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## SPORTING VIEWS

### Tito's rumored retirement may give Cleveland a Wedgie; a tough Acta to follow

by JEFF BING

Terry, we hardly knew ye... With his history of health issues, we've known for some time that Guardians manager Terry Francona's retirement would one day become reality. Unfortunately for Cleveland baseball fans, that day seems imminent.

Terry Francona was perfect for Cleveland, and a perfect fit for the low-budget ownership group led by Paul Dolan. "Tito" knew how to squeeze every ounce of talent from each player on his roster, and his evaluation of talent

— who should remain in Cleveland and who should be dealt — was nothing short of incredible.

Quick now: Looking back over the last dozen years, how many transactions has the franchise made that you wish they hadn't? You'll be hard-pressed to find any of significance. From my perspective, every deal they made that I questioned at the time proved to be a wise move, and with a "fiscally cautious" organization such as the Guardians, they simply cannot afford any personnel errors. They simply *cannot*.

► See TITO, page 2

### Annual Blessing of the Pets at St. Raphael is Oct. 5



Mary Klecka and her whippets, Ollie and Levi, were very happy to be blessed last year.

by ANNE STRAITIFF

Lions, tigers and bears are not welcome, but household animals and their families are invited to the 18th Annual Blessing of the Pets on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6:30-7 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village.

Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Dog and cat treats and give-aways from Hot Diggity Dog Pet Sitting will be distributed and a garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome!

The event was first held in 2005 to commemorate the feast

of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

"We welcome all our friends in the surrounding neighborhoods to join with us on this day, to give thanks for all God's creatures — especially our faithful animal companions — and ask for his continued blessings on our families, our community, and on all living things entrusted to our care," said St. Raphael pastor, Fr. Tim Gareau.

St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Road. Parking is behind the church.

Please note: Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains. ●

### Westlake hosts Community Run

The City of Westlake's Community Run for the whole family was hosted by the Recreation Department and held in conjunction with the

Annual Safety & Wellness Day on Sept. 16. There was a timed 5K Run and Speed Walking Division along with an untimed 1-Mile Walk.

Awards were given in several categories. The annual Safety & Wellness Fair hosted by University Hospitals and the City of Westlake followed the race. ●



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough congratulates Karen Stross after both speed walkers crossed the finish line.

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### Celebrate the foundation of America during Constitution Week

by DORIS GORGAS

Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution during the annual observance, Sept. 17-23, to honor this foundational document. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed this observance into Public Law #915, in 1956.

Martha Devotion Huntington, the local DAR chapter, has celebrated Constitution Week for 10 years with the placement of signs and posters.

One year ago, our scope enlarged with the distribution of free pocket-size editions of the U.S. Constitution to the 8th grade social studies students at Bay Middle School. This year, we have added St. Raphael's Parish School in the distribution of editions. A total of 250 books will be distributed to the two schools.

There is a display at the Bay Library with some bookmarks and copies of the Preamble of the Con-

stitution. The entire Constitution is online at the U.S. Archives and includes the Amendments, the Bill of Rights and how they are introduced. Visit [www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution](http://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution). Copies are also available through Congressional public officials.

Mayor Paul Koomar will make a proclamation in honor of the observance, which will appear on the City of Bay Village website.

The DAR enlisted the aid of local churches to ring their bells on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 4:00 p.m., marking the beginning of the meeting of the representatives in Philadelphia to create the constitution.

St. Barnabas in Bay, St. Mary's in Olmsted Falls and the historic Olmsted Falls Chapel all rang their bells. Co-chairman Jennifer McKeigue was the bell ringer at the Olmsted Falls Chapel.

For further information about the Constitution Week celebration or membership in the DAR, contact Doris Gorgas at [lablady76@gmail.com](mailto:lablady76@gmail.com). ●

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TITO *from front page*

If Cleveland hires the wrong guy and subsequently make erroneous player transactions based on the input from the new manager, it could take quite some time to recover.

A case in point would be Eric Wedge, who was the manager from 2003 through 2009. Wedge had a tough-as-nails philosophy, with a “my way or the highway” approach.

