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Bay Village accepts \$50,000 kennel donation



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Volunteers with The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund during one of the numerous fundraising events at BAYarts.

by NANCY BROWN

On Monday, Dec. 4, Bay Village City Council approved a resolution and was signed by Council President Dwight Clark to accept \$50,000 from The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund.

Following the resolution, a discussion was had regarding “next steps”

which will include specific improvement action plans and identifying internal and external labor needs to complete the project.

Although the timing of the work that will result in a safe and updated kennel is still not certain, early spring completion was discussed as a realistic expectation.

→ See KENNEL page 2



First-graders share their favorite family traditions

See pages 6-7

THE GREEN REPORT

Bay Village: Important information regarding your electricity

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

The focus of my column is always to highlight simple actions we can each take to lessen our impact on the environment. I have great news: The City of Bay Village has just made it even easier for us.

Bay Village recently entered into a new electricity aggregate, which is a way to increase purchasing power by pooling residents together. Our new aggregate is for 3 years with Dynegy,

and our plan includes a 100% renewable option! It is easy to opt into by making a phone call (more on this below).

Why should you opt in to the 100% renewable plan? Because 25% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. come from electricity generated by fossil fuels. Greenhouse gas emissions are what cause climate change, and each of us should play a role in reducing our usage to the extent that we are able, and this is a no-brainer.

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See you in 2024!
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Lions celebrate spirit of giving

by KEVIN BARRETT

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, members of the Westshore Lions Club delivered gifts to needy families in support of the Adopt A Family for the Holidays efforts at Westlake Community Services and the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry's Adopt A Family effort.

Lions members purchased and wrapped gifts for one family from

each program. Lions are all about community service and helping those in need. The Westshore club is part of Lions Clubs International which is the largest community service organization in the world.

If you have a desire to help others and make the community a better place the Lions would be an effective way to do so. For more information please contact us at 440 250-5564 or email westshore-lions1997@gmail.com. ♦



Standing among the many bags of gifts to be donated are Westlake Community Services Director Lydia Gadd, Kevin Barrett, Nan Baker, and Linda Barrett.

Community Council seeks nominations for annual Bay Village honors

by TARA WENDELL

The Bay Village Community Council has opened the nomination period for the 2024 Citizen and Project of the Year honors. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 19, 2024.

Download a nomination form at wbvobserver.com, or pick up a hard copy from City Hall, the Bay Village Branch Library or the Dwyer Memorial Senior Center. Completed forms may be submitted via email to tara@wbvobserver.com or mailed to Bay Village Community Council, 350 Dover

Center Road, Bay Village, OH 44140.

Citizen of the Year nominees, either individual or couple, must be Bay Village residents that have provided significant community service without monetary reward. Special projects will be considered for Project of the Year based on community impact

and the involvement of volunteers and organizations.

For more information about the Bay Village Community Council or the Citizen of the Year/Project of the Year awards, please email BVCC president Tara Wendell at tara@wbvobserver.com. ♦



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KENNEL *from front page*

Please continue to visit our Facebook page for progress and updates.

So many people and organizations contributed to the success of our fundraising efforts. Our thanks to everyone that put money into local businesses' donation jars, online contributions, participated in money-making events throughout the summer and fall and to donors that made substantial contributions from their personal foundations.

Some highlights of the diversity in our fundraising and participants include a sizable grant from The Bay Village Foundation, the creativity of the Bay High School

Advanced Digital Media Class in developing our major marketing tools, the Westerly K-Kids Club for their hard work in raising over \$1,200, to the BAYarts team for highlighting the Bark In The Park event which gave us productive fundraising exposure.

Also two businesses that donated a brand-new window (Chernisky Designs) and door awning (Ohio Awning) to the remodel effort.

So many donors, so much financial support. Great appreciation to our Bay Village citizens in supporting the efforts to be proud of our kennel and provide a safe and comfortable place for lost and displaced dogs. ●



Nancy Brown of The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund presented a check for \$50,000 to Bay Village Police Chief Robert Gillespie in September.

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THE FAIRYTALE FOUNDATION

Giving the gift of magic



Our Ice Queen and Snow Princess share a warm hug with a child during this year's holiday season.

by ELIZABETH KIBBEY

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ELECTRICITY

from front page

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would mean an increase of \$1-\$4 a month. This is a very small price to pay for a significant impact in lessening your contribution to climate change.

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To simply make this switch, please call 888-682-2170 and have your customer number ready.

For more in-depth information on this, please visit: bayvillagegreenteam.org/house/switch-to-renewable. ●

Westlake Historical Society thanks community

by LYSA STANTON

All of us at the Westlake historical Society would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for another wonderful year of sharing local history in 2023.

They often say "it takes a village." I say it takes a dedicated group of individuals who truly believe that our local history does matter.

As you may or may not know, the Westlake Historical Society is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. Our funding comes from fundraisers, grants, and from individual and business memberships.

As 2023 draws to a close, I would also like to thank everyone who has taken part in our activities and fundraisers this

year. Without our wonderful volunteers and support from the community, we simply would not be able to do what we do each year.

Prior to our formal beginning as an organization in the early 1960s, members of our community met informally in the 1950s to care for, protect, and honor Dover/Westlake's rich history. We are thankful for those who came before us and are optimistic about our organization's future.

Finally, we would also like to thank everyone at the Westlake | Bay Village Observer, especially Denny and Tara for helping us to spread the word about our history.

Again, thank you for your help and support in 2023. We look forward to seeing all of you in 2024! ●



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What to look for in the winter sky

by KATY DOWNING

The winter solstice will occur on Thursday, Dec. 21, when the sun reaches its southernmost position in the sky. The least amount of sunlight will reach Earth, marking the first astronomical day of winter and the shortest day of the year. Here are some of the constellations and planets to observe during the long winter nights this season.

Orion

One of the biggest and brightest constellations in the night sky is Orion the Hunter. First, look southeast for 3 equally bright stars in a straight line which form "Orion's belt." Serving as his right shoulder is the supergiant star Betelgeuse which shines brightly with a reddish tint.

At Orion's left foot lies the slightly brighter star, Rigel. Hanging below the center star in Orion's belt is his sword which features the Orion Nebula, or Messier 42. Visible as a dim fuzzy object to the naked eye, this nebula appears as a large gas cloud when viewed with binoculars

or a small telescope.

