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BAYarts is an artful holiday destination



Santa Claus will visit BAYarts on Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

by NANCY HEATON

Hundreds of families helped kick off BAYarts' annual holiday season on Nov. 18, a favorite holiday tradition. Shoppers enjoyed a first look at the work of hundreds of local artists in the shop while across the campus, others enjoyed crafts, hot cocoa bar and more.

Bay High School's Choraleers led by music director Devon Gess sang holiday favorites, the festivities culminating with Santa lighting the tree on BAYarts' newly painted Fuller House porch.

The annual Holiday Shop will be open seven days through Christmas Eve and features hundreds of regional artists.

"An excellent alternative to stressful holiday shopping," says Karen Petkovic, BAYarts Artistic Director and Shop Manager. "In addition to free parking, there are no lines, gift wrapping, and a lot of great people, many volunteers, to help make the experience more meaningful."

For kids, BAYarts' Santa Shop returns on Saturday, Dec. 9 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 10 (noon to 3 p.m.) in the playhouse. Children can pick out special gifts for the whole family with the help of personal shoppers, gift wrap included.

Santa will make an appearance on Dec. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Inside the Sullivan Family Gallery in the Fuller House is "Sunday Painters," an exhibit of paintings curated by Petkovic and inspired by the BAYarts campus and Huntington Reservation. All the work is for sale and supports local artists.

A Holiday Trunk Show on Thursday, Dec. 14, will feature select artists in the Fuller House, a great night out with friends. Details can be found at www.bayarts.net/holidays. ♦

Brewing inclusion at Westlake City School District

by ABIGAIL STOPKA

Westlake City School District believes that education is much more than a classroom activity. ALL students should have the opportunity to experience the social and engaging activities that make school fun.

With this in mind, we created in-house opportunities for students with different levels of abilities to get hands-on experience at Lee Burneson Middle School and Westlake High School. Burneson Brew, located at LBMS, is where it all started.

Burneson Brew is a student-run business that provides an authentic, real-world learning experience housed in our middle school. Initially, Burneson Brew exclusively employed individuals with disabilities, but this year, the Brew Crew has



Burneson Brew students deliver treats and drinks.

expanded to represent those with and without disabilities.

All potential hires were required to complete a differentiated job application, participate in an interview and undergo on-the-job training. The brewing process involves

tasks that are delegated and completed in an assembly line. Baristas then hand deliver brews and sweets to the staff throughout the building on their new and improved Burneson Brew coffee cart.

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We Care Toy Drive returns to help children during the holidays

by JEFF HEISNER

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westlake is getting in the holiday spirit this season by hosting a community-wide toy drive. The church calls it the We Care Toy Drive. Being the 7th annual toy drive for St Paul, it's becoming a special tradition.

It takes place Nov. 24-26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and helps underprivileged kids in Greater Cleveland. The church is working with Building Hope in the City to distribute the toys and games before Christmas.

George Zollos, a long-time member at St. Paul, organizes the event. Zollos is grateful for the opportunity to give back at this time of year.

"The We Care Christmas Toy Drive is great way to show your Christmas spirit by sharing your love with underprivileged children," said Zollos. "It helps to know that one hundred percent of the toys donated go to low-income families through the help of our partner, Building Hope in the City, who makes sure the toys are distributed to these families in a dignified and personal manner."



Games and toys have already been donated by St. Paul Lutheran School students.

Starting Nov. 24, a semi-truck will be parked in the St. Paul driveway and the public is encouraged to drop off new toys. They will pack the truck and are greeted by Santa with a big smile and a treat.

"Greeting the people as they drop off their toys, seeing their smiles and sharing the joy of helping children at Christmas. There's something special about that," said Zollos.

St. Paul is located at 27993 Detroit Road. If you can't make it in person and still want to help, you can donate toys via the Amazon link, bit.ly/TOYregister23. For more information go to stpaulwestlake.org/events. ♦



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BREWING

from front page

The successor of Burneson Brew is the high school's student-run coffee shop, Demon Brew, which celebrated their grand opening this fall. The Demon Brew has the same concept as Burneson Brew and employs students with and without disabilities to create a genuinely inclusive workspace for all students.

The Demon Brew allows students

and staff to beat the rush of the off-campus coffee shops and creates a collaborative and inclusive environment for all students involved.

"The Demon Brew has been a wonderful opportunity for our students with disabilities," said teacher Katherine McGlynn. "They are learning real-life job skills that they can use as they transition to adulthood and the most exciting thing to me is that all students are involved."

These student-run businesses not

only provide authentic, real-world learning experiences but also help students create unforgettable memories and bonds. Burneson Brew and Demon Brew showcase the power of differentiation, teamwork and hands-on training in preparing students for life beyond Westlake City School District.

