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Westlake Schools revive annual senior citizen dinner tradition

by DANA HOFFMAN

Westlake City Schools invited senior citizens from the community to dinner at Westlake High School on May 11. Approximately 75 senior residents of Westlake enjoyed dinner prepared by the high school kitchen staff and served by students from the Key Club and National Honor Society.

The Company D Show Choir performed. Some guests even danced to music

provided by the Jazz Ensemble. Both the vocal and music programs have recently received recognition in state competition.

"It was fun to bring this event back to life," said Superintendent Dr. Scott Goggin. "We enjoyed being able to connect with some of our senior citizens. This dinner enables people to visit our high school building and interact with the students even if they don't have a direct connection to the schools." ●



Senior citizens applaud a performance by Westlake High School students.

Kids in grades 1-6 can get summer biking ready at Porter Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Kids in grades 1-6 can get ready for summer bicycling at Westlake Porter Public Library's Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 10, from 1-3 p.m. The Bike Rodeo will include safety checks by the Westlake Police Department and Village Bicycle Cooperative, a "rodeo" showcasing participants' bicycle-handling skills, and more.

Participants must sign up for specific times to go through the safety checks and rodeo course, which will take about 30 minutes. The last slot will be at 2:30 p.m. Each child

must also bring a helmet and a bike in good condition and working order. Those who successfully demonstrate their skills in the bike rodeo will earn a certificate. Parents/guardians must attend with their children. Those who do not have a helmet will not be allowed to participate in the rodeo.

Younger siblings are welcome to attend with their families but will not be permitted to ride in the bike rodeo. There will be a special play space available for them.

To register, visit westlake-library.org/events or call 440-250-5471. ●

BAYarts receives grant for sensory garden

by MARISSA SIEBERT

BAYarts' Community Sensory Garden project is nearing its funding goal thanks to a Bay Village Foundation grant of \$15,000 over three years. The grant was announced at the foundation's annual Memorial Day reception.

"The Bay Village Foundation has supported so many of BAYarts' projects over the years that otherwise wouldn't be possible," said BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton, "including all wonderful summer programming BAYarts is able to offer free to the community each year."

The Sensory Garden is a labor of love and inspiration designed to accommodate accessibility and individuals with special sensory needs. Located behind the Karen Ryel Ceramic Studio, it will also serve as an outdoor "classroom" and be accessible to all



BAYarts is adding a Sensory Garden to its beautifully landscaped campus.

park visitors.

BAYarts is collaborating with Ground Works Land Design who share the same passion for community projects that inspire and endure. "Ground Works has created a design that is going to be another stunning addition to the BAYarts campus," said Beth Milli, BAYarts' Director of Operations.

With additional funding

from the Ohio Arts Council, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, local families, and individuals, BAYarts is hoping to raise the additional funds needed to complete the project through naming rights of garden features including an entrance arbor and gate, benches, water features and mini-library and more. Visit bayarts.net/garden for details. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Outdoor summer worship offered by Bay United Methodist

by JENNIE SEBRASKY

Once a month during the summer, Rev. Lisa Kropinak, Senior Pastor of Bay United Methodist Church, is offering an outdoor worship service at Huntington Beach & Reservation. Outdoor worship will take place at 8 a.m. on Sundays, June 11, July 9, and Aug. 13.

Gathering at the top of the ridge at Huntington, just west of the Noshery, participants will enjoy the morning backdrop, adding a special dimension to the worship experience.

"Living on an amazing body of water like Lake Erie allows us to deepen our faith as we seek to see God's face in the natural world," states Pastor Lisa. "Our houses of worship give us safe spaces to exercise our faith. The lake broadens our perspec-



tive of that faith and calls us to humility and awe."

Outdoor summer worship is open to everyone. Those interested should bring their lawn chairs. The worship services will be held rain or shine, with worship taking place at the nearby picnic shelter in wet weather. Please note that regular Sunday services will continue to be held at 10 a.m. at Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road, with Pastor Lisa presiding. For more information, visit www.bayumc.org. ●

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History of Bay Village City Hall, 1914-Present

The following article was part of a presentation given in 2014 by Bay Village Historical Society President, Catherine Burke Flament, during the 100th anniversary of Bay Village City Hall.

by CATHERINE BURKE FLAMENT

Bay Village was carved from the Northwest Territory and then the Western Reserve which was divided into five-square-mile townships. By 1806 Nehemiah Hubbard and Joshua Stow, members of the Connecticut Land Company, would purchase Township #7, Range 15 on Lake Erie for \$26,087 and named it Dover (currently Bay Village, Westlake and the northern section of North Olmsted).

In 1901 not everyone was happy with how the government was being run in Dover; those in the northern section decided they were not being represented adequately and since they were paying the majority of the taxes the decision was made to separate. After separation was proposed a lawsuit ensued over who would have the railroad and the northern residents won the Ohio Supreme Court case. So, the Hamlet of Bay was formed in 1901 and trustees were elected.

With a population of 300 the environment was changing. Trains and the interurban, which began in 1897, were transporting more and more individuals to the country and allowing others to go to the city for employment, although Dover continued to remain primarily a rural community.

Another change occurred in 1903 as a petition was made to incorporate into the Village of Bay. In an old scrapbook it was stated that there were 110 eligible voters at the time and 40 individuals running for mayor. Reuben Osborn was elected to a two-year term as mayor with the first meeting held at the School House on May 4.

There were some interesting issues that council would address over the next few years:

In 1905 an ordinance was passed to not allow signs to be erected in the village and every effort was made to keep telephone poles from being installed. The world was changing: The Model T, phonographs, light bulbs, typewriters and other advances were emerging, but Bay Village seemed to enjoy its country flavor and not want to rush into any drastic advances. But bathhouses were slated to be installed which may have been a result of the influx of weekend visitors from the city, looking for a relaxing weekend at the Wischmeyer Hotel or just a day at the beach.

