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17 minutes of silence

Hundreds of Bay High School students participated in the National School Walkout on March 14, observing 17 minutes of silent reflection in remembrance of the lives lost in the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, and to show their support for other schools that have undergone similar tragedies. The walkout was entirely student led and organized. Students worked with the school administration which supported the showing of student activism. Pictured are Julia Martin, holding a sign, and event organizer Danielle Cooke. See more photos of the event by Bay High student photographer Connor Starowesky on page 4.

Mayor Clough addresses the state of Westlake

by TARA WENDELL

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough gave his 33rd annual State of the City address to members of the business community at the March 13 West Shore Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The annual presentation highlights the work of the city's departments over the previous year, offers a snapshot of the city's finances and provides a look at upcoming projects.

Westlake's healthy budget and strong, diverse tax base allow the city to provide a high level of service and many community improvements. Business incentives entice large companies to locate and remain in Westlake.

"We do pride ourselves on the relationship we have developed with the business community," Clough said. "To tell you that the city of Westlake continues to grow is often an understatement."

Thirty-six businesses opened, expanded or relocated



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Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough speaks to members of the West Shore Chamber on March 13.

within Westlake during 2017, totaling more than 156,000 square feet of retail space and 65,000 square feet of industrial space. Commercial and residential construction combined generated a total investment in the city of more than \$100 million over the last year.

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Westlake Rain & Garden Show will explore ways to protect watershed

by MICHAELA KEKEDY

"Protecting Our Future" is this year's theme for the City of Westlake's Rain and Garden Show, which will be held at Crocker Park's Market Square on Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"The use of sustainable practices and conservation throughout our watershed helps protect our future," said Robert Kelly, director of the Westlake Engineering Department. "We bring local vendors and organizations together at this family-friendly event, appealing to both adults and children to make it easier to learn how to help keep our local waterways clean and sustainable."

The city of Westlake's storm drainage watershed consists of seven major streams and creeks that eventually discharge to Lake Erie: Cahoon, Porter, Schwartz, Sperry, Wilhelmy, Wischmeyer and Wolf. These creeks have about 150 miles of storm sewers that collect rain from developed areas like parking lots, roadways and buildings.

"Lake Erie is our sole source of drinking water and a vital recreational and economic resource for the region," said Wesley Davis, civil engineer for the city's Engineering Department. "People can take simple steps to help minimize debris, fertilizers, chemicals and other contaminants from entering the watershed."

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Explorer Club 360: Visual assessment of Porter Creek

by CAITLYN HARTZELL, ADDISON MEAUX, ABBIE DENT and PHOEBE SUTHERLAND

This is the first in a series of three articles from members of Explorer Club 360 on the health of Porter Creek, a stream that flows through Westlake and Bay Village, exiting at Huntington Beach into Lake Erie.

Our concern regarding the creek came from a study conducted by the Cuyahoga County Health Department as reported in their June 30,

2014, "A Holistic Watershed Approach to Health at Huntington Beach."

In summary the report stated that E. coli from Porter Creek was responsible for closing the beach for 10-20 percent of the swimming

season. Our assignment was to do a visual assessment of the creek, observing the presence of physical debris, foam, wildlife, bank erosion and the water characteristics such as flow, turbidity and clarity.

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Bay Village middle schoolers Caitlyn, Abbie, Addison and Phoebe study a Porter Creek watershed map.

CLOUGH *from front page*

The Engineering Department will follow up a busy 2017 with a number of projects in 2018. After replacing the Bradley Road water line between Hilliard and Detroit, the focus now shifts to water line improvements on Rose Road and Clark Parkway. The Center Ridge/Canterbury intersection roadwork has been completed and a new turning lane and traffic signal will be installed at the new elementary school on Center Ridge.

“The Engineering Department is proud of what they do every year. I have to say that they manage to get many projects done that other cities can’t possibly do, with the kind of staff that we have.

Among the most talked about plans are the new senior/community center and Clague Park aquatics center. Both projects were approved by voters last November with the passage of the tax renewal levy. Mayor Clough said that the city will sell bonds to help finance the construction. The aquatics center upgrades are expected to be completed by May 2019; construction of the community center, which will be located near the recreation center tennis courts, is estimated to wrap up in September 2020.

A new citywide phone system was installed, replacing 225 phones and upgrading all telephone circuits, at a cost of \$240,000. Clough expects to recoup that investment over six years with an annual cost savings of \$40,000.

Since taking office in 1986, Clough has overseen tremendous growth in Westlake. A chart illustrating the trendlines of the general fund balance and debt service speaks volumes. In 1986, when the population was just under 20,000 residents, Westlake had a \$969,000 general fund balance and \$13 million of debt. Last year, with 32,700 residents, the general fund was up to nearly \$36 million and debt had been reduced to \$6.5 million.

In other words, the general fund balance per resident has grown to \$1,097 from just \$48 in 1986, and the amount of debt carried by the city is \$197 per resident, down from \$658. These figures are what lead Clough, a certified public accountant, to proclaim every year that Westlake is “virtually debt free.”

Slides and a video from the State of the City presentation are available on the city’s website, www.cityofwestlake.org. ●

GARDEN *from front page*

He gave the examples of not littering when walking, riding or driving; cleaning up after pets; recycling and repurposing items; utilizing native plants and organic products in landscaping, and biodegradable or non-toxic products in the home.

“These may seem insignificant but if done consistently, they can have a major impact,” said Davis.

The Westlake Rain and Garden Show is presented by the Westlake Engineering Department and the Westlake Watershed Group, a volunteer citizens’ committee that

includes Westlake residents, members of local businesses and city employees. The Westlake Watershed Group’s next meeting, also free and open to the public, is Friday, April 13, at 7:30 a.m. at Westlake City Hall.

For those who are interested in best practices for sustainability and conservation, Davis recommended visiting the Cleveland Metroparks’ Watershed Stewardship Center in West Creek Reservation in Parma to view their exhibits and take part in programs. Learn more at clevelandmetroparks.com.

More information about the Rain and Garden Show can be found at www.cityofwestlake.org/Go-Green. ●

EXPLORER *from front page*

We started by looking at the Google Maps satellite view of the Porter Creek watershed. A watershed is the area where all the rain and snow will drain to a single outlet. The Porter Creek watershed is an area bordered by just east of Nagel Road to just west of Dover Center Road to just south of Hilliard Road. In that area there are recreational parks, golf courses, commercial areas, and what we estimated to be about 50 percent residential areas.

Our observation of the creek occurred just after a rain and snow melt event. The only disturbing factor, other than a few pieces of litter we picked up, was that the water was very turbid. From the color of the water, a yellow/brown, we believe that the turbidity was caused by suspended silt and clay particles. As we learned from our research, these particles, in addition to being a warning sign for pollution, can also harbor

pathogens such as E. coli bacteria.

Pathogens, which are microorganisms, are transported by attaching themselves to the suspended particles of dirt from yards and parking lots. The U.S.G.S. Water Science School states, “High concentrations of particulate matter affect light penetration and productivity, recreational values, and habitat quality, and cause lakes to fill faster. In streams, increased sedimentation and siltation can occur, which can result in harm to habitat areas for fish and other aquatic life.”

In conclusion, we believe E. coli may still be present in Porter Creek. ●

Learning for Life, Explorer Club 360 is chartered to Bay Sea Scouts Inc. and is a co-ed after school program for middle school youth. Club 360 in the winter months concentrates on environmental studies of our waterways and in the summer can be found sailing and boating on Lake Erie. For more information, contact Richard Gash, skipper@seascoutship41.org or 440-871-6106.

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SENIOR LIVING

With the right bucket list, 78 can be the new 64

by MICHAEL NOCK

It's true that people who dream the big dreams, with the gaudiest aspirational goals, make the world go round. But as we age, humility and perspective become more valuable than our time in the 40-yard dash. One successful aging strategy is creating a Monthly Bucket List — short-term and attainable. Make your own list, of course, but here are nine possibilities to get you started.

Leave your town. You don't need to Uber to Hopkins for this one. Get a ride to a restaurant or mall, or better yet go downtown for any reason. Just get out of your neighborhood for a few hours.

Meet a friend for lunch. Has it been too long since you've seen a dear friend? Invite her over. Or invite yourself over. Or meet at a restaurant. Connecting warms your soul on a cold day.

Leave a legacy. The easiest way to ensure you're never forgotten is to tell a grandchild a story about your upbringing. If you're lucky, she'll record it with "StoryCorps" so HER grandchildren will hear about you too.

