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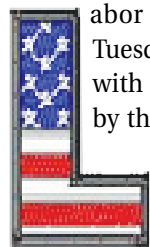
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LABOR DAY OFFERS REMINDER OF VALUE OF AMERICAN WORKFORCE

by Mel Maurer



Labor Day dates back to a Tuesday, September 5, 1882, with a celebration of labor by the Central Labor Union in New York City. After it was held again in 1883, the day was moved to Monday in 1884. By 1894, the day was adopted by a number of states and on June 28 of that year Congress passed a law making the first Monday in September a national holiday. It may well be our first Monday holiday, followed later by some other holidays being moved to Mondays.

What a bittersweet day it is. A three-day weekend holiday, it also marks the end of summer life (without another holiday in sight for months). Has it really been three months since we celebrated the beginning of summer on Memorial Day? Yes, always the fastest three months of the year.

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Bay Middle School students immersed in science, math during camp

by Karen Derby

Twenty-seven Bay Middle School incoming sixth-graders, all advanced achievers in math, completed a three-week immersion in studies that included the fields of biology, physics, technology, environmental science, engineering and even business and team building.

The occasion was the first Bay Middle School Math/Science Summer Academy.

Bay Middle School teachers Brent Illenberger and Rachel Hoffman challenged students with some of the most exciting math and science projects and field trips that are available for youngsters in our area.

"We created an environment of hands-on experiments, discovery and innovation to study the STEM [science, technology, engineering, math] fields," said Mr. Illenberger.

"We encouraged students to reason and investigate the concepts being taught through inquiry-based learning, higher-level thinking and real world problem solving. In other words, students applied higher level math and science concepts to real problems."

An example of that hands-on learning was the BMS Cardboard Boat Regatta. Teachers supplied only cardboard and a limited amount of duct tape.

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Labor of love keeps flower boxes blooming



Nancy Kunkle waters a flower box on Hilliard Boulevard.

Most gardeners have an ongoing list: weed, water and dead-head. Simple enough for one garden, but imagine checking off that list for 219 gardens which do not even belong to you.

Nancy Kunkle, Westlake city gardener extraordinaire, is tasked with that job from May to September. For sixteen years, she has tended the Hilliard Boulevard gardens with the care that only a true lover of flowers would take.

Back in 1994 when she was raising two children, working at one full-time and one part-time job, she noticed that rain alone was not enough to keep the flowers on the boulevard looking their best. "I would see these boxes, some of them were taken care of, but most of them weren't," Nancy recalled.

So she called John Lehlbach, Westlake's Service Director at the time, with her concern. Mr. Lehlbach approached Mayor Clough to ask if he would hire Nancy to care for the flowers. Thus began her labor of love, first evenings and weekends and finally throughout the week all summer long.

Nancy starts her day by filling up the 100-gallon water tank on her city truck from a fire hydrant at Clague Park, and then heads out to water, weed and dead-head the flower boxes on Hilliard Boulevard. Depending on the dryness of the boxes, she refills her tank ten to twenty times over the 2 1/2 days required to water all of the 219 flower boxes.

"I love the job, being outdoors, seeing people I've met over the years walking down the sidewalk. And it's a great job because flowers don't complain. But I will not miss the traffic on Hilliard; no one goes 35 miles per hour, at times it's like a speedway."

This year, Nancy plans to retire and she will be hard to replace. What will Nancy do after her retirement?

"Then I'll be able to care for my own garden," she said with a laugh.

Nancy's dedication to keeping the Hilliard flowers blooming will be missed. ●

— by Jean Povinelli and Denny Wendell



Westlake Fire Chief Dale Kraus retires



Chief Dale Kraus and his wife, Gail, stand for a photo in front of the city's vintage fire truck following his retirement ceremony August 19.

Dale Kraus, Westlake's popular and respected provisional fire chief, was honored in a retirement ceremony at city hall on August 19. Kraus spent the last 12 years with the Westlake Fire Department, after a 27-year career with the Rocky River F.D.

Chief Kraus, surrounded by many friends, family members and colleagues, received a plaque, proclamation from Mayor Dennis Clough, letters of congratulation from state officials and other gifts.

He plans to travel the world with his wife, Gail, and relax with his family and friends. ●

CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

Free community block party keeps the summer fun going!

by Ellie Peiffer

Enjoy an old-fashioned Community Block Party featuring free games, prizes, bounce house, dunk tank, live music, free food and fun for the whole family! The block party runs from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 27. Don't miss the crafts, storytime for kids, cornhole tournament and cake walk!

This year, the event hosts the City of Westlake Bicentennial Bake Off with winners to be announced at 2 p.m. Come see the amazing creations that people in the community have baked and get a chance to win one of them! The event ends with a crowd pleasing water balloon toss with over 100 participants!

This is the second year for the Community Block Party and the organizers have added many new activities. Come, enjoy and get to know your neighbors at this free event at Westlake United Methodist Church located at 27650 Center Ridge Rd. For more information, call 440-871-3088 or visit www.westlakeumc.org.

The rain date for the block party is August 28, 1-4 p.m. ●



Westlake UMC Pastor John Butchko is about to be dunked at last year's event.



Rachel Braun, Katie Linger and Jason Linger of Westlake enjoy last year's Community Block Party.

Youth Challenge holds annual race



Participants in the Youth Challenge Fun Run line up at the starting line at Hyland Software on Aug. 6

by Melissa Thurstone

More than 350 runners and walkers joined in the Youth Challenge 26th Annual Race Day and Fun Run on Saturday, August 6, at Hyland Software in Westlake. The event was dedicated to the memory of Dave Hardman, former President of the YC Board of Trustees.

Members of the community, YC families, friends and over 60 runners from Hyland ran in the 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run. Proceeds from the annual event benefit Youth Challenge who is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. YC brings together children with physical disabilities with their trained youth volunteers in adapted sports and recreational activities.

All programs and transportation are provided free of charge. Currently, more than 150 children with physical disabilities and 450 youth volunteers are served by Youth Challenge. Visit youth-challengesports.com for more details. ●

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- 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.
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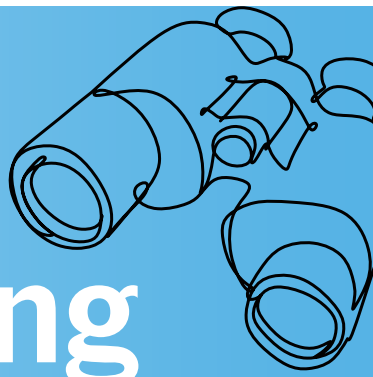
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Normal Signs of Aging or Alzheimer's disease?



As you spend time with your loved one are you noticing that they are not as “sharp” as they use to be? Mild memory loss may occur as we get older. Changes such as not being able to recall a name or details of a recent event are a frustrating but frequent occurrence for most aging adults. While it has been suggested by some that everyone might develop dementia if he or she lives long enough, it should be emphasized that Alzheimer's is a disease and not simply an exaggeration of normal aging.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia among older people and is defined as a brain disorder that over time may seriously affect a person's cognitive functioning and consequently their ability to carry out daily

activities. Typically these changes happen slowly. Dementia is a sustained decline in cognitive function, including memory loss, and at least one other area of deficit in great enough degree to interfere with social or occupational activities.

Besides Alzheimer's disease, there are many other causes for dementia. These include vascular dementia, Lewy Body dementia, and many others. It is important to determine the cause of the dementia in order to best understand it and treat it.

It is estimated that more than 5 million individuals in the United States alone suffer from Alzheimer's disease. At age 65, 1% of the population is affected; however, at age 85, the figure jumps to between 30 and 50%. Caregivers spend an average of 70 to 100 hours per week providing care and are more likely to require medical care themselves. This is not a battle you have to fight alone.

If you are worried about your aging loved one, look no further than Lakewood Hospital's SeniorCare Assessment Center. The team, led by board-certified geriatric specialists, will work with you and your loved one to conduct a thorough assessment. They will provide support, education and make recommendations. In addition, they will work alongside your loved one's primary care physician to develop a plan of care that will help you successfully manage their care.

For more information, please call the SeniorCare Assessment Center at 216.521.2288. lakewoodhospital.org/seniors

Diabetic? Watch Out for Your Eyes

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, you need to be extra vigilant when it comes to caring for your eyes. Unfortunately, diabetes can lead to vision loss. By taking control of your eye health you can reduce your risk of damage.

“Careful monitoring and control of blood sugar levels, and attention to the treatment of other medical conditions is the most important way to reduce the effects that diabetes has on the eyes,” says Cleveland Clinic ophthalmologist and retinal specialist Ryan Deasy, M.D. “It is also extremely important for diabetic patients to see an eye doctor at least once a year for a thorough retinal exam, which includes having your eyes dilated.”

Dilated eye exams are important to screen for diabetic-related eye disease that may require treatment. The goal is to administer treatment before vision is compromised, which can only be accomplished through appropriate screening.

In addition, you should contact your doctor immediately if:

- **your vision decreases or becomes blurred,**
- **you see dark spots or “floaters” in your vision, or**
- **you have any new visual or ocular concern.**

Diabetic retinopathy is the most serious threat to your vision, affecting more than 5 million Americans. Diabetes can cause blood vessels in the retina to become damaged and leak fluid or blood in the back of the eye. In mild cases, treatment for diabetic retinopathy may not be necessary. In some cases, however, treatment is essential to prevent vision loss.

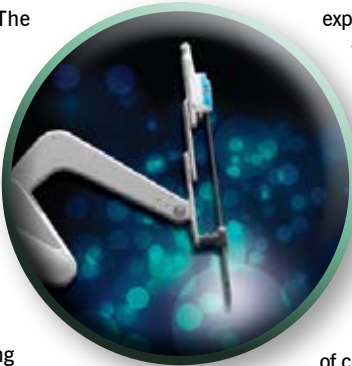
Regular eye exams are important for everyone. Cleveland Clinic ophthalmologists and optometrists are available to help you take care of your eyesight.

To schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic Lakeland Eye vision specialist in Avon Lake, Lorain, Oberlin, Elyria, Lakewood or Westlake, call 1.800.492.5222.

The Future Is Here: Robotic Surgery

A cancer diagnosis is traumatic enough without the need for major surgery. But thanks to cutting-edge robotic techniques available at Fairview Hospital, many women who have ovarian, uterine, cervical or other reproductive system cancers can receive treatment that results in minimal pain and scarring, contributing to a quicker recovery. The robotic system, which offers a 3-D image of the surgical field, translates surgeons' hand, wrist and finger movements into precise, real-time movements of surgical instruments inside the patient.

Women with early-stage gynecologic cancers are the best candidates for robotic-assisted surgery. During the procedure, highly trained gynecologic oncologists and OB/GYNs use tiny incisions instead of the large cuts needed during traditional open gynecologic surgery. Other cancers that can be treated this way include those of the endometrium, vagina, vulva and rare pregnancy-related tumors. Non-gynecological conditions, such as prostate and lung cancer, can also now be treated using robotic surgery, as can non-cancerous hysterectomies.



Mehdi M. Kebria, M.D., is a Cleveland Clinic gynecologic oncologist at Fairview Hospital. A gynecologic oncologist is a physician first trained in obstetrics and gynecology who has three to four additional years of training in gynecologic cancers. These specialists combine knowledge of gynecology with expertise in detecting and treating cancers of the female reproductive system. Dr. Kebria also uses the robotic system to perform gynecologic surgery. “We are very pleased to offer all the benefits associated with minimally invasive surgery and the excellent clinical outcomes it provides to our patients,” says Dr. Kebria. “Because robotics lends itself very well to both benign and malignant conditions, this is a good option for many of our patients.” Early detection, of course, offers the greatest peace of mind in tackling gynecologic cancers. Annual Pap smears are a must to screen for cervical cancer, and women who have a family history of ovarian cancer should be aware of their own heightened risk for the disease, for which no screening method exists yet.

To learn more, visit fairviewhospital.org/roboticsurgery

What Are Symptoms of Gynecologic Cancers?

Be mindful of symptoms that can indicate ovarian or cervical cancer or other gynecologic cancers of the endometrium, uterus, vagina or vulva. These include:

- General abdominal discomfort or pain, including gas, indigestion, pressure, swelling, bloating or cramps
- Feeling full, even after a light meal
- Loss of appetite
- Unexplained weight gain or loss, especially in the abdomen
- Pressure, tenderness or cramps in the pelvis, abdomen or back
- Abnormal bleeding, including heavy blood loss or bleeding between periods
- Unusual bowel and bladder changes such as diarrhea, constipation or infrequent urination

Gardens at Westlake rocks with sock hop

by Barb Bartlome

It was an afternoon of laughter, fun and reminiscing of years past but still present in the minds of all the seniors that attended the 1950s-themed “Sock Hop” on August 19 at the Gardens at Westlake on Detroit Road.

Upon entering the front lobby, the doors displayed huge, colorful paper cutouts of jukeboxes, and hanging from the ceiling were streamers and 45-RPM rock-and-roll records. Tables were decorated with nostalgic candy, like Good & Plenty, Tootsie Rolls, Chiclets and Dentyne gum and Boston Baked Beans.

The staff all dressed in rock-and-roll attire and many of the residents and guests from the community did the same. Refreshments included cheeseburgers, French fries and root beer floats. Jerry Simmerer sang classic hits and there were also raffles throughout the afternoon.

The event drew a large crowd that enjoyed themselves as they sang to the music, enjoyed the



Nicki Warns, Gardens at Westlake Activity Assistant, and Connie Schabitzer enjoy a fun afternoon at the Sock Hop party on August 19.

food and were pleased with the raffle prizes they won.

Memories of the old days were shared between friends and there were smiles all around. Pat Sarver, 79, remembered wearing penny loafers and attending CYO dances and sock hops. Ninety-year-old Lou Chelko, a retired NASA engineer, recalled the weekly NASA “record hops” that cost \$1 admission and served free beer and refreshments.

The sock hop was a success, evidenced by the many requests to repeat the event next year. ●

Westlake Junior Women’s Club invites new members

by Kasey Crabtree

The Westlake Junior Women’s Club will have its first meeting of the 2011-2012 season on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Wyndgate Clubhouse building, 2570 Wyndgate Court in Westlake. This is a meeting for returning members and is also a special welcome meeting for women who have an interest in joining the club. The first hour of the meeting will be a social time to mix and mingle and learn more about the club and its members.

Established in 1957, The WJWC is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting the community both financially and through service projects. Each year the club organizes and sponsors several fundraising events to support the community and provide scholarships to local high school seniors. The club’s largest fundraiser

is the annual Basket of Treasures Craft show held at Westlake High School in November.

The club is open to women of all ages and you do NOT need to be a Westlake resident to join! The purpose of the WJWC is to realize the needs of the community and provide support while fostering fellowship among the members.

Some of the charities that have benefited from the Westlake Junior Women’s Club include: Far West Center, Matthew’s Lending Library, Meals on Wheels-Westlake, North Coast Health Ministry, Providence House, Westlake Service & Assistance Center, Westlake police and fire departments, Relay for Life, Youth Challenge, Lakeshore Day Camp, Parent Connection and more!

For more information, check out the club’s Facebook page or their website at www.westlakejuniorwomensclub.com. ●

Rae Ann expands facility

With three locations in Westlake, the Rae-Ann facilities have a strong presence and history in this area. The owners, John Griffiths, Cindy Griffiths-Novak and Sue Griffiths are all Bay High grads, still live locally and continue to operate Rae Ann Suburban, Rae Ann Westlake and The Belvedere assisted living. These award-winning facilities have earned the reputation for outstanding skilled care, rehabilitation and long term care.

To expand their superior rehab and skilled services, they are proud to announce “the best skilled care in the neighborhood”

at Rae Ann West Park. Located at 4650 Rocky River Drive and 1.5 miles from Fairview Hospital, it offers Westlake/Bay Village residents who have loved ones in West Park the same Rae Ann care right in their back yard.

In fall 2011, Rae Ann West Park will be breaking ground on a new 1600-square-foot state-of-the-art therapy room for physical, occupational and speech therapy. Outpatient therapy will also be offered.

For more information on any of the Rae Ann facilities, call Admissions at 440-835-3004. ●

POETRY

Ode To The Lake

Sevy Haswell, Bay Village

Never felt I a calm more intense
Than that of your shores in the eve
Patiently waiting dreaming of suitors
That eagerly bathe in your stream.

The horizon you fill with colorful strands
With the sun undressed in the day
Of purple and blue and green are these bands
That too gleam at night on the Bay

On my skin I feel the dew of your touch
As I float on the blanket you lain
Between you and the stroke of the sun’s golden brush
Like in velvet my figure you drape

Don’t be lonely my sea, Majestic you are
A portrait of beauty and strength
Like thousands of diamonds and pearls on a string
You sparkle and shimmer with depth

Tell me what things you’ve seen that I can’t
Below the weight of your folds
Creatures and flora and vessels that sank.
That go unexplained and untold.

Your surface rippling in the northern sun
Like a haven of space and light
So quiet and peaceful your musical hum
Like that of a kiss in the night

Many a vessel traversing your path
And gently you nudge them along
So often they pass you and never look back
To bow in respect of your song.

Help for Mom program at Far West Center

by Alicia Bright

Being a new mom can be joyous and rewarding. However, the demands of motherhood can also be overwhelming. As a new mom, it can be difficult to find the time and energy to take care of your new baby and yourself. Maybe you are feeling moody, depressed, anxious, tearful, hopeless or sad? Nearly 1 in 12 women experience postpartum depression in the weeks and months after giving birth.

Postpartum depression is a serious form of depression new mothers often experience from 3 to 12 months after delivery. Even though postpartum depression is very common, only a small fraction of women who experience it ever get the help they need! Postpartum depression can often be overlooked as just the “baby blues,” but it is a real illness and it can be treated!

Are you a pregnant or a new mom and found yourself feeling sad lately? Stressed? Overwhelmed? Answer these questions to see if you are feeling more than the “baby blues.”

- I do not look forward to things with enjoyment
- I have been anxious or worried for no apparent reason
- I have felt sad or miserable
- I have been so unhappy or worried that I have had trouble sleeping
- I have felt scared or panicky for no apparent reason

- The thought of harming myself or my baby has occurred to me
- I do not look forward to things with enjoyment
- Feelings of loss of energy

If you answered “yes” to most of these questions, then your symptoms may be more than the “baby blues.”

The Help for Mom program at the Far West Center in Westlake works with women who are experiencing postpartum depression. We provide an assessment, individual counseling, psychiatric care and a 12-week educational group.

Group sessions are held on Tuesday mornings in our Westlake office on the WestShore Health Campus and on Thursday mornings in our Amherst office in the Liberty Woods Office Park. Childcare is available for each mother while she attends group sessions. Group sessions teach moms about the illness, managing symptoms, coping skills, relaxation and self care, the role of support systems and relapse prevention tools.

Call 440-835-6212, ext. 243, for more information or to schedule an assessment.

Far West Center is an award-winning community mental health center providing mental health services for residents of Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties. For more information on other Far West Center services, please call 440-835-6212 (Westlake) or 440-988-4900 (Amherst). ●

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WPPL's August programs

by Elaine Willis

Wednesday, August 24 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The August selection is “The Help” by Katherine Stockett.

Wednesday, August 24 (7-8:30 p.m.) FINDING MONEY FOR YOUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION – Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online, the database that provides funding resources and information for individuals seeking money for non-profit organizations. Please register.