Albert Horace Wolf would become the second mayor of the Village of Bay in 1910 and one issue he had to address, which came up more than once, was the conduct and attire at the beach. This year also brought the addition of our first bank.

Two major issues evolved in 1909. It was proposed to have water piped into the village and that a formal city hall should be built. The Cahoon sisters, becoming aware of the need, offered land for city hall which was gratefully accepted. Plans were designed by architects Knox and Elliott who were hired in 1912, blending a combination of styles. John Kiser & Brother Co. proposed the lowest bid of \$8,300, which was accepted on March 12, 1914, and the building began.

Construction was questioned in July stating that the quality of the brick work needed to be re-evaluated and may need to be stopped. Evidently the quality improved and city hall was completed. The first official meeting was held in the building on Nov. 3, 1914. The school board would begin using city hall for its meetings in 1915 with a temporary outhouse built in March of that year. The annual budget submitted in 1915 was \$7,350.

One more name change would occur as we approached 7,000 residents in 1950 and we became a city with the official name of City of Bay Village.

Numerous improvements have occurred from the original structure with additions in 1962 and 1973 and a gable roof and clock tower added to the building in 1990. All in all, these additions have mirrored the growth the city has seen through the years. ●



A 1960s sketch of Bay Village city hall.



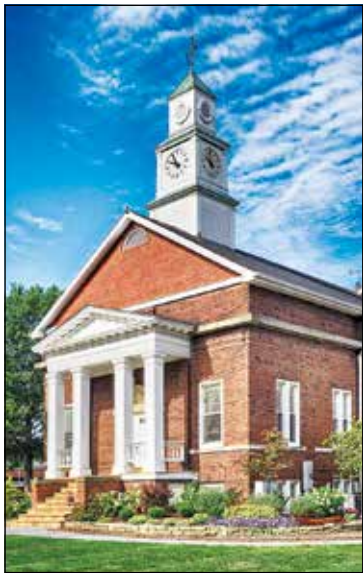
A 1920s exterior photo of the city hall.



A 1920s aerial photo of the Bay Village city hall.



The original front entrance, which faces Dover Center Road, is no longer used.



Present-day city hall.

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Bay High student recognized for clean water efforts

by KAREN MISCIAGNA

Bay High School student Mary Catherine Murtaugh has been honored with the “Power of Youth Award” by Thirst Project, a nonprofit organization that works with young people to end the global water crisis by building freshwater wells in developing countries. Mary Catherine was chosen from hundreds of thousands of students internationally for her clean water efforts and fundraising through Bay High Key Club, where she has helped raise more than \$46,000.

Thirst Project is flying this rising senior student to Los Angeles later this month to receive her award at the nonprofit’s 14th annual Gala event, held in Hollywood on the backlot of Paramount Studios. Past Gala attendees include Adam Sandler and Jennifer Garner.

Following her return from Cal-



Mary Catherine Murtaugh will be recognized this month for her clean water efforts for Project Thirst.

ifornia, Mary Catherine will fly to Eswatini in southern Africa – along with members of the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village and the Thirst Project team – so she can see her efforts and impact in person.

LAKE ROAD WALKING TOUR
Dexter and Amelia Tuttle House,
25547 Lake Road, c. 1852

The ninth in a series of articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historical Society in 2025.

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

According to the “Tuttle Family Story” by Flora Tuttle Renfrew, Dexter was born in 1807 in Massachusetts and came to what is now Rocky River at 16 with his family. He married Amelia Weidner (born 1811) in about 1828 and settled in Dover Township in 1836.

The couple first lived in a log cabin west of Tuttle Creek and north of Lake Road. They had seven boys and one girl who died young. Son Ezra (born 1837) helped Dexter build this house where they raised chickens and sheep. Amelia used wool from the sheep to make cloth-

ing for the family. They also had a sawmill.

Dexter acquired 80 acres from the lake south to the railroad and died in 1878. Amelia lived until 1896, her last seven years blind and cared for by son Marius. Ezra married Victoria Clague from what is now Westlake. Their son Edward inherited the Lake Road house, and it remained in the family until 1921.

Tax records indicate that this classic Greek Revival house was constructed in 1852. Unfortunately, a previous owner cut windows into the original front trim.

This is the 9th of approximately 100 brief articles to be published as a walking tour of Lake Road by the Bay Village Historic Society in 2025. The articles are being submitted profiling the oldest to the newest minimum century old artifacts.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake teacher receives national, state recognition for teaching excellence

by DR. SCOTT GOGGIN,
Superintendent, Westlake City Schools

Shanti’ Coaston, a teacher at Westlake City Schools, has been recognized on the national and state level for her remarkable success in teaching computer science, from the introductory to AP levels. She is a state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics 2023 (PAEMST) and is nominated for the 2024 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

As a teacher with more than 11 years of experience, Ms. Coaston is an inspiration to Westlake students who are passionate about technology. Ms. Coaston earned her bachelor’s degrees in sociology and social work and a master’s degree in social science administration before obtaining her teaching certification. As her teaching experience grew, she discovered a passion for computers and technology. She is not only enthusiastic about technology in her classroom but also serves as the advisor of Westlake High School’s Computer Club.

Moreover, Ms. Coaston has been chosen as a state finalist for the 2023 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teaching. Her recognition exemplifies her deep content knowledge and her ability to motivate and enable stu-



Shanti’ Coaston is a state finalist for a national STEM teaching award.

dents to be successful in those areas.

Ms. Coaston is also a finalist for the 2023 Computer Science Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes outstanding K-12 computer science teachers who inspire their students to consider a career in the computer science field. These teachers prepare their students by engaging them in demanding computer science lessons and projects.

The Westlake City School District is incredibly proud to have such a dedicated teacher on their staff. The recognition Ms. Coaston has received at both the state and national levels is well deserved.

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Social connection is a statin for the lonely heart

by DIANA PI, M.D.

