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## Westlake Elementary School spirit shines



Students run in Westlake Elementary School PTA's inaugural Fun Run.

by DIANE METZGER

Westlake Elementary School students and families hit the pavement at the school for the WES PTA's inaugural Fun Run on Sept. 28 and 29. The event raised \$48,880, with proceeds supporting an entire year of WES PTA activities including literacy programs, staff grants, STEM

Fest, and Field Day.

"There was such a strong sense of community and collaboration driving the Fun Run," said WES PTA President Sarah Hughes. "Everybody had the same goal of making it fun and memorable for the students: our Westlake Police Department School Resource Officers out there flying a drone, our high school volunteers showing Westlake pride and

our wonderful parent volunteers."

More than 170 WES parents and guardians volunteered at the Fun Run, acting as course monitors, working a water station and cheering on students. In a display of Westlake school spirit, students ran through the inflatable helmet the Westlake High School football team uses to enter the field during home games. ▶ See FUN RUN, page 2

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BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## New boat is launched at Huntington Beach

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

A new boat that took 70 years to come to life is joining the downtown Cleveland waterfront. Launched Sept. 27 at Huntington Beach, "Little Henry" will help to keep a problematic North Coast Harbor channel behind the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame free of debris.

"Little Henry" is built from plans drawn in 1953 by Henry Wischmeyer, a Bay Village amateur boat designer. A body of Mr. Wischmeyer's work resides in a collection at the Bay Village Historical Society. It is there that Ed Neal, Executive Director of the Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boating Society (CABBS) discovered Wischmeyer's plans for a 10-foot utility boat that could address the unique clean-up issues at North Coast Harbor.

The idea to build a small harbor clean-up boat originated with Quinton Oliver and Jesus Sierra, students in the CABBS after-school boat-building club at the Cleveland Public School's Davis Aerospace & Maritime High School downtown. The two worked part-time at the North Coast Harbor marina and had first-hand experience trying to keep the problematic channel free of trapped debris.

Encouraged by Cathy Flament, President of the Bay Village Historical Society, CABBS applied for and won a project grant from the John Gardner Fund of the Traditional Small Craft Association in Mystic, Connecticut.

▶ See NEW BOAT, page 4

## Trunk-or-Treat and more at Bay United Methodist

by JENNIE SEBRASKY

Bay United Methodist Church invites the community to their annual Family Fun Fest on Sunday, Oct. 22. The festivities take place

after worship service, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on the church grounds. Kids and grown-ups alike will enjoy trunk-or-treat, a magic show, a bounce house, a straw maze and other games. As a bonus, hotdogs off the grill will be available during the festivities.

The parking lot will be full of vehicles decorated for Halloween and laden with candy. Trunk or Treat participants are members of the church who will be dressed in costume and will offer treats to little ones.

▶ See TRUNK-OR-TREAT, page 2



The Family Fun Fest features a Pumpkin Patch fundraiser Bay United Methodist's youth ministry.

## 1914 Woman suffrage amendment poster

by MICHELE YAMAMOTO

At the Bay Village Historical Society, we made an unexpected discovery while archiving the college diploma of Elizabeth Hughes Cahoon. The backing used inside the frame for Elizabeth's diploma was from the women's suffrage movement in the early 1900s. The poster reads "Vote for Woman Suffrage Amendment 3 on Nov. 3."

A look into Amendment 3 led us to discover this political campaign poster was referring to an attempt in 1914 to initiate an Ohio state constitutional amendment to provide women the right to vote. Suffragists up to this point had been trying to pass state initiatives such as this one to compel the United States Congress to submit a federal amendment. Fifteen other states managed to pass suf-



A "Vote for Woman Suffrage Amendment 3" political poster from 1914. A portion of the bottom was cut to fit into a frame as backing.

frage ballot measures.

The amendment cited on the poster was the second attempt to extend the suffrage to women in the state of Ohio. The first attempt on Sept. 9, 1912, failed.

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## FUN RUN

from front page

The Westlake Demon mascot and Westlake High School cheerleaders also made appearances.

“It was incredible to be a part of this event from start to finish,” said Westlake parent and event co-chair Reagan DeLuca. “Our community sponsors and our school administration supported us 100 percent.”

This year’s Fun Run marks the first time that WES PTA’s largest fundraiser was organized entirely by PTA volunteers, after several years of hiring an event company. More than 1,200 students participated in the event. A committee of six Westlake parents spent months coordinating logistics and communications.

“I was so excited to be on the team of volunteers for the Fun Run,” said committee member Elyse Moore. “To help plan the kids’ prizes, coordinate the preschool dance party, and dress up in funny costumes during the month of September; it was all worth it to see the smiles on the kids’ faces. The event was such a success, and I am already excited for next year.”

Fundraising was optional but many families chose to do so. The top fundraisers in each grade were Colin Garvey, Lexi Lorello, Carson Chang, Natalie C. (who was also the top fundraiser in the school, raising \$1,325), Cash Moore and Marcus Hughes.

“Our PTA, our families, and our community are amazing!” said Greg Plantner, Head Principal of Westlake Elementary School. “The time and generosity shown by everyone involved truly highlights our ‘school team’ approach, and we are grateful to have so many invested partners who support our students. The entire school had a great time at these events, and we are looking forward to even more PTA-sponsored activities for students and staff throughout the year thanks to so many generous donations.”

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Check out your health at Porter Library’s 2023 health fair

by ELAINE WILLIS

Learn more about taking care of your health and that of your loved ones at Westlake Porter Public Library’s annual health fair on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1-4 p.m. The fair will include health screenings, health programs, information from various health groups, and a prize drawing.

“Chair Yoga” will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Certified yoga instructor Jen Nebraska will guide participants in this gentle form of yoga done while sitting. Though seated, it still offers the benefits of yoga. From 2:30-3:30 p.m., Matt Gesicki from the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will lead a discussion about “Understanding Mental Illness.” Registration is required for both programs – please visit westlakelibrary.org/events for additional information.

Available health screenings will include vision screenings, hearing screenings, balance screenings, and blood pressure & stroke risk assessments. All screenings will be done on a drop-in basis – no registration necessary. In addition to the screenings several area health-related

organizations will be on hand to meet and talk with attendees. Organizations committed at print time include:

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- Western & Southern Life

In addition to the program, screenings and health organizations, attendees will also have an opportunity to register to win a Fitbit Activity Tracker.

