**Veterans Day ★ November 11**

**Honoring the service of WWII women vets**

- Rita Davidson, who lives in Westlake, served with the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in World War II.
- Mary Lou Gruber, of Bay Village, joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in WWII and was active in veterans affairs after the war.
- Lila Corrigan, a longtime Bay resident, joined the U.S. Navy WAVES and was stationed in California during WWII.

In celebration of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, here is a profile of three local women who served during World War II. By war's end, more than 350,000 women served in uniform.

**Call to Duty**

Rita Davidson, working in an office in Pittsburgh, joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve (MCWR) in April 1943. Her father was a former Marine. Boot camp was at the Navy's office in Pittsburgh, joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve (MCWR) in April 1943. Her father was a former Marine. Boot camp was at the Navy's West Coast, the Clevelander naturally answered the East Coast. She was promptly sent to San Francisco. Her first assignment was to keep in line on the troop train to the West Coast where two dozen women Marines traveling among hundreds of male service men.

Hunter College in the Bronx, Rita was in the last graduating class of Women Marines at Hunter College, before Camp Lejeune opened to women. Mary Lou Gruber left her job at Ohio Bell in Cleveland in January 1944 and joined the MCWR. Her father and uncle were Marines in World War I. Boot camp was at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Asked whether she wanted to be stationed on the East or the West Coast, the Clevelanders naturally answered the East Coast. She was

**Learn about Westlake’s improvements to watersheds and wetlands on Nov. 19**

**by REGINA MCCARTHY**

The recent yucky, soupy, green gloop in Lake Erie near Toledo caused by large blooms of toxic-in-carrying algae that contaminated potable water certainly is a wake-up call. Our watersheds, our rivers, streams and wetlands need protection before it’s too late.

How is the City of Westlake improving storm water runoff, urban runoff and nonpoint source pollution before it reaches Lake Erie? Are you familiar with the Cahoon and Columbia Creek Wetland Restoration Project or the Southbridge Retention Basin? What are White Amur fish and what do they do? And most importantly, what can we do to help?

For answers to these questions and much more — including a slide presentation of remarkable "before" and "after" photos — join the Westlake Garden Club on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westlake Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, for a special program on Westlake’s watershed stewardship techniques presented by the City of Westlake’s Director of Engineering, Robert F. Kelly, PE., and Wesley Davis, EIT, Storm Water Discharge Coordinator.

Clean, healthy watersheds depend on an informed public to make the right decisions when it comes to the environment. Take advantage of this opportunity to become so informed by attending this free program. Light refreshments will be served.

**Deer in the limelight**

**by CONDA BOYD**

Urban deer are an emotional issue. Whether you want to cull the herd, save Bambi, or find a middle ground, you will want to attend two upcoming Bay Village meetings. Both are open to the public, and both feature Geoff Westerfield, Assistant Wildlife Management Supervisor for the Ohio Division of Wildlife and an expert on damage caused by deer.

On Monday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Bay Village City Council will host Mr. Westerfield to discuss the state’s role in helping cities assess and manage deer populations. This has become a hot topic since neighboring Avon Lake passed legislation allowing culling of deer by archery under certain conditions.

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Bay Village Branch Library, Mr. Westerfield will speak at the Bay Chapter League of Women Voters’ meeting regarding the types of problems deer present for urban communities, factors to consider when managing deer, and techniques available to residents within the City’s current parameters. 

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**Veterans Day Special Feature**

**Bay Village City Hall turns 100**

by DENNIF WENDELL

One hundred years ago, in 1914, the Village of Bay was a young, growing town, having broken away from the township of Dover in 1903. At the turn of the century, a group of residents who lived north of the Nickel Plate Railroad tracks wished to secede from Dover after disagreements over the spending of tax revenues. The petitioners scheduled an election and voted themselves out of Dover and into a new community, called the Hamlet of Bay until being incorporated in 1903 as the Village of Bay.

**The Village Grows**

At the end of the 1890s, the farming community of North Dover was also a playground for the affluent. The Lake Shore Electric Railway’s interurban cars brought city folk away from the steamy city and to the cool retreat of summer cottages and the Dover Bay Country Club. Wealthy men, like John Huntington and Washington Lawrence, purchased large swaths of property and built lakefront homes.

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Rita used her one-way furlough ticket on the train to Bay Village in the early 1950s. Lila raised four children, attained her Realtor’s license, belonged to BayCrafers, and is a past president of The Bay Village Women’s Club. After six decades in Bay Village, Lila recently moved to Avon Lake.

Lila took an office job in Chicago at Remington Rand. She joined the Navy, was recalled for the Korean War, and served another three years as an aide to an admiral. Lila married on the base in a military wedding, then moved to Bay Village in the early 1950s. Lila raised four children, attained her Realtor’s license, belonged to BayCrafers, and is a past president of The Bay Village Women’s Club. After six decades in Bay Village, Lila recently moved to Avon Lake.

Fly the flag for Veterans Day

by DEB MARISCH

Let’s give thanks for the service of all our veterans: Fly the flag on Nov. 11. If you are a Bay Village resident with limited funds or ability and need a flag, call 440-871-7800 or email deb@spfutures.com.

The Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Bay Village Kiwanis and the Bay Village American Legion Post #385 will provide and install a 3-by-5-foot, made in the USA, American flag, pole and bracket at your home at no cost to you. Fly the flag until Veterans Day is almost here. Thank you, vets!

Flags to be retired Nov. 11 by Jim POTTER

American Legion Post #385 is planning for retirement of American flags at the service of their Veterans Day celebration. Faded, torn or stained flags can be dropped off at the post home, 695 Cahoon Road, Westlake. Located hero in the Whistletong and White Oak restaurants.

Flags should be brought to the post prior to Nov. 11. All flags are retired using appropriate military procedures.
Westshore Primary Care is growing closer to you and your family with the opening of its new Rocky River office at 19800 Detroit Road.

The office is home to family medicine physicians David Gumucio, DO, and Colleen Staszak, DO, and allergy and immunology specialist Nancy Wasserbauer, DO.

Westshore Primary Care physicians are dedicated to you and your family through every stage of life with personalized, quality health care. We are proud to hear that many patients find a noticeable difference in the care we provide each and every day.

For more information about Westshore Primary Care, including our convenient locations and hours, go to www.westshoreprimarycare.com or call our Rocky River office at 440-333-1107.

