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## BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

### The harmful consequences of fertilizing your yard

by Patrick McGannon

It's that time of year when many of us are beginning to fertilize our lawns and gardens. What many of us don't think about is how that practice is tied to a yearly water quality issue in Lake Erie. The problem can be seen just a mile off the shores of Bay Village in satellite images.

Last year was one of the worst years on record for a water quality issue resulting from human-induced algal blooms. These blooms, in turn, result in a problem known as the Lake Erie dead zone. This is a zone of oxygen-depleted water that has grown to cover as much as half of our lake.

Many aquatic organisms, including fish and insects, cannot live in this oxygen-depleted zone. Therefore, it disrupts the web of life that helps keep our aquatic ecosystem healthy. Furthermore, some species of algae contain neurotoxins that reach high enough concentrations during some blooms to have a severe impact on wildlife and to close area beaches.

How does fertilizing our lawns contribute to the problem? Fertilizer



**Fertilizers can run off into storm drains like this one in Bay Village, which empties into Lake Erie.**

contains the nutrients phosphorus and nitrogen. Rain water and sprinkler water carry some of fertilizer's nutrients into nearby storm sewers and streams. Storm sewers and streams, in turn, drain directly into the lake without any filtration.

The addition of fertilizer's nutrients into the lake water contributes to algae's population explosion since algae feed on phosphorus and nitrogen. This sudden population explosion is the algal bloom mentioned above.

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### Mayor reflects on term in office in State of City address

by Tara Wendell

Westlake sure has changed in the last 27 years.

That was Mayor Dennis Clough's message to Westshore Chamber of Commerce members during his State of the City address at LaCentre on March 13. Since Clough was elected in 1986, the city has undergone a period of major growth – residential, commercial and municipal.

In preparing his remarks, Clough looked back on the city's needs in his first year in office. At that time, he felt that Westlake most needed strong financial management – not surprising, given Clough's accounting background.

Westlake was a growing community; its population jumped nearly 40% during the 1980s, the largest increase since the 1950s. The influx of residents pressed the need for expanded civic infrastructure: additional fire and police stations, sanitary sewers, a community center and a recreation center. And as Clough told the audience of Chamber members, it was important to his administration early on to form a partnership with the



**Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough gives his State of the City address to the West Shore Chamber of Commerce on March 13 at LaCentre.**

business community. "We worked hard at it, we brought people together," Clough said. "We've had relationships with so many people and the support of the community to address all of those needs."

In the 27 years since he first took office, Clough feels that the city has followed its financial plan and has successfully implemented a strategy of "controlled growth."

"We've made the city of Westlake a very desirable community where businesses are thriving, where people want to be at," he said.

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### Celebrate Earth Day by signing up for Bay's recycling rewards

by Duane Maladecki

With Earth Day just around the corner on April 22, many of us are thinking about easy ways to help the environment. As most of you may know, Bay Village residents can get discounts and deals simply from participating in the Recyclebank rewards program through your home recycling.

Since the Recyclebank program launched last May, Bay Village residents have recycled over 471 tons of material. That's equivalent to 3,017 newborn Orca whales or 710 SMART cars! Great job!

Additionally, Bay residents have earned over one-million Recyclebank points translating into thousands of dollars saved. On average, each resident can earn over \$100 in reward value through their annual recycling efforts. These savings have also helped boost the local economy because nearly

50% of the rewards are redeemed locally right here in Bay Village at locations such as Bay Lanes, Discount Drug Mart, Wild Birds Unlimited and Bay Village True Value Hardware.

Additionally, Bay and Westlake residents can be rewarded for other everyday green actions at Recyclebank.com. Some of these green actions include learning about water reduction and greener lifestyle habits, referring friends and family, sustainable product purchases, and some that will even earn you points if you pledge to recycle the packaging, like a Kashi cereal box.

The curbside recycling and Recyclebank program are in full swing in Bay Village, so if you're not yet registered, what are you waiting for? Registration is free and easy to do – either visit Recyclebank.com or call 888-727-2978 today to get started. Don't forget to follow the prompts to verify your address so you can get your 300 bonus points!

Great job again, Bay Village, in making a positive impact on your city and the world. ●



### Westlake's annual Easter egg hunt set for March 31

by Al Psota

Every year since 1955 the Westlake Town Criers have sponsored the annual city Easter Egg Hunt. This March 31 at 1:00 p.m. children ages four to six will take off on a scramble for wrapped candy and in search for special eggs redeemable for prizes. This will be repeated at 1:30 p.m. for ages seven to 10.

Simultaneously there is a non-competitive egg hunt for children up to age three. There will be a Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny passing out more candy and available for pictures. There will also be face painting, tattoos and a raffle for large stuffed animals. There is no charge and a good time is had by all.

Meet in the playground in front of the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd. Come early as the event goes off promptly. ●



**Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny will hand out candy and pose for pictures.**



BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Bay residents can get a jump on spring by reserving a community garden plot

by Brenda O'Reilly

Make organic local food part of your healthy lifestyle by reserving a community garden plot today! The Bay Community Garden, located on Wolf Road, is now accepting applications from Bay residents for the 2012 garden season. The garden plots are 4-by-8 feet, and are rented for \$40 per year. Since a technique called “Square Foot Gardening” is used, it is amazing how many vegetables and herbs can be grown on each of these plots.

The gardening is all organic. The city provides gardeners with rich humus to spread on the garden plots. The humus is leaf-based compost that is the result of the leaf pick-up program. In fall, the leaves are taken to the Westlake Service Center to be composted and returned as humus in spring to use in the gardening. The humus is a great soil amendment that is mixed into your garden to create a fertile planting bed.

The garden is truly a place of beauty and tranquility. Come wander through the garden in spring, summer or fall and see for yourself the wide variety of vegetables and herbs that are being grown. There is a sense of community – enjoy a chat with a fellow gardener, share success stories and harvest fresh vegetables from your garden plot for your table that evening.

The garden is very sustainable. In



Steve Slane and Christine Demeter join fellow Bay community gardeners on planting day in 2010. Weather permitting, the garden will open May 1 this year.

addition to organic gardening methods, you are eating food that is grown locally in your very own garden plot. And, any vegetable clippings are placed in the compost bins on the corner of the garden, so that the compost can be used the following season in the garden.

The community garden first opened in May 2010. This will be its third year. The number of plots rented has grown to around 130. There are many good plots still available. The garden opens around May 1, weather permitting, and closes down just prior to Thanksgiving.

You must be a Bay resident to rent a

garden plot and all gardeners must fill out garden registration and waiver forms. The forms are available on the Green Team website at [www.bayvillagegreenteam.com/community-garden](http://www.bayvillagegreenteam.com/community-garden).

To register, bring your completed forms and \$40 cash or check to the City Hall reception desk during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please make checks payable to City of Bay Village and write “Community Garden” in the memo line.

