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DEBT REFINANCING SAVES WESTLAKE TAXPAYERS \$571,000

by Kim Bonvissuto

The Westlake City School District went to market on Oct. 11 for the refunding of its 2003 series bonds used to finance the Performing Arts Center project.

The refunding saved the taxpayers of Westlake more than \$571,000 in foregone interest costs. These savings will be reflected in lower property tax rates to Westlake residents over the life of the bond issue.

A breakdown of the sale:

- The bonds will be delivered on Oct. 25
- The refunding resulted in an interest cost of 3.17% (inclusive of all fees)
- The net present value savings to the taxpayers was 7.05% and exceeded the minimum threshold to proceed as established by the Board of Education as well as nationally recognized best practices for this type of activity
- The refunding did not extend the original maturity date of 2027

"The results were better than expected and can be directly attributed to the district's excellent credit rating and sound financial status as recognized recently by Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services," said CFO/Treasurer Mark C. Pepera. ●

Mayor Sutherland visits Normandy Elementary first-grade classroom

by Karen Derby

Students in Mrs. Szelesta's first-grade class had a special visitor recently. Bay Village Mayor Deborah Sutherland helped them with their morning class assignments.

"I had so much fun with Mrs. Szelesta and her class!" said Mayor Sutherland. "They were all so engaging and energetic. I was very impressed with the creative, integrative, and interdisciplinary teaching that takes place at Normandy."

Mrs. Szelesta came away with a good impression of the program and the Mayor's visit. "It was nice to know that she could really see all that goes into a first-grader's day," she said. "Tying shoes, Band-Aids, forgetting a lunch, a ponytail falling out and forgetting library books were all minor things, but 'major' first-grader problems that she experienced with me all in the first hour of the morning!"

"I particularly loved how surprised she was at the many different ability levels within one classroom. She mentioned how some children were able to zip right through our story while others struggled on each



First-graders at Normandy Elementary in Bay Village signed Mayor Debbie Sutherland's boot cast.

page of the same book. She also found it surprising that I had written the same sentences on a sentence strip from the book and then cut them apart, even the children who were able to read the story with ease were stumped by this activity."

The Mayor plans to follow up with another visit in the spring. "It will be so exciting to see her return and experience the growth of the children," said Mrs. Szelesta. "She will be so proud of each of the children and all of their hard work!"

The Mayor showed up for her classroom work wearing a cast on her foot from a recent stress fracture. "The kids still talk about being able to decorate her cast/boot," said Mrs. Szelesta. "She brought a rainbow of Sharpie marker colors for the kids to use and they loved it."

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Youth Challenge celebrates 35 years with Homecoming



Katie, Clare and Katelyn strike a pose at the Youth Challenge Homecoming Dance on Oct. 7.

by Kathy Rigdon

It was a great couple of days to catch up with old friends and make new ones at the Youth Challenge Alumni Homecoming Weekend, held Oct. 7 and 8 at Youth Challenge headquarters in Westlake.

Many people, including current and past participants and volunteers, staff and friends, gathered to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Youth Challenge at the homecoming dance Friday night and at a tailgate party on Saturday.

Youth Challenge (YC) is a non-profit organization that brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers who enrich each other's lives through one-on-one participation in adapted sports and recreational activities.

YC provides free year-round activities for 150 kids, ages 4 to 18, with physical disabilities such as muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and hearing or vision impairments. A team of 400 teen volunteers, ages 12 to 18, are seasonally trained by professionals and peers to work with children with physical disabilities and are paired one-on-one with participants at each program.

Over 180 programs, led by a team of professionals, are offered each year including basketball, baseball, swimming, skiing, tennis, karate, horseback riding, sailing, bowling, nature programs, dancing, arts and crafts, music and field trips. There is also an 18 Up Club for Youth Challenge alumni. Participants can get a ride to and from YC programs in one of seven lift-equipped vans. In 2010, more than 5,700 rides were provided free of charge.

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



A Meals on Wheels volunteer delivers food to a Westlake resident.

Dine in to help out Meals on Wheels

by Janice Mattingly

The Rusty Barrel, a popular neighborhood sports bar and restaurant on Center Ridge Road owned by Rusty Jesset, has begun a new community outreach program as a way to thank the community for its support. During the month of October, Westlake Meals on Wheels will receive 10% of Monday food sales between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

For more than 30 years, Westlake Meals on Wheels has provided continuous service to our community. It is a

non-profit, non-governmentally funded service whose purpose is to help people who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to health or age related problems. Meals on Wheels provides two well-balanced meals a day, one hot and one cold, five days a week.

All meals are prepared fresh daily in the kitchen and delivered by volunteers to the recipient's door. If for any reason they do not answer the knock or acknowledge their presence, contact is made to a designated emergency person to check on the welfare of the recipient.

All are invited to participate in this worthy fundraiser. If you are unable to attend but would like to support this cause, donations are always welcome to help offset the rising costs of food and supplies. Make checks payable to Westlake Meals on Wheels, 2239 Dover Center Rd., Westlake. Direct any questions about the program or contact us to volunteer to 440-871-2551. ●



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

Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
WECPTA Preschool Fair
FREE and open to the public. Westlake Early Childhood PTA has taken the hassle out of preschool selection. You will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from preschools in surrounding communities including Avon, Westlake, Bay Village, Rocky River and North Olmsted. Attendees will be able to speak directly with the preschool staff and pick up information on area programs. If you or someone you know has a two- or three-year-old and would like to find out more about area preschools, this is the event for you. For more info, contact Carrie Rendziak at cdrendziak@hotmail.com or visit www.wecpta.org.
Parkside School, 24525 Hilliard Rd., Westlake

Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m.
Holiday Depression Talk
Do you feel like Scrooge during the holidays? The “holiday season” can be joyous for some and difficult for others. Attend this “uplifting” talk by Lydia Gadd, MA, LPCC-S, from St. John Medical Center, to learn how to turn “Bah Humbug” into “I can cope!”
Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village

Oct. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.
Free Rain Garden Workshop
Learn how to plant a rain garden – it will beautify your yard and help reduce damaging stormwater run-off. To register, contact Amy Roskilly at 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or email aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org. Sponsored by the Bay Village Green Team.
Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Oct. 19, 6-8:30 p.m.
Westlake Garden Club Annual Potluck Dinner
Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. Joe Reardon will present “Let’s Talk Turkey” and will share the lively history of the wild turkey and why some of our founding fathers thought it should be our national bird. Everyone welcome. Call 440-331-8722 for information and reservations.
Church of the Redeemer UCC, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Oct. 19, 7-8:45 p.m.
Free Genealogical Research Assistance
Bring what information you have collected thus far and Cuyahoga West members will help you plan your next step. A roundtable sharing of recent finds or roadblocks is also on the agenda.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Bay Village Candidates Night
The public is invited to attend and ask questions of candidates in contested races on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. Running for two Bay Village Board of Education seats are incumbent William Selong and new candidates David Campbell, Steve Merkel and Bob Piccirilli. Running for the Bay Village Council Ward 3 seat are Karen Lieske and Bob Ziebarth. Candidates will give opening and closing statements and will respond to written audience questions. One hour will be allotted for Bay Village Board of Education candidates, followed by a half-hour allotted for City Council Ward 3 candidates. Presented by Bay High Student Council members in partnership with the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area, Bay Village Chapter.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
Game Night At The Clague House Museum
Please join the Westlake Historical Society for a fun-filled evening of games and a little bit of history mixed in. We will also be carving pumpkins! Please bring a favorite board game and join in the fun. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please call the Society at 440-808-1961.
Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd.

Oct. 22, 9 a.m.
Bay Village Heritage 5K Run
See the story on page 15 of this issue.
Cahoon Memorial Park

Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-noon
Free Informational Long-Term Care Seminar
Renowned speaker, State Farm Insurance agent Dane Donaldson, will present an informational seminar on long-term care planning. Please be sure to bring any questions you may have on long-term care coverage and planning. Refreshments will be provided.
The Belvedere of Westlake, 29591 Detroit Rd.

Oct. 22, noon
Founders Walk Dedication Ceremony
Engraved bricks purchased by residents and businesses of Westlake will be installed in a Founders Walk at the Clague Monument. The ceremony will feature 200 volunteers who will ring a bell for each year of our Bicentennial. Please join us to help celebrate Westlake’s 200-year anniversary.
Clague Memorial Park

Oct. 22, 7 p.m.
Halloween Mystery Dinner
The Candlelight Mystery Players, a troupe of veteran actors, will present an improvisational event where they mingle with the audience and provide clues as to “who done it.” Guests are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. The \$35 per person ticket price includes the performance, dinner, wine, beer and soft drinks. There will be games, prizes and a raffle. Phone Carole Roske at 440-871-4797 to make a reservation.
Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd.

