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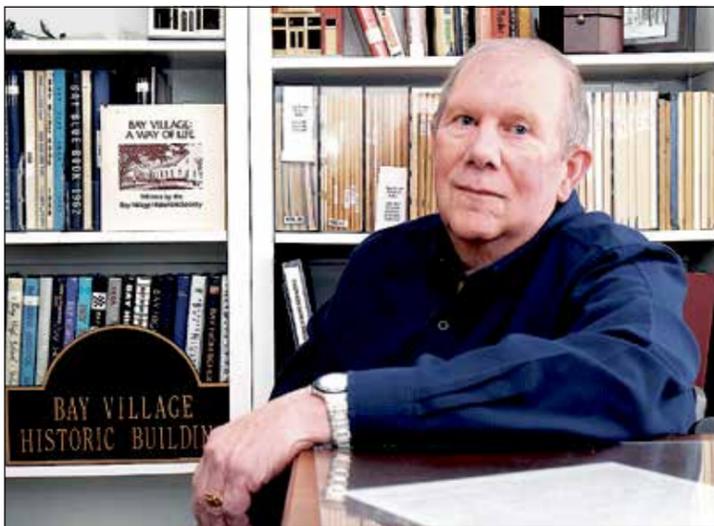
Love for Bay Village earns Tom Phillips honor of Citizen of the Year Dwyer Center program named Project of the Year

by TARA WENDELL

For a man who has dedicated much of his time and effort to preserving the history of Bay Village, it seems fitting that Thomas Phillips' name will now be recorded in the history books as well. Tom, who has been an active member of the city's historical society for 27 years, was recently selected as 2019 Citizen of the Year by the Bay Village Community Council.

Tom served as president of the Bay Village Historical Society from 1992-1995, followed by 17 years as treasurer. He has been director of the Osborn Learning Center since 1995, and represents the historical society as treasurer for the Northeastern Ohio Intermuseum Council. Tom was also one of four volunteers who coordinated the Bay Village bicentennial celebration in 2010.

"The society is important to me because we are a group of people that are dedicated



Tom Phillips, the 2019 Bay Village Citizen of the Year.

to preserving the rich history of Bay Village in both pictorial and archival records," Tom said. "We are often referred to as the 'hysterical' society due to our dedication to the preservation of the Bay way of life."

Perhaps Tom's most notable contribution to the heritage of Bay Village was his effort to save one of the city's historical structures. When he saw a notable landmark – the Reuben Osborn house – about to be lost, Tom

jumped into action.

"By accident I was driving down Lake Road when I saw a bulldozer in the front yard" of the Osborn house, Tom recalled. "The house was historically significant in that it was oldest frame house in Bay and Reuben Osborn was once the mayor of Bay. I went to the city council to plead my case to save the house. They agreed to save the house and place it in Cahoon Park."

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PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Demon Nation Night is Feb. 1

by MELISSA GRIMES

The Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters (WDAB) will host an evening of Demon tradition with the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Feb. 1. The event will be held in the Westlake High School Rotunda from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$8 and include pasta, sauce, salad, bread, soft drink and dessert. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at westlakeathleticboosters.org.

Westlake families, athletes, staff, community, coaches and alumni are encouraged and invited to attend. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit WDAB and our student athletes in grades 7-12.

There are many events happening that evening: Demon boys basketball games begin at 4:30 p.m.; a dedication ceremony for the new Hall of Pride begins at 6:30 p.m.; celebrating the one-year anniversary of "The W Shop" and our 2019 Hall of Fame inductee class will be introduced at halftime of the boys varsity game.

Alumni, come and support the honorees! Grab dinner before or after the festivities!



WDAB is a nonprofit that strives to provide equipment, uniforms, scoreboards, athletic structures, etc. for Westlake City School athletic teams in grades 7-12 via the fundraising efforts of its members, parents, the greater Westlake community and local businesses. ●

Meet Eleanor Roosevelt at Clague Playhouse

by DOTTIE PALAZZO

Dubbed "The First Lady of the World" by Harry Truman, Eleanor Roosevelt held the post of first lady of the United States from March 1933, when her husband Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as president, until April 1945 when he died during his fourth term in office. She was thus the longest serving first lady in the history of the United States.

As first lady, Eleanor transformed that role from social hostess to an active



First lady Eleanor Roosevelt political partnership with her husband. She was a champion of civil rights, an advocate for women, and supported government funded programs for the arts.

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Bay Middle School program can prevent derailing of life goals

by KAREN DERBY

As any parent can tell you, each child is unique. Different gifts, and different weaknesses, seem inherent in our children even from birth. It is up to adults to teach our youngsters how to make the most of their strengths, but to also recognize and adapt for characteristics that might stand in the way of their success.

At Bay Middle School, Principal Sean McAndrews believes middle schools have a rare opportunity to help students recognize their own tendencies that could get in the way of leading successful lives.

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Bay Middle School Principal Sean McAndrews brought goal-setting strategies, based on personality traits, to his students.

PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY



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BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay Village civic groups announce plans for fun winter and early spring events

by MARY KAY WILSON

The Bay Village Community Council met on Jan. 16 to discuss their group's exciting upcoming events. Here are some highlights.

Bay Village Community Theater's "All the World's a Stage[d Reading]" series begins with Susan Glaspell's "Suppressed Desires." Performances February 16 at 2 PM at O'Neill's Healthcare and February 17 at 6 PM at St. Barnabas' Parkside Hall. Free admission. Their "Raise a Glass – Raise the Stage! fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 7 – 10 PM at Sibling Revelry Brewery. Tickets are \$30 and include two drink tickets, food, live entertainment, raffles, and more. Tickets can be purchased online at www.baytheater.org.

Bay Village Educational Foundation's annual fundraiser, Creating Opportunities, will be held at Arrabiata's Italian Restaurant on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 5-8 p.m. It will feature a dinner buffet, open bar, dessert, a silent auction and many fun raffles! Tickets are \$60 each. Go to www.bayedfoundation.org for more details.

Bay Village Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit community groups for 2019 grants. Applications are available and guidelines are on the Foundation's website, bayvillagefoundation.org; the deadline is Feb. 28.

Bay Village Historical Society is hosting "The Great Lakes Exposition of 1936 and 1937" with guest speaker

Doug Kusak, historical interpreter for the Cleveland Metroparks. The program is on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. social hour and potluck dinner at the Bay Village Community House. The 50th annual "Cahoon in June" fine crafts, collectibles and antiques show, will be held in Cahoon Memorial Park on June 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bay Village community groups are invited to set up tables free of charge. Contact Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312 to reserve a space. Vendor spaces are also available. Visit www.bayhistorical.com for more information.

Bay Village Kiwanis Club will hold a membership event at Yard House on Feb. 26. The Pancake Breakfast will be April 7.

Bay Village Library has copies of Cuyahoga County Public Library's Winter Program Guide. It is also online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org. The next Friends of the Library book sale will be held Jan. 26-29.

Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation's next meeting will be Feb. 14, 12:30 p.m. at the Bay Library. The program will be on the Rhodes Scholars. Their 50th annual Antique Show will be held at Bay High School on March 2 and 3.

BAVarts is hosting a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, March 2, in the Playhouse, featuring music by the Zydeco Kings. More information to come.

Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

announced that the DAR has many national college scholarships to award for 2019. They are in a wide variety of studies including: political science, history, government, economics, medicine, nursing, science, business & law. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the U.S. Local DAR chapter sponsorship is not required. Deadline is Feb. 15. Applications at dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-info.

VFW Post 9693 awarded four Voice of Democracy Essay Contest prizes. First place: Mariana Maddox (St. Joseph); second place: Emma Spirollari (Bay); tie for third place: Khaled Hamilton (Bay) and Nicholas Gauntener (Westlake). Mariana went on to District 7 where she won and went to state where she finish in a tie for 6th, winning \$2,000. VFW Military Scholarship applications are available in the BHS guidance office.

Village Bike Cooperative has a large inventory of a variety of very reasonably priced refurbished bicycles for sale. Stop by during Open Shop hours and/or come check out our Presidents Day Sale. See hours at villagebicycle.org.

Village Project's Project Shoppe is open Mondays-Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Thursdays, noon to 6 p.m.

The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council will be Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Bay Village Library. Representatives of Bay Village's nonprofit and civic groups are invited to attend to share ideas and event schedules and network with other groups. ●

MCANDREWS

from front page

He has implemented Preventure, a program that surveys students and identifies particular personality traits that psychologists say make us more susceptible to harmful decisions in key, emotional moments.