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- 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"

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# Westlake educator joins international education symposium

by Kim Bonvissuto

Westlake Schools Director of Curriculum and Instruction Pam Griebel will attend Kent State University's College of Education, Health and Human Services' Canadian-American Symposium next month in Toronto, Ontario.

The invitational symposium will provide the opportunity for representatives from Ohio's educational community – state-level policy makers, executive directors of education associations and leading Northeast Ohio educators – to learn from the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, as well as to visit various school-based sites.

Griebel previously participated on the school district's behalf in a series of meetings funded by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation that brought together 10 Northeast Ohio school districts and three universities to document, learn, celebrate and advance the work in international education.

The visit, planned for April 2-4, will focus on two issues:

- Establishing sustainable partnerships for increasing Ohio-Ontario K-12 and higher education collaborative learning opportunities.
- Learning about Canadian K-12 educational successes and sharing the best practices of Ohio and Ontario educators.

"I look forward to expanding my knowledge of educational processes and practices on a more global level," Griebel said. "The potential for district and building partnerships is exciting and can benefit our Westlake students, staff, parents and community at large."

The Ontario-Ohio dialogue will continue in October with another symposium held at Kent State University. ●



Pam Griebel

# The Year of the Dragon

by Taeho Kim, eighth-grader at Lee Burneson Middle School

This year, January 23 began the Chinese New Year, the official start of the Year of the Dragon. It will last until the Chinese New Year in 2013. So it is good to know what it is and what it brings. Chinese New Year is based on the lunar calendar and is not only Chinese. It is celebrated in many Asian countries such as China and South Korea. I'm going to tell you about it from the Korean perspective.

In Korean folk tales the dragon is an imaginary and magical animal. It has the appearance of many animals put together: the horns of a buck, head of a camel, eyes of a rabbit, ears of a lamb, body shape of a snake, scales of a carp, feet of a tiger and toenails of an eagle.

Dragons have great strength, and are recognized as majestic animals. Even kings are called dragons, as they are highly honored. People regard dragons as auspicious animals. Even dreams with dragons are considered signs of good fortune. Through magic, dragons heal humans or give them help when they're going through a hard time.

There are numerous Korean folk tales about dragons, and here is one of the well-known ones:

There was a warm-hearted young boy who was getting wood from the forest. Suddenly a large snake came up and told the boy that it needed to eat 100 rice cakes but had eaten only 99 so far, and that it needed to eat one more rice cake baked by a girl.

So the boy told the snake to come with him, since there was a girl who lived in the house next door to his. The boy asked the girl to bake a small rice cake for the snake. She did. The snake ate the cake and was immediately transformed into a dragon.

The dragon said, "Since you have helped me become a dragon, I will grant you a wish."

The boy answered, "I want to get married to the girl next door." The dragon told the boy that his wish would be granted if he buried three coins in the yard of the girl's house. After he buried the coins, the dragon flew off, high into the air.

The girl suddenly became very ill. The boy told her parents that he would try to help their daughter get better. He took the three coins out of the ground and held on to them. The girl was instantly healthy again, and he asked her parents if he could marry her.

The parents said that even though the boy had helped their daughter get better, he could not marry her since the boy's family was one of the poorest in the village. So the boy buried the three coins in the yard again, and the girl wasn't so healthy.

This time the girl's parents were desperate and told the boy that if he could heal their daughter again, he could marry her. So the boy healed her. The parents allowed the boy to marry their daughter and the two lived happily ever after, thanks to the dragon.

Since the dragon is strong and wise, it is considered a good sign when a child is born in a Dragon year. The child is expected to be strong and Dragon-like. In my own family one of my cousins was born in a Dragon year, and he reflects the dragon qualities I listed. He is strong. If he sees you carrying heavy loads, he'll help you carry them. He's also smart, and knows how to solve problems. Overall he's a great person.

The dragon satisfies even our deepest wishes, and helps you get anything you want or need such as happiness. He also helps you become wise, and overcome your difficulties and fear. ●



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## TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE SOMETHING

## Aqua Girls compete in regional event

by **Audrey Ray**, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

A lot of things have happened to the Aqua Girls since the last time I have written. We were very busy preparing for our Destination Imagination Regional Competition at Beachwood High School that was held on Saturday, March 10. My team and I spent time practicing our skit, filling out our competition paperwork, hanging beach clean-up signs at local businesses and writing our expense report. It was hectic but we managed to get everything done.

The day of the competition was extremely exciting! When my team arrived we saw other teams from all over the Cleveland area and their props and costumes getting ready to perform their skits. Teams set up places to hang out on blankets surrounded by their gear because it's a long day. I think most of us were feeling nervous and anxious at this point.

Soon after we settled in, the Aqua Girls had to check in at the appraisers' table to go over our paperwork to be sure that we had everything we needed. We were lucky because Miss McMaugh, our

fourth-grade teacher, was the appraiser we checked in with. She helped us get ready and relax before our show.

Then it was time for us to perform our eight-minute skit about the Aqua Girls' Beach Clean up. It went really well. We had a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Near the end of the show, one of my teammates knocked over our projector that was playing a slideshow and our YouTube video. It looked like a disaster but another teammate thought quickly and turned the video player around so the judges could still see. We all recovered and finished the show.

We felt good about our show, but we weren't done yet! The next part was the Instant Challenge. An Instant Challenge is where you get instructions to either perform a skit or build something on the spot in a short time limit. I can't tell you what our challenge was – I'm not even allowed to tell my family under the rules because other teams might get the same challenge at another competition. But we were proud of how we did.

Then we had to wait almost four hours until the results were announced. They first gave medals to teams for special

awards for creativity and teamwork. Then for each of the main challenges they gave a fourth, third, second and first place.

Each time another team placed for our challenge, I was both disappointed and excited that we might have placed higher. Second place in our category went to one of the other Westerly teams – I had seen their show and they were really good. So I turned to my mom and said, "Do you think we were last place?"

Then they announced first place – it was the Aqua Girls!

We were so surprised and thrilled to have won at a tough regional competition and quickly looking forward to competing at state level on April 21 in Mount Vernon, Ohio!



The Aqua Girls at show off their trophy from the regional Destination Imagination competition March 10.

Don't forget that the Aqua Girls are still planning to clean the beach on Saturday, April 28, from 1-3 p.m. Please meet us there and help us make our beach beautiful, safe for the wildlife and ready for fun! ●

CLOUGH *continued from front page*

Mayor Clough presented a historical record of the city's finances during his time in office to illustrate the progress that has been made. In 1986, Westlake's general fund held \$964,000 and the total debt was over \$13 million. Twenty-seven years later, the general fund tops \$16.3 million, with debt at \$18.5 million.

"We could basically pay that off if we needed to," said Clough. "In essence, we are debt free."

Westlake enjoys a good measure of financial stability due in part, Clough stated, to a diverse mix of businesses, which prevents

the city from being dependent on one company or industry. Income taxes have remained flat, increasing once in the last four years, while property taxes have fallen 25% since 1986.