Friday, August 26 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

Friday, August 26 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAYWITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Registration begins one week before each session.

Saturday, August 27 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) CRAFTSA GO-GO! – Join us for a fun and easy craft experience! All supplies provided; just drop in. A new, cool craft idea every time!

Monday, August 29 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, August 31 (10:30-11 a.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.

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

Porter Library's Outreach Facilitator honored with award

by Elaine Willis

Westlake Porter Public Library Outreach Facilitator Kris Netzel has been named the 2011 recipient of the Ohio Library Council's John Philip Outreach Award. The award recognizes exceptional achievement in library outreach services. In selecting Kris for the award, OLC cited her innovations, such as promoting outreach through church bulletin boards, training volunteers to deliver to homebound patrons, and collaborating with the United Cerebral Palsy Center and the St. John Dialysis Center to provide deposit collections.

“Kris has significantly expanded the role of outreach and raised its visibility in the community since taking the position, and we thought that deserved recognition,” said Library Trustee Bob Plantz, who nominated Netzel.

Library Director Andrew Mangels, who wrote a letter on Netzel's behalf, was not surprised by the many community members who wrote letters of support for her nomination. “Kris and the Outreach Department allow us to serve people we would not otherwise be able



Kris Netzel, 2011 recipient of the Ohio Library Council's John Philip Outreach Award.

to serve,” said Mangels. “Those who receive the service and others who have seen it in action recognize what a critical and outstanding job Kris does for this community.”

Netzel has been the library's Outreach Facilitator for 12 years. In addition to making deliveries to 11 assisted and independent senior residential facilities and

six skilled nursing homes, Netzel coordinates the delivery of library materials to homebound Westlake residents, and selects and prepares materials for outreach visits.

The John Philip Outreach Award is named for John Philip, a former consultant with the State Library of Ohio. The state bookmobile program was among his responsibilities, and he often spoke of the efforts of librarians determined to bring library services to isolated populations. The award was created and named for Philip upon his retirement.

For more information about the library's Outreach and homebound delivery services, please call Kris at 440-250-5448. ●

Still plenty of summertime left! Visit the 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. The pool is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

For more information including costs and membership information, please see our web site at www.wlrec.org.

NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK (AGES 6-15)

The NFL, Punt, Pass & Kick program is open to all boys and girls ages 6-15. Participants must register at the field no later than 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, with a copy of their birth certificate. This program is free. Competition starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Westlake Recreation Center's football fields.

PASS & CATCH (AGES 4-6) Jump start kids to the sport of football. Boys and girls

can learn how to hold, run, kick, pass and catch a football. This fun environment uses soft footballs on a smaller field. Fee of \$45 (\$55 for non-residents) includes football, jersey and certificate. Saturdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 8, 9-10 a.m. **COED YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL (GRADES 1 & 2)**

This coed non-contact league allows children to learn the game in a fun nature. Practices will be held on weeknight(s) with games on Saturday mornings. Fee of \$50 (\$60 for non-residents) includes jerseys and wristbands with game supplies provided by the Rec. Volunteer coaches needed! Register by Sept. 2. Practices begin

the week of Sept. 5. **ADULT FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

Registration has begun for the fall season of Adult Softball. The Westlake Recreation Department offers several leagues including; M/W Men, T/TH Coed, Thursday Men's DH, Sunday Morning Men's DH and a Sunday Night Coed league. Season begins the week of August 28. For more information including fees, please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420.

FIT N FUN AFTER SCHOOL CAMP (GRADES 5 & 6)

Enroll in our NEW after school camp, taught by our trained staff where the emphasis will be on nutrition, fitness, D.E.N. training, sports, swimming and flexibility. Class will meet weekdays except on no-school days. If you attend Parkside Int. School, transportation from school to Rec Center will be provided. For more information including fees, please contact Anne Mitchell at 440-808-5700, ext. 3475. 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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Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Joyce Sandy

The summer has flown by and now it's time to head back to school and get into a fall routine. If the older children in your family are in school, bring your little ones to the library for storytime. It's a special time to share books and yourself after a busy summer.

Let us help you find the book for those continuing home improvement projects, and a movie for when you're relaxing. Fall also means football, and we're partnering with the Browns again to bring you Touchdown for Reading. Play the reading game online if you're in grades K-8. The game runs from August 15–November 30 with prizes available for students and their schools. Check out the details on the library's website at cuyahogalibrary.org or stop in and ask!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Sept. 8 (7:30 p.m.) THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – The book we'll be discussing is “Let the Great World Spin” by Colum McCann and it can be picked up at the library.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 (7 p.m.) MEET MARY DORIA RUSSELL – Meet the author of the recently released “Doc: A Novel,” a Western and mystery rolled into one. Come hear this Pulitzer Prize–nominated

author talk about the real Doc Holiday. Books will be available for signing after the presentation.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, Sept. 13 (3:30 p.m.) CLUB OTAKU – For ages 11 and up. Do you love Manga, anime, and video games? Then this club is for you! Watch anime, discuss your favorite manga books and make a creative project or two.

Monday, Sept. 19 (7 p.m.) GIRLS IN BAY BOOK CLUB – For grades 5-7. Girls, bring an adult female friend for some fun. We will discuss a great book, share a snack and do a related project.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

Storytimes begin the week of Sept. 6 for all ages. Please see our online flyer or pick one up at the library for a list of dates and times.

Saturday, Sept. 10 (11 a.m.) PLAY/STORY – For ages birth-5 years. Join us for a special playtime/storytime! Children can play with interactive and developmental toys and share a story and a song while caregivers meet new friends and socialize.

Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392 or going online to cuyahogalibrary.org. Stop in and visit, too – we're here to help!

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Emerald Ash Borer creeps into Bay Village

by Daniel Krieg, Mike Polinski and Pat Scott

The city of Bay Village, along with all cities in the 88 counties of Ohio, is currently under Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine. An EAB is a small, metallic looking, wood-boring beetle from Asia that is believed to have entered the United States in 2002 around the Detroit, Michigan/Windsor, Ontario border.

The EAB bores into ash trees with their larvae feeding on the living portion of the tree, directly beneath the bark. Feeding on this part of the tree reduces the tree's exposure to essential food and water, causing mortality within a few short years. While the EAB has the ability to travel up to a half-mile in one flight, their spread of infestation has been helped along by man moving infected trees across counties.

Since its discovery in 2002, the EAB has rapidly spread. Quarantines have been implemented in an effort to slow the spread of the infestation.

Bay Village currently employs two ISA Certified Arborists, who have made several positive EAB identifications on local streets, parks and residential trees. The overall effects of Emerald Ash Borer on the city's urban forest will not only be a monetary issue, but will have a detrimental effect on our entire tree canopy for the city of Bay Village.

One of the most noticeable side effects of losing our tree canopy will be the inundation of storm water run-off added to the city's aging storm sewers. Using the Tree Benefits calculator at treebenefits.com to generate a storm water run-off model, we can show that just one 14-inch diameter ash tree will intercept 1,661

gallons of storm water run-off alone. Intercepting and holding rain on the tree's leaves, branches, and bark, as well as storing water in its roots, will stop that additional water from becoming run-off.

An ash tree inventory was last completed for the 16.7 street miles of the Bay Village in 1997. An estimate of the current number of total street trees is 4,270, with about 4.6 percent, or 200 trees, being of the Ash Genus FRAXINUS. The City of Bay Village has drafted a management plan to limit the spread of the EAB. This plan, however, and any other plans for limiting the spread, must include removal of the ash trees.

Treatment with pesticides is not currently a recommended action to save an ash tree. A replanting schedule is an integral part of the City's plan (and should also be conducted by private property owners) to ensure that the tree canopy, and our status in the future as a Tree City USA community, may be maintained.

Key items for Bay residents to plan for and remember:

- The city's Arborists will maintain an ash tree inventory of city-owned trees. Trees located on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. The City is not anticipated

to order a resident to remove a private ash tree unless it becomes infected and/or hazardous. Once a private tree has been deemed infected, City Ordinance



Julia and James Krieg stand in front of an ash tree on the north side of Wolf Road in the tree row between Douglas and Dover Center.

547.01 Dead and Diseased Trees, may be invoked.

- The ash trees are safer to remove now, while they are alive and potentially not infected. A dead tree of any species costs more for a service company to remove.

- Removal of an ash tree must follow the State of Ohio Revised Code 901:5-56-03 pertaining to chipping of the ash trees to prevent the potential spread of EAB larvae, into pieces one-inch-square or smaller.

Additional resources for identification of the EAB beetle, identification of an ash tree, or proper removal procedures:

- **City of Bay Village Arborists** – Mike Polinski, mpolinski@cityofbayvillage.com; Pat Scott, pscott@cityofbayvillage.com; Voicemail: 440-899-3484; Fax: 440-899-3480

- **Ohio Division of Forestry** – <http://ohiodnr.com/tabid/5066/Default.aspx>

- **Ohio Department of Agriculture** – <http://agri.ohio.gov/eab>; EAB hotline: 1-888-OHIO-EAB

- **The Ohio State University Emerald Ash Borer Outreach Team** – <http://ashalert.osu.edu>. ●

Daniel Krieg is a Bay Village resident. Mike Polinski and Pat Scott are City of Bay Village Arborists.

Bay Village Green Team upcoming events

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 31, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

In this workshop you will build your own rain barrel to take home and hook up to your downspout. Learn to harvest rainwater for your gardening needs and reduce storm water pollution that occurs when the storm water fills up the sewer system. The cost of this workshop is \$60 (to purchase the barrel and diverter kit). To register, contact Amy Roskilly at 216-524-6580, ext. 22.

COMPOST SEMINAR

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.

Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Composting is an easy way to turn waste from your yard and kitchen into valuable soil amendment. The compost seminar is FREE, and you will have the option to purchase outdoor compost bins at the discounted price of \$50 and a compost kitchen pail for \$5. To register, contact Warren Remein at wremein@yahoo.com or call 440-724-1578.

RAIN GARDEN SEMINAR

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30-8 p.m.

Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

At this seminar you will learn how to create a rain garden in your yard. Rain gardens are designed to reduce the storm water run-off from your property and help keep our waterways cleaner. A rain garden can be planted using local plants, making it a beautiful low maintenance garden. To register, contact Amy Roskilly at 216-524-6580, ext. 22.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DROP-OFF
Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

BVPD parking lot, 28000 Wolf Rd.

Donate your used materials and household items to Habitat for Humanity. Items accepted: trash containers, furniture, windows, doors, cabinets, light fixtures, sinks, tubs, showers, plumbing/electric/HVAC, tools (hand, power, yard), lumber, tile, wallpaper (full rolls) and MORE. Items must be in good, usable condition. Items NOT accepted: mattresses, paint, clothing. To arrange for pick up of large items, call Jerry Jarc at 440-823-4579 prior to Sept. 17.

Find all these events and more at: www.bayvillagegreenteam.com. ●



This leaf was taken from a healthy-looking ash tree on Wolf Road.



An adult Emerald Ash Borer. Photo courtesy of emeraldashborer.info.

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LAKE ERIE SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER

A robot's 'life on Mars' the topic of free lecture

by Frank Colosimo

It's been nearly 50 years since we got our first close-up look at our next-door neighbor, the planet Mars, courtesy of NASA's Mariner 4 spacecraft.

Thanks to numerous Mars orbiters and landers, a wealth of glorious images of the Red Planet have made the 35-million-plus-mile journey back to Earth, eagerly awaited by scientists and laypeople alike who yearn for more than a birds-eye view of a truly alien world.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will explore NASA's robotic missions during "A Mars Odyssey," a free lecture on Thursday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

Attendees will be treated to an overview of the robotic Mars Exploration Rovers Spirit and Opportunity as well as a recap of the Phoenix Mars Lander mission and a preview of Curiosity, NASA's next Martian Rover, launching later this year.

This FREE lecture is presented by Wayne Zimmerman, Chief Engineer for the Instruments and Science Data Systems Division at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. Mr. Zimmerman is one of a handful of research engineers who fathered the development of the current advanced robotic systems like rovers

and robotic arms that now roam and sample distant planets like Mars.

Within the past 15 years, robots have played a tremendous role in our further exploration of Mars. Martian Rovers have provided tantalizing glimpses of the rocky red surface and attempted to answer the elusive question, "Is there life on Mars?"

Even though we haven't come close to finding a definitive answer to that question, NASA's various missions have proved that Mars is more like our own home planet, Earth, than anywhere else in the solar system. Recent exploration has attempted to prove that, like our home world, there is liquid water on Mars. Even though there is plenty of ice on the frozen Red Planet, it wasn't until this year that NASA received data to suggest that water actually flows across the Martian surface. These results are the closest scientists have yet to come to finding evidence of liquid water on the planet's surface.

A Q&A session will follow in which Mr. Zimmerman, a former Northeast Ohio resident, will share insights into his 30-year career in robotic engineering.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Rd. in Bay Village.

For more information, visit www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900. ●



This artist concept depicts Curiosity, NASA's next Mars rover, which is scheduled to launch this fall. NASA engineer Wayne Zimmerman will preview its mission and discuss previous Mars rovers at a free lecture at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on August 25. Image courtesy of NASA/JPL-Caltech

Science Center Women's Board fundraiser set for Sept. 25

by Karen Huhndorff

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board invites you to mark your calendar now for their fall Huntington Playhouse Fundraiser on September 25. The play, "The Foreigner," is a comedy in which two guests are in a rural Georgia fishing lodge. One of the guests is painfully shy and doesn't speak; the other claims

that he does not understand English. Soon our shy guest is privy to assorted secrets and scandals freely discussed in front of him. Here comes the fun!

Matinee tickets which benefit the Science Center are available from Karen Huhndorff, 440-835-3283, or Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Bay Village.

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Waterfront challenge prompts Sea Scouts to action

by Richard Gash

Sea Scout Ship 41 of Bay Village has again taken up the Interlux Waterfront Challenge. Interlux is an international yacht paint company, a division of AkzoNobel Corporation with U.S. headquarters in Strongsville. Interlux is offering grants up to \$20,000 for the best waterfront environmental improvement.

Prompted by the fact that one gallon of oil can pollute over one million gallons of drinking water, the Sea Scouts have focused their Interlux Waterfront Challenge project on marina oil recycling sta-

tions. Their research has found that most local marinas are exposing themselves to costly Ohio EPA fines.

By improperly labeling their oil recycling stations, they are in violation of federal law and the Ohio Clean Marina pledge that states oil storage tanks must be labeled "used oil." To assist the marina industry in meeting the law, the Sea Scouts – with the aid of Mark Tangry of Lake Graphics, Label & Sign in Avon – are providing decals for marina oil tanks at cost.

Used oil, once recycled, is becoming an important resource for firms like Safety Kleen in the production of their Eco Power motor oil. Recycled oil is purer

than virgin oil and now counts for 12-15% of all lubricants.

The scouts have also designed and tested a prototype portable hand-operated crusher to remove oil from used oil filters. This in turn removes oil from landfills and converts the filter into recyclable scrap steel. Trials of the prototype have been very successful and it is hoped that a working crusher will be installed at a marina in time for the winter boat haul-

out, a time when most boat maintenance is completed. Details of the Sea Scout project may be followed at scoutswaterfrontchallenge.blogspot.com.

Sea Scouting promotes boater safety, education and good citizenship to young adults nationwide through the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. Information on joining Sea Scouts can be obtained by emailing skipper@seascoutship41.org. ●



Sea Scouts Shawn Sovie and Nico DiGiulio hope to make a difference this year in the Interlux Waterfront Challenge.



Sea Scouts, from left, Chase Lundmark, Shawn Sovie, Nate Cullinan, Maggie Olson and Boo Van Edwards ensure oil at a recycling station meets EPA code.

Westlake installs catch basin filter at Service Center

The City of Westlake, in its continued efforts to achieve and promote clean waterways, installed a catch basin filter at its Service Facility on August 8. The Ultra Urban Filter is a specially designed insert that filters hard surface run-off and removes harmful contaminants, specifically hydrocarbons.

Because catch basins collect rainwater from streets and parking lots that are directly connected to ditches and creeks, removal of harmful oils and sediments greatly improves water quality that eventually ends up in Lake Erie.

Bob Kelly, City Engineer, stated: "This project is only one of many objectives in the City's plan for stormwater quality improvements."

The City already has spearheaded many stormwater programs, including

the Bio-Retention Water Quality retention basin at Crocker Road and I-90, public outreach education programs like the Rain Garden and Rain Barrel workshops, and the local Water Shed Group that meets and discusses future goals.

This insert is a trial demo with support from local resident and Water Shed Group member Jim DeVore of Symbiosis Systems, and it will be monitored for its effectiveness and longevity. The City of Westlake is determined to continue its efforts to promote storm water cleanliness and work with local jurisdictions for providing advanced storm water control. This basin insert is just one more initiative to work towards goals set by the local Watershed Group, Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio EPA. ●



Bob Kelly, City Engineer; Chris Stuhm, Facilities Manager; and John Biro, Westlake Service Department Fabricator install a catch basin insert. Photo by Jim DeVore

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Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history

Where's Dover the Bicentennial Bear?

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

This summer has been filled with Westlake Bicentennial activities and there are more to come in the fall. Last week, Dover Bear heard some Westlake Historical Society members making plans for the Jack Miner Day and Rubber Duck Race in August 2012. Dover was fascinated by what he heard about this man named Jack Miner. To learn more about him, he visited the Jack Miner birthplace rock and Ohio Historical Marker placed on the corner of Dover Center Road and Westown Boulevard.

Dover read on the marker that Jack Miner was born April 7, 1865, in the section of Dover Township that was known as Dover Center. He lived in a small weather-beaten home with a leaky roof on Dover Center Road near the street we call Westown Boulevard today. Young Jack was one of 11 children, born of English parents who made a meager living in the brickyard across the street from their home. Jack's father worked long hours to form the bricks that were sold for only \$3.50 per 1,000.

As a young boy, Jack liked to work in the brickyard instead of attending school. He was not fond of school because he was teased for his English ancestry, red hair and freckles. At age 12, Jack met his new teacher, Miss Minnie Chubb, who gave him the job of starting and tending the fire in the schoolroom stove. This job helped to provide Jack with more of a sense of belonging and he seemed to like school a little more.



Jack spent hours at Cahoon Creek near his home studying the lessons of nature. The creek was both a laboratory and play area. With great enthusiasm, he studied the habits of all that crept and swam. In addition, he learned lessons on birdlife that formed a foundation for his life's work.

When Jack was 13 years old, the Miner family reluctantly decided to move the family to Kingsville, Ontario, Canada. Although it was difficult leaving friends, the move provided a new income for the family and supplied new wildlife for Jack.

Jack went on to become a great conservationist (once named the fifth-best-known person in North America) and conceived the idea of reforestation and a sanctuary to protect wildlife.

He began the practice of banding

Canada geese to study their migration habits and turned his sprawling farm into one of North America's first bird sanctuaries, earning him the nickname "Wild Goose Jack." He also lectured throughout the United States and Canada.

Auto pioneer Henry Ford once said, "Jack Miner's companionship with the birds and his service to them have made his work known and have warmed the hearts of good people everywhere. He has taught us all that there is always something to do for one who looks for something to do."

