistance with any additional questions.



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Westlake Porter Public Library’s upcoming calendar of events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library’s May 2023 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, May 3 (1-2 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Britt Hawthorne** – Are you committed to building an antiracist family environment for your children? Let Britt Hawthorne, a nationally recognized teacher and advocate, as well as author of “Raising Antiracist Children: A Practical Parenting Guide” be your guide. Streamed live. Please register.

Wednesday, May 3 (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.

Wednesday, May 3 (7-8:30 p.m.) **World at War Forum: The Korean War** – This will be an unconventional program about a forgotten war that wasn’t officially a war and technically hasn’t ended. We would love to hear from veterans of the Korean War and members of the Korean community about their experiences and memories of wartime Korea. Please register.

Wednesdays, May 3, 10 and 17 (7-7:30 p.m.) and Saturdays, May 6 and 13 (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.

Thursday, May 4 (1-7 p.m.) **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Friday, May 5 (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.

Saturday, May 6 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) **Free**

Comic Book Day – Join us to celebrate Free Comic Book Day! WPPL continues our partnership with Carol & John’s Comic Book Shop to give out free comic books in the lobby all day while supplies last.

Saturday, May 6 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) **Make Your Own Comic** – Want to learn how to make your own comic? Stop by for a drop-in session with staff from the library’s Youth Services Department.

Saturday, May 6 (10 a.m.-noon) **Basic Sewing Machine Techniques** – Bring your sewing machine and we’ll teach you how to use it! Start small with a pre-cut doll clothing project that will show you techniques to make a simple pair of pants and blouse. Please register.

Saturday, May 6 (1-2 p.m.) **Pokémon Fun!** – This will be a time to view and trade cards, do a craft (if desired), and play a Pokémon Bingo game. Feel free to bring your cards! Ages 6-11.

Sunday, May 7 (2-4 p.m.) **Anime Club** – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otaku and newbies welcome! Grades 7-adult.

Sunday, May 7 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? Bring your ideas and imagination to Brick Builders! Bricks provided. Room capacity is limited. First come, first served. Ages 5-12.

May 8-May 22 – **Summer Art-Walk Submissions** – Calling all artists ages 0 to 109! Create a piece of art that celebrates kindness and friendship to display in the library’s Artwalk or in the Youth Services Department this summer! Guidelines and submission form can be found at westlakelibrary.org. Bring completed form and art piece to the Youth Services Desk no later than May 22.

Mondays, May 8 and 15 (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!

Tuesday, May 9 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) **STEAM Club: Pollination** – Join Mrs. K as we investigate the life cycle of butterflies and bees, along with their important job of pollination! Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Grades 1-2. Please register.

Tuesday, May 9 (6-7 p.m.) **Wild Edibles** – Join Lorain County Community College adjunct professor Alison McKim to learn about foraging wild edibles from your own back yard, from their edible and healing properties to how to identify them using multisensory methods. Please register.

Tuesday, May 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Club (In Person AND Virtual)** – Join us to discuss “Hidden Valley Road” by Robert Kolker. 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 email.

Wednesday, May 10 (7-8 p.m.) **Cookbook Discussion: Talk About Your Favorite Recipe!** – Pick a cookbook from our library shelves, and bring a dish to share! This meeting will focus on Middle Eastern Cuisine!

Wednesday, May 10 (8-9 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Jena Friedman, Not Funny (Virtual)** – Join us for a virtual author talk with comedian and writer Jena Friedman. Streamed live. Please register.

Thursday, May 11 (4-5 p.m.) **Roblox Arcade (Virtual)** – Join us in the Roblox Arcade! 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. Registration begins May 4. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions.

Thursday, May 11 (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 register.

Thursday, May 11 (7-8 p.m.) **Thurs-**

day Night Book Discussion – Join us to discuss “Killers of a Certain Age” by Deanna Raybourn. Participants will need to obtain their own copies of the title.

Sunday, May 14 (2-4 p.m.) **Stuffed Animal Hospital** – Bring a soft toy of any kind that needs to be repaired and learn basic sewing techniques to make your friend as good as new. Grades 1-5. One of the best things we can do for our planet is limit the amount of waste that we produce. By fixing stuffed animals and dolls, participants will keep these toys out of the landfill while practicing sewing skills. Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend with students. Registration begins May 7.

Monday, May 15 (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 May 8.

Monday, May 15 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Magical Creature Craft Kit Pick Up** – Unicorns, fairies, and dragons...oh, my! Have some fantastical fun making these magical creature crafts. Registration begins May 8.

Monday, May 15 (1-2:30 p.m.) **True Crime Book Club** – Join us to discuss “The Killer Across the Table” by John E. Douglas. A great way to discover new and classic true crime writing. Please register.

Monday, May 15 (5:30-6:15 p.m.) **STEAM Lab: Pollination with Goober the Bee!** – Learn about pollination and common pollinators you can spot in your backyard, and make a mini carpenter bee habitat! Grades 3-4. Registration begins May 8.

Tuesday, May 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Author Visit: Vince Guerrieri, Weird Moments in Cleveland Sports** – Cleveland has had its fair share of weird, odd, and random occurrences in sports. Join local author and journalist Vince Guerrieri as he shares some of these moments from his new book. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Please register.