"We have more influence with kids this age, before they experience the freedoms that come with high school," McAndrews said. "And while it is important to help all kids say no to peer pressure around drug use, alcohol use, bullying or violent behavior, the research is clear that teaching specific strategies and coping skills based on personality traits is far more effective than universal programs."

He said seventh-grade is an ideal time to intervene, before destructive behaviors begin, and then escalate.

Developed by Canadian clinical psychologist and professor Dr. Patricia Conrod, Preventure was implemented and tested in eight random-

ized trials in England, Australia, the Netherlands and Canada. The studies showed reductions up to 50 percent in binge drinking, frequent drug use and alcohol-related problems, as well as reductions in depression, anxiety attacks and impulsive behavior.

The student survey measures four key traits that correlate with drugs and alcohol use, anxiety or depression. It asks simple questions that deal with a very general view on life. Are you content? Would you like to skydive? Do you get scared when you're unable to focus on a task?

Students who score high on impulsivity, sensation seeking, anxiety sensitivity and negative thinking traits are invited to attend workshops led by program-trained teachers that cover self-management skills. For Bay Middle School, the personality trait scale was validated by Case Western Reserve University, which also handles the coded data analysis. Confidentiality is a priority.

McAndrews is quick to point out that while Preventure identifies certain

personality traits, it does not label or profile a child. "We ask students to think about their goals, like going to college, or playing football in high school. We show them how certain patterns of thoughts and behaviors can keep them from achieving those goals." He notes that individual results are not part of the student file.

While individuals are not tracked, the full class will take the Youth Risk Behavior Survey in their sophomore year at Bay High School. That survey monitors Cuyahoga County high school student behaviors bi-annually. It is conducted by Case Western Reserve University and was developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). McAndrews expects that the results of that survey will show a reduced rate of alcohol and drug use, as well as other risky behaviors, for this Class of 2024.

"We held a community meeting a couple years ago where I shared how I had attended 15 funerals for former students over the prior 16 years," he said. "Young lives

snuffed out from overdose and suicide. Parents who'd lost children shared their grief, and the statistics on deaths from opioid overdose and suicide in our county were just mind boggling."

One parent who presented, Amy Fritz, later passed along a New York Times article about Preventure. McAndrews and former Bay High principal Jim Cahoon visited the first U.S. school, located in Maine, to introduce the program. Both educators were impressed with the results researchers documented as well as the school's experience. Since then, other U.S. schools have adopted the program, as has a prosecutor's diversion program in Athens, Ohio.

McAndrews has a good feeling about Preventure. Informal follow-up sessions are showing him that kids responded positively and would even like to continue meeting. "I am really hopeful that this targeted intervention will not just help students reach their goals," he said, "but that it really will save lives." ●

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BAYarts SOUPer Bowl to benefit scholarship

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

The annual SOUPer Bowl is upon Bay Village once again. It is the event at BAYarts that coincides with a date close to the actual Super Bowl; this year it will be Saturday, Feb. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The concept is as it sounds: a soup tasting event. However, being an art center with a new ceramic center, BAYarts goes a step further. With every ticket, people are also given a handmade ceramic bowl.

"It is our third year for this popular event. It brings families in to enjoy a wide range of delicious homemade soups that chase away the winter chills!" said Pam Mills of BAYarts Special Projects.

The event benefits the BAYarts Scholarship Fund this year. "It supports our BAYarts

Scholarship Fund for students to attend BAYarts classes," said BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton. "The fund was founded in memory of Ruth Purdy, an artist and teacher at Bay Middle School, by her friends and family and has served dozens of families since 2013."

"The education scholarship was established to provide stu-

dents with art-based educational experiences, and to inspire student achievement," explained BAYarts Education Director Linda Goik. The classes at BAYarts run the gamut from ceramics to watercolor.

There is also a bake sale that goes on during the event. BAYarts' education assistant Melanie Harlan was a star last year in bringing her succulent-themed cupcakes. "Every detail helps make it a success," said Mills.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased from the Upcoming Events page on bayarts.net. ●



Members of the community all participate to make the event happen. From left: BAYarts board member Marianna Oro, staff member Melanie Harlan, volunteer Lori Forrester.

SPORTING VIEWS

Jimmy: Don't get in Dorsey's way

by JEFF BING

With the Browns season only a couple of weeks removed, I have to admit to being surprised at the level of excitement I still have for our (notice how they are now "our") football team. I mean, as many of my (handful of) readers are aware, I'm a baseball guy first, football guy second.

Maybe it's the sheer novelty of an almost .500 season. I mean, think about it folks: The second half of the season, we (notice I said "we") didn't stink! Not only that, but management is so high on this group that they didn't even retain the coach who, in eight measly games, won more than his predecessor won in two-and-a-half years. What it means is that this organization may now actually have – gulp – standards! And high ones, at that! Who knew?

Well, for one, Browns General Manager John Dorsey knew. Clearly, the man knows how to run a football team – a rare commodity for the past two decades in this city. The apparent ease with which he runs this organization – from talent evaluation with the current roster to drafting future cornerstones of the team – is a breath of fresh air.

If you stop and think about it, this is the first off-

season in a long, long time the topic hasn't been who the Browns would draft to play quarterback. We (notice I said "we" – only a few months ago it was "they" – I can switch my allegiance on a dime) can now concentrate on other positions that need some upgrades so the lofty expectations that exist amongst the Browns faithful for next year might actually occur.

In the past, even the most optimistic Browns fan was thinking, "If everything goes right, maybe we'll at least be respectable." Those hopes bear an uncanny resemblance to my feelings with pretty much every column I write, so I feel your pain, Bro. And every year, year after year, Browns fans suffered similar disappointment after being confronted with another loser, bearing *another* uncanny resemblance to how I felt every two weeks with my Observer articles. (Small world, huh?)

Think of it this way: If you had to choose between a good football team and a well-written column by me in the Observer, but could only have one, which would you choose? Since roughly 100 percent of you voted for the Browns, you're getting exactly what you opted for – from the Browns and from yours truly.

You're welcome. ●

Bay Village kindergarten information meeting Jan. 31 at Normandy

by KAREN DERBY

Bay Village parents and guardians of children who will be 5 years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2019, are invited to attend a Kindergarten Information Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m., at Normandy Elementary School, 26920 Normandy Road. The meeting is for adults only due to limited space.

Packets of forms and information required for

kindergarten registration, which takes place Feb. 5, 6 and 7, will be distributed. In addition, an overview of Normandy's kindergarten program and kindergarten readiness in general will be presented. Information tables for those with questions regarding daycare, speech therapy, early entrance, transportation and volunteer opportunities will also be available.

More information about Normandy Elementary's kindergarten program is available on the district's website at bayvillageschools.com. ●

Advent Episcopal Church Explores Our Turbulent Culture from a Biblical Perspective

"The Church in Babylon" Bible Study Starts Sunday February 3, at 11:30 AM. America is polarized politically, racially, morally, and religiously. Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Pastor of Moody Church in Chicago, authored "The Church in Babylon" book, DVD, and study guide. We'll

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use them and Old Testament passages to discuss and understand how we are to be "in this culture" but not be "consumed by it". No homework is required to participate and missing a session won't nullify attending future ones. Some topics include: "When the State

Becomes God", "The Church, Technology and Purity", and "Islam, Immigration, and the Church". Don't be intimidated by the prospects of a Bible study! Please join us for this lively study of God's Word as we learn how to apply it in our culture today. Free, all are welcome.



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HONORS

from front page

The house is now home to the Osborn Learning Center, where Tom spends most Sunday afternoons from April to December, educating visitors about the history of the city.

Tom was also instrumental in helping Sally Price relocate the Fuller House from its original location on the former Lawrence homestead (where the Cashelmara condominiums now stand) to the Baycrafters (now BAYarts) campus.

Tom, a lifetime resident of Bay, serves as a board member for the Bay High Alumni Association. He was a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 235, staying with the troop even after his two sons, Tom, now 43, and Nathan, 39, had gone through the program.

"Tom's devotion to Bay Village is lifelong and unquestioned," his nominator wrote in recommending Tom to the Community Council selection committee. "Bay Village is, and always will be, first in Tom's heart (well, maybe second to Peggy, his wife)."

"Growing up in Bay was special to me," Tom said. "Because Bay is a smaller community, we have a great commu-

nity spirit. Bay is special due to assets like the Metroparks, BAYarts, the nature center, and of course Rose Hill and the Osborn Learning Center. You can also go anywhere in Bay on bicycle! Not many communities can boast about that."

