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HEALTH & WELLNESS

NOT MY CHILD!

No one believes it can happen to their child! But it CAN and, unfortunately, experimentation of alcohol and other drugs start at the middle school level.

- Did you know that, statistically, 40% of those who start drinking at age 13 or younger develop alcohol dependence later in life? And that teens that drink are 50 times more likely to use cocaine than teens who never consume alcohol?
- Did you know that nearly 30 percent of all middle school age students admit they have tried alcohol at least once? And that over 10 percent of them drank alcohol for the first time BEFORE the age of 13?

To learn more, all residents are invited to attend one of two planned informative presentations on this often overlooked topic.

Presenting will be Bay parents, along with expert panel members Middle School Principal – Sean McAndrews, St. Raphael Assistant Principal – Roger Andrachik, Juvenile Detective Kevin Krolkowski – Bay Village Police Department, Bay High School Assistant Principal – Jason Martin, Bay High School and Mike Matoney, the Executive Director of New Directions – a Cleveland adolescent residential drug treatment center, ready to answer your questions.

Please Join! • All are welcome

NOT MY CHILD
Parent Drug Awareness and Education Programs:

Bay Middle School
Thursday, October 22 at 7pm

St. Raphael School
Wednesday, October 28 at 7pm

As summer ends, fall programming begins at the Westlake Recreation Center

by Chris Haldi

The start of September brings an ending and a beginning to the Westlake Recreation Center. It marks the end of our summer programming and the beginning of fall.

With the summer programs completed, the staff at the recreation center can give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done and be proud of another successful summer. The staff has begun preparing for the Fall programs by organizing thoughts, agendas, itineraries and game plans.

During the month of August, the Recreation Center conducts its annual maintenance routine in which the building is cleaned from ceiling to floor. The gym is squeaky clean, the fitness room is spick and span and the pools are sparkling. The center is now open with exception of the slides in the Lazy River which are closed and currently under construction.

Fall will be an exciting time with a wide variety of programs and events to participate in. For more information regarding our programs, log onto the



Another enjoyable evening at the Westlake Recreation Family Campout

Recreation Center's website at <http://www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation/index.aspx> or stop by the front desk at the Recreation Center, Meadowood Golf

Course or City Hall. Also feel free to check us out on Facebook and become a fan: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Westlake-OH/Westlake-Recreation->

Department/113894093029. Fans will receive updates regarding schedule changes and upcoming events.

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You can be an Observer!

by Tara Wendell

I'm not a professional writer. Many of the people who have written articles for the Observer are not professional writers. They are simply people in our community who have something to share with the rest of us. That's what I think is so great about the Observer project. It's an open forum where people from all walks of life can communicate ideas, viewpoints and

information.

The point I'm getting at is that you (yes, YOU, really) can write for the Observer, too. Anybody who lives or works in Westlake or Bay and has a story to tell or an idea to express can be a part of this community project. You don't have to be an experienced writer or an influential member of society. The Observer gives an equal voice to everyone who participates.

I write because I believe in the concept of a community-owned, citizen-written news source and I want to get others involved. Others may write because they attended a fun event, have an opinion about a community topic, or simply want to share their knowledge about a particular subject. This is intended to be a fun project that brings the community together. It's not The Wall Street

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BUSINESS

Preparing a resume - now and then

by Wendy Jones

Especially in these tough economic times and with so many people out of work, changing careers, or trying to get their foot in the door of a company, it is important to keep your resume updated. If you have worked in one industry or company for many years and are now out of work, or are considering a whole new career, where do you start to create a new resume? What are employers looking for? How do you get their attention?

Some of the basics of a resume have changed quite a bit in the last 10 years. Here are some of the big differences in resumes prepared today compared to years ago:

Years ago, resumes started out with a Goal or Objective. Today, resumes are being prepared with a Summary of Qualifications or a Profile at the top. This consists of a bulleted list of highlights that you want an employer to see at first glance. They indicate what you are good at or what makes you stand out from other candidates.

Your Employment History should also consist of bullet points of several important facets of your job that you have attained or several tasks that you have accomplished in your job, (e.g., Increased company revenue by 30% in the last year; Responsible for managing the functions of a \$25 Million sales company; Supervise a staff of 20 employees).

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WESTLAKE

Westshore Montessori School hosts Alex's Lemonade Stand in memory of former student, Emily Lewis

by Mary Walters

Westshore Montessori School will host an Alex's Lemonade Stand on Friday, September 11, 2009 from 9:00 – 2:00 PM. The stand is being held in memory of our former student, Emily Lewis. Emily lost her 3 year battle with cancer in August of 2009. She was 12 years old.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lem-

onade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004). At the age of 4, Alex announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer. Since Alex held that first stand, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement. To date, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 charity, has raised more than \$25 million towards fulfilling Alex's dream of finding

a cure, funding over 100 research projects nationally. Ninety percent of all donations go directly to funding research.

We will have a stand set up in the front of the school (located at 26536 Detroit Road, Westlake) if individuals would like to stop in to make a contribution and receive some delicious lemonade for themselves. Donations over \$5.00 will be acknowledged with large lemon-shaped papers with their name on it posted at the stand. The top 5 con-

tributors will receive a discount pass for Macy's to be used on October 17th, a national day of support for local non-profit organizations. Discounts range from 10% to 25%. You can also enter a chance to win a \$500 gift card.