Oct. 23, noon-6 p.m.
Family Fun Pumpkin Patch Day
See the story on page 6 of this issue.
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
Benefit Performance for The Village Food Project
The Village Food Project hosts “Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure” at Huntington Playhouse. A wine and cheese reception will follow the performance, featuring samples of favorite Village Food Project recipes. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be reserved by contacting Jean Pell at jpell31955@aol.com or 440-808-8984 or by mailing your check payable to The Village Food Project, P.O. Box 40023, Bay Village, OH 44140. All proceeds benefit The Village Food Project.
Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Oct. 24, 7-8:30 p.m.
Eliot Ness and Cleveland’s “Roaring 20s”
Join the Westlake Porter Public Library and Westlake Historical Society as we bring you “The Roaring 20s in Cleveland, and Eliot Ness,” presented by Michael Goldstein, instructor at Cuyahoga Community College. Mr. Goldstein teaches a number of classes at Tri-C on the topic of history, as well as on the specific topics of Cleveland and its history. Refreshments will be provided by the Westlake Historical Society. Seating is limited; please register over the phone, online, or at any public service desk at Porter Library.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 25, 7-8:30 p.m.
Parenting 101: How To Get Your Kids To Do What YOU Say
See the story on page 10 of this issue.
Westlake Public Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 26, 6-8 p.m.
Freaky Family Fun Night
See the story on page 14 of this issue.
Knickerbocker Apartments, 27100 Knickerbocker Rd., Bay Village

Oct. 26, 6:30-9 p.m.
North Coast Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America
The North Coast Chapter meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except November and December). This month will be a smocking ornament taught by Martha Gibbs of Marmee’s Heirlooms. All stitchers are welcome to join the fun and to meet new friends with similar interests. For info, call 440-895-9597.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Group for Older Adults with Cancer
This drop-in adult group supports individuals who are coping with a cancer diagnosis. Participants will come together for mutual support and an opportunity to discuss issues important to older adults.
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Operation: Medicine Cabinet
See the story on page 6 of this issue.
*Bay Village police station, 28000 Wolf Rd.
Westlake police station, 27300 Hilliard Blvd.*

Oct. 29, 5-6:30 p.m.
FREE West Shore Community Meal
All ages are invited to attend a free community meal. The Spaghetti with Meat Sauce dinner includes tossed salad, bread & butter, dessert & beverages. The church is accessible to the physically disabled. Everyone is welcome. No carry-out meals available. This monthly meal is co-sponsored by Church of the Redeemer UCC in Westlake.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Westlake Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast
See the story on page 11 of this issue.
Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
Bay Village and Westlake trick-or-treating hours



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

as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.

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

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

To join in, sign-up through the Member Center at www.wbvobserver.com and submit your stories & photos. Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes in size. If you have questions, contact us at staff@wbvobserver.com.

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We encourage residents of Westlake and Bay to join in and share stories, photos, and information about our great communities.

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Porter Library's October events include Customer Appreciation Week, Oct. 23-29

by Elaine Willis

Wednesday, Oct. 19 (4-5 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL FUN – Want to play Wii? How about watch a DVD? Maybe listen to some music? Hang out with us every Wednesday after school at 4 p.m. and we'll have some fun! Grades 5 & up.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 (6:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Thursday, Oct. 20 (7-8:30 p.m.) What the Small Business Administration Can Do For the Small Business Owner – A representative from the SBA will discuss the SBA programs and services that can assist a current small business owner or help start a new small business. Please register.

Friday, Oct. 21 (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.

Saturday, Oct. 22 (10:30 a.m.-noon) SPOOKY MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY: "SPOOKY BUDDIES" – With the help of some new friends – including a ghost! – this exciting adventure is howling-good fun for the Buddies! All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy, all children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting Oct. 15.

Saturday, Oct. 22 (2-3:30 p.m.) "GOOSEBUMPS" DOUBLE FEATURE – We've got a double feature of R.L. Stine's ghostly tales. All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy, all

children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting Oct. 15.

Westlake Porter Public Library will celebrate its customers during Customer Appreciation Week, October 23-29. Look for giveaways, the "Customer of the Day" awards and special programs. Included are:

Monday, October 24 (6:45-8:45 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE – Note earlier starting time! This month's movie will be the 2011 adaptation of a classic Gothic romance by Charlotte Bronte featuring a "plain" governess and her brooding employer. MPAA rating PG-13. Please register.

Tuesday, October 25 (3-4:30 p.m.) FIRESIDE CHAT – Stop by and chat with Library Director Andrew Mangels, ask him a question, or just say "Hi"!

Wednesday, October 26 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The October selection is Alex Cross's Trial by James Patterson.

Wednesday, October 26 (7-8 p.m.) FAMILY FUN NIGHT – Enjoy some good old-fashioned Halloween stories and rhymes, decorate a trick-or-treat bag and show off your costume in a library parade! Ages 3-7. Registration begins October 19.

Thursday, October 27 (4-4:45 p.m.) LAST MINUTE CRAFTS – Leaving things 'til the last minute can be frantic – or fun! Join us for a fun, easy holiday-themed craft and film.

For grades 1-2. Please register starting October 20.

Friday, October 28 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

Saturday, October 29 (9 a.m.-Noon) SHREDDING EVENT – Take a step to avoid identity theft: bring your sensitive documents to be shredded by a commercial shredder. Two box limit.

Saturday, October 29 (10:30 a.m.-Noon) HALLOWEEN MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY! – Spooky fun is in the air with this double feature! First, Shrek gets in the Halloween spirit by challenging his friends to come up with scary stories. Next, the Monsters are challenged by mutant pumpkin Aliens bent on taking over the world! In accordance with library policy, all children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting October 22.

Saturday, October 29 (2-3:30 p.m.) HALLOWEEN MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY! – It's up to the dog to save Halloween in this adventure. All ages welcome. In accordance with library policy, all children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting October 22.

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

Downloadable Kindle eBooks available at Porter Library

by Elaine Willis

Kindle owners can now borrow and download eBooks from Westlake Porter Public Library. Most titles in the library's collection of popular and classic eBooks are now compatible with Amazon Kindle readers and any mobile device operating the free Kindle app – such as a smartphone or tablet PC. The collection is accessible through the library's website at overdrive.westlakelibrary.org.

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To help library users learn how to find, download and use the downloadable eBooks, the library is offering a free program, "Introduction to Overdrive and eBooks," on Monday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. or Monday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. Please call 440-871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080> to register. ●

Hoops sign-up time at Westlake Recreation

by Jim Dispirito

Youth Basketball Leagues (Boys & Girls, Grades 1-6)

Youth basketball leagues are now forming for the Westlake Recreation Center. Children must be a resident of Westlake, member of the Recreation Center or attend school in Westlake. Practices will start the week of Nov. 29 and games will start on Saturday, Jan. 7. Deadline to register is Nov. 2. Afterwards, registrations will be accepted based on space availability and will have a \$10 late fee assessed. Age groups include grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

7th & 8th Grade Basketball League

The Westlake Recreation Center competes in the West Suburban Youth Basketball League. Teams are made up of 7th & 8th grade students who are not participating on school teams. Practice will be held at least once a week. Games begin on Jan. 7. Deadline to register is Dec. 12. (If 40+ boys OR girls sign up, we will stay with an in-house league.)

High School Basketball League

Open to any resident or member of the Recreation Center. Players who play on a school team may not play in this league. There are NO practices. Deadline to register is Dec. 12. Games begin on Jan. 7.

Jr. Demons Skills Camp (Grades K-2)

Saturday, Oct. 22 (noon-1 p.m.) – Westlake High School Varsity Boys Coach Shawn Hood wants to teach your child the mechanics of being a great basketball player. Children will learn to dribble, pass and shoot properly. Coach Hood's years of experience will make this an enjoyable and rewarding session for all involved. Saturday, Oct. 22, noon-1 p.m.

The Great Pumpkin Roll

Sunday, Nov. 5 (1 p.m.) – Ever wonder what happened to all those old pumpkins from Halloween? Well they come to the Westlake Recreation Center's sledding hill and roll down the hill. Prizes will be awarded for longest roll, shortest roll, etc.

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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CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Art on Wheels brings creativity to Bay Library

by Pam DeFino

Carolina Martin from Art on Wheels Inc. returns to the library with more art fun Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. as part of the Octavofest celebration of bookmaking and paper arts. Carolina will guide children ages 4-10 in making a peek-a-boo style spooky book while learning different art processes.

Art On Wheels, a non-profit organization, was created in 1989 to provide high quality, traveling hands-on art education activities in the visual arts. Their mission is to give a voice to individuals of all abilities

through these arts experiences that enrich the lives of individuals, their families and their community.

Carolina Martin's mom, Charlet First, a playwright and artist, battled lung cancer for the last six years of her life. To maintain her mobility, she drove a motorized electric cart. On weekly outings, Carolina and her family attached a wagon to the back of Charlet's cart that carried her lunch, oxygen tank, art supplies, and her granddaughter. To



Carolina Martin of Art on Wheels totes a wagon full of supplies for her visual art classes.

continue Charlet's positive spirit, her passion for the arts and her love for people, her daughter, Carolina, and granddaughter, Julia Barnes Garmon, use the wagon to carry all of the supplies needed for conducting visual art classes.