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

Bob Plantz receives Porter Library volunteer award

by ELAINE WILLIS

Bob Plantz received the 2023 Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award from Westlake Porter Public Library during an April 16 volunteer recognition event. The award is given annually to the volunteer who best demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism exemplified by its namesake, Myrna Chelko. Friends of Porter Public Library’s Vice President Jennifer Cirincione was also recognized for guiding the group’s 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Plantz has served as a member of the board of trustees for 20 years and received the Ohio Library Council’s Trustee Award of Achievement in 2014. He is also the President of the Library Foundation board of trustees, which has been revived and grown both financially and in membership

under his leadership. Plantz is co-chair of the library’s 2023 levy campaign and served as chair of the 2018 levy campaign.

“As a library board member, Bob represents the absolute best of Westlake Porter Public Library,” said Director Andrew Mangels. “He is inclusive, he fosters learning, he encourages community growth, and he makes connections in an ever-changing world. He has been a steadfast and unwavering example of what it means to be a library trustee.”

Myrna Chelko was a long-time library volunteer who was known for her dedication to the library and her hard work. She helped found the Friends of Porter Public Library 50 years ago (1972), and her many volunteer services include being an officer of that group and a library board member.

In recognition of the need for

a grand gesture to celebrate the Friends of Porter Public Library’s 50th Anniversary in 2022, Cirincione brought up the idea of the Friends Pavilion. She championed its design and construction, as well as the \$100,000 donation toward its construction, and spearheaded a campaign to design and sell bricks for a brick path around it. That campaign has already sold 200 bricks with more ordered.

In addition, Cirincione was the creative force behind a documentary about the Friends of Porter Public Library. Using her son’s videography company she wrote, directed, produced and served as key grip for the film, which can be found at westlakelibrary.org/friends. Cirincione has served on the Friends’ board since 2003, filling many positions, and was the 2011 recipient of the Myrna Chelko Award. ●



Westlake Porter Public Library Director Andrew Mangels, left, presents board member Bob Plantz with the library’s 2023 Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award.

BAYARTS

What’s happening with the playhouse?

by NANCY HEATON

After some pandemic delays, things are moving forward for the next phase of the former Huntington Playhouse renovations. Here are some FAQ about the project:

1. The building is in bad shape. Why didn’t you tear it down and start over?

When Huntington Playhouse went dark at the end of 2015; the community encouraged BAYarts to save it from demolition. At the time BAYarts was in need of more space, so made a commitment to restore it.

2. What is the historical significance of the playhouse?

The original playhouse burned down in 1970 and had to be rebuilt from the ground up, so it lost its historical designation.

3. Will you resurrect community theater?

Not specifically. The former theater will become an accessible, flexible-use space with a stage, classrooms, music lesson rooms: the possibilities are endless!

4. How is it funded?

BAYarts received a grant from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission of \$500,000 but BAYarts had to raise matching funds and then some; several generous donors have helped us move forward but we still have a way to go.

5. How much more do you need to raise?

We need to raise an additional \$800,000 for construction and “soft costs,” i.e. the things not covered by construction funds such as equipment, technology, signage, and so on.

6. Are naming rights available?

Yes! Although some have been claimed, this is a wonderful legacy opportunity: visit bayarts.net/playhouse for options or contact Mary Conway Sullivan at mary@bayarts.net.

7. When will it be open to the public?

We plan to unveil the new space at our jubilee Moon-dance in celebration of our 75th year! Hope to see you there! ●



The audience area of the playhouse.



The stage area of the playhouse.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
WESTLAKE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Wednesday, May 3, 1-2:30 p.m.
GENEALOGY RESEARCH 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, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Friday, May 5, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
COFFEE CHAT WITH SUPT. PREBLES
Bay Village City School District invites all residents and families for an informal Coffee Chat with Superintendent Scot Prebles and Treasurer Meghan Rohde. If you have a question about the district or just want to meet our district’s leadership team, please stop by. This is the last Coffee Chat for this school year, but additional dates will soon be scheduled for the 2023-24 school year.
Mojo’s, 600 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.
HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB
The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. After a brief lunch at noon, the club will have a presentation by Dan Veloski of the Cleveland Metroparks. Come and learn about the 18 different parks and what each has to offer. 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.

Friday, May 12, 10 a.m.
WESTLAKE STATE OF THE CITY
Mayor Dennis Clough will present his annual address to members of the community. Learn about the city’s recent activities and plans for the upcoming year. Sponsored by the Westlake | Bay Village Observer.
Community Services Center, 28975 Hilliard Blvd.

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BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
Free concert, directed by David B. Hager. New music selections.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, May 13, 7-9 p.m.
WEST SHORE FILM SERIES: “RIGHT TO HARM”
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West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Sunday, May 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE CUB SCOUT PACK 39 OPEN HOUSE
Join us for Pack 39’s Spring CARNival! Race Lego and Hot Wheels cars on our Pinewood Derby Track. Bring your own or build from supplies provided. Snacks will be available. Cub Scouting is for boys and girls, grades K-5. Visit the Pack 39 website for more information: tinyurl.com/bvpack39, or email bvpack39@gmail.com.
Bay Village Branch Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.

Wednesday, May 17, 6:45-8:30 p.m.
CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER, OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS President, Rosey Kellner presents the story of noted barnstormer Ralph Wensinger who crashed his biplane while entertaining 10,000 spectators at Chippewa Lake Park in 1933.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, May 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
LIVING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD SENIOR EXPO
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