Mayor Clough highlighted each of the city's departments, from the service department's "top green shop" award, to the assistance provided by community services, to the recreation center that sits on land the city didn't even own 27 years ago. Throughout his speech, Clough emphasized the teamwork involved in keeping Westlake running smoothly, not only within

departments, but between departments as well.

Clough finished his State of the City address with a look towards the future. Work has already begun on a number of infrastructure design and construction projects and the city is evaluating a much-publicized potential switch in water supplier. Westlake is also considering regional consolidations, including a possible Westshore fire district.

"We want to make sure that Westlake remains the desirable community that it is today, where everybody still wants to move to the city of Westlake," Clough said. ●

## Writers introduce Observer to business community

Prior to the mayor's State of the City address on March 13, Nancy Girardot and Steve Novak were given a few minutes at the podium to speak on behalf of the Observer, which sponsored the luncheon.

The Observer and the West Shore Chamber of Commerce have formed a partnership to help strengthen each organization, as well as the businesses in the community.

Girardot, vice president of the Chamber, praised the Observer and its staff, saying, "It's a labor of love and they really take it seriously."

Novak, a columnist and advisor to the Observer, talked about the enjoyment of writing for the citizen-powered newspaper and encouraged businesses to help support this community project. ●

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WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Society seeks new acquisitions

by Lysa Stanton

How many of you remember these old fashioned sounds? The “woooooosh” of a rotary dial telephone; the clackity clack of a manual typewriter; the sound of the shutter on an old 35mm camera; the tick of the sprocket on a film projector. All of these now seldom-heard sounds inspire memories of days gone by and gadgets that have largely been replaced. We may remember many of these items, but younger generations will most likely not know anything about them. These products are not only a part of American history, they are a part of our local history.

Part of our mission at The Westlake Historical Society is to not only preserve the history of old Dover, but also to collect and remember some of the more recent items that made up our past here in Westlake.

Some of our latest acquisitions include a beautiful old baby crib from the late 1800s, an old Avon-Dover-Lakewood bus schedule from 1914, classic sheet music from the 1920s and a key fob and postcards from the local Schnieder's Tourist Park.

Memorabilia from Westlake's more recent past include a postcard of Schluter's on Center Ridge Road and a matchbox from the old Panorama restaurant located at Clague and Detroit roads.

Although some artifacts may seem somewhat insignificant, each provides a small glimpse into how that person,

place or item contributed to our daily life during a certain time period.

Memorabilia is acquired either by donation from local or former residents, and by the donation of funds from individual donors to purchase artifacts. Memorabilia can be larger items such as furniture or mechanical devices, or it can be smaller like photos, books, letters, articles and old ads.

If you have any old memories of Dover or Westlake you would like to share, please contact the Westlake Historical Society at 440-808 1961 or westlakehistory@yahoo.com, or visit us online at www.westlakeohiohistory.org. ●

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BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bay Village Historical Society  
hosts annual Victorian Tea

by Cynthia Eakin

Join the Bay Village Historical Society for a traditional Victorian Tea on April 21, 2 p.m., at the Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane in Bay Village.

Highlights of the annual tea include a drawing for an American Girl doll and a fun create-your-own hat contest. Carol Major will be selling clothes for 18-inch dolls.

Bring your daughters, granddaughters or little friends, age five and above, to experience entertainment from Victorian times. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years of age. Dolls are invited. Reservations are required. Phone Carole Roske at 440-871-4797 for information. ●



Samantha Riley and her daughter, Susan, at last year's Victorian Tea.

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## ALGAE *continued from front page*



Image courtesy of NASA.

**Green algae bloom along the shores of Lake Erie can be seen in this photo taken Oct. 9, 2011, by the NASA Landsat-5 satellite.**

When the algae die, they sink to the bottom of the lake where they are decomposed by bacteria. It is the decomposition of these dead algae by bacteria that removes the dissolved oxygen from the water and creates the dead zone.

According to Jeff Reutter, director of the Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory at Ohio State University, phosphorus levels are back up to the level of the 1970s when Lake Erie was considered a dead lake. Other significant human sources of nutrients feeding these blooms include combined sewer overflows, agricultural fertilizing, sewage treatment plant discharges and animal waste.

Each of us can be a part of the solution. Reduce or eliminate fertilizer from your yard and clean up your animal waste. If you are mulching your grass during the growing season rather than bagging, then

your lawn will naturally get nutrients returned to the soil from the lawn clippings.

If you are going to fertilize, use a fertilizer that contains no phosphorus or use an organic fertilizer. At a minimum, sweep excess fertilizer off of the sidewalk and street and create a buffer zone by not fertilizing near storm sewers. Installing a rain barrel or rain garden also helps by slowing the flow of water to the lake. These options are healthier for you, healthier for our pets, healthier for our kids, healthier for our neighbors and healthier for our lake. Consider implementing these practices this season.

Check out [www.bayvillagegreenteam.com](http://www.bayvillagegreenteam.com) for more tips on maintaining a healthy lawn and garden with less water and little or no fertilizer. Thank you for being a part of the solution! ♦

## Bay Sea Scouts win Interlux Waterfront Challenge

by Richard Gash

Bay Village Sea Scout Ship 41 won the 2011 Interlux Waterfront Challenge for the Midwest Region with their marine oil recycling project. This is the second time the Sea Scouts have won the challenge, also taking the national prize in 2008 for their "flotsam scoop" beach clean-up project.

The Sea Scouts are accepting the challenge again in 2012 with a project to address the problem of algae blooms that were a major problem in the western basin of Lake Erie in 2011. Details of the Waterfront Challenge, open to any group interested in maintaining a clean nautical environment can be found at [www.waterfrontchallenge.com](http://www.waterfrontchallenge.com).

The Sea Scouts will be using part of their \$4,500 Waterfront Challenge award to take a field trip to the Ohio State Uni-

versity Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island where they will study the ecology of Lake Erie. The scouts will spend two hours on a Science Cruise measuring environmental conditions.

They will also have the opportunity to use Secchi disks to determine water turbidity, plankton nets to collect algae and zooplankton, lower an Ekman dredge to survey benthic macro invertebrates and pull a fish trawl to collect and observe Lake Erie fish. Back on the island the samples collected will be studied and dissected.

The goal over the summer will be to develop micro solutions to help alleviate the problems that the green-blue algae create and submit a presentation to Interlux.