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SENIOR LIVING

Country fun at the Knickerbocker



Knickerbocker's In-house Comedy Team includes (front row) Ron Lorentz, Edith Chunut, director Bruce Leigh, (back row) Phyllis Scroth and Loretta Embriano.

by Anne Naumann

Fried chicken, Clara's Blue Ribbon potato salad, watermelon, corn on the cob and buttermilk biscuits were on the menu at the County Fair Dinner held at the Knickerbocker Apartments. Every month a different theme dinner is hosted by the West Shore Senior Center which operates on the first floor of the apartment complex. The residents choose the theme, menu, and help host the event. A group of fun-loving individuals put together

a small performance keeping with the festivities. These events are very popular and are well-attended not only by the residents but also by friends and family. All are welcome.

The highlight of the evening took place when a watermelon was thrown out of an 8th floor window as part a raffle. Everyone was a winner when it came to laughter and silliness.

For more information about the monthly dinners or any other activities at the Knickerbocker, please call (440) 835-1111 weekdays.

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Journal, so don't be intimidated. If you have a passion for something, share it with the community. If there's a local topic or issue that you feel deserves more attention, write about it. If you disagree with an argument posed by another writer, submit your own response. Or if you want to write because you just like writing, we invite you to join in.

And it doesn't end there! You don't have to write a story to get involved - take a picture of a local setting or event, share a favorite recipe or submit an

original drawing. If it's of interest to the community, it's fit to print!

All you have to do is go to the Observer website at www.wbvobserver.com and sign up in the Member Center. From there, you can submit stories and/or upload photos to be published right here in the newspaper and on the website. We're here to assist you in any way we can. If you need help with anything from using the Member Center to deciding what to write about, give us a call at (440) 409-0114 or send me an email at tara@wbvobserver.com.

UPCOMING EVENT

Preventing Fractures in the Elderly:

The Importance of Diagnosing and Treating Osteoporosis in Seniors

Monday, Sept. 14
2:00 pm

The Gardens at Westlake
27569 Detroit Road
Westlake
RSVP: 877-597-6348

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Here are some story topics to get you going!

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- City Topics
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- Cooking
- Politics

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Baker announces approval of \$1.5 million for Third Frontier Internships

by Shannon McNamara

State Representative Nan Baker (R-Westlake) extends her thanks to the State Controlling Board for their approval of a Third Frontier Research and Development Fund in the amount of nearly \$1.5 million. The funding will be issued to 11 partner organizations participating in the Ohio Third Frontier (OTF) Internship Program for high-tech internship placement throughout Ohio.

"I am so grateful to the Controlling Board for their vision of supporting the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund," Baker said. "We need to keep our best and brightest college students and interns in Ohio. This initiative is an excellent example of moving Ohio toward sustainable prosperity."

The purpose of the OTF Internship program is to develop a pool of talented workers for Ohio businesses and create student work experiences for Ohio residents. The program will enrich the educational experience of college students and assist the interns with obtaining a permanent full-time job upon graduating from a university or college.

The OTF Internship Program will reimburse up to 50 percent of the intern's wage, or \$3,000 for a 12-month period. Eligible students include those who are registered in their second year at a technology or community college; sophomores, juniors or seniors at four-year institutions; or masters or doctoral candidates enrolled in degree programs with a high-tech curriculum.

Businesses can provide internships in one or more of the following fields: Advanced/Alternative Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Materials, Biomedical Information Technology, Instruments/ Controls/ Electronics, and Advanced Propulsion. ●

Raise Taxes, Kill Jobs

by Nan Baker

As a small business owner I understand the challenges that the businesses in our community are facing, and I am committed to expanding employment opportunities and making Ohio more business-friendly. Now more than ever, it is essential that state leaders focus on getting people back to work by attracting businesses and jobs to our state, and the first crucial step is reexamining our tax laws to ensure that we are providing enough incentives to start or expand a business in Ohio.

Today's global market is highly competitive and highly mobile, and businesses frequently relocate from high-tax states to low-tax states where they have the best chance for economic success. However, Ohio has the 7th highest tax burden in the nation and conveys a strong message that we punish, not reward, economic success. Thus, the growing financial burden on taxpayers will ultimately inhibit business growth and job creation in Ohio.

Raising taxes on businesses compels college graduates, professionals and entrepreneurs to flee Ohio in search of better business environments. And with those highly valuable professionals and self-starters also go vital jobs and investments in the community. In the last decade more than 3.5 million people abandoned states with high income taxes, like Ohio, and relocated to states with no income tax. Not surprisingly, states with no income taxes, like Texas, New Hampshire and Florida, created 89 percent more jobs and had 32 percent faster income growth than high-tax states. These figures prove that punitive taxes on savings, investments and profits compel many businesses to migrate to business-friendly states.

To witness how low tax rates can positively affect business growth, look no further than the Lone Star State. Texas is a shining model of how low taxes can rouse job creation and business expansion. While it has no income tax, Texas created more jobs in 2008 than all other states combined. And on top of that, it is one of only three states that are reducing taxes this year.

There is a valuable lesson to be learned from Texas's example – that the spirit entrepreneurship can create more economic opportunity than raising taxes ever could. While tax increases during a recession may seem like a quick and easy fix, the long-term repercussions of job loss would plague us for years to come. To get Ohioans back to work, it is vital that state leaders reexamine our tax code to ensure we are doing all we can to make Ohio a great place to live, work and start a business. As the ranking member on the House Economic Development Committee I hope to work toward a business-friendly tax code that will attract new jobs and help business expansion in our state.