Open your mind. You'll be more interesting to friends and family if you change the channel now and then. Hurry back to your comfort zone, but exploring the other side can be thrilling — a healthy jolt to the frontal lobe.

Make a friend. You may feel like Audrey Hepburn in "Charade," but nobody truly has too many friends to add one more. Maybe you can find one when you ...

Visit a senior center. You'll be shocked to find dozens of people just like you. They'll be playing cards, eating lunch, hearing presentations, watching movies, taking an iPad lesson, crafting, playing bingo, doing yoga. You can't imagine the opportu-

nities to stay active and connected.

Go for a walk. Wait until it's safe for daffodils, then start small. Stretch it out a bit after a couple of weeks, or change your route. And don't forget the cell phone in case you're too adventurous.

Start a book. Plan on another surprise when you're reminded of what a gift your local library is. Among the perks of a long life: no book reports. So if you don't like the first 50 pages, chuck it and try another.

Write a letter. If your long-lost pal lives in another town, skip the internet and write a real letter. The only thing more gratifying than adding a stamp and tossing it into the mailbox is receiving the response.

Curiosity, change and connection are among the elements that keep us young. Check half the boxes on your list every month, and 78 really can be the new 64. ●

Honoring Vietnam veterans

by FRED GREEN

Thursday, March 29, is National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Vietnam veterans have not been recognized as have previous war veterans. This story has been told many times but it remains true, even today.

Much has been done to right this wrong but it is still good to remind everyone of the sacrifice of these men and women.

Also note, while we rightly remember the sacrifice of our brave Americans, there were soldiers from many allied nations involved, some more than others, but primarily the loyal South Vietnamese Army and the civilian population that suffered on the fields of battle or in their homes.

American Vietnam vets are now becoming the generation of combat and support veterans that are aging and being lost daily. Please remember to honor those that were lost during battle, or lost since due to many battle scars, seen or unseen. Finally, remember those that have served, endured, and are being lost daily due to the common enemy, age and health.

On March 29, take a few moments and remember these brave veterans and their service to our country and your freedom.

If you are or know a Vietnam veteran, we welcome and need you at the Bay Village VFW. If interested, call 440-941-5080 and leave a message or email us at: vfw-post9693@gmail.com. ●

St. Ladislav 50+ Club

by MIKE DICKEY

The St. Ladislav 50+ Club at 2345 Bassett Road in Westlake offers a variety of entertaining programs for seniors.

You don't have to be 50 to belong to the club. We offer wonderful entertainment on the third Tuesday of the month from September to June. The meetings usually start around 10:30 a.m. and

wrap up around 1 p.m.

The meeting includes quality entertainment and a delicious catered meal by Novotny Catering. The April 17 entertainment is Billy Kay on the accordion. He likes to sing and add some humor. Billy performs in several nursing homes and at Ames Hospice. Entertain-

ment begins at 11 a.m. with the meal at noon. Cost is \$11.

The Club also sponsors two bus trips per year. Please contact Mike Dickey (current President) at 440-832-0822 if you need additional information. We have an overnight bus trip planned for Michigan (Mackinac Island) in late June. ●

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School crisis response and grief support program available to local schools

by LAURIE HENRICHSEN

Tragic events such as the recent mass shooting at a Florida high school are difficult for anyone to comprehend and process. Locally and across the country, we collectively mourn the loss of life every time such a senseless tragedy occurs. In addition, our own sorrow, fear and despair can be heightened as we watch and hear about the plight of grieving students, teachers and the affected community on the nightly news.

Following such a crisis, expert on-site support frequently plays an instrumental role in helping faculty, staff members and students navigate the painful experiences of trauma, grief and loss. Locally, the bereave-



ment center at Hospice of the Western Reserve – now called Western Reserve Grief Services – has offered a Crisis Response Program to provide immediate, on-site crisis response to deaths in the school communities of Northern Ohio for more than 15 years.

The program has been utilized by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and many others. The services are

available to any school system in the nonprofit agency's service area. Trained bereavement professionals are available to provide on-site response. A single phone call from the school is all it takes to mobilize resources.

In a typical year, trained grief and trauma support specialists from the organization deliver immediate on-site crisis support to 1,000 students and 250 adults.

"Schools must be prepared to respond to sudden, violent and traumatic deaths, such as car accidents, overdose deaths or shootings and suicides" said Diane Snyder Cowan, director of Western Reserve Grief Services. "Our partnership with schools

allows them to more effectively address mental and emotional distress, reduce the likelihood of high-risk student behavior and return more quickly to productive teaching and learning.

"School personnel spend a good amount of time with the children, so in some respects, they become a second family," Snyder Cowan said. "Their response in times of grief and loss can be extremely comforting and helpful to students. It is not unusual for students to approach teachers, coaches, school counselors and others in the school community about topics that are too painful for them to discuss at home."

In coordination with the school, trained and experienced bereavement professionals are available to lead classroom, small or large group student discussions, hold informational meetings with parents, provide individualized sessions during a crisis response and offer guidance to teachers and

staff. Follow-up services such as memorial activities, small support group interventions and educational programs are available as needed. Proactive services are also offered, including crisis response planning.

The program is one of the ways the nonprofit agency extends its expertise in end-of-life care and bereavement support to the community at large. Hospice of the Western Reserve is grateful for the financial support of individuals and other organizations, such as the Ridgecliff Foundation, for making the Grief Services for Schools Program possible. For more information on how you can ensure these important services are available for students, teachers, parents and school staff, contact Bonnie Robbins at 216-383-5258 or BRobbins@hospicewr.org. School administrators interested learning more are encouraged to visit the website: hospicewr.org/grief-andloss, or call 216-486-6287. ●

NationalSchoolWalkout March 14, 2018

by Bay High School student photographer CONNOR STAROWESKY



WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake students help community organization

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Hilliard Elementary School's second-grade classes used their study of business and charities to take up a collection for the Elyria Friendship APL.

In the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, students study a "How We Organize Ourselves" unit, which encourages students to look at how organizations form and impact the community. Students research types of local organizations, how they help and economic choices.

"They learn that community organizations – business and charitable – provide goods and/or services," said elementary IB coordinator Deb Wadden. "They study how individuals and organizations can make a difference and impact people and the economics in the community, and the economic choices organizations and individuals make, based on needs, wants and choice."

Second-grade teacher Stephanie Mavis said she shared her volunteer-

ing story about the Friendship APL, which piqued the interest of her students. In all IB units, teachers try to encourage students to take action and use what they learn. Wadden said the goal is for these actions to originate with and be implemented by students so they can see how they can impact their community.

"The students had a lot of questions about it," Mavis said of her Friendship APL experience. Based on their discussion, the students agreed to collect donations to help the Friendship APL in Elyria.

Tina Fouts' students also participated, involving the entire second grade at Hilliard Elementary.

Through the IB unit, students learned about how businesses and organizations get information to the public through advertising. This prompted the



Hilliard Elementary second-graders learned about community organizations while helping the Friendship APL in Elyria.

second graders to create posters through Google Slides and hang them around school to solicit donations of blankets, towels, toys and pet supplies.

"I was amazed at how this impacted my students," Mavis said. "Their enthusiasm was immediately apparent when

students brought in items before we started collecting, and asked their parents to take them to the store to buy pet food and toys.

"It was so wonderful seeing the kids working so hard for the benefit of the shelter animals." ●

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BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Incoming Bay Schools superintendent honored by Ohio peers

by KAREN DERBY

Jodie Hausmann, who will join the Bay Village City School District as its new superintendent in August, has been awarded the Betsy M. Cowles Leadership Award by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA).

The award annually recognizes a woman in school administration who has demonstrated outstanding education leadership by making significant contributions to educational administration in a school district, education service center or educational institution.

Hausmann currently serves as superintendent for the Perkins Local Schools in Sandusky.

Bay Village Board of Education members Beth Lally and Lisa Priemer attended the presentation made at the BASA Women's Conference in Columbus on March 14.

"This honor by her peers recognizes exactly what we saw in Jodie during our superintendent search," said Lally. "She demonstrates an unwavering commitment to providing children with all they need for the best education possible."

Priemer said the award is really quite an honor, and that



Incoming Bay Village Schools Superintendent Jodie Hausmann was presented an award as a woman in school leadership by her Ohio peers.

Bay Village is lucky to have Hausmann joining the school district. "It's nice to see our choice of Jodie as our new superintendent affirmed this way," she said. "Her leadership will be exactly what we need to move our district forward as we face multiple challenges ahead."