It takes a village to raise a child," the old saying goes. Recently, the Surgeon General's Advisory warned about the devastation of social isolation and loneliness; it seems our need for "villages" doesn't stop with childhood.

One in two Americans reports feeling lonely. Some prefer solitude. But most of us aren't polar bears, who prefer the company of a chunk of ice to that of another bear. Social connection sustains and enhances our mental, physical, cognitive, and financial health. It helps to forge healthier behavior.

"I'm on my own" can be very stressful. A 2017 study showed prolonged social isolation is as harmful as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It's more harmful than drinking 6 alcoholic drinks daily – and much, much more harmful than obesity or air pollution.

The harms include increased risks of heart attacks, strokes, depression, anxiety, dementia, impaired immunity – the list goes on.

On the other hand, improving social connection improves health outcomes. A

2010 study looking at over 300,000 participants found stronger social connections improve our odds of survival by 50%.

Isn't it amazing, I'm thinking, how much my little writer's group helps me live longer. With my group's permission, I'll share our story.

Every second Tuesday of the month, I meet a group of writers in Bay Village.

I met Phyllis, our leader, when I attended a fiction writer's workshop sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Library on the far East Side. For a year, I tried a few writer's groups which all fizzled. Some groups were too big, impersonal, and I rarely got a chance to present my writing; others were too small, and people didn't show up.

Phyllis started a writer's club on the West Side. And she had a few draws. We met at her house, a short drive from mine. She had a few committed writer friends, who are super nice. She has a big black dog, Rosebud, who shares her salt-and-pepper hair. Rosebud barks her head off when we get in, then for the next two hours, she lets me prop my feet on her chest.

We have a retired Bay High School English teacher. She corrects grammar



ILLUSTRATION BY MEGAN STEWART

Prairie dogs live in cooperative communities called "towns" where they share food, burrow together, and protect each other.

patiently, gently. We have another English teacher, who's also a street poet and jazz musician. We have a no-nonsense lawyer, who writes beautiful odes to relationships. Our most energetic member walks with a cane, her short stories are punky and fast-paced. The last to join is our most charismatic member, who manages rental properties, runs a catering business, and works as dominatrix.

I love fiction, but coming up with a story is a breech birth. I have one formula:

every few pages, someone needs to die. My current story involves a drug-addled, ex-football player from Appalachia, who, by page 21, has found 3 dead bodies.

I doubt I'll ever get published, but my group's unwavering support keeps me going.

Dr. Murthy, the Surgeon General, says to treat our relationships as "a source of healing hiding in plain sight."

It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes multiple villages to sustain us. ●

Art exhibit and sale at the Center for Artful Living

by GAIL NORRIS

Join artist Dominick Denaro at the opening reception of his inaugural Baseball Memories art exhibit and sale on Friday, June 9, from 7-9 p.m. at The Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health's Center for Artful Living. The Center, located at 26633 Detroit Road in Westlake, will host the exhibit and sale through Friday, Aug. 4, on Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Denaro will donate a percentage of the sales to the Farrell Foundation.

Denaro, a Cleveland resident and contemporary artist, will exhibit major framed works, as well as number of smaller, unframed pieces of



Contemporary artwork by artist Dominick Denaro.

mixed media and monoprints, which use a variety of printing techniques. While most of the pieces are about baseball, some other themes also are included.

Denaro is an experienced staff member of a downtown

Cleveland surveying company. When the company was shut down during the COVID pandemic, Denaro used the time to work on his artwork. Denaro has researched the early history of Black baseball players

and portrays them in a mixed media and collage format. He also creates large and small relief assemblages portraying baseball stadiums and games.

Denaro is influenced by American artist Robert Rauschenberg (1925-2008). Rauschenberg's art represented a variety of styles, including Pop and postmodern, and he was known for the social statements within his art.

The Center for Artful Living is also the home of the Farrell Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that has served hundreds of individuals with dementia and their families over the last 12 years, with the focus on giving meaning and support in both practical and creative ways through arts enrichment and living well opportunities. Participants in the programs

share the positive impact that the enrichment programs have on their ability to socialize and improve quality of life.

In 2011, Dr. Charlie Farrell and daughter Rev. Katie Farrell Norris started the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health to make arts-based programming available to the community in support and honor of Carolyn Farrell, their wife and mother. Their programs show arts can bring peace, enjoyment, and inspiration, and are an important part of increasing the quality of life for many people. The arts enrichment program also provides opportunities for socialization, which research has shown is beneficial for individuals affected by dementia.

For more information, visit farrellfoundation.org. ●



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Local sailors win state championship regatta

by GABBY ELSAS and COLLEEN CARR

On April 2 the members of The Foundry Sailing Team, hailing from Bay Village, Saint Edward, Saint Ignatius, and Rocky River high schools, were prepared to sail in the Ohio High School Sailing State Championship Regatta in Westerville at the Hoover Sailing Club. The regatta was attended by four Foundry-based teams, consisting of 16 sailors all eager to compete.

The Foundry team brought back the State

Championship High School Sailing trophy. This is the fourth championship in a row for a team from The Foundry. In addition to the State Championship title, the Foundry team was able to achieve first and second place in both the A fleet - B fleet overall ranking. This achievement is a reflection of the hard work all the athletes put in during practice sessions in Cleveland that paid off during the championship regatta.

The regatta was not without its challenges, though. Foundry sailing coach Nogay Dokmeci explained, “When

the rain came in, our teams went out on the water to practice. We were prepared for whatever came our way, which undoubtedly gave us the edge we needed. Despite the challenges, our sailors remained focused and determined to perform their best.”

The Foundry Community Rowing and Sailing Center located in the Flats is a premiere venue for teaching all students rowing and sailing, regardless of background. The Foundry provides many student-athletes the opportunity to sail on the shores of the Lake Erie.