For updated health fair information please visit the library’s website or follow the library on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) or Instagram.

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

from front page

Children are invited to wear their costumes as they make their way from trunk to trunk from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m, a magic show unfolds in the Sanctuary. Dr. Kenneth Ladd performs “Magic with a Message” for young and old alike. Dr. Ladd, a retired United Methodist minister, has a Master of Divinity from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, and a Dr. in Magic from the Academy of Magic in New York City.

The magic show will feature large stage illusions, as well as smaller close-up

illusions, with audience participation a big part of the performance.

Those who join the activities can also buy pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch, a fundraiser for Bay United Methodist’s youth ministry, the Appalachia Service Project. Each summer, participants of the Appalachia Service Project send youth from the church and the community to areas of Appalachia to help build safer, warmer, and drier homes for those in need.

Bring your family on Oct. 22 to Bay United Methodist Church at 29931 Lake Road for a family-friendly outdoor event after the 10 a.m. worship service. Visit bayumc.org for more information.



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# Bay High School has 4 students recognized in 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

Bay Village City School District is proud to announce that four students have been recognized in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships.

James Kelly and Faith Teutschbein have been named Semifinalists, and Owen Appenheimer and Ewan Moss are recognized as Commended students. All are seniors at Bay High School.

These students were identified based on their 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores.

**National Merit Semi-Finalists:**

**James Kelly**

At Bay High School, James serves on Student Council, is a member of the Bay High Band Drumline and a member of National Honor Society. Outside of school, James is on the Bay Village Sailing Team and the Edgewater Yacht Club Race Team, and he works at Arrabiata's Italian Restaurant in Bay Village. His favorite subjects are Math and History. James is currently undecided on his future career goals, but he is leaning toward a degree in Computer Science. He would like to attend Duke University, Purdue University, Georgetown University or The Ohio State University. James is the son of Pat-

rick and Deborah Kelly.

**Faith Teutschbein**

Faith is involved in Pit Orchestra, Key Club and Student Government at Bay High School. She is also Treasurer of National Honor Society and a Marching Band Squad Leader. Her favorite subject at Bay High School is History. Outside of school, Faith works at Dairy Queen, and enjoys reading, getting coffee and creative writing. She plans on studying Psychology before pursuing a law degree, and hopes to attend the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, University of Pittsburgh or University of Rochester. Faith is the daughter of Christine and Kirk Teutschbein.

**Commended Students:**

**Owen Appenheimer**

Owen enjoys volunteering at the Bay Library and is the youngest member of the "Friends of the Library." He is part of the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony and participated in Buckeye Boys State this past summer, where he was elected mayor of one of the cities. His interests include movies, physics, nature, all types of music and running. At Bay High School, Owen is a member of Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Pit Orchestra and National Honors Society. He is also Field Commander of the Bay High Rocket Marching Band. He loves every subject at Bay High School, but favorites include AP Calculus, AP U.S. History, AP Literature and AP Physics.

At this time, Owen is interested in becoming a researcher or professor at a university in an area such as math or physics. He says he wants to go "to the best college that'll take me." Owen is the son of Ray and Margaret Appenheimer.

**Ewan Moss**

Ewan enjoys playing music with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. During the off season of Bay High School Soccer, he plays with the White Caps Soccer Club. He also volunteers at the Village Project and referees youth soccer for Bay Village Recreation. At Bay High School, Ewan is a Section Leader for Bay High School's Marching Band, Principal Chair of Chamber Winds, a Leadership Team member of Model United Nations, Treasurer of Key Club, Treasurer of Thespians and President of the Robotics/Science Club. He is also a member of Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, National Honor Society and Varsity Soccer. His favorite subject at Bay High School is Chemistry. Future aspirations for Ewan include going to college to study Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Business or Filmmaking. He says his dream school would be Cornell University or Duke University. Ewan is the son of Fraser Moss and Jennifer Montgomery.

Of the 1.5 million students who took the 2022 PSAT/NMSQT, only 16,000 earn



James Kelly



Faith Teutschbein



Owen Appenheimer



Ewan Moss

Semifinalist status, putting Bay High School's James Kelly and Faith Teutschbein in the top 1% of students nationwide. They must submit an application to be named a finalist and continue on in the National Merit Scholarship competition. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, and more than half of those finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

"We are so proud of these four students and all that they have accomplished during their years at Bay High," said Bay High School Principal Jason Martin.

"What an amazing honor for these four young people," said Bay Village City School District Superintendent Scot Prebles. "They are not only leaders in our classrooms, but on the fields and within our community, as well. We are proud of each honoree." ●

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# NEW BOAT

from front page

Boat construction started in March.

A team of CABBS members working four to six at a time regularly met on Wednesday evenings to construct the boat frame from Ohio white oak and southern yellow pine. They planked it with Philippine mahogany marine plywood and sheathed the hull exterior with 6-ounce fiberglass cloth set

in epoxy.

While painting the boat in early September they learned that Henry's 151st birthday would be Sept. 27 and targeted that date for the launch.

Approximately 40 people participated in the launch ceremony on the beach. The rough lake and breaking waves kept the first row to a minimum but all indications are that "Little Henry" took to the water admirably, rowed beautifully, and will be a very capable little craft for its clean-up duties. ●



The building team, from left: Bill Donoho, Ed Neal, Cindy Verbiak, Steve Frye, Dave Weglicki. Not pictured are Tom Baugher, Paul Jira and John Mikolich.

# THE GREEN REPORT

## Time for fall leaf clean-up

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Autumn in Northeast Ohio means dealing with the leaves. We should all feel very lucky to have so many leaves to deal with, as that means we have big, beautiful trees that not only aid the health of us, wildlife and the planet, but greatly adds to our property values.

Tree-lined streets are beautiful and desirable. Neighborhoods without large, overstory trees feel so ... exposed and uninviting, at least in my opinion. But all of our large trees means work in the fall ... and again, this is not a bad thing! Yard work is great exercise, gets us outside and breathing in the fresh, autumn air.

So, what is the best, most environmentally friendly way to deal with leaves? Use your (hopefully electric) mower and mulch them! I have been reading more and more articles talking about the benefits of doing this. This method gets you out of raking – yay!