These initiatives are not only about brewing coffee; they are about brewing a culture of understanding, empathy and opportunity where everyone can thrive and succeed together. ●



Demon Brew students stand behind the Demon Brew coffee shop.

Bay Village Garden Club brightens Bay

by JULIE FEAGLER

The holidays are a season of joy, and BVGC loves to share in it. Many of our service projects are in full swing – decorating our City Welcome signs, Christmas Wreaths for City Hall and Community Building doors, and creating small Christmas decora-

tions for area shut-ins and cancer patients to liven their holidays.

The effort we put into creating our service projects is free, but materials are costly. To raise funds for greenery, ribbons, bows, and ornaments, we hold our annual "Holiday Greening" sale.

We have recharged our "make your own" workshops, featuring our lovely centerpieces. There are two sessions on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Bay Lodge. Please look for our ad in this issue for details.

Pre-made mini-boxwood trees, wreaths, outdoor decorations, and other small decorated items will also be available for sale at the Bay Lodge location. Please visit us on the day of the workshops. You may see something just right for your

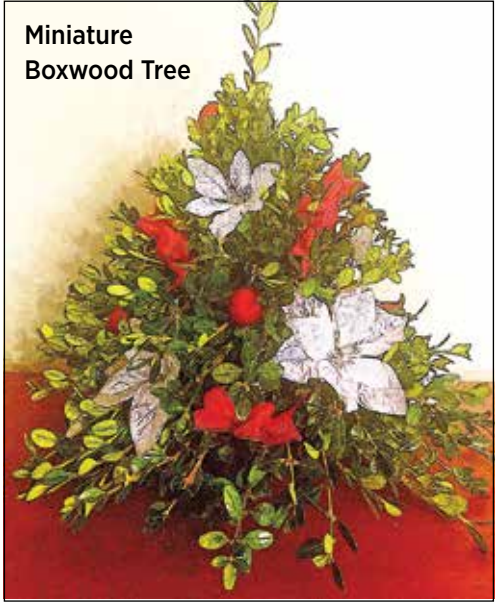


Centerpiece

mantlepiece, dining table, doorstep, or for a gift.

Pre-orders for the Centerpiece Workshop are essential to keep our budget in line. You may obtain an order form by emailing bvgardenclubohio@gmail.com. Orders must be submitted by Dec. 1. If you are interested in the decorated mini-boxwood tree, we suggest you pre-order as they are very popular and sell out fast.

Our members wish all a wonderful holiday season – and of course, for all of us, a beautiful spring to welcome us back to our gardens. Many blessings to all. ●



Miniature Boxwood Tree



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WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Santa Paws returns to Clague House Museum Nov. 30, Dec. 3

by DAVE PFISTER

Pet photos with “Santa Paws” return to the Clague House Museum on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6-9 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3, from noon-3 p.m. Reservations are requested; please call 216-848-0680 to make your photo reservation.

A monetary donation of \$10 is suggested. Donations benefit our outreach and American flag programs.

The museum is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake.

For more than a decade our “Santa Paws” has been welcoming all the adorable pets in Westlake and surrounding communities.

In keeping with the holiday spirit we encourage you to bring your camera or use your phone and snap as many photos and memories as you would like. If you are not a photo bug, don’t worry we have a wonderful pet photographer to do the job.



Please don’t forget our museum store has many Westlake-themed stocking stuffers available. Please call us at 216-848-0680 for more information. ●

Herb Guild Display at Botanical Garden



The Herb Guild members (and family) assemble the club’s Christmas tree at the Cleveland Botanical Garden’s winter show called “Frost.” The event runs through Dec. 31.

Bay High School inducts 87 students into National Honor Society

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Bay High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 87 new members at Bay High School’s Auditorium. The event marked the 84th annual induction ceremony at Bay High School.

Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a high school student. It is the recognition of outstanding performance in both the classroom and the community. These students represent the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character.


“These students truly represent the principles of character, scholarship, leadership and service,” said Kathryn Seal, moderator of the Bay High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. “It is my privilege to serve with them as their advisor.”

For a complete list of the juniors and seniors who were inducted, visit bit.ly/bhs2023nhs. ●



The Bay High School Chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 87 new members.

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SPORTING VIEWS

Taking (yet another) a look at Cleveland sports

by JEFF BING

One would think that spending a lifetime following sports in the city of Cleveland would make one used to the surprising events which always impact our sports teams, wouldn't one?

Well, if one does take that stance, one would be *wrong*.

Take the Guardians' hiring of Stephen Vogt as the successor to former manager Terry Francona. *Please*.

I mean, the guy is only 39 years old. Not that you have to be older than dirt to be a successful manager, but he's only been retired as a player for a year, so

suffice to say his coaching experience is limited, and his managerial experience – at any level in the pros – is equal to mine.