Call today for an appointment. 440-333-1107
19800 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Lab and radiology services provided by St. John Medical Center at the new Rocky River location.
FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

Dining Out

by R.J. JOHNSON, pastor of Advent Westlake

I took my son out to eat, and he actually enjoyed it. I do not mean that I took him for a chicken nugget meal, or a double cheeseburger at his favorite fast food restaurant. We went to a restaurant with no drive-up window. It was a restaurant where you sit down, someone takes your order, then returns sometime later with your food.

When we arrived at the restaurant we were told it would be 20 minutes before they could seat us. For a moment I had a PTSD response. The last time someone takes your order, then returns sometime later with your food was a restaurant where you sit down, you have a meal, and you paid for it at the end of the meal. There was bickering, “I want to see the young man on a date some advice. I wanted to say, “Don’t scowl now. If this date, and the next several are successful, this will be you in a few years. Then someone will scowl at you.”

Then I remembered that until you have been a parent you cannot understand that these are not miniatures of you and what you do will do what you ask if you just say, “Please.” Their lives have been so short to date that 20 minutes seems like eternity to them. Yet, there is something about these sounds that endear you that you are willing to brave judgment staries to take them to a real restaurant. There is something about this mystery of it that makes you see it differently. I could see what the young man on a date could not see. I was sitting next to two people who did not try to impress anyone, who trusted that their parents would love them and care for them. I understood afresh what Jesus meant when he said, “Let the children come to such as these”. The sound of Heaven.”

It was not that children then were better behaved. It was that children had not been trained that they are sufficient. More importantly, they know what faith really means. Rather than being annoyed, we can learn something from them.

SOUND EXPERTS

Sound expert coming to Westlake Nov. 16

by Sharon Fodor

The sound of a thousand crickets chirping their evening song. The nacci song of a barking Chihuahua. Hua hay over your backyard fence as you stroll on the grass. The voice of Andrea Bocelli as he sings sweetly to you in a language you don’t care if you understand. The sound of a distant wolf as you gaze up at an endless night sky. The scowl of a bossy chihuahua.

When we have been a parent we cannot understand that these sounds, where do they come from, why do they work? How do they work? Do they work?

In the ongoing project of being a parent, perhaps we have been so short to date that 20 minutes seems like eternity to your child. Yet, there is something about these sounds that endear you to brave judgment staries to take them to a real restaurant. There is something about this mystery of sound that makes you see it differently. I could see what the young man on a date could not see. I was seeing next to two people who did not try to impress anyone, who trusted that their parents would love them and care for them. I understood that now Jesus meant when he said, “Let the children come to such as these”. That the sound of Heaven.”

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Current wonders, and wonders yet to be. The petals on most flowers display the percentage of 66.67 percent, and is still, 

SOUND EXPERTS

Music is enchanting to listen to and the Fibo-series of numbers. The Great Pyramid is another example of this mystery of sets of numbers.

Coming to Unity Spiritual Center in Westlake on Sunday, Nov. 16, 1:15 p.m., is author, artist and composer Jill Mattson. Jill is an expert in the use of sounds from ancient civilizations and secret societies, and combines the old with new cutting-edge advances to promote growth and healing in energy fields through vibration.

For over 20 years, Jill has done extensive research in the area of healing sound frequencies. Her two-hour workshop, “Vibrational Healing and Raising Your Consciousness” will explore ways to uplift yourself and deepen and strengthen your own healing practice.

As the weather turns colder the sports simply go indoors. Basketball season is upon us. The Westlake Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its youth basketball leagues. These leagues are open to any child in grades 1-12 who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake, or who lives in or goes to school in Westlake.

Boys and Girls practices will resume in early January. For more information please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420, or visit www.cityofwestlake.org or email Dispirito@unityspiritualcenter.com.

Jill is truly a multi-talented artist. She has eight CDs to her name, two books, and hundreds of paintings and prints. She says the sights and sounds that Jill has created for all of us to use are truly remarkable gifts from a remarkable artist. Her expertise is in listening to and in answering the call to create and using her gift to produce healing sounds and meridians with tones, sound use to remove pain, sound to go easily and deeply into meditation, and much more. Tickets are $25, to register, visit unityspiritualcenter.com or email Dispirito@unityspiritualcenter.com.

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**THE DIGITAL WORLD**

**Just like gas or electric, internet is another utility**

by TAK SATO

As an Ohioan you probably know that Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, or PUCO for short, publishes a guide-line, including an interactive website, where you can shop around for natural gas and/or electric energy suppliers.

Using the analogy of natural gas, electricity and water lines coming into your house, the internet is just another utility line coming into your house to enable you to access the digital world. Just like your electricity line connects to the public electricity grid to power your house, your internet (or often referred to as “broadband”) line connects to the internet – aka the cloud. Traditionally internet services were, and still are for the most part, provided through the same physical line as your cable TV or telephone – “cable internet” and “DSL” respectively.

As consumers’ use of mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets increase, some may even decide to share the monthly data services that they already pay for (if they use a smartphone that is) with their other devices by turning their smartphone into a “hotspot”.

Hotspotting is traditionally used outside the home when public Wi-Fi is not available and you needed to get your laptop on to the internet. Whether this option is appropriate and cost-effective in your house depends on your internet “use case.”

Why? Because just as gas, electric and water are “metered” services where the amount of consumption dictates your monthly cost, data service is also metered in chunks of monthly usage and usage of the allotment means additional cost in most cases. T-Mobile is one exception that I know of where instead of outright charging you for an additional data chunk allotment, they offer the overage access at a slower speed until the next billing cycle.

So even though we don’t seem to have an organization like PUCO to help us be smarter consumers of the utility known as the internet, here are some tips that may help you in your family budgeting:

- **Conduct an invoice review of your broadband, cable TV, cell phone and telephone bills at least every 12 months.** If you see a bump in your monthly bill, perhaps because they gave you a special price for the first 12 months that expired, be prepared to ask and even negotiate.
- **Consider using a third-party email service like Gmail, Outlook or Yahoo, rather than one hosted by your internet provider (like shglobal.net). This may make it easier for you to negotiate with your internet provider without fear of losing your email address if you decide to change provid- ers. Third-party email service providers do not care who you use for your broadband service, so you can keep the same address despite changes in your internet provider.
- **People who want or need a dial tone during an electrical black-out may want to carefully con-sider the implications of moving their house phone into the digital world. In a future column we will look at the pros and cons of bundling your home telephone services known as “VoIP” (Voice over IP).**

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**READER’S OPINION**

The perfect season for a trip to Amish country

by BRUCE LEIGH

A couple weeks ago, the residents of the Knickerbocker Apartments took a trip to Amish country. Fall in northern Ohio consists of beautiful leaves falling to the ground. You can’t beat the colors of this season.