This regatta was one of

the first for some of the sailors, and the Foundry was delighted to see the progress they have made in their sailing. Athletes that competed: Molly Kean, James Kelly, Noah Scholtz, and Annika Vanderhorst (from Bay Village); Shay Malone, Braden Basile, Dillon Gale and Jacob Wackers (Saint Edward); Adam Starck, Bobby Starck, and Bert Wirtz (Saint Ignatius); Reese Levinson, Jacob Myers, Rider Myers, and Buck Rathbun (Rocky River). They worked hard, learned quickly, and performed admirably, showing a lot of promise for the future. ●



The Foundry team brought back the State Championship High School Sailing trophy.

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Bay students raise funds for Bay Village Historical Society



Mrs. Cathy Bogart's second-grade class at Normandy School raised \$150 for the Bay Village Historical Society.

by ERIC EAKIN

Students in Mrs. Cathy Bogart's second-grade class at Normandy School in Bay Village, aided by a few moms, held a cookie sale recently to raise money for the Bay Village Historical Society. As part of the unit on

Bay Village history, all second-grade students tour the Rose Hill Museum in Cahoon Memorial Park, and this fundraiser was part of that curriculum.

Historical society president Cathy Flament and treasurer Eric Eakin recently visited the class to gratefully accept their

\$150 donation.

"We cannot thank you enough for this wonderful donation," Eakin told the class. "We sincerely appreciate your efforts, and look forward to having you visit our museum soon and learning more about local history." ●

Bay Men's Club awards scholarships



The Bay Men's Club, the city's oldest and largest civic organization, has awarded scholarships to four very deserving Bay High graduates. Shown above, left to right, are president Dan Rettig, scholarship recipients Jason Houk, Kristina Larraway, Omar Campbell, Jennifer Kasunick (with Rowdy), scholarship committee chairperson Peter Gierosky, and vice president Doug Gertz. "The Bay Men's Club provides scholarships based upon exceptional academic achievement and financial need, with the goal of seeding the oak trees of tomorrow," Gierosky said.

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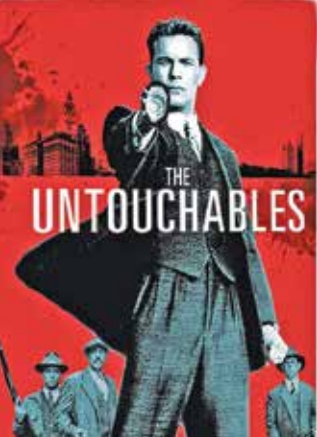
Osborn Learning Center porch talk celebrates the life of Eliot Ness

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The Bay Village Historical Society kicks off its summer season of porch talks on Sunday, June 11, with a special showing of the movie, "The Untouchables."

The movie, shown in the Osborn Learning Center in Cahoon Memorial Park, is about the life and career of Eliot Ness. Ness became the director of Cleveland's Public Safety after his efforts in Chicago to bring down Al Capone.

The free porch talk begins



at 2:15 p.m. Guests are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Visit www.bayhistorical.com for additional information. ●

Early graduates of Bay High School

by MICHELLE YAMAMOTO

Congratulations to the recent Bay Village graduates of 2023! In the Bay Village Historical Society archives, we have a small collection of photographs (mainly from the 1940s and earlier) of past Bay Village public school buildings, students and faculty. We also house a collection of objects, diplomas, programs, publications and other papers relating to Bay Village Schools up until the present day.

The following photos are a sampling of this collection. Please visit the Bay Village Historical Society's website to see many more school photos and learn about some of Bay's earliest high school students on our Glimpse of the Past page at www.bayhistorical.com.

If you are a graduate of Bay High School and would like to browse your old yearbooks, the Bay Village Historical Society has a collection online going back to the early 1920s. High school yearbooks can be viewed on our website.

Come view beautiful examples of bead art during our latest exhibition, Beadwork: The Beauty of Small Things, at the Rose Hill Museum in Cahoon Park from 2:00-4:30 p.m. every Sunday through December (closed holiday weekends). Admission is free and our docent guides will be happy to direct you. Contact us by phone at 216-319-4634 or email info@bayhistorical.com with any questions. ●



BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members of the Class of 1948 pose on a car. Fun fact: This was the class with whom former New York Yankees principal owner and Bay resident, George Steinbrenner, was due to graduate, had he stayed in Bay Village for high school. He is listed as having attended at least one class reunion which may speak to the affinity he had for this class.

State lawmakers reverse themselves, schedule special election in August

by WALTER TOPP

Five months after voting to prohibit August special elections citing cost and historically low turnout, Ohio lawmakers in May approved a statewide special election to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

If approved by voters, Issue 1 on the Aug. 8 ballot will amend the state's constitution to raise the percentage of votes needed to amend the constitution from 50 percent to 60 percent.

Legislators, who had earlier opposed the use of statewide special elections as costly and undemocratic, say the change would prevent "outside special interests" from amending Ohio's constitution.

Critics of the law say it would further entrench minority rule in the state, as 41 percent of voters could defeat a proposal supported by 59 percent of voters. Opponents of the measure also noted that state lawmakers voted in December 2022 to prohibit statewide special elections. The ban was included in a package of changes to Ohio voting that included new voter identification requirements and changes to early voting dates and vote-by-mail deadlines.

In introducing the ban on August special elections, Representative Thomas Hall (R-Madison Twp) said, "August special elections are costly to taxpayers and fail to engage a meaningful amount of the electorate in the process. They should be eliminated from the elections calendar."

But on May 10, Ohio lawmakers – including Hall – who had voted earlier to ban statewide special elections in August reversed themselves and voted to conduct a statewide special election this August. Senate Joint Resolution 2 passed the Ohio Senate by a vote of 26-7 and passed the Ohio House by a vote of 62-37. In the Senate, all Republicans supported the Resolution while all Democrats opposed it. In the House, five Republicans joined all Democrats in opposing the measure.

Opponents of the Resolution say that it was hurriedly passed by Republican lawmakers so that it could be in effect this November, when a proposal to amend Ohio's constitution to protect abortion rights is expected to be on the ballot.