Evening Planets

High in the southeastern sky after sunset, you will see one very bright object which is our solar system's largest planet, Jupiter. Jupiter shines brighter than any nearby star due to its size (1,300 times the size of Earth!) and its highly reflective clouds.

Toward the southwestern sky you will see an object dimmer than Jupiter but still brighter than the nearby stars, this is Saturn. Details of both of these planets can be seen with small telescopes and large binoculars. Take advantage of this opportunity while you can, as these beautiful planets will be lost in the light of sunset by February.

Morning Planets

Looking east before sunrise you will see an incredibly bright object, the planet Venus. Venus is sometimes referred to as "The Morning Star" or "The Evening Star" depending on its orbit. Venus is not a star, but in fact our closest planetary neighbor in space.

Venus is the third brightest object in the sky after the



Orion the Hunter constellation.

sun and moon due to its proximity to Earth and its highly reflective clouds. Through a telescope or binoculars, you can observe the phases of Venus. Mercury is also becoming brighter in the morning sky which can be observed to the

lower left of Venus.

Learn more about the winter sky by visiting Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for a planetarium program. View schedule and purchase tickets at www.lensc.org/planetarium. ●

LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR

New York, Chicago, & St. Louis Railroad Co., Dover Station, 28611 Lake Road, c. 1882

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The 22nd in a series of articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historical Society in 2026.

This building is now the home of Chatty's Pizzeria on the BAYarts Campus in the Cleveland Metroparks Huntington Reservation.

The New York, Chicago, & St. Louis Railroad was developed quickly as a parallel and competing rail line to the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. It was nicknamed the Nickel Plate by a newspaper editor.

The original site for the depot was purchased from Dudley Oviatt in 1881. The station was located where the

drive-thru portion of the CVS drug-store at 625 Dover Center Road now exists.

At the time of their construction the Nickel Plate stations were described as neat and tasteful, slate roofed, painted olive green and somewhat resembling Swiss cottages with projecting roofs.

A sister station still exists on its original site on Depot

Street in Rocky River; it was ready for the inaugural run of the railroad in 1882. Most likely the Dover Station was too.

The Dover Station was moved to Huntington Park in 1962 for use by Baycrafters, the precursor arts organization to BAYarts. For many years it was used as a gift shop for Baycrafters. ●



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Westlake Porter Public Library’s upcoming events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library’s late December 2023 and early January 2024 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, Dec. 20 (2-3 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – This month’s title is "The Bear and the Nightingale" by Katherine Arden. A limited number of books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 (7-8 p.m.) **Christmas with Charles Dickens** – Join us for an evening with Charles Dickens! Largely Literary Theater Company co-founders Sara Showman and Mark Dawidziak present selections from "A Christmas Carol" and other seasonal favorites by Charles Dickens. Please register.

Friday Dec. 22 (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. Please register.

Saturday, Dec. 23 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

Sunday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 25 – **Library closed in observance of Christmas**

Wednesday, Dec. 27 (7-8 p.m.) **Adult Creative Writing Group: New Year Edition** – Wrap up the year with an evening of writing! Creativity is more than putting pen to paper. It’s about breaking away and trying something new! Please register.

Saturday, Dec. 30 (1-3 p.m.) **You and Me Friendship Bracelets** – Learn the art of making a Friendship Bracelet by making one with your tween(s) or teen(s). This class is for an adult with one or two tweens or teens.

Monday, Jan. 1 – **Library closed in observance of New Year’s Day**
Tuesday, Jan. 2 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Teen Craft Pick-Up** – For teens in grades 7-12. Register starting Dec. 26, then stop by and pick up your craft kit starting Jan. 2.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club** – Join us for another creepy classic from the Vault! New members are welcome, but children under 13 must be with an adult. Please register.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 (7-8:30 p.m.) **World at War Forum: 1914** – Europe Goes to War – Join us as Ed Chuhna and Steve Pettyjohn describe how Europe found itself on the brink of war after the

assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo and what brought them to this point. Please register.

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

Friday, Jan. 5 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Fit4Mom Stroller Strides** – Join in for a total-body workout all while engaging little ones in a stroller or baby carrier! This free mini-session is hosted by Kelly from Fit4Moms. This class is safe for pregnant and recently postpartum moms cleared by their doctor to work out (usually 6-8 weeks after delivery). Registration begins Dec. 29.

Friday, Jan. 5 (4-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Jan. 7 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Do you love Legos? Bring your ideas and imagination to Brick Builders! Bricks provided. No registration required, but room capacity is limited. First come, first served. Ages 5-12.

Saturdays, Jan. 6 and 13 (10:30-11 a.m.) and Wednesday, Jan. 10 (7-7:30 p.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.

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

Monday, Jan. 8 (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, Jan. 8 (5:30-6:15 p.m.) **STEAM Lab** – Learn about what caused the last major ice age and the animals that roughed it out and make some unbelievable snow-like slime! Grades 3-4. Registration begins Dec. 31.

Monday, Jan. 8 (6-7 p.m.) **Family Literacy Night** – Use games, music and art in this interactive family activity incorporating tips you can use at home to boost your child(ren)’s literacy skills. For families with children in Grades K-8. Registration begins Dec. 31.

Monday, Jan. 8 (7-8 p.m.) **Legal Issues Affecting Seniors** – Elder law attorney Elizabeth Perla will touch on the major legal areas affecting seniors. Bring your questions and get informed! Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Computer Basics** – Learn how to turn on a computer, use a mouse, go online, and access Northstar Digital Literacy for self-paced online learning. Registration begins Jan. 2.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Club** – Join us in person or on Zoom to discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. Please register. If you register for the

Zoom option, you will receive a Zoom invitation and instructions by email.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) **Feed the Birds** – Learn interesting and unusual facts about our fine-feathered friends, play a "fowl" game, and make a birdfeeder to provide food during the cold winter months. Grades 1-3. Registration begins Jan. 3.

Wednesdays, Jan. 10 and 17 (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, Jan. 10 (6-8:30 p.m.) **Heartsaver CPR/AED** – Get certified for adult, child, and infant CPR and AED. Email account required. Class led by certified instructors from UH St. John Medical Center. Please register.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 (8-9 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk** – Join us as we kick off the New Year by talking to Rebecca Serle about her journey writing epic love stories to span generations. Streamed live. Please register.