Interlux is a yacht paint manufacturer, a division of Akzo Nobel whose U.S. head office is in Strongsville, Ohio. ♦



**The team from Bay Village Sea Scout Ship 41 accepts the 2011 Interlux Midwest Award. Pictured, from left: Sea Scouts Andrew Felici, Nate Cullinan, Alex Felici, Shawn Sovie and Nico diGiulio; Interlux Tech. Rep. Kevin Kyle; Sea Scout adult leaders Richard Gash, Scott Engel and Tony Felici.**



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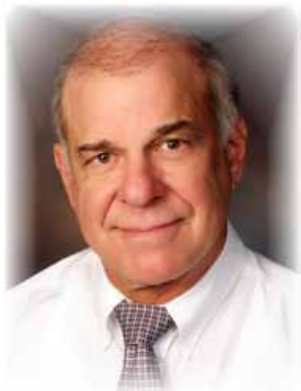


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## SPORTING VIEWS

## 'Dolan' out the excuses

by Jeff Bing

You know, the older I get, the easier it has become to see clearly what's going on in the world around me. And, no, I'm not referring to the glasses I now wear (though they have helped considerably, albeit in a literal sense).

I believe it's much more than that. Be it politics, the economy, the societal benefit derived from Madonna and her music, I feel I have a pretty good handle on it all. Go ahead: ask me a question, and prepare to walk away enlightened. There's nothing I can't grasp. Well, except for one nagging, mind-numbing, incessantly agonizing thing...

Larry Dolan's ownership of the Cleveland Indians has been a source of great consternation for me ever since he bought the team from Dick Jacobs in 2000. Countless hours of analysis, including seeking the opinions of some of the more knowledgeable people in the sports world (a.k.a. my in-laws), have ultimately yielded the same agonizing result. Nobody can give me a straight answer, which in turn becomes an important first step in summoning whatever bad-nicks lie within my brain and ultimately trigger my migraines. But, I digress. *Stay focused, Jeff...*

Larry bought the team when it was at the very peak of popularity, in both an artistic and financial sense. It was on the tail-end of the four hundred and fifty-some-odd consecutive sellouts at Jacobs Field. After decades of losing, the Indians had become a perennial division leader and World Series contender. Every revenue source the Indians had was at full-throttle, meaning they had maximized their income from every conceivable tap.

In spite of this, most experts agree that the Dolan group paid tens of millions more for the franchise than was necessary

– eclipsing the second-highest bidder by \$100 million. At the time, I remember my son and I surmising that it appeared Larry had become so enthralled with the prospect of owning a Major League Baseball franchise, he didn't want to risk not getting the team, so he went way overboard with his offer.

It's ironic when you consider that every move the Indians have made since the Dolans took over has been with one eye on the bank account. Dolan "apologists" will argue that they're simply running the Indians like any other sound business would/should be run, which always drives me nuts when I hear it.

Nobody in their right mind buys a sports franchise with the idea of running it like a business – you know going in that most sports owners are egotistical maniacs – and toss around real money like, well, Monopoly money.

The analogy I tend to use when describing the Dolans' ownership is to liken it to the guy who saves up all his hard-earned money over a long period of time, and goes to Vegas for a chance to finally roll with the "big dogs."

Not paying particularly close attention to his expenditures along the way, he finds a high-stakes poker game and antes up a significant sum. He has a pretty good hand and stands a good chance of winning, and is ready to go all in, but when he goes to bet and looks for his chips, discovers that he has only a few left. Someone else raises the bet, but he can't cover it, so he has to fold. He leaves the table and heads for a game with much smaller stakes.

So why did you get in the game, Larry, when you knew all along what the stakes would be? ●

*Jeff welcomes all feedback and suggestions, pro or con, which may be sent to editor@wbvobserver.com.*

## Fran McKendree to perform in Westlake

by Ellie Peiffer

Former leader and founder of McKendree Spring and Arista recording artist now focused on sacred music, Fran McKendree began his professional career playing at coffee houses in and around Syracuse University before forming "McKendree Spring," a four-piece folk-rock ensemble that the legendary promoter/manager Bill Graham dubbed "one of the best unknown bands in the world." They played with some of the world's best musicians, and are now included in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with their own exhibit.

A visit to a small Episcopal church in

New York led to an epiphany that launched a new spiritual direction, prompting him to explore his calling: doing concerts, as music leader and coordinator for conferences, keynote presenter, mentor and workshop leader in churches across the country.

McKendree will present a solo concert at Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd., on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the WUMC Performing Arts Series. The concert is free and open to the public. Free, professional childcare is offered. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Fran will also lead worship with the Acts 11:21 band at the 11:21 a.m. alternative worship service on Sunday, April 1. ●

## The Village Food Project seeks enthusiastic intern

by Diane Frye

Thanks to the generosity of two separate donors, The Village Food Project is hiring a part-time, paid summer intern. Serving as the assistant to the executive director, the intern will have a variety of responsibilities, including updating and maintenance of communication vehicles such as the VFP website and Facebook page, assisting in the kitchen and garden and providing support to a number of volunteer areas.

"The fact that the VFP gives high school students the opportunity to serve people living in their own community is phenomenal," said one donor. "These kids feel empowered and encouraged and look forward to continuing to serve as they enter their college years. Providing a summer internship for a college student supports the emphasis that the VFP puts on investing in youth – what an incredible opportunity for a student!"

The internship is available for a student who has completed a minimum of two years of college. Ideally, the student will live in Bay Village or Avon Lake (communities currently served by The Village Food Project); however, it is not a mandate. The intern will work 20 hours per week for a period of 10 weeks. This is an excellent summer opportunity for an enthusiastic college student to get valuable experience in all facets of a growing, thriving community organization.

Applications are available on the website [www.villagefoodproject.com](http://www.villagefoodproject.com) from March 21 until April 15. For more information, please contact Barb Harrell, executive director, at [bharrell@villagefoodproject.com](mailto:bharrell@villagefoodproject.com) or call 440-348-9401. ●

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

# Bay cancer foundation making progress, needs volunteers

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

In the Jan. 10 issue of the Observer, I announced a team effort to create an entity called "Friends From The Start" Foundation, which is being established to provide resources and services to individuals and loved ones hit with cancer.

The following is an update on where we are at this point in time, as well as a request for help for those who might want to get involved.

First, we are working in collaboration with Cuyahoga Community College and Lorain County Community College to develop a comprehensive website which serves as the information center for anything and everything related to the subject of cancer. For lack of a better term, kind of like a centralized "one stop shop." While I am a relative dinosaur when it comes to the area of technology, we have the right people involved to make it happen.

We are also in discussions with area hospitals, existing non-profits, and others that will make a positive contribution to our efforts as well. The website should be in operation by the summer.

Secondly, and specific to this request for volunteers, we are developing a list of individuals and corresponding services that will be helpful to those in need. Tasks such as house cleaning, lawn mowing, shopping, and rides to doctors' appointments that are normally taken for granted can become monumental.

The list of potential assistance is endless. For example, we recently had an attorney volunteer to do documents such as Power of Attorney, Living Wills, etc. at no cost. There is no help or gesture, no matter how small, that wouldn't be appreciated.

This will be a very important part of the website. If you can provide time or services, at reasonable prices, reduced prices or for free, please send an email with your contact information and how you can help to friendsfromthestart@gmail.com and we will proceed to the next step.

