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## Westlake Relay for Life



Members of the Westlake High School Choral Dept. walk the high school track at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. The group spent Saturday night on the rainy athletic field to show their support for Relay for Life's mission of finding a cure for cancer. See more photos on page 5.

## Barn artist to speak at Porter Library June 21

by Lysa Stanton

One of the last remaining barn artists in Ohio will be the featured speaker at a joint meeting of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and Westlake Historical Society on June 21 at 7 p.m.

Scott Hagan, of Jerusalem, Ohio, is the artist responsible for painting the Ohio Bicentennial logo on 88 barns for the Ohio Bicentennial Commission.

During the five years it took to complete the barns, Scott logged more than 65,000 miles, applied 645 gallons of paint, wore out 100 brushes, and gained many, many stories and tales.

Scott will enlighten, entertain and delight attendees at this meeting. Scott will share many of the trials and tribulations of his unique occupation.

Scott has appeared on CBS News Sunday Morning with Charles



Barn artist Scott Hagan, who has painted graphics on barns across Ohio and the U.S., will visit Porter Library June 21 at 7 p.m.

Osgood, and has been featured in newspapers such as USA Today and The Wall Street Journal. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about barn artistry and meet this wonderful artist and friend of the Westlake Historical Society.

Registration for this free event is suggested as seating is limited; call Porter Library at 440-871-2600.

To read more about Scott Hagan and see pictures of his barn artistry, visit <http://barnartist.com>.



## Bay Days is coming!

by Karen Utthe

Bay Village's 59th annual Independence Day celebration, Bay Days, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, will take place June 30 through July 2, shut down on Sunday, July 3 (in accordance with the Cahoon Will agreement), and then resume on Monday, July 4 – all at Cahoon Park.

Booths and rides will be open from noon to 10:30 p.m. daily. From noon to 4 p.m. each day, thrill-seekers can ride to their heart's content for the flat rate of \$15 with a ride wristband.

"The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, along with the City of Bay Village, has once again lined up a spectacular Independence Day celebration for young and old alike at this year's Bay Days celebration," says Rhonda Schneider of the Kiwanis Club. "Come on out and enjoy the rides, help local civic organizations raise money at their booths and of course, take your entire family to the incredible fireworks presentation on Monday."

The schedule of Kiwanis Club-sponsored events kicks off on Thursday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m. with live music at the Gazebo with the Belaires playing 50s and 60s music.

Then it's the Classic Car Cruise-In at Cahoon Park on Friday, July 1, at 5 p.m., along with DJ Cadillac Mike, and then at 6:30 p.m. it's more live music at the Gazebo with the Sloppy Joe Band.

Saturday, July 2, features a vintage baseball game at Cahoon Park at noon with the Bay Men's Club Bay Villagers vs. the National Champion Cleveland Blues, and then live music at the Gazebo at 2 p.m. with The Elegant Winos and then at 6:30 p.m. with The Four Lads.

The weekend is rounded out with the Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade on Monday, July 4, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gazebo; the recitation of the Declaration of Independence by Pete Dannemiller; adult and children's games at the Cahoon Soccer Fields at 2 p.m.; more live music with The Keller Brothers Singers at the Gazebo at 2 p.m.; The Dan Zola Orchestra performing big band music at the Gazebo at 6:30 p.m.; and then the perfect finale to the festivities is the GALA Firework Display at Cahoon Park at dusk, about 9:45 p.m. (Rain date for the fireworks is Tuesday, July 5.)





# West Shore ‘Indian tribes’ hold powwow at Clague Park



The West Shore Indian Princesses and Indian Guides held their first summer gathering at Clague Park on June 11. The picnic brought together many of the local “Tribes” that belong to the West Shore “Nation.” The mission of the WSIP and WSIG is to foster a relationship between father and child by engaging them in activities together.

Pictured above: (back row) Princess Nation Chief Todd Brandt, Abby Brandt, Lydia Brandt; (front row) Allyson Levenberg, Vivian Brandt, Henry Levenberg. ●



## Leave Your Mark! and become a part of Westlake History!

Buy an engraved century old brick from the Red Brick School for the Bicentennial Founders’ Walk at Clague Park.



As part of the city of Westlake’s Bicentennial celebration, we will be honoring the city’s founding families and preserving history with a Founder’s Walk at Clague Park. The city has purchased bricks from the recently demolished Red Brick School on Dover Center Road for the walkway. Your engraved brick will be placed along side the founders of Westlake on the pathway.

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- Anyone who lives, works or has a vested interest in Westlake or Bay Village is encouraged to contribute.
- Aim for 300-500 words.
- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. Your stories will be read by people throughout Westlake and Bay Village (and beyond) so keep the audience in mind when choosing topics.
- Know you'll be edited. All stories pass through

editors who review stories for spelling and grammar. We try to keep the news as "unfiltered" as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.

- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
- Don't write stories solely to promote your business—that's what ads are for.

Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process.

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## SUMMER READING GAME KICKS OFF AT BAY BRANCH LIBRARY

by Pam Defino

The Cuyahoga County Public Library's Summer Reading Program had an official launch at the Bay Village Branch on June 13 with Wildlife Wendy Horton and Michael Roy Baldridge amazing the audience with live birds and origami creations of all sorts. Segments of the day were filmed to air June 20 on WKYC-TV's "Good Company."

You can sign up for the Summer Reading program either online or at the branch and let your reading give you the chance to win fabulous prizes as well as enhance your summer!

If the city reaches its goal of 20,000 hours of reading, the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library will be adopting the Boa Constrictor at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center for a year. So, come join the fun! ●



Garrett Baumgartner watches as Michael Roy Baldridge creates origami creatures from around the world.



A room full of kids enjoys Wildlife Wendy Horton at the Bay Village Branch Library Summer Reading Kick off event on June 13.

## Clown around at Bay's Country Festival June 18

by Nancy Brown

The entertainment company of Flower Clown will be dazzling visitors of Bay's Country Festival with each squeak and twist of the balloons to make a magical and memorable piece of artwork for each individual.

Along with Flower Clown will be everybody's favorite lovable, red and fuzzy friend, Elmo.

The Bay Village Historical Society's annual Country

Festival is Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Cagoon Park.

Come prepared to dance, sing, laugh and help the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel meet, if not exceed, the goal to build a new kennel in Bay Village!

Flower Clown and Elmo will be at the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel tent from noon until 4 p.m. The first 300 visitors to the tent receive a free goody bag.

Several pet-related items will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel. For more information go to [www.friendsofbayvillagekennel.com](http://www.friendsofbayvillagekennel.com) or the Bay Village Historical Society website at [bayhistorical.com](http://bayhistorical.com). ●



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# Take a trip to pioneer times without leaving your computer

by Jayne Broestl

If you are wondering what first brought the New England settlers to the Western Reserve some 200 years ago, you might start by visiting the website of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs>. Just click on the “Pioneer Women” menu tab.

Cuyahoga West’s webmaster, John Noble, has posted an article that was written by local history instructor Bob Rich and appeared in a July 1996 issue of The Plain Dealer.

For the most part, New England farmers had a difficult life working the thin and rocky soils of Connecticut and Vermont. Ohio’s Western Reserve promised an easier way of life, with cheap fertile land and abundant game to provide them with a hearty diet. But what the settlers found here was nothing like the idyllic lifestyle that was depicted in the painting that was circulated by the Connecticut Land Company, to entice settlers to purchase land in the Western Reserve of Northeast Ohio.

Life of the pioneers was especially difficult. After building some sort of shelter for his family, a husband would spend his entire day in the field working the crops, leaving his wife to care for the children, cook, clean and weave yarn to make cloth for clothing the family.

A more detailed account of the life of specific pioneer women can be found in the multi-volume book titled “Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve.” It was compiled and published by the Woman’s Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission in 1896 and is available at most local libraries.

However, you can access some of this material online now from this same Cuyahoga West webpage.