The bus pulled up to the front door to let the seniors board with no problem. A cheer went up when the colors of this season.

Ohio consists of beautiful leaves falling to the ground. You can’t beat the colors of this season. We passed farm stands filled with apples, pumpkins and other fall produce. The new flea market was gigantic, selling everything from inexpensive jewelry to dairy- blind s. You name it, they sold it.

The bus arrived home in the evening and I was so tired from the trip I slept through the next day. I’m really looking forward to next year’s trip. It’s the highlight of autumn for me.

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**ADVERTISE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Promote your business or holiday event in special advertising sections in the Nov. 11, Nov. 25 and Dec. 9 issues of the Observer.

Contact Laura Gonzalez at 440-477-5556 or laurea@wbobserver.com for special rates.

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**MEDICARE open enrollment now through Dec. 7**

by KRISTI VAUGHN

Medicare Open Enrollment, the annual period for beneficiaries to review coverage and consider making changes for next year, began on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. **Who should be concerned with open enrollment?**

Once per year, everyone who is eligible and wants to enroll or is already enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan and/or a Medicare Advantage Plan/Medicare Part C can either enroll without penalty during this time or review their current plan to see if it is still the most advantageous based on their current situation.

**What is Medicare Part D?**

All people with Medicare are eligible to enroll in a Medicare drug plan without penalty during open enrollment. These plans are offered by insurance companies and other private companies approved by Medicare. These plans can either add coverage to Traditional Medicare or be included in some Medicare Advantage Plans.

You should be aware that it is very important to compare drug plans since there are many things to consider such as if a plan will even cover your medication based on a formulary, costs of monthly pre-miums, deductibles and co-payments or coinsurance. This is just as important to do once a year as it is the first time you sign up for a plan because often the plans change or your medication changes and you risk not being enrolled in the most effective plan for you. Visit www.medicare.gov and click “Find a Medicare drug plan” to check on drug plan costs, or contact your current plan.

**What are Medicare Advantage Plans or Medicare Part C?**

Advantage plans are options that are approved by Medicare, but are run by pri-vate insurance companies. They are not Original or Traditional Medicare. They provide Medicare-covered benefits to their members, and may even offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn’t cover and may also have a drug plan included in the policy. These plans have special rules and so each member needs to be very careful when choosing an Advantage plan and be sure to follow such rules. To find out more about Medicare Advantage Plans and if they are available in your area, visit www.medicare.gov and click “Supplements & Other Insurance” then “Find a Medicare policy.” Or you can call 1-800-MEDICARE.

Please note that these plans are NOT secondary insurance/ Medigap policies to Medicare. Medigap policies are entirely different policies that help to cover what Medicare does not.

This information can be confusing for many people so you can always contact your local service center for assistance or call the OSHIP’s (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Program) hotline at 1-800-686-1578.

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**BUDGET TALK AT BAY CITY HALL**

by CONDA BOYD

Have you ever wondered how Bay Village decides when to buy a new ladder truck for the fire depart- ment? How many new police cruisers will we buy over the next five years? How much would reorganizing the police department save? What’s next up for improvements to the pool or Play in Bay? Which of Bay’s 47 miles of roadway will be resurfaced next summer? Is Community Services planning any new programs? Will any taxes or fees need to be raised to pay for this? It’s all in the budget book. And that is available on the city’s website, citybyavil- lage.com, under the Finance Department, along with the most recent state audit and month-end financial report.

More importantly, for the next few weeks, it’s all under discussion at 6 p.m. on Monday nights in the Bay City Hall conference room. Council Member-at-Large Dwight Clark chairs the finance Committee, which includes Ward 1 and Councilmen Dave Tadych and Tom Henderson. However, most Council members attend – and they all ask questions.

Department heads have been giving overviews of their 2014 accomplishments, their operating assumptions for 2015, and their anticipated capital requests for the next five years. In coming weeks, the discussion will become more granular as depart- ment needs are balanced against taxpayers’ ability to pay.

By law, the budget must be approved by March 31, 2015. However, the goal is to complete the review and three readings for the appropriation ordinance before the first day of school in August. This will be a milestone accomplishment for the City, which has traditionally worked under tem- porary appropriations as the final budget was hammered out.

Kudos to Mayor Deborah Sutherland’s administration and to City Council for set- ting the bar higher this year. Acolades to Finance Director Beth Volberg, who over her tenure has worked hard to make City finances both more understandable and more transparent to the public. And laurels to you, if you take the time to become an informed citizen.

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**SENIOR LIVING**

**Budget talk at Bay City Hall**

**Senior living**

**Medicare open enrollment now through Dec. 7**

**Conda Boyd**
Westshore drug-free coalition receives funding for strategic plan

by NOREEN KYLE

The Westshore Young Leaders Network (WYLN), an emerging coalition in Cuyahoga County that serves six communities in the Westshore region of Northeast Ohio, received notification that they have been selected to be mentored by The Community Awareness and Prevention Association (CAPA) for the Coalition of Excellence - Mentoring Grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The funding will be used to enhance community collaboration and reduce youth substance use in the Westshore communities of Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake. It will also assist in the development of a strategic planning process that will result in a comprehensive community action plan by completing a logic model and intervention mapping.

In an effort to understand the local conditions that are contributing to youth substance use in the Westshore communities, a Community Perception Survey will be used to gather data; examining the community strengths, gaps, needs and barriers that are impacting the children, youth, adults and families in the communities.

The Westshore Young Leaders Network is dedicated to implementing strategies aimed at preventing and reducing youth substance use while encouraging healthy life choices in the Westshore Communities. For information or to join WYLNNetwork Coalition call 440-250-9916 or visit www.westshoreyoungleaders.org.

Come join us for our One-Year Anniversary Sale!

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Sears Home Appliance will also be collecting donations for the Make-a-Wish Foundation this holiday season. Donate $10 and receive a special T-shirt in honor of Make-a-Wish.