The Ohio Association of Elections Officials opposes the proposed August election and two lawsuits have already been filed to block the election. ●

Elks Lodge raises \$3,125 for Connecting for Kids

by LORILYNN WOLF

Continuing an annual tradition, the Lakewood Elks Lodge #1350 in Westlake raised \$3,125 for Connecting for Kids through its bowling fundraiser. Lodge members took part in all aspects of the event, which included hosting an open bowling night and two tournaments, donating food and having volunteers run the alleys, bartend and perform cooking duties. In addition, Lodge members provided raffle baskets and even sold tickets and sideboards during the weekend.

All funds raised will allow Connecting for Kids to further its mission of educating and supporting local families.

"One of the principles of the Elks is to invest in programs that enable children to

grow up healthy," said Ruth Ann Witteman, Exalted Ruler of the Lakewood Elks Lodge #1350. "By hosting this fundraiser with Connecting for Kids, our Lodge is helping local families who have children with disabilities, mental health issues and academic concerns find the resources they need to help their child reach their full potential."

The bowling fundraiser is just one in a series of events that Connecting for Kids has partnered with Lakewood Elks Lodge #1350 on this year. In February, more than 20 Elks volunteered their time to create 250 resource bags distributed at spring resource fairs in both eastern and western Cuyahoga County. Elks members also assisted vendors setting up at these events and provided funds to purchase food for the professionals in attendance. ●



Hank Nest, Elks Esteemed Loyal Knight; Brian Gartland, Elks Past Exalted Ruler; Maria Gregg, Elks Secretary and Past Exalted Ruler; Sarah Rintamaki, Executive Director of Connecting for Kids; Ruth Ann Witteman, Elks Exalted Ruler; Keith Duffy, Elks Trustee; and Eric Palker, Elks Esquire and Past Exalted Ruler.

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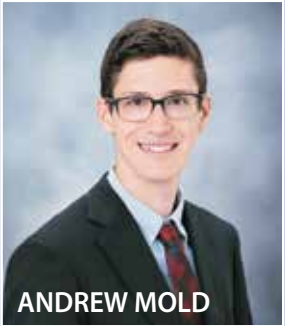
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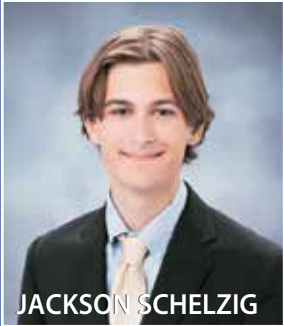
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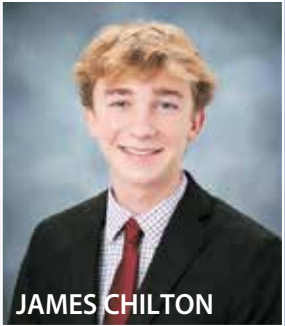
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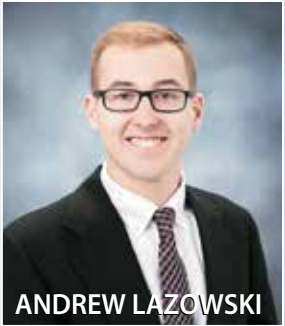
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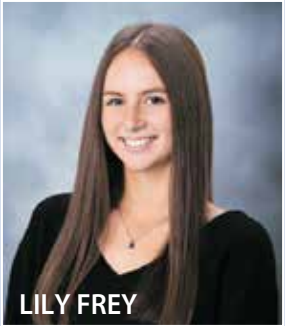
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O'Neill Healthcare celebrates 60 years in Bay Village

by RICHARD O'NEILL

O'Neill Healthcare celebrated 60 years serving the Bay Village and surrounding communities on May 18 and 19 with events for the staff, residents, residents' families, medical professionals, and government officials that made this milestone possible. The private party and open house featured live music, games, activities, food/drinks, prizes, and tours of the newly renovated facility.

A proclamation given by Mayor Paul Koomar recognized the milestone

stating, "The O'Neill family has proven not only to be compassionate to their residents and their families but good neighbors and a vital part of the Bay Village community."

A veteran of WWII, John O'Neill was a home builder in 1962 when he built Bradley Road hospital, which led to the start of O'Neill Healthcare. Over the next 60 years, the three generations of the O'Neill family have continued to focus on maintaining the highest quality care while managing to expand to 6 locations, employing nearly 900 staff members today. ●



Three generations of the O'Neill family have continued the business of caring for seniors.



Jennifer Fuehrer

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS/AMERICAN LEGION

Bay High student awarded military scholarship

by EDWARD HORVATH

Jennifer Fuehrer (Bay High School Class of 2023) is the winner of this year's Veterans

of Foreign Wars/American Legion Scholarship. Sponsored by VFW Post 9693 and Legion Post 385, this scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving Bay High

graduating senior who will be affiliated with the U.S. military while furthering their education.

Military affiliation can be satisfied by joining an ROTC program, enlisting in the Reserves or National Guard, or attending one of the U.S. Service Academies. Eligible post-high school education includes attendance at a four-year college, two-year community or technical college, trade

or vocational school, certificate program, or apprenticeship.

The winner is selected on the basis of academic performance, community service, extracurricular activities, character, leadership potential and expressed interest in military service.

Ms. Fuehrer will be in the Ohio Air National Guard while attending college at The Ohio State University-Mansfield. ●

Celebrate summer with us!

by NANCY BROWN

Come celebrate summer and a fun, dog-friendly event at the BAYarts Market every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. beginning June 15, weather permitting.

Each week, the New Bay Village Kennel Fund team will be hosting a table that will have a very special basket for raffle. Think about what you might find in a basket named "Canines in the Kitchen" or "Wagging and Wine." Imagine what a basket named "A Queen's Quilt" or "Dress Me Up" may offer in surprises. Each week there will be a new basket offered for raffle.