Hausmann noted that she was humbled to receive the award "named for a woman recognized as a disruptive innovator, a true educational visionary and a human rights activist." Betsy M. Cowles was one of the earliest and

most notable female superintendents in Ohio, according to BASA.

"What I respect most about Betsy was her unwavering moral compass, which was obvious in her commitment to social justice, and especially her dedication to establishing and protecting the rights of women and people of color," Hausmann said. "Her devotion to those causes, as well as her commitment to infant schools – which were the precursor to kindergarten – inspired me early in my career and brought me focus as my path developed from a teacher, to a principal, to an administrator, and now today, as a superintendent."

Hausmann is currently visiting the Bay Village City Schools a day or two each month, spending time with retiring Superintendent Clint Keener, to help with her transition to taking the reins at the district Aug. 1. ●

Glenview in Bay Village earns 4-star state quality award

by KAREN DERBY

Glenview Child Care & Learning Center, the Bay Village City School District's daycare, preschool and before-and-after school care center, has received a Four-Star Step Up To Quality award from the state of Ohio. The rating recognizes that Glenview's preschool education program and its special needs preschool go beyond the state's basic standards.

"We are very proud of Glenview," said Clint Keener, superintendent of Bay Schools. "We are fortunate to attract very caring and talented early childhood teachers who are well qualified and experienced. Glenview is a wonderful place for young children to learn and grow."

In fact, every classroom from toddlers through preschool have a teacher with a

four-year early childhood education degree, licensed in the field. Even those in the infant care room hold the four-year degrees. Teachers use a written, research-based lesson plan of activities that cover all areas of child development, while focusing on the play-based learning that research shows is the best way children learn.

Community members often see lines of youngsters headed toward the city pool in the summer. Year-round excursions across the street let students enjoy programming at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center to extend student learning throughout the school year. Glenview students reap the benefits of many community resources, including the involved parents and community members who make up the Friends of Glenview support group.

"Glenview Center is proud

to be recognized as a 4-star center that acknowledges how hard we work to provide quality care for young children," said Dorothy Chadwick, director of the center. "We work in partnership with the families we serve to provide the best environment and opportunities for children to grow and develop. Our teachers' experience, strong educational backgrounds and longevity of service provides our students with an amazing curriculum as well as the consistency and crucial attachment that allows children to feel secure to explore the world in which they live."

Glenview is operated by



PHOTO BY ELLEN WATTERSON

Glenview Child Care & Learning Center received a 4-star rating from the Ohio Department of Education.

the Bay Village Board of Education and is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education. The daycare, preschool and before-and-after school care programs are fully funded by family tuition. The special needs pre-

school, S.E.E.D., is funded by state and federal grants, as well as by the school district. Since 1982, the nonprofit program has operated year-round in the former Glenview Elementary School building. ●

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by COLLEEN GILL

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Raindrops fall a hopeful song,
Shedding new from old.

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God sprinkles rays of gold.

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Experience Good Friday in your own way

by SHARON FEDOR

You’ve heard it said or sung, “Do your own thing,” or “Have it your way.” Even Frank Sinatra melted many hearts when he sang, “I did it my way.” Can this guidance be rightly applied to things of a spiritual nature? With Good Friday approaching, Unity Spiritual Center Westlake has an open-minded, open-hearted approach to the ancient tradition of the Stations of the Cross.

Why the Stations of the Cross, and where did this practice originate from? After the crucifixion, the disciples of Jesus would consistently tell the story of the walk to the cross, explaining the physical

sites and events that took place at each particular location. The story of death and resurrection was told over and over again to pilgrims who came from all over to see the sites where Jesus had been. Walking the sites and contemplating the events became a vital part of pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Over time, as people returned home after a pilgrimage, they began to create their own stations and, eventually, churches did the same. The number of Stations has changed over time, with the Bible recognizing certain ones. Today many churches of different faiths make use of the nine Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. It is believed

that the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is the physical site of Golgotha (Calvary), and holds the empty tomb of Jesus.

On Good Friday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Unity Spiritual Center’s Hall Sanctuary will be turned into the nine Stations of the Cross. Come in anytime during this Good Friday Experience, journey through the nine stations at your own pace, and contemplate the meaning they have for you. Each station offers a unique activity that will help with reflection on your life, the life of Jesus, and how they may or may not be intertwined.

The nine stations are: Garden of Gethsemane,

Jesus picks up the cross, Jesus falls for the first time, Jesus meets Mary, Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, Jesus falls a final time, Jesus is nailed to the cross, and Jesus is placed in the tomb.

For some, the journey through the stations can lead to a greater understanding of the love Jesus has for mankind. To the extent we come to understand and experience this love, our gratitude will run deep, and may grow into a desire to love as you have been loved.

All are welcome. Unity Spiritual Center of Westlake is located at 23855 Detroit Road. For more information, call 440-835-0400. ●

‘Catholics Coming Home’ program at St. Raphael Church

by CARLA RENICK

St. Raphael Church in Bay Village, will conduct a series called “Catholics Coming Home” on seven Wednesday evenings, April 11 through May 23, from 7-8:30

p.m. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics interested in returning to the Catholic Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith in a support-group format.

One former participant

of the program stated, “The sessions provided a sense of community with the other participants as well as with the team leaders making me realize how much I had missed that sense of community.” Join us and reconnect

with our Catholic community.

St. Raphael Church is located at 525 Dover Center Road. For more details and to register, call Mrs. Annette DeGidio at 440-250-9028, Mrs. Dean Brennan at 440-725-3159 or Deacon Larry

Gregg at 440-871-1100, ext. 134. Additional information is available at www.saintrap-haelparish.com under “Parish Flyers.” You may also refer to our Facebook page: Catholics Coming Home at Saint Raphael. ●





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7 p.m. Potluck Dinner

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

12 p.m. Solemn Liturgy
1 p.m. Good Friday Blues & Lamentations
Music by the Gateway Band
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Concert *Passio* by Arvo Pärt
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

6 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
9 a.m. Festival Contemporary Eucharist
Music by the Gateway Band
10:10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children grades preK-5
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EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 1st	Traditional & Contemp.; 8:30 am; 11:00 am

St. Raphael Catholic Church


Easter

Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25
4:30pm Sat Vigil Mass
8am, 10am, 12pm Sun Mass

Holy Thursday, March 29
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 11pm

Good Friday, March 30
12pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31
1:30pm Blessing of Food
3-5pm Confessions
7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am, 12pm

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Bay High presents ‘Once Upon A Mattress’ March 22-24



Lead cast members for Bay High’s “Once Upon a Mattress” production are: Front row (seated) Sara Sirignano, Emma Legeay, Christina Randazzo; Back row (standing) Arabelle Skelly, David Banks, Drew Ware, CJ Hyland, Zach Greenberg and Patrick Grealis.

by KAREN DERBY

Bay High School drama students will present the musical comedy “Once Upon a Mattress” Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 22, 23 and 24, at 7 p.m. at Bay High Auditorium.

General admission tickets are \$9; reserve tickets are \$12. Tickets may be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com.

The musical is based upon the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, “The Princess and the Pea.”

Cast and their characters are: Sara Sirignano (Princess Winnifred), Drew Ware (Prince Dauntless), Emma Legeay (Queen Aggravain), CJ Hyland (King Sextimus), Christina Randazzo (Lady Larken),

Zach Greenberg (Sir Harry), David Banks (Minstrel), Arabelle Skelly (Jester), Patrick Grealis (Wizard), Danielle Cooke (Nightingale), Liza Dwyer (Princess #12), Garrett Butler (Sir Studley), Matthew Hyland (Sir Luce), Eddie Papp (1st Knight), Cam Grealis (2nd Knight), Nick Pochatek (3rd Knight), Maggie Williams (Lady Rowena), Mary Lang (Lady Merrill), Hope Nearhood (Lady Lucille), Adam Zeidler (Sir Harold), and Grace Altieri (Lady Beatrice).

Ensemble members are: Lilly Allan, Noah Lowery, Ally Bleisath, Jessica Medley, William Bleisath, Lauren Roberts, Kristen Baeppler, Caroline Sirignano, Liv Chierici, Natalie Surdy, Olivia Langer, Roman Vatolin, Marie Legeay, and Lizzy Varis. ●

WHS senior among nation’s top debaters

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Westlake High School senior Shawn Walls earned the National Speech and Debate Association’s Academic All American Award.