Food and Refreshments will be supplied by Jersey Mike's Subs and Giant Eagle

More stories, photos and events online at www.wvbobserver.com
Art historian focuses on Italian Renaissance

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Art historian Sean Crum will speak on “The High Renaissance in Italy: The Triumph of Classicism,” Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Crum brings vast knowledge and experience to offer substance and shape to the great artists whose names top the list of renowned talents of an incomparable era.

Enjoy the exploration of how the ancient ideal of perfection is realized in the works of Italian artists Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Titian and Raphael and Giorgione and Donato Bramante’s architecture.

These talents were contemporaries, creating their works during the same period, influencing and inspiring each other. The “David” and “Pieta” statues and the Sistine Chapel frescoes (Michelangelo), the Mona Lisa (da Vinci), Salome (Titian), St. Peter’s Basilica (Bramante, chief architect) are among the countless treasures created in this period.

Crum, who received his Master of Art degree from Case Western Reserve University, is an artist, etcher, teacher and musician, as well as an art historian. Recently retired from 35 years of teaching at public schools, Crum currently teaches art history for the Continuing Education Department at Lorain County Community College. His extensive credits include 34 art and educational awards, coverage in numerous publications and TV newscasts, and much more.

In keeping with its mission, the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council presents this distinctive art program free and open to the public.

Italian Renaissance treasures include Michelangelo’s “Pieta” (below), DaVinci’s “Mona Lisa” (right) and the Tempietto, San Pietro in Montorio, Rome, designed by Donato Bramante (below right).

Come dance with me!

O'Neill Healthcare Bradley Bay residents enjoyed an evening of music and dancing at the annual Stepping Out dance held at St. Ladislus Catholic Church in Westlake. Each year the church donates the use of their church hall and invites nursing home and assisted living residents from the local area to come together for an evening of fun. This year the residents sang and danced the night away to the musical renderings of the Johnny Pastirk Band.
Ask a pharmacist at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Do you have questions about your medications and how they might interact with vitamins and supplements you’re taking? The come talk to a professional pharmacist from the Northern Ohio Academy of Pharmacy on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7-8:45 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library.

In addition to a one-hour lecture, the pharmacist will provide private consultations with attendees. Please bring a list of all of your current medications and any vitamins and supplements you’re taking or thinking about taking.

To register please visit signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080 or call 440-871-2600.

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Wednesday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • RSVP to Sue Leichty at (440) 871-3474
Assisted Living Dining Room - Refreshments will be served.

Candidates invited to participate:
State Representative 16th District: Todd LeVeck & Nan A. Baker
County Executive: Jack Schron & Armond D. Budish
Member of County Council District 1: Mark Salcio & Dave Greenspan
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas: Sherrie Miday & Pamela A. Barker; Francine Goldberg & Janet Rat Covalencia; Michael R. Sliwinski & Anthony J. Russo

Bay Village T-shirts help fund fireworks

The City of Bay Village is selling T-shirts in five different styles to benefit the Bay Days Fireworks Fund. Sue Kohl, assistant to the mayor, worked with local graphic artist Christine Finto on the design and colors for the soon-to-be-popular shirts. The cotton/polyester shirts, available at City Hall, cost $20 for long-sleeve and $15 for short-sleeve and are available in men’s and women’s sizes.

The men’s/unisex crewneck styles are white short-sleeve, heather gray short-sleeve and white long-sleeve. The women’s scoopneck shirts are heather blue short-sleeve and black long-sleeve; ladies sizes run small so consider sizing up.

Payment is by check or cash only. Purchases may be made at the City Hall receptionist desk Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The shirts will be available at the Nov. 3 City Council meeting and will also be sold at BayVarts starting Nov. 1. Call 440-899-3416 for information.
By the early part of the 20th century, the community was undergoing a transformation. The interurban railway that brought vacationers to Bay also made daily downtown commuting a possibility. Families began buying parcels of land and the summer retreat evolved into a year-round residence.

The population was on the rise, from around 300 residents in 1900 to more than 750 by 1920.

Need for a Town Hall

After breaking away from Dover, the village had no land of its own. Bay needed a town hall, as well as a place to build it.

In those first years, the town council often met in the homes of councilmen. Joan Kemper, current clerk of council, found the very first handwritten council minutes from a century ago in the vault at Bay Village City Hall. The book of minutes covers the proceedings of council from Feb. 19, 1903, to Dec. 17, 1915. Written in wonderful penmanship by clerk of council Isaac Clinton Powell, it verifies at least one instance of the location of a council meeting.

An Aug. 13, 1914, council record states that, “pursuant to the call of the Mayor [and] Council the residence of Mr. Calvin Osborn at 8:30 p.m.” The mayor at the time was Albert Horace Wolf. (An interesting fact about Wolf, he may have been a council member and lived at 20560 Lake Road. This house was moved in 1985 to the historic Rose Hill Museum area in Cahoon Memorial Park and is now the Osborn Learning Center.

Donation Makes Town Hall Possible

Many of Bay’s residents were descendants of the early settlers in the area, including Ida Cahoon, the last survivor of Mr. Calvin Osborn or Ida Cahoon, the last survivor of the Osborn family’s farm, now Cahoon Memorial Park. Knowing that the city was in need of land, Ida Cahoon donated a portion of her property for the new Town Hall. In a meeting on May 12, 1914, council accepted the “lowest and best bid” of $8,300 by the John Kiser & Brother company to construct the new building.

Work started right away on the new Town Hall and continued throughout the summer. There must have been some concern about the quality of the work during construction because council passed a resolution at the July 7 meeting “that the building committee confer with the architect and if necessary take steps to stop brick work on the Town Hall until the work is according to specifications.”

Town Hall Dedication

There doesn’t seem to be any surviving record in the city’s archives of a dedication ceremony for the Village of Bay Town Hall. When did it happen? I have a theory based on the council minutes. The minutes from the Nov. 2, 1914, council meeting noted that “Council (is to) meet at the New Town Hall building Nov. 3, 2 p.m.” – the very next day. It’s reasonable to assume that city leaders wouldn’t schedule council meetings on back-to-back days. So the meeting at the new town hall on Nov. 3, 1914, was probably for the purpose of dedicating the building.