Throughout the years they have established inspiring artistic relation-

ships with 15,000 budding artists around Ohio each year. From preschoolers to students in schools to adults with special needs, Art on Wheels has helped them get in touch with their inner artist and go away with a sense of accomplishment. For more information go to Art on Wheels' website at www.aowinc.com.

What is an Octavofest?

Octavofest is a month long celebration of the book and paper arts. Funded in part by a generous grant from the George Gund Foundation, Octavofest's founding organization, Art Books Cleveland, has partnered with the Cleveland Public Library's Center for the Book, Cleveland State University's Library, and the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation to provide many opportunities for residents to enjoy and participate in programs that focus on the paper arts.

The Bay Village Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is excited to offer two programs this month to support Octavofest and draw attention to this countywide celebration. Please check the program listings for details. For more details on Octavofest and a complete list of events throughout Cuyahoga County, visit www.octavofest.com.

Friends of Bay Village Library fall book sale, Oct. 22-25

by Linda Lamb

The annual fall book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library will be Saturday, Oct. 22, through Tuesday, Oct. 25. The book sale

is held during regular library hours on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday but closes at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

There is a wide range of adult and children's hardback and paperback books, as well

as DVDs, CDs, books on tape and magazines. Items are priced to sell and have been categorized for easy selection. Tuesday, the last day of the sale, is "bag day" when patrons can buy a bagful of

books for only \$1. Bags are provided by the library.

Volunteers are needed to help with the book sale and other library-related projects sponsored and funded by the Friends of the Bay Village

Library. For information on volunteering, the book sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Rd. or call 440-871-6392.

Upcoming Bay Village Branch Library programs

by Pam DeFino

Registration required for all programs.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 (7-8:30 p.m.) MEET MARISA DE LOS SANTOS – Join us in welcoming Marisa de los Santos, a reading group favorite and the New York Times bestselling author of "Love Walked In" and "Belong to Me." Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of The Friends of Bay Village Library and Mac's Backs-Books on Coventry.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 (4-5 p.m.) MAKE YOUR OWN SPOOKY BOOK – (OCTAVOFEST PROGRAM) Carolina Martin from Art on Wheels returns with more art fun. Children ages 4-10 can make a peek-a-boo style spooky book while learning different art processes.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 (7-8 p.m.) BLACK FRIDAY: LAKE ERIE'S "PERFECT STORM" – The name "Black Friday" was given to the date of Oct. 20, 1916, after a violent storm that sank ships and ended lives on Lake Erie. Come join shipwreck hunters Georgann and Mike Wachter as they tell us the tale of this Perfect Storm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 (4-4:45 p.m.) MAGIC WITH PAUL GERBER – Families with children ages 4 and up are invited to a fun program with Paul Gerber who will share magic, puppets and reading. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

Imagine being Jackie.

Gotta drop off dinner for her. If I serve chicken one more time, we're all going to start clucking.

Did I let the dog out? Gotta pick the girls up from soccer. What if I had cancer like Jackie?

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Family fun day at Bay UMC's pumpkin patch Oct. 23

by Anna Kerka

Bay United Methodist Church youth will run a "Family Fun Patch Day" on Sunday, Oct. 23, from noon-6 p.m. at the church located at 29931 Lake Rd. in Bay Village. The event is free and open to the public and will feature tailgate trick-or-treating in the church parking lot from 12:30-1:30 p.m., and additional young children's activities including face and mini-pumpkin painting, a jumpy house and a hay bale pyramid from noon-6 p.m. Children are welcome to come in costume.

The event will be held in conjunction with the church's annual "Pumpkin Patch Sale," with proceeds from pumpkins, baked goods and

hot cider benefiting the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) – the church's annual youth mission trip to Central Appalachia.

For the past 13 years, church teen and adult volunteers have traveled to Central Appalachia for a week each summer to make emergency repairs to the homes of families in need. Projects have ranged from roof and ceiling repairs to foundation and insulation work to building handicapped accessible bathrooms and ramps. In June 2011, 47 local ASP volunteers representing Bay Village, Avon Lake, Sheffield Lake, Lakewood, North Olmsted and University Heights helped make homes in Sunbright, Tenn., warmer, safer and drier through this volunteer service

project.

Pumpkins for sale in the "Patch" represent an interesting variety of colors and textures – orange, green, white, smooth and bumpy. Prices are based on size. Interesting gourds and smaller pumpkins are also available for purchase. Additional donations are also accepted to support the mission trip. Pumpkin Patch sales continue through Sunday, Oct. 30, at the church. The "Patch" is open on the following days: Monday-Friday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Pumpkins are grown through Navajo Agricultural Products Industries and annual ASP pumpkin sales across the country also help the Navajo Indian farmers in New Mexico. ●



Student volunteer Jessi Ganyard and her dog, Abby, work in last year's pumpkin patch at Bay United Methodist Church.

Operation: Medicine Cabinet returns Oct. 29

by Nancy Pommerening

The Drug Enforcement Administration, in partnership with state and local law enforcement agencies, Drug Awareness and Prevention Inc., county Boards of Health, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and local action groups has organized a joint event: Operation: Medicine Cabinet (OMC) and the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The event will occur on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at locations throughout northeast Ohio, including the Bay Village police station, 28000 Wolf Rd., and the Westlake police station, 27300 Hilliard Blvd.

Together, the partners' goal is to help residents in northeast Ohio safely dispose of any outdated or unwanted prescription medications. Last May, the event collected over 9,000 pounds of unwanted or expired medications.

This completely confidential program will allow adult family members to visit any listed location, where law enforcement officers will collect and hold all medications. After the medications are collected,

they will be weighed by the Drug Enforcement Administration before they are destroyed.

"I have too often seen the devastating effects on our young people who are abusing pharmaceutical medications," said Special Agent Jeff Capretto of the Westshore Enforcement Bureau Drug Task Force. "OMC affords us a proactive opportunity to not only dispose of these very dangerous unused drugs safely, but also to educate our residents of the seriousness of this issue."

"Flushing unused or expired medications into the sewer system is the least desirable way to dispose of any drug," stated Scott Broski, Manager of Water Quality & Industrial Surveillance for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. "If you flush them down the drain or toilet, some of the pharmaceuticals will be discharged into the lake or river because the wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove or destroy pharmaceuticals from wastewater. The resulting environmental issues could be as varied and diverse as the number of medications in use." ●

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake Schools' credit ratings reaffirmed

by Kim Bonvissuto

Moody's Investors Service reaffirmed the Westlake City School District's Aa1 bond rating based on the districts strengths, including continuous economic growth, consistent management and stable finances, and contingency planning for potential budgetary challenges.

The credit rating agency indicated the school district's "strong fiscal oversight" and "conservative budgeting practices" have contributed to a healthy General Fund reserve. The rating places Westlake in the top 4% of all Ohio schools.

Similarly, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its AA+/stable long-term rating to the school district. The rating reflects Westlake's large, local economic base, strong income levels and strong market value, stable enrollment levels, strong general fund reserves supported by strong voter support, and a moderate overall net debt burden.

S&P indicated the school district's financial management practices are "good" and that the ratings service expects district officials "will continue to successfully manage the district's levy cycle in an effort to maintain stable financial operations and strong general fund reserves." ●



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A universe of discovery at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

by Frank Colosimo

As the weather turns colder and rain clouds seems to be a constant companion, you can always be sure that the stars are shining brightly in the warm, dry, clear skies of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Walter R. Schuele Planetarium. Adults and children alike are invited to join us for a number of spectacular space science programs throughout the fall season.

Second Nature, our new series of programs for life-long learners, returns on Thursday, Oct. 20, with "Meteorites and Moon Rocks." Presenter John Oldham, a passionate collector of these visitors from the stars, is also the Exhibit Specialist at NASA Glenn Research Center. He will share a few nuggets of trivia as he explains a brief history of meteors and shows off a lunar sample or two. A question and answer session with John will follow the presentation. Meteorites & Moon Rocks runs from 7-8:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

JUST ADDED! **SOLAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION IN THE NEXT DECADE: WHY YOU SHOULD CARE**—Thursday, Nov. 3, 7-8:30 p.m. We welcome W. James Adams, Deputy Director of NASA's Planetary Sciences Division, who will discuss what is happening in the solar system and its importance to the nation. He will give a brief account

of the current flight missions, the discoveries to follow and solar system exploration in the next decade. The program is free to the public.