If you have any thoughts or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (614) 466-0961 or write to me at Representative Nan Baker, 77 S. High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. You may also email me at District16@ohr.state.oh.us. ●
Nan Baker is the State Representative for Ohio's 16th District.



REC CENTER

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Here is a partial list of some of our upcoming September Events and Programs:

- Pirate Adventure (ages 3-5)
- Autumn Time (ages 3-5)
- Pony Lessons (ages 3-11)
- Jr. Spikers Volleyball (grades K-2)
- Jr. Hoopers Basketball (ages 5-6)
- NFL / PEPSI Punt, Pass & Kick (ages 8-15)
- Fantasy Football (Grades 5-8)
- Demon Development Basketball Clinic (Grade 1-8)
- Home School Sport, Swim & Fitness Program (up to 15 yrs.)
- Learn To Swim Classes
- Ballet and Jazz for kids ages 5-13
- Shoot and Score (Grades 3-12)
- Adult Belly Dancing
- Adult Line Dancing
- Adult Watercolor
- Budget Management
- Youth and Adult Ceramics. ●



Day Camp kids learn about a snake at the Cleveland Zoo during a field trip.

RESUME

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Be sure to show a progression within one company if you have had several positions or promotions within that company. Include the different job titles.

Years ago, resumes were prepared with a paragraph detailing exactly what you did at each different job. Now they are prepared with bullet points of only the highlights that you want to stand out. It is not necessary to list every single thing you ever did!

Start with the most current job first and work backwards chronologically. If you have had many different jobs for short periods of time, do not list every single job you have ever had. Go back perhaps to only the last five or six. Reason for leaving is not appropriate anymore.

Education comes after Employment History. Also start with the most current and work backwards. Make sure to include all continuing education that is applicable to the position that you are seeking.

Do not include personal information such as hobbies, family, health, etc. An employer can find this out in a personal interview.

Do not include salary requirements. That also can be given at the time of an interview.

References should be listed on a separate page, and only given out upon request.

Wendy Sterling Jones is the owner of Bay Office Services. ●

WESTLAKE LIBRARY CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Join local author Sarah Willis as she partners with the West Side Writers to present a program for anyone interested in writing. Sarah, author of "Some Things That Stay" and other award-winning novels, is also a teacher and mentor for writers. We invite beginning and established writers to come together at the workshop to learn about the finer points and challenges of creative writing.

Event details:
Saturday, September 19
10:30 am - 12 noon
Westlake Porter Public Library
27333 Center Ridge
For more information, contact Susan Cozzens at
440-250-5465.

Bay Village library readers log 4,800 summer hours to "adopt" an owl

by Shawn Salamone

A record 1,968 Bay Village library patrons spent more than 4,800 hours wrapped up in a good book this summer, earning a long-term "adoption" of the Great Horned Owl that resides at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. The Friends of the Bay Village Cuyahoga County Library branch agreed to fund the owl adoption fees as an incentive in the library's "Eco Quest" summer reading program for children, teens and adults.

Bay Children's Librarian Susan Ballard presented a check for \$300 to Center Wildlife Director Dave Wolf and applauded the effort by avid readers of all ages. "Our summer readers exceeded their reading goal," she said. "The large number of hours enabled the readers to adopt the Center's Great Horned Owl for an entire year! We're also grateful to the Friends of the Bay Village Library for funding the owl's care."

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Adopt An Animal program allows wildlife lovers to help pay for the care and feeding of the dozens of animals on exhibit and used in teaching and outreach. Wolf said, "We're thrilled to see the dedication of everyone who read for our owl. These creatures inspire people in many ways."

Adopt An Animal sponsorships are available for as little as \$5 per month, with the Great Horned Owl's adoption fee set at \$25 per month. Later this fall, the Center plans to offer special "Go Wild" adoption packages that



Bay Village Children's Librarian Susan Ballard presents an animal adoption check to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Wildlife Director Dave Wolf. The check will cover a year of adoption fees for one of the Center's resident Great Horned Owls (pictured on Wolf's gloved hand).

include limited-edition premiums like a mug. Animal adoptions are a popular holiday gift and the "Go Wild" packages are timed to coincide with the year-end gift-giving season. A sign

will be posted on the Great Horned Owl exhibit, acknowledging the adoption by the Bay Village Library summer readers. People or groups that Adopt An Animal for six months

or more have their names featured on the exhibit. Of course, "adopted" animals stay at the Center, but donors can visit them during regular Center hours, daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. ●

POETRY

A WALK ALONG GLENNSBROOK CREEK

by Carl Christman

*At meadow's end
Where the land falls swiftly down
The wooded slope to the ravine below,
Wild phlox contrive in a line of isolated clumps,
To flaunt their fuchsia opulence
And paint a pastel perimeter
That stops the eye — mesmerizing it.*

*Yet I know, beyond this dazzling rim
Deep in the ravine below,
Though hidden now by broad-leafed maples,
And an aspen's silvery quake,
Two creeks collide, blend, and head north
Toward the river
Seeking ever more mysterious depths.*

*Ahead lie unknown rocks, pebbles or sandbars
To be caressed with a gentle, rippling touch.*

*As a friend and I descend the slope
To walk along the low banks
Of this confluence as it proceeds
Softly, sinuously northward through the valley,
We hear pileated woodpeckers pounding
And warblers singing without the competition
Of civilization's mechanical clank and grind.*

*We feel the relief of absolute nature.
We breathe the cool, fresh air beneath
Ancient oaks, or smooth, gray beech trees,
Or shagbark hickories, whose tops
Disappear into the sky.*