I had to watch the interview with Chris Antonetti to see if I could get more info on the team's thought (or lack of same) process in choosing Vogt, but I came away just as puzzled – if not more so – after watching the video.

For one thing, Antonetti kept referring to their selection process as a search for a "collaborative partner." I kid you not, I immediately flashed back a generation to the hiring of Eric Wedge by then GM Mark Shapiro, because Shapiro used whatever the buzz-words and catch phrases of the time were in

saying the same thing. (Most folks will agree that it's always preferable to use descriptors the audience isn't used to hearing, as it automatically implies you have oodles of more schooling than the rest of the common shmoes out there).

But "collaborative partner"? Mark, are you looking for a baseball manager or a pal for Gin Rummy?

Nevertheless, he continued on, gushing about the search for a "caring partner." Seriously, are you looking for a baseball manager for the Guardians or a new nanny for the kids?

And while we're at it here, let's remind ourselves of this: Even if you hire the most caring guy in the world, but his team has a record of 30-51 halfway through the 2024 season, there will soon be a "Now Hiring" sign will be hanging from the Executive offices at Carnegie and East 9th. Remember what Leo Durocher said about where nice guys finish ...

Next, take Browns owner Jimmy

Haslam and the \$230 million dollar man, Deshaun Watson. *Double please!*

As most of my loyal reader(s) are aware, I'm not a Watson fan and likely never will be. Him being gone for the rest of the season makes it much easier to root for the Browns now, for should the Browns finally make it to the promised land, he will get very little credit. *Sweet!*

The Catch-22 here is that if the Browns finish their season and win the ultimate prize, their owner will get a *lot* of credit for the team's success. As most of my loyal reader(s) (*déjà vu*) are also aware, the guy is without question the worst owner in football – if not *all* sports – and we will be reminded of that soon enough after the championship hangover wears off, as the lack of draft picks (all mortgaged in the Watson trade fiasco) ensure that the "same old Browns" lurk just over the horizon.

What's left? Let's go Cavs! ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

When antibiotics are worse for our guts then salmonella

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Sophia, a 47-year-old math professor, is in good health. Earlier this year, a brush with COVID-19 cascaded into a drug-induced nightmare.

After the viral infection, she developed a sinus infection and a tooth abscess. She underwent 10 days of amoxicillin – twice, 3 weeks of clindamycin, and a tooth extraction. Just when she thought she was in the clear, the diarrhea started.

Fortunately, before she started clindamycin, her sinus doctor warned her about "*C. diff* colitis," a colon infection caused by antibiotic use (more later). So when she developed belly pain, bloody and watery stools 5 times a day, she immediately thought of *C. diff* colitis and went to her primary care doctor.

First, she was tested for the usual foodborne diarrhea culprits. The results: negative. Sophia repeated her request for a *C. diff* test. It was positive. But the delay in testing delayed the diagnosis by a week.

Despite a course of adequate treatment, the diarrhea recurred. Today, she's on a prolonged course of antibiotic treatment to treat the complication of prolonged antibiotic treatments.

Sophia is frustrated. "I don't know if this could have been avoided?" Fair question.

Whenever I hear stories of delayed diagnoses, I break out in hot flashes. "Would I have missed her diagnosis, too?" And just how common is this diarrhea?

First, antibiotics are hard on the guts. Some, like erythromycin, give us the runs because they irritate the guts directly. The loose stools stop when the drug stops.

But antibiotic-associated diarrhea (AAD) is complicated.

About 5 to 35% of people develop AAD after receiving antibiotics. The risk depends on the host health, gut health, and the type of antibiotics. AAD can be mild or deadly; it can happen during treatment or months afterwards. Suffice it to know: it's a leading cause of bacterial diarrhea in the U.S.

The surface of our body like skin, guts, and airway are covered in harmless, even friendly bacteria, viruses, and fungi. The synergy of our mutual survival prevents bad, opportunistic bacteria from flourishing, partly by providing intense competition for nutrition and space.

Antibiotics upset that balance. Killing one infection, they also kill swaths of good bacteria as collateral damage. Some bad

bacteria flourish.

Many bacteria can cause AAD. *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. diff*) is the most common and accounts for one-quarter of AAD. But in the U.S., *C. diff* colitis alone kills 5 to 10 times more people than all foodborne diarrhea (15,000 to 30,000 vs. 3,037).

C. diff is everywhere. It can survive on surfaces, like vacuum cleaners, toilets, sinks, etc., for a long time. In the community, about 3% of us carry *C. diff* in our guts. In nursing homes, up to 50%. But remember: carriers don't get sick unless the bacteria overgrows.