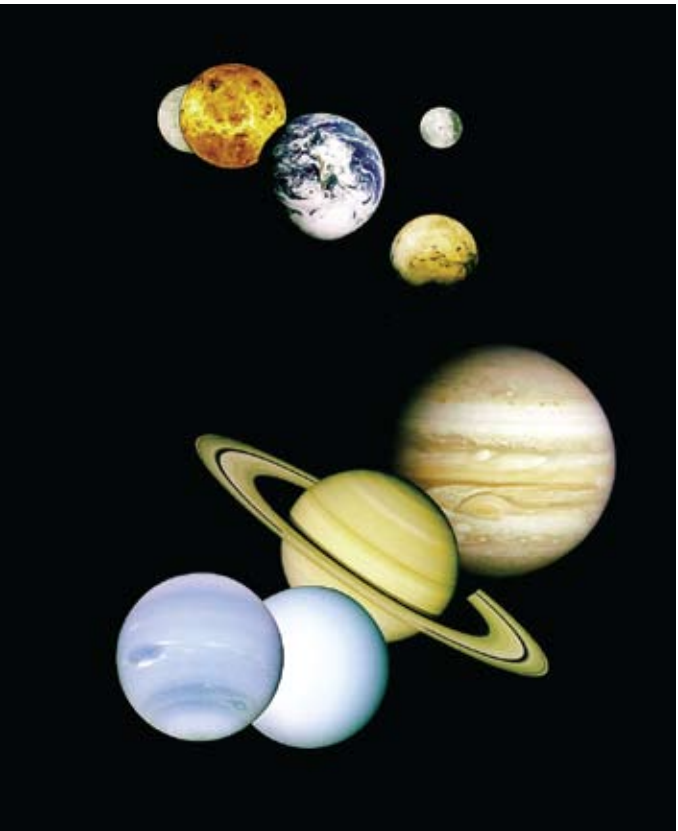
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Tickets for all of these programs go on sale 30 minutes before each program begins on a first-come, first-served basis.

And don't forget to visit our website at www.lensc.org for up-to-date details of all upcoming Planetarium programs, our full Second Nature program schedule and



This montage of planetary images was taken by spacecraft managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

much more, including twice-monthly Telescope Viewing.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Rd., within the Huntington Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. ●

Young Life celebrates 70 years

by Stacy Windahl

Young Life, a worldwide youth outreach organization, is celebrating 70 years of impacting kids' lives. The local area Young Life here in our West-shore communities invites you to join in the celebration by getting involved with the local ministry. Young Life has been reaching out to teenagers from Bay Village and Westlake for more than 41 years and we need more caring adults in the community to come alongside us to help us reach more middle-school and high-school students in the community.

Maybe you were involved with Young Life as a middle school or high school student and experienced the feeling that Young Life was made just for you. It still is. If you're interested in helping kids in the area discover fun, adventure, purpose and hope in the context of authentic friendships with caring adults, we have a place for you.

Or, if you'd simply like to support kids who are hoping to go to a Young Life weekend camp, "leaf" the raking to us: Call us to arrange for a team of Young Life kids to remove the leaves from your yard. You tax-deductible donation to Young Life will help kids in the

area attend a weekend camp.

In recent years, teams have worked to raise camp scholarship funds to pay the way for other kids who don't have the resources to attend. After raising the money needed for their friends, these students have turned in camp sign-up forms, with these words written in bold: "paid in full." That's what we celebrate in Young Life.

Young Life has a long legacy of effective work with kids and a reputation for excellence among adults worldwide. Since its start in Gainesville, Texas, in 1941, Young Life has been making a difference in the lives of millions of kids around the world because we are supported by adults who care about kids in their community. The combination of local support, proven methods of relating to adolescents, and organizational strength allows Young Life to thrive locally in more than 75 countries, with more than 3,000 staff and 35,000 volunteers, reaching more than a million kids each year with the life-changing message



Kids from Bay Village and Fairview Park at Young Life's camp, Timber Wolf Lake, in Lake City, Mich., June 2011.

of God's love for them. More than 100,000 kids attend Young Life camps worldwide each year.

If you'd like to invite a team of kids to clear your leaf-laden yard or if you'd like to learn more about Young Life, contact Andy Reid at 440-808-9888. ●

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Bay Village City School District administrators report on state of the schools

by Tara Wendell

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, administrators from across the Bay Village City School District gave a State of the Schools report at Bay Middle School to share facts, figures and success stories with the community. Bay Village Kiwanis hosted the event. While a video of the presentation, complete with supporting documentation, is available on the district's website at bayvillageschools.com/stateofschools, following is a brief synopsis of each speaker's remarks.

DISTRICT VISION

Superintendent Clint Keener

"This school district is truly about the community. That's the strength of our district, that's the strength of everything we do, and right now there's more evidence [of that] than ever before."



In the most recent data available, the district ranked sixth-lowest in spending per pupil in Cuyahoga County, yet had the sixth-highest scores in the countywide performance index. The district's goal is to instill in every student the desire to be an active, lifelong learner. To demonstrate his school spirit, Keener donned a blue and white mohawk wig that students often wear to high school athletic events.

CURRICULUM

Char Shryock, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

"Common standards allow for consistency across the country so students can move across state, county or city lines and receive the same quality curriculum."



Bay Schools, like other districts in Ohio, are adopting Common Core Standards, a national movement that is state-driven. Fifteen percent of the curriculum is created by each state, allowing for some flexibility. The emphasis is on college and career readiness, and there is also an increase in the rigor and the depth of the curriculum. The focus is on learning progressions, student assessment tools and applying learning to real world situations. In Bay Village, curriculum teams consisting of K-12 teachers meet monthly to ensure a consistent delivery of the curriculum for all students.

ENRICHMENT

Dr. Jim McGlamery, Normandy Elementary principal; Josie Caputo, Westerly Elementary principal

"It's important that we provide enrichment programs because all students have different needs and abilities and they're very diverse. All children are good at some things, but no child is good at everything."

—Dr. McGlamery

Enrichment programs include field trip opportunities, gifted classes, individual study in the library, and extended-day and summer learning programs. The Bay STEM Academy began last summer for students in grade 6 with advanced scores in math and science. Twenty-seven students enrolled in the program and the district expects that number to double next summer when grade 7 is added. Normandy's Bee Bouncers, a group of students who learn basketball dribbling and handling skills – not shooting baskets – have earned local recognition, performing during the halftimes of Bay High basketball and Cleveland Cavaliers games.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Jason Martin, Bay High principal

"Last year we had a performance index of 107.4; the state goal is 100. This reflects a high proportion of our students passing the test at the accelerated or advanced levels. This achievement ranked our district at 28th in the state [out of] 609 districts."

Bay Schools met or exceeded all 26 test indicators on the most recent Ohio Report Card, earning an Excellent rating. The district has an attendance rate of 96.3% and a graduation rate of 99.5%. Last year, Bay High launched a digital literacy class to help struggling students prepare for the Ohio Graduation Test. All of the 30 students who took the class passed the OGT reading test on the first try. BHS had 209 students participate in AP exams last year in 14 subject areas, with 84% receiving a passing score qualifying for college credit. In addition, SAT and ACT college entrance exam scores for Bay High students average above both state and national averages.



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Matt Spellman, Athletic & Activities Director

"We offer up to 90 different clubs and activities... both athletic and non-athletic activities at the middle school and high school. I'd say roughly 88% of our student body... participate in some form of activity."

Bay Village has been ranked one of the best music education communities since 2003. Six students were recently nominated for the Northeast Ohio Regional Orchestra and two Bay students have been named to the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band in the past several years. Large numbers of middle and high school students are involved in philanthropic and service-oriented activities, including Relay For Life, Bay Waterways Clean-Up, Hoops for Hunger and the Bike to School Challenge. Student also perform in both drama and music to sold-out houses, a great experience for them and for their audiences.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sean McAndrews, Bay Middle School principal

"With all our successes, you would think that we are a district that would rest on our laurels. That is truly not the case."

The district is implementing the Align, Assess, Achieve program this year. The three facets of this major initiative are: (1) align the curriculum with state standards and let students know what is expected of them; (2) perform formative assessments using smaller, more frequent tests to determine what a student knows, and summative assessments at the end of learning units when the student should be able to show mastery of the subject matter; and (3) providing feedback to students on their progress and adapting lesson plans to meet students' needs as revealed by test results. It is a continuously diagnostic and instructional adjustment process.



COMMUNICATION

Kevin Jakub, Bay Middle School assistant principal

"There's an old popular adage that it takes a village to raise a child and I believe that adage is very much highlighted here in Bay Village."

Bay Schools are fortunate to have strong support from parent groups, community groups and Bay citizens, who passed last year's operating levy despite the tough economy. Parent education programs and sup-



port from groups like the Bay Education Foundation, Kiwanis and Bay Rockets Association and Band Boosters enrich student offerings. The district places an emphasis on open communication: an online gradebook allows parents and students to access upcoming assignments, homework, grades and teacher comments throughout the grading period. Teachers have also set up blogs to share information about curriculum and class events. Bay Schools and Bay Athletics have Twitter accounts to keep the public up to date. The district also addresses student behavior in the form of intervention programs regarding bullying, attendance and substance abuse.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Marty Patton, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

"In Bay Village, 10-12% of the students have some type of special need, most commonly: reading or speech disability, health impairment/attention deficit or autism."

The guiding legislation for special education is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), which ensures that all students have the same educational experience to the maximum extent possible. Two criteria are used to determine if a student has special education needs: an identified disability as defined by the IDEIA and a need for specialized instruction or services. By law, special education begins at age three, and Bay's Glenview Center houses two preschool special ed classrooms. The majority of funding comes from local taxes, with 17% of general funds allocated to special education. Some additional support comes from the federal and state level. These students succeed, with 97 percent passing the Ohio Graduation Test last year, and all indicating that they intended to go on to college.