A study by Michigan State University found that mulching leaves onto the lawn is 100% beneficial. The leaves will break down and be decomposed by earthworms, leaving organic matter that will be used as fertilizer by your grass. There are no negative effects to mulching leaves on your lawn – it will have a negligible or beneficial effect.

The one thing to look out for

is for the leaf mulch to not be so thick it covers your grass; the grass must still be vertical and visible. If you have too many leaves to mulch into your yard, you can use some in your flower beds, garden, or compost pile.

Why do these things? Well, lawn health is one good reason – it is at best good for your lawn or at worst does nothing. Secondly, when we create self-sustaining yards (meaning waste is not being created for outside disposal) it is a much better system.

In Bay Village and Westlake, when leaves are raked to the tree lawn and then sucked up by the leaf truck, they are being composted so this is not a horrible option. But please refrain from bagging your leaves and yard waste. Bagged yard waste in Bay Village goes to the landfill like all other trash; it is not composted as was done in the past. It is very unfortunate because yard waste should never be disposed of in a landfill.

Creating a self-sustaining lawn is the best option! If we were all able to accomplish this, then we would not need the big leaf trucks driving around, sucking up leaves, burning gas and emitting carbon dioxide. This service is one we all pay for, and one day maybe we won't need to. To help your home become self-sustaining, start by mulching your leaves into your lawn! ●

# SUFFRAGE

from front page

The Nov. 3, 1914, attempt also failed, with 60% of the male-only voters voting against it, about 3% more than in 1912.

Elizabeth (b. 1830, d. 1914) joined the Cahoon family when she married Thomas Havenner Cahoon (b. 1832, d. 1907) in 1860. Thomas was the son of Joel and Martha Cahoon, the second-generation homeowners of Rose Hill. Before marriage, Elizabeth graduated

from Wesleyan Female College in Cincinnati in 1852 with a degree of Mistress of English Literature. This was no ordinary feat in the 1800s, a time during which most American women were discouraged from attending institutions of higher learning.

Knowing her background, it makes one wonder if she supported the 1914 measure or maybe even campaigned for it. Elizabeth attended college during the very early years of the suffrage movement, which appears to have had a strong presence in Ohio.

In a college journal entry from Jan. 11, 1851, Elizabeth wrote that she attended a meeting at a public lecture hall during which she "heard much of woman's wrongs and rights." Interestingly, in May of that year, there was an Ohio Woman's Rights Convention held in Akron, during which abolitionist and women's rights activist, Sojourner Truth, spoke.

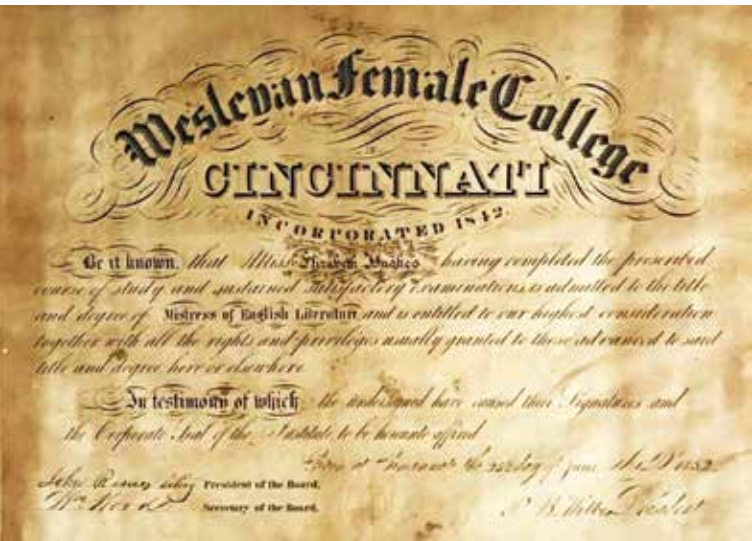
Elizabeth Hughes Cahoon died on Oct. 4, 1914, one month before the outcome of the November vote. She is buried in the Bay Village Lakeside Cemetery.

Almost six years later, on Aug. 26, 1920, the ratification of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was certified. It prohibits government from denying or abridging the right to vote on account of sex.

The Bay Village Historical Society's Rose Hill Museum is open from 2:00-4:30 p.m. every Sunday, April through December (excluding holiday weekends). Admission is free. You may also visit our website [www.bayhistorical.com](http://www.bayhistorical.com) or contact us by phone at 216-319-4634 and email: [info@bayhistorical.com](mailto:info@bayhistorical.com). ●



Portrait of a young Elizabeth Hughes Cahoon



Elizabeth Hughes's college diploma from Wesleyan Female College with a degree of Mistress of English Literature, June 25, 1852.



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SPORTING VIEWS

# The Haslamic state (of confusion)

by JEFF BING

I must admit to becoming a bit more confused with each passing year at the lack of outrage from the fan base of the Cleveland Browns. I mean, one would think the “honeymoon” phase of the Jimmy and Dee Haslam ownership – now in its *second* decade – should be over, right?

I mean, the criteria for being a “loyal” fan does *not* include blind stupidity, does it?

Just for grins, I sometimes entertain myself by visiting Browns Backer sites (easily found on most social media outlets). Check them out sometime; you’ll get a kick out of them. I mean it.

It’s always humorous to see the reactions – not to mention the potpourri of juicy expletives that will accompany any post that criticizes the Browns organization – but the lengths people go to condemn one who has the audacity to cause a rift on the Good Ship Jimmy Dee.

Typically, you will be told to take your bleeping comments elsewhere, because,

you see, if you’re not *with* us, you’re *against* us. I’m paraphrasing, but the message is generally so crystal clear that there is no other logical translation.

So why is it that – as loyal football fans (and, surprise, surprise, I count myself as a member of that group) – the general fan base cringes at the mere suggestion that the team, well, *stinks*?

For years, I held the suspicion that many fans subconsciously feared that *any* form of negativity directed at the football team – be it *factual* negativity or not – reinforced the possibility that the city might once again lose its football team.

Perhaps there was some truth to that early on, but the “old” Browns said adios more than a generation ago. A significant portion of folks that witnessed the departure of the “old” Browns on Art Modell’s midnight train to Baltimore back at the end of the 1995 season are no longer walking the earth with us, so those who may have harbored the “They’ll take our team again” mentality are shrinking (rapidly) in numbers, so that can’t be it.