C. diff is well studied, and we have effective treatments. Unfortunately, recurrence is common. To reestablish a healthy gut flora, Sophia takes different probiotics like yogurt, kimchi, kefir, kombucha. Studies show probiotics might help, but what ingredients help isn't clear.

But fecal transplant, a fancy name for taking poop (as pills or enema) from healthy donors, has proven invaluable in treating recurrent *C. diff* colitis. It's a game-changer.

AAD is a problem that starts with doctors' prescription pads. The CDC reports almost one in three antibiotics being prescribed in the outpatient setting is unnecessary. When they include dosage, duration, and choice of drugs, up to half are deemed inappropriate. That means, if you have a doctor who hems and haws or frankly refuses to give you antibiotics for early cold symptoms. Don't be mad. They have good reasons.

Would I miss Sophia's diagnosis? Impressed by her NIH-article research and strong self-advocacy, I might have ordered her test early. Regardless, I could always apologize. ●

READER'S OPINION

A grateful heart

by COLLEEN HARDING

It's that time of year again. A time to recognize our blessings and be grateful for them. If you make the mistake of turning on the news at the wrong time, it can make you very sad. It can also make you very grateful that we get to live where we do.

Bay Village is a pretty friendly town. We still meet owners when we walk into establishments. Many times Ross himself greets you at Ross Wine & Liquor store. If you tell him what you are looking for or how much you want to spend, he shows you where the item is located and makes fantastic recommendations.

If you shop at Vivid Jewelers, chances are a nice guy named Lenny will say hello and greet you enthusiastically. If you wait for him you may chat with his completely delightful mother.

Thyme Table, the Print Shop and Trust Coffee Co. (formerly Java Bay) are owned and run by Mike and Tess Smith, who live in Bay. They are both very kind and visible at their establishments.

O Nail Spa is owned by Vitah and she sits in the first chair on the right when you

walk in.

Dr. Kelley is the optometrist and usually smiles and says hello at some point.

Quinn of Quinn's is the newest addition to 44140 and is located between Speedway and Marco's by the railroad tracks. You may not see him a lot because he is usually cooking in the kitchen, but he is a really nice guy.

Although some places don't have an owner on-site, they have employees who treat you like they own the place (in a good way) like Heinen's, Malley's and Arrabiata's. It's very nice to feel taken care of by someone who makes you feel like they are glad you are there. Many of these experiences are unique to Bay Village and are part of the reason it's pleasantly different here.

We also support local print like the one you are reading now which highlights local writers, photographers and advertisers.

It's easy to take our little town for granted if you haven't lived any place else for a while. It's easy to not think about it when you grabbing a bottle of wine for a hostess gift at Ross's or heading into Alterations Today to get your pants hemmed. I don't think people in New York City or San Francisco are enjoying the same experiences.

So I am grateful for our friendly little town and the local merchants, restaurants and periodicals that make it a special place to live. My heart is grateful this season! ●

Bay Village Garden Club

Holiday Greening Workshop & Sale

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Fall risk? A smartwatch can be your insurance policy

by TAK SATO

If you own a home or rent an apartment, I’m sure you have homeowner’s or renter’s insurance. An auto insurance policy if you own a car. Your “body” is the most valuable asset you own, keeping it in tip-top shape through exercise and a healthy diet while relying on your private and/or public health insurance for unexpected events.

In a nutshell, insurance policies minimize our financial exposure for catastrophic or unexpected incidents.

It’s also a fact of life that our physical stamina and senses, like hearing or seeing, gradually deteriorate as we age. Just several years ago, I didn’t need to rest while climbing the 100 steps of Fort Hill in the Metroparks. This year, I had to make a couple pit stops before being rewarded with the spectacular fall foliage I could show my mom in Japan via FaceTime.

For many seniors, falls continue to be a real concern. My mom, for example, always told me that she is very careful and reminded me that she has attended

many fall prevention seminars hosted by her city to allay my concerns. Guess what? She still fell. I believe accidents happen when you least expect it.

Technology has produced useful products/services that bridge the real world and the digital world. It provides us values like entertainment, different utilities, efficiency, money savings, and even products that can be considered insurances. The smartwatch, which I consider an accessory for the smartphone you carry, is one such technology-based product.

Many smartwatches – like Apple’s “Apple Watch,” Samsung’s “Galaxy Watch,” or Google’s “Pixel Watch” – are smartphone accessories jam-packed with useful features including acting like an insurance policy. These, and some other smartwatches currently on the market, can detect adult falls and summon help even if you become unconscious or contorted that you can’t push the button to summon help yourself. That is important as the sooner you can get help, the better chances of survival.