We will be focusing on Bay Village and the west side suburbs to begin with, so if you are reading this, we want you!

Creating this is not a difficult endeavor. It is simply getting good people together to help those in need. It is, in the truest sense of the word, a "TEAM" effort, and the sky is the limit when good people come together with a common cause.

Thanks for your consideration of this request. I'll update you in a couple of months as to where we stand as an organization.

Best Regards,  
Tom Jelepis  
Former mayor of Bay Village

# Community supports 501(c)3 organizations

Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations have mission objectives that ultimately benefit the community. Clague Playhouse and Westlake-Westshore Arts Council are two such organizations, whose mission goals enhance and broaden cultural life through the arts. To facilitate the programs that they provide, they rely on community support.

A Cabaret Night, their recent "sold-out" benefit held at Wagner's Country Inn, received wonderful support. Products and services for the various benefit auctions came from restaurants, spas, the Indians, the Cavs, Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Museum of Art, florists, chocolate shops and other local donors. Twenty-six visual artists contributed works of art. A complete list of donors can be found at [www.w-wac.org](http://www.w-wac.org) and [www.clagueplayhouse.org](http://www.clagueplayhouse.org).

The talents of the Cabaret performers were enjoyed throughout the dining area at Wagner's with the donation of audio equipment by Georgene Granfors of Georgie Girl Entertainment.

The collaborated event was planned by a committee composed of Chairperson Tony Granfors; Patt Long and Liz Hoffman of W-WAC; and Clague Playhouse members Lillian Boehmer, Richie Lynch and Marie Smith. They were joined in their efforts by board members from both organizations.

The benefits from A Cabaret Night will be used by Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and Clague Playhouse for the advancement of cultural arts awareness in the Westlake and Westshore communities, a shared mission goal.

Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and Clague Playhouse are appreciative of all of the efforts expended by supporters, donors, volunteers, and also of the promotion and coverage of A Cabaret Night that has been so willingly provided by the Observer.

Sincerely,  
Marge Widmar, President, Westlake-Westshore Arts Council  
Lillian Boehmer, President, Clague Playhouse



# Friendships and retirement blossom when you get involved

by Jean Smith

When I retired from my full-time job as membership coordinator at The Union Club in downtown Cleveland in March 2008, I knew exactly what I wanted to do. Having an art background, I knew I wanted to take some art classes and explore painting styles, and I also wanted to join a garden club.

I attended my first meeting of the Westlake Garden Club the month I retired and was recruited to become the recording secretary. I joined the garden club in April 2008 and started taking minutes of the meetings in August 2008.

Now, four years later, I am serving my second year as 2nd vice president, membership chairman, and have just taken over producing the newsletter, Garden Scoop. Sometimes I feel like I have a full-time job with the garden club, but because of my responsibilities, I have been able to maintain my computer skills and fill the void of going from work to retirement.

As a result of joining the garden club, I have made many good friends and learned a lot about gardening, and about life. It seems that, no matter the question or subject matter, someone in the garden club has experience in that area.

I am very pleased with the direction in which the garden club is going. Our goal is to grow our membership and become more visible within the community. We now have three male members and will introduce our new

website in July – two giant steps for the garden club.

The Westlake Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, March through December, at Westlake Porter Library, unless a field trip is planned. Meetings start at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m. We provide programs on various topics that will be of interest to everyone and speakers who are professionals in their fields.

We are planning a fundraising event on Thursday, April 26, at Wagner's Country Inn. This year's event will be a luncheon with guest speaker Mark Johnson, chief meteorologist at Channel 5 News. Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling 440-899-1969. Proceeds from this event will support civic and educational programs within Westlake and surrounding communities.

We are already considering ideas for celebrating the Westlake Garden Club's 50-year anniversary in 2013. If you have an interest in gardening, want to get more involved in the community or just want to get together to socialize and meet new and interesting people, call me at 440-665-5463 and I will tell you more about how the garden club has become an important part of my life.

And yes, I have taken some art classes and explored different styles of painting. I just entered two paintings in a juried show; unfortunately neither was accepted, but not to worry, with the encouragement of my good friends, I will keep trying. ●

## BAY MEN'S CLUB SEEKS SPORTING GOODS

by Eric Eakin

The Bay Men's Club will be holding a recycled sporting goods sale on Saturday, March 24, at Bay Middle School, and needs your donations. Items sought include soccer and baseball cleats, shin guards, baseball and softball mitts and similar



equipment.

Items can be donated at either Bay Lanes or True Value Hardware in the Bay Square Shopping Center. All will be cleaned and repurposed as a fundraiser for the club's scholarship program. Unsold items will be donated to area youth programs.

For more information call Sean Riley at 440-463-1254 or email sriley31@sbcglobal.net. ●



## West Shore Chamber of Commerce News & Opportunities

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# March is MS Awareness Month

by Mel Maurer

March is MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Awareness Month in Ohio. Why? Our state has a very high incidence of MS – one of the highest in the nation. Of the estimated 400,000 people in this country with MS, an estimated 18,000 live in this state. Whatever it is that brings MS to more people in Northeast climates is still unknown, as is much about MS in general.

We do know that MS is a chronic disease that attacks the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord and optic nerves). Signs and symptoms may include: numbness or weakness in one or more limbs; partial or complete loss of vision, usually in one eye at a time (often with pain during eye movement); double vision or blurring of vision; tingling or pain in parts of your body; electric-shock sensations that occur with certain head movements; tremor; lack of coordination or unsteady gait; fatigue; and dizziness. Once thought to be a disease of young adults, we now know MS hits a wider range of ages.

MS, using the body's own defense system, attacks the myelin sheath that surrounds and protects nerve fibers. (The nerve fibers may also be damaged.) The damaged myelin forms scar tissue (sclerosis), which gives the disease its name. When any part of the myelin sheath or nerve fiber is damaged or destroyed, communications to and from the brain and spinal cord are either distorted or interrupted..

I first became aware of multiple sclerosis in 1967 in a doctor's' small consulting room at University Hospital when a neurologist, after examining my wife, Elaine, told us she had the disease. I had heard of it but I knew nothing about what it meant. Elaine knew more than that – her best friend's mother had MS and had been in a wheelchair for years.

The doctor, who would go on to become a nationally known authority on MS, warned us not to read up on the disease. He told us that most of what was written about it was about the

severe form of MS, while in fact it could take many forms. Since then research has identified four distinct courses of the disease: relapsing-remitting, primary progressive, secondary progressive and progressive relapsing.

Which kind did Elaine have? "No way to tell," the doctor said, and even if then known, it could change as time went on. (She has since lived a productive life with the remitting type of the disease, raising four children and me – an inspiration to our family.)

A reasonable nickname for MS might be the "uncertain disease" – no one knows how it will act for sure. It's almost as if MS is tailor-made for each person that has it. The uncertainty also makes research very difficult – is a treatment working or did the disease just happen to go into remission? Such remissions often lead people to believe things are helping when in fact they are not doing anything.