A raffle ticket will be \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25. Values of the basket will be noted along with all the contents so you will know what a great win you will have for your raffle ticket(s) which is also a donation to the New Kennel Fund. You don't want to miss a week as every basket is different and unique.

As a final applause to the New Bay

Village Dog Kennel fundraising effort, we will have some grand baskets for raffle at our Bark in the Park event on Saturday, Aug. 19. This joint fundraising event with BAYarts will be held on the arts campus at 28795 Lake Road from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bark in the Park will be fun activities near the stage area with lots of music, food, local vendors, rescue groups and a Pooch Parade along with other canine festivities.

Thanks to Bay Arts for supporting the efforts of the New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund by giving us the opportunity to participate in these great Bay Village events.

Donations to the Fund are tax deductible to the full extent of the law and may be sent to New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund, PO Box 40163, Bay Village, Ohio 44140. The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund is a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Please visit our Facebook page at "The New Bay Village Dog Kennel Fund" for more details. ●

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Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming calendar of events

Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's May 2023 calendar of events. All programs are subject to change. Please check westlakelibrary.org or follow the library on Facebook and Twitter (@WestlakePorter) for the latest updates.

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, June 7 (4-5 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Mike Rucker, Ph.D.** – Join us for an author visit with Dr. Mike Rucker as he talks about his book “The Fun Habit,” an inspiring and motivational guidebook that you will want to share with everyone in your life. Streamed live. Please register.

Wednesdays, June 7, 14 and 21 (4:30-6 p.m.) **Bow Wow Books** – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Sign up starts at 4 p.m. Dogs will stay for 10 minutes past the last registered reader or 1-1/2 hours, whichever comes first. Recommended for Grades K-4.

Wednesday, June 7 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club** – Join us for another creepy classic from the Vault! New members are welcome, but children under 13 must be with an adult. Please register.

Thursday, June 8 (2-4 p.m.) **You and Me Earring Making** – Learn the art of earring making by making two different styles of earrings. This class is for an adult with tween or teen. Please register.

Fridays, June 9 and 16 (1-3 p.m.) **Movies @ Your Library** – Enjoy a feature-length newly released DVD or favorite family classic. Contact Youth Services for specific titles.

Friday, June 9 (4:15-5 p.m.) **Sensory Workshop** – Let’s make ... connections, friends, cool stuff! In this workshop you’ll make something to take home with you! Ages 8-12. For children with disabilities and typical peers. Please register.

Saturdays, June 10 and 24 (10:30-11 a.m.) Wednesdays, June 14, 21 and 28 (7-7:30 p.m.) **Family Storytime** – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! For families with children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.

Saturday, June 10 (1-3 p.m.) **Bike Rodeo** – Learn bicycle handling skills, get helmet & bicycle checks, and earn a certificate for demonstrating your skills in the bike rodeo! Parent/guardian is required to attend with their child.

Westlake Police Department and Village Bicycle Cooperative will provide safety checks. Please register each child that is participating. Each participating child must bring a helmet and bike in good condition and working order. Younger siblings are welcome but will not be permitted to ride bikes in the rodeo. There will be a play-space available for younger siblings. Grades 1-6.

Monday, June 12 (11-11:45 a.m.) **Ready, Set, Kindergarten!** – Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to rotate through skill stations in preparation for making the leap into Kindergarten. Please register.

Monday, June 12 (1-1:45 p.m.) **Children’s Planting Workshop** – Learn the basics of gardening and plant your own herb pot with the Herb Guild Garden Club! Grades K-4. This outdoor event will involve a hands-on gardening activity. Please dress accordingly. Rain location is the Porter Room. Please register.

Monday, June 12 (2-3 p.m.) **Bring Your Own Book Club** – For readers in grades 7-12. Bring your favorite Young Adult book in the LGBTQ+ genre to share with the group, get a preview of new YA books in the WPPL collection and enjoy some trivia questions (with prizes).

Monday, June 12 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Beginning Coding for Adults** – Want to learn how to code? Find resources on how to start here! Please register.

Tuesday, June 13 (11 a.m.-noon) **Long Term Care Ombudsman** – Join us for an overview of this organization that advocates for people who use long-term care services. Please register.

Tuesdays, June 13 and 20 (2-2:30 p.m.) **Reading Buddies** – Partner with one of our teen reading buddies to practice your reading skills and share your favorite stories. Grades 1-3. Please register.

Tuesday, June 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Club (In Person AND Virtual)** – Join us to discuss “Persuasion” by Jane Austen. The discussion will be held in person and on Zoom simultaneously. Please register. If you register for the Zoom option you will receive a Zoom invitation and instructions by email.

Wednesdays, June 14, 21 and 28 (4-5 p.m.) **Introduction to Sign Language** – Learn the basics of communicating with the hearing impaired. This five-part class will cover the American Sign Language

alphabet, fingerspelling, and some commonly used words. All ages are welcome but ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver (please register caregiver as a guest). Valerie Williams is the instructor. Please register.

Wednesday, June 14 (6-8:30 p.m.) **HeartSaver CPR/AED** – Get certified for adult, child, and infant CPR and AED. Class led by certified instructors from UH St. John Medical Center. Visit uhems.org/event-search to register. Email account required. Participants under the age of 14 must have a parent or legal guardian in class. If any questions, contact the instructors at uh4cpr@gmail.com.

Wednesday, June 14 (7-8 p.m.) **Trivia and Pop Music of the 1970s** – Dr. Joel Keller, “The Doc of Rock,” returns with another evening of classic music fun! Join us as we travel back in time to the glory of the 1970s music scene! Please register.

Tuesday, June 15 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Internet and Email Basics with Introduction to Northstar** – Learn the basics of the internet, using email, and how to access Northstar Digital Literacy for self-paced online learning. Registration begins June 8.