During his tenure, Wedge had a young second baseman named Brandon Phillips. I don’t recall the circumstances, but Phillips fell out of favor with Wedge, who wasn’t big on second chances if you didn’t toe the line.

Wedge wanted him out, management complied with his wishes, and Phillips had an All-Star career down in Cincinnati for a decade and a half. Little surprise that Wedge’s managerial record here was sub-.500.

Manny Acta followed Wedge and proved to be a real mistake. He had been canned as manager of the Astros after zero success in Houston, so all I can figure is he must interview very well, as I was surprised when he got the Cleveland job.

Acta was given three years in Cleveland to prove the lack of success with the Astros was no fluke, and he proved to be the picture of consistency, averaging 71 wins a year here before getting the ax.

Former Orioles manager Earl Weaver said, many years ago, that a good manager may win you a few more games due to their managerial skills, but a bad manager can lose you *many* more. (Cue Manny Acta.)

So, who succeeds Tito? (For the record, I suspect they already have made their decision.) It seems the popular choice right now is Tito’s right-hand man, DeMarlo Hale.

I hope not, as he’s almost as old (62) as Tito (64) and even though he’s supposed to be a sound baseball man, he seems to lack the energy and personality that Tito brought to the table. Players need to “buy in” to what the manager is selling, and I’m not sure Hale can sell it.

My choice is Sandy Alomar. He’s paid his dues and deserves a shot. Although he’s interviewed with other teams and not been hired, it doesn’t mean he’s not qualified. Remember that Tito was fired from Boston before coming to Cleveland with some questionable “baggage.” Let’s see if Sandy can do the job.

There are far more lousy managers out there than there are good ones, so the odds are already stacked against Cleveland hiring two consecutive good managers. But in this city they cannot afford to not get this right. They simply *must* get it right. ●

Bay Village Touch-a-Truck event



A police rescue SWAT vehicle from the Westshore Enforcement Bureau.



Firefighters Jeremy Gillespie (left) and Mark Obran (right) guide all ages with a fire hose.



E4 Specialists Sam Witnik and Anthony Duckworth from the Ohio National Guard (Brook Park Unit) FSC 112thdisplay an Army Humvee.



Don Landers, Assistant to the Bay Village Service Director and an Auxiliary Police Officer, hands out a Bay Village Police drinking cup to a youngster.

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# Bay Village Schools celebrates 29th Homecoming Parade

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

The Bay Village City School District is big on tradition, including heritage Homecoming events such as the Thursday night Bonfire and Friday Homecoming Parade (fondly known as the “candy parade” to many).

All families and residents are invited to celebrate the 29th annual Homecoming Parade and participate in all the activities planned to celebrate Homecoming Week. Below is a complete list of events taking place throughout the week.

• **Homecoming Bonfire and Light the Night Walk**

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 7-9 p.m.**

Bay High School students and the community are invited to participate in a fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with a Light the Night walk event and bonfire. Light the Night luminaria will be sold at Bay High School the night

of the event. The walking path around Bay High School will be lined with luminaria. Come and walk to show your support.

• **Homecoming Parade and Football Game**

**Friday, Sept. 22**

— 4:30-5:30 p.m. Shuttle bus picking up at the Brown Canopy Entrance (Door #2) of Bay High School and dropping off at Bay Middle School, every 15-20 minutes. NOTE: Shuttle bus does not run after the Parade.

— 5 p.m. All cars, trucks and floats meet at Cahoon Park, north of Wolf Road. Walkers should be dropped off at Bay Middle School and cross at the crosswalk and walk to their assigned spots.

— 5:15 p.m. All cars, trucks and floats line up on the road along the west side of Cahoon Road, north of Wolf, in their assigned spots.

— 5:30-6:25 p.m. The Parade steps off from Cahoon/Wolf, and makes its



The Light the Night Walk and Bonfire event is a tradition during Bay Homecoming Week. The event is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at Bay High School.

way down Wolf Road to Bay High School. Bring a lawn chair and bag to collect candy along the route!