In Jack's autobiography, he wrote, "It must be remembered that I was born, and spent my innocent boyhood days, in that dear old Dover Centre, Ohio; and I love the descendants of the men who were kind to me in my barefoot days." ●

WESTLAKE TO HAVE TIME CAPSULE AS PART OF BICENTENNIAL

by Evan Kelleman

As you may know, Westlake is celebrating its 200th birthday. To celebrate the last 200 years of Westlake's history, Westlake is getting a time capsule!

The time capsule is perfect for our Bicentennial because it will protect the history we are celebrating now and add to it. The time capsule will be opened in 100 years, but will have a sister time capsule that will be opened in only 25 years. The capsules will include items important to Westlake's history, such as the Westlake charter, and items common in the year 2011 and items relevant to the last 200 years.

The time capsule will be buried at Evergreen Cemetery on Center Ridge Road. The capsule will be buried at the base of the flag pole located on the grounds of Evergreen.

We are looking for items and suggestions from the community as to what they would like placed in the capsule. You may contact the Westlake Historical Society at 440-721-1201 for more information or drop them an email at westlakehistory@yahoo.com. ●

CELEBRATING WESTLAKE'S BICENTENNIAL

Books tell tales of families who lived and died in early Dover Township

by Jayne Broestl

Does the Westlake Bicentennial celebration have you yearning for more information about early Westlake and Dover Township family histories? Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society has two award-winning books available for purchase: "Maple Ridge Cemetery Westlake, Cuyahoga County, OH: A history of Its People and Families" by Jeanne B. Workman and Jayne A. Broestl and "Pioneers of Westlake, Settlers in 1820 and Their Families," authored by Jeanne Workman.

The Maple Ridge Cemetery book was a culmination of the Ohio Bicentennial project that chapter members undertook from 2000-2003. This book was recognized for excellence by the Ohio Genealogical Society in 2004, and earned the Lida Flint Harshman Award.

In addition to transcriptions of all known burials and tombstone inscriptions, this book contains well researched biographical material on each interred individual. In many cases, the findings include the individual's parents and one or two more generations of his/her descendants. These "family trees" were compiled by the Cuyahoga West members from information found

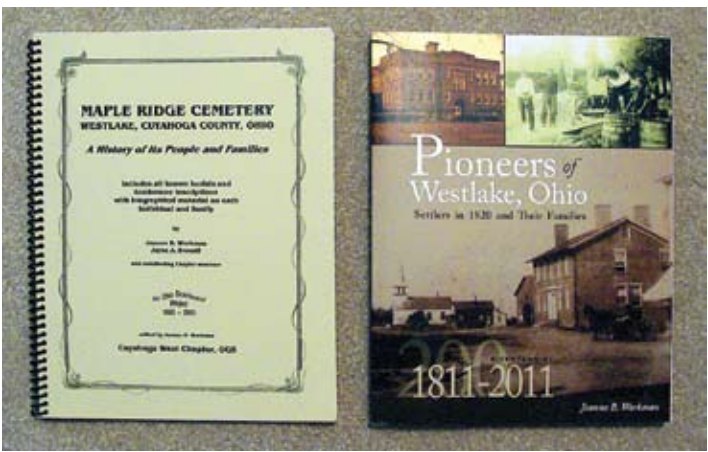
in public records such as: census, death certificates, necrology files and marriage licenses.

The approximate number of known burials at the time of first printing, in 2003, was about 420. Of that number, only about 331 are recorded by inscriptions.

Twenty-nine interments that were not marked by inscriptions or stone have information taken from Cuyahoga County Death Records (1868-1889). These records were microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) and are on file at the LDS Family History Center in Westlake and at the Cuyahoga County Archives in Cleveland.

A 20-page searchable index of all the people buried in Maple Ridge Cemetery, and their descendant family members, can be accessed from the Chapter's homepage: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs>.

"Pioneers of Westlake" was published by author Jeanne Workman, to celebrate Dover Township's Bicentennial. It includes biographical information on the families that were listed as living in Dover Township in the 1820 census. It is similar to the Maple Ridge Cemetery book in scope and format and earned an



Ohio Genealogical Society Book Award. This book was reviewed earlier this year in the Westlake | Bay Village Observer.

A limited number of these two books are available through Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS. "Maple Ridge Cemetery" sells for \$19.95, plus \$1.55 sales tax for Cuyahoga County residents. "Pioneers of Westlake" is \$25.00, plus \$1.95 sales tax. Shipping and handling is \$4.00 for each book. Checks should be made payable to Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS, P.O. Box 45607, Westlake, OH 44145-0607.

To save postage fees, ordered books may be picked up at one of Cuyahoga West's regularly scheduled meetings at Westlake Porter Public Library. The Chapter's September meetings are: Sept. 7, 1-2:30 p.m. and Sept. 21, 6:30-8:45 p.m. For questions, please e-mail: cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

Abundance at the North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park

by Tiffany Leeper

The abundance of summer is here! Remember that rough, wet spring we had? Neither do we now that the farmers market at Crocker Park is bursting with fresh produce like sweet corn, heirloom tomatoes, zesty peppers, crisp greens, wholesome squash, juicy melons and so much more!

One fruit is really thriving this time of year – peaches! Peaches are low in calories and high in fiber, Vitamin A and Vitamin C. Peaches can be the “clingstone” variety (the flesh sticks to the stone) or “freestone” (the stone is easily separated from the flesh).

Freestone peaches are great for canning and cooking because they are easily sliced from the stone. Dale Woolf from Woolf Farms and Sally Smith from Smith’s Fruit Farm will be at the market and are on-hand to help you pick out the best variety for preparing your peaches.



Rows of fresh peaches fill the Woolf Farms table at the Crocker Park farmers market.

Try this recipe for an easy peach cobbler:
1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar, divided
1 tablespoon baking powder
Pinch of salt
1 cup milk
4 cups fresh peaches, peeled and sliced (about 6 large peaches)
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Cinnamon and sugar

Preheat oven to 375. Melt butter in a 13x9 inch baking dish. Combine flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt; add milk, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter over butter (do not stir).

Bring remaining 1 cup sugar, peach slices, and lemon juice to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly; Pour over batter (do not stir). Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. Serve cobbler warm with vanilla ice cream.

The North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The market accepts SNAP/ EBT benefits. Stop by the Market Information Tent for details. In addition, the market participates in the EBT Incentive Program of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition. SNAP recipients who spend \$5 or more will receive an additional \$5 to spend at the market on eligible items. The customer is eligible to receive this incentive each week they visit the market. ●

BMC ‘Lu-Wow’ tickets available

by Eric Eakin

Tickets are now available for the first-annual Bay Men’s Club “Lu-Wow” scholarship fundraiser, set for Saturday, August 27, at the Bay Lodge.

Tickets can be purchased at True Value Hardware in the Bay Square Shopping Center, thanks to owner and BMC member Russ Dezember.

All purchasing \$50 admission tickets are automatically entered into a raffle with the grand prize of \$1,000.

The event will also feature a catered BBQ rib and chicken dinner (with all the fixings) by Novotny Catering; beer and wine; live music by an acoustic trio; a corn-hole tournament, a reverse raffle and a prize for the loudest shirt.

Call 440-669-9686 for more information, or email info@baymen-sclub.org. ●

12-year-old teaches chess at Bay library

This summer, Peter Cooper (at right, standing), an enterprising 12-year-old, shared his passion for chess with 16 children ranging from five to nine years old. Over the course of seven weeks, meeting once a week for a one-hour lesson, Peter taught all 16 children how to play chess and culminated the weeks of effort with a chess tournament on Tuesday, August 9, at the Bay Village Branch Library. The final first-place winners were Olivia Reed in the Advanced Category and Josh Dwyer in the Beginner’s Category.



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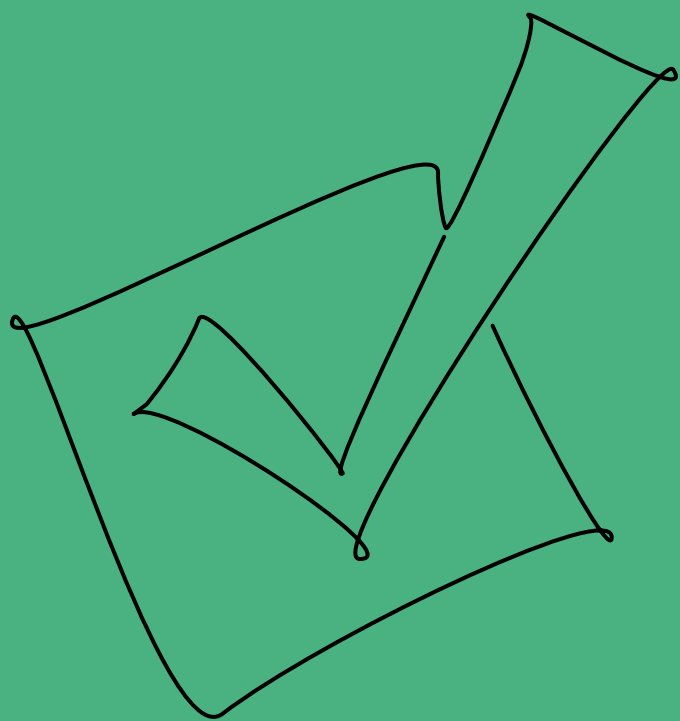
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CAMP *continued from front page*

Students, working in teams, engineered and constructed cardboard boats using the principles of water displacement along with more science, math and basic problem solving skills. Incorporating all the components of STEM, the 6- to 8-foot-long boats successfully carried two passengers each when tested in Lake Erie waters at Huntington Beach, drawing a large number of spectators in the process.

Field trip destinations included Stone Laboratory, a freshwater biological field station operated by The Ohio State University at Put-in-Bay. Students also visited the Cleveland Zoo, the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve - Dike 14 and the Great Lakes Science Center.