Bay Village Community Council names Dwyer Center's BV60+ program the Project of the Year

When designing extracurricular programs to serve the residents of a city, some segments of the population are easier to satisfy than others. Bay Village offers myriad activities for children, families and retirees through the recreation department and senior center. But for the active population over age 60 – who often don't consider themselves "seniors" – and may still be working full-time, the options are more limited.

Or at least, they were. Last year, the Dwyer Senior Center launched BV60+ to reach this age group. The program has been a big hit, prompting the Bay Village Community Council to name BV60+ as the 2019 Project of the Year.

Leslie Selig, director of the community services department, said the program "provides the benefits of the



PHOTO BY VICKI SPRAGUE

BV60+ participants get ready for a game of Pickle Ball.

senior center (physical activity, mental stimulation and socialization), but in a format that is more appealing to this demographic. Most of our events are held in the evening, outside of normal senior center hours, to allow those still working to participate."

BV60+ activities offered include sporting events such as Pickle Ball, disc golf, bowling and ping pong; and group outings to places like BAYarts and the Flats.

"Participation has far exceeded our expectations," Leslie said. "We have learned

that the combination of being active and social seems to really resonate."

The idea for BV60+ originated in 2017, when the city was working on a 5-year strategic plan for the senior center. Two versions of a survey were sent to residents, one for those age 60-70 and one for age 70 and older. The response rate was higher from the younger set, indicating that there was interest in programming that needed to be explored further.

Five focus groups followed, and the younger participants repeated a theme that struck

home with the senior center's director.

"They are seeking a sense of community that they have not had because they have been working," explained Leslie. "From the senior center standpoint, we are communicating with and educating these younger seniors in the hope that they will migrate over to the senior center when they are older. I think of them as the 'bench' or farm team for the senior center."

Five volunteers formed a committee to kickstart the program – Vicki Sprague, Debra Jesionowski, Mike Shaughnessy, Mike Pascuzzi and Brenda Warner. Vicki, the chairperson, was later hired by the city part-time and is the official BV60+ coordinator.

New activities on the horizon include a monthly game night, kayaking group, Meadowood golf league, and the group's first "Meet & Greet" happy hour at Houlihan's on Jan. 24.

"True friendships and connections are being made within the group; it's not just about activities," said the coordinator, Vicki Sprague. "It's helping people find a place where they belong. It's a wonderful thing."

To learn more about BV60+, visit the Bay Village Senior Center's page on Facebook. ●

ROOSEVELT

from front page

This first lady will be portrayed by Craig Schermer, a graduate of John Carroll University with a major in Russian Imperial History. He has studied the first ladies most of his life and spent nearly 10 years as the historian for the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. Schermer's charming and informative portrayal of Mrs. Roo-

sevelt will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2:00 p.m. A reception with light refreshments will follow his hour-long presentation and give attendees an opportunity to meet Mr. Schermer and ask questions.

Reserved seat tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in person or by phone (440-331-0403) at the box office Wednesday through Saturday, 1:00-6:00 p.m., or by visiting clagueplayhouse.org.

Proceeds will be used toward operating costs of the 2018-2019 season. ●

Tom Phillips' Bay memories

Tom Phillips has a treasure trove of fond memories of growing up in Bay Village. The 2019 Citizen of the Year shares his reminiscences of a simpler time.

Ah, the good old times in Bay. Think back and maybe the following will jog your memory and hopefully bring a smile ...

Remember – eyes watering from the biting cold off the lake – sledding at Cahoon – down the hill and across the bridge – getting warmed by the furnace in the Fire Department – building snow forts – exploring the ice on Lake Erie – snowball fights – firemen filling the ponds at the Town Hall across from Parkview – waiting for the red flag to come down – marveling at the good skaters but satisfied to skate on your ankles – warming in the never-locked town hall basement and staying out of the wind in sheds – spring walks in the woods and on the beach – May apples – chewing sassafras – eating elderberries, mulberries, grapes, strawberries and blackberries wild in the fields – learning to drive and parallel park in Cahoon – learning to swim – diving off the pier – Officer Silk – class picnics – hot ice – riding the interurban to school – Stop 24 – Chief Eaton stopping "traffic" to let students cross

Wolf at Forestview – Laubs and Belle Vernon delivery – penny candy – Ralston Purina – Ovaltine – Duz does everything – wash wringers – clotheslines – hunting rabbits, pheasant, squirrels – the school bus with Chief Eaton behind – Harry Hayes, his ball field and skating pond – flattening pennies on the railroad tracks – pick-up baseball games – three on a side and right field was foul – climbing trees – tree houses – shortcut paths in the woods – bare feet – tar on your feet most of the summer – movies at the school auditorium – Edwards, Sylvesters, Bay Sweet Shop, Ma and Pa Serb – their carry-out – Marie's Beauty Shop – Beach Cliff – Coulters and streetcars – bobby pins – hair ribbons – PF Flyers – saddle shoes – Mary Janes – teachers with suits and ties – 50 cents worth of gas at Olchon's – "victory will be for Bay" – football and basketball games – the horseshoe – Jackson's – Bearden's – the Rustic and Rocky River Drive ins – ice boxes – Mayors Court – smell of cut grass – burning leaves "in the gutter" – that smell, the smoke as thick as fog – field fires – sock hops – Memorial Day Parade – the Bay Marching Band – the scouts and veterans marching – Gold Star Mothers – Fourth of July at Cahoon – picnics, games, firecrackers, lady fingers, fireworks – bingo under the elms and dancing in the Community House – Jack Benny, I Love a Mystery, Abbot and Costello, The Shadow, Tom Mix, Lone Ranger, George Burns – doors never locked – Bay winning over Dover – Westlake – just being tired from play – forgetting the bad times and remembering the good – great memories.

Remember that nostalgia is like a grammar lesson ... you sometimes find the present tense and the past perfect. ●

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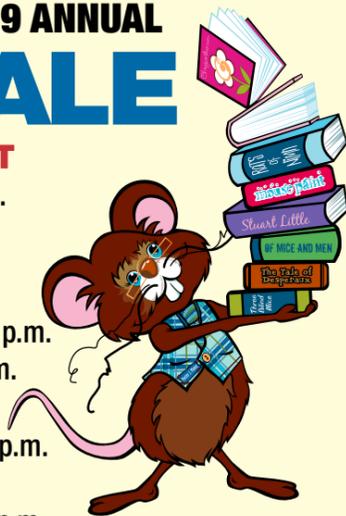
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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

An old nemesis returns

by DIANA PI, M.D.

The midwife consulted me on a genital ulcer. Popped up weeks ago, more irritating than painful.

I saw the ulcer, clean-scooped like a shallow half-teaspoon. I knew what it was. Hesitated. Because I couldn't recall the last time I'd seen a case.

The next day, a simple blood test confirmed my suspicion. Among a dozen possibilities, it was indeed syphilis.

The old nemesis. For centuries, it was blamed for the brutality, paranoia, madness and dementia of the powerful and the famous: Henry VIII, Ivan the Terrible, Oscar Wilde, Friedrich Nietzsche, Al Capone.

Synonymous with promiscuity. Everybody blamed everybody else. The Italians and Germans called syphilis the "French disease"; the French, "Neapolitan disease"; the Russians, "Polish disease"; the Polish, "German disease." And everybody's pissed off at Christopher Columbus, who supposedly brought it to Europe from the Americas.

And the medical misfires! Doctors rubbed, ministered, injected patients with mercury. Infused arsenic and sulfur. The 1927 Nobel Prize went to an Austrian physician who deliberately infected syphilitic patients with malaria for its fever effect.

It marked the nadir of U.S. medical ethics. In 1932, the public health sector started the "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male" in Macon County, Alabama. Hundreds of African Americans with syphilis were recruited. None were informed of the study's true intent: to observe the progression of untreated syphilis. Despite the availability of penicillin in the 1940s, none were properly treated. This project was terminated in 1972 after the Associated Press published a damning story.

I respect syphilis. Am humbled and awestruck by its sleek design, power and disguise. Dubbed the "Great Mimic," syphilis manifests a plethora of symptoms in months, years, decades. If doctors don't catch syphilis early, diagnosis becomes we-didn't-even-think-of-it difficult.

Shaped like a corkscrew, the bacteria move like a diamond-tipped auger, striking nerves, eating cartilage and heart valves, eroding blood vessels and are capable of penetrating highly fortified sanctuaries like the brain, the womb ... infecting unborn babies.

Skin lesions are the key to early detection and treatment. Syphilis usually starts as a painless genital ulcer(s), which heals spontaneously. Months later, a body rash may develop. These weird "pimples" may involve the palms and soles of feet.