The Academic All American award recognizes academic rigor, competitive speech and debate success, and personal excellence. Fewer than 500 students of the more than 141,000 who qualify receive this award. This places Shawn in the top half of

1 percent of all student members nationally. He will receive a certificate. Shawn has 914 speaker points, placing him in the Superior Distinction Category. He is active with the Boy Scouts and will be applying for Eagle Scout in the near future. He and his debate partner Valentina Wolf recently medaled in the State Debate Tournament, finishing in the Top 16 teams in the state.

“He shows outstanding character and leadership not only as



Westlake High School senior Shawn Walls placed in the top 1 percent nationally of all student debaters.

an officer of the debate team, but also outside school,” said speech and debate coach Amber Greene. ●

FYI: Opera offers beloved music, brilliant voices

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

FYI: Opera, a unique program offered free to the community by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council for over a quarter century, will again provide a tantalizing menu of songs and singers on Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

David Bamberger, Opera Artistic Director at Cleveland Institute of Music, organizer and narrator of the program, said several selections from Bizet’s “Carmen,” including the famous “Habañera,” and the drinking song “Libiamo” from Verdi’s “La Traviata” will be included as well as an aria from Mozart’s

“Cosi Fan Tutte.”

In addition to these opera favorites, Bamberger announced that in honor of the upcoming centennial of Leonard Bernstein’s birth, “the delightful ‘What a Movie!’ from Bernstein’s opera ‘Trouble In Tahiti’ will be performed.” Four talented singers will perform this outstanding program, and John Simmons, CIM’s coach-accompanist, will be at the piano.

The singers who will bring this music to life on April 3 are: Emily S. Brown, who sang the roles of Glauce in CIM’s “Medea” and the Mother in CIM’s recent production of “Hansel and Gretel”; Kaylee Norris and London Long-Wheeler who also sang roles in CIM’s “Hansel and Gretel”; and Benjamin Liu, who portrayed Jason in CIM’s “Medea”.

FYI: Opera reflects the WWAC mission to provide the community with an enhanced and broadened cultural life that promotes awareness, education and involvement in the arts. ●

‘Kosher for Passover’ products available at Rocky River Heinen’s



Toasting the new Kosher for Passover section at the Rocky River Heinen’s.

by RABBI MENDEL JACOBS

With the Jewish community growing in Cleveland’s western suburbs, the Chabad Jewish center in Westlake arranged a convenience of popular demand: a fully stocked “Kosher for Passover” section at the Rocky River Heinen’s!

Kicking off the milestone on March 13, members of the local Jewish community gathered to toast one another and taste fine wines and chocolates. The fresh and dry products will be available until the holiday of Passover, which occurs this year on eve of March 30.

Traditionally, Jewish people refrain from eating leavened products for the eight

days of Passover, reminding us of the haste in which we left Egypt 3,330 years ago, when the dough of our ancestors did not have time to rise. Instead, we eat the unleavened cakes known as “matzahs” and celebrate with a special “seder” dinner.

Chabad will also provide special hand-baked matzahs to whoever needs, and will host a community seder dinner on Friday, March 30, at the FOP Lodge 25 Hall on Center

Ridge Road.

A special pre-Passover children’s program will also take place on Sunday, March 25, at the North Olmsted Recreation Center.

To find out about any of these or other programs, or to sign up for the seder, visit www.jewishwestside.com or email: rabbi@jewishwestside.com.

Wishing everyone a happy and kosher Passover! ●

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BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay Village civic groups are planning fun events this spring

by MARY KAY WILSON

The Bay Village Community Council met on March 14 to discuss their groups' exciting spring events. They also announced the April 29 Award Reception for the 2017 winners of Bay Village Citizen of the Year - Cathy Flament and the Bay Village Project of the Year - The Community Wide Yard Sale to benefit hurricane relief. The reception will be held at 2 p.m. at the Bay Village Community House. The event is open to the public, refreshments will be served and the Rose Hill Museum & Reuben Osborn Learning Center will be open that day.

Bay Village Kiwanis Club has started planning for the Bay High School Academic Achievement Day on May 29.

American Legion Post #385 and Bay Kiwanis announced Buckeye State representatives. The Bay American Legion Post 385 has named Jonah Krueger and Garrett Butler as delegates and William Bleisath and Benjamin Noren as alternates to the 2018 Buckeye Boys State program to be held at Miami of Ohio in June. Bay Kiwanis has named Katherine Boeppler and Sophie Dasko as delegates and Christina Randazzo

as the alternate to the Buckeye Girls State program to be held at Mt. Union College in June. All of the students are juniors at Bay High School. They will learn firsthand how state, county and city governments operate.

Bay Village Green Team will sponsor a shredding event on Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Bay Village Police Station. There is no limit to the amount of paper and cardboard area residents may bring. Habitat for Humanity will have collection trucks in the BVPD parking lot during the shredding event to collect gently used household items. The next Green Team meeting is Thursday, April 19, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bay Library.

Bay Village Historical Society's 49th annual "Cahoon in June" fine crafts, collectibles and antiques event is June 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park as part of Destination Bay. Rose Hill Museum, Reuben Osborn Learning Center and the Cahoon log cabin will be open. Interested Bay Village community groups are invited to set up tables free of charge. Contact Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312 to reserve a space. Visit www.bayhistorical.com for additional information.

Bay Village Library is planning great spring programs. For a full listing

of library events, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/events.

Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation invites guests to enjoy lunch while meeting our scholarship winners and their families at the Cleveland Yachting Club on Thursday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. Call 440-334-7539 for reservations. Cost is \$27. Have fun potting a plant for your deck or patio at our annual Potluck and Pot-a-plant, June 14, noon in the Community Room at the Police Station. Bring a pot and dirt, along with a salad item to share; free.

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center's spring event details can be found at lensc.org. Highlights include Eggstravaganza, Keeper of the Day, Spring Break Holiday programming and lots more.

VFW Post 9693 will hold Buddy Poppy Days May 18 and 19. Locations are Java Bay, Walgreen's at Columbia and Center Ridge, Drug Mart at Dover and Detroit, and Giant Eagle in Westlake. Donations can also be sent to VFW Post 9693, PO Box 40185, Bay Village OH 44140. The 2018 VFW Scholarship was awarded to Alexis Glover, BHS senior. She will be joining the Army National Guard and the University of Cincinnati. The \$1,000 check and certificate will be officially presented at the May 29 ceremony at BHS.

Village Bicycle Cooperative volunteer training continues every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Co-op. No skills necessary to begin, just an interest to learn about the Coop and bicy-

cles. Visit villagebicycle.org for add-on events and open shop times.

The Bay Village Foundation grants committee is reviewing the many requests received. Decisions on recipients will be made in March. Winners will be notified and asked to attend the Memorial Day celebration to receive their grant awards. The scholarship committee has decided this year to grant 4 scholarships of \$2,000 each. Winners will be notified and asked to attend the Memorial Day celebration to accept their awards. The BVF is still accepting requests for bronze plaques that are placed on the T. Richard Martin walking track and installed at the Memorial Day event. These plaques are installed in memory of, or in honor of Bay Village citizens for their contributions to the Bay Way of Life. Cost per plaque is \$2,500.

Village Project is excited to announce their expansion into the space adjacent to our building (previously Thomas and Thomas). This will allow them to double number of meals served, cooking classes, and more. Watch for more information about their Project Pillar expansion campaign. The 6th Annual Project Pedal multi-generational bike ride will be held June 16 as part of Destination Bay. ●

The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council will be Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m. at the Bay Village Library. Representatives of Bay Village's nonprofit and civic groups are invited to attend to share ideas and event schedules and promote their ideas.

March is MS Awareness Month

by MEL MAURER

There's a good chance you may know someone with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). There's also a chance you may know someone with MS that doesn't know she or he has it since its symptoms are shared with other illnesses.

People have been treated for these illnesses, sometimes for years, before

finally being correctly diagnosed with MS. Fortunately, with improved diagnostic methods such as MRIs, MS is now recognized much sooner and treated correctly. The quicker it is treated, the better. That's what this month, dedicated to getting the word out on MS, is all about – recognizing its symptoms, seeing the right doctor and then getting treatment as soon as possible.

MS is a chronic disease that attacks the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord and optic nerves). Signs and symptoms may include: numbness or weakness in one or more limbs, partial or complete loss of vision, usually in one eye at a time (often with pain during eye movement), double vision or blurring of vision, tingling or pain in parts

of your body, electric-shock sensations that occur with certain head movements, tremor, lack of coordination or unsteady gait, fatigue and dizziness. Once thought to be a disease of young adults, we now know MS hits a wider range of ages.