At Stone Lab on Put-In-Bay, students spent two hours aboard a Lake Erie research vessel collecting environmental and biological data (Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature, PH, Phosphates, Turbidity). Once back at the lab, they spent an additional two hours dissecting fish and peering through microscopes to get a look at Lake Erie's tiniest organisms (phytoplankton and Zooplankton). They also participated in an invertebrate walk, walking and swimming through the water collecting macroinvertebrates (leeches, mayflies, mussels, planaria) on Gibraltar Island's Alligator Bar using kick seines, dip nets, and direct observations. When they got back to Bay Village, they tested the water quality at Cahoon Creek.

Students learned about the science behind the animal exhibits at the Cleveland Zoo, and they explored the rich diversity of species making their home at Dike 14, a former dredge disposal site that is now the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.

The youngsters were introduced to Newton's Laws when studying rocketry and then ran a business to create bottle rockets. After debating the pros and cons of sending man or machine into space to explore Mars, students built a pod to withstand the Martian world.

They also took part in team building



Bay Middle School sixth-graders collect biological specimens from Lake Erie to study under the microscope.

exercises at a special camp in Oberlin that showed students the importance of working together.

"I always liked science and math," said one eleven-year-old camper. "But after this camp and the countless fun activities, I one hundred percent adore these subjects!"

Other comments from students made in an anonymous survey convince Mr. Illenberger that the camp will influence some career choices down the road. "One of the main challenges at the forefront of science education is the lack of young women entering science-related fields," he said. "Our program is one that boys and girls enjoy equally, and we give them many opportunities to interact with professionals in these fields."

The Academy is the result of a nonprofit foundation started by Dr. James McGlamery, Normandy Elementary principal. Its endowment is established with the Cleveland Foundation. Expansion of the program to include seventh-grade students is planned for next year, and additional grade levels will be added as more funds are raised. The program is tuition based, with the foundation also contributing funding to the program's support. If anyone would like to donate to help this program grow, they can contact Dr. McGlamery at 440-617-7352. ●



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Bay alumni celebrate Homecoming weekend

by Mara Manke

The Bay Alumni Foundation will celebrate Homecoming Weekend with alumni-related activities at the pep rally, parade and football game on Friday, Sept. 23, and a brunch on Sept. 24. BAF will also honor its 2011 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Educator Hall of Fame inductees.

The weekend begins on Friday with a Homecoming Pep Rally in the Bay High West gymnasium at 2:15 p.m. The importance and benefits of the alumni foundation will be discussed.

The Distinguished Alumni and Educator honorees will be recognized at the pep rally, and will also participate in the Homecoming Parade – which starts at 5:45 p.m. at Cahoon Park and travels west on Wolf Road to Bay High School – and will be fea-

tured during a pre-game 50-yard-line ceremony at the BHS stadium.

During the Bay High football game, beginning at 7 p.m., the Bay Alumni Foundation will serve cookies and cider at the covered pavilion just behind the main entrance inside the stadium.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. a brunch in celebration of this year's hall of fame inductees will be held at The Fountain Bleau Party Center at 635 Miller Rd. in Avon Lake. Brunch reservations are needed and the price is \$30 per person. All are invited who would like to join in recognizing these amazing people.

To reserve a seat, send payment to Mara Manke '89, President, Bay Alumni Foundation, 1572 Lakeland Ave., Lakewood, OH, 44107. Please make checks payable to: "Bay Alumni Foundation." RSVP payment due by Sept. 15. ●

Alumni foundation announces hall of fame inductees

by Mara Manke

The Bay Alumni Foundation will recognize the contributions of three individuals during the annual Homecoming celebrations. Hall of Fame awards will be presented to Distinguished Educator Charles "Chuck" Millheim and Distinguished Alumni Samuel M. "Pete" Purvis III and Carole Cooney Noon.

The Distinguished Educator Hall of Fame Award was established in 1991 to honor those teachers and/or staff who have made outstanding contributions to education in Bay Village Schools and who exemplify excellence in teaching, scholarship and service.

Chuck Millheim taught in the Bay Village Schools from 1965-1994, serving as a role model for students and staff as an English teacher, English Department Head, and peer leader. He was an advisor for the Bay High yearbook, the literary magazine "Signatures" and the student newspaper "The Bay Window," and was also Band Booster President, Language Arts Committee Chair. He also was held in high regard as an excellent Theatre Stage Crew Advisor for 12 years.

In 1985, Mr. Millheim did not attend the Superintendent's Best Award ceremony where he was the honored recipient and instead attended the year-end banquet of the Occupational Work Experience class. Teachers were rarely invited to this OWE banquet, and Mr. Millheim, forgoing attendance at his own recognition ceremony, showed his selflessness and belief that all students deserve attention.

He was the Direct Energy 2010 Volunteer Citizen of the Year recipient with his wife, Patricia Millheim, for their volunteering at Butternut Primary School in North Olmsted.

Chuck Millheim is recog-



Chuck Millheim



Pete Purvis



Carole Cooney Noon

nized with the Distinguished Educator award for his compassionate, influential, easy-going and selfless nature, and the respect with which he treated his students and faculty co-workers. He is a life-long learner, loving husband and father of one daughter.

The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award was established in 1987 to honor those individuals who have realized great achievements and served their communities well in their years after graduating from the Bay Village public schools.

Pete Purvis, class of 1952, is one of two Alumni Hall of Fame inductees this year. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1957 and received his Naval Aviator wings in 1958. He flew 101 missions in F-4 Phantoms over North Vietnam between 1967 and 1968 and became a test pilot for Westinghouse Electric Corp. in 1968. In 1971, he joined Grumman Aerospace as an experimental test pilot for the F-14 Tomcat, and was later elected an Associate Fellow by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

He represented aerospace and defense companies with the Departments of State, Defense, Commerce, Congress and foreign embassies. He was also a partner in the renewable energy company Patriot Associates.

Pete Purvis is a loving father of three, and husband to wife Sally.

Carole Cooney Noon, class of 1967, will also be celebrated

with a Distinguished Alumni award. Carole, who passed away in 2009 at the age of 59, dedicated her life to protecting chimpanzees. She earned a doctorate degree in biological anthropology from the University of Florida and became an expert primatologist on the socialization of captive chimpanzees while at the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage in Zambia, Africa.

When the U.S. Air Force announced in 1997 that it was divesting itself of all chimpanzees, described as "surplus equipment," Carole founded Save the Chimps organization and created a permanent chimpanzee rescue sanctuary in Fort Pierce, Fla. By 2002, Save the Chimps had become the largest primate sanctuary in the world, with over 280 rescued chimpanzees and monkeys from the Air Force space program, biomedical research and the entertainment industry.

In 2004, she received the Jane Goodall Award for Lifetime Dedication to the Care of Chimpanzees.

The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries created the Carole Noon Award for Sanctuary Excellence to honor her contributions to the animal sanctuary field and the first award was posthumously given to Carole in 2009.

Carole Noon had a wonderful sense of humor and a powerful, no-nonsense aura about her and was able charismatically to motivate others to share her love and devotion to saving chimpanzees. ●

TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

An end and a beginning

by Audrey Ray, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary

Did you do all the things you wanted to do this summer? I did most of the things I wanted to do but not all of them. I hope to still do them before school starts, but if I don't I could do them this fall.

As I reflect over my summer, the biggest change for me was my dog, BuggZ, dying and then getting a new puppy. Hagrid, our new dog, is an indolent puppy. He doesn't like to go on walks and we have to work really hard to get him to go. Our neighbors and friends think it's hilarious that he won't walk. People say they have never seen a puppy so lazy! I hope Hagrid will become more active as the weather changes.

My parents say that I have grown more independent this summer. I have more privileges than I have had in past summers. I have been allowed to bike farther with friends, take care of siblings while my mom and dad were busy, and have been able to see friends more often. They tell me I get to have these privileges because I'm growing older, and they

trust me.

I am excited that summer is almost over and school is starting next week. Summer has been fun, but I am looking forward to fourth grade. I met my teacher, Miss McMaugh, when I dropped off my supplies and I learned that she likes to read and write just like me.

She has a bulletin board that is dedicated to learning new vocabulary words. It is called "Vivid Vocabulary." I really want to learn new words so I was happy about that. She also had lots of books in one corner of the room which I think I'll enjoy. She mentioned a book series that I didn't know about and hope to read it in her classroom.

After meeting Miss McMaugh, I stopped to say hello to Mrs. Fisher, my third-grade teacher. I was happy to see her and she told me that she has enjoyed my articles all summer long. She said if I liked writing my column I should continue writing it through the school year.

So if it's okay with the Observer, I think I would like to continue my column, Tales of a Fourth Grade Something. So be on the lookout for my column this school year. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Former school board member running for Bay's Ward 3

I am excited and enthused about being a candidate for public office again in Bay Village. I am running for the Ward 3 City Council seat.

I am confident I can provide the leadership and professional management skills that Bay residents want. I served on the Board of Education from 1994-2005, three of those years as president and another three as vice-president.

Most recently in 2005, I ran for mayor of Bay Village, placing second in a field of five. I believe that my formal education and work experience have prepared me well for the city council position. I hold a Masters of Public Administration degree which is the degree that most city managers hold.

I am proud of many accomplishments on the School Board. We managed a district school budget of approximately \$25 million, which at the time was about double that of the City's. Many collaborative efforts were implemented between the Board and the City. These included the high school's fitness center; Bay Family Services and the addition of a community gym to the middle school. The Bay Board of Education also played a crucial leadership role in establishing a consortium with other districts to cut costs and negotiate lower health premiums.

I describe myself as a fiscal conservative. I believe this philosophy is crucial in addressing the declining reserve fund and the pressures of providing excellent city services while at the same time looking for cost-effective savings. Taxes, recent flooding, aging homes, and the condition of city-owned buildings are also concerns of residents. Since I first ran for office, my campaign theme has been: "Do What's Best for Bay." I am running because I love Bay and want to make it an even better community.