I recommend the following to minimize incompatibilities:

- iPhone users should stick with the Apple Watch “Series” model or the cheaper Apple Watch “SE” model; the current SE model is known as “Generation 2.” To keep costs down, the SE model lacks certain health monitoring sensors, namely Blood Oxygen level and ECG sensors, that the Series model has. There are also other differences but fall detection works the same.
- If you own an Android smartphone from Samsung or Google, go with the Galaxy Watch or Pixel Watch respectively. In general, Android smartphone users have at least two options to choose from when shopping for a smartwatch with fall detection.

Apple Watch, Galaxy Watch, or Pixel Watch all have a model that doesn’t need a smartphone to summon help when you take a tumble. This model will cost you an additional \$10 to \$20 a month, added to your smartphone mobile data plan as this model of smartwatch additionally has its own mobile data antenna.

For certain demographics, i.e. seniors and people with vestibular disorders like yours truly, that may be an insurance premium worth paying! ●

Bay Men’s Club volunteers clean yards



Some 18 volunteers from the Bay Men’s Club, the city’s oldest and largest civic organization, took time recently to rake leaves and clean the yards of

15 needy and worthy Bay Village residents. The club has done this “leaf rake out” for more than 25 years.

“It’s a great way to help those who

might need a helping hand,” President Dan Rettig said, “and we are more than happy to assist. This is what Bay Village is all about.” ●

BAYarts

Holiday

Holiday Shop Open House

November 18 | 10 AM-7 PM

Holiday Extravaganza

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Sunday Painters Sale

November 18 - December 24

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December 10 | 12-3 PM

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Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's late November and early December 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, Nov. 22 – **Thanksgiving Eve: Library closes at 5 p.m.**

Thursday, Nov. 23 – **Library closed in observance of Thanksgiving**

Saturday, Nov. 25 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring along a stuffed animal to the Wednesday evening sessions! Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

Saturday, Nov. 25 (2:30-3:30 p.m.) **Holiday Earring Craft** – In this crafting session for teens in grades 7-12 we'll be making handmade jewelry. Registration is encouraged but drop-ins are welcome. Please register.

Sunday, Nov. 26 (2-3 p.m.) **Finger Knitting Fun** – Learn how to finger knit while making a simple knitted rope after listening to a short story connecting this skill to literature. For students in grades 1-5. Caregivers are encouraged to stay for the program to learn the knitting techniques and assist their child(ren). Please register.

Monday, Nov. 27 (1-7 p.m.) **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Wednesday, Nov. 29 (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 Nov. 22.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 (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, Nov. 29 (6-8 p.m.) **Learning Disability Provider Showcase** – Meet with more than 40 area providers offering tutoring and other learning disability services. For families with children in Grades K-8 with concerns about learning disabilities.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group** – Join us for an hour of creative writing prompts to inspire you to start and keep writing. Creativity is more than putting pen to paper. It's about breaking away and trying something new! This meeting will focus on gratitude. Please register.

Thursday, Nov. 30 (10-11:30 a.m.) **iPhone and iPad User Group** – Do you own an iOS smartphone (iPhone) or tablet (iPad)? Bring it with your questions (or tips!) to this guided user group. Registration begins Nov. 23.

Thursday, Nov. 30 (3-4 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Naomi Alderman** – Bestselling and award-winning author Naomi Alderman will join us to talk about her new book, "The Future." Please register.

Thursday, Nov. 30 (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, Dec. 1 (11:15-11:45 a.m.) **Yoga with Ms. Jen!** – Calm your body, mind, and spirit in this yoga class taught by a certified yoga instructor. Wear comfy clothes and bring your own mat or towel. Ages 2-6, siblings welcome. Registration begins Nov. 24.

Friday, Dec. 1 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Fun Science Friday** – Why do some trees stay green all winter? Join us as we answer this question and more during this festive holiday program. Discoveries will be made with hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. For ages 4-6, up to kindergarten. Registration begins Nov. 24.

Saturday, Dec. 2 (10-11 a.m.) **Body Rhythm** – Develop gross & fine motor skills, creative expression & thinking, social interaction, problem solving, cooperative play, rhythm, and rhyming skills by exploring sound through percussive instruments. Ages 3-9. Please register each child attending, beginning one week before each session.

Saturday, Dec. 2 (1-3 p.m.) **Holiday Necklace & Earrings** – Look festive during the holidays by making a crystal ball holiday pendant necklace with matching earrings. Registration begins one week before each session.

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

Saturday, Dec. 2 (3-4 p.m.) **Illustration Creation** – Learn about a featured illustrator then create a project inspired by their art. For children with disabilities and their typical peers. Grades 1-3. Registration begins Nov. 25.

Sunday, Dec. 3 (2-4 p.m.) **Friends Christmas Party** – The Friends of Porter Public Library invite you to an afternoon of crafts, music, refreshments and a visit with Santa! For families with children ages 3-7. Siblings welcome. Registration required.