As good as our doctor was in diagnosing MS – it was much harder to do back then but easier now with MRIs – he was wrong in telling us not to seek information as limited as it was. I'm sure he wouldn't do that today and would rather encourage his patients to seek information and help through organizations such as the National MS Society.

While no cures have yet been found, a number of effective drugs have been developed which help with symptoms and retard the progress of a person's MS. The hope is that the more people that are aware of the disease, the sooner they realize they need to see a doctor and get the meds they need to try to keep it in check before more damage is done.

Chances are that you know someone that has MS and knows they have it, but chances are also good that you know someone who isn't aware that they have it. Anyone with the prevailing symptoms noted above should be sure to see a doctor.

For information and help, contact the local chapter of the National MS Society at 1-800-667-7131 or visit [www.MSohiobuckeye.org](http://www.MSohiobuckeye.org). ●

## ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

# A warm welcome to Welcome House

by Dianne Borowski

Welcome House Inc. has relocated its headquarters to 802 Sharon Dr., Westlake. A community open house will take place on Tuesday, March 27, from 2-6 p.m. The organization extends an open invitation to all West Shore residents to stop by to become acquainted with their new neighbors.

Welcome House provides services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The not-for-profit agency employs 265 staff members and provides care for over 140 clients.

Welcome House was established in 1981 with one group home for men on Dover Center Road in Westlake. Two more homes followed. These homes were located on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. From these humble beginnings, Welcome House currently supervises four group homes in the eastern suburbs along with twenty-

six group homes in the western suburbs. In addition, Welcome House works with clients in supported living homes and with those who still reside in their family's home.

Executive Director Tony Thomas is an innovative and effective leader. The agency has a quality nursing team which oversees the medical needs of clients. All staff are thoroughly trained in the newest methods of care approved for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The combination of dedicated leadership and staff has helped Welcome House expand and improve, even during these difficult economic times. The need for larger quarters became obvious as the agency has grown so rapidly during the last five years.

Please stop in to visit the folks at Welcome House on March 27. If you can't make it then, feel free to stop in for a tour, anytime. Welcome House is a welcome addition to our community. ●

# Talking to children about alcohol and drugs as important as ever

Ask any loving parent of a child with chemical substance addiction and they will tell you, "I wish I knew earlier what I know now."

Most parents consider their children to be "good kids" and many can't fathom their child engaging in alcohol or other drugs, but based on local studies (that parallel national statistics) conducted on our Bay Village school students – many "good kids" make poor choices including alcohol and other drug experimentation.

So what can parents do to help the situation?

On Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at Bay Middle School, parents and students alike will have the opportunity to learn more and participate in discussions regarding adolescent drug use and what it means. The program, "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT," is designed to encourage both parents and students to dialogue and give them the tools on how

to address it.

Now MORE THAN EVER – especially due to the elimination of the D.A.R.E program at Bay Middle School and St. Raphael School – all parents need to talk to their children on a regular basis and learn how to talk to them about alcohol and other drug use.

And in the event their child chooses to try them anyway – despite all the conversations – it is essential that parents be prepared, particularly due to the recent budget cuts.

"I call this the perfect storm," said one parent who is concerned about the elimination of the DARE program, cuts in the police force and increased teen drug use, particularly with prescription drugs. "This isn't only a family problem, it's a community issue and I worry that, if parents don't take this matter seriously and make drug education a priority, the problem will only get worse." ●

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## CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

# Programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

Spring is finally upon us and that means more outdoor time for all ages. Spring Break from school can mean more time for reading for fun, while adults are starting to line up the cleaning and gardening projects. Let us help you find just the book you need and more!

### ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, March 21 (7 p.m.) FAMOUS GREAT LAKES LADIES** – Celebrate the ladies of the Great Lakes in honor of Women's History Month.

**Saturday, March 31 (2 p.m.) WRITING FOR THE SILVER SCREEN** – Do you have a great movie idea but don't know how to get started with it? Learn the building blocks of a movie script, how to develop plot and characters and techniques to dramatize your idea and compress it into a compelling pitch, as well as the path to selling a script and having it produced.

**Wednesday, April 18 (7 p.m.) TITANIC AND THE GREAT LAKES** – It has been 100 years since the sinking of the Titanic. Carrie Sowden, Archaeological Director for the Peachman Lake Erie Shipwreck Center, will discuss the epic disaster and its intriguing connections to the Great Lakes.

### TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Tuesday, March 20 (4 p.m.) THE HUNGER GAMES** – For ages 11 and up. If you were a tribute from one of the districts how would you fare in The Hunger Games? Have fun competing in trivia, activities and challenges to see who will be the last one standing.

**Thursday, March 22 (3:30 p.m.) JUNIOR ENGINEERING CLUB** – For ages 8-12. Bring your imagination and ideas! Get together once a month with other students and have fun creating all kinds of structures.

**Tuesday, March 27 (3:30 p.m.) NUTRITIOUS DELICIOUS FUN** – For grades 4-8. We all know that junk food and sweets are bad for you – but they taste so good!

Kick start your healthy habits with this program filled with good food and fun. Come hungry/play smart! Parents must stop in and fill out a "release and hold harmless" form before the program and let us know of any food allergies; making and tasting healthy foods is an integral part of this program! This program sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

**Tuesday, April 17 (4 p.m.) TEEN JOB SEARCH** – For ages 14-19. Are you looking for a job? Join us for a fun, interactive workshop that will help you find and keep a job.

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**Saturday, March 24 (11-11:45 a.m.) EXPLORATION STATION: MONEY MATH** – For ages 3-5 and a caregiver. Join us for stories and activities about saving and spending money. Explore and learn through play at hands-on activity stations.

**Tuesday, April 10 (2 p.m.) EXPLORE THE TITANIC** – For ages 3-8. Commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic with stations of science activities that explore some of the things scientists have discovered about this famous shipwreck.

**Wednesday, April 4 (4 p.m.) JUNGLE SAFARI PUPPET SHOW** – For all ages. Katie Bee and Roger Dodger's show has it all: awesome puppets, a touch of magic, storytelling and antics that get plenty of laughter. Help decorate a cool balloon tree with jungle animal balloons.

**Thursday, April 5 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER** – For all ages. Discuss a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat.

**Please call the library to register for these programs at 871-6392, or go online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org). Looking forward to seeing YOU!**

## Great Lakes Ladies coming to the Bay Branch Library March 21

by Joyce Sandy

It's Women's History Month! Come hear the historical stories of some Great Lakes Ladies on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Library!

Find out about such amazing women as 14-year-old Maebelle Mason who saved a man from drowning and Abigail Becker who was called "the Savior of Long Point" when Bette Lou Higgins presents this storytelling program.

Ms. Higgins is the Artistic Director of Eden Valley Enterprises which is dedicated to providing unique educational experiences.