In the U.S., after decades of control, STD (syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia) rates have increased sharply. Since 2013, syphilis rose 76 percent.

Meanwhile, other countries have made strides. In 2015, Cuba became the first country to eradicate mother-to-child HIV and syphilis transmission. The list now includes Thailand, Malaysia, six Caribbean countries.

To tackle STD, we need to get back to basics. Support public health organizations serving the underserved, like Planned Parenthood. Destigmatize syphilis—and all STDs. Remember "Life is sexually transmitted."

I'm grateful for my midwife colleague. In my little corner of primary care, I don't get to be a hero often. Guess what: Syphilis, sleek design and all, is still exquisitely sensitive to penicillin. One shot cures it.

I ordered the confirmation blood test. Then the penicillin shot for her. Another for her partner. I'm a hero, twice. Thrice, I fancy, if she has a child someday. ●

Library, city will partner on StoryWalk at Westlake Rec

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library and the City of Westlake are partnering to provide a StoryWalk at the Westlake Recreation Center. A StoryWalk is an interactive way for young readers and their caregivers to enjoy reading and nature at the same time.

Laminated pages from a children's picture book will be displayed on special posts along a trail on the Recreation Center

grounds. As you stroll down the trail you will be directed toward the next page of the story. StoryWalks engage young readers and are a great way to practice active reading skills.

The StoryWalk will be installed later this year when the weather permits. More information about the exact trail location will be made available then.

Funding for the StoryWalk will come from a "Party @ Porter with Our Friends" fundraiser at

the library on Saturday, March 2, from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 each and will be available at the door for \$35. The ticket price includes vouchers for two drinks, entertainment by Red Light Roxy and samples of food from local restaurants. Beer and wine will be provided by local brewers and distributors. Tickets may be purchased with cash or check at the Library's Circulation Desk or from a Friends of Porter Library board member. ●

SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE

Living on Columbia Road, 1920-30

Edited by KAY LAUGHLIN

This story was given to me by Eleanor Seitz McIlvried. Enjoy her memories.

When I was 8 years old, woods of chestnut trees and fields surrounded the family home my parents bought at Stop 19 (Hall/Columbia Road). Our end of Bay Village was just being developed. My neighbor was Blanche VanDeVelde. Before we became landowners in Bay, we rented summer cottages at Stop 45 (in Avon Lake) and Stop 16 (Forestview Road). It was one of the happiest times in my life!

There were many inconveniences involved. We had no heater, except for a wood and coal stove in our living room, no water except from a pump at our sink, and no lights except from kerosene lanterns. We were lucky to have a bathroom with a tub, sink and chemical toilet, but had to carry water on our kerosene stove in the kitchen. My mother worked for Mrs. Chandler, a teacher at Bay. I ended up a babysitter for George Chandler, one of Bay's distinguished graduates (Class of '47).

Our only other permanent, yearlong neighbors were the McIlvrieds. I really admired their son Jack, daughter Ruth, and their beautiful car. How could I have known that some day in the future, I would become their daughter-in-law! Our neighbors lived near the Lake Shore Interurban tracks (close to the beach).

The streets had a number as well as a name. Our street, #19, was listed as such on the interurban records. I rode it to Parkview School. I was in the third grade. My teacher was Miss Brown. The school included K-12. I was saddened to read of the deaths of Jack Meddick and Robert Swanker, two of my classmates. Jack sat in the desk in front of me in third grade. In high school I excelled in acting, encouraged by Miss Marvel Sebert, and had a prominent part in two plays.

Everyone traveled by car, streetcar, bicycle or foot. Columbia Road was slag and there were no sidewalks or ditches. New roads were being put in around us, including Wolf Road. When we moved to Columbia Road, of the original six cottages, three were scattered around and three were left facing Hall Road. There were forests behind the field at our house. The farm owner's cow, "Pie Face," furnished our milk. (The Tuttle family lived on the west side of Columbia Road at Lake Road.)

We sometimes watched the farmer milking her and then he would pour the warm milk into our quart bottles. His name was Ed Tuttle



PHOTO COURTESY ELEANOR SEITZ MCILVRIED

Grandma Clague and Eleanor Seitz, neighbors on Columbia Road.

and he inherited all the land across from us except for one house and lot which had been willed to our permanent neighbors, the McIlvried family, by Ed's father. A New England style white country church (Bay Presbyterian, once the East End School,) stood on land donated by the Tuttles next to their farmhouse. (The Tuttles' 1838 homestead house still sits west of Columbia and Lake on the south hillside.)

My sister Sylvia and I really enjoyed swimming in Lake Erie at the beach at the end of our street (Columbia Road Beach). Jack McIlvried, several years older than me, was allowed to accompany us. Now and then his sister Ruth would go along. Jack attended the one-room schoolhouse on Lake Road at Stop 30 (Rye Gate). Jack was our only playmate. After a few years they rented their place and moved away. Years later he returned to repair their rental house and looked us up.

On Saturdays, Ruth, Jack and I would go to a dance in the Cleveland area – places like Lotus Gardens, The Green Parrot, Bedford Glen, Trianian Ballroom, Euclid Beach Ballroom, etc. I graduated from Parkview School in 1934 and was the first in my class to be married. I married Jack McIlvried.

I knew the Serbs when they were fellow students. Everyone loved Mom Serb, who was our cook at school. My teacher, Miss Barclay of Domestic Science and gym, married my physics teacher, Mr. Secrist. We all liked Miss Mabie, our music teacher, and Mr. Glen Ganyard, who spoke of his happy days in summer plowing at his uncle's farm near Medina. Little did I know that in the future, my father-in-law would someday buy the farm next door. Jack and I moved into the 22-room house there in 1940. We still have the farm and rent out the fields. I still remember old Grandma Tuttle (Victoria Clague), in her long dress and sunbonnet, churning butter on the back porch. ●

College Club West scholarship grants available for women, 25 and over

by PAULA DEAL

Scholarships grants of up to \$3,000 are awarded annually by College Club West to Greater Cleveland women ages 25 or older in a four-year-degree-granting program or graduate program.

Recipients are selected based on maturity, academic record, promise, goals and financial need. Applications are due March 18.

More information and application at www.collegeclubwest.org/scholarships. ●

WESTLAKE SENIOR & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Exercise classes just for seniors

by LYDIA GADD

So how are you doing on that New Year's resolution to get into better shape? Did you start that exercise program yet? Is it because you really don't like to exercise? Do you know why?

For some older adults, the thought of going to a gym with people of all shapes, ages and sizes is intimidating and overwhelming. This feeling turns to hopelessness if that same person has any trouble with mobility, pain, vision or even hearing. How many times have you heard someone say, I can't exercise because of my (fill in the blank) condition?

There is an alternative for older adults that is far more compatible, and dare I say fun? All of the West Shore area senior centers offer an array of exercise

classes that are geared toward seniors; a senior-only gym, if you will.

The benefit of exercising at a senior center is that the classes are designed for older adults and have instructors trained to teach older adults. Rather than fast or pounding aerobics, the focus is on low impact exercises, balance, strength and flexibility. There usually isn't background music to distract your ability to hear the instructor, instead, there's social interaction, real conversation and fun.

People get to know one another, and the instructor knows and cares about you. EVERYONE can engage in some type of exercise, it's just a matter of finding the right fit. And, if you don't use it, you are going to lose it.

Some of the exercise offerings at the Westlake Senior & Community Services Center include: arthritis exercise, tai chi

and fall prevention, embracing your balance, restorative chair yoga, PiYo (low impact pilates and yoga), Asian exercise, yoga for flexibility, therapeutic yoga and more. On Fridays, you can also add in a healing meditation class before or after. Doesn't that sound nice?

To find out more about the fitness and exercise schedule at the Westlake Senior & Community Services Center visit www.cityofwestlake.org/157/Community-Services. You can also drop in and request a tour. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 29694 Center Ridge Road. Call 440-899-3544 for inquiries. Most classes have a drop in fee of \$6 or less per class.

To learn more about the exercise opportunities at eight of your neighboring senior centers, visit westshore-seniors.org.



PHOTO BY LYDIA GADD

Yoga instructor Lizbeth Wolfe leads a class at the Westlake Senior & Community Center.

Bay school board elects new officers, changes committee structure

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Board of Education, at its organizational meeting on Jan. 7, elected new officers for 2019: Beth Lally will be president and Lisa Priemer will serve as vice-president. In addition, after months of considering a change to its committee structure, the board is now designating one of its two monthly meetings as a work session. The work session remains a regular, open meeting.