Thursday, June 15 (2-2:30 p.m.) **Little Sprouts Storytime** – Members of WPPL’s Little Sprouts are invited to join Ms. Jamie for an afternoon of stories, songs, and rhymes! For ages 4 and under. Registration begins June 8.

Thursday, June 15 (2-3 p.m.) **Virtual Author Talk: Jamie Beck, An American in Provence (Virtual)** – Join us for a virtual author talk with award-winning photographer Jamie Beck. Streamed live. Please register.

Thursday, June 15 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Teen Crafternoons** – For teens in 7th-12th grades. Join us for some in-person crafting! The June 15 session is a special Pride Month edition.

Friday, June 16 (9:15-9:45 a.m.) **Yoga with Ms. Jen!** – Calm your body, mind, and spirit in this yoga class taught by a certified yoga instructor. Wear comfy clothes and bring your own mat or towel. Ages 2-6, siblings welcome. Registration begins June 9.

Friday, June 16 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Fun Science Friday: Seashells** – Seashells are home for small animals. We will learn what makes seashells special and unique. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Ages 4-6, up to Kindergarten. Registration begins June 9.

Saturday, June 17 (11-11:45 a.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – Join us for this storytime designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime.

Content is geared toward ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Saturday, June 17 (2-4 p.m.) **Make It, Take It!** – Stop by the Youth Services Department to complete a featured craft. Grades PreK-2. While supplies last.

Saturday, June 17 (3-4 p.m.) **Illustration Creation** – Learn about a featured illustrator and then create a project inspired by their art. Grades 1-3. Registration begins June 10.

Saturday, June 17 (9-11 p.m.) **Movies Under the Stars** – Enjoy a feature length newly released DVD or favorite family classic. Contact the library for the specific title. Movie will begin at dusk so feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Snacks are okay to bring. Building restrooms will be accessible. Caregivers must stay with their children. Rain venue is the Porter Room inside the library. All ages.

Sunday, June 18 (2-3 p.m.) **Art Smarts** – Explore some works of a well-known artist and then use what you’ve seen to create an art piece of your own. Grades 4-6. Registration begins June 11.

Monday, June 19 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) **Who’s at the Zoo? Craft Kit Pick Up** – Create some critter crafts featuring your favorite zoo animals. Kits will be available until June 25. Registration begins June 12.

Monday, June 19 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Music Monday** – Develop pre-reading skills with music, movement and rhythm through stories, songs and rhymes. Ages 2-6.

Monday, June 19 (7-7:45 p.m.) **Magic Show** – Come one, come all to this marvelous magic show sure to keep you laughing! Presented by Cleveland Magic and Balloons. Grades K-5, siblings welcome. Please register.

Tuesday, June 20 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Android Smartphone & Tablet User Group** – Do you own an iPhone or tablet? Bring it with your questions (or tips!) to this guided user group. Please register.

Tuesday, June 20 (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) **I Can Cook!** – Learn basic cooking skills with simple recipes for kids with disabilities and their typical peers. If you have an allergy or dietary concern, please contact the Youth Desk at 440-250-5471. Ages 3-7. Registration begins June 13.

Tuesday, June 20 (4:30-5:15 p.m.) **STEAM Club: Seashells** – Seashells are homes for small animals. We will learn what makes them special and unique. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home project. Grades 1-2. Registration begins June 13.

To register for any of the programs, please visit westlakelibrary.org/events. ●

Westlake Porter Public Library part of Cuyahoga Reads

by ELAINE WILLIS

Greater Cleveland libraries, including Westlake Porter Public Library, are joining together to help young people in Greater Cleveland who have fallen behind in their literacy skills due the COVID-19 pandemic in a new program called Cuyahoga Reads.

Building on the success of Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb’s Cleveland READS challenge to read 10 million minutes in 2023, Cuyahoga Reads will begin June 2023 and continue through December

2024. The program will focus on forming positive and consistent reading habits, fostering a love for reading, and equipping young people and families in Greater Cleveland with the literacy skills necessary for their future success.

Families are invited to attend the free Cuyahoga Reads kick-off party on Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Great Lakes Science Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., where they can enjoy family fun and sign up for the Cuyahoga Reads reading challenge with their library through Beanstack.

Partnering libraries are behind Cuyahoga Reads; a new innovative

program funded by the Ohio Department of Education’s Libraries Accelerating Learning grant. The Department awarded Libraries Accelerating Learning grants to Ohio libraries planning to create or expand literacy programs for Ohio’s PreK-12 students.

Cuyahoga Reads participants can look forward to instant access to library cards, eBooks, and eAudiobooks, a reading challenge that begins on Saturday, Aug. 5, and fun literacy-based activities.

To accelerate student learning, Making a Difference Consulting analyzed the Ohio Department of Education

school report card data, and conducted focus groups and community surveys at each library system to tailor literacy support based upon the needs of K-12 students in each community.

Everyone is encouraged to dive into summer reading programs at each of their participating libraries, pre-register for the Cuyahoga Reads challenge to keep reading momentum and habits going strong into the fall, and attend targeted literacy and learning programs at each partner library. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students. ●

Westlake and Bay Village honor veterans on Memorial Day



Memorial Day services at the Clague Park gazebo in Westlake.



Flag bearers lead the Memorial Day parade down Lake Rd. in Bay Village.

Bay Women's Club grants 7 scholarships

by NANCY TRAINER

The Bay Village Women's Club Foundation has awarded scholarships to 7 Bay High School 2023 graduates of \$2,500 each. The Club raises funds for scholarships and community projects while also enjoying social activities. If interested in helping, call or text 440-334-7539 or visit Facebook.com/BayVillageWomensclub.

Club members wish the best to our 2023 scholar recipients:

Catalina Cartwright will major in Fine Arts & Illustration at Columbus College of Art and Design. A National Honor Society member, Catalina was active in theatre, the Creative Arts Club and Choraleers.

Renee Duffy is preparing for a career in biology at The Ohio State University after serving as class president and keep-

ing fit in girls cross country, girls varsity and lacrosse.