*As we walk, a whiskered muskrat slips
From behind a hollow fungus-covered log,
Shrouded by ferns, and then vanishes with a plop
Beneath the surface of the stream.
A rotting stump green with lichen, blocks our path.
Half-filled with rain water, it teems
with mosquito larvae, and probably
A dozen other amoebic life forms.*

*Abruptly, we feel a shattering smash.
A beaver slaps his tail flatly, forcefully
On his pool's surface as he plunges down
To the privacy of his dualistic habitat.*

*Thus, nature is not always so placid, so
Lacking in the tensions of necessity.
Then I notice a partly chewed-off sapling
Leaning at an angle against the trunk
Of a giant ash.*

*The shock of this minor drama jars my mood
And suddenly changes my thinking —
For if the beaver, by his grit, fells timber
To encase his watery lair of ecstasy,
Is man really so different, then,
So unnatural, when in his metropolis
He builds a tower of stone
Reaching for the stars?*

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

League public meeting on competing county reform issues

by Joan Hirsh

The League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area invites West Shore voters to an informative presentation analyzing the competing charter reform issues on the November 3 ballot. The meeting is set for Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 7:00 pm, at the Bay Village Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 502 Cahoon Road. With a Power Point presentation titled "Fixing Cuyahoga County," the program spells out the key provisions in the proposed charter and explains how those changes can improve county operations. It also describes the charter commission option and why the League has determined that route is not needed.



"Our objective with these meetings," states Co-President Susan Jankite, "is to clarify these two issues for the voter and to share our opinions formed after decades of county government study including an observer corps which attends every county commissioner meeting."

Earlier this year, the League's Education Fund published an updated brochure which outlines the current county government structure. The "Citizen Guide to Cuyahoga County Government: Past, Present, Future" is available on the League's website, www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org. Copies will be available at the September 16th meeting. Groups interested in scheduling a county reform issues presentation should call the League office at 216 781-0555. ●

League Nonpartisan Candidate Forum in Bay Village September 22

Prior to the November 3rd general election, Bay Village voters can meet and question their municipal and school board candidates at the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum set for Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Bay Village High School Auditorium, 29230 Wolf Road. All local candidates certified by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections have been invited, and include mayoral, council-at-large, ward council and school board.

This nonpartisan forum includes an opening statement by each candidate, followed by a question and answer session with written questions from the audience.

A printed Voters' Guide will be mailed to every Bay Village residence and also will be available online. Visit www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org for general voter information, official ballot language for the state, county, and local issues, and a link to the Board of Elections where voters can print out voter registration forms and mail in ballot applications. The deadline for voter registration for the November 3rd election is October 5.

For more information call the League office at 216 781-0555. ●

St. Raphael Church planning inaugural Casino Night

by Anthony Crimaldi

St. Raphael Church is planning its inaugural Casino Night fundraiser. The event will take place on Friday, November 13 from 6:30pm to midnight and will be a Las Vegas-themed party. Proceeds from the Casino Night will benefit the St. Raphael Capital Improvement Campaign. This will be the major fundraising event for St. Raphael Church this year. The committee hopes to make Casino Night an annual event.



Tickets are on sale now with a discounted price if reserved before October 1. Besides admission to the event, tickets include food, two free drinks, entertainment by a live band and Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin impersonators. There will be casino games including Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, and raffles throughout the night. In addition, the Casino Night committee has secured lots of great items for a silent auction.

The design committee for Phase One of the Capital Campaign was formed in 2006. Since then \$6 million have been pledged with about 84% of the money collected. Groundbreaking of Phase One was in June 2007. Completion of the first phase was in September 2008 with a dedication by Bishop Lennon. Phase One included the addition of the Parish Activity Center which is being used for mass, fish fries, concerts, athletics, and parish gatherings. Phase Two will include construction of new worship space.

There are several ways to reserve tickets to St. Raphael's Inaugural Casino Night:

- Call St. Raphael Church office: 440-871-1100
- Email Maureen Smith at maureensmith01@oh.rr.com
- Visit saintraphaelevents.com

Remember that ticket prices are discounted through September, so be sure to reserve your spot now. ●

FBI agent lists priorities in Northern Ohio

by Denny Wendell

The head of the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent in Charge C. Frank Figliuzzi recently spent an evening at the Bay Men's Club. As the featured speaker, Agent Figliuzzi illuminated the club's members with a talk highlighting the priorities of the FBI in the northern Ohio area. The 350-employee field office under his command covers northern Ohio from Toledo to Youngstown and extends down to north of Columbus.

During his talk, Figliuzzi listed the five top priorities of his division:

Priority One: Counter Terrorism.

Prior to 9/11, white-collar crime had been the top focus of the FBI in our area. The Northern Ohio Task Force investigates areas of domestic terrorism — groups such as the Freemen and the New Black Panthers. Figliuzzi's office recently took down six radical fundamentalists in Toledo who had links to al Qaeda. The group had been formulating a plan to kill U.S. soldiers overseas. "Although Cleveland has not had any terrorist cells, it has had financial supporters for terrorists," he said.

Priority Two: Counter Intelligence

The FBI investigates espionage against U.S. firms. Figliuzzi pointed to a recent case involving Lubrizol, a specialty chemicals manufacturer. Employees at the firm alerted the FBI about an employee who was logging an extraordinary amount of time at work. Upon investigation, the Bureau found that the employee was sending information about the company's proprietary thermoplastic polyurethane formula to a South Korean competitor after his shift at the company. The employee was paid \$10,000 each time he sent a section of the formula to the foreign company. He sent bits of the company's formula seven times to the overseas competitor. The employee was arrested and charged with espionage against the U.S. firm. And what happened to Lubrizol? "To get the formula back, Lubrizol had to buy the foreign company," explained Agent Figliuzzi.