The first regular meeting of the month, generally held the second Monday, will be designated as a work session. Administrators will be scheduled to present updates on various topics like curriculum, facilities, finance and school build-

ing programs. It is expected that no board action will be taken at these work sessions unless unavoidable.

The second regular meeting of each month, generally scheduled for the fourth Monday, will have board members consider and vote on the usual business of approving contracts, policies, etc.

The work sessions replace the board's former committee meetings, where two of the five members met to delve into various topics with administrators. Committee members then shared minutes of those meetings with their non-committee member colleagues. Board members decided that designating a regular board meeting for the topical updates would be a better use of everyone's time

"Usually, the members who are not on a committee bring up a good number of questions at the board's regular meeting," said Beth Lally. "As a result, we duplicate that time spent in committee meetings to some degree at the regular meeting. We will now have these topical discussions with the full board present so that all five of us are well informed on all these issues."

Superintendent Jodie Hausmann suggested the new arrangement as something she has seen work in other districts.



Bay Village Board of Education officers for 2019, from left: Lisa Priemer, vice president, and Beth Lally, president.

"It respects everyone's time by eliminating all the extra meetings," she said. "It also keeps the entire board, and the public in attendance, apprised of all the

details of each area." Scheduled board meetings for 2019 are available on the district's website homepage at bayvillageschools.com.



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WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two share title of Cutest Pet in Westlake

by LYSA STANTON

Each year the Westlake Historical Society holds a contest to find Westlake's Cutest Pet. The money raised goes toward children's programming at the Clague House Museum.

This year, as in all years, the competition was fierce.

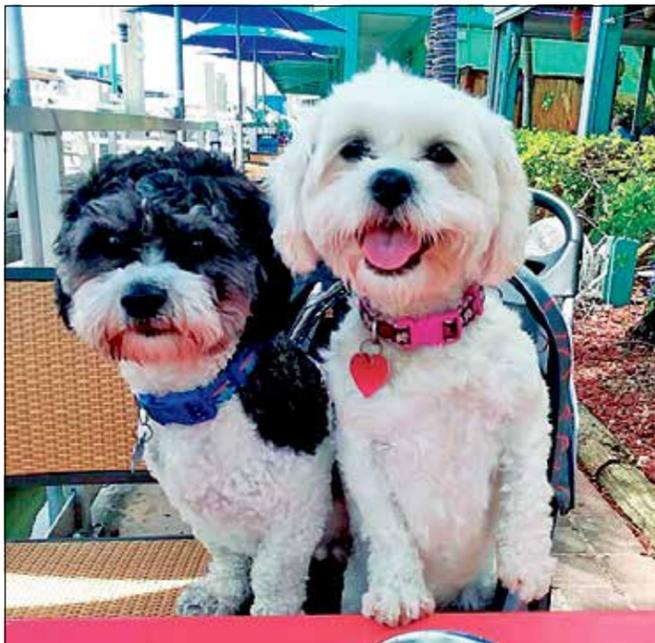
It is our pleasure to introduce to you, our readers, our 2019 Cutest Pets: Shelby, age 3, and Jett, age 2.

Although not the first year for a tie, 2019's title of Cutest Pet in Westlake will be shared within the same family.

Pet dad, Bill Hornack of Westlake, wrote a bio about Jett and Shelby that we would like to share.

Their breed is known as Teddy Bear, a mix of Bichon Frise and Shih Tzu. Shelby loves to play fetch, while Jett could care less. Both really love attention. Shelby will go to anyone, while Jett worries about stranger danger at first. Their favorite toys are anything that squeaks! Favorite past time: trips to Florida. They love the ride, love going into the ocean and the pool – true water babies! And their trips to the flea market in their stroller, and to get all the attention they can get.

The historical society looks forward to seeing both Jett and Shelby at many of our events in 2019. Shelby and Jett will serve as mascots for the Westlake Historical Society throughout the year. They recently enjoyed visiting Santa at the Clague House Museum this past December.



Westlake's Cutest Pet(s) for 2019 are Shelby and Jett Hornack.

The Cutest Pet in Westlake is an honor for both the pet(s) and the owner.

Congrats to Jett and Shelby and pet dad Bill for being selected the Cutest Pets in Westlake!

The Clague Museum will host Valentine photo shoots on Jan. 23, 5-9 p.m., and Feb. 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please contact us for your reservation, 216-848-0680. Proceeds benefit our community and outreach programs. ●

Connecting for Kids to honor five residents at fundraiser

by LORILYNN WOLF

Connecting for Kids will honor five individuals at its carnival-themed annual fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 6-11 p.m. at Ahern Catering & Banquet Center, 726 Avon Belden Road in Avon Lake. In addition to a grand raffle featuring Indians Club Seats, a silent auction and other raffles, the event will feature a new room of carnival games plus traditional carnival fare such as cotton candy and popcorn. Tickets are \$65 per person; visit connectingforkids.org/2019Fundraiser for more information.

Kind Kid Winners

The Kind Kid award is given to a child under 13 years of age who demonstrates kindness and compassion to peers. This year, Connecting for Kids is excited to recognize two Kind Kids: Elizabeth Carroll of Westlake and Ella Kloppman of Highland Heights.

Elizabeth volunteers each Saturday morning at a dance class with her sister and four other girls with special needs. She has the ability to guide each of the girls and help them to grow. In addition, Elizabeth many times filled in as an extra player on a kickball team for

children with special needs. She was such an encouraging and positive force on the team, knowing exactly what to do to make certain each child was successful and engaged. While at school, Elizabeth goes out of her way to make others feel included and is the first person out of her seat to help another student.

Ella inherently accepts and advocates for students with differences. One of her friends developed Tourette's Syndrome and Ella jumped in, helping her friend when she can't speak up for herself, walking with her when she needs a break, and remaining steadfast although her friend's disability can bring out difficult behaviors.

The Parent, Professional/Educator and Board Member of the Year Awards

These awards are given to those that exemplify the mission of Connecting for Kids to provide education and support to families concerned about their child. The following individuals will be honored:

Parent of the Year: Paula Nwankwo of Avon. Paula has been actively involved in the Connecting for Kids Parent Match Program for years, providing advice and a listening ear to countless

families receiving a new diagnosis for their child. She has mentored numerous families and is an amazing example of kindness and support in our community.

Professional/Educator of the Year: Christina Meecha, intervention specialist, Hilliard Elementary School in Westlake. Christina was nominated for this award by the mother of one of her students who indicated that, "Each and every time I have a question, a concern or a need related to my daughter, Mrs. Meecha is there. ... [She] sees my daughter's inner strength, beauty, potential, perseverance and gifts. She is truly a remarkable person and educator."

Board Member of the Year: Rebecca Baker of Westlake. Rebecca helped to take Connecting for Kids from a \$20,000 budget in 2013 to a \$180,000 budget in 2018. She has been instrumental in developing the organization's financial policies and procedures, including a solid budgeting and review process to ensure a clean audit.

Connecting for Kids provides education and support to families with concerns about their child. We serve all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. ●



Elizabeth Carroll



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Bay Village is a branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library

Late January events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Jan. 23 and 30 (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.

Thursdays, Jan. 24 and 31 (4-5 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.

Thursdays, Jan. 24 and 31 (6:30-8 p.m.) and Wednesdays, January 23 and 30 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24 (noon-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN: IS ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR YOU? – Are you contemplating or in the process of starting a business? Attend this seminar to receive valuable start-up basics. Attendees will learn what it takes to succeed in starting their own business and sustaining it for the long term. Please register.

Thursday, Jan. 24 (7-7:30 p.m.) PARACHUTE PLAY! – Get ready to jump and move with music, stories and the parachute. Bring your energy, mom, dad or other caregiver! Ages 4-6. Please register.

Saturday, Jan. 26 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) SAT PRACTICE EXAM – Study skills will be discussed and detailed results will be returned to students the following week at the results session. Bring two #2 pencils and a calculator. Grades 9-12. Please register.

Saturday, Jan. 26 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY OUT CRAFTS – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what our featured

craft is. We have all the supplies you'll need to create something fantastic!

Saturday, Jan. 26 (3-5 p.m.) ANIME CLUB – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

Sunday, Jan. 27 (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.

Sunday, Jan. 27 (2-4 p.m.) PUZZLE DAY – Celebrate Puzzle Day a few days early with a variety of puzzles in the Youth Services Department.