Monday, Dec. 4 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Teen Craft Pick-Up** – For teens in grades 7-12. Register starting Nov. 27, then pick up your craft kit starting Dec. 4.

Monday, Dec. 4 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Music Monday** – Develop pre-reading skills with music, movement and rhythm through stories, songs and rhymes. Ages 2-6.

Monday, Dec. 4 (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, Dec. 4 (4-4:45 p.m.)

Sensory Ornament Decoration – Children with disabilities ages 8-12 will experience fine motor and sensory play while making a scented salt dough ornament or decoration. Typical peers are welcome. If you have an allergy or special concerns, please contact the Youth Services Department at 440-250-5471 for a complete list of ingredients. Registration begins Nov. 27.

Monday, Dec. 4 (6-7 p.m.) **Coding4Kids** – Explore the basic steps to coding using technology, bots, and more! Grades 4-6. Registration begins Nov. 27.

Monday, Dec. 4 (7-8 p.m.) **Get Ready for Veganuary** – Join us for a discussion regarding the tips and tricks to going vegan in January and beyond. Please register.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) **STEAM Club** – Why do some trees stay green all winter? Join us as we answer this question and more during this festive holiday program. Discover scientific principles with hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Grades 1-2. Registration begins Nov. 28.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 (6-8 p.m.) **Documentary Film Club: "The Endurance – Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition"** – Each meet-up we'll watch a different documentary that provides a window into an area of society. We will discuss the topics after screening the documentary. This month we'll be exploring explorers, specifically Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew. For adults and teens ages 13 and up.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 (7-8:30 p.m.) **World at War Forum: General George Marshall** – General George C. Marshall led a remarkable career in the U.S. Army. Daniel Zeiser will discuss the General's career and how without him the Allied victory and the post-war world would likely be very different. Please register.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 (7-8 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Victoria Aveyard** – Join us as the instant New York Times bestselling author chats with us about YA fiction, world building, and her incredible body of work. Streamed live. Please register.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 (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, Dec. 6 (7-7:30 p.m.) and Saturday, December 16 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring along a stuffed animal to the Wednesday evening session! Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

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LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

Long Beach Farm House, 29014 Lake Road, c. 1902

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The 20th in a series of articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historical Society in 2026.

John S. Williams purchased 50 acres of land from the Cahoons in 1902. It ran along Lake Erie between Lakeside Cemetery and the Huntington Estate, south to Wolf Road.

The earliest date given for this house is 1878, however, tax records suggest it was more likely constructed in 1902 or 1909 and added to in 1926.

As viewed from the cemetery next door,

it appears to be a simple vernacular gabled farm house to the rear with an unusual double gambrel roofed front addition. This may represent the transition from farm to summer home.

By 1914 the 50 acres was known as Long Beach Farm and by 1918 the Ellinwood family had purchased it. “Bay Village: A Way of Life” states that the Deklyn family, who owned a big confectionery store in town, occupied this house in the summers.

In the 1920s the 50 acres became Long Beach Park Subdivision and this house was sold. In 1950 John and Esther Houk purchased it. He was a butcher as well as the mayor of Bay at the time of the 1954 Marilyn Sheppard murder. ●



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

29014 Lake Road, c. 1902. George and Emma Stocker Lang also lived in this home. She was a Krumwiede descendant. He was a funeral director and died in 1935.

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lutheran Mission Grounds bell

by MICHELE YAMAMOTO

The following piece was researched using articles written by Bay Village Historical Society historians George Serb and Kay Laughlin, who shared their knowledge of the subject in 1997 and 2013, respectively.

The next time you visit the grounds of the Rose Hill Museum, you will notice near the south porch a cast iron bell now hanging near the staircase down to the Cahoon cabin. This bell has historical significance as it used to hang next to the pulpit of the old Lutheran Mission Grounds.

The Lutheran Mission Grounds was an outdoor gathering spot in Bay Village, used by various Lutheran churches from the west side of Cleveland during summers from June to September. It was located between Bassett and Bradley roads, reaching south to the railroad tracks, with a road north to Ashton Lane (formerly Link Road).

The 10-acre site was purchased from farmer David Sites in 1886 by the churches who were looking for a wooded piece of land out in the country. They eventually erected buildings to house mission festivals, school picnics and other church gatherings.

Those attending could ride the train from Cleveland to the site. In later years, they would drive when automobiles became the preferred mode of transportation.

George Serb remembered visiting the grounds in the late 1930s. Serb’s Lakeshore Ice Company delivered to Lutheran Mission Grounds on Sunday mornings for the refrigerators and coolers located in the large kitchen.