Sincerely,
Karen Lieske, Bay Village

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Bay Village stray dog report

by Mayor Debbie Sutherland

Since mid-July, the City of Bay Village has sent four stray dogs to the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter. The first dog was evaluated for about two weeks and found to have some behavioral issues that made it unsuitable for adoption in an urban, family environment. As a result, it was adopted by a loving Geauga County family with a farm so the dog has plenty of room to run and play.

The second two dogs were also adopted out to loving families. The fourth dog was happily reunited with her family after the family purchased the necessary dog license.

If you own a dog, don't forget to get your dog license. It is the best way to identify your dog should you be separated. For more information, go the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter website at www.cuyahogadogs.com. ●

Networking a process of self-transformation

by Nidhi Shah Ph.D., MBA

Networking is the process of doing, while self-transformation is the process of being. In other words, networking focuses on execution and external factors whereas self-transformation focuses on intrinsic motivation and internal factors play an active role in the process. The being focuses on pure, positive, powerful as well as peace of mind including love, bliss, knowledge and truth. Only when the being feels good we are able to network with satisfying outcome.

Networking is about connecting with others, developing relationships and establishing long term contacts. It is not just a mere exchange of business cards and attending networking events periodically. Self-transformation is transmitting positive energy as well as positive vibrations to our being. This process enables us to transform our being.

Networking creates new opportunities for growth and professional development, while self-transformation generates tranquility as well as stability. In networking we are dependent on others and exogenous factors. But in self-transformation we work on changing self first and not others. We are independent of self; believe in endogenous factors such as intuition, our inner tutor.

In networking our objective is accomplishing the right results, doing all that is essential to be ahead of the game. But self-transformation is working on the being, improving the performance and communicating positive affirmations to self in order to make ourselves internally strong.

In other words now it is lucid how self-transformation can accelerate the process of networking. When our objective is only networking and not self-transformation the chances of frustration, disappointment, resentment and anger will be more. So our vision is to work on networking and self-transformation simultaneously and bring the desired change. Sometimes when circumstances are not favorable we react, but in self-transformation we will respond to unfavorable situation.

Both networking and ontology (the metaphysical nature of being) are interdependent and when we use them together we will get optimum results with higher output and dividend.

Networking focuses on to how to survive under pressure and manage to get a job. Whereas self-transformation works on how to be more balanced, resilient and thrive in a given situation. This means ontology works on inner inspiration while networking is just based on professional interaction and rebuilding change. Let us go back and see how networking can bring a new dimension and create a new purpose that will transform our being! ●

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake schools project kicks off with groundbreaking ceremony

by Kim Bonvissuto

The Westlake City School District will hold a ceremonial groundbreaking Monday, August 29, at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the initiation of Phase I of the Master Facilities Plan.

The ceremony will be held outside the Westlake High School media center, on the grassy area between the building and the bus loop. Tours of the high school site, weather permitting, will be offered following the ceremony.

The groundbreaking celebrates the beginning

of a three-year construction project that will result in a new middle school, a new high school and a renovated intermediate school. These facility improvements came about thanks to the commitment of the Westlake Board of Education and the concentrated efforts of the Citizens for Westlake Schools bond issue campaign committee, led by Cathy Axcell and Joe Kraft.

The Westlake Board of Education will holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., following the ceremony, in the WHS cafeteria. ●

Tri-C Westshore receives approval to expand campus

On Monday, August 8, the Ohio Controlling Board approved the purchase of 11 acres adjacent to the current Westshore Campus of Cuyahoga Community College for development of new classrooms and a Workforce Development Training Center.

The expansion will meet increasing demand for classes at the new Westshore location while alleviating crowded conditions at the college's Western Campus in Parma, where enrollment has increased by nearly 25 percent since classes began in 2008. The new facilities will provide new workforce training opportunities and allow Corporate College West, which is being temporarily used as classroom space,

to return to its original mission of corporate training and professional development.

"Education and training are the foundation of future success," said State Representative Nan Baker. "The Western Campus in Parma has been tremendously successful in the last few years, and the new expansion of the Westshore Campus will provide even more access to education and training for Ohioans in the region. In a time when Ohio has open jobs due to a lack of skilled workers, training is a critical aspect to obtaining high quality employment. These new facilities will be valuable for job growth and economic development within the region." ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Compeer volunteering offers simple way to give back

by Denise Ayres

Some of you reading the Westlake | Bay Village Observer may be either considering or looking for volunteer opportunities. People decide to become volunteers for many reasons, including, a desire to "give back" and share talents and skills, to become more connected to an organization, and to meet like-minded people with similar ideas and interests.

The Compeer Program has great appreciation for our volunteers. We are looking for more individuals to add to our "Valuable Volunteers" list. I am taking this opportunity to answer some common questions asked regarding Compeer Volunteering.

Q: What do Compeer volunteers do?

A: After being interviewed and trained, each volunteer is matched, one to one, with a same-gender adult in recovery from mental illness. The volunteer gets to choose specifics about his or her potential match, such as age group, city of residence (in Cuyahoga County only), request a non-smoker, and types of interests. The volunteer gets to meet his or her potential match at our office. If both volunteer and member agree to the match then the two of them discuss the how, where and when of their weekly or monthly activities together.

Q: How much volunteer time is required by Compeer?

A: Each volunteer gets to arrange his or her own schedule! This makes the Compeer volunteering experience flexible enough to meet any schedule. Volunteers are required to communicate or meet with his or her match one hour per week or four hours each month. The initial commitment is twelve months.

Q: Do I need education or experience in working

in a mental health setting?

A: No previous education or experience in the mental health field is required. You need to be 18 years old or older, have a valid state driver's license or ID, and patience and understanding in talking to others. If you like to talk, socialize, laugh and meet people, you are perfect for Compeer!

Three reasons you should not be fearful of volunteering in a mental health services program like Compeer:

1. The Compeer Program at Far West Center has operated for 23 consecutive years and is a branch of Compeer Inc., an international organization. Check out their website at www.compeer.org. Our program is listed under "Ohio." Click on "People" at the bottom of the home page and read the July "Story of the Month," which is from our program!

2. Compeer staff offers ongoing support and direction to volunteers. Volunteers can request additional information regarding mental illness, guidelines, communication issues and ideas for activities at any time. A schedule of weekly facilitated activities is provided. Volunteers are only responsible for their own transportation and expenses.

3. If you decide to try Compeer, you will find out, like our new volunteer Rachael did, that people in recovery from mental illness have much more in common with you than differences.

Rachael met our lively group last Monday at one of our two monthly Coffee Nights. We met at a local restaurant. The girl working the counter asked me, "Are you all a party?" She saw Compeer as 15 adults laughing and having fun together.

If Compeer volunteering sounds like a good fit for you, contact us at 440-835-6212, ext. 242, or email compeer@farwestcenter.com. ●

LOCAL DINING

Bay-ites love the Diner

by Steve Novak

As we walked up to Bay Diner to have lunch recently, my wife took notice of a bunch of bicycles parked out front. We stepped inside to see a couple booths filled with kids and several others sitting at the bar-height counter.

The scene reminded my wife of her childhood in Bay Village, riding her bike down to Grebe's. It was a diner just like Bay Diner and at the time one of the only restaurants in town.

Bay Diner opened for business a little over a year ago by the Petrillo family. The son, Mike Jr., is head cook and manager.

The restaurant's interior features an eight-seat counter – in classic diner style – with booths and tables filling the remaining space.

Retro black-and-white photographs of Bay Village landmarks, taken by Mike's wife Joanna, that hang over the booths give the diner a real hometown feel.

Antique license plates and nostalgic calendars make for interesting viewing. Mike laughs and tells me that customers come in trying to give him more plates for the walls.

As I sat and talked to Mike, he informed me he had a pot of Chicken Paprikas cooking on the stove.

"Everything is homemade here," Mike said.

Being of Hungarian descent, I look forward to going in on a Thursday when it's served as a special.

I started my meal with a cup of the Roasted Red Pepper Soup (\$2.99). It was wonderfully rich and creamy with nice chunks of peppers and crumbled beef, so delicious even my finicky six-year-old son loved it.

My wife ordered the Roast Beef Wrap (\$6.89). Freshly sliced beef with tomatoes, lettuce, onions, shredded Cheddar cheese and topped with a horseradish sauce – it was quite tasty.

I opted for a Patty Melt (\$7.99). This



half-pound burger served on grilled Jewish Rye with Swiss cheese and grilled onions was very good.

Both items had a choice of home-made chips, fresh-cut French fries or crispy tater tots, once you try them it's really hard to choose just one.

On Fridays you have to stop in for the Yellow Lake Erie Perch (\$12.99). Lightly breaded and fried to perfection, served with a creamy cole slaw. Remember, only on Fridays.

I love a good Gyro (\$6.79). First, let's get the pronunciation right – "year-oh." The sandwich features hand-carved lamb, slightly grilled to give the edges a crispiness; tomatoes; grilled onions and cucumber sauce served on a pita. You can't go wrong.

Other dishes I look forward to trying are the Breaded Pork Chops (\$9.99 for one, or two for \$11.99), Pierogies (\$8.99) and BBQ Pulled Pork (\$8.99), all served with potato of the day, vegetable and side salad.

Also the list of sandwiches, wraps and melts is extensive, so please look carefully before choosing.

Let's talk breakfast. The most important thing with breakfast is variety, and there is no shortage at Bay Diner. A limited breakfast menu is available all day.

Two Bay Cakes (\$3.99) are light, fluffy and delicious pancakes. For a dollar more, you can select chocolate chip, banana or blueberry to tempt your sweet tooth.

"BBB" – Bay's Big Breakfast (\$6.99) offers two eggs, two Bay Cakes or French toast, sausage, bacon, hash browns and toast. Only meant for the most adventurous eaters, I couldn't do it.