Monday, Jan. 28 (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.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 (10-11:30 a.m.) TOUCHING UP DIGITAL PHOTOS – Learn beginner-intermediate level techniques for altering and repairing digital photos, including cropping, adjusting color levels and removing blemishes. Practice files will be provided, or bring a flash drive with your own photos. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) GROWING UP CLEVELAND: BARNABY, CAPTAIN PENNY & GHOULARDI – Baby boomers raised in Cleveland grew up with a variety of unique children's television hosts, including the lovable Barnaby, the affable Captain Penny and the outrageous Ghouardi. Join Dennis Sutcliffe as he relives the early days of Cleveland television, and along the way have fun with some TV trivia. Please register.

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

Gather your book club friends and come join us at the Bay Village branch library on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m. for a showing of the movie "Book Club." Enjoy watching this comedy film and come hear about recommended reads for book groups. Refreshments will also be provided.

CHILDREN

Weekly Storytimes:

- **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. and 11 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages

Thursday, Jan. 24 (4 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL: MOLLY – Grades 2-4: Learn about the times and cultures represented by the dolls. Feel free to bring your doll to the program if you have one.

TEEN

Wednesdays, Jan. 23, 30 and Feb. 6 (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE – Grades 5 & up: Hang out with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more!

ADULT

Friday, Feb. 8 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for this monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month's title, "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones, is available at the library and BAYarts.

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. ●

Advent Episcopal Church explores our turbulent culture from a biblical perspective

by RICHARD MCCORMICK

In December, Advent Episcopal Church brought our community the Dan Schutte concert "God With Us" – uplifting music for the Advent Season. Now we explore how we can make sense of the turmoil in our culture through the lens of the Bible. "America is polarized politically, racially, morally, and religiously. Common ground among Americans seems to have vanished. We are angry, hostile, even violent. Someone has said that we are a nation addicted to rage. Yet it is into this atmosphere of shrill voices that we, as believers, have been called to represent Christ."

"The Church in Babylon" Bible Study Starts Sunday February 3, at 11:30 AM at Advent Episcopal Church What does today's culture have to do with Babylon 2600 years ago? What can we learn today from Jewish

exiles in Babylon? What is relevant today from musty Old Testament writings from Daniel, Lamentations and Jeremiah? How do we survive and thrive without becoming contaminated by a hostile culture? Why should I come to this Bible study anyhow? What if I don't know anything about the Bible but am curious about this topic? What if I'm intimidated by the prospects of a Bible study?

Dr. Erwin Lutzer is Pastor Emeritus of historic Moody Church in Chicago and served as its senior pastor from 1980 – 2016. He authored "The Church in Babylon" book, DVD, and study guide. We'll use them along with pertinent Old Testament passages to discuss and understand how we are to be "in this culture" but not be "consumed by it". No homework is required to participate and missing a session won't nullify attending the following ones. Some of the

topics in this 10-part series include: "When the State Becomes God", "The Church, Technology and Purity", and "Islam, Immigration, and the Church".

Here is what respected Christian leaders say about the book: "Erwin Lutzer has his finger on the pulse of the culture and the church, providing sage insight in a balanced, biblical manner. Every page of this book will engage your mind and stir your heart. It will enlighten you, warn you, and equip you to discern and withstand the siren song of Babylon that surrounds us." And "Dr. Lutzer forthrightly and biblically addresses current controversial, societal topics without pulling punches, yet does so in a warm, kind, and non-judgmental manner."

Please join us for this lively study of God's Word as we learn how to apply it in our culture today. Free, and all are welcome. ●

Westlake Community Police Academy accepting applications

by CRISTA ADAMCZYK

Westlake residents and employees of Westlake companies can discover how a police department runs and learn more about the jobs of patrol officers, detectives and civilian staff members during the Westlake Police Department's annual Community Police Academy. The Westlake Police Department is accepting applications for the Community Police Academy through Friday, Feb. 15.

Participants will receive hands-on experience in crime scene processing, self-defense and firearms instruction. Additional topics include patrol and traffic operations, S.W.A.T. and advancements in law enforcement technology. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and express concerns on pertinent issues.

Classes are held Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning on March 6. The graduation ceremony is scheduled during the final night, May 22, which family and friends are invited to attend.

Prospective participants must be at least 21 years old, not have a crimi-

nal record and pass a background check. Preference will be given to those applicants that live or work in Westlake. Class size is limited to 20 students.

"The primary goal of the Community Police Academy is to increase understanding between the Westlake community and the police department that serves it," Capt. Jerry Vogel said. "Several graduates from the academy have become great volunteers, assisting our department in a variety of community-based events."

The academy is designed with the intent of solidifying the partnership between the community and the police department through education and understanding. The academy is NOT designed to assist those seeking to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Applications can be picked up at the Westlake Police Department, 27300 Hilliard Blvd., or online at the www.cityofwestlake.org/Police-Academy. For more information, contact the Westlake Police Department at 440-871-3311 and ask for Lt. Mark Krumheuer or Capt. Jerry Vogel. ●

DIGGING DOVER

Dover/Westlake Then and Now

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Eighty-three-year-old Bob Collins has resided in Westlake for close to 70 years. He says that it was his high school history teacher here that got him interested in history. One way this has manifested itself is his collection of postal cards.

Early postal cards could be printed with a photograph on one side in the same way that

a Christmas card can be printed today with a family photograph at Costco. A number of the cards that Bob owns have been printed and re-printed in local history books but the level of detail that can be captured and printed digitally today was not possible even a few short years ago.

Bob shared the collection with me last summer and my plan

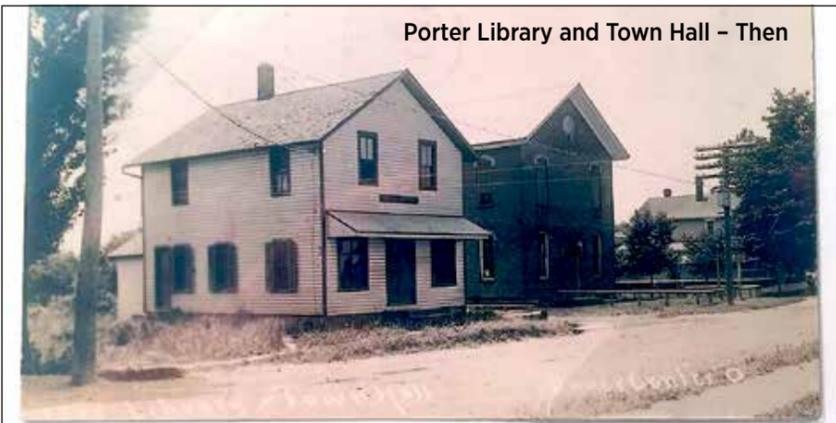


Dover Congregational Church has seen six new buildings and an addition since 1822.



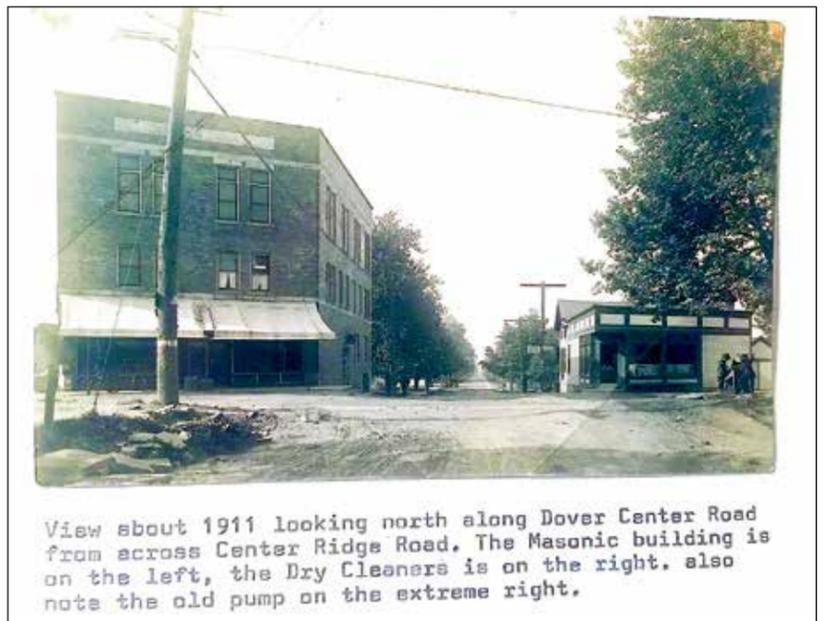
CURRENT PHOTOS BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

is to share them with Observer readers along with a recent photograph of the same location. I have tried to duplicate the location and angle of the new photograph as closely as possible with the old photograph.



Porter Library and Town Hall - Then

1911 post card of the PORTER LIBRARY & TOWN HALL located on the south side of Center Ridge Road just west of Dover Center Road. View looking west.