Caitlyn Hartzell is destined for The Ohio State University but has not chosen a major yet. She was vice president of her class, swim team captain and in the marching band.

Jennifer Kasunick will major in business at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. She was active in Thespians, the newspaper, Model U.N., Key Club, National Honor Society, Chamber Orchestra, Choraleers and Jazz Ensemble.

Elise Kelley will study biochemistry at The Ohio State University. Elise was involved with Key Club, Project Earth and National Honor Society.

Jack Oster will major in Business Administration at The Ohio State Univer-



From left - Jack Oster, Elise Kelley, Jennifer Kasunick, Renee Duffy, Catalina Cartwright, Caitlyn Hartzell and Norah Schlegel received scholarships from the Bay Women's Club.

sity after participating in Bay High musicals, marching band drumline, wrestling team and rugby.

Norah Schlegel plans a career as a K-12 Intervention Specialist and will

attend Baldwin Wallace University. She served as Thespian treasurer and participated in PAL (Peer Assistance in Learning) program, symphonic band, and Key Club. ●

READER'S OPINION

We have a problem

by COLLEEN HARDING

On June 1, Crocker Park introduced a new policy. Anyone age 15 and under is required to have an adult/parent with them. This parent or adult will be responsible for any damages or losses caused by the child. Young people must bring proper identification with them to Crocker Park.

It all sounds quite severe. Why would Crocker Park feel the need to implement such a stern policy?

Because for some time,

federal groups of young teens have been tormenting the shop and restaurant employees and owners. They organize on social media and hit planned locations strategically, with one mission in mind. To destroy everything in their paths.

They break displays, turn over tables and chairs, destroy dining rooms and fight. The purpose is pure destruction. They don't think about patrons trying to enjoy a meal, employees that have to clean up the messes or owners that have to pay for the broken items.

They grab products from shelves and walk out the door. They trash bathrooms. They heckle and disrespect police officers because they know little will be done.

The business owners pay exorbitant amounts of rent to

be at Crocker Park. Businesses also struggle to hire and keep employees. It is a real challenge to keep a business open and running today. On top of the current challenges they face, they now have to worry about young people destroying their stores and restaurants.

During Covid young people were very angry. They missed out on a lot of important things. They missed out on socializing, friendships and enjoying events and ceremonies that were supposed to take place. It was sad and for this reason, we looked the other way on some bad behavior situations. It's time to stop now. It's time to rein things back into control. There is no credible justification for hurting people and businesses.

Crocker Park is not a

recreation center. It is not a daycare and it is also not a place where people should be mistreated or abused. It is a lovely shopping/ dining spot where everyone should feel comfortable enjoying the surroundings.

It is time for good people to say enough!

Before you get upset with Crocker Park about this new rule, think about what they have been dealing with for quite a while. Think about how many times they have had to deal with behavior completely unfitting for the venue. I do feel for the young people who have respected the environment and have enjoyed socializing without incident.

Unfortunately, we all know what the few bad apples are capable of. ●

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Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, June 8, noon
POT-A-PLANT POTLUCK
Bring a pot or hanging basket with dirt, along with a salad or dessert to share. After filling our stomachs, we'll provide the flowers and you provide the labor. Take home a creative, colorful planter for your outdoor space. Fun session, free and open to the public. For questions, call Nancy at 440-334-7539. Sponsored by BV Women's Club.
Bay Village Police Station, Community Room, 28000 Wolf Rd.

Thursday, June 8, 5-8 p.m.
PAULA ZINSMEISTER: 'FROM THE GROUND UP' OPENING RECEPTION
This show encompasses many aspects of the word "ground," including both the materials and process used in creating this body of work. The title also honors the wonder that occurs daily in nature as plants emerge from the ground up. The show will run through July 8. Visit bayarts.net for more information.
BAYarts, Sullivan Family Gallery, 28795 Lake Rd.

Friday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Smokin' Rock n' Roll & Smokin' Rock n' Roll on Ice trucks will be set up behind City Hall.
Bay Village City Hall, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
BAYARTS ANNUAL ART AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
This year will feature over 75 local vendors including art, crafts, food, and more. We'll have food trucks as well as live music. Admission and parking are free. Friendly dogs on leash welcome.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Monday, June 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES, INC. (PERI) CHAPTER 91 MEETING
Guest speaker will be Kerry Trotter, a representative of Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) which, in partnership with the Public Employee Retirees Inc. (PERI), provides educational seminars and supplemental health insurance plans available to retired public employees. Her talk will be followed by a time for Q&A. All public sector retirees are welcome.
Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.
HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB MEETING
The meeting will start at 10:30. After a brief lunch at noon, the club will have a presentation by Master Gardener Holly McTernam, who will tell us how to keep

unwanted critters out of our gardens. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 440-382-5840 or visit theherbguild.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, June 15, 4-7 p.m.
BAYARTS THURSDAY FARM AND ART MARKET
Join us every Thursday evening from June 15 through Sept. 14 for local art, food, live music, and more. Free admission and parking. Friendly dogs on leash are welcome.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Friday, June 16, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Swensons & Kona Ice trucks will be set up behind City Hall.
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Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m.-noon
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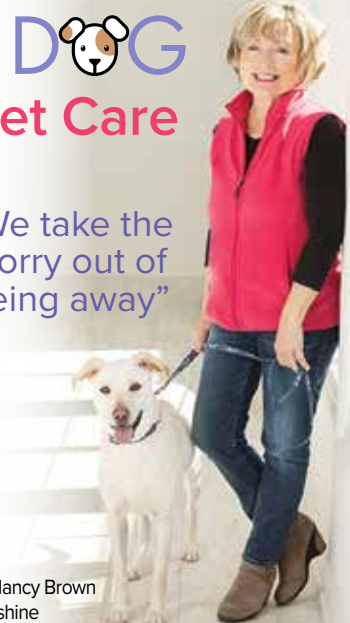
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