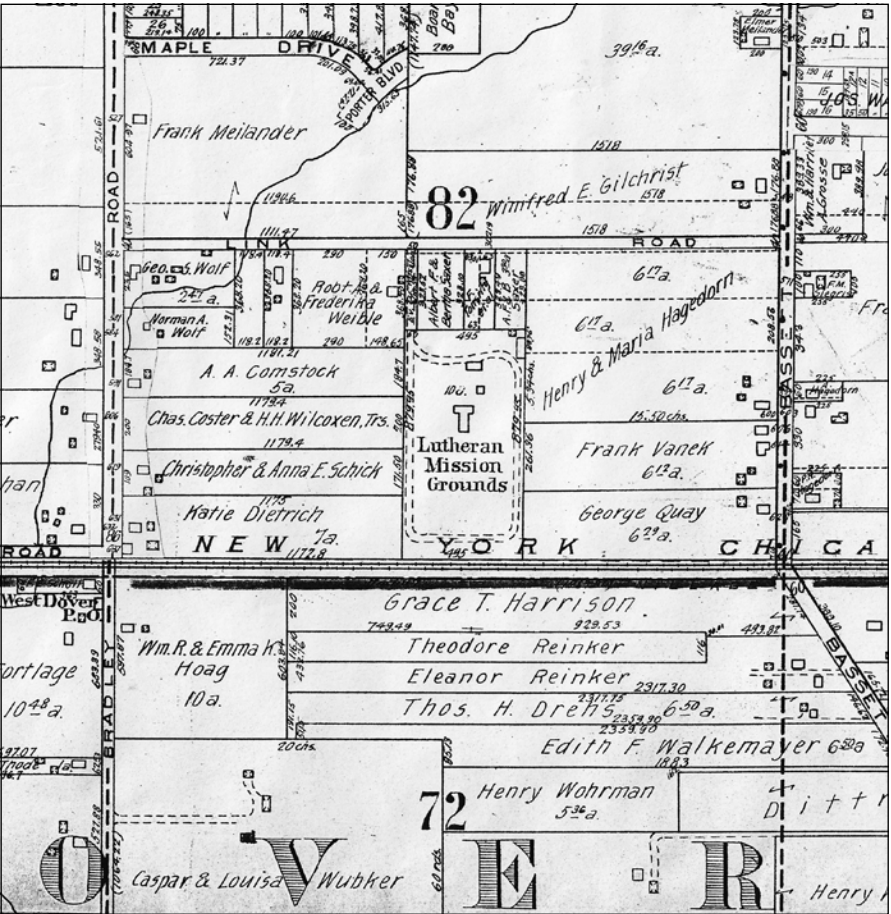
The Lutheran Mission Grounds bell at Rose Hill Museum.

A single lane bowling alley (built in 1904), upon which the pins had to be set by hand, was one unique feature Serb recalled using with his classmates. He mentioned that a Mr. William Toensing, who lived near the property with his son Leonard, was the caretaker.

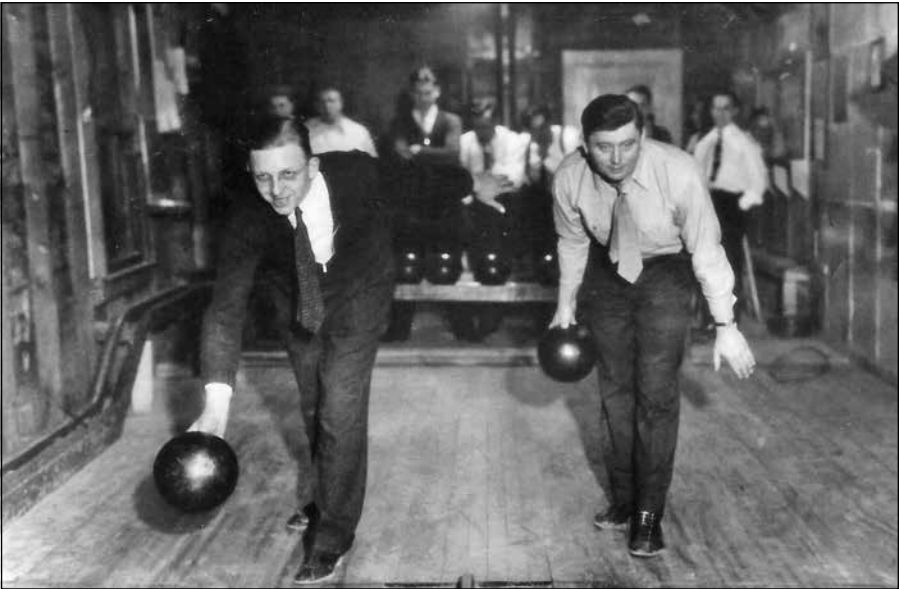
The bell has served different purposes over the years. The original bell of the Lutheran Mission Grounds was stolen at some point and replaced with the steam engine bell you see at Rose Hill. It was donated to the church by the New York Central & St. Louis Railroad.