For more than a quarter of a century,

we’ve had some of the worst football imaginable, a stretch of ineptitude unparalleled in the NFL – especially since the implementation of the draft, intended to be the “great equalizer” – (unless, of course, you trade *away* that possibility).

So tell me, fans, why it is so difficult to challenge a football team’s ownership that has shown time and again it hasn’t a clue as to the proper way to build a successful franchise? I need to know.

It’s funny, too, because the fan base here was brutal with Art Modell *before* he moved the team, and Modell’s “bad” teams are still far superior to Haslam’s “good” (and we all know I use that term loosely) teams.

And perhaps that’s the very reason the fans cut Jimmy the degree of slack that Art never received: Fans held Modell to a much higher standard since he owned the last Browns championship team in 1964. He was always measured against that success.

After a quarter century of mostly “nowhere to go but up” Cleveland Browns football, its fans have forgotten how to demand more than mediocrity. ●



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# Voting assistance offered by League of Women Voters

by JANICE PATTERSON

Members of the Westlake/North Olmsted Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland (LWVGC) are busily providing Westlake voters with information about the Nov. 7 General Election by staffing an information table each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, through Nov. 1, at Westlake Community Services, 28975 Hilliard Blvd.

In addition, the chapter has provided recordings for the video library of 2023 election-related programs throughout Cuyahoga County that is available at [www.youtube.com/@lwvgreatercleveland](http://www.youtube.com/@lwvgreatercleveland). This includes a one-hour video introduction to the three candidates for Rocky River Municipal Court Judge ([bit.ly/LWV-judgeforum](http://bit.ly/LWV-judgeforum)) and the chapter’s forum for the North Olmsted Council member-at-large candidates.

The LWV of Ohio’s September webinar titled “Facts First: Countering Misinformation about Issue 1” is also now available for public viewing on YouTube, [www.lwvohio.org/factsonnovembrisue1](http://www.lwvohio.org/factsonnovembrisue1).

On Oct. 11, the League’s national [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) website opened with its voter-address-specific links to candidates and reminders about how to be prepared to vote in person or by mail ballot.

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Opera comes to Westlake

by JEAN SMITH

The Westshore communities will receive an early holiday gift when The Westshore Arts Council brings the FYI Opera program to Westlake Porter Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. Stephanie Havey, Oberlin Opera Theater director, said the four accomplished students will perform various pieces from their upcoming opera season.

Peter Juengst, tenor, is a fifth-year student studying under Salvatore Champagne. His past opera roles include Einsenstein in “Die Fledermaus,” Michael in “Emperor Norton,” and Maximillian in last year’s “Candide.” Peter has also performed scenes from “Die Zauberflöte,” “Carmen,” “The Rake’s Progress,” and “The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs,” among others. Peter has appeared as a featured soloist performing Bach Cantatas with Oberlin Baroque Orchestra.

Graham Lin, baritone, has performed as Martino in “L’occasione fa il ladro” as well as a Townsperson in Handel’s “Acis and Galatea.” He was the bass soloist for Ariel Ramírez’s “Missa Criolla” with Musical Union at Oberlin

as well as participated in the Carnegie Hall performance of Nathaniel Dett’s “Ordering of Moses.” Graham is a current fourth year at Oberlin Conservatory and studies under Dr. Katherine Jolly.

Kayleigh Tolley, mezzo soprano, is a voice student of Dr. Katherine Jolly. During her time at Oberlin, Kayleigh has performed as Fidalma in “Il matrimonio segreto” and Zandra in the world premiere of Melissa Dunphy’s “Alice Tierney,” premiered both on campus and with Opera Columbus. She has performed as a concert soloist with Oberlin Contemporary Ensemble and has been a featured artist in concerts around Maine.

Jordan Twadell, soprano, is completing her fourth year at Oberlin Conservatory. During her time at Oberlin, Jordan has performed the role of Quinn in the world premiere of Melissa Dunphy’s “Alice Tierney,” Catherine in “Le Mariages aux Lanternes” by Jaques Offenbach, and in the chorus of Handel’s “Acis and Galatea.” Jordan made her professional debut last spring with Opera Columbus, performing “Alice Tierney.” Jordan studies voice with Salvatore Champagne. ●



Peter Juengst



Graham Lin



Kayleigh Tolley



Jordan Twadell

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Thyroid: When to worry

by DIANA PI, M.D.

I get this question often: “I’ve been gaining weight, feeling sluggish. Do I have a thyroid problem? My aunt has it.”

Or if you’re in the habit of consulting Dr. Google, I bet the word “thyroid” pops up lots. What’s the chance?

First, about thyroid. It’s a tiny organ at the base of our neck. It looks like a moth and weighs about 1 tablespoon of butter.

Despite its size, it is a powerful regulator of metabolism, that is, how our body burns energy. Like a general contractor, the thyroid gland oversees most of our body functions.

It produces one hormone. But when it goes wrong, anything can go wrong.

For example, its overproduction –

hyperthyroidism – produces symptoms of high metabolism: weight loss, heat intolerance, palpitation, anxiety, loose bowels, tremor, the “eye-popping stare” that Barbara Bush suffered from, etc.

Its underproduction – hypothyroidism – produces fatigue, weight gain, depression, constipation, muscles weakness, hair loss, puffy face, etc. Because these symptoms are common and non-specific, most of us can tick off at least one from the list. It’s hard to confirm thyroid disease based on symptoms alone.

On the other hand, thyroid production-related (not cancer) disorders are easily diagnosed by blood tests. Thyroid-stimulating Hormone or TSH (\$25 to \$80) is an excellent first test. If anything, it’s too sensitive and often picks up benign conditions.

And if the thyroid size is screwy, a

thyroid ultrasound is an easy and reliable start (\$300 to \$1,600).

But just how likely is our weight fluctuation related to thyroid problems? Globally, thyroid problems are common because of iodine deficiency. An early sign is goiter, where the moth-size thyroid can grow to melon-size. But in the U.S., we have iodized salt, iodine-rich seafood and dairy products. I’ve only seen goiters in immigrants from developing countries.

Our thyroid disorders are likely autoimmune diseases; that is, our immune system is harming our own body. The prevalence of hyperthyroidism in the U.S. is 1 in 100 people; overt hypothyroidism is 1 in 300.