FACILITIES

Daryl Stumph, Assistant Superintendent for Operations

"The support staff are an important part of the educational experience of the students."

The district makes smart, efficient investments in facilities maintenance. Recent projects in the district included upgrading the BHS band room, courtyard, gym bleachers and kitchen, and updating fire alarms across the district to bring them up to current code. The roof of the middle school was damaged by hail and is being repaired, with most of the cost covered by insurance. The district has reduced energy costs by over 15% by using automated controls to turn the heat down when buildings are unoccupied. A variety of projects are planned to increase the energy efficiencies in all buildings.



FINANCES

Deborah Putnam, Treasurer

"I have not seen a budget forecast that looks this good in many years. We are in very, very good financial shape."

The district's five-year forecast predicts that the district will have sufficient funding for at least four years before an increase in revenue need be requested from residents. The Bay Village City School District is considered a wealthy district, and therefore the state supplies only 14% of the needed funding; one percent of funding is received from federal sources; and 85% of funding comes from local residents. In terms of spending, 81% goes to salaries and benefits, as education is a labor intensive service. Another 8.8% of expenditures go to purchased services (especially utilities), 3.8% to textbooks and other supplies, 3.2% to capital outlays and another 3.1% to other miscellaneous needs. ●





Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history

As Bicentennial year comes to a close, Dover Bear hangs up his walking shoes

It is hard to believe that our Bicentennial year here in Westlake will soon be coming to a close. I have had a lot of fun sharing with all of you many things about Westlake. My favorite place in Westlake, of course, is the Clague House Museum.

The Clague House and homestead included 78 acres on both the east and west sides of Clague Road.

The brick home is of an Italianate style, and was built in the later part of the 1870s. The home was built as a gift for Mrs. Margaret Clague by her children. To furnish the home, they gave her \$1,000. Mother Clague felt that was an awful lot of money to spend to furnish the home.

In 1926, two of her children, Walter and Sophronia Clague, deeded the home, barn and land over to the village of Dover. It was their wish that the land be used as a park so that the citizens of Dover would have a place to recreate and the children would have a wonderful place to play. They asked that the park be referred to as Clague Memorial Park.

I am very happy to call the Clague



House my home, and will be heading back there to greet all the visitors. Traveling around Westlake in my place will be my friend, "Lilly Weston." Like myself, Lilly just loves the people of Westlake and all the many wonderful places and things to see. Lilly and I put our heads together and decided that it might be nice in the future if she would continue to share Westlake with all the children (and adults). Lilly and I really love our local history and there is still so many sights to share with you.

We are both very excited about the remaining Bicentennial events. We want to remind you to put your green bow on your mailbox or door. We also are looking forward to the dedication of the new



Dover the Bicentennial Bear, who traveled across Westlake this year visiting the city's historical sites, is retiring to the Clague House Museum. His friend, Lilly, will take the reins next year.

Founders Walk across the street from the Clague House.

The nice people at the Westlake Historical Society are going to have birthday cake and a ringing of the Bicentennial Bell. I wonder if bears can ring bells?

The time capsule items are also being prepared. One thing that I am very excited about is the placement of the Register of Historic Places plaques from the Department of the Interior. There are two buildings in Westlake with this distinction. The sandstone house next to the Rec Center driveway that was built for Austin and Roxanna Lilly carries this honor. The house commonly known as the Weston House. The Clague House also has this distinction. The Westlake

Historical Society will let you know when the plaques are placed at both locations.

My friend Lilly, enjoys visiting me at the Clague House, and we enjoy all the wonderful things that are here to see. It is so wonderful to curl up next to the fireplace. I have given Lilly a list of a few more places to visit next year. She can't wait to share those places with all of you. Thank you to all my faithful readers! Like Lysa and Dave always tell visitors at the Clague House Museum, "Local history matters – so get out there and explore."

Please come visit me at the Clague House Museum sometime soon!



• Dover the Bicentennial Bear



Juan Antonio Bastida, Carlos Diaz and Eduardo Diaz cut and install bricks for the Clague Memorial Park Founders Walk.

Founders Walk taking shape

by Tara Wendell

Workers from Schill Landscaping began laying bricks for the Founders Walk in Clague Memorial Park on Oct. 12. The walkway leads to the Clague Monument and will feature bricks salvaged from the 100-year-old Red Brick School, which was demolished in November 2010. Over 300 bricks will be engraved with the names of Westlake residents and businesses who purchased naming rights from the Westlake Historical

Society and Westlake Kiwanis.

The Founders Walk project is part of Westlake's yearlong Bicentennial celebration and serves as a tribute to the early pioneer families of Dover/Westlake. The walk will be officially dedicated by the city in an Oct. 22 ceremony at noon. A bell from an old fire engine will ring out 200 times, once for each year of the city's history. The community is invited to attend. A birthday cake will be served immediately following the ceremony. ●

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Westlake support group connects moms concerned about child's development

by Sarah Rintamaki

Connecting for Kids, a Westlake nonprofit organization, was launched to meet the needs of moms with questions or concerns about their child's development. This networking organization will connect parents to resources in the community and support the moms as they help their child grow and develop. Whether a child has a formal diagnosis or if parents are just questioning if their child's development is typical compared to same-aged peers, Connecting for Kids can help.

Connecting for Kids offers a variety of services for its family subscribers including a safe, private website – connectingforkids.org – where moms can post questions or concerns anonymously.

The group also meets in various Westside locations to connect moms during coffee, dinner and family events.

In addition, we offer a free speaker series on parent education topics. The first topic is "Parenting 101: How to get your kid to do what you say?" and will feature Christie Kimbler, MEd, from A Positive Approach and Cindy Rawlings, MEd, from Special Needs Solutions. These Childhood Intervention Specialists have over 40 years combined experienced working on Behavior Interventions.

The event will be Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library. The series is free, with supervised activities for children provided. Contact Sarah Rintamaki at 216-570-4326 or sarahrntamaki@connectingforkids.org for more details or to RSVP for the event. ●

ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

Living in the present

by Dianne Borowski

This week I was able to get to the lake, something I haven't been able to do for quite some time. We found a bench and watched the show. Several people on jet skis were making waves, a sailboat coasted leisurely toward the east and the weather was perfect. I feel so fortunate to live so near the lake.

Somehow, I also feel a hint of sadness on this day. A few leaves were falling from the surrounding trees, reminding me that winter is around the corner. I really do not like winter. I dread the ice, cold, snow and the cloudy grey skies which contribute to SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder, a fancy term for the winter blues.

I realize I'm beginning to feel a little sorry for myself and decide to turn this not-so-great mood around. After all, I am here, enjoying fall in all its glory. Does anything else matter? Often I must remind myself to live in the present moment. That's all I've got, so I may as well enjoy it.

Some senior citizens aren't able to get out much. Wouldn't it be great if some younger folks would adopt a

lonely senior, making it possible for that person to get out once in a while? It wouldn't take too much time, perhaps an invitation to lunch, a movie or short visit once or twice a month. Often it's just a reassuring phone call that's needed.

I'm sure the Knickerbocker or the Dwyer Center could find someone who could use a friend. Or, contact your church. They can connect you with someone who has no family and no means of transportation. It's just something to think about...something which helps strengthen our community, one friend at a time.

Speaking of community, just a reminder to please join the residents of the Knickerbocker for our second annual Freaky Family Fun Fest on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6-8 p.m. Little ghosts, goblins and pretty ballerinas or movie stars will warm the hearts of our seniors, some of whom will be donning costumes of their own to delight the little ones.

As I've said before, it's the best of all worlds when different generations come together in a community to meet and have fun. We're looking forward to seeing you and your family here at the Knickerbocker on Oct. 26.

Happy Halloween. ●

READER'S OPINION

Sit, stay, fetch! Are we dogs?

by Chloe Roberts, sixth-grader at Bay Middle School

I remember being promised independence and freedom, I remember being promised to be treated more like a grown-up rather than a child, I remember being promised an enjoyable time at Bay Middle School and I'm sure every other sixth-grade student can recall the same.

The reality is that liberty of the students has been taken down to zero. We now have to sit in our homeroom tables at lunchtime, or face a loss of BEP points (Best Effort Points). But the question that has been buzzing in my head for a while now is: What did we do?

We have been told that we did an astonishing job as fifth-graders, sitting in our blocks and tidying up after ourselves. But, is it assumed that we are now going to behave badly?

Last year, the sixth-graders went from sitting with whom they choose to homeroom tables. They apparently behaved horribly and were moved from good seating to bad seating. I understand the staff's point of view on this problem. I would react the same; if the students couldn't handle being the mature adults they are expected to be, then they should be punished. But why should my class be punished for something we didn't do and haven't done yet?

Lunch time is the only time you can see your friends and talk, but now that this dilemma has popped up I no longer get to see my best friends at school because they are in the other block. Being in another block means you do not get to have any academic classes with them. The lunch room seating is tearing friends apart and making it hard for some students, like myself, to survive the school year.