When the Lutheran Mission Grounds closed in 1964, that bell was given to the Victor Toensing family for safe keeping. Janet Toensing Bremke took it with her when she moved to Amherst. Janet and her brother Carl Toensing then gifted the bell to the Bay Village Historical Society in 2011, in memory of their brother Robert.

You may see the Lutheran Mission Grounds bell anytime outside of the Rose Hill Museum in Cahoon Memorial Park. Tours of the inside of the museum are given Sundays, April through December from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding



A map of Bay Village’s west side from sometime in the 1930s or 1940s, showing the location of the Lutheran Mission Grounds.



Carl Meilander and Victor Toensing play at the bowling alley on the Lutheran Mission Grounds, circa the 1930s.

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NEW BUSINESS

Joy Beauty Salon opens in Westlake

by ANN O'DONNELL

It was a beautiful day in October as the Joy Beauty Salon owners officially opened their business in Westlake. Angela Tempest, her husband, Paul, together with Angela's business partner, Mandy Smith, welcomed the public to an open house on Oct. 26. Angela and Mandy celebrated the open house with a ribbon cutting as Angela's twin 4-year-old boys, Ansel and Bram, dutifully held the ribbon.

The city of Westlake marked the occasion with a proclamation from Mayor Dennis Clough that was presented by Westlake City Council President David Greenspan. The proclamation in part welcomed the new female entrepreneurs

and congratulated them on their new business, as the mayor proclaimed it "Joy Beauty Day" in the city of Westlake. Council representatives Amy Havelka and Michael O'Donnell, along with Director of Building Donald Grayem and Diane Birchard from the Department of Recreation, also shared in the warm city welcome.

Angela expressed her thanks to everyone who came to the open house and invited the gathering inside for a salon tour and welcoming reception. She remarked that as college roommates, she and Mandy always wanted to go into business together and Joy Beauty Salon is the fulfillment of a dream they made come true.

Greenspan congratulated the women on their new business and was glad they selected Westlake for their new salon. Angela's son Bram was glad the ribbon-cutting was over so he and his brother Ansel could get a cookie.



Councilwoman Amy Havelka, Dave Greenspan, Mandy Smith, Angela Tempest and Michael O'Donnell, with ribbon holders Bram and Ansel Tempest.

Joy Beauty is located at 25125 Detroit Road, Suite #125, Westlake. New customers are welcome to contact the Salon at 440-427-4665 or online at joybeautysalon.com. ●

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group's free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Saturday, Dec. 2-Monday, Dec. 4, see hours below

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The Friends of Bay Village Library will be holding our winter book sale in the library meeting room. Saturday hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., and Monday is \$2 bag day from 9 a.m.-noon. Bags are provided by FOBVL. There will be both fiction and non fiction books for adults, as well as books for kids and teens, puzzles and

CDs. Contact the library at 440-871-6392 with any questions. *Bay Village Library, 27400 Wolf Rd.*

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2-4:30 p.m. BAY VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING

Visit Rose Hill Museum to view the holiday decorations and guides dressed in period costumes. The Bay High Choraleers will sign carols at 3 p.m. and Santa will arrive aboard a fire truck to help light the Gazebo

tree around 4:30 p.m. *Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village*

Wednesday, Dec 6, 7:30-8:30 a.m. WESTLAKE-BAY VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

Discover the power of community at our weekly Rotary meeting! Join us for an hour of inspiring connections and impactful discussions. Embrace the opportunity to network with fellow professionals, share

your expertise, and collaborate on projects that create positive change locally and globally. Our engaging sessions feature dynamic speakers, thought-provoking topics, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. For more information, contact Bob Maver at maverb@westlake.k12.oh.us, or Amy Kubacki at afkubacki82@live.com. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

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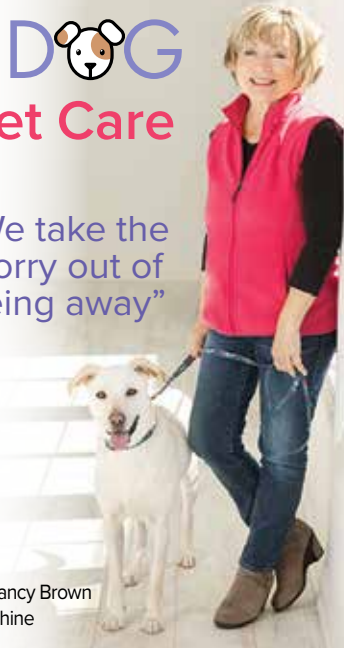
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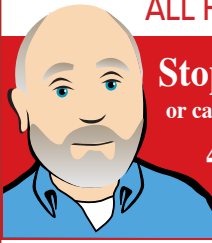
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