**This Connecticut Land Company “propaganda” painting appeared in The Plain Dealer in July 1996 with the caption: “The promise of fertile fields and plenty of game lured New England farmers to the Western Reserve, where they found reality was far different than this idyllic painting depicts.”**

John Noble scanned and uploaded the “chapters” for Cleveland, Cleveland’s Westside and the townships of Brecksville, Brooklyn, Dover (Westlake/Bay Village), Middleburg, Olmsted, Parma, Rockport, Royalton and Strongsville.

Each “chapter” is fully searchable and John has added an every-name index for easy referencing. Also uploaded are the List of Men in the American Revolution and the List of Men in the War of 1812 that appeared in the original multi-volume book.

Check it out. Even if you do not have ancestors from the Western Reserve, you may enjoy reading what was written over 100 years ago about the earliest settlers.

Cuyahoga West Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:45 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, except August and December. Elizabeth Hauser will present “And Bob’s Your Uncle! Basics of Family History Research in England,” Wednesday, June 15, from 7:00-8:45 p.m. The public is invited at no charge. ●

## Barn Sale June 18 at Clague Playhouse

by Pam Kilpatrick

Clague Playhouse’s annual “Barn Sale” will be held on Saturday, June 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This annual fundraiser for the theater includes tables, lamps, furniture, decor items, pictures, books, kitchen and bath items, lawn and garden equipment, small appliances,

toys, games, crafts, and sports equipment.

Cash, checks, and Discover/MasterCard/Visa will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale will be used for operating costs for the 2011-2012 season.

Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Rd., between Detroit and Hilliard. ●

## BUSINESS & FINANCE

# What might be keeping you from receiving the interview phone call

by Michael Perry

When I recently asked a good friend of mine, who is the Marketing Director for a large non-profit organization, what was the most frustrating part of her job, she immediately replied, “hiring new people.” She went on to relate how 400 resumes were received within two hours of posting an opening for a Marketing Assistant. When I asked how many of the 400 resumes she felt were good enough to warrant a call for an interview, my friend responded, “less than 10...and a few of those are borderline.” This is today’s reality for hiring managers.

Here are some of the most common errors on resumes that prevent candi-

dates from being added to the short list of people to be called for interviews:

**NO RESULTS** – Bullet points that read like a laundry list of duties and responsibilities rather than specific examples of accomplishments and “how” those results/outcomes were accomplished. Don’t just tell them that you can do something well – prove it by using specific examples demonstrating exceptional outcomes.

**LACK OF METRICS TO QUANTIFY STATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS** – Telling them that you “increased client satisfaction” packs no punch unless you quantify that claim with some sort of metric (percentage increase on client satisfaction survey scores, percentage growth in

referrals from existing clients, dollar or percentage increase in repeat sales, etc.)

**POORLY WRITTEN AND/OR FORMATTED** – Resumes that contain grammatical or spelling errors, bullet points that are not clear and need to be “interpreted” (by the way, hiring managers have neither the time nor the patience to figure out what you are trying to tell them in your resume), formatting that makes it hard on the eyes to read (font size and style, too many lines used as separators, margins that are too small or too big, etc.).

**RESUME NOT CUSTOMIZED FOR THE POSITION BEING SOUGHT** – The more generic your resume sounds, the less skilled you appear. You are trying to convince them that you are “the one” to fill their open position. Remember – the hiring manager’s objective is to find “the best person available,” someone who is going to make them look great

to their boss. If a hiring manager sees a resume customized for their open position, you’ve already made a positive impression by demonstrating that you understand the need to focus on the skills and requirements as noted in the job description.

The good news is that all of these problems are correctable...and easily so. Yes, there is a greater investment of your time required to develop that “killer” resume, but – aren’t you trying to convince them that you are that one out of 400 other candidates that they should hire?

As you write your resume, put yourself in the shoes of the hiring manager who wrote the position description for the job you are seeking. Are you (the hiring manager) going to be “wowed” enough to move you (the candidate) to the next step and schedule an interview?

Create a “wow” perception that will become the hiring manager’s reality. ●

## SENIOR LIVING

# Seniors enjoy an afternoon of fashion and fun!

by Anne Naumann

Over 100 guests spent an afternoon enjoying a look back at the history of women in America as told through fashion when they attended a luncheon hosted by the West Shore Senior Center, located in the Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village. The special afternoon was part of a fundraising event designated to help generate revenue to continue to provide services for area seniors.

Thanks to the generosity of West Bay Care & Rehabilitation Center, the program was a great success. The West Shore Senior Center relies solely on donations for its daily operations and was very grateful to West Bay who offered to provide the entertainment for this important program.

“They were so wonderful to me when I went there for rehabilitation,” gushed Joanne Rubino, a resident of the Knickerbocker. “Not only did they give me my strength back, but now this beautiful, wonderful afternoon. We all had so much fun and are so grateful!”

Resident Diane Vincent made all of the centerpieces for the tables and then went to work on a special hat to wear to the luncheon. She was equally thrilled with the show. “I smiled so many times when I saw some of those outfits and the memories came flooding back. What a treat!” she said.

The afternoon show was professionally staged by Goodwill Industries. The lunch was catered in-house thanks to donations from members of St. Barnabas Church in Bay, who work year-round in support of the senior center. Area benefactors helped sponsor ticket sales and made sure everyone had a chance to attend, regardless of income.

The West Shore Senior Center is so grateful for all support received to make this event such a success. ●



**Knickerbocker residents Joanne Rubino and Diane Vincent show off their hats at the event sponsored by West Bay Care and Rehabilitation Center. Yvonne Atkinson of West Bay and Althea Haagen of VIVA Fashion Shows made sure everyone had a great time!**



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

## Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Joyce Sandy

The Bay Village Branch Library has several cool programs coming up, so plan on attending or just stop in to browse the collection and find a book to enjoy. Whether you want to get that garden started, or just want a book for reading in the hammock, we'll help you find it. Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Game – a fun way for all ages to keep reading over the summer. The Grand Prize list has something for everyone, but you have to read to be entered.

We also need readers to add up those hours to adopt the Boa Constrictor at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. Sign up online or register in person. Hope to see you soon!

**ADULT DEPARTMENT:**

**Wednesday, June 15 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND ETHNIC EATS** – Take a trip around the world without leaving Greater Cleveland! Join us as we welcome Laura Taxel, author of "Cleveland Ethnic Eats." Find out what restaurants are here, how to find them, and what delicious menu items you'll find when you get there.

**Thursday, June 23 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR VISIT: LINDA CASTILLO** – Linda Castillo is the New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of the Kate Burkholder series of crime fiction novels set in Ohio's Amish Country. Join us as she visits Bay Village on her national book tour to promote the latest in the series, "Breaking Silence," which will be released in June. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Thursday, July 14 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR VISIT: TERRY PLUTO** – Join us as veteran sportswriter Terry Pluto discusses his newest book, "Things I've Learned From Watching the Browns." Pluto's book includes stories from 1,000 fans, interviews with former players, and his own expert analysis.

**CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:**

**Wednesday, June 15 (2-3 p.m.) BOOK BUZZ – FUN WITH FLAT STANLEY** – For grades 2-4. Read a Flat Stanley book and have fun with activities related to the book.

**Monday, June 20 (11 a.m.) STORY SAFARI: ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD** – Join storyteller Jennifer Johnson in acting out funny animal folktales with puppets and masks, then

make a craft!

**Tuesday, July 5 (2 p.m.) BOOK BUZZ – TRAVELING WITH STRINGBEAN** – For grades 2-4. Have fun reading "Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea," discussing it, and then enjoying activities related to the book.

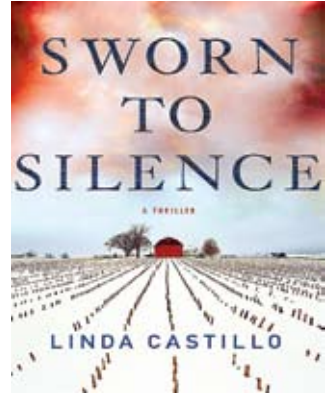
**Thursday, July 7 (10:30 a.m.) DAVE WOLF'S ANIMAL FRIENDS** – Families with children ages 4-10 will enjoy an up close and personal visit with live animals that Dave Wolf will bring from the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. He'll share many interesting facts about each animal that come from different parts of the world.

Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392 or go online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org). We look forward to seeing you!

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AUTHOR LINDA  
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You read the book, now come meet the author!

Linda Castillo, author of Amish murder mystery series, "Sworn to Silence", "Pray for Silence" and the latest title "Breaking Silence", will be at the Bay Village Branch Library on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Come meet the mystery lady in person and break your silence with her. ●



## Westlakers come out to support cancer survivors, raise funds

Westlake's Relay for Life kicked off at noon on Saturday, June 11, with a cancer survivors' lunch in the Westlake High School gym. Following speeches of inspiration and hope, the survivors led the inaugural lap around the stadium track.

Individuals and teams walked the track for 19 straight hours, from 1 p.m. on Saturday until 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The annual nationwide event raises money through pledges and sponsorships for the American Cancer Society. ●



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## ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

## Remembering Dad

by Dianne Borowski

By day, Dad was the sales manager of a local company which manufactured wire screen. Each morning he left the house in his starched white shirt and patterned tie. At night all he wanted was peace and quiet. Weekends, however, were another story.

Every Friday and Saturday night throughout my childhood and adolescence he played the saxophone in a three-piece band. Dad was an entertainer. He loved performing. He sang, cracked jokes and put his heart and soul into the music he played. As I look through the pictures of Dad's band, I can almost hear the songs which were such a huge part of my younger years. Dad played the sax well into his eighties, filling in for local bands any chance he got.

I miss my dad. There are so many stories he told that I listened to with only half an ear. I regret not paying better attention to the bits of family and local history he often shared. If I could do it over again I would really pay attention and take notes.

Seriously, how does one learn about one's roots when there is no one left to ask? Memories are flighty. We often only remember pieces of what was said, and many times our memories are inaccurate. If you're interested in genealogy and family history, write it down, record it, videotape your family's story tellers. You won't regret it.

I will celebrate Father's Day going through old pictures, remembering the good times and reflecting on the not so good. However you spend Father's Day, make it a meaningful one. ●

## READERS' LETTERS

## Respect lacking at graduation ceremony

I'm writing to discuss respect, or more accurately, lack of respect. My son graduated from Westlake High School this year, and I proudly attended the Commencement Ceremony.

In the program, and then again from the stage, it was respectfully requested that the crowd refrain from applauding until all the names had been called. They gave reasonable, even eloquent reasons for this.

Unfortunately, this wasn't enough for a small but exceedingly vocal minority. They insisted on hooting and hollering after many of the names, interrupting the proceedings. By doing this, they cheapened and diminished what was an inspirational event for most in attendance. It was rude and disrespectful.

— David Simon, Westlake

## Final update on Westerly's rain barrel project

by Audrey Ray, third-grader at Westerly Elementary School

Did you hear? The Rain Barrel Run Off project that Mrs. Fisher's class did was a huge success! All the rain barrels were sold and soon lots of houses will be conserving water and helping the environment.

If you see one, please take a moment and think about all the hard work that was put into it. The rain barrels will help reduce storm water, pollution and all kinds of other things.

If you bought a rain barrel then you know how beautiful and bright they are and how they fit nicely in your garden. The rain barrel water can be used for things such as washing cars or watering plants and flowers. Thank you for supporting our project and we hope you enjoy them.

To celebrate the end of our rain barrel project and the end of the school year, our class had a restaurant called the H2O Café. Parents and friends in the community came



Westerly students present a check to Scott Best, president of the Bay Education Foundation, at the H2O Café.

to eat and see the rain barrels at the restaurant in our Westerly cafeteria. We invited the president of the Bay Education Foundation, Mr. Scott Best, to eat at the H2O Café because we had a giant check to give him from the profits we made selling the

rain barrels. The total was \$778.10 and Mr. Best was impressed!

Thank you again, Bay Village. We couldn't have done it without the support of the businesses and the rain barrel buyers. This is a project that my classmates and I will always remember. ●

## Compeer thanks Westlake man for six years of volunteer service

by Denise Ayres

Our Compeer Program is fortunate to have many outstanding men and women volunteering their time for individuals in isolation. Our Valuable Volunteers offer friendship on a one-to-one basis to adults who are managing chronic mental illness.

Our volunteers help individuals by scheduling regular phone calls, making home visits, arranging meetings at community places and encouraging their Match Members to attend Compeer Social Events. This very important work is a great help to an individual who may be depressed and/or suffers anxiety as a result of managing mental illness.

Imagine if something occurred in your life that completely removed you from your peer group. Perhaps you have suffered a physical or mental illness that keeps you isolated at home for a long time. Life continues to go on outside your home and you become depressed.

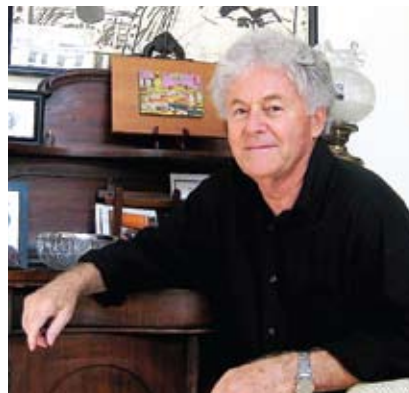
When your recovery is almost complete you find yourself either too depressed or too frightened to go out and rejoin your community. If you can

imagine this, you may now understand what happens for our Compeer members. This is why it is so important that people come forward and volunteer to help Compeer with our service mission: "Making Friends. Changing Lives."

Each year, United Way asks Far West Center to inform them about people that have done outstanding volunteer work for our agency. For 2010 our Compeer Valuable Volunteer, Mr. Josef Vyvoda, was chosen as a "United Way Spotlight Volunteer." Josef Vyvoda became a Compeer volunteer and was matched with a Compeer member six years ago. Not only does Josef encourage the gentleman he is matched with, Josef also encourages many other members of our program.

Josef Vyvoda, a Westlake resident, is an Industrial Research Chemist and Engineer. He discovered the Compeer Program through a posting at Westlake Porter Public Library. Josef has been matched with the same gentleman since he began Compeer in 2005.

I have known this gentleman since the 1990s and have seen first hand how Josef's ongoing friendship has brought back a light to his friend's eyes and a



Compeer volunteer Josef Vyvoda of Westlake was honored as a "United Way Spotlight Volunteer" for 2010.

frequent smile to his face. By offering friendship, Josef truly is changing the lives of Compeer members.

Josef and his Compeer match enjoy many social activities. They enjoy meeting for lunch, home visits, school hockey games and music performances. They have a good time at the Annual Compeer Holiday Party and Annual Compeer Picnic. They laugh with the fun-loving group at our two monthly Coffee Night Mondays. They attend our monthly Game Night where they join others for a Scrabble challenge or a game of group charades.

Please consider becoming a Compeer volunteer. We are happy to answer questions at 440-835-6212, ext. 242, or compeer@farwestcenter.com. ●

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# Crocker Park hosts annual art fair and dog event



Thousands of art-lovers and dog-lovers came out to Crocker Park for the sixth annual Fine Art Fair and “Crocker Bark” event June 11-12. The weekend festivities included more than 100 artists selling their work and over 20 vendors offering canine-related products and services. The fair weather helped boost attendance at the event, and the Kalihari Splash Zone (pictured, right) was a hit with kids and dogs, alike.



## Enter Porter Public Library’s Youth Drawing Contest commemorating the Bicentennial

Westlake residents are invited to participate in a youth drawing contest for a chance to win a gift card and have their artwork publicly displayed.

All entries must feature a building or historical landmark located in Westlake. Ideas include schools, churches, parks, recreation center, senior center, police or fire department.

Entries must be on paper at least 8.5 by 11 inches, but no larger than 11-by-17.