— 6:35 p.m. Homecoming pre-game activities.

— 7 p.m. Bay High School Football vs. Elyria Catholic. Cost is \$8 cash at the gate.

• **Bay Alumni Foundation Distinguished Alumni & Educator Hall of Fame Induction Brunch**

**Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

At Parker's Grille, Avon Lake. Advance registration is required via [www.bayalumni.com](http://www.bayalumni.com).

• **Bay Village Community Council's Citizen/Project of the Year Reception, honoring Sherri Reilly and Bay High**



Westerly Elementary School is just one of the many organizations that participate in the Bay High School Homecoming Parade, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22.

**School's Centennial Project**

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 2-4 p.m.**

Mayor Koomar will present proclamations in honor of this year's recipients. All are welcome to attend the celebration in the Bay Middle School Library. ●

## WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

# Local artist to conduct collage workshop

by JEAN SMITH

Gail Crum will again share her talent and expertise at a Collage Workshop on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library.

The definition of collage is: “a work of art made by pasting various materials on a surface.” Crum will bring an interesting collection of materials from which to choose a theme to build upon and embellish with other items.

An established artist and instructor, Crum welcomes the opportunity to introduce this art form to more people. Questions about the workshop can be directed to her at [artbycrum@aol.com](mailto:artbycrum@aol.com).

With the Westshore Arts Council sponsoring the workshop, the only cost is a \$10 materials fee, payable on the day of the workshop. Please bring your scissors and glue sticks.



“Woman's Work,” a collage by Gail Crum.

Visit the Westshore Arts Council's website at [www.westshoreac.org](http://www.westshoreac.org) to register for the Collage Workshop 2. ●

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# 75th anniversary of the arts in Bay Village celebrated at Moondance



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Leonard J. Strnad II and his wife, Audra, at Moondance. Strnad was honored at the event for his longtime passion for the arts. His jewelry store, Vivid Diamonds & Design, donated a \$7,500 custom diamond 14-karat bangle for the event's raffle.



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF

Mariette Roby and Brad Thompson dance it up to the music of Apostle Jones.



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF

Jill Hensel and Kelly Winzenread, co-chairs of the event.



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF

BAYarts executive director Nancy Heaton addresses the attendees at Moondance.



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF

Pianist Andrew Novak performed in a newly renovated space inside the playhouse during the event.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

An appetizer table, one of the six food stations at Moondance.



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF

With over 600 guests, there were many photo opportunities throughout the BAYarts campus.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

And 20 feet of desserts!



PHOTO BY RYAN DENTSCHIEFF

Guests socialize and watch artists create a painting.



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Jim and Jennifer Crane listen to the smooth vocals of Hayden Grove in the lounge area at Moondance.



# Westlake Porter Public Library’s upcoming events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library’s late September 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

Thursday, Sept. 21 (11 a.m.-noon) **Fundraising for Your Nonprofit** – Are you new to nonprofits or just want to brush up on your fundraising skills? Join David Holmes of Candid for a series of informative workshops on the grant seeking process. Please register.

Thursday, Sept. 21 (6-8:30 p.m.) **Heartsaver CPR/AED** – Get certified for adult, child and infant CPR and AED. Class led by certified instructors from UH St. John Medical Center. To register please visit westlakelibrary.org or uhems.org/event-search.

Friday, Sept. 22 (4-4:30 p.m.) **Read it, Make it @ the Library** – Make a craft based on a story, read aloud. For children in PreK-grade 1, siblings welcome. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 23 (1-2 p.m.) **Poké-**

**mon 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.

Saturday, Sept. 23 (1-3 p.m.) **Jazz Up Your Accessory** – Learn from an artist how to jazz up your hat, handbag, shoes, or tote. Bring your own accessory and we will help you jazz it up. All materials included except the item you bring to decorate. Please register.

Sunday, Sept. 24 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? Then bring your ideas and imagination to Brick Builders! Bricks provided. Room capacity is limited; first come, first served. Ages 5-12.