MS takes many forms. Research has identified four distinct courses of the disease: Relapsing-Remitting, Primary Progressive, Secondary Progressive and Progressive Relapsing. If diagnosed with MS, it may take a while to determine the type – and then it can change. A reasonable nickname for MS might be the "uncertain disease" – no one knows how it will act for sure. It's almost as if MS is tailor-made for each person that has it.

The uncertainty also makes research very difficult – is a treatment working or

did the disease just happen to go into remission? Such remissions often lead people to believe things are helping when in fact they are not doing anything.

While no cures have yet been found, a number of effective drugs have been developed which help with symptoms and retard the progress of a person's MS. The hope is that the more people that are aware of the disease, the sooner they realize they need to see a doctor and get the meds they need to try to keep it in check before more damage is done. Anyone with the prevailing symptoms noted above should be sure to see a doctor.

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THE GREEN REPORT

Plastic particles found in bottled water

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

You may have seen a report the last few weeks in multiple news publications that a recent study of 11 brands of bottled water has revealed that 93 percent of them contain microplastic contamination. The researchers from State University of New York and non-profit journalism organization Orb Media found an average of 10.4 plastic particles per liter of water. Included in the study were common brands such as Aquafina, Dasani, Nestle Pure Life, as well as San Pellegrino.

My hope is that you'll take the information you read here and tell your family and friends about it. I know you know someone (most likely lots of people) who habitually drink bottled water.

Microplastics have become very pervasive in our environment, being found in the ocean, lakes, rivers, fish and birds. They are now entering our bodies through bottled water. In addition to plastic particles, bottled water is also filled with chemicals and contaminants; German researchers found nearly 25,000 chemicals in one single bottle of water. They tested 18 samples that are sold worldwide; the chemicals they found in the water are the ones used to manufacture plastic resin (plastic bottles) and are known endocrine disruptors.

Effects of these chemicals include stunted growth, early puberty, premature birth, infertility and early menopause. Additionally, many toxins are found in bottled water as well, including phthalates, mold,

microbes, benzenes and trihalomethanes. Researchers at the Environmental Working Group found that one bottled water brand spurred a 78 percent increase in growth of breast cancer cells.

Despite plastic particles and other toxic contaminants found in bottled water, the United States consumes 1,500 bottles of water per second. Furthermore, in the U.S., 99.9 percent of us are living with clean, safe tap water. Bottled water is also extremely expensive, costing between \$0.89/gallon to \$8.26/gallon. Tap water costs pennies. If you drink the recommended eight glasses of water a day, it will cost you around \$0.50 (yes, fifty cents!) a year to do that out of your tap. Drinking the same amount of bottled water will cost you about \$1,400 a year.

Bottled water is extremely environmentally un-friendly. Manufacturing plastic bottles uses more than 17 million barrels of oil and produces 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide annually. Further, the average American uses 167 bottles of water annually. This adds up to 50 billion plastic water bottles being used annually in the United States. The amount of plastic water bottles purchased *weekly* can circle the globe five times.

When plastic is "recycled," is not actually recycled, it's "downcycled," which means it is made into something less than it was, and will eventually end up in our landfills. Only 23 percent of plastic water bottles get recycled. Plastic water bottles are one of the top three types of litter

found on our beaches, shores and waterways. Each year, over 500 billion bottles end up in waterways worldwide.

What can you do? Commit to drinking water from your tap. If you prefer, invest in a water filter. You can purchase a pitcher, like a glass Soma pitcher or Brita. Also available are filters that can be installed on your faucet or under your sink. Any of these options will save you a lot of money in the long run rather than purchasing bottles of water.

Furthermore, invest in a good, refillable water bottle. The safest, most eco-friendly types are made of glass or stainless steel. My favorite is the glass Lifefactory bottle; I love feeling as though I'm drinking out of a glass of water wherever I am. These bottles have a protective covering, however they can still break if dropped on cement or another very hard surface. If you are too nervous about that or want to invest in a refillable bottle for your children, stainless steel is great alternative. Some of my favorite brands are Hydro Flask, S'well, Yeti, and Klean Kanteen. Some of these are insulated, meaning they will keep your water cold for hours, even if left in a hot car.

I hope that at some point it will be socially taboo to drink from plastic disposable water bottles. In my opinion, they are such an easy thing to stop using. There was a time, not long ago, when bottled water barely existed. The only kind available was Evian and that seemed fancy to drink. Back then, if we were thirsty we drank from drinking fountains or the tap.

Please consider talking to your friends and family about the reasons that bottled water is harmful to their health, their checking account, and the Earth! ●

SPORTING VIEWS

Unfinished business for the Tribe

by JEFF BING

Although the wait has been, well, *excruciating* for some of us, by the time you get the next issue of the Observer, the Cleveland Indians will have opened the 2018 campaign. And after the topsy-turvy results the Tribe experienced the past couple of seasons, it is probably foolish to try and predict what the 2018 season will bring. But the threat of good sense has never deterred me in the past, so why start now?

After all, the 2016 Indians were never expected to reach World Series – never mind play a 7th game – but they stunned baseball and did exactly that. Then last year, the 2017 edition, appearing far superior to the 2016 version and everyone's choice to reach the World Series again, stubbed their collective toes (and that's *understating* it a bit). The Tribe did a pratfall in the first round of the AL playoffs – losing a best-of-five series with the Yankees after being up 2-0 in the series.

So, with all of that befuddling recent history in mind, let's (attempt to) take a look at the 2018 Indians.

The starting pitchers were without question the best in baseball last year. They show no signs of slowing down and, as hard as it is to imagine, there is no reason they can't be even better this year, either. Corey Kluber, Carlos Carrasco, Trevor Bauer, Mike Clevinger and Josh Tomlin could easily win 75 games between them.

Of course, the way the game is structured today, you need a good bullpen for your starters to win games, since relief pitching

has become much more important than 10-15 years ago. Fortunately, the Indians have two of the best in Cody Allen and Andrew Miller at the back end of the 'pen. Much has been written of the exodus of Bryan Shaw, Joe Smith, et al, but manager Terry Francona excels at in-game strategy with his pitchers. Besides, with even an average group of relievers, the starters can take this team a long way. Not to worry.

An infield featuring Francisco Lindor, Jose Ramirez, and a rejuvenated Jason Kipnis has plenty of offensive firepower. Toss in the parrot man, Edwin Encarnacion, and you have at least 100 homers between that quartet.

Everyone seems bent out of shape with the outfield – primarily because of the precarious (unstable) physical condition of Michael Brantley – but I'm not overly concerned. First of all, I think Bradley Zimmer is the real deal, and this season he will establish himself as the Tribe's center fielder for possibly the next decade. If Lonnie Chisenhall can keep himself healthy – and he's due for a stretch of good health – he's proven he can carry the team with his bat.

Lastly, people like to complain about the catching duo of Yan Gomes and Roberto Perez, but the pair ranks very high in all of baseball in run production.

So what do I see for 2018? I'm thinking about 97 wins, and I expect someone in the division – maybe the White Sox or Twins – to give the Tribe a run for their money. And in the playoffs, look for the Indians to thrive once again as underdogs and at least make it to the ALCS. Then, with a little *more* luck ... ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Five no-no rules for fostering animals

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Rule 1. Your husband threatens to leave you – don't blame the kids

Your husband, one-quarter of a decision tree, never had pets growing up; he likes a clean house. But you grew up with birds, dogs, turtles, anything you could rescue and adopt because your mom, like you, had no boundaries. He said he'd leave you when you brought home the dog, then when you got a rabbit, and again when you got the second rabbit.

So, when the kids got into animal foster care, frankly, he looked relieved. At least after

two weeks the animals go back to the shelter.

Last Christmas, the son campaigned to foster puppies, promised to "take care of everything."

You told Kate, the foster program coordinator, you'd pick up two 8-week-old puppies.

You got to the animal shelter and found it'd just acquired over 200 animals from a humane investigation case: cats, dogs, rabbits, chickens, pigs, guinea pigs, pigeons. Now the kids wanted dogs, rabbits, pigeons.

You reminded them that Dad will leave them if they don't stick to the original plan. But that was before you – by sheer

coincidence (you swear) – saw the rabbits.

You left the shelter with two pit-bull puppies and six baby bunnies.