Choose any medium (paint, crayons, charcoal, pen, etc.)

One winner from each age category

(ages 3-6, 7-10, 11-14 and 15-18 years) will be selected by our library staff to win a \$20 gift card from Pat Catan’s. Each winner and one runner-up from each age category will have their art displayed at Westlake Porter Public Library.

All entries must be submitted to the Youth Services department no later than Friday, June 24.

Include on the back of drawing:

Child’s name and age, name of building/ location of drawing, names of parents or legal guardian, address and phone number.

*Please, only one entry per child.* ●

## WHS softball team honored for academic excellence

by Kim Bonvissuto

For the second straight year the Westlake High School Varsity softball team was honored by the Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association for having the highest team GPA – 4.074 – in the state of Ohio.

This year’s team won the Sectional Championship and was named a District Semi-Finalist. The team finished with a 13-10 overall record and a Southwestern Conference record of 7-7. They also set a school record for highest batting average in a season at .362. The Lady Demons also won the Westlake Kick-It charity tournament, which raised \$1,800 for children’s cancer research.

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

June events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

**Thursday, June 16 (3-4 p.m.) STRATEGY GAMES CLUB** – Think, plan, outwit and enjoy – learn to play new and classic games of strategy with your friends! Grades 4-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Friday, June 17 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open play-time with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Friday, June 17 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @YOUR LIBRARY** – “Yogi Bear” (Rated PG) – Cool off with some fun summer movies at the library! Titles may change depending upon release dates. All ages welcome; room limited to 58. Registration begins one week before each movie.

**Saturday, June 18 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO!** – Join us for a fun and easy craft! All supplies provided; just drop in.

**Saturday, June 18 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS**

**Saturday, June 18 (1-2 p.m.) OR (3-4 p.m.) BICENTENNIAL TEA PARTY** – Bring your grandma, grandpa or other favorite grown-up to celebrate Westlake’s bicentennial. We’ll serve tea and tasty treats, and have stories, songs and a craft. Ages 5-8. Registration begins June 11.

**Monday, June 20 (7-8:30 p.m.) HOW TO PURSUE A JOB WITH A TARGET EMPLOYER** – Jim Grant of the Chagrin Valley Job Seekers will discuss What is Your Initial Objective; the Job Hunting Process, Step-by-Step; Specifics on “What to Do” and “What to Say”; How to Avoid Cold Calling; and How to Conduct Your Meeting/Interview. Please register.

**Monday, June 20 (7-8:45 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE: “AND THE**

**WINNER IS...”** – Join us for a special screening of this locally produced independent film “mockumentary” about a small-town mayoral election being run in the style of a beauty pageant. See if you can spot the scene shot in Westlake! Please register.

**Tuesday, June 21 (2-3 p.m.) BALLOON-ODOLOGY WORKSHOP** – Learn how to turn simple balloons into cool animals and crazy hats with Tess Shimko, balloon artist extraordinaire! Grades 4-6. Registration begins June 14.

**Tuesday, June 21 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAD4MANGA** – M4M is everything manga! We talk about manga, create manga art and more! For grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, June 22 (10:15-10:45 a.m.) STORYTIME WITH CAPTAIN TURNER** – Join us outside for story-time with Captain Turner of the Westlake Police Department! In addition to stories we’ll have a close-up look at a real police car. Please meet in the front lobby. In case of rain, this event will be held in the Storytime Room.

**Wednesday, June 22 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – June’s selection is “Fly Away Home” by Jennifer Weiner.

**Wednesday, June 22 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB** – Love those LEGO bricks? Then bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-13. Registration begins one week prior to each session.

**Wednesday, June 22 (7-7:30 p.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE!** – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

**Thursday, June 23 (3-4 p.m.) STRATEGY GAMES CLUB** – Think, plan, outwit and enjoy – learn to play new and classic games of strategy with your friends! Grades 4-7. Registration begins

one week before each session.

**Thursday, June 23 (7-8:45 p.m.) THE ROMANCE OF EDITH AND WOODROW WILSON** – Stephanie Kramer-Vetrone returns to WPPL with a one-person presentation featuring songs of the period about Edith, the woman who married a sitting President. Please register.

**Friday, June 24 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @YOUR LIBRARY – “ALPHA AND OMEGA” (RATED PG)** – Cool off with some fun summer movies at the library! Titles may change depending upon release dates. All ages welcome; room limited to 58. Registration begins one week before each movie.

**Saturday, June 25 (9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) BABYSITTING WORKSHOP** – The American Red Cross is offering a six-hour course that is designed for 11 to 15-year-olds. The course covers: 1) fundamental leadership skills; 2) the business of babysitting; 3) safety issues related to babysitting; 4) understanding childhood development and behavior; 5) the essentials of basic child care; and 6) what to do in an emergency. Please bring a lunch. The fee for this course is \$55.00. You MUST register with the Red Cross by calling 216-431-3010 or register online at <http://www.redcross-cleveland.org/courses/default.asp>.

**Saturday, June 25 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTS A GO-GO!** – Join us for a fun and easy craft! All supplies provided; just drop in.

**Monday, June 27 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD-MOBILE**

**Monday, June 27 (3-4 p.m.) MAGIC SHOW WITH RICK SMITH JR.** – It’s magic! Come see an exciting magic show presented by Rick Smith Jr., who has performed on “The Ellen Degeneres Show,” “America’s Got Talent,” and many other

national and international television shows. Grades 5-12. Registration begins June 20.

**Monday, June 27 (7 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Tuesday, June 28 (1-4 p.m.) MAKE YOUR OWN TIME CAPSULE!** – Drop in and create a 2011 time capsule containing your special memories, pictures and favorite things. We’ll provide the canisters and craft items to decorate them with! For ages 7 and older.


**Wednesday, June 29 (2-3 p.m.) LAST MINUTE CRAFTS** – Make a fun, patriotic craft for July 4! All supplies provided. Grades 1-3. Registration begins June 22.

**Thursday, June 30 (3-4 p.m.) STRATEGY GAMES CLUB** – Think, plan, outwit and enjoy – learn to play new and classic games of strategy with your friends! Grades 4-7. Registration begins one week before each session.


**Thursday, June 30 (7-8 p.m.) MARK WADE’S AROUND THE WORLD ADVENTURE SHOW** – Take a trip to strange and exotic lands with ventriloquist Mark Wade and his pals: helpful magic wand Wally and favorite talking suitcase Sammy! Free tickets available in Youth Services starting June 23. Sorry, no reserves.

**ALSO IN JUNE: WPPL’s Youth Drawing Contest** All entries must feature a building or historical landmark located in Westlake. Entries will be judged in four age categories: 3-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years. Prizes will be awarded! Entries accepted until June 24. Contact Youth Services at 440-250-5471 for details.

To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>.



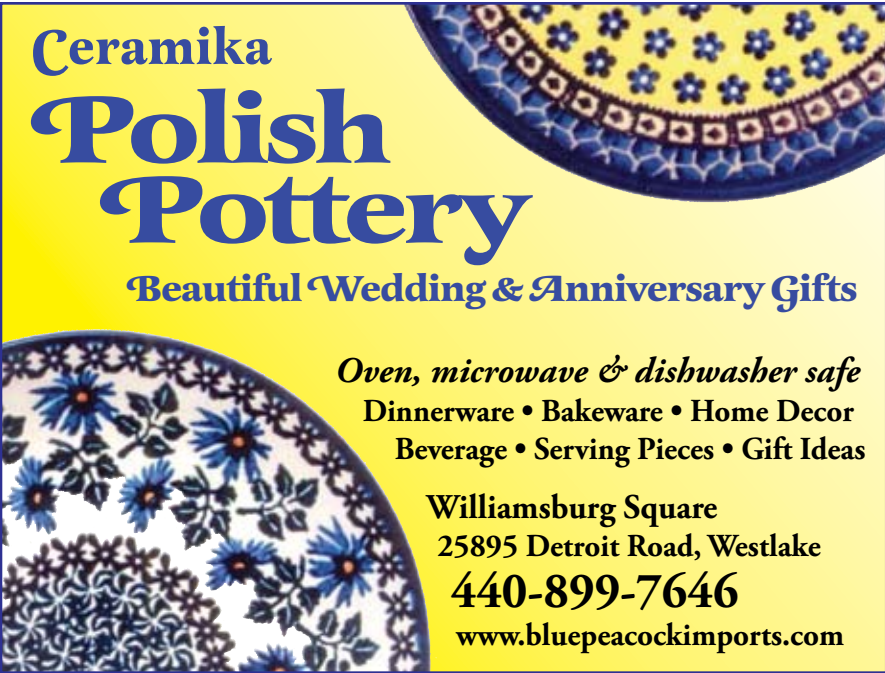
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# Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

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## Where's Dover the Bicentennial Bear?