Architectural Style

According to local historian Will Krause, the overall building style looks to be a blend of classical and colonial revival architecture. The front pediment and columns appear to be loose interpretations of ancient Greek architecture. The Greek revival style was brought to the area by early settlers from New England and upstate New York, and is often called the “Western Reserve.” South of the town hall, the city’s service department, the Scholl family farm is across Wolf Road. Parkview High School can be seen at the top of the photo. The photo was taken in 1990.

The Clock Tower

The building has been modified a number of times since its initial construction, including the addition of a clock tower in 1990.

The Village Becomes a City

In 1920, with 6,917 residents, the Village of Bay easily passed 5,000-resident threshold and is certified as a city. Names for the new city were put to a vote, and the winner was “City of Bay Village.”

City Hall has been expanded over the years, with building additions in the 1950s, ’70s and ’80s, and the installation of a clock tower in 1980. The clock was the idea of the Bay Village Women’s Club, who also provided initial funds for the construction. The club felt that there should be a clock tower in Bay Village and initially thought of adding one to the Bay Square Shopping Center across the street. But City Hall was decided to be the best prospect for the tower. Club member Janet Sondles’ husband, James, an architect, donated his time to design the clock tower and the city’s service department constructed it.

Viewing old photos of the original Town Hall, the building looks incomplete without the clock tower. That tall steeple atop the Bay Village municipal building is now the defining centerpiece of the city of Bay Village.
Westlake Girl Scouts create wall art for Our House

by LINDA TOMKALSKI

On Oct. 13, Girl Scout Senior Troop 71047 and Cadette Troop 70289 presented a large wall art project to the Our House senior living facility in Westlake. The wall art was created as a Community Service Project at a recent Service Unit Campout, attended by Girl Scouts and leaders from the entire Westlake area. Numerous 6-inch squares were created by the girls and leaders with glue, colorful beads, gems and trinkets. The squares were then assembled on a large wood base to create the stunning art piece.

Our House Inc., located on Bassett Road, has been generous to the Girl Scout community for many years. Presenting the wall art seemed like a perfect fit. The art will be displayed in a common area for residents to enjoy and the Girl Scouts of Westlake are able to show their appreciation for all the time and resources the center has given to the girls of the community.

ABOVE: Westlake Girl Scouts Senior Troop 71047 and leaders with their wall art, handcrafted as a gift to the Our House facility. LEFT: A close-up of the wall art showing the colorful designs.

Halloween banter and malapropisms ... bear them or not!

by KATHY LUENGO

If you’re picking up this issue and it’s already November, we know how busy you’ve been carving pumpkins, getting the kids’ costumes ready, decorating the yard, handing out candy, brewing spiced pumpkin coffee or savoring a seasonal pumpkin brew after arduous hours of raking leaves! So what if you’ve missed the “witching hour?” There’s always next year!

Halloween may not be for everybody. Perhaps you have guests attending a Halloween party that’s off to a slow start. Why? You’ll be grossly underdressed if you’re in your gothic or boho chic, since your style is gothic or boho chic, since your wardrobe is going to overlap with your Halloween garb. So what if you’ve missed the “witching hour?” There’s always next year!

“Stop! You’re driving me batty!”

“Would you like to try some freshly roasted pumpkin seeds? They’re supposed to be high in nutritional value!”

“Are you sure that you’re up to the spellbinding?”

“Honey, when were you planning to scare up some dinner?”

“Don’t you know how to scare?”

“Vaht do you want to be this year? Demon? Vah!”

“Would you like to try some freshly roasted pumpkin seeds? They’re supposed to be high in nutritional value!”

“Stop! You’re driving me batty!”

“Witch way did they go?”

“Black cats make everyone look skinny.”

“Voodoo sure make some good pumpkin bread!”

“Candy get anything right?”

“Birds chirp, dogs bark, Casper.”

(Think about it ... meow!)

“The Halloween thriller was so spellbinding, the critics are reverent.”

“After working 16 straight hours without taking a break, the production manager felt so sleepy and hollow by the time he got home, he didn’t know whether to sleep or hit the hay. The poor soul.”

“Are you looking forward to sitting down on Thanksgiving and goblin some turkey?”

“Hawlin’ the heck are you doing?”

“To be or not zombie, that is the question.”

“Isn’t that the question?”

“Will you find him sitting at his desk right behind the next appeti...”

If your friends look at you askance, tell them you’re a yogi. “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over” Berra-fie, and that you liked his baseball, too.

Hope this column has left you in good spirit! Aren’t you glad it’s over now?

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Mr. Westlake’s year comes to a close

The Westlake Town Criers held one last celebration of 2014’s Mr. Westlake, Rick Grane, Oct. 20 at Mahle’s restaurant. The dinner, which Grane repeatedly reminded guests was “not a roast,” did include some good-natured teasing of the honoree, who has earned the respect of many in the city.

Grane volunteers as an auxiliary policeman, as a member of the Kiwanis, Elks and Westlake United Methodist Church, and at many cancer fundraisers held in the city. His wife, Susan, who succumbed to cancer in 2003, is his driving force.

“Rick is inspired by the love of his wife to get involved, and that’s why he’s so passionate about giving back to the community,” said Mayor Dennis Clough before proclaiming Oct. 20, 2014, as Rick Grane Day. “You ask Rick to do something and he is going to be there.”

The Town Criers will announce their 2016 title recipient at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Crocker Park on Nov. 22.

PET CARE

Chocolate is a trick, not a treat, for dogs

by LORI ALDRICH

Halloween is here and with it comes the start of the candy-filled holiday season. For the next several months there will be plenty of temptation and opportunities to succumb to giving chocolate to our pets.

I am sure you have heard not to give pets chocolate, but do you really know why? As a baker of dog treats for my dogs and owner of a dog bakery, I had to learn the facts to educate my customers on the evils of chocolate and wonders of carob. So here is the truth about chocolate.

Chocolate comes from roasted seeds called Theobroma cacao – which contain theobromine and caffeine, poisonous to most animals. What matters most are the type and amount of chocolate consumed.

Milk chocolate contains 44 milligrams of theobromine per ounce. Semi-sweet chocolate contains 150 mg of theobromine per oz. Baking chocolate contains 300 mg of theobromine per oz. A two-ounce square of baking chocolate causes severe toxicity in a 20-pound dog whereas two ounces of milk chocolate causes gastric distress, but is not likely to be fatal to the same dog.