Thursday, Jan. 11 (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 Jan. 4.

Thursday, Jan. 11 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – Join us for this storytime designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime. Content is geared toward ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, Jan. 11 (7-8 p.m.) **Thursday Night Book Discussion** – This month’s title is "The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams.

Saturday, Jan. 13 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Winter Foraging Walk with Wildcrafted Tea** – Put on your warm clothes, pack your favorite mug, and join us for an afternoon walk! We will meet some plants, learn about winter foraging, and then enjoy a delicious wild tea made of locally gathered plants. This walk will be led by Lorain County Community College adjunct professor Alison McKim. Please dress appropriately, as this class will involve a walk outside. This class will also involve the optional consumption of wild plants which may contain allergens. Please register.

Saturday, Jan. 13 (2:30-3:30 p.m.) **Jewelry Crafting: Bracelets** – Join us to make your own bracelets! Registration is encouraged and begins Jan. 6, but drop-ins are welcome. Grades 7-12.

Sunday, Jan. 14 (2-4 p.m.) **Hand Sewing For Literacy** – Learn basic

sewing skills and create a sewn project after listening to a short story or informational text connecting these skills to literature and/or a greater understanding of our world. Please register each child individually. Grades 3-5. Caregivers are encouraged to stay for the program to learn the sewing techniques and assist their child(ren). Registration begins Jan. 7.

Monday, Jan. 15 (1-2:30 p.m.) **True Crime Book Club** – This month’s title is "All That Is Wicked" by Kate Winkler Dawson. Please register.

Monday, Jan. 15 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Bling in the New Year with Silhouette Cameo** – Learn how to use our Silhouette Cameo to make iron-on rhinestone designs. Bring a t-shirt, sweatshirt, tote bag or another piece of fabric. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 (4-5 p.m.) **Make Your Own Bead Buddy** – Drop in and make your own beaded buddy on a keychain! For grades 3-6.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 (7-8 p.m.) **World Tour of Cinema: France** – join us for a tour of French film history, from the birth of motion pictures through the modern era. Using archival photos, movie posters, trailers, and production stills, we’ll take a chronological look at the long and prestigious history of French films. This program is suitable for anyone 13 years and older. All titles discussed are available at WPPL.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Remembering the Holocaust** – Jan. 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Join us as we view and discuss the 2013 film "A Promise to My Father," in which survivor Israel Arbeiter returns to Plock, Poland, to search for items he had buried in the basement of his family home before the Germans arrived. He also visits several concentration camps where his family members were interned and died. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 (7-8 p.m.) **Intro to Sewing** – See a demo on how to thread the bobbin and needle on our Singer Heavy Duty sewing machine in the Makerspace! Patrons 18+ will also have the chance to try their hand at sewing on a practice sheet with staff help. Registration begins Jan. 9.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 (2-3 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – This month’s title is "I’ll Be You" by Janelle Brown. A limited number of books are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) **Sensory Workshop** – Let’s make ... connections, friends, cool stuff! In each session you’ll make something to take home with you! For children ages 8-12 with disabilities and typical peers. Please register.

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SPORTING VIEWS

It's the end of the world as we know it ... and I feel fine

by JEFF BING

You probably saw the headline: “Shohei Ohtani signs record 10-year, \$700M deal with Dodgers; agrees to defer \$68M.”

For the last few years, Ohtani had been one of the true two-way players in MLB in that he was a steady starting pitcher – even finishing 4th in Cy Young voting in 2022 – along with being one of the better hitters in the game.

So, it's easy to understand how his value would increase as the Dodgers are getting essentially two players for the price of one.

However, there are a few things I think need to be pointed out before we start calling the signing by the Dodgers “genius.” If I may...

When it comes to money, the Los Angeles Dodgers are the National League's answer to the American League's New York Yankees: no contract is too much for the Dodgers.

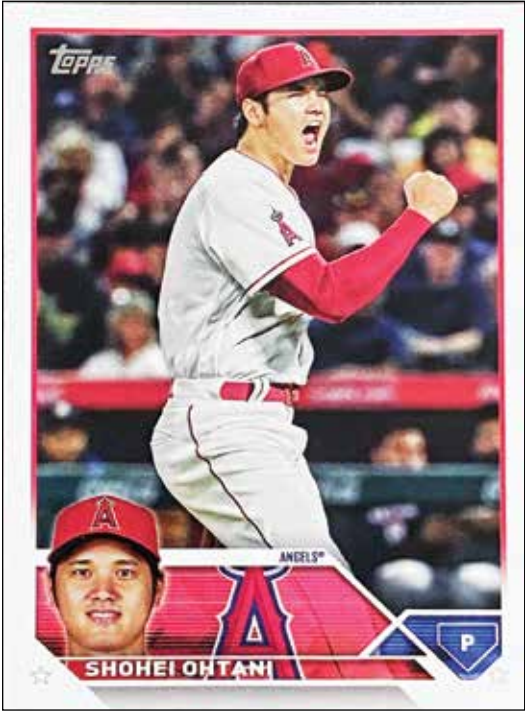
So how come the Dodgers

asked Ohtani to defer \$68M of that contract, reportedly to make some of their current obligations more manageable? One might get the impression that \$700M might be even too much for the fiscal giants.

And while we're at it, how in the world do the Dodgers expect Ohtani to get by with only \$632M? That would be like me telling the Bentley salesman I'd like the best car he's got on the lot, but then whispering to him that BTW, I'd like to keep the payments around \$179/month.

So don't be surprised if you bump into Ohtani at Save-A-Lot sometime this summer. Maybe we can organize a GoFundMe for the guy, to help bridge the gap before his deferral payments start to kick in.

Looking at Ohtani's stats, he's 29 years old and has 38 career MLB victories. And oh yeah, he hurt his arm with the Angels this past season and will not pitch until 2025. Oops! I'm thinking Cy Young's 511 career victories are safe for the



Shohei Ohtani's 2023 Topps card

moment.

Ohtani has won the MVP award two out of the last three years (and finished second in voting the year he didn't win) but I see he has one season of 100 or more RBI, and that season was exactly 100 RBI.