Rule 2. Can't rush love

Puppies just weaned from a young mother. You kangaroo-parent, but they cower from you. The next day, chasing her smaller sister, who can hairpin-turn, the bigger puppy rams into a fence. She runs to you for comfort. You're surprised. You pet her, and when she doesn't run away, you scoop her up and hug her. The whimpering stops; she sniffs your coffee breath.

The smaller one, sitting just

beyond arm's reach, won't get close. Patience.

Rule 3. No group nap

Puppies, like babies, sleep a lot.

But don't sleep with them. They paw your hair, lick your ears and finally one tucks her head under your armpit while the other wraps herself around your chin. You and puppies sleep, heartbeats and snoring all out of sync in a tangled mess of fleece, blankets and pillows – everybody gets too comfortable. No, never bend to the temptation.

When they leave, that's the worst part.

Rule 4. No nicknames

You start nicknames; you start dreaming of a life with them. What if you adopt this one and that one and your husband

starts saying things like he never signed up for a program that includes three dogs and eight rabbits.

In a dignified, injured tone, blame the kids.

Rule 5. Saying goodbye

Two weeks later, back at the APL – waiting. Puppies between your knees, you're slumped in the chair like a deflated funhouse. Not only did you cry all the way here but will, in all probability, cry all the way back. You're a sap.

No, you cannot do this again.

Kate takes the puppies, muses how big and playful they are. She thinks they'll be adopted in a day or two.

"Thank you," she says.

Yup, you'll do this again, definitely. Preferably with a husband. ●

SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE

George Meyers, a favorite teacher and distinguished educator

by KAY LAUGHLIN

“My favorite teacher was ...” is a subject often discussed when remembering school days. Teachers are remembered because he/she taught us something we still use, were kind, understanding, fair or gave of their time.

My sister, Gay, and I were having trouble with algebra in the ninth grade. One day, after class, we walked up to our teacher, George Meyer’s, desk and explained our problem. He said, “Next period is my free period. I will be in this room. I’ll give you a hall pass and you can come in and I’ll help you.” I don’t remember how long we spent with Mr. Meyers on his free period, but we did figure out algebra. We never forgot his kindness.

Who was George Meyers? How much do we ever know about the teachers who become so important in our lives?

George grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with his mother, Mary, and three siblings, Marie, Joe and Esther. It was the Depression and times were hard. Mary had to make a decision – she decided to put her children in the Lutheran Orphanage while she took a job baking bread at a local bakery.

George was 8 years old at the time. It was a tough existence.

Mary knew the children would have food, housing and go to school, and she would be able to pay the orphanage a little each week. At the orphanage, everyone knew George by name not because he was good but because he would run away and the next day be returned, ending up washing dishes.

When George was 16 years old, Mrs. Laura Sorg, who had just lost her husband, called the orphanage asking for a young man who could help her in her general store. The orphanage suggested George, and he was driven to Ann Arbor, Michigan, by the minister, to live in her home and become her helper. He was there for two years.

In 1937, at age 18, he graduated from Ann Arbor High School. George would later say, “She saved my life.” While there, he enrolled in a government program, Civilian Conservation Corps, a work relief program. Here he learned wood/metal shop and forest conservation, graduating in 1939.

In 1940, George went back to Pennsylvania to be reunited with his mother and siblings. On April Fools’ Day in 1941, George



George Meyers in the metal workshop at Bay High.



George Meyers, pictured here when he retired.

met Sally Murray on a blind date. By May they were engaged and by August married. When WWII came, George enlisted in the Navy. On the G.I. Bill, he graduated from California State Teaching College in Pennsylvania. During this time, he and Sally were starting a family: Winnie, George and Pamela.

An early teaching assignment brought him to Bay High School in 1951, teaching algebra. In 1956, he taught algebra and was the metal shop teacher. When the middle school separated from Bay High School and moved west down Wolf Road, George helped design the new metal workshop in the new building.

Ron Rush was the athletic director of the Bay schools at the time. George became his assistant director. They had mutual respect for each other. George was in charge of the ticket concessions at the football field.

He never missed a football game in 30 years. On the gym walls, he painted Olympic murals and “Welcome to Rocket Country.” At the new football field he managed all maintenance, the sprinkling system, and chalking the fields. Always behind the scenes.

George taught in the Bay Schools for 31 years, until

1984. George wasn’t an easy teacher as he expected respect and discipline from his students. He remembered his early life and the people who helped him. He instilled good work ethics and enforced classroom rules. Being late for class wasn’t allowed. He would say, “In real life, you can’t be late for work and have the boss think it is OK. Learn now. Be in your seat when the bell rings.”

Sally Meyers, his wife (“Grandma”), drove a school bus.

George and Sally lived on Knickerbocker Road in Bay. His Christmas tree always had blue lights for Bay High.

George made a difference. In 1995, George was honored as a Distinguished Educator of Bay High School, acknowledging his contributions. Ron Rush introduced him. It was a proud day for the family. Gay and I were there for a hug. ●

Porter Library honors Susan Sisco with volunteer award

by ELAINE WILLIS

event on March 4.

North Ridgeville resident Susan Sisco received the 2018 Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award from Westlake Porter Public Library at a volunteer recognition

A Reception Desk volunteer since 2005, Sisco is known as the friendly face and cheery hello that greet all who enter the library during her shifts. Not only does she work for one full shift per week, she also

shares a shift with another volunteer. Sisco is also the go-to substitute because she’s always willing to fill in for other Reception Desk volunteers when they’re unable to come in. In addition to all of this, she’s become a friend to the library’s patrons, who track her many knitting projects and receive the benefit of her reading knowledge. Many even bring her yarn, books and vegetables from their gardens, and ask for

her when she’s not at the Reception Desk.

Myrna Chelko was a long-time library volunteer who was known for her dedication to the library and her hard work. She helped found the Friends of Porter Public Library and her many volunteer services include being an officer of that group and a library board member. Myrna exemplified the volunteer spirit, which is why the award was created in her name. ●



Westlake Porter Public Library Director Andrew Mangels (right) presented Susan Sisco with the 2018 Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award on March 4.



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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, March 21 and 28 (10:15 & 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.

Wednesdays, March 21 and 28 (3:45-5 p.m.) TWEEN SCENE – Weekly hang-out for 5th and 6th graders ONLY!

Wednesdays, March 21 and 28 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, March 22 and 29 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with one of the reading therapy dogs! Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 22 (noon-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – An introduction to the concepts of protecting various forms of intellectual property including: patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. Please register.

Thursdays, March 22 and 29 (4-5:15 p.m.) CODE CLUB! – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Grades 3-4. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, March 22 (7-8 p.m.) WOW FACTOR: 150 YEARS OF BOLD CLOTHES – An overview of the Western Reserve Historical Society’s exhibit featuring showstopping outfits worn by Clevelanders dating back to 1853, including local designers. Please register.

Friday, March 23 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome.

Friday, March 23 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS – A time for needle-crafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Saturday, March 24 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) CELEBRATE NATIONAL CRAFT

MONTH! – There will be a variety of supplies in the Youth Services Department for you to make your own crafts. For kids of all ages. Bring your imagination and get crafty with us.

Saturday, March 24 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) ADAPTED STORYTIME – Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. This 30-minute storytime, followed by time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. Please register.

Saturday, March 24 (2-3 p.m.) QUEEN ISABEL: GENDER AND POWER DURING SPAIN’S GOLDEN AGE – Dr. Elizabeth Lehfeltdt from Cleveland State University will discuss the reign of Queen Isabel I of Castile and Leon, and how gender and shared sovereignty shaped her ability to rule. Please register.

Saturday, March 24 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS – Love those bricks? Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Saturdays, March 24 and 31 (3-4:30 p.m.) TWEEN CODE CLUB – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Registration begins one week before each session. Grades 5-8.

Saturday, March 24 (3:30-4 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME – An interactive family storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs, movement and a small craft. For families with children ages 2-6.

Sunday, March 25 (2-3:30 p.m.) SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE – A sensory-friendly environment including more light, less sound and the option to move around the room will help children with special needs and their families enjoy this free movie screening. All ages.

Sunday, March 25 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB – Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for ages 6+, but all ages are welcome. If you

have a chess set, please bring it with you.

Monday, March 26-Saturday, April 7 – DIY PEEP DIORAMA – Choose your favorite book or literary character and then create a diorama about it using Peeps! Stop by the Youth Services Department beginning March 26 to pick up your “starter peep” and instructions. Return your diorama by April 7 at 6 p.m. Dioramas will be on display throughout National Library Week (April 8-14).