Sunday, Sept. 24 (2-4 p.m.) **Anime Club** – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otaku and newbies welcome! Grades 7-adult.

Monday, Sept. 25 (3-5 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, Sept. 25 (7-8 p.m.) **Discover the Business and Finance Tools Available at WPPL** – Discover the business and finance tools available

at Porter Library and how to use them. Please register.

Monday, Sept. 25 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Alternatives to TV** – Frustrated with cable? Let us help you sort through the alternatives available. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 (7-8 p.m.) **College Prep Series #1: Personal Statement Essay (Virtual)** – Learn tips and tricks for College Prep success with the first in a series of programs. This session will focus on the dos and don’ts of writing an engaging personal statement. Please register. Program presented Via Zoom.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 (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 Sept. 20.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 (8-9 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Amor Towles** – Tune in as we chat online with New York Times bestselling author Amor Towles about his incredible body of work, including “The Lincoln Highway.” Please register.

Thursday, Sept. 28 (10-11:30 a.m.) **iPhone & iPad User Group** – Do you

own an iPhone or iPad? Bring it with your questions (or tips!) to this guided user group. Registration begins Sept. 21.

Thursday, Sept. 28 (4-5 p.m.) **Roblox Arcade (Virtual)** – Join us in the Roblox Arcade! We have private servers set up for tweens in grades 4-6 to enjoy some of the most popular games.

Thursday, Sept. 28 (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. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, Sept. 29 (3:30-5 p.m.) **I Can Cook!** – Learn basic cooking skills with simple recipes for kids with disabilities and their typical peers. If you have an allergy or dietary concern, contact the Youth Desk at 440-250-5471. Ages 3-7. Registration begins Sept. 22.

Saturday, Sept. 30 (2:30-3:30 p.m.) **Fall Earring Craft** – In this crafting session we’ll be making handmade jewelry. For teens in grades 7-12. Registration begins Sept. 23 and is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome.

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

## CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# Porter’s local history librarian to discuss genealogical resources at Sept. 20 meeting

by JAYNE BROESTL

Originally from Pennsylvania, but now a resident of South Euclid, Chad Statler has been the Local History Librarian at Westlake Porter Public Library for over five years now. He earned his MLIS from Kent State in 2014 and also has a MA in history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Chad grew up being dragged by his mother from tiny cemetery to tiny cemetery on Sunday afternoons, looking for those missing connections to the past (sometimes successfully, usually ... not so much).

Chad has spoken at the library to various groups about how to spot disinformation, and also at the Westlake Historical Society, about the Howell &

Thomas homes of Cleveland Heights.

Now, he will inform local Cuyahoga West Chapter members and guests about genealogical resources, other than Ancestry.com, that the Westlake Porter Public Library offers to people researching their family history. Surprisingly, there is quite a number of resources. Some of these may be familiar to you, while others may not.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 27333 Center Ridge Road. If you care to come earlier, a genealogical help session will be offered to from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Bring your pedigree and family group sheets, so that Cuyahoga West member volunteers can quickly suggest steps to help you complete your goals.

Both the program and help session are open to the public. ●

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Unicorns for your devices

by TAK SATO

“Kamen Rider” was the superhero that I grew up watching in Japan, akin to “G.I. Joe” for American boys. Just like “Barbie” dolls, there’s “Licca-chan” dolls for Japanese girls. Unicorns are another such example for girls the world over. Growing up in Japan and living my adult life in CLE, it’s rewarding to have been exposed to multiple cultures as I appreciate both the similarities and differences that lead to each culture’s uniqueness.

The unicorns for your devices are not in the “fantasy world”; they are in the digital world, representative of the definition of “something unusual, rare, or unique” per Merriam Webster’s website. It’s rare to find unicorn apps, among the millions of apps in Apple’s App Store or Google’s Play Store, that are free to install on my smartphone/tablet, without advertisements, and provide entertainment, educational, or other “values” to the user.