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

*Hey kids (of all ages), "Dover" the wandering Bicentennial Bear from the Westlake Historical Society has found another interesting and historical place! Every month, Dover travels to a different location in Westlake and reports back to us on what he finds.*

This month, Dover Bear left the Clague House Museum and traveled to Dover Center Road and also to Center Ridge Road. He wanted to learn more about barns and the significant role they played here in Westlake.

Dover Bear also learned a lot about the farming that took place here many, many years ago. He learned that at one time Westlake was the second largest exporter of grapes in the United States.

Dover made his first stop at the Gorski family residence on Dover Center Road, where he was able to see cows. These cows, although not real, were a great replica of the many cows that once were considered prized commodities here.

Dover Bear then visited the Center Ridge Road home of the Wang family. While there,

Dover had the opportunity to see the barn on the property. Mr. Wang shared with Dover his knowledge of the history of the barn. The barn is thought to be over 150 years old. Dover realized as he traveled the city of Westlake that there are still barns to see.

The barn symbolizes the way life in Dover/Westlake once was. Take a closer look and you might just see a barn or two tucked in back of a current property or nestled behind a home here in Westlake.

Dover's friends at the Westlake Historical Society have undertaken steps to identify, catalog and photograph all the barns that are still standing. If you know of a barn or are the owner of one of these gems of Westlake's past, please contact the Westlake Historical Society.

Dover would like to thank the Gorski and Wang families for the wonderful opportunity to see some of Westlake's history.

Please join the Westlake Historical Society and the Westlake Westshore Arts Council on June 21 at Porter Library at 7:00 p.m. to hear Ohio barn artist Scott Hagan share stories about his unusual career of barn painting. ●



Dover Bear learns about early Dover farming and visits a fake cow.



This barn, behind a house on Center Ridge, has stood for 150 years.

## New T-shirts celebrate Westlake's Bicentennial

The city of Westlake and the Westlake Historical Society are offering a limited quantity of Bicentennial T-shirts. These stylish, high-quality shirts display our Bicentennial logo on the front – and they are only \$12 each!

Here is your opportunity to purchase the official Westlake Bicentennial T-shirt. The shirt is available in normal adult sizes, and can be purchased at Westlake City Hall, the Rec Center, the Westlake Community Center, and the Clague House Museum. For more information, please contact city hall at 440-871-3300, or the Westlake Historical Society at 440-721-1201. ●

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## We want you!

by Lysa Stanton

Volunteerism can start at any age. I remember being about eight years old when my parents took my brothers and I to the boyhood home of Abe Lincoln in Hodgenville, Ky.

There was a rain storm brewing and we arrived at the cabin just after the wind had blown through. My dad told us to look down and help pick up the various items that had been brought in by the storm. When we had finished, we were greeted by a very nice woman who gave my brothers and I a candy bar for helping out.

She thanked us for helping to take care of history. Obviously, this made a lasting impression on me. I felt very happy that I helped to take care of history. In fact, I had taken care of Abe Lincoln's boyhood home, if just for a brief few moments.

You can also help take care of history right here in your own backyard. At the Westlake Historical Society we call ourselves members but we are volunteers who have the awesome task of taking care of Westlake's history and artifacts that are in our care.

By becoming a volunteer, you can help us to continue our mission of educating and preserving our history. Our volunteers get to touch the past, the present and all future generations. Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals, families, groups and even businesses.

Do you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share with others? Are you more of a work-behind-the-scenes person? Are you a business who may have never considered getting involved and promoting not only your business but the pride you have for our fine community?

As a volunteer you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are playing an integral part in Westlake's rich heritage. The Westlake Historical Society welcomes you. You can learn more about our society at [www.westlakeohiohistory.org](http://www.westlakeohiohistory.org) or by calling us at 440-721-1201. ●

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The touring youth choir, Alleluia Singers, will perform on June 21.

## Alleluia Singers to perform at Bay UMC

by Rev. William Buckeye

Bay United Methodist Church is privileged to have the Alleluia Singers perform at our church on Tuesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. This wonderful choir includes youth from the middle- and senior-high of Towson United Methodist Church in Towson, Md.

Formed in 1988, the choir has reinvented itself annually as the students mature, graduate, and welcome new members into the group. Kathie Metz, organist and Director of Music at Towson UMC, directs the Singers. Assistant Director and accompanist is Sally Tarr.

The program is called “God’s Apps,” in which the Alleluia Singers explore the opportunities available to us from God for dealing with life events. In this time of economic instability and natural disasters, the goal is to remind listeners through music and spoken word our purpose in life: to love, to trust, and to praise God, no matter what.

There is no fee to attend this event. Plan to attend and bring a friend to this exciting evening of faith and fun.

Bay United Methodist Church is located at 29931 Lake Road. ●

### FOOD & TRAVEL

## The foods of Belize

by Robin Benzle

You may not realize it, but the title of this article is actually funny, because if someone were to write a cookbook about Belizean cuisine, it would run all of four pages and go something like this: Stew Chicken with Rice and Beans; Stew Pork with Rice and Beans; Fisherman’s Catch with Rice and Beans; and of course, Rice and Beans with Rice and Beans.

This Central American country (formally British Honduras) sits south of Mexico with Guatemala as a neighbor – and is more known for its jungles, Maya ruins and having the second largest barrier reef in the Western hemisphere. Which goes well with Rice and Beans.

Several years ago, my husband and I visited Belize. We spent the first half of our trip in Maya country in a rustic jungle cabana overlooking the Macal River. Tropical birds doubled as alarm clocks, and I always thought birdwatchers were nerds until I opened our door that first morning and saw brilliant red macaws, stunning blue tanagers, comical Fruit Loops toucans and yellow-headed motmots flying around like they were in a Disneyland display.

We canoed several hours down the Macal River and watched National Geographic scenes roll by; pecan-skinned boys diving off cliffs and hunting iguanas for dinner; topless women washing clothes in the river and beating them on rocks (nature’s spin cycle); and curious men peering at us from their thatched huts.

For meals, we went to the little town of San Ignacio, where nearly every restaurant offers Stew Chicken; simmered so long locals say you can even eat the bones. And in Belize, if you order a glass of water, it comes with a side

of rice and beans, simmered in coconut milk and delicious after a day in the jungle.

The second half of the trip was spent on an island off the coast called Ambergris Caye, with a spectacular reef for snorkeling. We joined up with two fishermen, Eduardo and Eduardo. They took us snorkeling for the day, all the while spearing clawless lobster for our lunch.

We anchored on a deserted sandy beach about 25 miles out with nothing but us and a forest of palm trees. Eduardo and Eduardo built a fire and put a grate on top and cooked our lobster tails in foil, drenched in lime juice and the oft-used green bell pepper and onions. But their secret was mayonnaise.

Eduardo, (or was it Eduardo?) sheepishly produced a jar of mayo and said, “This is the key to good lobster.” After eating several lobster tails with my hands, I proclaimed this deserted beach my new favorite restaurant.

From the mouths of Belizeans, here is their food.