He's a home run machine, but MLB has a ton of guys who can go yard. Ohtani's MVP awards suggest voters were perhaps smitten by the two-way aspect of the man's game. Heck, Jose Ramirez' stats stack up favorably next to Ohtani.

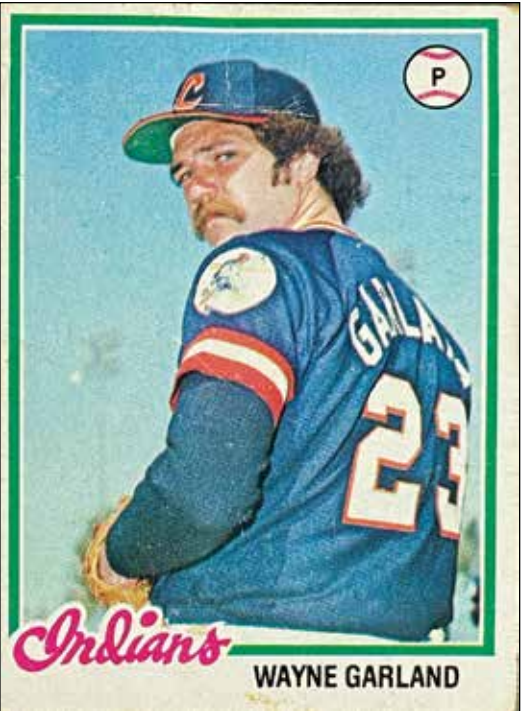
Frankly, I think the Dodgers were had.

Speaking of high-priced

free agents, the Ohtani signing reminds me of the winter of 1976, when the Cleveland Indians shocked the baseball world by signing free agent pitcher Wayne Garland to the then-unheard-of 10-year, \$2.3M contract.

Coming off the 1976 season in which he won 20 games, it was a risk the Indians felt they had to take to put fans in the Cleveland Stadium seats. The Indians were ripped by some for upending the salary structure of baseball, and some thought it to be the beginning of the end for baseball.

Any Cleveland fan who has



Wayne Garland's 1978 Topps card

been around long enough to recall the Garland deal certainly remembers how the deal played out. Garland strained his arm during the 1977 season in which he posted a 13-19 record (and that was his best season as an Indian). He had shoulder pain in 1978 (earning the nickname “Wayne the Pain”), tried to pitch through it, and tore his rotator cuff in the process. *Ouch!* Bye-bye career...

It signaled the end of future free agent spending until Dick Jacobs bought the Indians in 1986 for \$40M. Within the next decade, he turned the franchise into a powerhouse. ●

DIGGING DOVER – WESTLAKE

Dover Blast Furnace, c. 1833

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

In the March 1, 2022, edition of the Observer, I penned a Digging Dover column exploring the date of construction of a house at 27060 Center Ridge Road. Part of that exploration was trying to determine if there was any connection between this house and the earliest industrial building in Dover – the Dover Blast Furnace.

“A History and Civics of Dover Township” by Hadsell and Rutherford states that between 1830 and 1835 the Dover Blast Furnace was built (near the northeast corner of Dover Center and Center Ridge Road). It burned down in 1844. Its location is still shown on an 1852 map as the “iron furnace” and is depicted as north of the current location of 27060 Center Ridge Road.

The blast furnace was used to transform bog iron ore to pig iron which was then delivered to the Cleveland flats for further processing. Bog iron was created by a geologic process along former beach ridges and found in low spots on either side of Center Ridge Road in Dover.

More information about the blast furnace and how its output was used was serendipitously found in the “First Directory of Cleveland and Ohio City 1837-38,” which was reproduced and presented by

The Cleveland Directory Co. The original edition was published in Cleveland by Sanford & Lott, Book and Job Printers in 1837. This is what the directory says on page 124:

“The Cuyahoga Steam Furnace, situate[d] on River St. corner of Washington St. was incorporated in 1834, for the manufacture of cast and wrought iron work, adapted to the wants of the country. Capital \$100,000 – three fourths of which is paid in. Josiah Barber, Richard Lord, John W. Allen, and Charles Hoyt, are the principal stock holders.

“The old establishment was burned to the ground in the spring of 1834, soon after incorporation; since which time the present substantial brick structure, of 235 feet front, with a wing of 90 feet deep, has been erected for the different branches of the business; and is calculated to give employment to upwards of 100 workmen. The amount of castings turned off during the past year exceeded 500 tons, besides a great quantity of wrought iron work,&c. giving employment to seventy men.

“Owing to the rapid development of the agricultural resources of this and the western states, requiring increased facilities for the erection of saw and flouring mills, the attention of the company has been chiefly given to improved geering



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The Center Street swing bridge in the Cleveland flats. When the bridge is positioned over the Cuyahoga River the west end of it is in the same location as the former location of the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace Company.

[sic] and wrought iron work for them; and have furnished the greater proportion of the better class of mills in this region with their irons.

“The establishment is under the control of Mr. Charles Hoyt, who has acquired a reputation for its manufacture that will compete with any other of the kind in the country.

“The pig metal used here is chiefly obtained from a blast furnace at Dover (12 miles west,) belonging to the same concern, and is equal in quality to the best Scotch pig.”

The Cuyahoga Steam Furnace was

located in the Cleveland flats on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River where currently the west end of the Center Street swing bridge ends. This is the 1901 metal truss bridge painted bright red which links the west and east side of the flats and recently re-opened last October after 21 months of reconstruction.

The Dover Blast Furnace and the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace pre-date any railroads in Cleveland and even pre-date the Detroit Plank Road which was not constructed until 1849. The transport of pig iron by horse and buggy over dirt roads must have been a challenge. ●

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Westlake & Bay Village students share their favorite traditions

For the Observer's annual last-issue-of-the-year feature, students from Westlake and Bay Village share favorite family traditions.

Mrs. Julie McArn's first-grade class at Normandy Elementary

The night before Christmas, we all go in my mom and dad's bed and read, The Night Before Christmas. You know, that's the only time you can read this story.

- Mary F.



On Christmas morning, I wake my parents up. After I wake them up, I wake my brother and sister up. Then me, my brother and sister go downstairs and wait for mom and dad to come down. Then we open our presents. We get to play with our presents for a little bit. That's all.

- Eddy

My grandma and grandpa come from Florida. My grandpa likes to take me ice skating. When we get home we like to play LOL together.