Hash browns or tater tots are offered with breakfast; trust me and order the tots. I don't know what it is about them, but as my friend Leah said, "Have you ordered the tater tots? They're great!"

Service is fast and friendly.

The diner will be rolling out a new menu and online ordering in a month or so..

Mike says he looking forward to school starting because St. Raphael students often stop for breakfast before school, at lunchtime and after school lets out, adding some extra business. A new generation of Bay kids are making their own memories at the neighborhood diner.

With only a handful of restaurants in Bay Village it's important

to make a good first impression and Bay Diner has done that, giving them the opportunity to go the distance.

Steve Novak is a Westlake resident and 30-year veteran in the restaurant industry, working at all levels from dishwasher to manager to chef/owner. The Observer makes two anonymous visits per restaurant and does not accept complimentary meals. ●

Bay Diner

660 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village
440-835-9011
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Prices: Breakfast, \$3.49-\$7.99; Appetizers, \$2.49-\$7.49; Salads, \$2.50-\$7.99; Burgers, Wraps, Melts, Sandwiches, \$4.99-\$9.99; Entrees: \$6.99-\$12.99

Reservations: No

Credit cards: All major

Cuisine: American

Kids menu: Yes

Bar service: No

Carry out: Yes

Accessibility: Excellent entrance & restrooms

Grade: ★★ ★

Ratings: 1 star: Fair; 2 stars: Good; 3 stars: Very Good; 4 stars: Excellent

CERT teams train at Crocker Park

Local CERT teams spent the morning of Saturday, August 20, working through simulated disaster response and victim triage scenarios at the Crocker Park Regal Cinemas. The Community Emergency Response Team program trains volunteers to assist local safety forces and

first responders during major emergencies and disasters.

Westshore CERT was joined by the Berea, Brooklyn and Olmsted teams in responding to a carefully planned scenario in which a flash mob got out of control inside the theater. Groups were dispatched to assess the

aftermath of the incident, locate "victims" (volunteers in stage makeup), triage the injured and maintain order. Westlake Fire Department representatives arrived midway through the exercise to practice the transfer of command protocol with CERT supervisors.



Weekend trip endures as lasting memory of special colleague

by Marge Widmar

Nearly every day since the loss of Ruth Purdy Leslie last April, Ruth comes to mind. Some days, it is more than once. Her image is also accompanied with disbelief that I can no longer call her up, see her at an art show, or talk with her about art.

Ruth was a colleague of mine in the Art Department of the Bay Village City School District. Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to work with her in the same school. I had the pleasure of having her children in art class. I also was honored to have her as a dear friend.

My first acquaintance with Ruth was as a parent of one of my art students. I knew her as the volunteer coordinator of guest artists at what was formerly Baycrafters (now BAYarts). She was a dedicated volunteer with the Bay Education Foundation and was a member of numerous school committees. I am sure Ruth contributed to a great many other organizations of which I am not aware.

In our teaching relationship, Ruth was always there to offer help and go the extra mile. From a prayer from Ruth's memorial service: "For it is in giving that we receive." Ruth excelled at this.

Another quote from her service: "Where there is despair, let me sow hope." Every encounter with Ruth left me filled with optimism as well as admiration for her. She always found some positives in challenging situations. Her memorial service was beautiful. The comment was made that it was so because of Ruth's beauty as a person. There was so much good to share about Ruth.

Some of my favorite memories of Ruth are from a weekend trip to New



Ruth Purdy Leslie at artist Christo's "Gates" installation in Central Park.

York City in 2005. I called Ruth, asking her to join me on a visit to see artist Christo's "Gates" installation in Central Park. To my delight, she said yes.

We had a great February Saturday morning in the park enjoying a once in a lifetime art opportunity – with sun, gentle snowfall here and there, and occasional wind billowing the saffron fabric "gates." The visuals were accompanied with sounds of French, Spanish, Italian tourists; of children and animals. It was poetry in the park.

We had the opportunity to meet with a former student working in fashion design in the city, Grace Lanning, at the Museum of Modern Art. We also thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful music and great visuals of "The Lion King."

Ruth being Ruth, the weekend ended in NYC with a taxi trip to where the Twin Towers once stood. Ruth just needed to do that – "Where there is hatred, let me sow love." Ruth did a lot of that. ●

BAYarts plans for another sold out Moondance benefit

by Ray Young

BAYarts' annual Moondance fall benefit is approaching on Sept. 17. Over 700 art lovers, foodies and music lovers attended last year's benefit, but many more were disappointed to find it sold out.

BAYarts is hoping to encourage early ticket purchases by offering last year's rate of \$75 only until Sept. 1. After that date, tickets will go up to \$100 and will be \$115 for walk-ins if the event is not sold out beforehand.

"This helps us plan with our restaurants and other services to make this the best event possible," said Mary Conway Sullivan, BAYarts board member who oversees the event. "Many people who attended told us they go to many benefits all year but

this is their favorite because its just about having a great time in this beautiful Cleveland Metroparks setting."

In contrast to last year's event, when the Fuller House had no doors, walls or windows, this year it becomes the centerpiece of the event with surrounding porches to accommodate the festivities. In addition, new walkways, gardens and other details have been updated to make the campus the destination for great events like this one.

This is BAYarts' only benefit which helps keep all the other events free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bayarts.net, by calling 440-871-6543 (Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.) or stopping in at BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd. Tables of 10 are available. Contact Mary at mary@bayarts.net for details. ●



ABOVE: Jane Nord of the Nord Family Foundation whose work is on display as part of the Kendal at Oberlin show and BAYarts board member Jim Dougman

RIGHT: Guests enjoyed great food, a great view and the jazz quartet CB4



BAYarts hosts WCLV and Kendal at Oberlin

BAY arts

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Music:

Becky Boyd and Real Life Hosted by Ravenna Micelli of V107.3

Silent auction includes travel, art, services



COMMUNITY EVENTS

View more events and post your own on the Observer homepage at www.wbvobserver.com.

August 26, 11 a.m.-noon
Group for Older Adults with Cancer

Individuals who are coping with a cancer diagnosis come together for mutual support and an opportunity to discuss issues important to older adults. Contact Betsy Kohn at 216-595-9546 with any questions.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

August 27, 9:30-11 a.m.
City of Westlake Bicentennial Bake Off

To celebrate the bicentennial, an old-fashioned bake off will be held in conjunction with the free Community Block Party at Westlake UMC. Baked goods can include any homemade cake, pie, cookie, dessert, sweet bread, etc. All submissions must be homemade and received at the church

between 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to qualify. Awards announcements will be made at 2 p.m. during the Community Block Party.
Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

August 27, 1-4 p.m.
Free Community Block Party

See the story on page 2 of this issue.
Westlake UMC, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

August 27, 5-6:30 p.m.
FREE West Shore Community Meal

All ages are welcome to enjoy a free community meal that includes Rocky River's award-winning "Zog Dogs," macaroni salad, 3-bean salad, watermelon and beverages. No carry-out meals available. Accessible to the physically challenged.

August 31, 6-7:30 p.m.
Rain Barrel Workshop

See details on page 6 of this issue.
Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

August 31, 7-8 p.m.
Drumming for Health

Join us for a fun and enlightening evening of drumming. Learn about the positive effects of drumming on your health. Drums are provided. Advance registration required, 216-595-9546.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Sept. 1, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
North Coast Health Ministry's Silver Celebration

The evening will feature cocktails, dinner and des-

sert, a live auction and raffles. For more information, visit <http://www.nchealthministry.org/events>. To purchase tickets for the gala, call Jeanine Gergel at 216-228-7878, ext. 107.
Westwood Country Club, Rocky River

Sept. 7, 1-2:30 p.m.
Free Genealogical Research Session

If you need help getting started with researching your family tree or have come to a brick wall in your quest, just bring what information you have collected thus far to this help session. Members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will help you plan your next step.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

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Seasoned folks like me remember how we always went back to school the day after Labor Day (with new corduroy pants whistling as we walked). Now the young people start school in August, but then they do seem to get more days off during the year than we did. Maybe getting a long weekend so soon after starting takes some of the sting out of Labor Day for them.

Labor Day is also marked for me by the Cleveland Air Races, family picnics and an annual political event.

Our annual Air Show is great but the Annual Cleveland Air Races were really special, always drawing national attention as competitors raced around pylons in Lake Erie in view of large crowds on shore. Eventually

tragedy stuck when one flyer hit a house causing injury and death, ending the races here forever.

My dad, a sales engineer, had a part-time business – The Filt-Air Company – in our basement, making custom size air filters for furnaces and air conditioners. It did enough business that relatives in other towns also had subsidiary shops in their basements. My parents' annual Filt-Air Company Picnic in our backyard on Labor Day was always a neat event that brought family to our house for good times. (My first beer probably came from the keg when no one was looking.)

Other significant memories of the day came later when I went with my dad to the Annual Democratic Steer Roast at Euclid Beach. We shared a love of politics and enjoyed seeing local politicians up close doing their

thing. We first saw John F. Kennedy and his wife there in the ballroom where Kennedy gave a short but enthusiastic talk while Jackie sat close by. At age 20, I was impressed with him but thought his speech needed more substance. I'll always regret standing a few feet from him later in the park that I didn't ask to shake his hand.

As created and initially celebrated, Labor Day was meant to "exhibit to the public the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations." Now it honors all those who work or who did in any endeavor. As the U.S. Department of Labor puts it: "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker."

As each holiday came this year, I could not help but think of those willing and able to work without jobs, reminding those of us with work to how lucky we are, and how much we should try to help the unemployed in any way we can. As we attend parades or picnics attended by politicians let's ask them for specifics on what they are doing to create jobs and maybe next year, those now unemployed will be with us, looking forward to a three-day weekend.

Have a great holiday! ●

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