My approach: If I have any doubt, I order a TSH.

Historically, the thyroid taught us important medical lessons.

In the first half of the 20th century, doctors got creative and started to use thyroid hormones to help healthy people lose weight. But the side effects of induced hyperthyroidism could be downright dangerous.

On the other hand, using iodized salt to reduce hypothyroidism is one of the great public health success stories. Our thyroid gland needs iodine to make hormone. Iodine exists mostly in the water and soil of coastal regions. Prior to 1920, the Great Lakes region was part of the “goiter belt,” where 22% to 70% of children had goiters.

In 1905, a young Dr. David Marine, arrived in Cleveland from the East Coast for his pathology residency. He was shocked to see many swollen necks around dogs, people and fish. His study led to the idea of regional dietary iodine deficiency. In 1917, his team gave iodine supplement to thousands of Akron school girls. In years, they brought the incidence of goiter from 1 in 4 girls to 1 in 500 girls. This study led to iodization of table salt.

Public health done right is nothing short of a miracle. To quote the Mandalorian, “This is the way.” ●

Westlake Kiwanis install Nan Baker as new president

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Oct. 1 brings in the new Kiwanis year and Westlake Kiwanis installed Nan Baker as their president for 2023-2024 year. Doing the installation was Tim Cornelius, former Ohio District Kiwanis Governor. Nan takes over for outgoing President Robert Clancy. Tim Cornelius also installed Vice President Jennifer Weinberg, Secretary Victor Rutkoski, Recording Secretary Norm Resko and Treasurer Maria Thomas.

Anne Cornelius, Past Kiwanis Division Governor installed other officers and board members and trustees of the Westlake Kiwanis: 2023-2024 Board of Directors Rick Grane, Hal Paul, Norm Resko, Bob Root

and Alan Hendricks; 2024-2025 Board of Directors Ray Budoi, John Lehlbach and Bruce Zyrkowski. Youth Foundation trustees are Craig Baker, Joe Anthony and Norm Resko.

Past President Robert Clancy thanked the officers, directors, trustees and club members for all their work during his term.

President Nan Baker thanked all the incoming officers, directors and trustees for their dedication and looks forward to working with them in the coming year, starting with the upcoming Westlake Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Westlake High School cafeteria. Nan is also looking to grow the Kiwanis membership to be able to continue and expand Kiwanis projects in Westlake. ●



Nan Baker, with her husband Craig, accepts the gavel from Tim Cornelius, Past Ohio District Kiwanis Governor.

PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Facts about menopause

by DR. ALEXA FIFFICK

It is well known that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. However, a lesser-known fact is that October is also World Menopause Awareness Month, as designated by the WHO in 2009.

We also celebrate World Menopause Day on Oct. 18. In this article, we'll explore the importance of menopause awareness and discuss how patients can best advocate for individualized menopause care for themselves.

Menopause, though most commonly a natural event in every woman's life, should she live long enough to experience it, can be associated with significant and burdensome symptoms. While some of these symptoms are well known, such as hot flashes and mood changes, menopause is also associated with multiple other symptoms and conditions.

Thus, the goal of good menopause care extends beyond just management of these symptoms. Thorough menopausal care includes regular health screenings and treatment, also, for conditions that have increased prevalence in post-menopause, such as osteoporosis, breast cancer, and cardiovascular disease.

A common misconception is that the leading cause of death in women is breast cancer. However, to this day, the primary cause of death in women remains cardiovascular disease. This is particularly important to know because the Vasomotor Symptoms (also known as hot flashes and night sweats) of the

menopause transition are associated with an adverse cardiovascular disease risk profile.

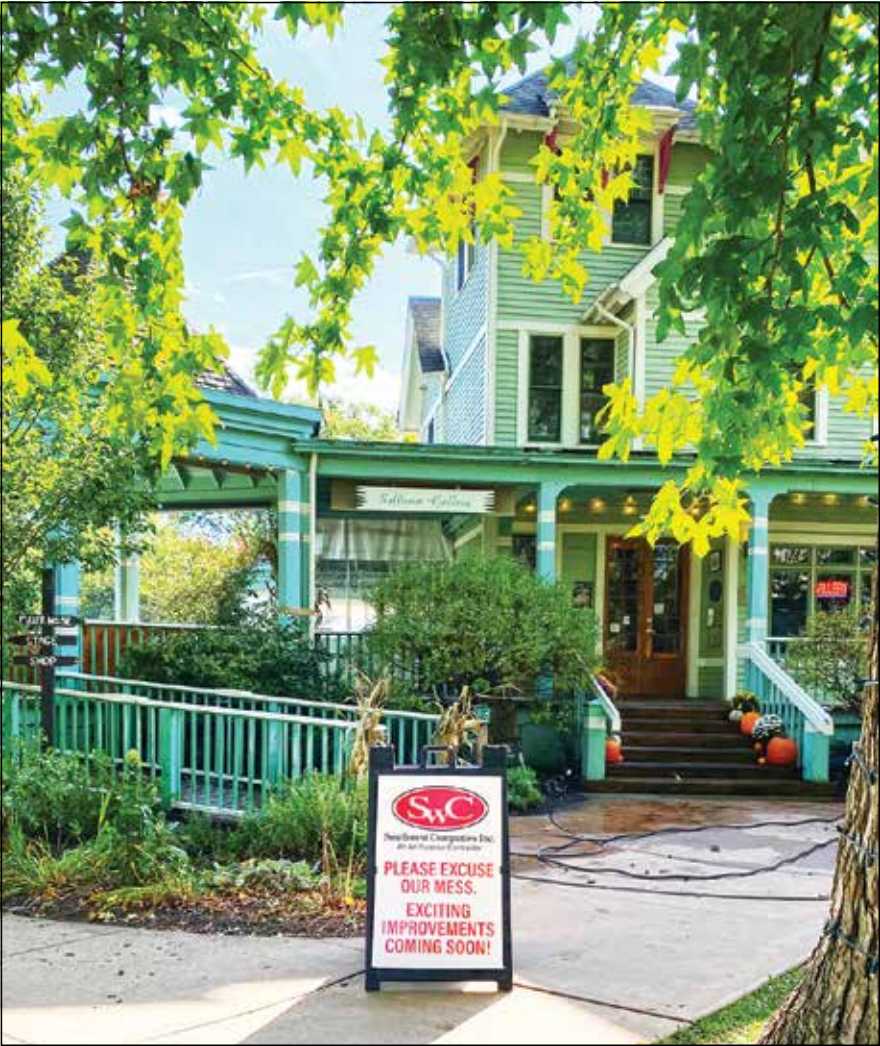
Additionally, the menopause transition is associated with adverse changes in body fat deposition, lipid levels, insulin resistance, hypertension, and vascular remodeling; all of which collectively worsen a woman's risk of cardiovascular disease in later life.