If your dog ingests chocolate, look for the following symptoms: very excitement, increased heart rate, restlessness, increased urination, vomiting diarrhea, seizures, muscle tremors and cardiac failure. As with humans, certain dogs are more prone to reactions from caffeine and theobromine. Some people are fine after a couple of cups of coffee, others have one cup and they are wired.

If chocolate finds its way into your dog’summy, first determine which kind of chocolate it is, and what strength the cacao/cocoa is. The fine chocolate bars available now often list the cacao percentage right on the label. Otherwise, look to the ingredients listed on the label: the closer an ingredient is to the top of the list, the more there is in the product. A few M&M’s would not necessarily hurt your pet, but a 72 percent cacao Godiva bar is a lot more potent.

If you determine a good amount of milk chocolate or a small amount of really dark chocolate has been ingested, first call your vet. They will likely tell you to induce vomiting and will often want to run some blood work and possibly an ECG to determine the toxicity levels.

When taking your dog to a park or friend’s house, always be very alert as to what your dog might be eating while there. Let’s keep our pets safe and let them enjoy a wonderful holiday season by feeding them carobs instead, which is available at most health food stores and local dog boutiques and bakeries. Carob is safe for dogs since it does not contain theobromine or caffeine.

The Red Hot Chili Steppers walking group earned certificates of achievement for completing a six-month marathon.

by LYDIA GADD

The Red Hot Chili Steppers was the moniker for this year’s Westlake Walkers, an over 50 walking group organized by the Westlake Center for Community Services. The group walks the equivalent of a marathon over a six-month period, meeting twice a month at different park locations. Each walk is two miles. The season kicks off with a motivational breakfast and ends with a celebratory brunch where members also earn their certificates of achievement.

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Red Hot Chili Steppers complete walking marathon

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LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

Saturday, Nov. 10 (10 a.m.)
CHOCOLATE BOWLING – Who hasn’t had one too many chocolate bars over the holiday season? Bring your own chocolate or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 (7-8 p.m.)
ACCI‑DENTAL ART – Mistakes can often be turned into beautiful art; come make your own accidental artwork by tearing apart paper and gluing the pieces to recycled canvas! Grades K-5. For typical peers and students with special needs with a caregiver; siblings welcome. Registration begins Oct. 22.

Thursday, Oct. 30 (7-8:45 p.m.)
ASK A PHARMICIST – Do you have questions about your medications and how they might interact with vitamins and supplements you are taking? Come and talk to a pharmacist from the Northern Ohio Academy of Pharmacy. There will be one hour lecture followed by private consultations. Please bring a list of all your current medications.

Saturday, Nov. 1 (10:30-11 a.m.)
CFCG FOOD ON THE GO! – An interactive storytime featuring simple songs, rhymes, stories and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (10:30 & 11 a.m.)
LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (1-2:30 p.m.)
CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Please stop by for gene‑

Tuesday, Nov. 4 (5-7:30 p.m.)
BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10 minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (1-2:30 p.m.)
PARK FESTIVAL – Join us for a fun full of fun day! For kids ages 6-12 only. Please, no younger siblings. Registration begins Nov. 2.

Saturday, Nov. 2 (2-5 p.m.)
CHILDREN’S BOOK CLUB – Meet up with other children who love books as much as you do and join us for a time of socialization and play among children with special needs ages 6-13 with their caregivers. Registration begins Nov. 2.

Saturday, Nov. 9 (2-3 p.m.)
BORDER BUSTERS! – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages. In accordance with library policy, children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Nov. 2 (2-4 p.m.)
CHESS CLUB – Hone your chess skills (or learn how to play the game) through WPPL’s new Chess Club. The club is recommended for kids ages 6+, but all ages are welcome to attend. If you have a chess set, please bring it.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 (7-8:45 p.m.)
THE MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB – Do you already love the “Magic Tree House” adventures or are you curious to find out what the fuss is all about? Join us for one of the “Magic Tree House” book discussion and craft related to the book. Grades K-2. No registration required.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 (7-7:45 p.m.)
INTRODUCTION TO IRISH DANCE – The Colonial Irish Academy of Irish Dance will teach you the fundamentals of traditional Irish Dance. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your dancing shoes! Please register.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 (6-7:45 p.m.)
TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB – Do you already love the “Magic Tree House” adventures or are you curious to find out what the fuss is all about? Join us for one of the “Magic Tree House” book discussion and craft related to the book. Grades K-2. No registration required.

Friday, Nov. 7 (6-7:45 p.m.)
COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART – Join us for a guided tour of the Columbus Museum of Art. The tour will be led by a Museum Educator and will include discussions of the current exhibitions. Please register by calling 614-469-5650 or at www.connectingforkids.org.

Friday, Nov. 7 (7-9 p.m.)
IAN’S CHICKEN BOWLS – Come hang out with Ian and his pet chickens! Ian will be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Nov. 8 (11:30 a.m.)
PURRFECT PET! – Learn about the different animal companions that can be the perfect pet! Will it be a dog, cat, bird, fish, or ... ? Listen to funny stories, sing silly songs, make a craft, and have a great time! Grades 3-6. Registration begins Oct. 29.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (7-8:45 p.m.)
WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL – A musical revue by Thelma and Jim. Grades 6 (4-5 p.m.) & 7 (5-6 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (1-2:30 p.m.)
EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In November we’ll discuss “Letters from the Family Struggles.” Free child care is available; register at www.connectingfor kids.org or call 440-250-5563. (5-6 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (3-4:30 p.m.)
TEEN LEAGUE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, snack and games, snacks, and more! Grades 7-12. For ages 12 and up.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 (7-8:30 p.m.)
THE LAKESIDE UNIT: Cleveland Medicine in World War I – In 1914, Cleveland’s foremost physicians and surgeons took a group of 849-871-2600 injured soldiers, setting the stage for the formation of similar hospital units from all over the country. Please register starting Oct. 1.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 (7 p.m.)
POKEMON LEAGUE – Tuesday night is all about Pokemon! Students will learn to play Pokemon in the group playing zone and sign your child up for a 10 minute time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (7-8:30 p.m.)
INTRODUCTION TO FUNDING FOUNDERS – Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online to fund your nonprofit organization. Please register.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 (7-7:45 p.m.)
PURR-FECT PET – Join us for a fun evening as we talk about the purr-fect pet! Will it be a dog, cat, bird, fish, or ... ? Listen to funny stories, sing silly songs, make a craft, and have a great time! Grades 3-6. Registration begins Oct. 29.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 (7-7:45 p.m.)
Friendship Tea Party – Join us for an afternoon of friendship building. This program is geared toward children struggling in an area of development. You must RSVP to attend. Register by calling 440-250-5563 or at www.connectingforkids.org.