Priority Three: Cyber Crime.

"The threat to our internet network is the scariest threat we have. Click on an attachment and all hell can break loose. Determining whether it is a foreign government or a 16-year old kid is the challenge," said Figliuzzi.

Priority Four: Public Corruption

We're all familiar with the Cuyahoga County corruption investigation. The FBI has code-named their investigation "Operation Air Ball." When asked why it's taking so long, Figliuzzi responded, "Every time we turn a corner, there's something else."

Priority Five: Civil Rights

This area of investigation covers hate crimes and intolerance by police with regards to race. Mr. Figliuzzi, who has been an agent in various regions of the U.S., said the Cleveland area "is one of the most tolerant areas of the country."

Agent Figliuzzi also stated that even in this sagging economy the FBI is hiring. "Tell your sons and daughters that we have positions open and we're hiring," he said. "In fact, an analyst straight out of college will start at \$60,000 per year." ●



FBI Special Agent in Charge C. Frank Figliuzzi



FBI agent Frank Figliuzzi talks with Scott Winzig, recipient of a 2005 Bay Men's Club scholarship.

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Bay High's Dave Peters hones his history expertise with NEH grants

by Karen Derby

After completing a rigorous application process, Bay High social studies teacher Dave Peters was awarded three National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grants, two of which he accepted. These grants would take Peters first to Detroit and the Henry Ford Museum for six days, and then to Illinois College for the next five weeks.

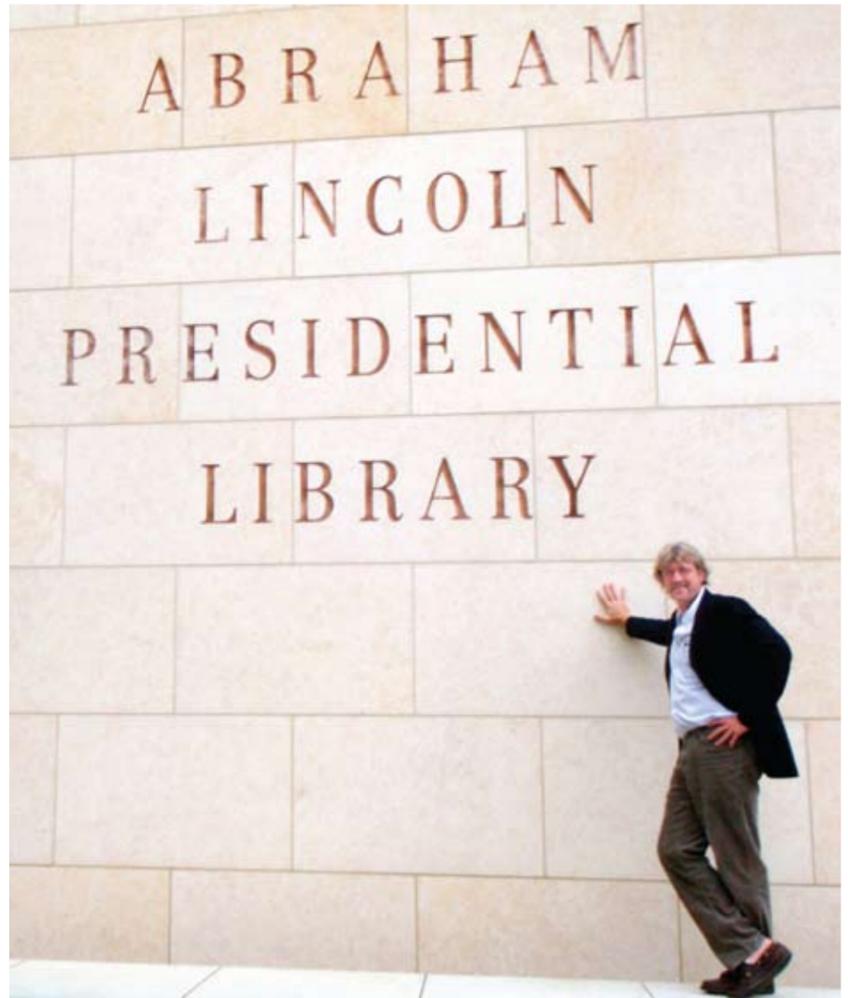
While attending "America's Industrial Revolution at the Henry Ford," Peters explored the evolution of U.S. agrarian and industrial technologies. The six-day workshop at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, immersed participants in the questions of why so many various inventions and innovations, including interchangeable parts, mass production and the assembly line, could occur in the U.S. during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Teachers explored methodologies using different learning modalities to include all five senses and students' different learning styles in order to best bring America's Industrial and Agricultural Revolutions to life. Leading scholars were brought in from Rutgers and Purdue Universities, as well as from the Ford museum. Peters had what he considers an historian's dream – unlimited access to the Ford Museum, access to the Benson Ford Library and Research Center, Greenfield Village, and the reenactors and docents. The culminating activity for participants in

this NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture program was publication of relevant lesson plans.

For the next five weeks, Peters was one of 15 in the NEH's Illinois Frontier Experience. The seminar's focus included the history of the settlement of the Midwest, the rise of the modern political party system, and a deep exploration of Abraham Lincoln's youth, early occupations, legal and political careers. Peters reports reading more than 3,000 pages of books and articles, watching scores of presentations and guest lectures, and visiting many relevant historical sites and museums off the campus of host institution Illinois College.