### EVERY DAY RICE AND BEANS

Serves 6

- 1 cup canned coconut milk
- 1 cup chicken stock or broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups long grain white rice
- 1 can (16 oz.) dark kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- Bottled hot pepper sauce

Bring coconut milk, stock and water to a boil in a large saucepan with a lid. Stir in rice, cover and cook over low heat, 20 minutes, or until rice is tender and has absorbed liquids. Mix in beans and spices and heat through. Serve with hot sauce on the side.

### BELIZEAN STEW CHICKEN

Serves 6

- 8 pieces chicken (breasts, thighs, drumsticks)
- 1/4 cup peanut oil
- 2 large onions, diced
- 2 large green bell peppers, diced
- 1 cup beer
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon each salt and pepper

In large skillet, brown chicken pieces in peanut oil over medium heat 15-20 minutes until golden, turning. Add onion and bell pepper and cook 5 minutes. Pour in beer, add tomatoes and spices and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook 30 minutes. Remove cover and simmer 45 minutes more.

### EDUARDO AND EDUARDO’S LOBSTER TAILS

Serves 6

- 6 large lobster tails – fresh or frozen, thawed
- Juice of 3 limes
- 1 large green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise

With a sharp knife or scissors, split lobster tails down the middle (on the inside part) and break shell until meat is exposed. Arrange on heavy foil and form sides. Sprinkle lime juice all over along with pepper and onion. Spread mayonnaise over tops and cover with more foil. Seal edges and cook on grill 20 minutes. May also be placed in roasting pan and baked in a 400 degree oven for 20 minutes. Eat with hands. ●

Robin Benzle lives in Bay Village. For more recipes, visit [www.robinbenzle.com](http://www.robinbenzle.com).

## Bradley Bay Health Center awards nursing scholarships

by Nancy Girardot

Each year John O’Neill, owner of Bradley Bay Health Center, awards \$500 nursing scholarships to select graduating high school seniors who are pursuing careers in nursing. The applicant must meet certain requirements including a written essay and teacher recommendations.

This year’s recipients were Lauren Britton of Bay High School, Kelly Ricker of Westlake High School and Samantha Birchfield of Magnificat High School.

Congratulations to all the recipients as they pursue their nursing careers. ●



Pictured (l-to-r): Candy Sanson, administrator; Lauren Britton, Bay High; Kelly Ricker, Westlake High; and John O’Neill, owner of Bradley Bay Health Center.

## Legion post retires flags



Buglers play Taps during a flag retirement ceremony at Bay Village American Legion Post 385 on June 10. The post conducts biannual flag retirements in June and November, receiving upwards of 200 flags to be inspected, pronounced retired and then burned. Pictured (l-to-r) are Chase Lundmark, a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet; Ron Lundmark, a member of “Bugles Across America,” which plays at funerals for armed forces personnel; and American Legion post chaplain Ed Kus.



CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

# Churches open their doors to share history of faith in Westlake

Twelve churches in Westlake held open houses in the afternoon of June 12 in celebration of the city's Bicentennial. The churches welcomed the community with tours, ice cream, musical performances and a bit of history. Church members shared with visitors the history of their congregation's worship in

the city, and pointed out the unique features of their building. Religion has played an important role in the 200-year history of the city, beginning in its first year with the founding of Dover Congregational in 1811. Today, Westlake is home to a diverse population and wide range of faiths. ●



St. Ladislav was modernized with a major renovation in 2003.



Gretchen Wang, dressed in period costume, stands near the pictorial timeline of the history of Dover Congregational United Church of Christ.



The Raisin' Canes entertain Unity Church guests with a patriotic show.



Dover Congregational UCC is the oldest church in Westlake and its meeting hall has come a long way from the first log cabin.



St. Paul Lutheran Church's 45-foot-tall Redemption Window tells the story of man's redemption through faith.



Westlake United Methodist Church member Sharla Johnson, in pink, leads visitors down the impressive aisle towards the altar.



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LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

# Nature's foster families give injured babies a second chance

by Joanna Galysh

For some wildlife, foster parenting comes naturally. That acceptance is a huge help for wildlife rehabbers working toward the goal of returning injured baby animals back into the wild.

Recently, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Program staff successfully released two young gosling patients into new "foster" families at Westlake's Clague Park. Both babies had required rehab treatment for leg injuries.

One of the goslings was injured by jumping or falling off the roof of Westlake High School where his parents had made a nest. Groundskeepers at the school found the young goose dragging his leg and brought him to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center where he was given a "boot" to help his leg heal and the opportunity to recover safely.

Although the releases of these young geese were com-

pleted successfully, returning goslings back into the wild can be challenging. The best success is when the original family can be located. Wildlife Rehabilitation Specialist Jamie Raible made sure to keep a safe distance because parent geese are very protective and will charge at anyone who approaches their young too closely. Raible also looked for a foster family with goslings similar in size and age.

"Geese will hiss a warning to stay away from their family and will charge if the warning is ignored," Raible explained. "They are usually very accepting of other baby geese especially if they are the same size or smaller than their own young."

The same cannot be said of mallard ducks. Rehabilitation staff must find the original family when releasing an injured duckling because any attempt to place a baby of any age with a mallard foster family usually ends in rejection.

Center rehab staff emphasize that they only take in baby animals that are seriously injured because human care should be a last resort.

"Often, baby animals are mistaken for being orphaned or injured when they are simply exhibiting normal wildlife behavior," LeMonds said. "It can be very difficult to release baby animals into the wild once they are removed from their families. Please make every attempt not to interfere



The newly-released goslings fit right in with their foster siblings in Clague Park.

with young animals."

LeMonds strongly encourages you to call Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-871-2900 prior to attempting to rescue any wildlife, especially babies. You'll also find detailed answers about many backyard wildlife dilemmas in the Wildlife Rehabilitation FAQ's posted on [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org). ●

New business

## Upscale nail spa opens in Bay

by Laura Gonzalez

Grace Ha, an experienced nail technician and resident of Westlake, has opened a new, upscale nail salon in the Dover Commons Shopping Center in Bay Village. Grace is very excited about doing business in Bay, with a vision of providing a full range of nail services in a beautiful, clean and comfortable environment where customers can come to relax and enjoy a professional manicure and pedicure.

Grace is very grateful to her "new neighbors" at Dover Commons for all the support and encouragement she has received for her new venture, and is looking forward to becoming actively involved in the community and "giving back." O NAIL Spa is located at 624 Dover Center Rd. ●

New business

## Westlake store replicates Polish shopping experience

by JoAnn Holton

My husband, Rick Holton, and myself, both longtime residents of Westlake, are excited to announce the opening of our new Polish pottery shop in Williamsburg Square. For over ten years, we have been one of the leading distributors of this hand-painted stoneware from the small town of Boleslawiec, Poland.

What began with ten pieces on our dining room table has amassed into an inventory surpassing 30,000 pieces. This has been a home-based business for the past ten years of distributing Polish Pottery to more than 225 kitchen/gourmet shops throughout the United States.

As our business has grown, we decided to take the next step and open a retail location at 25895 Detroit Rd. in Westlake. This is not be your typical shop, this shop replicates the factory shops in Poland. I wanted to bring my love of shopping for pottery in Poland to Westlake. So when you enter the Ceramika Polish Pottery Shop in Westlake it will be like shopping in Poland. A video presentation will show you how this beautiful stoneware is created from the ground where the clay is dug to your table.

All stoneware pieces are safe for use in the oven, microwave and dishwasher and are impervious to abrasives. This extremely durable stoneware will not crack or chip easily, will cook evenly, hold heat and cold for longer periods of time and clean up easily... Elegant yet practical! ●

## Westlake residents elected to Lakewood Hospital Foundation Board

by Kristin Broadbent

Westlake residents Nancy Huffman and Doug Spiker, along with Marcello Mellino, MD, of Lakewood, were elected to each serve a three-year term on the Lakewood Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees at its recent annual board meeting.

Nancy Huffman recently retired as a speech pathologist from Parma City Schools. She is a graduate of Cleveland State University and The College of Wooster. Huffman is active with The College of Wooster Alumni Association, North Coast Health Ministry and the Animal Protective League, and is a past president of the Westlake Junior Women's Club.