Their philosophy is that learning and doing are fun, and their basic tool is theater. The programs brim with energy, humor and fantasy and feature a magical cast of characters.

You won't want to miss their portrayal of Great Lakes Ladies! Please register for this program by calling 871-6392 or going online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org). ●



## WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Westlake Porter Public Library's upcoming events for March

by Elaine Willis

**Friday, March 23 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS** – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

**Friday, March 23 (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS BROWN BAG LUNCH PLAYGROUP** – A playgroup for parents with questions or concerns about their child's development. Bring your brown bag lunch (no peanuts, please) and we'll hold an informal discussion while the children eat lunch and play. In partnership with Connecting for Kids. No registration required.

**Saturday, March 24 (10-10:45 a.m.) SATURDAY LAPSIT STORYTIME** –Join us for songs, rhymes and stories, then stay and play! For ages 0-24 months with caregiver.

**Saturday, March 24 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB** – Love those LEGO bricks? Then bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-13. Registration begins one week before each session.

**Saturday, March 24 (2:30-4:30 p.m.) MAD4MANGA** – M4M is everything manga! We talk about manga, create manga art, discuss & watch anime films, and more! Grades 6 - 12 only.

**Monday, March 26 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Monday, March 26 (4-6:30 p.m.) TEEN TECHNO-LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Techno-Lounge located in our computer lab! You can access the Internet, do homework, or just hang out.

**Monday, March 26 (7-8:30 p.m.) COUPONING WITH LAURA** – Learn how to save

money and still live well using coupons. Class highlights include how to use drugstore savings programs, follow couponing blogs, and acquire and organize coupons. Please register.

**Monday, March 27 (7-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Wednesday, March 28 (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.

**Wednesday, March 28 (2 p.m.) AFTER-NOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – The March selection is "Deep Blue Sea for Beginners" by Luanne Rice.

**Thursday, March 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) ROSEMARY AND ROSE AT THE FLOWER SHOW** – Herbal Theatrics presents Rosemary and Rose at the Flower Show. If flower show entries could talk they would tell you of their rich history, beauty, scent and uses. Please register starting Feb. 26.

**Friday, March 30 (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, March 31 (All Day) MINI-GOLF IN THE LIBRARY** – Drop in anytime during the day and play a round of mini-golf on the library! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Saturday, March 31 (2-3 p.m.) FANCY WITH NANCY!** – Bonjour! You are invited to a posh party to play glamorous games, make a spectacular craft and enjoy refreshments. Ages 4-7. Please register starting March 24.

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

## Cathy Schultz receives volunteer award from Porter Library

by Elaine Willis

Westlake resident Cathy Schultz has received the 2012 Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award from Westlake Porter Public Library. The award was announced at the annual Volunteer Award Recognition reception on Sunday, March 4. It is named for the late Myrna Chelko, and is given to the volunteer who epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism as demonstrated by Chelko during her years as a library volunteer.

Schultz was selected as this year's recipient in recognition of her years as a Friends of Porter Public Library Board member, the number of volunteer responsibilities she has taken on over the years, and her dedication and enthusiasm.

Schultz first joined the Friends of Porter Library's board of trustees in 1993. Since then she has held a variety of offices and coordinated several events. She was a Friends trustee and the Board's vice president for two years, coordinated Friends programs from 1993-1994, edited the Friends newsletter in 1996, and coordinated the Hospitality committee and social events in 1999.

She has coordinated the trees and wreaths fundraiser and the Ice Cream Social in the past, and volunteers in the Friends' gift store, Portables. In 2011 Schultz logged 209 volunteer hours, bringing her total volunteer hours to 10,826.

Each year over 10,000 volunteer hours are logged at Westlake Porter Public Library. Volunteers shelve materials, staff the Reception Desk, deliver library materials to homebound Westlake residents, and help the Friends of Porter Library raise funds by working at Portables, the Book Nook, the annual Book Sale, and other fundraisers. ●



Westlake Porter Public Library Director Andrew Mangels presents the Myrna Chelko Volunteer Award to Cathy Schultz.

## Manage your Porter Library account from anywhere with the BookMyne app!

Westlake Porter Public Library users can now manage their library card account on their iPhone or Android smartphones with the BookMyne app. Bookmyne is available for free from the iPhone App Store and Android Market.

The app allows you to log in to your library account, renew items, search the catalog and place holds. Either your library card number or your alternate ID can be used to log in to BookMyne. The app also lists award-winning titles and New York Times bestsellers.

BookMyne has been rated 4 out of 5 stars in the iPhone App Store.

The library also has a mobile site that is accessible for users owning other types of mobile devices. Just visit the regular website ([www.westlakelibrary.org](http://www.westlakelibrary.org)) and select "mobile site" in the upper right corner. ●



BookMyne lets users search Westlake Porter Public Library's catalog, place holds and check their accounts using their smartphones.

## HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS

## As weather warms, wandering risk increases among persons with Alzheimer's

by Lisa Anthony

According to the Alzheimer's Association 60% of individuals with Alzheimer's will wander and become lost at some point during the disease process, and that risk increases as the spring and summer months approach. If not found within 24 hours, at least half of those that become lost risk serious injury or even death.

Many caregivers are faced with the question of what they can do to prevent this behavior in their loved one. Arden Courts, a memory care community in Westlake designed for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias, offers suggestions to caregivers on how to prevent wandering behavior.

One of the first things to consider is who is at risk. Even though an individual with Alzheimer's has not wandered before does not mean they will not wander sometime in the future. Some of the behaviors to look for include: trying to "go home" even when the person is at home, having difficulty locating familiar places like the bathroom or bedroom, or appearing restless and pacing without a purpose.

It is also important to make sure that all basic needs are met (toileting, hunger, thirst, pain, etc.). Caregivers should also look at when the Alzheimer's patient appears the most restless and plan activities or exercise around that time. Especially during the spring and summer

months it is beneficial for those with dementia to get exercise to expend energy and taking a walk outside with a caregiver is the perfect form of exercise.

Another thing to consider when trying to prevent wandering is the home environment. Locks should be placed out of sight of the Alzheimer's patient whenever possible to draw attention away from them. Doors can also be camouflaged by painting them the same color as the wall as another way to draw attention away.

Warning bells and infant monitors can also be used to let a caregiver know that the person may be up wandering at night. It's also important for the Alzheimer's patient to have an area that they can explore in both indoors and outdoors since many Alzheimer's patients have the feeling of being confined or restricted as part of the disease process. By allowing the person free access to certain indoor and outdoor areas they will feel a sense of freedom which can decrease the desire to wander to areas that are not safe.