"Most beneficial was the unlimited access to the curators, librarians, microfilm, manuscripts and books at the Lincoln Presidential Library," said Peters. He believes the five-week immersion in Illinois vastly enhanced his knowledge of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, our greatest president.

"Overall, I brought back 3 lives worth of information, teaching ideas, pictures, and a new energy and focus from these experiences," said Peters, who notes that all expenses were paid by NEH. "The experience was life altering in that it gave me, a Euro guy, a much deeper appreciation for North American history." Peters believes his ninth and tenth-grade students will be the most important beneficiaries of these scholarly summer experiences. ●



Bay High's Dave Peters at the Lincoln Presidential Library during his scholarly summer pursuits.

OPINION

View from the Cheap Seats

by Alex Dade

I've always wanted to be a writer. In fact, I've always wanted to write a periodic newspaper column. My wife says it's because I was born with a little known mental impairment called Recreational Self Abuse Disorder (commonly known as RSAD). Given a choice, people with RSAD will choose whatever action makes their life more miserable. In any case, when I saw the Observer and talked to the Observer staff, I came to understand how this publication works, and I got really excited (RSAD sufferers get excited any time they see an opportunity to make things more difficult for themselves).

I have to tell you, though, having worked for some time at trying to get my first column off the ground, it's not as easy as it sounds. First you have to be at least partially literate. Spell check helps. I highly recommend the "check spelling as you type" option in Word. A superficial knowledge of computers

helps too since the Observer makes me submit my column online. (Never did understand why they wouldn't accept the version I wrote on a yellow legal pad with a purple crayon.)

Lots of time and gallons of black coffee are important as well. You'll need lots of time because every piece is going to need to be rewritten at least 97 times (that's one of the reasons RSAD sufferers like to do this) and the coffee helps me stay awake through the torture. But the most difficult requirement is the topic thing. I mean you have to actually have something to SAY (imagine that).

I sat down this morning to list the first five or six topics I wanted to write about. It wasn't a big success. I showed my list to my wife and her reaction was less than enthusiastic. "Nobody's going to want to read about that stuff – and that weed-eater column could get you jailed," she warned. This scared me. "Look," she continued, "this is September. In less than two months we're having an election and we're going to vote on who's going to

be the next mayor of Bay Village. This is the first time in many years we've had a multi-term incumbent running against just one credible challenger. Write about that."

This didn't sound like much fun. I mean, people are going to expect facts, analysis, research. When she went on to remind me that doing all that research would probably ruin my life and keep me away from my favorite TV shows, the RSAD kicked in and I was hooked. So the first couple of columns are going to be about the Bay Village mayor's race in November.

The two candidates are very different. Debbie Sutherland is the incumbent, a two+ term mayor who took office without an election and failed last year as candidate for County Commissioner. She says she's experienced at the job and wants to continue doing what she's been doing. Frankly, I think she's the worst thing to happen in Bay since the Iroquois wiped out the Erie Indians, and I'll tell you why.

Jim Scott is the challenger. He's a NASA scientist who's been elected two times as councilman-at-large. He brings fiscal conservatism, reduced spending and what he calls "greater transparency in government." I think he can do it and it's badly needed. Stay tuned for the reason I feel that way about both of them.

So while I'm wrestling with my second column, which will focus on Jim, I'd love your help. Share your opinions on the mayor's race in general or on either or both of the candidates – no matter who you're for. For that matter, I'd welcome comments on any other topic that comes to your mind. I'd love to know what you think - post your thoughts in the View from the Cheap Seats forum

on the Observation Deck (www.wbvobserver.com/deck, click on Bay Village General Discussion).

So here we go, starting my third – no, my fourth career. The wife's comment was "You're gonna regret this." See why I love that woman? She's so supportive. If it weren't for the RSAD and her encouragement, I'd be on the couch in front of "Ryan's Hope" re-runs. ●

[Editor's Note: The opinions expressed in the above column are those of the author and do not reflect the opinions of the Westlake | Bay Village Observer. We believe in giving every member of the community an equal voice regarding all matters, including politics. And furthermore, we think that writing for the Observer is fun, and not nearly as difficult as the author suggests!]

UPCOMING EVENT

Westlake/Bay Village Rotary Club

GOLF CHALLENGE

Red Tail Golf Club

Monday, Sept. 14

11:30 Registration, Range, Buffet Lunch

1:00 Shotgun Start- 4 Person Scramble

6:00 Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Prizes

For info call 440-937-6286

Coffee for a cause

by Rachel Sielski

Imagine being able to support a good cause just by drinking your morning cup of java - almost sounds too good to be true, right? Family Haven in Bay Village is a non-profit organization that provides services for people with developmental disabilities. We strive to create a rewarding everyday life for all of our residents. The proceeds from our coffee and tea sales help make that possible. Please continue to enjoy your morning cup of java, just make it count a little more!

To order our coffee/tea and for more information, visit www.coffee4acause.org or call 440-250-2773. ●



BAY VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Bay Alumni Foundation (BAF) Homecoming Weekend 2009

by Stacey Kloepver

We would like to invite you to come back to Bay High School for the 2009 Homecoming Weekend!

WEEKEND AGENDA:

Friday, October 2, 2009:

2:15pm: Homecoming Pep Rally at Bay High School West Gymnasium—A BAF Officer will be speaking about the importance of BAF and the benefits of getting involved.