In fifth grade we were taught to stand up for what we believe and not to accept as true something that is unjust and not right. Why are we helpless and suffering through having less power than adults and teachers and staff? Just because we are younger does NOT mean we do not have equal rights



and we cannot stand up for what we believe in.

The snack bar rules have also changed. Like with seating, we have to go up with our homerooms. Last year we got to go up when we wanted. If these rules stay intact some kids will get angry and frustrated, because sometimes the snack bar is closed by the time your homeroom is called.

These rules are unfair, nasty, nauseating, offensive, mean and outrageous. Lunch is the only time students, like me, can see friends. We were taught to stand up for what we believe in. Don't let the school staff walk all over us like we are their own personal door mat.

Come on and rise, sixth-graders, we always have Freedom of Speech and Freedom of The Press standing behind us. We want to get our freedom back and be treated like we matter. Because, ladies and gentlemen, lunch ladies and staff... WE DO MATTER! ●

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Eat pancakes, serve Westlake youth

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Club will be holding a pancake breakfast Sunday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

The breakfast includes all the pancakes you care to eat, plus sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. The price is \$6; children under 6 eat for FREE.

Corporate sponsorships are avail-

able for \$50 and include 10 breakfast tickets and advertisement of your business during the breakfast.

This breakfast helps support the many Kiwanis projects throughout the Westlake community such as scholarships at Westlake High School, Westlake Memorial Day Parade, Westlake Salute to Excellence, Westlake Relays, Westlake Special Olympics and many, many more worthwhile causes. So come on out and enjoy a good breakfast while helping your community. ●



A Key Club member asks Al Smith and John Swaney for a pot of coffee to serve.



State Representative Nan Baker serves pancakes at last year's Westlake Kiwanis pancake breakfast.

TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

Making Fall Plans

by Audrey Ray, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

We had Parent Visitation Day at school this week at Westerly Elementary. Miss McMaugh, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Harmount planned a real messy project for us to do with our parents and it was extremely fun!

We have been learning about glaciers and how glaciers are responsible for making Ohio flat. With the help of our parents, we made glaciers. Don't worry, the glaciers weren't as big as they were in real life. So you're probably wondering what we used to make glaciers. We made them out of a scoop of vanilla ice cream! We also used mini chocolate chips for rocks, chocolate chunks for boulders, pretzel sticks for trees, chocolate powder for soil and green sugar for minerals.

The first step was to make a path for our glacier. We folded aluminum foil to make a chute. Next we each designed our own landscapes of dirt, minerals, rocks, boulders and trees. Then we drew a picture of our landscape and wrote a prediction about what our glacier would do to the landscape when it melted. Finally, the teachers gave us our ice cream scoop glacier while we held the chute along our arm. The heat from our arm helped make the glacier begin to melt and slide down the landscape.

My glacier took forever to melt and move! When my glacier did, it pushed the rocks, boulders and



Audrey Ray shows off her ice cream glacier project.

branches forward. As for the minerals and soil, it melted them together. From that I concluded that the minerals and soil mixed together is the reason why Ohio has such rich soil for growing crops.

Our glacier experiment was not over yet. We had to draw a picture of what the landscape looked like after the glacier melted and write our observations. I was most surprised by how slowly my glacier took to melt and slide! Now I know that it must have taken a long time for the glaciers to melt. Finally, we got to eat the landscape and glacier and that was the very best part! ●

New tips for trying the ancient practice of meditation

by Terri Zajac

Everyone knows meditation is good for you. In fact, everyone from Buddha to Dr. Oz recommends it for better physical, mental and spiritual health!

This is the most common thought concerning meditation: "I can't meditate because my mind won't be still." Perhaps the truth is that your mind won't be still because you won't meditate. However, like nightly flossing or keeping your personal papers organized, meditation is something many people feel they should do, and know would be helpful, but day by day manage to postpone it. Often, just sitting down to try it seems to stir up the active mind even more!

Meditation, contemplation and learning to slow down enough to sit still without stimuli, are good practices for human beings in our hyperactive world. Reams of scientific data point to this fact. If you want to meditate but can't, then simply change your thinking about the concept from "meditating" to Quiet Time.

Quiet Time, intentionally chosen, and done on a daily basis, will begin the process that will eventually move you into a desire to learn to meditate. Choose to sit in the same place, at the same time each day if at all possible, with little sound or very light music, and exhale. Then inhale, and sit quietly for a few minutes breathing. In the beginning, the first minute or two can seem like an eternity. If it's too hard, set a timer for 3-5 minutes and sit until the timer goes off. Then try it again.

The mind may begin to race, but let it go, quietly observing it. If you can sit still

for a few minutes, with no intention whatsoever to accomplish anything, but staying in the chair and observing your breathing, you are on your way to becoming a person who practices meditation. There are 1,440 minutes in a 24 hour period. If you set aside only 0.3% of your day (less than five minutes) for daily Quiet Time, consistently, you will begin to cherish that time. For many people it is the beginning of a spiritual practice that matures into meditation over time.

Meditation has been elemental to Unity since the movement began in the late 1800s. Unity Spiritual Center (USC) in Westlake offers opportunities for people to learn about meditation and to try it. There is no cost whatsoever.

Unity's 90-foot outdoor labyrinth is a walking meditation that is wonderful to experience this time of year. It is open to the public and located on the campus of USC at 23855 Detroit Rd.

Meditation is always part of Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. A special guided meditation offered by Reverend Barbara Smith is available every Wednesday, beginning at noon and lasting about 30 minutes. A small outdoor meditation garden and a meditation chapel are available to anyone who wants a quiet place to try it.

Unity's website www.unityspiritualcenter.com has guidance on meditation. There is no downside to incorporating some quiet time into your life. The upside can be quite amazing in terms of the ability to focus, better health and overall enjoyment and awareness of life and its abundance. ●

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Letters to the Editor

Bay pet owners offer kennel solution

This letter was read to the Bay Village City Council at their regular meeting Oct. 3 by representatives from Friends of Bay Village Kennel.

Over the past year, Friends of Bay Village Kennel (FOBVK) has worked to raise awareness about the status and operation of the Bay Village animal kennel. We found that many of our citizens were unaware of the kennel's existence and that it was operated to provide safe harbor for escaped pets of Bay's residents as well as to hold stray or abandoned animals until owners or adopters could be found. FOBVK has also worked to raise funds to help with the construction/maintenance/operation of an improved or new kennel.

In light of the fact that our existing kennel must be demolished to allow for the construction of the mandated salt truck wash station, a new kennel is the only remaining option.

We are pleased to be able to tell you, tonight, that FOBVK has secured sufficient funding, from a local private foundation and from donations, to completely fund the construction of a new kennel facility. In a previous conversation between members of FOBVK, Mayor Sutherland and Mr. Dan Galli, a proposed location for the new kennel was tentatively determined to be at the police station, at or near the police garage, on Wolf Road. We are now at a point, and because time is waning before our existing kennel is destroyed, where further serious conversation can be held to determine the scope of the project, its cost and a time frame for design and the completion of construction.

Additionally, several concerned citizens have offered their services, on a pro-bono basis, to provide assistance with:

- Preliminary architectural programming and project definition
- Preliminary engineering
- Legal and accounting needs
- Landscaping and site adapting
- Construction issues and cost estimating

Also, several volunteers have stepped forward to assist with:

- Veterinary needs and assistance with building programming
- Grant writing
- Media and public relations
- Resources for foster care, adoptions, rescues
- Fund raising for future maintenance, operation and animal care needs

We are very pleased to be able to offer assistance to this substantial degree.

Over the past several months, relationships have been established with local financial, business and animal support people. Their interest is bolstered by the 2,428 signatures obtained on two recent petitions expressing the need, as well as desire, for the kennel to continue its operation. Many concerned constituents view the need for a kennel to be a matter of safety, as well as practical and humane animal control.

We look forward to the start of planning discussions with committee, or whomever from city administration, the police department and the service department, to plan and execute the construction of a practical, efficient kennel of which all in our community can be proud.

It is important, however, that there be a commitment from the city to manage the facility and to provide proper liaison with organizations or individuals that can help with adoptions, rescues or foster care.

We ask that you consider leaving existing ordinances relative to animal care and control in place until a plan for a new kennel can be either adopted or rejected.

Our friends, the animals, are depending on us to be the care-takers and providers that nature intended for humankind. We look forward to working with you to do so.

Thank you,
Friends of Bay Village Kennel
friendsofbayvillagekennel.com

Michelle Albert running for Westlake School Board

I am currently seeking a position on the Westlake Board of Education. I am a 1992 graduate of Westlake High School and I returned to the community after studying physical therapy at Bowling Green State University. I currently work in Westlake at NovaCare Rehabilitation as a physical therapist and center manager.

My husband David, a 1991 graduate of the district, and I decided to send our children to the Westlake Schools. Our oldest son just started school at Hilliard Elementary this fall. Our younger son will be following in his footsteps in two years. My family values education, with David having two bachelor's degrees, and I have a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. I have also recently decided to go earn my doctorate degree in physical therapy. I want to instill in my children a love of learning that persists throughout their life, I expect their teachers to be dedicated to their education and their future.