- Blake



I have hot cocoa. I go outside and play in the snow.

- Charlie

We make gingerbread houses. We invite everyone over. Me and my cousins put the frosting on our noses and then we eat it off the spoon.

- Holynn



Over Christmas we make gingerbread houses. We use white cookies. And we have Christmas dinner. I think we have cookies for dinner. We usually do this by ourselves. I like it a lot.

- Grey

Me and my family go to the Knickerbocker to sing Christmas carols. Sometimes we go with my best friend Elanora.

- Mary H.

Spending lots of time with my family is what we always do. I eat good food with them like gingerbread cookies that my mom makes. They taste good.

- Nolan C.



We go to the Nutcracker with my friend Joey. Sometimes we will go to somebody's house to eat Christmas dinner. It's a happy time.

- Lucy

We bake cookies with my mom and all my siblings. My favorite is putting sprinkles on them. Once we are done I like to eat them.

- Graham



Me, my grandpa and grandma and cousins eat breakfast before we open our presents. We eat eggs, and bacon. I love bacon. On Christmas day we wear our pajama pants. Me and my mom go shopping together on Christmas. It is fun.

- Maggie



Every year, me and my cousins we do a Secret Santa. How it works, whoever aunt or uncle has a hat we line up and pull a name out of it. Then we go to another aunt or uncle and they just look at the name and they won't tell. And then we shop for something for that person. I like it.

- Brigid

Every year we go over to my grandma and grandpa's house with all our family. We have partners who we give a gift to. Then go over to the house and give the gifts we bought them.

- Oliver



On Christmas morning we wake our parents. We go downstairs and open presents. I think we take pictures too. And our family comes. They bring us presents. We eat breakfast. We just spend lots of time with our family.

- Lennon



On Christmas Eve we get Christmas pajamas from my mom. That's it.

- Evan

Every Christmas we go to the Nutcracker. My sister dances in it too. Some of my sister's friends go with my family. Every year we sometimes go ice skating. This year we get to go skiing at my grandma and grandpa's cabin.

- Caroline



My holiday tradition is growing a flower (Amaryllis) for Christmas. I like to watch it grow.

- Ray

Mrs. Sarah Gency and Mrs. Kate Gallo's first-grade class at Westlake Elementary



My family is from Munich, Germany. In my family we celebrate Advent, which are the four Sundays before Christmas.

We have a wreath with four candles. We light each candle on Sunday in December until Christmas day. My mom lights the candles. Some day when I am older I will get to light them.

- Arthur V.

In my family we celebrate Christmas. We set up a lot of colorful decorations. We have a tree and lights. Our family comes over to our house to celebrate. We like to eat soup. Sometimes I help my mom make the soup. My favorite part is getting

to open the presents and spending time with family members.

– Story F.

My family's winter holiday tradition is to celebrate Eid Al-Adha. We eat lamb and yellow rice. We call this Mansaf. We open presents. We get to see our family.

– Yaseen S.



In the winter my family's tradition is to celebrate Christmas! We put up Christmas trees, stockings, and an Advent calendar. I even get to pick new covers for my bed. We like to eat cookies, lasagna, and cinnamon rolls. Christmas with my family is so much fun.

– William R.

My family is from the Ukraine. We moved to the United States last year. We celebrate St. Nicholas day. We get gifts under our pillow. We go to church and sing Christmas songs. We get to eat a special steak and bake cheesecake sweets. I love building a snowman when it snows outside!

– Melaniia K.



Every year my family celebrates Christmas! We have a Christmas tree. Santa visits and brings us presents. I asked Santa for a mermaid microphone this year. We like to make pierogies with my cousins at grammy's house. They are so yummy! We bake cookies at my house. I am so excited to see the Nutcracker with my dad.

– Evelyn B.

One holiday that my family celebrates is Ramadan and Eid. We decorate with moons, stars, and shapes. My mom and dad fast. They eat during the night, but not during the day. We go to the mosque to pray with the whole family. I eat dates with my brother. The ladies dress up fancy



and the boys dress up handsome.

– Yumna S.

My family celebrates Christmas. We decorate the Christmas tree. I have a princess stocking to hang. We make gingerbread houses. We like to bake and eat gingerbread cookies. I love Christmas because I get to see my whole family. We go to three different houses to celebrate with everyone. I am so tired by the end of the day!

– Vienna B.

During the Winter, my family celebrates Christmas. We bake cookies and make candies. My favorite type of cookie that we make is chocolate chip. I like them when they are still warm. Sometimes we go sledding and ice skating with our friends. My favorite treat is candy cane ice cream!

– Oliver W.

My family has lived all over because my mom and dad are in the military. No matter where we are, we always celebrate Christmas in the Winter. We love to decorate the tree, decorate cookies and eat Christmas ham. I also have a stuffed reindeer that I like to hide around the house for my family to find.

– Winnie P.



I am from Albania and moved to the United States last year. In the Winter, we celebrate Christmas. Christmas in Albania is a lot like Christmas in the United States. I like to help my family decorate the tree and we watch Christmas movies. My favorite is "The Gingerbread Movie." *Gëzuar Krishtlindjet* is Merry Christmas in Albanian.

– Danjel E.

In my family, we have themed Christmases. Each year, I get to choose a theme for Christmas and my mom decorates my room and my special tree in that theme. This year, I picked a Barbie theme. There is pink and teal everywhere! I love it!

– Kobi K.



We celebrate Christmas with my family. My favorite part is my elf, "Elfie." She watches me every day, and then flies to Santa Claus at night to make toys. One time, she was on my Grandpa's animals and another time she was in my mom's shirt. She is so funny!

– Avery K.

My family loves to celebrate Thanksgiving in the winter! We buy a turkey for dinner and make paper hand turkeys for decorations. We pray together as a family before our dinner. Then we go to my grandma's house for dessert and play with my cousins.

– Judah G.



I celebrate Christmas with my family. We hang lights outside our house and have blowups. We have a Santa blowup this year. I love to eat candy canes! We have a manger scene inside our house that I helped set up. We go sledding! Our silly elf goes to different places and we try to find him.

– Noelle L.

In my family, we celebrate Eid. We put up lights and decorations. We go out with the whole family and we go to fun places with them. I like to eat dates and olives. We have a big feast with our whole family!