Thursday, Nov. 7 (11 a.m.-noon)
CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: REIN‑VENTING YOURSELF – What are you waiting for? What is getting in the way of fulfilling your dreams? What are you missing out on? What is the most fun doing? The workshop explores questions that get you engaged and excited and will assist you with beginning to develop your plan.

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Wednesday, Nov. 5 (4-5 p.m.)
LEONE GIFT – A PhARmACTIST – by private consultations. Please bring a list of all your current medications.

Saturday, Nov. 8 (10 a.m.)
BRISE BUIlDeRS! – Let’s build with Duplo Bricks in imagination and we’ll provide the bricks. Ages 3-6.

Sunday, Nov. 9 (2-3 p.m.)
BONE BUSTERS! – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages. In accordance with library policy, children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Wednesday, Nov. 5 (1-2:30 p.m.)
Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by BARBARA ISAACS

Even though it is Halloween, you may already be thinking ahead to planning for the holidays. The library is a good place to start! Many new holiday “how-to” books are arriving weekly with crafts, recipes and ideas to make it easier to plan what you want to do in the coming months.

There are many cookbooks that feature cookies, cakes and pies for all occasions in addition to the most recent healthy recipes that have been “made-over” from the original, less healthy ones. Come see our large assortment and “test” the recipes out on your family to see what may become your new holiday tradition for years to come.

If making gifts for Christmas is your thing, check out the new knitting, crocheting and sewing books that also include instructions for holiday decorations to make. Too early to even think about the holidays? Come to the library to find something good to read. The librarians LOVE to talk about books so ask any of us to help you pick that particular book for you. We hope to see you at the library soon!

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT

Storytimes: Caregivers and their children are invited to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and books/stories together.

• Mondays, Nov. 3 and 10; Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 11 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME – For caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months.

• Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 11 (10:30 a.m.); Thursdays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 (11 a.m.) PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten).

• Wednesdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 (9:30 a.m.) BABY & ME STORYTIME – For caregivers and their children ages 2-1/2 to 6 years.

• Mondays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 (9:30 a.m.) & Dec. 29 (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME – For caregivers and their children of all ages.

• Saturday, Nov. 8 (10:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – This storytime is designed specifically for children with special needs and their families. This program incorporates a schedule board, double visuals, and sensory opportunities for participants as well as half-hour socialization time following the program.

Bay Village Branch Library, 252 Caboom Road, where I began my financial career in 1984. Having experienced the ups and downs of the financial markets, I have learned the importance of planning and saving for the future.

I am a Certified Financial Planner™ and have been serving clients in the Cleveland area for over 20 years. I have always been committed to helping clients achieve their financial goals and dreams. I believe that a successful financial plan should be tailored to each individual’s needs and goals, and should be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains on track.

New Business
New Bay agency offers insurance, financial planning

by BRAD LARSON

On Oct. 1, 2014, my team and I launched the Brad Larson State Farm Agency at 654 Dover Center Road, in the Dover Commons of Bay Village, where the previous agent, who is now retired, had a 39-year history with the Bay Village community.

We now have the honor of providing both existing and new clients the comprehensive insurance and financial solutions that will protect valuable personal and business assets, and provide guidance in meeting financial goals and dreams.

I have over 20 years of experience in banking and financial services in Cleveland, where I began my financial career with Security National Bank and progressed through the positions of branch manager, private banker and district retail manager in Cleveland/Akron commercial banks.

My passion has always been centered on assisting clients in meeting and exceeding their financial goals and dreams, while fostering relationships that last a lifetime.

Join in at www.wbvoobserver.com
Rain doesn’t dampen this year’s Heritage Run

by EILEEN VERNON

The annual Bay Village Foundation’s Heritage 5K run/1-mile walk began under cloudy skies on Oct. 18 at Cahoon Memorial Park. More than 300 walkers and runners registered and the first 300 participants received a cool, dry-tech T-shirt. Funds collected from fees and the sponsorships of local businesses will support private, non-sectarian community projects.

The event was chaired by trustees Tim Atkinson and Steve Lee. Board members were available at 7:30 a.m. to register walkers and runners and to distribute packets and some of the best goodie bags in Northeast Ohio.

“Thanks to everyone for coming out to run for a good cause, rain or shine,” said Atkinson. This year it was light rain, but the spirit of the racers was not dampened and the enthusiastic group pushed off on schedule at 9 a.m. To see complete results from the race, visit hermescleveand.com.
Students learn technology concepts through Techie Club

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Techie Club is a new partnership between the Westlake City Schools and Hyland Software designed to expose students to different technology concepts, to incite interest and encourage exploration.

The club includes hands-on, interactive lessons for third and fourth grade students. Topics include computer programming, web development, hardware, software, internet, digital and social media, technology careers and robotics.

Techie Club is comprised of up to 20 students and meets for an hour after school on Thursdays at Dover Elementary School throughout the school year.

International Baccalaureate Coordinator Colleen Mudore is facilitating the program with the help of Hyland Software volunteers. "The partnership with Hyland Software and the expertise of their volunteers allows our Techie Club students to be immersed in yearlong, in-depth technology instruction," said Westlake Schools’ Project Link Supervisor Mike Waters, who brought the club to the district’s after school program.

Bayarts offers marbleizing paper workshop Nov. 8

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Do you love the look of richly marbleized designs? This November, channel your inclination for an artistic outlet in a workshop taught by Peggy Wertheim on Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Bayarts.

The art of marbleizing designs on paper and silk is a process that is simple and gratifying for artists of any level. Students will explore how paper and silk can be marbleized using traditional water baths, acrylic paints and powdered seaweed. They will be learning patterns such as Feather, Bird Wing and Chevron. Between 12-15 marbled paper silks will be created by all, which can then be utilized in holiday cards, scrapbooks, journals and any of your other ongoing, and future, projects.