I will bring a unique skill set to the Board of Education based on my administrative experience in health care. I have experience in making business and financial decisions that benefit my patients, my employees and my company. I understand cuts in government funding and how they affect people. I have to adapt to provide better care, because people expect more, with less money.

I am a team player and I look at all sides of an issue before making a decision. I understand how to compromise to arrive at the best possible solution to our issues. These skills will enable me to serve our community

as a school board member. I will put the quality of our children's education first, and look for new and innovative ways to slow the growth of expenditures per pupil.

Based on our five-year forecast, Westlake Schools will be in a deficit of over \$15 million by 2015. Our personnel allocations are nearing 91% for fiscal year 2012. I challenge you to research the fiscal health of our district on the Ohio Dept. of Education website. It is not possible to provide an excellent education and ignore our fiscal limitations.

Our current board is discordant. Members have been vilified for expressing ideas that go against the status quo. That is not good for Westlake Schools. The status quo is not working. We CAN NOT guarantee continued excellence if something does not change. A good board is comprised of a group of people along a spectrum.

We need a spender – a board member who wants to support the district regardless of cost. We need a saver – a board member who only looks at dollars and cents. We need three additional board members who fall somewhere along that saver-spender spectrum. Then the board members need to work together, respectfully, with each other, the administration and the community. This is truly the only way we can protect our investment in our schools without overburdening the taxpayers.

Please vote for me, Michelle Albert, this Nov. 8. Our children are depending on us.

-Michelle Albert, Westlake

SB 5 makes fair adjustments to save jobs

From the beginning of the 129th General Assembly, our goal in state government was to foster an economic environment in the State of Ohio conducive to job creation and to put in place ways that would help us climb out of our \$8 billion deficit. I feel that we have made many positive steps toward achieving these goals, but I know that our job is not complete. One piece of legislation that would greatly benefit our state's economy and the taxpayers that support it is Senate Bill 5, which will be on the ballot this November.

Senate Bill 5 introduces changes that our state needs in order to move forward through these challenging economic times. Our current collective bargaining system has gone mostly unchanged since its implementation in 1983. During that time, union demands have continued to expand, reaching the point where taxpayers simply can no longer sustain it.

While SB 5 aims to bring much-needed relief to private sector taxpayers, it will also have lasting positive effects in the public sector. In recent years, local governments and school districts have had no choice but to lay off valuable workers – firefighters, police officers, teachers – because they no longer have room in their budgets to support the generous benefits and pensions that government unions have bargained for. With increased strain being placed on taxpayers, we have unfortunately seen a lot of people leave Ohio for other, more tax-friendly states. A clear indication of this is the fact that Ohio is losing two representatives in Congress.

Fewer citizens living in the state leads to less revenue

for local governments. It would be unfair to exclude public employees from this example. They also pay taxes that help fund our cities, our state and our economy in general. For this reason, it is critical that we keep public employees working. Reasonable changes to collective bargaining, healthcare and pension contributions will help maintain strong numbers in our public workforce.

One thing that cannot be overlooked in this debate is the effect that the current system has on our children. Our teachers do a great job of educating the future leaders of our state and nation. But recently, schools have been forced to lay off good teachers and eliminate important extracurricular programs in order to balance their budgets. Furthermore, schools have had to rely more heavily on passing levies – asking taxpayers throughout the district to give more each time.

As families deal with layoffs, wage freezes and tighter budgets, passing these levies has become increasingly difficult. Laying off teachers – many of whom have kids of their own – only makes the situation worse.

Therefore, one thing about Senate Bill 5 that must be taken into consideration, and one thing that has unfortunately been mostly overlooked, is the positive impact it will have on public employees. The goal is not to reduce the size of our public workforce, but rather to sustain it and make it stronger. Before this can happen, however, we must give local governments and school districts greater flexibility over their budgets, so they can afford to hold onto more of their valuable employees.

- State Rep. Nan Baker, Westlake

Westlake renewal levy will continue to assure strong safety force

On Nov. 8, Westlake voters are asked to renew the .9 mill levy that currently supports the salary of eight firefighters/paramedics and eight police officers. This funding source has been in effect since 1966 and has been renewed every five years. Consequently, it is important that we maintain this funding to continue to keep our police and fire personnel properly staffed to meet the everyday demands of our growing community.

Westlake has taken pride in managing your tax dollars in a responsible and effective manner. Your continued support of this renewal (NOT A TAX INCREASE) will assure a strong and responsive safety force for the next five years. Please vote yes on Issue 99 as you cast your ballot for the Nov. 8 election.

We appreciate your confidence in us and look forward to an even better future as we meet the needs and challenges of our great community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Dennis M. Clough
Council President Michael F. Killeen
Edward G. Hack, Ward 1
James P. Connole, Ward 2
Dennis J. Sullivan, Ward 3
Michael F. O'Donnell, Ward 4
Kenneth R. Brady, Ward 5
Mark R. Getsay, Ward 6

‘Sherlock Holmes’ arrives at Huntington Playhouse

by Tom Meyrose

The Huntington Playhouse season continues with a production of “Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure,” opening Oct. 20 and playing through Nov. 6.

This spirited, fast-moving play presents the world’s greatest detective at the height of his powers – surrounded by all the elements that fans have come to expect: danger, intrigue, wit,



humor and surprise. “The game is afoot, Watson - and it is a dangerous one!”

The cast includes: Victoria DeMalo, Gareth Harris, Dale Hruska, Assad

Khaishgi, Greg Mandryk, Tom Meyrose, Alex Nalbach and Allison Schulze.

Reservations are strongly recommended by calling the box office at 440-871-8333.

Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Rd. in Bay Village and is a licensed affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. For more information, check the website: www.huntington-playhouse.com. ●

Friendship promotes wellness in recovery

by Denise Ayres

It is important for everyone on a path of recovery from mental illness to know that they do not need to do this alone. The healing power of friendship and evidence on how friendship promotes wellness can be found in numerous health studies. Each of us can reflect and identify ways friends have helped us along life’s journey. The Compeer Program at Far West Center finds compassionate men and women that can offer mentoring and supportive friendship to adults managing mental illness.

In our Compeer Program, friendships begin in many ways. Members can request to be matched, one to one, with a same gender adult volunteer. Member to volunteer matches design their own monthly scheduling of phone conversations and getting together.

Compeer offers many social group activities at which everyone involved form friendships. Compeer does not offer old fashion “couples matchmaking” services, but some of our members have found love as they travel along their recovery paths!

Friendship and love were definitely topics of conversation at recent Compeer Coffee Nights and lunches at area restaurants. Our group is happy to help celebrate the anniversaries of the couples among us! Natalie and John will be coming up on their six-year anniversary of dating one another. Lynn and Dorsey will celebrate their second wedding anniversary next week. In early November, Alexis and Doug will celebrate 18 years of their supportive love and marriage.

I mentioned a couple in an Observer article this past February, Maureen and Terry. They were celebrat-

ing one year of dating on Valentine’s Day. Maureen and Terry met each other as they both worked on their individual recovery goals. Throughout her Compeer involvement, we have seen Maureen emerge from being self-isolating to a woman that expresses herself and enjoys going out with friends. We have seen Terry accomplish artistic, employment and volunteering goals. At this week’s Compeer Lunch, Maureen and Terry happily announced their engagement to our Compeer group! It was wonderful to see all these friends share a truly happy occasion in life’s journey.

The one-to-one Compeer Friendship Matches continue to manage the difficulties of mental illness by planning fun times to share. Norm and Josef enjoy meeting for coffee and Scrabble games. Nancy and Amanda love to hunt

for bargains at local stores. Shari and Krystal enjoy a little friendly competition at Dave & Buster’s. Dan and Terry see good movies together. Our newer match, Ilona and Clare, share interests in baking, exercise and sports. The initial commitment a volunteer is asked to give to a match is twelve months. To state that most of our matches continue on for years is no exaggeration! Some become lifelong friends.

Compeer is looking for new volunteers. Your friendship will promote wellness. Please call Compeer with questions at 440-835-6212, ext. 242. ●

Area hospice looking for volunteers

by Kim Roche

Innovative Senior Care Hospice (ISC hospice) is the new hospice serving your community. ISC hospice provides a full spectrum of care and support to people facing a life limiting illness. Our mission as a hospice organization is to focus on physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of a person’s illness and also to include caregivers as part of the unit of care. This is done in the form of a multidisciplinary (or team) approach to care.

The ISC Hospice team consists of the doctor, nurse, nurse aide, social worker, chaplain and volunteer, all of whom make intermittent visits to the hospice patient and family to ensure they are receiving exceptional care.

Volunteers are an integral part of the ISC hospice team and there are no specific skills required. Some of the many ways a volunteer can contribute include: providing emotional support, respite for caregivers, errand running, light housekeeping and administrative support.

Often, giving of one’s time to provide companionship and a comforting presence is the most valuable service a volunteer provides. While there are no specific skills required to be a volunteer, if you do have skills in areas such as massage, music, art, hair styling or pet therapy, ISC hospice welcomes it!