Finding such unicorn software

applications for personal computers (PC) is easier but remember that PCs have also been around longer than smartphones/tablets. However, if I venture out to other resources, aka “repositories” in geek parlance, for Android unicorn apps, it becomes rather trivial. This requires supporting knowledge as to the pro’s and con’s thus I hope to write about these in future columns. For now, the unicorns I list below are from Apple’s App Store and Google’s Play Store for their respective ecosystems.


Even before smartphones/tablets became ubiquitous, Solitaire card games were quite popular on personal computers providing entertainment value. Thus it makes sense that there are many – probably hundreds although I’ve never counted – solitaire card game apps. For Android smartphones/tablets, search for “Classic Solitaire Klondike” and make sure the developer listed is “PotatoJam” (Play Store). For iPhones/iPads, search for the same name but the developer should be listed as “Nadzeya Roshchyna” (App Store).

The next two unicorns provide educational value. “Merlin Bird ID” by Cornell Lab of Ornithology is an app that can identify birds from the pictures you take of them or their chirpings you record.

Similar to Merlin Bird ID is “Seek” by iNaturalist, which should be a great companion for the avid bird watchers especially since the migratory season is starting. Seek is useful for identifying animals and plants. I tried Seek and it was not successful identifying my snowbird colleague though – LOL!

To round up the unicorns that exist for both iPhones/iPads and Android smartphones/tablets including Chromebooks that I personally use frequently, is “PhotoScan” by Google Photos which I wrote about in March of this year. You can find that column on the Observer website at wbvobserver.com/read/columns/the-digital-world.

A few other unicorns providing entertainment value for Android smartphones/tablets and Chromebooks: “OpenSudoku” by Oscar Garcia Amor, “lichess” by lichess.org mobile 1, and “OpenGemmy” by Scillarium Studio. Finally, the same Solitaire game is playable through your favorite browser on any device at potatojam.com/games/cks. ●



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# Westlake Community Run and Health & Safety Fair



Runners and walkers take off at the start of the race.



Lauren Rice brought her sons, Theo and Milo, along for the run.



Charolette Tungac hands out cups of water to walkers.



Aaron Apathy crosses the finish line first in the 5K run.



Nike Rife of Westlake brought along his cheerleading team – daughters Cameron (2) and Kara, who insisted she is 5-1/2, not 5 like her dad said.



Westlake Service Department equipment operator Randy Crago shows Elizabeth Gerber how to operate a backhoe.



All ages participated in the run and walk event.



University Hospitals' health care team members were on hand for health screenings at the Safety & Wellness Fair.

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LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

John and Maria Pellett House, 26400 Lake Road, c. 1872

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

*The 16th in a series of articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historical Society in 2025.*

John and Maria Pellett were both born in England and immigrated to the U.S. in 1853. By 1857 they were living in Cleveland and purchasing property in Dover. They purchased 58 acres in this location in 1864 and built this home in 1872.

John Pellett is listed as a “Master Machinist” in an 1874 Dover Business Directory. “Bay Village: A Way of Life” states that he farmed the Glen Park area and that his daughter taught school at the Lake Road schoolhouse. Also, that William Lewis did general blacksmithing and at some point the Lewis family occupied this home.

“Retracing Footsteps” has a wealth of information about the Pellett family. John and Maria

(and daughter Elizabeth) are buried in Lakeside Cemetery. They left this house to their daughters Elizabeth and Eva and most of the farm to their son Reuben.

The most distinctive part of the house is the curved top of the front windows which are typical of Italianate style homes in the Victorian era. Unfortunately, the replacement windows lack some of the detailing that would have embellished the originals. ●



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Women’s Fashions: 1860s-1920s

by MICHELE YAMAMOTO

In anticipation of our upcoming fashion show being held this month, we at the Bay Village Historical Society would like to share some pictures of interesting women’s fashions from the 1860s-1920s, that we have found in our collections.

You may see quite a few fashionable

dressess and accessories any Sunday at the Rose Hill Museum from 2:00-4:30 p.m., especially with our current exhibition, “Beadwork: The Beauty of Small Things.”