5:45pm: Homecoming Parade—parade starts at Cahoon Park and travels west on Wolf Road to Bay High School.

7:30pm: Bay High School Football Game—come visit BAF and other Bay Alumni at the covered pavilion just behind the main entrance inside the stadium. Donuts and cider will be served throughout the game!

Halftime: 50-Yard line recognition of Distinguished Alumni at Bay High Memorial Stadium.

Saturday, October 3, 2009:

10:00am: Distinguished Alumni Awards Brunch—join BAF as we honor and celebrate our 4 Distinguished Alumni recipients at The Fountain Bleu located at 635 Miller Road, Avon Lake, Ohio.

2009 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Max Doubrava—1952
Bill Gosewisch—1938
Tom Williams—1953
James Wismar—1951

Reservations are needed and the price is \$30 per person. Please send your RSVP payment to: Jane Rock, 23804 Lake Road, Bay Village, OH 44140-2947.

RSVP payment MUST be received by September 28, 2009; please make checks payable to: Bay Alumni Foundation.

For more information, please call:

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Vice President, BAF
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Bay Village Schools are Excellent with Distinction

by Karen Derby

The Bay Village City School District continues its historical trend of excellence by earning, for the ninth consecutive year, the highest Ohio Report Card rating for student achievement on the Ohio Achievement Tests and the Ohio Graduation Tests - Excellent with Distinction. In addition, individual schools were all rated Excellent at minimum.

Included for the second time in this year's ratings was the Value Added measure, a statistical measurement of the growth of individual students from year to year. The Bay Village district earned a

positive Value Added rating.

All the district's schools met the Adequate Yearly Progress measure (AYP), which tracks achievement by subgroup student populations (economically disadvantaged, minority and special education).

"Our staff works very hard and focuses on success for all students," said Superintendent Clint Keener. "These results reflect the great job done by everyone."

The Ohio Department of Education assigns the Ohio Report Card Ratings. All Bay Village Schools report cards (for the district and individual schools) can be found at www.bayvillageschools.com.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS—Bay High School Alumni Hall Of Fame

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD recipients.

The winners are:

MAX DOUBRAVA 1952

- Doctor of Anesthesiology
- Commercial Pilot
- Flying Medical Teams of Mercy
- Lawyer
- Master of Ceremonies/Comedian for all '52 reunions.

Father of five. Husband of Joan, publisher of books and papers, life-long learner, kind, caring, humble, loves people, and has made a difference!

BILL GOSEWISCH 1938 (1920 – 2008)

- Air Force Pilot...1943 (during the war); 30 Missions flying B-17's
- Won Distinguished Flying Cross
- Commander of the American Legion Post
- Started the Little League and Pony Baseball Programs in Bay
- Sunday School Teacher at Bethesda Lutheran Church
- Church Choir Director (28 years)
- Created The early Alumni Association

Father of three, husband of Hoke, worked with Harris Coal Company, Captain in the Air Force, lived a life of service to the community and its institutions. Brave, heroic, inspirational and civic minded - a quintessential role model for young people.

TOM WILLIAMS 1953 (1936-2007)

- Princeton Graduate in Chemical Engineering
- CEO of Foote Mineral Co.
- Bank Director of Bryn Mawr Trust Co. (20 years)
- Republican Committee Chairman
- Supervised the construction and development of the world's largest lithium mine in Chile.
- Trustee of the Shipley School
- President of Merion Cricket Club

Father of three, grandfather of eight, loving husband to his wife Julie. Sports lover (tennis, cricket, squash, golf), gardener, landscaper, boater, civic leader, contributor. Modest, patient, honest, problem-solver, respected mentor and counselor, wise, a fisherman, a believer...

JAMES WISMAR 1951

- Medical Doctor and Medical Missionary
- U.S. Army in Germany
- Chief of the Department of Medicine at Southwest General Hospital
- Medical Director of a Chemical Dependency Treatment Center
- Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University
- Medical Missionary in Kenya Tenwek Hospital and Haiti
- Works with Habitat for Humanity
- On the Board of a Christian Organization called Spiritual Heritage Nantucket

Father of three, grandfather to four, husband of Natalie. Intelligent, dedicated, and spiritual. Is a brother and has a sister. Skier, fisherman, traveler, and a friend to many (especially in his class of 1951). A believer, a life-long learner, earnest, engaging, and spends winters in Florida and summers in Nantucket...a very good man! ●

Homecoming fun

by Diane Frye

Everyone is welcome at the Bay High School PTSA Homecoming Hot Dog Cookout on October 2. The fun starts outside the main gate at the BHS Stadium immediately following the parade at approximately 6 p.m. Buy a "Rocket Meal Deal," which includes a hot dog, chips, dessert and drink for \$5. Extra hot dogs are \$1.50. A la carte items are also available. Make an evening of it and stay for the 2009 homecoming football game which features the Bay Rockets vs. the North Ridgeville Rangers. Go Rockets! ●

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Kickoff a stress-free school year

by Jt Tomaskovich

For many children, the first day of school doesn't only mean new teachers and new friends – it can also be a source of anxiety with homework assignments and tests just around the corner. Starting the school year off on the right foot can help minimize a child's stress level throughout the year.

The experts at Sylvan Learning Center suggest parents help their children prepare for the transition to the next grade level and the return to school by encouraging a structured routine from day-one and staying actively involved in their child's education.