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer for ISC hospice, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Kim Roche, at 440-892-6212. ●

Letters to the Editor

Say yes to yourself on Issue 2

Here is the reality, the TV ads are telling you that the city councilman/woman you got to vet and elect are criminals who want to steal your safety. Do you believe YOUR mayor wants to have your granddaughter burn up in a fire? Think about it. That is what they are saying. So instead of giving your elected officials the right to represent you, you prefer some unnamed, unelected and unchecked union boss? God help us. Every time I see some city council voting to condemn SB5, I see a bunch of people who are saying – I can’t be trusted, give my job to the union boss, because he/she is the one who is really paying me.

Why not talk about the adult problem. We have lied to those police and fireman and teachers and nurses. We can’t afford their retirements. We can’t afford them, period. And when we run out of money, the mayor does not lay off his/her secretary, he lays off the police and fire, then the teachers.

Instead of having this war of demonizing the people who are in the center – the taxpayer and the safety forces – why not vote to give your school boards and your city council the right to run your cities and give you the services you elected them to give you? Here

is something the unions are not telling you, SB5 takes away binding arbitration but gives you, the voter, the ultimate right to decide if you want to pay for more pay raises, more time off with pay, more vacations, early retirement, etc.; or, if you want to pay for more staff because an issue becomes totally unresolved, it goes to the ballot box. That isn’t being shown on those TV ads where they want to give you the con job and prey on your fears and emotions.

Twenty-six years ago, Governor Celeste altered the bargaining table and gave the union bosses power over our communities that they have since abused. Maybe that was the right thing to do at the time but after all those years, we have racked up \$8 billion dollars of debt in Ohio. That kind of behavior can’t continue! Now we can fix that.

We are the ones who have RITA taken out of our paychecks. What did you think that was used for? Is it high enough now? Ultimately, we are the ones who should have the right to say what we want, what we can afford, not some union boss. And we will still have that power if we vote YES.

- Cynthea Sabolich, Westlake

Get in the Halloween spirit at mystery dinner

Get in the spirit of Halloween by attending the Bay Village Historical Society’s Halloween Mystery Dinner on Oct. 22, 7 p.m., at Bay Lodge. The Candlelight Mystery Players, a troupe of veteran actors, will present an improvisational event where they mingle with the audience and provide clues as to, “who done it.” Guests are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. The \$35 per person ticket price includes the performance, a roast beef dinner and dessert catered by Oma’s Catering, and an open bar with wine, beer and soft drinks. There will be games, prizes and a raffle. Phone Carole Roske at (440) 871-4797 to make a reservation. The Bay Lodge is at 492 Bradley Road, Bay Village.

Granite marker bridges past, future of Bay Village

by Tara Wendell

Residents young and old joined the Bay Village Historical Society on Oct. 9 at Cahoon Memorial Park for the dedication of the newest addition to the city's proud history. A 4,500-pound black granite marker commemorating the 2011 Bay Village Bicentennial celebration was unveiled on the lawn across from Rose Hill Museum.

The marker is placed at the site of a time capsule containing Bay Village memorabilia collected throughout the 2010 Bicentennial year, including copies of the Observer dated Oct. 5 and Oct. 16, 2010, which featured a 200-year timeline and coverage of events of the Oct. 9-10 celebration that took place at Cahoon Memorial Park.

The lawn was decorated for the ceremony with flags from the personal collection of Bay resident Jim Goodwin. Known as the "Flag Man" for his past displays of American flags along Bradley Road, a tradition he renewed upon moving to Clague Road, Goodwin was contacted by Dave Tadych to provide flags for the ceremony.

Goodwin, with his seven-year-old daughter, Tristiana, rose early on the morning of the event to install 14 flags representing all major branches of the U.S. military, several versions of the U.S. flag, the Ohio state flag, the Ohio Bicentennial flag and the Bay Bicentennial flag. They also fashioned an archway out of balloons.

Aside from marking the location of the buried time capsule, the granite slab also commemorates the site of the city's two-day Bicentennial celebration. It bears an inscription that pays tribute to the generosity and dedication of the citizens of Bay Village, who came together as a community to honor Bay's past.

"A year ago we gathered here and celebrated our 200th birthday," said Dave Tadych, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. "We became a real part of it: We volunteered, we laughed, we paraded and we partied. We lit candles and we



Dave Tadych displays the cylinders containing Bay Bicentennial memorabilia, buried the week before the marker ceremony.



The marker pays tribute to the citizens of Bay Village who came together to celebrate the city's Bicentennial in 2010.

offered thanks and we offered prayers for continued blessings."

With the city's 200th birthday now officially sealed, sights turned to the hope and promise of the future. "Today we connect with tomorrow," Tadych said.

County Councilman Dave Greenspan commended Bay Village for being "one of the stellar communities" in Cuyahoga County.

"We celebrate not necessarily so much the past 200 years of Bay Village, but the future and what's been built over the past two centuries," Greenspan said. "I wish Bay Village a prosperous next 200 years." ●



Bay Bicentennial Committee members Tom Phillips, Dave Tadych and Carole Roske unveil the new granite marker Oct. 9 at Cahoon Memorial Park.



Workers from Kotecki Family Memorials lower the Bicentennial marker into place in Cahoon Memorial Park on Oct. 7.



Tristiana Goodwin cuts the cake with County Councilman Dave Greenspan.

Get ready for freaky family fun Oct. 26

by Anne Naumann

Attention little goblins throughout the area, please bring your family and friends to the second annual Freaky Family Fun Night sponsored by the West Shore Senior Center. The silliness will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6-8 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Apartments, 27100 Knickerbocker Rd. in Bay Village.

Open to all youngsters, this fun night includes a safe trick-or-treat, balloon animals, cotton candy, clowns and magic! Your family can join us for dinner at our concession stand where we will be serving hot dogs, chili, homemade cream of potato soup, donut holes, cider, hot chocolate and more! We will even have a Pumpkin Patch Bake Sale!

There will be plenty of games and contests including the highlight when a pumpkin is thrown off the eighth floor into our courtyard.

Don't miss the chance to have a silly, fun, (not scary), freaky fun night! ●



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She added, "I enjoyed showing the Mayor around the building. We had a great conversation about the lack of space in the building and her possible ideas for the future."

The visit was the kick-off for a new program at Normandy, the Celebrity Visitor Program, that will allow some of our leading citizens to participate in classroom instruction. "We believe it's a good way for citizens to observe and really experience the complexities and what goes on in a modern, top quality, elementary classroom," said Dr. Jim McGlamery, Normandy's principal. ●



Mayor Debbie Sutherland was teacher for a day at Normandy Elementary in Bay Village.

The Bay Village Heritage Run

by Eileen Vernon

Race through beautiful Bay Village in the second annual Heritage Run to benefit the Village Foundation. On Saturday, Oct. 22, the 5K run/one-mile walk begins at Cahoon Memorial Park at 9 a.m. Preregistration is available online at www.hermescleveland.com for \$20, or on the day of the race for \$25. Packets will be available for pickup at 7:30 a.m. the morning of the race at Cahoon Park.

The first 350 participants will get a cool, dry-tech, long-sleeved T-shirt. Funds collected by the not-for-profit Village Foundation go for Bay Village community projects. Please join us, rain or shine for a delightful Fall experience in Bay Village. ●

BAYARTS

BAYarts' annual meeting a cause for celebration

by Jim Doughman

BAYarts' 2011 Annual Meeting was both a report to the membership and a cause for celebration. Board president Peter Winzig reported on BAYarts' achievements over the past year and plans for the future. With the organization financially sound, continued community support and a successful fall "Moondance" fundraiser (raising close to \$70,000 in general operating funds for the coming year), there was much to celebrate.

Board elections are also held at the annual meeting. The newly elected board is: Peter Winzig, President; Kristen Baird-Adams, 1st Vice President; Mary Conway-Sullivan, Vice President; Jim Doughman, Vice President; Katy Phillips, Treasurer; Ray Young, Secretary; and Trustees: David Baily, Keven Blake, Bill Denihan, Beth Curtis, John Gorman, John Jefferson, Kate McCarthy, Alice McGinty, Eileen McTighe, Marcello Mellino, Marcia Rahman, Jim Schrantz, Adity Shah, Cristin Snodgrass, David Tadych. BAYarts' Board of Advisors is John Beagle, Rich Bartsche, Susan Schrantz, Julia Shutt, Brian Stack, Deb Conway and Dan Fauver.

BAYarts' Annual Meeting is held on the second Wednesday in October each year and is open to the public. Members vote on the board. ●

Westlake's Cutest Pet 2011

The Westlake Historical Society announced the winners of their annual Cutest Pet in Westlake contest, chosen from a field of 27 by a panel of media and city representatives. This year's contest featured two winners: Willy, a Yorkie/Shih Tzu mix owned by Natalie Nurse and family; and Emma, an English Golden-doodle owned by Mark, Pam, Jessica and Allison Hook. ●



Willy, Yorkshire Terrier/Shih Tzu mix



Emma, English Goldendoodle

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