View about 1911 looking north along Dover Center Road from across Center Ridge Road. The Masonic building is on the left, the Dry Cleaners is on the right, also note the old pump on the extreme right.

Dover Center and Center Ridge - Then



Former location of Porter Library and Town Hall - Now



Northwest corner of Dover Center and Center Ridge - Now

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THE GREEN REPORT

Does it spark joy?

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

If you know what the title of this column is referring to, you are one of the millions of people who have tuned in to Netflix's new show "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo." Marie Kondo is a tidying expert and the author of the best-selling book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing." Her new Netflix show has propelled her into stardom.

It has been reported in major news outlets that since the release of her show, thrift stores nationwide have seen an increase in donations.

Isn't that amazing? This show (which is great, you should watch it) has created such a flurry of people cleaning out their homes that charities such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army are benefiting!

I am also encouraged that the increase in donations means that people who are "tidying up" their homes are seeking ways to donate the stuff they want to get rid of instead of trashing it. Yay!

If you haven't seen her program or are not familiar with her method, she advises that when deciding whether to discard an item from your home, you should pick it up and look at it and if the item does not "spark joy"

in your heart, it should not stay in your home. If the item does not spark joy, you should thank it for its service then let it go.

So, if you are one of the millions of people out there looking to tidy up and use Marie Kondo's fabulous method to do so, please seek environmentally friendly ways to dispose of your unwanted items and junk.

Not only can you donate to Goodwill and thrift stores, you can put clothing that is too old to be reused into your Simple Recycling bags and put it curbside. You can donate small appliances to Goodwill and also put those into your Simple Recycling bags.

If you have a broken computer or other office equipment, check with your city when you can drop off those items to

the service department for responsible disposal and recycling. If you have old TVs, you can bring these to a Best Buy store (they charge a \$25 fee per TV) or E-Waste LLC located in Hudson. Books that are in good condition can be donated to local libraries, schools and community centers. Unwanted text books and other books can be recycled at Carastar Recycling in Cleveland and other locations.

Please check cuyahogarecycles.org and enter in the item you are looking to donate into their search tool and responsible recycling and disposal options will pop up.

I would like to take Marie Kondo's method a step farther now. When you are considering purchasing new items for your home, including clothing, really take a minute to look at the

item and ask yourself if it not only "sparks joy" but if it will provide the service you are looking to get from it for a long time. By considering each and every purchase and taking time to make sure you are buying quality products that will last a long time, you will in turn help the earth.

I have written about the environmental problem of "fast fashion" before. The popularity of low-cost, low-quality clothing has exacerbated the problem as humans do not have a great way of dealing with so much unwanted clothing. This can also be said for so many other items that are cheaply made and easily broken or discarded.

Think about the items purchased at dollar stores. They are all low quality, so when they break or are no longer usable, people have

no problem just trashing them because they were so cheap to begin with. This type of mentality and way of shopping is creating a ton of waste that ends up at the landfill.

When you are shopping, I urge you to mindfully consider your purchase and if it will be a good investment for your money and for the earth. Even if it's a \$1.50 shirt from Old Navy, please consider its long-term value and impact on the earth. Remember, bringing more items into your home means that one day you will be looking at it again, holding it, and asking if it "sparks joy." It's better to take that step before you even buy it.

If each of us took just a little time to be mindful of our purchases, there would inevitably be a lot less waste in the world. ●

HEALTH + WELLNESS

Gaining mental flexibility

by JULIE REED

Have you ever heard the expression, "Don't let your mind run away with you"? This is a common phrase, but what does it mean exactly? Before we can answer that, I think it is important to define the word "mind."

The dictionary tells us the mind is "the element of a person that enables them to be aware of the world and their experiences, to think, and to feel; the faculty of consciousness and thought." As you can see, the mind is complex, which can make it tricky when it comes to "not letting it run away with us."

Being a mother of three, working and going to school, my to-do list can be endless. I have often found myself waking up at 1, 2, or 3 o'clock in the morning and not being able to go back to sleep. Maybe

you can relate.

Perhaps you've heard the word "ruminating." Ruminating is just another way of saying "letting our minds run away with us." And this can happen to us all day or night. It is worth pointing out that emotions and thoughts are directly connected. Therefore, controlling your thoughts can, in effect, help with controlling your emotions.

So, how do we get ourselves unstuck when we find we're ruminating? One thing we can do is to train our minds to be flexible and to do so we must create a calm space within ourselves. Training our minds is much like becoming physically fit. It takes dedication and repetition over time.

In my experience, mindfulness and meditation are often viewed as daunting, and perhaps carry some mystical

connotation. Maybe as you think about meditating, images of Tibetan monks are coming to mind. But, it is not necessary to spend hours a day in silence to reap the benefits of meditation.

So where do we begin? It all starts with our breath.

It may sound cliché or overly simplistic. Nonetheless, utilizing deep, belly breathing, on a regular basis, is the place to start. The reason is in our biology. There are two parts to our autonomic nervous system: the parasympathetic and the sympathetic. To keep it simple, the parasympathetic nervous system calms us down and relaxes the body and the sympathetic nervous system prepares us to face danger.

Each time we take a deep breath in and release it, we activate both parts of the autonomic nervous system. This practice is thought to reset our nervous system and create equilibrium and balance within us, on a biological level.

Give it a try:

1. Place your hands, fingers inter-

twined, palms on your belly, just below your belly button.

2. Breathe in through your nose (if this is not possible it is OK to breathe through your mouth).

3. Breathe out through your mouth, focusing on the sound of your breath.

4. Repeat this process for a couple of minutes, going at your own pace, but slowing down as you go.

You have just done your first meditation exercise!

After some time, you may notice that your mind clears. This is the goal. When thoughts do come in, just watch them like clouds just passing by, and re-focus on the sound of your breath.

Ruminating from time to time is natural, but it is comforting to know we do not have to stay stuck on our thoughts. With deep breathing practice we can take our minds to our calm center, refocus and gain control of our thoughts.

Best wishes on your journey to having more inner peace and taking control of your mind. ●

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St. Paul students celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week

by RICK HAASE

Students at St. Paul Westlake School will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week Jan. 27-Feb. 2 with a different daily theme and activity.

The students are also collecting donations to cover the cost of a field trip for an orphanage in Haiti as a service project.

“National Lutheran Schools Week allows us to celebrate the excellence in Christian education that Lutheran schools provide our families. Here at St. Paul Westlake we go all out for this celebration with daily themes, guest speakers, devotions, activities, and community builders that enhance the already exemplary education students receive on a daily basis. It is truly a week of celebration,” said St. Paul Westlake Principal Jeremy Louden.

Here is a rundown of activities:

Sunday, Jan. 27

Students will sing “Who You Say I Am,” at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional and con-

temporary church services at St. Paul Westlake Church, 27993 Detroit Road.

An All-School Open House will be held from 1-3 p.m. This event is open to the community. Tours of the school will be given and St. Paul staff and teachers will be on hand to answer questions.

Monday, Jan. 28

Students will learn the Bible story Calling of Moses to lead the Israelites. An opening ceremony with a special message, trivia and devotions will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Activity Center. Magician Christian Augustine will present “The Magic of Learning.” This will be followed by family group time and the first trivia questions of the week.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Students will learn the Bible story Samson calling on God for help. Opening devotions will take place at 9:15 a.m. in the Activity Center. At 2:40 p.m. there will be an All-School assembly for “push-up pop-sicles and all-school strength competitions.”

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Students will learn the Bible story Joseph Serving in All Situations. Students will be working on a beautification project for the school and also making fleece bears for children in Haiti. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held from 5-6:30 in the St. Paul Westlake Cafeteria with proceeds supporting the seventh- and eighth-grade Ohio field trip later this spring. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Students will present a talent show at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Students will learn the Bible story Pentecost and the Gift of the Holy Spirit. There will be All-School team-building activities, including a scavenger hunt at 2 p.m. in the Activity Center, with devotions to follow.

Friday, Feb. 1

Students will learn the Bible story of Disciples sent out two by two. A pancake breakfast will be held for all students at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. A faculty/eighth-grade volleyball game will take place at 2:15 p.m. in the Activity Center. ●

Village Project's fundraiser promises to help cure winter doldrums

by DIANE FRYE

Okay, so it's cold, dreary and snowy outside. We get it – it is winter in Northeast Ohio. Although, that doesn't mean you shouldn't get out of the house and have a little fun.