Doug Spiker is a partner with the law firm Roetzel & Andress



Nancy Huffman



Doug Spiker

LPA, where he is Partner-in-Charge of the Cleveland office. He also serves as Practice Group Manager of the Employment Services Group. Spiker is a graduate of Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law and Mount Union College.

Marcello Mellino, MD, is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine and is co-founder and president of West Side Cardiology Associates. He is an investigator with Cleveland Cardiovascular Research Foundation and chief of the Divi-

sion of Cardiology at Lakewood Hospital. Mellino serves as a trustee of BAYarts.

Lakewood resident Tom Baker was elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Reelected officers include Ken Haber as President, Chas Geiger as Vice President and Bob Potts as Treasurer.

Founded in 1956 and guided by a dedicated and civic-minded board of directors, Lakewood Hospital Foundation operates exclusively to steward philanthropic gifts for Lakewood Hospital. The foundation supports the enhancement of hospital programs and services through building lifelong relationships with members of the community, raising funds and dedicating its resources to help meet the needs of those served by the hospital. ●

## Bay girl crowned county's Petite Miss Heart of America

by Patty Kettren

Paige Kettren, a fourth-grader at Westerly School was excited to be crowned Cuyahoga County's Queen Petite Miss Heart of America. The pageant, which was held May 22 in Cleveland Heights, focuses on community service and feeding the hungry through food drives. Miss Heart of America pageants have donated nearly 150,000 non-perishable food items to non-profit food organizations.

Paige is excited to compete for the State title in September. Because it is a community service-themed pageant, she is working hard to raise money and food donations for the needy. She decorated a tri-fold poster board that was placed at Bethesda Child Care Center in Bay Village.

Paige is active in Girl Scouts, local fundraising and has been a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 10 years. She's had a contract with Wilhelmina Modeling and is interested in math and science. ●

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## CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

## Bassett Elementary honors school's namesake

*Editor's note: Bassett Elementary School ended their school year by taking part in one of the many events commemorating Westlake's Bicentennial.*

*An assembly was held on June 8 to remember the Bassetts, one of Westlake's pioneer families. Nathan Bassett, a chair maker, and his wife, Martha Hall, arrived in Dover Township in 1811.*

*The theme of the assembly focused on Bassett's skills in building chairs for the residents of the township.*

by Ben Hodge, principal of Bassett Elementary School

We had so much fun celebrating Westlake's Bicentennial at Bassett!

To get in the spirit of the day, everyone received commemorative buttons that said: "Bassett Celebrates Westlake's Bicentennial."

At our assembly, we were joined by distinguished guests including Westlake School Board President, Mr. Tom Mays;

Westlake School Board member, Carol Winter; and our Mayor of Westlake, Mr. Dennis Clough. Mayor Clough spoke, as did the President of the Westlake Historical Society, Lysa Stanton.

Lysa then introduced our guest, "Mr. Nathan Bassett." Mr. Bassett was portrayed by Westlake Historical Society member Will Krause. He described what life was like for the Bassett family back in the early 1800s. He even brought a chair from that time period.

The assembly continued with the staff having a musical chairs competition and then the students had their own. The assembly concluded by choosing names out of a hat from students that completed a Westlake History Quiz. The winners were presented with a Bassett Hound Webkinz.

Thank you to our Bicentennial Committee: Janine Finucane, Kelly Ilg, Barb Kerr, Suzi Khawaja and Megan Moutoux, and. Thank you to Rene Doubrava for creating the Westlake History Quiz. ●



Will Krause, as Nathan Bassett, displays tools and a 19th century "plank" chair, similar to the type of chair built by Bassett in early Dover Township.



Bassett students scramble for a seat during the musical chairs competition.

## Groundbreaking ceremony held for new hospice house in Westlake

Hospice of the Western Reserve officially broke ground on the new Ames Family Hospice House during a special ceremony on Thursday, June 9. Construction of the 32-bed, 40,000-square-foot Ames Family Hospice House started in early 2011, with the facility scheduled to open summer 2012.

"With the addition of Ames Family Hospice House, we provide breadth and scope of services that really makes it very clear that wherever you live in Northeast Ohio, we are able to care for you," said CEO William E. Finn.

A \$10 million gift from B. Charles (Chuck) and Jay Ames was key to bringing the new facility to the Westlake. In addition, The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation made a gift of \$2 million and local philanthropists, Susan and Jack Turben, committed more than \$1 million to the campaign.

"These woods and this ground are being transformed to become a platform for transition for hospice patients during their crowning phase of

life," said CEO Emeritus David Simpson during the ceremony. "The building itself, Ames Family Hospice House, will become a channel toward comfort and peace for our patients and will become the incubator for experiences and memories that families and friends will cherish forever."

Located on a 30-acre property at the corner of Crocker and Clemens roads, Ames Family Hospice House will provide a home-like environment for seriously ill patients who have no caregiver, whose family is unable to care for them at home or those who need intensive short-term

symptom management.

Much like the organization's Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie, the new house is designed with patients and their families in mind. Private patient suites, comfortable furnishings, hidden medical equipment and large doorways that allow beds to roll onto outdoor patios and screened porches create a home-like environment. Full of cozy spaces for families to gather and spend quiet time together, the craftsman-inspired Ames Family Hospice House is designed to make the most of its wooded lot. ●



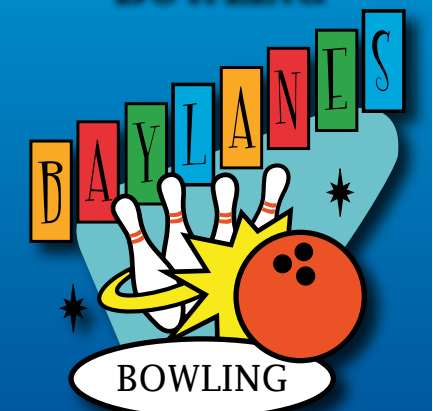
Hospice of the Western Reserve executives, donors and friends ceremoniously break ground for the construction of the new hospice house on Crocker Road.



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# KeyBank volunteers help with yard work at Devon Oaks



KeyBank employees volunteered at Devon Oaks for Neighbors Make a Difference Day. Back row: Janell Gedeon, Fred Harvey, Jessica Larsen, Donna Puskas, Jeanette Strauss, Steve Gerba. Front row: Pat Fugate, Gina Paponetti, Deana Flannery, Cathy Dedor

by Linda Hart

May 24, 2011, marked the 21st anniversary of KeyBank's annual "Neighbors Make a Difference Day." Managers and staff from area KeyBank offices met at Devon Oaks, Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network's assisted living community in Westlake. The volunteers spent the day weeding, pruning, planting flowers and beautifying the garden areas.

As Devon Oaks and other not-for-profit providers of aging services deal with funding and budget cuts, orga-

nizations benefit from involvement of volunteers because the resources of the organization are multiplied through their work. Additional benefits include potential board members that might come from program volunteers. The tasks that volunteers perform and the duties they carry out are several and varied.

Communities also benefit when volunteers are involved in nonprofit organizations. Individual community members gain new information and ideas, leadership opportunities, a sense of community and satisfaction from helping. ●

# Summer equals fun for everyone at Westlake Rec!

by Jim Dispirito

## Peterson Pool Information

Peterson Pool, located in Clague Park, is the city of Westlake's outdoor public pool. The pool is open to both residents and non-residents from 1-8 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekends. For more information, including costs and membership information, please see our website at [www.wlrec.org](http://www.wlrec.org).

## Phil Bova Baseball Camp (ages 7-14)

Westlake Recreation Fields, June 20-24 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) – Coach Phil Bova leads a staff with over 200 years of coaching experience. Coaches from all levels of play will be present to instruct everything from hitting and throwing to actual game playing. The camp includes daily lunch, shirt, cap, guest speakers and a tremendous staff. To register, visit [www.bovacamps.com](http://www.bovacamps.com).