Ms. Wertheim brings an interest in themes of nature as well as Far East cultures. She has shown in hundreds of juried and invitational exhibitions and teaches a variety of courses in surface design. She has also offered Batik workshops at Bayarts. Please contact Erin Stack, erin@bayarts.net, to speak about additional possible workshops with Wertheim, or securing a workshop day for your entire group at once.

The one-day Nov. 8 workshop costs $75, plus a $25 materials fee due to the instructor at class time. Visit bayarts.net to sign up, or call 440-871-6543.

Band Spooktacular Success!

The second annual Bay Village Community Band Spooktacular was held on Oct. 22. The Middle School cafetorium was filled to capacity with ghosts, goblins, and their parents, who enjoyed a program of haunted musical favorites and theme songs from costumed heroes.

RIGHT: The Spooktacular was Director Emeritus Tim Stoh’s last concert. Brad Gladish presented him with a token of appreciation for his many years of service.

John Colan Jr. won for best baby costume.

Matching clown sisters won a prize, as well as many hearts in the audience.

Layla Tilk dons a safari hat and dances to “Who’s that Masked Man?”

Director Dave Hager conducts the community band during the Spooktacular concert Oct. 22.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group’s free community events online at wwbobserver.com

Thursday, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m.—noon and Wednesday, Nov. 5, 6:30-9 p.m.
Foster Care Adoption Community Information Program
Interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent? Staff from the Lakewood Collaborative Family to Family program will answer questions, provide support and guidance, and offer materials related to becoming a foster or adoptive parent. Call 216-529-6108 for more information.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 2733 Center Ridge Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 30, 6:30-9 p.m.
Exploring Spirituality
Join us as we explore self-reflection through ritual and drumming. Family members welcome. Advance registration required, call 216-595-9546 or visit touchbytouch.org for more information.
The Gathering Place, 600 Sharon Dr., Westlake
Friday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE AND WESTLAKE TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS
Saturday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m.
Holiday Mall Boutique
A unique boutique where guests will find treasures for holiday to everyday, vintage to present. Admission is $5, a portion of the proceeds will go to Hospice of the Western Reserve. For more information, call 440-871-4389.
Wagner’s of Westlake, JMS3 Center Ridge Rd.
Saturday, Nov. 1, noon-3 p.m.
Bay Village Yard Clean-up
The Village Project will take leaves and provide assistance with weeding, mulching and other general yard work in exchange for donations. Suggested donation is $30 and up, donations over $30 are tax deductible. To get your home on the list for this day (Nov. 1), call 440-348-9481. To volunteer to help with the clean-up please call the above number or email info@bayvillageohio.org.
Bay Village Only
Monday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.
Bay Village City Hall Ceremony
The City of Bay Village is commemorating the 100th anniversary of Bay Village City Hall which was erected in 1914. The public is invited to attend the commemoration ceremony in Council Chambers. Refreshments will follow the commemoration. Bay Village T-shirts will be available for purchase to raise funds for the Bay Days Fireworks Fund.
Bay Village City Hall, 250 Center Ridge Rd.
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30-7:45 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 6, 12-11:30 a.m.
Yoga for Those Touched by Cancer
A gentle restorative exercise that helps increase energy and improve muscle tone and flexibility. Please bring your own yoga mat. We will have a few available for first-timers. Advance registration required, call 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place, 600 Sharon Dr., Westlake
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1-2 p.m.
Brown Bag Lecture and Panel
The Tri-C Brown Bag Brain Series brings together well-known individuals to view the PBS Brain Series and encourage discussion around the topic of the day, while contributing to the nationwide BRAIN Initiative.
Tri-C Metrocampus, Room 112, 3101 Clemens Rd., Westlake
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1-2:30 p.m.
Free Family Research Help Session
If you're just starting or have come to a "road block" with your research, find your ancestors, members of the Cuyahoga-West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will assist you, next to the computer terminals. Please bring a copy of your pedigree chart and/or relevant family records.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 2733 Center Ridge Rd.
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.
Bay Village Community Band Concert
Come join us as we salute our veterans! This free performance is dedicated to the men and women who have served or currently serving in our military. It's a wonderful time to honor our heroes.
Bay Middle School, 27252 Whf Rd.
Friday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Christmas Carnaval Craft Fair
Highlighting over 20 local artists, this show features a variety of work. Bring along the family to enjoy the Center’s free live animal exhibit, take in a pannetisme show or explore Huntington Resevoir. Enjoy a selection of food, refreshments and handmade baked goods. Parking is free and complimentary shuttle service is available. Proceeds will go towards educational programs at the non-profit Center. Admission S.S. Lake Erie Nature Science Center, 26272 Whf Rd., Bay Village
Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Holiday Boutique
Shop for hand-painted glassware and gift items from Tiss' Toucher Touch. Items will include ornaments, centerpieces, wine glasses, coffee and beer mugs, and more! Plus free gift wrapping! The Bellevede of Westlake, 25957 Detroit Rd.
Saturday, Nov. 8, 8:30 p.m.
Disco Inferno Benefit Concert
Flashback to the ‘70s and get your grove on with Disco Inferno! Join the Westlake Early Childhood PTA for fun, dancing, suffrage and more! This casual get-together supports the WECPTA. These are $15 cover at the door (all proceeds go directly to WECPTA). Invite your friends for a great night out!
Time Warp Bar, 27261 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake
Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Meeting of Chapter 91 of the Public Employee Retirement Inc. (PERI)
Guest speaker, Attorney Tera L. Lubich, focuses on issues affecting persons with disabilities and elderly individuals. A Certified Dementia Practitioner with a BA in rehabilitation counseling from Kent State University, she spent 12 years working in community mental health service agencies providing residential, employment and partial hospitalization services. PERI Chapter 91 meets monthly and includes members from the western suburbs. Light refreshments served. Fairview Park Branch Library, 21155 Lemon Rd.
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 12:30 p.m.
Veterans Day Luncheon
Bill Brauning presents film clips which will include patriotic music and explore how veterans were seen in the movies of the 1940s and 1950s as well as some comical moments from television as he celebrates veterans. Luncheon will be provided by Chef Jim from Towne Center Community Campus. Call by calling 633-8966. Seating is limited. No charge! Dyer Senior Center, 700 Blyron Lane
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Getting Started on Your Computer System
The November meeting of NEDPC will feature Club President Bruce Brockman’s presentation on the many good, safeguards you can use a free Linux operating system on your computer home. Free and open to all, for more information, go to www.neopc.org
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