– Layla A.



My family moved to the United States this year from Algeria. We celebrate our prophet's birthday in the winter. We have candles to decorate with. We sing with my family. We play with fireworks with my dad and brother. I help mom make couscous to eat! I love it!

– Safa M.

My family is from Saudi Arabia and we are moving back soon. In my family we love Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr. We celebrate by decorating with crescent moons and stars. My mom makes yummy food that we eat at sundown. I will miss my Westlake friends, but I am excited to go back to Saudi Arabia.

– Sarah A.



Bay Village Schools honors retiring Board members

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

At the Dec. 4 Bay Village Board of Education meeting, two resolutions were presented to honor retiring Board members Beth Lally and Paul Vincent. Both members decided not to run for their expiring seats in the recent November 2023 election.

Mrs. Lally served the district for eight years, including as Vice President and President. Her involvement and leadership was instrumental in serving the STEM Academy, Strategic Planning, the opening of the Home of the Rockets, passing two school levies, leadership during a pandemic and leading the Board to hire key positions within the district, including two superintendents, two treasurers and the appointment of three Board members.

Mr. Vincent served four years, including as Board President. His involvement and leadership were significant in Strategic Planning, the

opening of the Home of the Rockets, passing the recent levy, leadership during a pandemic and leading the Board to hire key positions within the district, including a superintendent, a treasurer and the appointment of a Board member.

Bay Village Schools thanks both of these outstanding community members for their dedication to and support of our district and the students they served, as Board members, district parents and civic leaders. Each was presented with a sailboat figurine keepsake and a thank you sign made by members of the first-grade class at Normandy Elementary School.

At the Friday, Jan. 5, Organizational Board Meeting at 8 a.m. at the Board of Education Office, newly elected Board members Debbie Callihan and James Goodman will be sworn in. The district will introduce these two new members in a future issue of the Observer. ●



Retiring Bay Village Board of Education members Beth Lally and Paul Vincent share the thank you signs they received from Normandy first-graders.

Bay Village Garden Club creates 'Enchanted Forest' wreath

by JULIE FEAGLER

The Cleveland Botanical Garden's "Frost: An Ice-Capped Garden Experience" features colorful, magical frozen winter landscapes. The show runs through Dec. 31 so you still have an opportunity to enjoy the many festive displays.

When you go, please take time to enjoy the Bay Village Garden Club entry, "Enchanted Forest," created by BVGC President Erika Mittermeier. The wreath is adorned with shimmering emerald green peacocks, pale green iridescent hummingbirds, and golden glistening snowflakes.

Erika chose fanciful peacocks as a focal point because this year Frost features animals with a touch of fantasy. Botanical elements are also incorporated – emerald green velvet

poinsettias, gold apples sparkling with ice crystals, gold pinecones, pearlescent grapes, and gold ivy.

Botanical Garden's Frost has been two years in the making. There are 500 poinsettias on display as well as dazzling lighting in the outdoor gardens. Advance tickets are recommended. Check online at holdenfg.org for details on ticket prices and show times. Enjoy the show! ●



BVGC President Erika Mittermeier with the club's Enchanted Forest wreath.

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Algorithms are all around us

Part of a new mini-series demystifying how algorithms are used

by TAK SATO

Transportation, from personal anecdotal conversations with seniors and through consumption of popular media, seems to be a bane for the senior demographic.

As a college student, I relied on the RTA system, commuting from Lakewood or Westlake to Cleveland State University in the late '80s. Greater Cleveland is unlike metropolitan cities like Boston or New York City.

Beantown and the Big Apple's public transportation systems remind me of Japan's superb public transportation system, yet the iconic yellow cabs of the Big Apple also remind me that America is not a small island nation!

Helping the senior demographic discover digital literacy, a life skill needed to live comfortably in the 21st century, I've always been interested in ride-hailing services as a solution and subsidized by federal, state, local governments and even foundations.

I was excited when White House brought back the Conference on Aging at the national level in 2015 after a long hiatus; doubly excited when Uber was invited with a senior-centric ride-hailing services pilot program in tow. As I wrote this piece, I googled to see if anything came out of Uber's pilot but I came up with only crumbs.

Many changes have taken place since early 2020. Utilization of online ordering and food delivery platforms (DoorDash, Grubhub, and UberEats to name a few) and local supermarkets

adding their own competing services, is one very notable change. Furthermore, this cottage industry/economy seems to be vibrant even when COVID became an endemic and physical distancing requirements dissipated.

As luck would have it, I recently had an opportunity to ride shotgun with my best friend who started to drive for one of the delivery service outfits this fall. Watching him earn almost \$46 in less than two hours was fun to say the least.

We made five deliveries while I rode shotgun and I observed that four out of the five delivery recipients were very generous with their tipping. Most importantly, however, I didn't miss that every interaction my friend had, whether with the delivery service platform he was working for or the customer waiting for his arrival, was through his smartphone.

Simply put, his smartphone was his dispatcher, accountant, and provided other supporting roles to him, a contractor.

"Algorithms" are defined as "a finite sequence of rigorous instructions, typically used to solve a class of specific problems." If I had my druthers, I would postulate that my friend's above-average earnings was the result of the finely-tuned algorithm in play. This algorithm took into account parameters such as his customers' ratings, his location relative to where the customer order was coming from, and other statistics.

Throughout 2024, this mini-series will explore the algorithms around us and how they affect us, whether for our personal gains and/or for the platforms' gains. See you after the holidays. Stay tuned! ●

READER'S OPINION

The gift of Christmas treasures and traditions

by COLLEEN HARDING

When we were growing up, we had a Great-Aunt Kay whom we used to visit regularly. She was our mother's aunt and helped to raise her when her mother died of cancer.

Our Aunt Kay was very special to us. Many times we would make the drive to the eastside to visit with her and have lunch or dinner. It taught us patience, how to sit still and listen, and visit (which is a skill that needed to be developed). As a result, we got to hear great stories.

Aunt Kay was from a large family that migrated from Ireland. She would share stories about holidays where everyone cooked all day and sipped whiskey. She would laugh hard when she shared the stories of things that went wrong, and many did. We wondered how they ever got to enjoy a finished meal. Looking back on it, it was terrific.