Now, imagine that you're at a colorful and entertaining street fair. What is even better is that you are feeling all warm and cozy because this street fair is indoors. As you stroll down the avenue festooned with globe string lights and vibrantly hued lanterns, perhaps you are sipping a beer or a glass of wine or a soft drink. You soon find yourself enjoying tasty food, listening to live music, stopping to play an amusing game or two, chatting with other fair-goers, maybe even posing for a caricature artist. This is still winter in Northeast Ohio, but this is FUN.

Best of all, this fun is for a wonderful cause. NOURISH, Village Project's biggest fundraising gala of the year, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 6-10 p.m. at Hyland's Building 3 at 28105 Clemens Road in Westlake. This is the fourth year for the event, and it promises to be just as uplifting as it has been in the past.

While healthy, delicious food is at the core of what Village Project provides to its clients, NOURISH guests will not only enjoy appetizing dishes from the VP kitchen, but also get to explore the multi-generational, community-focused mission of Village Project in a fun, unforgettable atmosphere. You will be taken on a culinary journey throughout the evening, traveling to different food stations which illustrate the many ways Village Project serves both its clients and the community.

The festive evening offers many fun activities and opportunities to win – guests can participate in a basket raffle, a wine and gift card pull, bid on extraordinary silent auction items, and even take their chances on a grand prize raffle for \$3,000 towards a dream vacation of their own choosing (maybe to someplace warm and sunny). Tickets for the grand prize raffle are sold separately and can be purchased, even if you are not attending NOURISH, at a cost of \$20 each or three for \$50.

Tribute lanterns will also be visible throughout the venue. Each of the lanterns is dedicated to honor someone who is fighting cancer, or in

memory of someone who lost their battle or simply to give gratitude to a caregiver, family member or friend who made a difference in the life of someone who had cancer.

An event ticket to NOURISH includes dinner, beer and wine, music, entertainment and free valet parking. Tickets are \$100 each or 12 for \$1,000 and must be purchased by Feb. 16. To order tickets for the event and/or raffle tickets, to dedicate a lantern or get more information about NOURISH, visit: our-villageproject.com/nourish-3. To order tickets over the phone, call 440-348-9401.

All proceeds from this evening ensure that Village Project continues to provide the meals and extended services so needed by its clients in the most caring, thoughtful and economical way possible.

NOURISH sponsorship opportunities are still available, including limited opportunities to reserve a private room for you and your guests. Even if you are not able to attend, there are additional ways you can help the cause, including donating gift cards or wine valued at \$20 or higher. More information about these opportunities can be found on the VP website. ●

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Set up once but reap benefits repeatedly

by TAK SATO

Although one may think that an Android-based tablet/smartphone is a totally different animal than an iOS-based device (iPad or iPhone), they are not too different; their utility is the same. It's more like do you prefer Navel or Valencia oranges?

Like the case of two oranges, comparing a Toyota Camry to a Ford Fusion is another of my analogies. iPad and Galaxy Tab are “models” (think: Camry and Fusion) with their respective “makes” being Apple and Samsung (think: Toyota and Ford), both belonging to the “tablets” category (think: four-door sedans), and variations within a model line such as iPad and iPad Pro are akin to “trims” (think: Camry V6 vs. Camry Hybrid).

In the real world, a driver's license confirms your identity. In the digital world, aka internet, your email address plus the password you present confirms your identity to an internet-based service provider such as shopping, streaming, financial and more.

The fact remains that you set up your new device only once but use it repeatedly, making it easier to ask someone you trust, like a younger family member, to setup a device for you. But if you don't have anyone, fear not – the device will prompt you every step of the way and you also don't have to complete setup in one sitting. My goal in this series is to demystify what the setup process may ask of you.

After choosing your lan-

guage, you will be asked to connect to a wireless (Wi-Fi) network. If you don't have a wireless network at home, you have options to remediate the situation.

If you have no internet access, or you're not convinced to part with your hard earned cash to subscribe to internet access with Wi-Fi, don't fret. Just like “kicking the tires” while new car shopping, Westlake Porter Public Library and the Bay Village Branch Library offer free public Wi-Fi on-site. Also both libraries have a “hotspot” rental service for their patrons. FYI, to learn about hotspots, and the multitude of free digital services offered by our libraries, and other technology topics, check out this column's archives at wbvobserver.com.

The next step in the setup process should prompt you to enter your email address that will be associated with your new device. You should notice words like “Google Account” or “Apple ID” depending on the make of your device. Oh, don't sweat it either if you don't have an email address. Here again the process will step you through to get a new email address “au gratis.”

By the way, when asked to “create” a password, it is not asking you for the password that you normally use to log into your email provider. Rather, it is asking you to create a new password for the Google Account or Apple ID you are creating. It is advisable not to use the same password over and over again for different services.

In the next column, we'll tie loose ends so you are off to enjoying your new device! ●

Time again for the Porter Library annual book sale

by CAROL MASEK

The Friends of Porter Public Library will once again be holding their annual book sale, Feb. 7-10. There will be three rooms filled with fiction, non-fiction and children's books as well as books on CD, music CDs, DVDs and records. We have been collecting these items all year and our storage rooms are overflowing.

The sale starts on Wednes-

day, Feb. 6, 4-7 p.m., for members of Friends of Porter Public Library only. Membership applications will be available at that time. The regular sale runs on Thursday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Friday, Feb. 8, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, will be the half-price sale from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10, from 1:15-4 p.m., is the \$2 Bag Sale. We supply the bags and you can fill them to the brim with your treasures. The special-priced books from our regular sale will not be available for the Bag Sale.

We also have a silent auction set up in the showcases in the lobby. You can place a bid whenever you visit the library. Final bidding ends at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Please join us for this much anticipated event. ●

Youth Challenge announces leadership transition

by KATHY RIGDON

The Youth Challenge (YC) board of trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Christopher J. Garr as CEO, effective Feb. 4. Garr replaces founder and Executive Director, Mary Sue Tanis, who is transitioning into a new role as Director of Planned Giving for the Westlake non-profit. The announcement follows an 18-month search conducted by the Youth Challenge board of trustees and members of the board of advisors.

As YC's long-time Director of Program Services, Garr brings years of experience in leadership, adapted sports and inclusion for people with physical disabilities. Garr believes that adapted sports and art, with a focus on fun and friendship, is a conduit for participants and volunteers alike to become leaders, advocates, stewards and innovators in the field of human dignity. Prior to his time at Youth Challenge, Garr taught high school social studies and English. He got his start at YC as a volunteer in middle school.

"I've held a deep passion for YC since first volunteering at the age of 12,"



Christopher Garr, new CEO of Youth Challenge

said Garr. "What started in 1976 with a handful of children and awareness of the need for inclusion in all forms of play, is now a reality – Youth Challenge is the recognized leader in Northeast Ohio for enriching the lives of young people of all abilities. I am proud to serve our families in this new capacity, alongside a staff of dedicated and caring professionals."

For Tanis, who founded Youth Challenge in 1976, her commitment to community service is at the core of everything she has accomplished as a nonprofit leader for over 40 years. She has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the need for active sports and peer-to-peer socialization for the children and young adults with physical disabilities in the Cleveland area. Her unique vision also saw the need for teen volunteers to get involved, one-

on-one, with their physically disabled peers to learn and grow.

"I look forward to shifting from my role of 42 years as Executive Director to a new post, Director of Planned Giving, and serving YC in a whole new way," said Tanis. "With countless opportunities ahead for these amazing children and teens, I am extremely happy to be able to play a role in securing our mission going forward."

Youth Challenge provides adapted sports and recreational opportunities to young people with physical disabilities. Trained teen volunteers are paired one-on-one with participants to play sports, make friends and have fun. YC serves children throughout Northeast Ohio and has offices in Westlake and Shaker Heights. All programs and transportation are free for participant families.

To learn more, visit youthchallenge-sports.com or call 440-892-1001. ●

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
BOY SCOUT TROOP 159 OPEN HOUSE
 See what Scouting has to offer, adventures we have planned and life skills youth develop by joining Scouts. Food, drink, prizes and activities are planned. Come and be part of the fun!
St. Raphael Church, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Saturday, Jan. 26, 4:30 p.m.
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
 Join us for good conversation and fellowship. All are welcome. The church is accessible to the physically challenged. No carry outs. Hosted by Church of the Redeemer Westlake, and Clague Road United Church of Christ.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Monday, Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.
MAKE YOUR OWN GARDEN ART
 Create fun memories, and your own plant tag to take home with you. Supplies provided free to BVGC members. Luncheon served at 11:30; \$5 luncheon fee for guests. Check bayvillagegardenclub.com for more information on fees for the art project.
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1-2:30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
 Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, bring these forms with you.
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