The pictures accompanying this article are not always on display and many are tucked away in our library and archives. More photos can be found on our Glimpse of the Past page at [www.bayhistorical.com](http://www.bayhistorical.com). ●



**1860s:** A fashion fold-out from the 1863 Godey’s Lady’s book, part of the Rose Hill Museum library collection.



**1870s:** The Cahoon sisters, left to right: Lydia (b. 1835, d. 1917), Laura (b. 1841, d. 1917), Martha (b. 1844, d. 1903) and Ida (b. 1852, d. 1917). The photograph is undated but we can guess at the time period, in part, by the dress of the four sisters. The abundance of ruffles and trim on both the skirts and bodices, the bustles and the cascade of hair curls seem to indicate this photo was taken sometime in the early- to mid-1870s.



**1880s:** Effie Cahoon Ellis (b.1861, d.1888). This portrait photograph was most likely taken on her wedding day in 1883.



**1890s:** Puffed sleeves were all the rage in the mid-1890s, the time period when we believe this picture was taken of Annabelle Aldrich Terry (b. 1873, d. 1950).



**1900s:** Mabel Peters (b. 1884) is wearing the “S-bend” style dress, popular in the early 1900s.



**1920s:** Martha Bassett Beaucock (born Aldrich) (b.1865, d.1957). With her cloche hat, Mary Jane shoes and drop waist dress, Martha screams the 1920s.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group’s free community events online at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

**Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.**  
**BAY VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES NIGHT**

The League of Women Voters is hosting a Face2Face event with the candidates for Bay Village City Council. Residents are invited to participate in a Q&A with David Tadych and Dave Long from Ward 1, and David Florez and Daniel Rettig from Ward 4.  
*Bay Middle School library, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

**Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:45-8:30 p.m.**  
**CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OGS**

Besides Ancestry.com what other resources can Porter Library offer people researching their family history? The answer surprisingly can be quite a bit. Join Local History Librarian, Chad Statler, as he describes and shows some of the different items available to the public to assist in their hunt for elusive ancestors. Some of these sources may be familiar to you, while others may not be.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m.**  
**BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM**

Ed Neal, executive director of the Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boaters Society, will present “The Lake Erie World of Henry Wischmeyer.” The main dish will be provided by the historical society, attendees with last names beginning with A-J should bring an appetizer or dessert for 10 to share, and those with last names K-Z should bring a side dish. ALL attendees should bring their own place setting & beverage (alcohol is permitted). \$10 charge at the door for non historical society members. RSVP by calling 440-537-1581.  
*Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd.*

**Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**WESTLAKE SHREDDING DAY**

Shredding trucks will be available for free, quick and easy destruction and disposal of documents for shredding while you watch. Each household may bring material equivalent to the capacity of two standard

size copy paper boxes (10” x 18” x 9”). For Westlake residents only.  
*Lee Burneson Middle School, 2260 Dover Center Rd.*

**Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.**  
**PLANT SWAP**

Bring your extra plants, seeds, or cuttings and exchange each one for something new. Participants can take one new plant for each plant they bring. Please label your plants with any information you can (labels will be provided at the event). Any unpotted plants must be enclosed in a secure container. Registration is required at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org).  
*Bay Village Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.*

**Saturday, Sept. 23, 3:30-5 p.m.**  
**THE EXPLOSIVE CHILD BOOK CLUB**

Dr. Ross W. Greene’s ground-breaking book, “The Explosive Child,” has become a model for helping families to overcome their child’s challenging behavior. Join Karla Fitch, MSW, for this four-week,

peer-led book club that begins with an in-person session and then meets virtually to explore the book together. Each week, families will discuss different sections of the book and support each other as they learn to use collaborative and proactive problem-solving with their children. Register at [www.connectingforkids.org/event-5371611](http://www.connectingforkids.org/event-5371611).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 2-4 p.m.**  
**BAY VILLAGE CITIZEN/PROJECT OF THE YEAR CEREMONY**

The community is invited to celebrate Sherri Reilly, the 2023 Bay Village Citizen of the Year, and the Bay High Centennial, the 2023 Project of the Year. Mayor Paul Koomar will present proclamations and light snacks will be served.  
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