It is important to note that women who undergo premature natural or surgical menopause are at an even further increased risk of cardiovascular disease, when compared to women who undergo natural menopause at an average age. The risk of this is highest in women that have their ovaries removed prematurely that do not receive estrogen replacement therapy.

With all this knowledge about menopause and the risks associated with it, how exactly does one find a menopause-informed clinician that will personalize your menopause care? The Menopause Society, formerly known as the North American Menopause Society, certifies clinicians to be Menopause Society Certified Providers, or MSCP. The Menopause Society website, Menopause.org, has a page where you can search MSCP's by zip code and find a clinician close to you.

Furthermore, you don't need to have stopped having periods to discuss the menopause transition, as many women suffer symptoms in perimenopause. If you are having symptoms or have questions, find a Menopause Society Certified Provider near to you and schedule an appointment. ●

Big changes at BAYarts



BAYarts' Fuller House gets a facelift.

by NANCY HEATON

Things have been busy in Huntington Reservation! After years of planning, construction of BAYarts' new auditorium has begun in anticipation of opening in Spring 2024. The same week brought cheers when a fresh coat of green paint on the exterior brought the iconic building to life and tied it to the other historic buildings on the campus. The auditorium will be a multi-use flex space for all new education and community programming.

Speaking of fresh paint, have you seen the Fuller House lately? Thanks to a generous donation from Bay Village residents Michael and Abby Tomasone of Southwest Companies Inc., the exte-

rior of the over-130-year-old Victorian (which famously floated on a barge, but that's another story) is being repaired and given a long overdue facelift, just in time for holiday shopping and festivities.

Meanwhile, Cleveland Metroparks re-paved and painted all the parking lots for your safety. All in one week.

But there's more to come: BAYarts will continue its capital campaign for the next phase of the former theater renovation: adding ADA elements inside and out, improvements to the back patio, and a stunning new entrance. The staff is busy planning new programming and getting ready for BAYarts' newest tradition: Holiday Extravaganza on Nov. 18. Visit bayarts.net for info on all of these projects. ●

A reimagining of Dickens' classic at Clague Playhouse

by KIMBERLY MITSCHKE

"Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," by Tom Mula, a reimagining of Dickens' classic from a decidedly different perspective, started life as a novel that was later adapted into a radio drama and then into a one-man play.

What will appear at Clague Playhouse, however, is an expanded four-actor version of "Jacob Marley," which premiered in 2003 and has been delighting regional and community theaters across the country ever since, but that is just now having its Northeast Ohio premiere.

Jonathon Wilhelm is excited to be making his directing debut at Clague with this one-of-a-kind experience where the flashlight beam becomes a spirit from the beyond, an umbrella transforms into

the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral and the audience's imagination becomes an integral part of the production.

The script is joyous, entertaining, moving and slightly scary (there are ghosts, after all).

Our cast features Brian Altman as Jacob Marley, Andrew Keller as Record Keeper and others, Jeanne Madison as The Bogle and Anne McEvoy as Scrooge.

The show will run Nov. 3 to Dec. 3 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. There is no performance on Thanksgiving, Nov. 23.

Ticket prices are \$21 for adults, \$20 for seniors (60+), and \$13 for students (any age with a valid ID) and are available at the Clague Playhouse Box Office Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. by calling 440-331-0403 or stopping in. Tickets are also available online at bit.ly/MarleyXmasTickets. ●

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## Tri-City Park adds 15 new pickleball courts

Excitement abounds as Tri-City Park proudly unveils its latest addition: 15 brand-new pickleball courts. In a remarkable display of collaboration, the cities of Westlake, Rocky River, and Fairview Park joined forces to bring this dynamic project to life.

The park's expansion caters to both seasoned players and newcomers eager to experience the rapidly growing sport. These state-of-the-art courts stand as a

testament to the power of community cooperation and the shared passion for fostering active lifestyles.

Tri-City Park's new pickleball courts are set to become a vibrant hub of friendly competition, camaraderie, and healthy recreation for residents across the region.

Tri-City Park is located on Westwood Road, and borders the cities of Westlake, Fairview Park, and Rocky River. ●

## Historical society holds benefit fashion show

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

“Silhouettes of Style,” a luncheon and fashion show of late 1800s to early 1900s clothing styles took place recently at Lakewood Country Club to benefit the Bay Village Historical Society. Society member Marie Albano emceed the fashion show, providing details about apparel and accessories worn by each model and clothing styles of the time period. Marie Smith assisted with the preparation.

Clothing modeled

was from the private collections of Marie Albano and Barb Comienski, along with docent reproduction clothing from the Bay Village Historical Society. Models included Carrie Bussewitz, Barb Comienski, Ruth Ann Havasi, Cathy Flament and Jessica Secora.

A corresponding display of accessories was on view for guests to enjoy. A raffle, silent auction, 50/50 and mystery bags were offered and added to the festivities. Co-chairs for the sold-out event were Monica Thomas and Pamela Ebert. ●



Ruth Ann Havasi is pictured in an 1860 day dress over a hoop and an 1880s lace day hat.



Jessica Secora models an Edwardian outfit from 1905.



Carrie Bussewitz represented the flapper era by wearing a green beaded dress under a black opera coat.

## Special exhibit at the Center for Artful Living

by GAIL NORRIS

David Noss is holding a special art exhibit and sale at the Carolyn Farrell Foundation's Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Road in Westlake. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The artwork may be viewed and purchased Monday through Friday at the Center from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 31. Richard Skerl, art gallery director at the Center and artist in residence for the Founda-

tion, is curating the exhibit.

Noss has donated two pieces of art to the Farrell Foundation, which provides arts enrichment for individuals impacted by dementia. The Foundation will hold a raffle for them, \$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20. For questions, call 440-414-0434.