Monday, March 26 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Monday, March 26 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA TIME! – This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses that imitate animals and nature. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver.

Monday, March 26 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Monday, March 26 (7-8:30 p.m.) BEE-KEEPING BASICS – Learn the basics of beekeeping: how to set up your hive, how to move bees into their home, how to feed them, the tools of the trade and more. Presented by the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association. Children 12 and up are welcome with an adult. Please register.

Monday, March 26 (7-8:30 p.m.) 3D PRINTING ORIENTATION – In order to use the library’s new 3D printer, you’ll need to take this orientation first. Learn library policies about using it, how to download a 3D-printable object, and how to prepare it for a great print. Please register.

Tuesday, March 27 (2-3 p.m.) TRAVEL CLUB: ENGLAND – Hear about fun and exciting places to see, both well-known and lesser known, in England. Please register.

Tuesday, March 27 (2-3 p.m.) CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH – Learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with

an expert instructor.

Tuesday, March 27 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) ANIME MOVIE CLUB – Enjoy and discuss all your favorite anime movies from Studio Ghibli and beyond! Grades 7 to adult.

Wednesday, March 28 (2-3 p.m.) KANOPY MOVIE DISCUSSION CLUB – We’ll discuss the movie “Glassland,” available for viewing with a Kanopy account. Watch at home, then meet and discuss! See the library’s website for details on setting up an account and viewing the movie. (Click “Research Resources” then “K” to find the Kanopy link.) Please register.

Wednesday, March 28 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – “Dollbaby” by Laura Lane McNeal.

Wednesday, March 28 (7-8 p.m.) ALTERNATIVES TO CABLE TV – Frustrated with cable service? This program will help you sort through the variety of viewing alternatives available. Learn about digital media players, streaming services and additional options. Please register.

Thursday, March 29 (10-11:30 a.m.) BEGINNING CODING FOR ADULTS – Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. Please register.

Thursday, March 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) ONE COMMUNITY READS: RECOVERY RESOURCES – As part of our One Community Reads program, Nabil Pervaiz of Recovery Resources will be presenting on how the trifecta of addiction, substance abuse, and mental illness relates to eviction and poverty, the vicious cycle it creates, and how it can be overcome. Please register.

Saturday, March 31 (3-5 p.m.) ANIME CLUB – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

To register for any of the programs, please visit westlakelibrary.evanced.info or call 440-871-2600. ●

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Join us at the Bay Village branch library on Monday, April 1, at 1 p.m. as a representative from Red Cedar Coffee will present Coffee 101. Explore where coffee is grown, why the taste of coffee varies, and how it is roasted. A selection of coffees will also be brewed to sample. While you’re here, check out some coffee related titles that will be on display.

Bring the kids by during the week of April 2 to April 6 to do a seasonal craft in the children’s area. See below for more children’s activities during spring break week.

CHILDREN

- **Mondays & Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages

- **Wednesdays (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** – ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

Thursday, March 22 (4 p.m.) MEET SOMEONE NEW – Grades K-2: Meet someone new through a short biography, have a discussion and do activities based on the book. We will also talk about some of the biographies that are new to the library.

Tuesday, April 3 (2 p.m.) SEED PAPER BOOKMARKS – Make your own handmade plantable seed paper and bookmarks. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 4 (2 p.m.)

SPRING BREAK MOVIE – Visit the library for a special screening of “The Incredibles.” Bring a blanket and pillow or sleeping bag. A parent/guardian must sign a release form before the program.

Thursday, April 5 (2 p.m.) PICTURE BOOK PUTT-PUTT – Explore our mini course with your favorite picture book characters. Stop by the children’s desk for tee time reservations. Who will get a hole-in-one?

TEENS

Wednesday, March 28 (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE – Grades 5 & up: Chill with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more!

Mondays, March 26 and April 2 (7 p.m.) GIRLS WHO CODE – For girls in grades 6-12 who want to explore coding in a fun and friendly way! Our club will meet weekly on Mondays.

ADULTS

Monday, April 1(1p.m.) COFFEE 101 WITH RED CEDAR COFFEE - Learn more about the drink that has been enjoyed for centuries.

Please register to attend the programs online at cuyahogalibrary.org, call us at 440-871-6392, or stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian. ●

Register now for Westlake Summer Baseball League

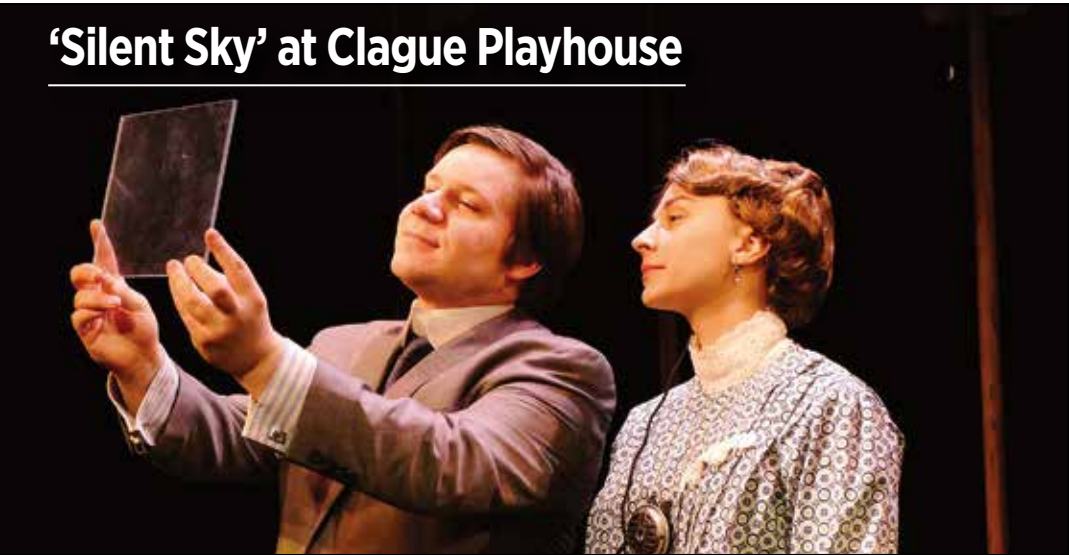
Westlake Baseball League registration is open for the 2018 season for all players, grades PreK-12. The registration deadline is March 31. Register, coach or sponsor at www.westlake-baseball.com. Contact communicationswbl@gmail.com with any questions. ●

Ghosts of the North Coast

by DOTTIE PALAZZO

Have you ever wondered, “Do ghosts exist?” Or “What is a ghost?” Or even “What does science say about ghosts?” Visit Clague Playhouse on Sunday, April 8, at 2 p.m. when Doug Dziama and his daughter, Jennifer Dziama Teed, authors of the book, “Ghosts of the North Coast: Legends, Mysteries and Haunted Places of Northern Ohio,” present an hourlong discussion entitled “Ghosts of the North Coast.” They will answer those questions and more, including an explanation of ghost behavior and other paranormal activities. The second chapter of the book, titled, “The

Perpetual Spirit,” deals with Walter, the alleged ghost of Clague Playhouse. Doug Dziama has been at Clague Playhouse in search of Walter, as well as other recognized haunts. There will be an opportunity for audience participation and questions. This is bound to be an interesting presentation. The presentation will be followed by a reception during which the speakers will have a book sale and signing. Price of the book is \$8.95 (cash only). Reserved seat tickets for this event are \$15 and are available at www.clagueplayhouse.org or at the box office Wednesday through Saturday, 1-6 p.m. You can contact the box office at 440-331-0403 for more information. ●



Andrew Keller as Peter Shaw and Brittany Gaul as Henrietta Leavitt in “Silent Sky” at Clague Playhouse. The production runs through March 31.

PHOTO BY TERRY SCHORDOCK



There will be a gallery talk at BAYarts on Sunday, March 25, at 1 p.m. for the exhibition “Constructions.” In this talk, Jenniffer Omaitz will discuss her current solo exhibition at the BAYarts Sullivan Family Gallery. Of particular interest will be an explanation of the site-specific sculptural installation created specifically for this space.

THE DIGITAL WORLD Be your own ‘hotspot’

by TAK SATO

About a decade ago, I received a T-shirt from Sprint with the words “I am your hotspot” prominently emblazoned across the front. It became my favorite T-shirt because it exuded geekiness! Our smartphones are always connected to the internet, aka the cloud, because the utility of a smartphone goes beyond just making/receiving phone calls and text messages.