## Get Fit

Various fitness classes are offered here at the Westlake Recreation Center including, Yoga, Zumba, Phenomenal Abdominals, Spinning and other fitness-oriented classes. For more information and class schedules please visit our website at [www.wlrec.org](http://www.wlrec.org)

## Black Dog Lacrosse (ages 6-15)

Westlake Recreation Fields, June

27-July 1 – Area coaches Ed Agajanian, Dave Giorgis and Kim Russell along with area coaches and NCAA players will emphasize fundamentals, teamwork and sportsmanship through a combination of skill and team building drills and scrimmages games.

## Summer Day Camp (Grades 1-6)

Daily summer camps are available at the Westlake Recreation Center. Kids will be entertained with games, swimming, art projects and other fun stuff, including a weekly field trip and will need to bring a brown bag lunch, towel and swimsuit. Child Care available from 8-9 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. For more information, please contact Rachel O'Malley at 440-617-4418.

## Golf

Various golf lessons are starting including beginners, intermediate and short game classes. Check out our summer brochure on line for all the golf classes. Golf lessons are held at the Golden Tee Driving Range in Olmsted Falls.

More information regarding all of these programs and more can be found at our website at <http://www.wlrec.org> or by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd., calling us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●



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**BAYarts**

# 'The Skinny Little Boy' and Uzizi headline BAYarts June 18 Art Festival

by **Nancy Heaton**

What started out five years ago as a rummage sale, BAYarts Annual Art Festival has evolved into a fun-filled summertime destination for affordable art, great food and great music. This year, Alex Bevan, still known as "The Skinny Little Boy from Cleveland, Ohio" from his popular 70s tune, headlines the event.

Although maybe not as "skinny" and certainly not a "little boy," Bevan still draws loyal fans to hear his self-penned tunes. Alex will play from noon to 2 p.m., with the world music band Uzizi playing Medieval-inspired alt-rock from 2:30-4 p.m. The Uzizi quintet includes a fiddle player along with the usual rock instruments.

And filling in between breaks, by popular demand, the POETS are back! Real professional

poets that is, gathered from around Ohio by the festival's MC and poet guru, Mark Hersman.

Along with the entertainment on stage, regional artists and BAYarts regulars will sell their work. Mojo's, now with a kiosk in BAYarts Fuller House will sell coffee drinks, smoothies, bakery and snacks.

Vento, located on BAYarts campus, will have a special boxed lunch and will be open for regular business to enjoy their fine list of wines or catch the view from the patio.

The art festival is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes BAYarts Galleries and Shop and newly-installed gardens at their peak! For more information, visit [www.bayarts.net](http://www.bayarts.net) or call 440-871-6543. Admission and parking are free.

This event is sponsored by the WBV Observer, with music sponsored by PNC. ●



**Alex Bevan will play at BAYarts Annual Art Festival June 18.**

## BAYarts starts summer with gallery show and concert

Artists George Kocar and Anna Arnold opened their art shows in the Sullivan Family gallery and musician Chris Allen and his band performed outdoors to begin the summer season for BAYarts on June 10. The warm evening was perfect for opening up the glass walls that lead to the expansive porch area at the newly restored Irene Fuller House. Art and music lovers can wander in and out of the gallery, enjoy works of art and listen to music during the summer concert series.



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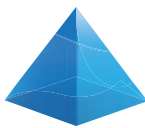
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**Bay Village Green Team Meeting**  
Join us at the BVGT monthly meeting – get involved, make a difference!  
*Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.*

**June 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Westlake Garden Club June Meeting**  
Business meeting followed by lunch and program. Speaker Lois Rose will present “Composting.” Learn to identify scraps left over from dinner that can be used for compost. Everyone welcome. Call 440-331-8722 for information.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 15, 7-8:45 p.m.**  
**Cuyahoga West Chapter of the OGS**  
Genealogist Elizabeth Hauser presents “And Bob’s Your Uncle! Basics of Family History Research in England.” Refreshments and social time is from 6:30-7 p.m. The public is invited, at no charge. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 17-18, 9 a.m.**  
**Church Rummage Sale**  
We have great deals on some quality items like DVDs, books, clothing, furniture, electronics and more! Half-price sale starts Saturday from 9-11 a.m. followed by a \$2 bag sale!  
*St. Ladislav, 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake*

**June 17, 1 p.m.**  
**Thyroid Function and Dysfunction**  
The thyroid gland controls many body functions. It facilitates the use of energy, makes proteins and controls hormones, heart health and even psychological health. Dr. Sanjit Bindar, endocrinologist from the Diabetes and Endocrine Center at Lakewood Hospital, will discuss the importance of this tiny gland in our overall health. RSVP, 835-6565.  
*Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

**June 18, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Westlake Shred-It Day**  
A shredding truck will be available to Westlake residents for free, quick and easy destruction and disposal of documents, disks and CDs. Each household may bring the equivalent of two standard-size copy paper boxes (10”x18”x9”). Rain or shine. Visit [www.cityofwestlake.org](http://www.cityofwestlake.org) for details.  
*Westlake City Hall parking lot, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.*

**June 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**“Festive by Nature” Annual Art Fair**  
See the story on page 15 of this issue.  
*BAYarts campus, 28795 Lake Rd.*

**June 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Clague Playhouse’s Barn Sale**  
See the story on page 4 of this issue.  
*Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake*

**June 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Community Health & Wellness Fair**  
Tri-C celebrates the grand opening of its fourth campus. Healthy food, health screenings, tours of the new building and information on all the programs offered at the Westshore Campus will be available throughout the fair to all who attend, as well as some great give-a-ways. The event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available.  
*Tri-C Westshore Campus, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake*

**June 21, 7 p.m.**  
**Performance by the Alleluia Singers**  
See the story on page 10 of this issue.  
*Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.*

**June 21, 7 p.m.**  
**Barn Artist Scott Hagan**  
See the story on page 1 of this issue.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Pink in the Garden Benefit**  
Join Gale’s Westlake for a benefit for breast cancer research. A fun and informative day full of seminars, raffles, music, giveaways and more! Allan Fee from Q104 will be joining us from 3-5 p.m. for this great cause. Visit [galeswestlake.com](http://galeswestlake.com) for schedule of the day’s events.  
*Gale’s Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 25, 5-6:30 p.m.**  
**FREE Community Meal**  
All ages are welcome to enjoy the Turkey and Vegetable Pasta Salad dinner complete with dessert and beverages. No carry-outs available. Enjoy the music of pianist Mario Romano. The church is accessible to the physically challenged. This monthly community meal is co-sponsored by Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ in Westlake.  
*Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted*

**June 26, 1-5 p.m.**  
**A Walk Down Memory Lane: A Tour of Westlake’s Gracious Gardens**  
Celebrating Westlake’s Bicentennial, the Westlake Garden Club will host a tour of six gardens, including the gardens at Clague House and Museum, and gardens at two historic homes. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 day of tour and are available at Westlake City Hall, Dean’s Greenhouse, and Cahoon Nursery. Tickets will not be sold at gardens. Tour will start at Dean’s Greenhouse where brochures with addresses of gardens and a map are available. Tour will take place rain or shine. All proceeds benefit educational and environmental projects of the Westlake Garden Club. Questions or more information, call 440-331-8722.  
*Various locations in Westlake*

LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Record number of ducks race at 2011 Family Fun Fest



The yellow-shirted paddle crew helped unstick rubber ducks that got log-jammed in the Porter Creek during the Great Duck Race. A record 1,351 ducks were entered in this year’s race with proceeds supporting the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Photos by Judy K. Brody and Shawn Salamone



Becky Walker of Bay Village looks ducky with the icon of Family Fun Fest painted on her face.



Volunteer live animal presenter Judy Brody of Bay Village shows off a Barred Owl at Family Fun Fest June 5 in Bay Village.



Greyson and Paxton Elyaderani pose with the duck family at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s 2011 Family Fun Fest. The event featured live animal and planetarium star shows, crafts, carnival games, inflatables and much more.

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