Our tree is made up of many ornaments, new and old, glass and plastic, from both sides of the family. It is filled with handmade Christmas presents from school and memories from past generations.

A Christmas tree comes with wonderful Christmas memories. It is a collection of sentiments from many different family members.

Family members that come with great stories. Stories of crazy snow storms that hit the night before everyone was to arrive home for Christmas. Stories of parties that required particular dress codes back in the day. Memories of loved ones who are no longer with us but who continue to be top of mind at this time of year.

Christmas is a time of traditions and treasures. Traditions remind us of special times with every ornament hung on the tree. Treasures are the people we continue to gather with and those we remember fondly.

A Christmas tree is a gift from the past because it allows us to walk down memory lane.

It is difficult to take the time to look at every ornament and remember where it came from and what was going on when it was presented or purchased. Take the time to remember the gift of Christmas past. Each ornament comes with a story from someone who loves you. ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

All I want for Christmas is good health insurance

by DIANA PI, M.D.

The Affordable Care Act's (ACA, Obamacare) open enrollment period ends on Monday, Jan. 15. If you have no health insurance, are aging out of Mom's or Pop's health plan, or question the health part of your health plan, read on.

Six months ago, Moses, 62, and his wife, April, saw me in the free clinic. He was discharged after a stroke. He only wanted one thing, a prescription for varenicline (Chantix), a drug that helps stop smoking.

Moses hadn't touched a cigarette, was doing well, feeling well. He could lift his right arm above his head but needed time to say his words. His wife, April, was quiet and attentive.

Despite the good news, I was edgy, waiting to ask the "question."

Before I saw him, I reviewed his record and was surprised by a finding on his lung scan. First, a lung scan isn't routine for stroke workup. Worse: it showed a good-sized mass. Moses didn't bring up the mass.

"Did anybody mention a lung mass?" I asked.

The answer was yes. And they asked him to get a PET scan and bunch of other tests. With a PET scan, doctors can find spots in our bodies that are burning excess energy – like cancer. Think: cops can locate a marijuana grow house using a heat sensor.

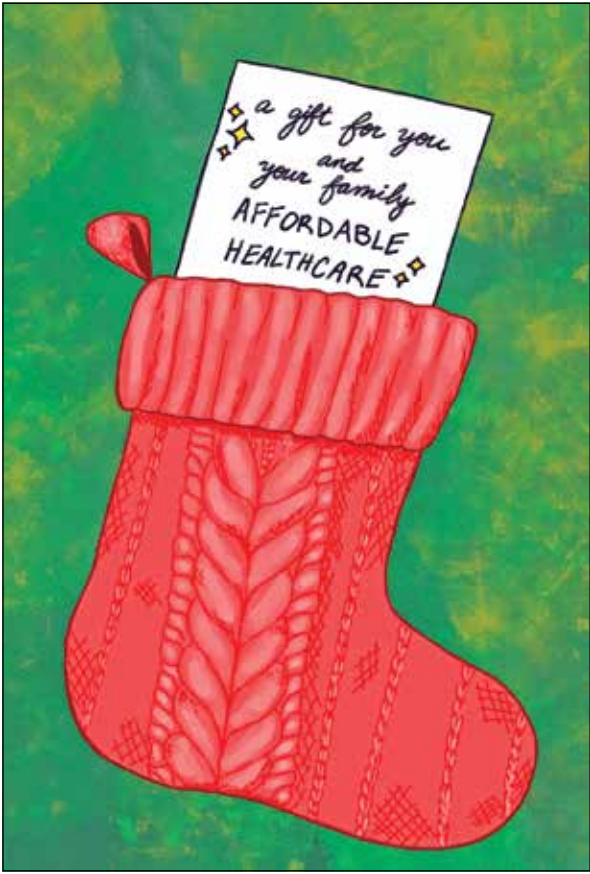


ILLUSTRATION BY MEGAN STEWART

"When's it scheduled?" I inquired.

"We called, but nobody called us back," April said.

That worried me.

To start, Moses hadn't had health care or health insurance for 10 years since his last factory job. As a hotel manager, April has health insurance through her work. Her health insurance costs \$85 per biweekly paycheck, but to add Moses, it's an additional \$520 – not possible with

last-minute enrollment.

2. He pays \$91 monthly for a robust silver health plan that normally costs \$906 monthly (annual saving of \$9,780). The average cost of ACA for an Ohioan is \$114 per month.

3. In this plan, Moses has a maximum out-of-pocket expense of \$3,000 per year, which means his insurance will pay for everything after he pays \$3,000 for the year.

their tight budget. They missed the Medicaid cutoff by \$150 per paycheck.

April thought he was doing fine, but Moses, a philosophical optimist, admitted he didn't say much when not feeling well, because: "Things have a strange way of working out."

Our office got to work. First, we contacted our volunteer pulmonologist, who called a thoracic surgeon, who called nuclear radiology to set up the scan.

Moses signed up for ACA. The parts that work:

4. His primary care visits are free (lower tiered plans may have copays). April found a nice Primary Care Physician who is "laid back and straightforward."

5. Because all preventative services are free (see the listing at healthcare.gov), Moses got all his overdue vaccines – including multiple pneumonia vaccines – for free.

6. A PET scan costs between \$3,000 and 12,000. Under the insurance, Moses' copay is \$240.

Six months after his stroke, I called to see how they're doing. I wish I had a happy story, but I don't. They haven't been able to get any tests.

By now, Moses' speech is fluent, his right arm is "99%" normal. Still not smoking.

But his "final notice" and "seriously past due" bills (prior to ACA coverage) are flooding in. April figured they owed \$8,000 for the 4-day stroke hospitalization. They're working on a payment plan with the hospital. April works 50 to 65 hours a week, and they're unable to front the \$240 for the PET scan or any other tests.

To convince them the gravity of the situation, the pulmonologist said, "It's cancer," based on the CT finding. April is wracked with guilt and cries daily.

To help, his PCP has scheduled his tests after the new year, so they have one \$3,000 annual deductible to deal with. I believe Moses' "Things have a strange way of working out." But call ACA's 24/7 helpline and find out for yourself. ●

Westlake senior will row for University of Alabama

by MICHAEL FERRY and ANGELA DOUGLAS

Westlake High School senior Avery Douglas's rowing career began largely on a whim after seeing people use the rowing machines at the Westlake Recreation Center. The first time she attempted a 2K on the erg machine, her time was in the collegiate range!