Before the advent of smartphones, you paid for talk time and text messages allotted monthly; in marketing parlance they were “metering” how much you yapped and texted. Although metering exists for non-smartphone users and some providers still use this business model, the industry’s preference seems to require smartphone users to select a “mobile data” plan while talk and text are advertised as unlimited (i.e. unmetered).

Although the lines are blurred due to messaging apps offering telephone-like functionality, for telephone calls and text messages a smartphone connects to the good ol’ cellular network that has been around since cell phone services became available. Apps, on the other hand, use mobile data to connect to the cloud over the mobile network from the same provider. Smartphones can also use Wi-Fi networks, when available in your home or at establishments offering public Wi-Fi, without depleting the monthly mobile data allotment.

You can think of monthly mobile data allotment as “buckets” of varying sizes. Every month a new bucket of the size you chose when you signed up for service is filled with mobile data. In the

absence of Wi-Fi, your smartphone uses mobile data from that bucket to connect to the internet. I suspect some of you also run into situations where a Wi-Fi connection is not available but you need to use your other devices such as a laptop or a tablet that can only connect to the cloud using Wi-Fi. Solution?

Turn your smartphone into a “hotspot” where it advertises itself as an available Wi-Fi connection to those devices you want to connect; remember it still uses your mobile data bucket. I use hotspot a lot when I’m on the road and free public Wi-Fi usually offered at libraries, coffee shops and other establishments is not available.

Another way to connect your Wi-Fi only devices is to use a dedicated “mobile hotspot” gadget which provides the same functionalities I described above without using a smartphone.

In Bay Village and Westlake we have great resources for keeping seniors connected, engaged and happy. Among those resources are the libraries. As a testimony to the extraordinary value provided by area libraries, I carry at least four library cards on my keyring. I frequent them and also utilize their digital-world service offerings from the comfort of my home.

While surfing Westlake Porter Public Library’s website recently, I was elated to read about a new service where WPPL patrons can rent mobile hotspot devices that uses the Sprint network! Without even owning a smartphone you can test out the convenience of being able to connect your Wi-Fi only device such as a tablet to the cloud. Nice job, WPPL, for bringing this service to your patrons! ●

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COMMUNITY EVENTS Post your group’s free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Wednesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
THE HISTORY OF JAZZ MUSIC
The Jazz Age trend continues at the Dwyer Center with a Jazzy talk by Joel Keller on “The History of Jazz Music.” Born in America, jazz can be seen as a reflection of cultural diversity and individualism. At its core are openness to all influences and personal expression through improvisation. From its origins and evolution through the 20th and into the 21st century, we will learn about jazz artists and their music. But mainly, we will listen to the sensational music from New Orleans to Kansas City to both coasts whose influence has spread worldwide! Free; RSVP to 835-6565.
Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Wednesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB
The first meeting of the WGC in the new year will feature a presentation about one of the first signs of spring, the running of sap in maple trees. The trees generously share some of that with us, which can be turned into sweet maple syrup. Bethany Mejeski from the Cleveland Metroparks will talk about the process of making syrup and the refinements and improvements that came over time. Business meeting from 11 a.m. to noon; luncheon from noon to 1 p.m.; and the speaker will follow. The event is free and guests are welcome. No reservations are required.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, March 22, noon-1:30 p.m.
ASSISTED LIVING: DOWNSIZING TO YOUR NEW HOME
Jan Fragapane, real estate agent from Howard Hanna, will discuss real estate concerns when moving to assisted living including preparing a home for sale and downsizing possessions. Seating is limited so RSVP to Kathy Bultema at 440-250-2300.
Devon Oaks Assisted Living, 2345 Crocker Rd., Westlake

Thursday, March 22, 6-7:30 p.m.
THE DEMENTIA TOOLBOX SERIES: "ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES"
Learn how music therapy, art therapy, pet therapy and aroma therapy all play a significant role in helping persons suffering from Alzheimer's and other dementias. RSVP: 440-808-9275.
UH St John Medical Center, 29160 Center Ridge Rd., Ste. R, Westlake

Friday, March 23, 1 p.m.
TRI-C TALK: HISTORICAL WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS
Michael Lanstrum, mathematics instructional specialist at Cuyahoga Community College, will offer a non-technical talk on the patterns found in the lives of women who have made significant contributions to what Gauss called “the queen of the sciences.” The women considered range from Hypatia, an Egyptian philosopher and astronomer who is considered to be the first well-documented woman in mathematics; to Grace Hopper, an American computer scientist and United States Navy Rear Admiral. Light refreshments will be served. Free; RSVP to 835-6565.
Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Saturday, March 24, 8 a.m.-noon
BVECPTA SPRING KIDS RESALE
Bay Village Early Childhood PTA's annual sale will feature gently used baby and children's clothing (sizes newborn to 14/16), baby items, toys and games, books, and large items such as strollers, cribs, high chairs, bouncers, and outdoor play items. Admission is \$5 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and \$1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, March 24, 9-11 a.m.
FREE BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY & EGG HUNT
The egg hunt will be divided into four age groups. Stop by and take a photo with Mr. E. Bunny. We'll

have plenty of eggs & goodies to go around. The event will be held indoors in the event of inclement weather. RSVP to Barb Hopkins at 440-892-2100, ext. 3020.
Westlake Rehab & Nursing Center, 4000 Crocker Rd.

Saturday, March 24, 1 p.m.
WESTLAKE EASTER EGG HUNT
Enjoy an egg and candy hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny at the Westlake Town Criers' annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your Easter basket for the scrambles in the playground area of the Westlake Recreation Center, rain or shine. Bring your camera to take a photo with the Easter Bunny!
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Saturday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
TELESCOPE NIGHT
Join our resident telescope expert, Bill Reed, for an evening under the stars. We will begin in the planetarium for an update on the sky tonight then head out to see the view along with an 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain scope. Fee: \$7/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

Sunday, March 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
PANCAKES AND PRAYER
Celebrate Palm Sunday by joining our Prayer team and Youth and Family ministry for a fun and prayerful experience. We are serving up pancakes, sausage, fruit, and coffee while enjoying different types of meditation, prayer and mindfulness. Vegan and gluten-free substitutions will be available. Adults: \$8; seniors: \$6; kids under 12: \$3.50. All proceeds benefit the Prayer and Youth and Family ministries.
Unity Spiritual Center Westlake, 23855 Detroit Rd.

Monday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.
AQUATIC CONTAINER GARDENING
The Bay Village Garden Club welcomes master gardener Greg Cada to discuss how you can have a water garden on your patio or porch with minimal effort and expense. Learn what you need

for growing waterlilies, lotus and other aquatic plants. Luncheon served. All interested gardeners welcome; \$5 fee for guests. Make reservations at bayvillagegardenclub.com or by calling Sharen at 440-871-9098 or Judy at 440-871-5797.
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Tuesday, March 27, 6-7:30 p.m.
HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE
Buckle up as we depart Earth and visit our neighbors in the solar system. We will then travel beyond the edge of the Milky Way Galaxy and to galaxies beyond. At the edge of the observable universe we will take a look at how far we have come and travel faster than light back to Earth in time to go home. Fee: \$15/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

Thursday, March 29, 6-7:30 p.m.
ASK AN ASTRONOMER
Bring us your questions about space! Our astronomers will be prepared to talk about the history and future of manned space flight, the solar system, satellites, telescopes and more. Fee: \$15/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

Saturday, March 31, 4:30 p.m.
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
Our meal is free to everyone. Hosted by Church of the Redeemer, Westlake and Clague Road United Church of Christ. No carryouts. The church is accessible to the physically challenged. Come for some fun and good food.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Wednesday, April 4, 1-2:30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS will offer free family history research assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, bring these forms with you.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.



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Saint Ladislas Parish Annual Lenten FISH & SHRIMP FRY

March 9 & 23 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



ADULT:
Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner - \$10.00
Pierogi Dinner - \$8.00
Mac & Cheese Dinner - \$7.00

CHILD:
Fish Dinner - \$6.00
Mac & Cheese Dinner - \$5.00

Basic meal includes: Choice of wild rice or fries; choice of cole slaw, applesauce or tossed salad; every meal comes with a roll. Extra costs: clam chowder; extra fish, shrimp or pierogi; soda and desserts.
One free dessert with any canned good donation.

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