Noss is an abstract impressionist who paints with acrylics. He says, “As an artist, my passion is to create pictures expressionistically. My hope for this exhibition is that viewers look at my work thoughtful-



“Konzentration” by David Noss

ly and react to themselves in relation to the paintings “Noss and his wife,

Leslie, live in Northeast Ohio with their Boston terrier, Tiiki. ●

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# Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's late October 2023 calendar of events. All programs are subject to change. Please check [westlakelibrary.org](http://westlakelibrary.org) or follow the library on Facebook and Twitter (@WestlakePorter) for the latest updates.

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, Oct. 18 (2-3 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – This month's title is "The House on Vesper Sands" by Paraic O'Donnell. A limited number of books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 (2-3 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Ruth Ware** – Join us as we chat with the New York Times best-selling author of "The Woman in Cabin 10" and "The It Girl" as she discusses her new book, "Zero Days." Streamed live. Please register.

Wednesdays, Oct. 18 and 25 (4:30-6 p.m.) **Bow Wow Books** – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Sign up starts at 4 p.m. Dogs will stay for 10 minutes past the last registered reader or 1-1/2 hours, whichever comes first. Recommended for Grades K-4.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) **Ready, Set, Kindergarten!** – Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to rotate through skill stations in preparation for making the leap into Kindergarten. Early Literacy Initiative Program. Ages 3-9. Please register.

Friday, Oct. 20 (11:30 a.m.-12:15 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, Oct. 20 (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, Oct. 21 (11 a.m.-noon) **Body Rhythm** – Develop gross & fine motor skills, creative expression & thinking, social interaction, problem solving, cooperative play, rhythm, & rhyming skills by exploring sound through percussive instruments. Ages 3-9. Please register each child attending.

Saturday, Oct. 21 (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, Oct. 22 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? Then 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.

Monday, Oct. 23 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Spice It Up! Take Home Kit: Paprika** – Sign up for a kit that will contain a sample of the featured spice, a handout with background on the spice and suggested uses, and a couple of recipes! Please register.

Monday, Oct. 23 (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) **Photography Walk** – Adults with disabilities are invited to meet at Clague Park for a walk to take nature photos. The library will provide devices for participants, but you may use your own if you prefer. Please register.

Monday, Oct. 23 (2-4 p.m.) **Burlap Covered Books Fall Craft** – Embellish old books to create a soft textured stack to complement your home decor. Space is limited. Adults only. Each participant will be provided with 2 hardcover books, burlap and mod podge. Please register.

Mondays, Oct. 23 and 30 (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, Oct. 23 (5:30-6:30 p.m.) **STEAM Lab: Electrifying Frankenstein** – Learn about the invention of electricity and its uses, and the science behind one of our favorite monsters! Grades 3-4. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 (9:30-9:50 a.m.) **Stories and Signs** – Enjoy an interactive storytime while learning a few words in sign language! Ages 0-3. Siblings welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Android Smartphone and 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.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 (6-8 p.m.) **Majestic Candle Making** – Learn from a professional candle maker how to make and decorate a 3-ounce all-natural crystal candle for Halloween. No experience necessary. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 (7-8 p.m.) **College Prep Series #2: Creating a Strong Activities List (Virtual)** – Learn some tips for creating a strong activities list for your college application. Please register.

Program presented Via Zoom.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 (8-9 p.m.) **Moonlight Lantern Festival** – Experience the 4th annual Moonlight Lantern Festival on the ArtWalk. Lanterns will remain lit until dawn and will be accessible from the library building until 9 p.m. Lantern display rain date is Oct. 26.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 (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 Oct. 18.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group: Gothic Edition** – 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! This meeting will focus on Gothic poets. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 26 (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. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, Oct. 26 (7-8 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: John Irving** – Join us for an intimate conversation with John Irving as he chats about not only his most recent novel, "The Last Chairlift," but also about his prolific body of work and lifetime spent writing. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 28 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

Saturday, Oct. 28 (1-2 p.m.) **Read with a Witch** – Drop in and ask to read

with the "witch" in Youth Services. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Listen to the book "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson read by a staff member.

Saturday, Oct. 28 (2-3 p.m.) **Bring Your Own Book Club** – Bring your favorite horror-themed Young Adult book to share with the group, get a preview of new YA books in the WPPL collection and enjoy some trivia questions (with prizes). For readers in grades 7-12.

Sunday, Oct. 29 (2-4 p.m.) **Patch It, Don't Trash It!** – Bring a piece of clothing of any kind that needs to be repaired and learn basic sewing techniques to extend the wearability of your favorite clothes! Grades 1-5. Registration begins Oct. 22.

Sunday, Oct. 29 (2-4 p.m.) **Documentary Film Club** – Each meet-up we'll watch a different documentary with a discussion of the topics afterward. For the October meeting, we'll be exploring an appropriately spooky topic. Selected films will be rated up to PG-13. Program is intended for those 13 years old and up. Please contact the library for specific film titles.

Monday, Oct. 30 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Insights Into the Unknown: An Evening with Investigator Greg Feketik** – Take a trip into the world of ghosts, spirits and hauntings with speaker, author, and investigator Greg Feketik. Based on his two books, "Insights into the Unknown" and "Roads into the Unknown." Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 (4-5 p.m.) **Break-out! Zombie Laboratory** – Westlake is overrun with zombies! Work together, solve the clues, and find the cure! For grades 7-12. Registration begins Oct. 24.

To register for any of the programs, please visit [westlakelibrary.org/events](http://westlakelibrary.org/events). ●

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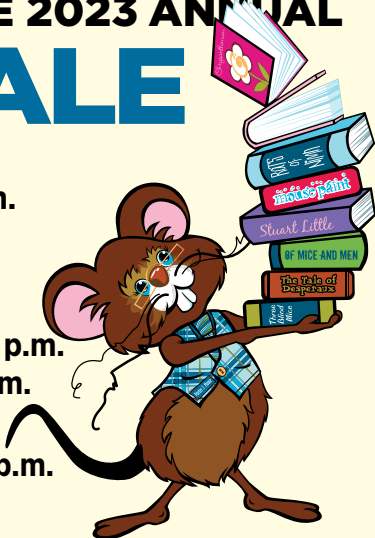
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THE DIGITAL WORLD

The ‘Share’ feature is your friend

by TAK SATO

From my experienced, old geek vantage point, smartphones/tablets with computer-rivalling processing power, at least in certain makes/models, may befit your use case better than ultrabooks – aka thin, light yet powerful laptops – due to their intuitiveness and mobility.