To help children get ready for the new school year and to minimize academic stress, Sylvan Learning Center offers these tips and ideas to make the transition from summer to school easier. Tips include back-to-school suggestions and specific hints for the transitional years:

Back-to-School Tips (for each new school year):

- **Get back in the routine.** Ease transition from lazy summer days to the structure of the school year by re-establishing bedtime, mealtime, reading and homework routines. Talk with your child about the importance of these routines and how they help ensure that he is not overtired or overly anxious about schoolwork or the next day of school.
- **Set education goals.** Help your child set goals at the very beginning of the year. Whether it is striv-

ing for an A in reading, handing in all homework on time or preparing for tests well in advance, setting goals can help set the routine for the new year.

- **Develop a relationship with your child's teacher.** Take the time to meet your child's teachers at the beginning of the school year. Teachers can be the best source for information about your child's scholastic performance and they can recommend ways to help your child or resolve any difficulties he or she is having.
- **Homework routine and place.** Designate a specific time and place for homework time and help your child discover a regular, quiet place where he can study. Make sure that the area is free from potential distractions and that study tools are at your child's fingertips to keep him focused on homework and studying.
- **Stay on schedule.** Your child should keep a schedule of all classes, assignments and key dates, such as project deadlines and test dates. As part of that schedule, she should include specific times for studying, projects and extracurricular activities. The more thorough the schedule, the more efficient your child will be. Organization minimizes late nights completing homework assignments, cramming for tests at the last minute and can ultimately reduce student anxiety about school.
- **Emphasize organization.** For some students, having color-coded binders for each subject helps them stay

on track throughout the school year. Keeping notes organized helps test preparation later in the year, so work with your child to determine the best method for him.

- Encourage learning at home. Promoting learning outside of the classroom helps children perform better in school. To nurture reading skills spend at least one hour per week – 10 to 15 minutes a day – reading with your child. To enhance math proficiency, try allowing your child to help plan the next family trip and encourage him to compute miles, cost of gas, expenses for food, hotel and entertainment.

Transition Year Back-to-School Tips (Children Starting Kindergarten, First Grade, Middle School or High School):

- **Visit the school.** If your child is changing schools with the new year, make a special trip together to visit the school before the first day of classes. Checking out the new classroom and the new teacher before school starts will help ease feelings of anxiety and help get your child into his or academic routine. If it's available, review the class schedule with your child and prepare him for the new grade.
- **Discuss changes in routine.** Talk with your child about how the routine for her new school may differ from the previous year. It can be difficult for children to adjust to changes in schedules and workloads. Explain how her schedule may differ from last year. Will there be more homework assignments? Does she have to wake up earlier?

Will she have more than one teacher this year?

- **Provide extra support.** When starting the new school year, especially if it's a transition year, a little extra support can't hurt. Talk with your child about her fears regarding school and maintain an open dialogue throughout the year. Discuss what subjects she's anticipating and any areas she finds particularly challenging. Don't forget to talk about homework and tests.
- **Transition into Kindergarten.** Kindergarten is your child's introduction to elementary school and a first opportunity to learn basic math and reading skills, not to mention a first look at routines and expectations of group learning. As a parent, you are your child's first teacher. The skills that he learns from you – how to get along with others, follow directions and listen to directions – will help him start the year off right.
- **Transition into middle school and high school.** Transitioning from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school brings many questions and concerns. Organization becomes even more important in middle school and high school when your child must keep track of multiple subjects, homework, teachers, classrooms and books. You can help him to reduce stress by giving him a calendar/planner to help him organize these new items and encouraging him to build good study habits. ●

Jt Tomaskovich is the Center Director for Sylvan Learning Center in Westlake.

SPORTS

Bay Soccer Club hosts 32nd Annual Tournament

by Megan D'Orvilliers

It has been a tradition since the first days of Bay Soccer Club to host an annual Labor Day Weekend soccer tournament. On September 5-7 2009, Bay Soccer Club proudly hosted 167 youth soccer teams from all over Ohio and several surrounding states at its 32nd annual Bay Challenge Cup tournament.

The warm weather and sunny skies set the stage in Bay Village for a pleasant weekend of soccer and friendly competition. This year, Bay Soccer Club utilized 25 game fields at 5 sites throughout Bay Village for the tournament weekend including the club's home site at Cahoon Park where many of the soccer fields have a Lake Erie view.

BSC board members and the tournament committee volunteer countless hours over several months to plan, prepare for and manage the Bay Challenge Cup. Hundreds of parents from Bay's travel soccer teams volunteer their time during the tournament to help with registration, sell t-shirts, serve as site directors and field marshals during games, and set up the soccer fields.

City of Bay Village service department employees also help prepare the city's game fields and maintain them during the tournament weekend. Several teams from Bay Village and Westlake made an appearance in the championship games for their divisions on Monday morning.

Representing Bay Village were the



Bay Bulls (U12 Boys), Bay Galaxy (U13 Boys A), and Bay Celtic (U13 Boys). Both the Bulls and the Galaxy took home first place trophies.

Westlake's strong presence in the finals was marked by the Westlake Tigers (U10 Girls), Westlake United Green (U11 Boys), Westlake Powerstrikers (U12 Girls), Westlake Predators (U12 Boys), and Westlake Express (U10 Boys). Victors were the Powerstrikers and the Express.

Bay Soccer Club is a not-for-profit organization that provides organized soccer to the youth of our community and has over 2,700 members, including players, parents and coaches. For more information about Bay Soccer Club or the Bay Challenge Cup tournament, visit www.baysoccer.org. ●



A Bay girls U13 game.



Bay Galaxy U13 Champions.



A Bay boys game.