She thought the erg was fun, so she decided to try rowing on the water and joined the non-profit Foundry Community Rowing and Sailing Center in Cleveland. The Foundry features a club team for middle and high school students interested in rowing. All abilities are welcome to join, including first-time rowers with no rowing background.

Avery started rowing for CFJ the spring of 2022. She and her teammates qualified in the U17 4X boat at Junior Nationals in Sarasota, Florida. Competing at Junior Nationals is what really made her realize how much she loved the sport and set the wheels in motion for the follow-

ing season.

Avery focused on college recruitment after her experience at Nationals. Once she realized how much she loved the sport and the incredible opportunity, she decided to pursue rowing year-round. Rowing provides the greatest number of D1 and D2 scholarship opportunities for high school women today.

Having been on the cross country, soccer and basketball teams at Westlake High School, Avery left those behind to become serious about her off season training, which led her to compete internationally.

Avery performed well at the World Indoor Rowing Championships, Crash-B Sprints, and at the U19 National Team ID Camp. After improving and performing well all winter and spring, she was invited to U.S. Rowing U19 Selection Development Camp in Dayton, where she trained for four weeks with the top rowing coaches in the country.

She thrived in the competitive environment and was chosen for the 1V8 boat which took home



Avery Douglas and her parents on signing day at Westlake High.

a gold and a bronze at Summer Nationals. Soon after, she was one of only 50 female athletes from across the country to be named to the U.S. Rowing Honor Roll which takes into account scholastic and athletic accomplishments.

There were numerous unofficial and official visits all over the country with many scholarship offers to consider. Avery nar-

rowed it down to University of Washington, University of California Berkeley, University of Virginia, University of Connecticut, and University of Alabama.

At the University of Alabama, Avery was impressed with what they had to offer both athletically and academically. Avery plans on studying Nutrition and Biochemistry in the Honors College

at Alabama.

Nick Ranallo, Athletic Director at Westlake High School, remarked, "Westlake is so very proud of Avery for making the commitment to further her academic and athletic career at such a prestigious institution as the University of Alabama. Her work ethic, dedication, and discipline makes her an immediate asset to the school and rowing team. We know she is going to have great success at Alabama just like she has here at Westlake High School."

Avery's father, Ryan Douglas added, "I am extremely proud of Avery and how she handled the entire recruiting process. Her mom and I were very hands off and Avery talked to all of the coaches herself and made all of her own decisions along the way with very little influence from us."

In January, Avery will attend a special camp in Chula Vista, California, hoping to secure an invite to U19 National Team try-outs. Her other goal is to qualify for Junior Nationals once again with her CFJ teammates at the Foundry. ●



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Christmas cards of Bay Village notables

by MICHELE YAMAMOTO

During Cahoon Christmas 2023 events, the Bay Village Historical Society is showcasing an exhibit of Christmas cards and imagery in our library. The pictures were created by artist Thomas William Jones, a Bay Village native.

Jones recently and very generously donated examples of his work to the Society this year. Jones's work was chosen as the feature image for President Ronald Reagan and Vice

President Dick Cheney's official Christmas cards.

You may view the art in person at Rose Hill Museum during the final Cahoon Christmas event day on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 4-7 p.m. You may find a list of special performances and demonstrations for this day on our website at bayhistorical.com.

Jones's cards inspired us to look at some other holiday greetings in our collections. Enjoy this look into the past and happy holidays from the Bay Village Historical Society! ●



ABOVE: Telegram from Ernie Olchon to his future wife, Dorothy, circa the late 1930s. They were married in 1940. From 1940-1971, Olchon owned Ernie Olchon's Bay Service Station, at Wolf and Dover roads.

LEFT: The front of a 'Miss Santa Claus' Christmas postcard from Ida Maria Cahoon to Miss Sarah Dodd, circa 1910s.

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14th annual Bay Village Senior Center soup cookoff

by JENNIFER RUESE

The Bay Village Senior Center is hosting our 14th annual Soup Cookoff on Friday, Jan. 26, at 11:30 a.m. Participants will have an opportunity to taste soups from up to 11 local vendors and cast their vote for the people's choice award.

This annual fundraiser helps raise money for new and existing senior activi-

ties put on by the Bay Village Community Services Department.

The Bay Village Senior Center is located at 300 Bryson Lane. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the senior center. It includes admission to the event, the chance to win door prizes and all the soup, crackers and bread you can eat!

If you would like to be a volunteer for this event, please call 440-835-6565. ●



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Bay Village Police Chief Robert Gillespie serves soup to attendees of the January 2023 soup cookoff.

Bay Village Historical Society receives OHRAB Achievement Award

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The Bay Village Historical Society has recently been named as a recipient of the 2023 Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board) Achievement Award.

The Ohio Historical Advisory Board (OHRAB) is the central body for historical records planning in the state. The board is funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Board members represent Ohio's public and private archives, records offices and research institutions.

In 2019, the Bay Village Historical

Society began a project to conserve and increase access to the portraits and photographs in Rose Hill Museum. These portraits are vital to the Bay Village Historical Society. According to the will donating the land and home to the historical society, the portraits of the descendants of the Cahoon family, the first settlers of Bay Village, and the portraits of other early settler families must be displayed.

In the first phase of the project, historical society staff and volunteers removed the portraits from their original frames and transported them to the Cleveland Public Library's main branch where they

were scanned as high-resolution tiffs. The Cleveland Institute of Art then produced an archival copy of each portrait.

A local artist volunteered with the historical society to restore the frames, touching up the paint and using modeling clay to repair the cracks. The archival copies were placed in the repaired frames and hung on the walls of the Rose Hill Museum.

The historical society also consulted with staff from ICA-Art Conservation, Jamison Art Conservation and Cleveland State University to develop a plan to conserve the original portraits. This included

some portraits consisting of chalk drawings on paper with silk backing. Custom-made archival boxes with archival foam core and all-cotton batting were built to house the original portraits to preserve them for future generations.

During the project, the Bay Village Historical Society created an index to the portrait gallery, including biographical information about the individuals. A copy of the index is available for visitors to Rose Hill Museum. The information, along with digital copies of the portraits, is available online at www.bayhistorical.com/portrait-gallery. ●

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