Further, although personal computers with new central processing unit (CPU) and/or graphical processing unit (GPU) continue to be introduced regularly, sales of personal computers have plateaued for markets worldwide for sev-

eral years, except for the business sector. I’ve been using personal computers since 1983, since my first encounter with an Apple IIe in Japan circa 1983, when I knew I wanted to study computer science in the United States.

Apple was the first one to introduce the “copy & paste” feature in 1984, which has since become a staple with all modern operating systems. Of the other countless innovations packed into smartphones and tablets, which we have the late Steve Jobs to thank for, I want to single-out the “Share” feature today.

If copy & paste minimizes typos and makes the duplication of selected text/

objects instantaneous, sharing between apps on your smartphones/tablets further reduces the steps needed to accomplish a task.

It can be something as simple as wanting to share a link, aka website address, of an interesting article you’ve been reading in your browser at wbvobserver.com for a friend to enjoy also in his/her own browser. The beauty of using the Share feature is that you get to choose which communication app, social media app or any other app that may be installed on your device, to communicate the link to your friend.

Once you select a communication app to use, for example your email app, the Share feature will automatically start the email app, open a new email message, fill in the email message subject field, and paste the link into the email

message body. You only need to fill out the recipient(s) and tap the send icon. Contrast that to the traditional copy & paste method where you’ll manually open the email app, open a new email message, fill the email subject field, paste into the email message body, fill out the email recipient(s), and finally tap the send icon. Three steps vs. six steps, a reduction of 50%, if you use the Share feature.

Another example may be sharing media like pictures or videos. Or you may notice that the “Print” menu item that is readily selectable on a browser installed on your computer is missing from the browser app’s menu on your smartphone/tablet. You guessed it – on smartphones/tablets, the browser apps treat it as one of the destinations you can choose when using the Share feature. ●

LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

Wischmeyer Hotel Cook House, 26566 Lake Road, c. 1874

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

*The 18th in a series of articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historical Society in 2026.*

The 1879 Crisfield Johnson “History of Cuyahoga County” states: “Henry Wischmeyer came out from Cleveland in 1874, and began to raise grapes upon a tract of fifty acres.... In 1874 he built upon his land a wine cellar with a capacity of ten thousand gallons, and manufactures considerable wine every year.”

“Bay Village: A Way of Life” states: “A resort hotel was built above the Wischmeyer wine cellar in 1874 which could

accommodate seventy guests. His hotel became a regular stopping place for business men traveling from Sandusky to Cleveland, who could not return the same day after making their wine purchases. The hotel became a popular resort for affluent Clevelanders and guest[s] arrived who traveled not only on the interurban but also from out of state via the railroad.”

The 1880 United States Census lists Henry’s occupation as farmer and his agricultural production in 1880 included butter, eggs, oats, rye, potatoes, apples, peaches, grapes and 400 gallons of wine (quite different from 10,000!). An 1880 Auditor’s map curiously only shows the Wischmeyer family home on the 50 acres. The hotel was demolished in 1962. ●



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

The former cook house (kitchen) for the Wischmeyer hotel, 26566 Lake Road, c. 1874

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Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30-9 p.m.  
**BRUCE VANTINE'S CORNER-STONE CHORALE AND BRASS**

This group of professional musicians provides a program of choral and brass music, along with narration. Based in Florissant, Mo., the ensemble will present a powerful message of reconciliation, healing and social justice through narration and a wide variety of traditional music. Woven together with newly composed musical themes, the concerts encourage faith communities and individuals to reach out in service to those in need.  
*Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

Thursday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.  
**RAW HONEY SALE**

Raw honey extracted from the Stickney Family Honeybee Exhibit will be available for \$12 per 6 ounce jar. Visit [www.lensc.org/program-calendar](http://www.lensc.org/program-calendar) or call 440-871-2900 to purchase your honey. Limited quantities available. After completing your purchase, you can pick up your honey during the Center's general admission hours, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.*

Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m.-noon  
**WECPTA'S TOTS TO TEENS RESALE**

Join the Westlake Early Childhood PTA to shop gently used baby and kids clothes, toys, books, games, maternity items, and more! Our sale now caters to kids 0 to pre-teens and beyond! Early Bird entry at 8am is \$5; admission 9-noon is \$1.  
*Westlake Elementary School, 27555 Center Ridge Rd.*

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**"AUTUMN SPLENDOR" QUILT SHOW**

Over 200 quilts on display, from traditional and contemporary to modern and art quilts. Vendors, a raffle quilt, and a boutique of items handmade by guild members round out the show. Free parking, handicap accessible. Admission is \$5.  
*Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.*

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2-4 p.m.  
**ST. PAUL WESTLAKE TRUNK-N-TREAT**

All are welcome! Dress up your kids to enjoy games, a hayride, and of course, trunk-n-treating

for some yummy snacks in a safe environment. (Please no scary costumes.)  
*St. Paul Westlake, 27981 Detroit Rd.*

Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**DEA DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

This event in the Police Station lobby is to collect medications that have expired or are no longer needed by residents. Take Back Day is a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused/expired prescription drugs, including pills, liquids, patches, and syringes so they don't end up in the wrong hands or pollute waterways.  
*Bay Village Police Station, 28000 Wolf Rd.  
Westlake Police Station, 27300 Hilliard Blvd.*

Saturday, Oct. 28, noon-2 p.m.  
**BOO VILLAGE**

Starting at Bay Village Square, monster march up Dover Center to the Dover Commons Shopping Center and the Knickerbocker Apartments. After the march, kids can go through the line of seniors at the Knickerbocker to collect candy, and take part in other festive activities!

*Bay Village Square Plaza, Wolf Road*

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.  
**HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS**

Westlake and Bay Village

THURSDAY, NOV. 2, 11:30 A.M.  
**COFFEE CHAT WITH BAY SCHOOLS**

Stop by and visit with Superintendent Scot Prebles and treasurer Meghan Rohde.  
*Bay Village Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.*

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
**ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.  
**FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

In honor of Veterans Day, join the Scouts from BSA Troop 208 and Pack 208 as they respectfully honor the service of American flags.  
*Dover Congregational Church, 2239 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

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