Arden Courts also recommends that caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease enroll the individual in the Alzheimer's Association Medic Alert + Safe Return program. Medic Alert + Safe Return is a nationwide identification system designed to assist in the safe return of people who may get lost if they have wandered away from home. For more information on Medic Alert + Safe Return please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. ●



BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

# Bay High Drama Club to perform 'Beauty and the Beast' March 22-25

by Karen Derby

Don't miss this Bay High performance of "Beauty and the Beast," with its beautiful costumes, stunning set designs and wonderful music. Show dates are Thursday through Saturday, March 22-24, at 7 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase the week of the show at Bay High March 19-23 during the lunch periods (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or starting one hour before curtain time at the box office. \$5 General Admission; \$10 Reserved Admission. ●



Photos by Kathy Hitesman.

Bay High's beautiful "tale as old as time" production of "Beauty and the Beast" involves at least 80 Bay High students as cast members, crew members or pit orchestra, crew performers.



Ellie Faile plays Belle to Robbie Rising's Beast.



Max Lamb's Gaston battles Robbie Rising's Beast.

## Winter antique show in Bay Village a vintage treat

by Jackie Hixon

One of the bright spots of winter is the Bay Village Women's Club Foundation Antique Show held every February at Bay High School. This year's was the weekend of Feb. 18-19 and did not disappoint.

Forty-two dealers from all over Ohio were selling their wares from well-stocked, sometimes artfully arranged tables. These were not the rows of identical products on metal shelves of big box discount stores. Vendors would add decorative touches to their displays, a vase of flowers on a polished wooden table, a ceramic pitcher on a sideboard or a teddy bear in a child's rocking chair.

Items ranged from household tools from The Depression, furniture from the Victorian era, Art Deco lamps, vintage military gear to purses, books and china from many different decades. But all was not ancient; Baby Boomers might



A teddy bear reads a story in an antique rocking chair.



Unusual and eye-catching lamps from the Art Deco era.



A Victorian end table of brass with marble inlays.

have been dismayed to find toys and books from their childhood now labeled antiques, when it seemed like only yesterday we were playing with those Rock 'em, Sock 'em Robots that are now much more costly than when our parents bought them at the Uncle Bill's store.

One of the most interesting things about this year's show was the variety of lamps. Not just the expected Tiffany styles, but also some unusual kinds. There were some with shades like red

Venetian blinds, or with animal bases, such as circus elephants. One dealer had a pair of small lamps made from old-fashioned flat irons, tastefully done.

I was glad to see so many animal figurines in various mediums, from a small fuzzy squirrel from Germany to a glass hedgehog with pointy little spines. When I inquired about the many ibexes (a type of mountain goat), I was told they were a favorite subject of Art Deco artists who loved their curving horns. There's

always something new to learn at antique shows and the blend of art and history is what makes them so enjoyable.

Nearly all of the vendors were friendly and were happy to take time to answer questions. They were pleased with the turnout and one told me how crowded it had been in the morning. Evidently we were not the only ones who wanted a pleasant outing on a gray winter's day. ●

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### History of words and phrases

by Dave Scullin

**Ketchup:** Heinz sold his tomato ketchup starting in 1876. It was popular in seventh-century China as a pickled, spicy fish sauce!

**Honcho:** Our soldiers brought the term back after occupying Japan in World War II. It means squad chief, leader and comes from the word *Hancho*.

**Cent/Pennies:** During the American Revolution the rebels changed and replace the British word penny for the American term cent.



# Summer registration now available at Bay Rec

by Sarah Gilbert

It's never too early to get ready for the spring and summer season! Visit our web site at [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com) and click on Parks and Recreation to get all the info you need for our summer programs and to sign up! Registration is also available in person at the Recreation Department office.

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Release some energy at the Community Gym! Parent supervision required. Bouncing balls, tumble mats and more! No registration needed for this program. Sign in and pay at the Community Gym.

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Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bay Lodge  
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and low impact kickboxing and 30 minutes of pilates. Drop in to try it out for \$7 (non-resident:\$8) or register for a pass and attend up to 15 classes, good for any day and time.

**Zumba Fitness**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Community Gym  
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Get in on the hottest new dance/aerobic workout! Purchase a pass and attend up to 15 classes, good for any time or day. 10-day passes are \$55, 15-day passes are \$82.50. Drop in rate \$7 (non-resident: \$8).

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To sign up for any program or for more information log on to [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com) or visit the Recreation Department at 400 Bryson Lane. Feel free to call us at 440-871-6755 if you have any questions. ●

# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's summer camps for all ages

by Frank Colosimo

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center continues its commitment to leave no child inside this summer as it presents a full range of wet, wild and out-of-this-world summer camps and outdoor activities for all ages.

All the fun starts in June as **Nature Nuts**, the Center's popular preschool offering, begins a series of seven different weekly camps. Children ages 3-5 will explore outside with Miss Teece, and paint, dance and meet live animals up close! This year, each two-hour camp meets four days in a row (Monday-Thursday) and children may choose to attend one, two or even every week.

Kindergartners aged 5-6 years have just as many options to spend time in the fresh air! Eight different **Log Cabin Kinderamps** promise trail blazing, beach-combing, encounter-

ing live wildlife and enjoying games, crafts, stories and more! Each three-hour camp meets three days a week (Tuesday-Thursday). Join in on one or all, every camp will be a unique experience!

Children who have completed grades one through eight will get the best of everything on offer in the beautiful Huntington Reservation as Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and BAYarts join forces for a naturally artistic summer camp that celebrates **Our Great Lake Erie**. Campers will explore the Lake Erie shores, hike the habitats of forest, field and stream, then spend the afternoon developing their creative side. They'll work in the pottery studio, build sand sculptures on the beach, create hand-made papers using Lake Erie water and much more!

School-age kids can also take advantage of a variety of other engaging camp options, including discov-

ering **Wonders of Wildlife** in July and becoming **Space Explorers** in August. Several different traveling camps are also on offer this year: budding **Junior Naturalists** will

explore nearby National Parks and Reservations in June while **Space Voyagers** will trek to nearby NASA sites in August. And look out for the return of the extremely popular one-day **Rocket Camps**, where every camper will construct and launch their very own *real* rocket!

Even kids who have completed grades six through nine will have a chance to build a closer connection with nature while making new friends as the **Wanderers** traveling camp returns. This year, spend five days on the road explor-



ing the nearby Cuyahoga Valley, venturing to Geauga County's brand new Observatory Park, swimming at Fairport Harbor

and so much more!

Full details, dates, times and prices for all of these summer camp offerings can be found at [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org). Registration is underway now and camps are filling fast. To sign up, stop in to the Center daily between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 440-871-2900.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Rd. in Bay Village and receives public support with local tax dollars from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, to preserve and enrich our region's cultural heritage. ●

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# BAYarts' scholarship show open to young artists

by Julie Cikra

Calling all young artists! BAYarts will host its Annual Youth Scholarship Show next month. Entitled "Scapes" this juried art exhibition will include landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, etc. and will be sponsored by Diana Kyrkos D.D.S. at Bay Pediatric Dentistry. The show will

be open to all students in grades K-12 and any medium is welcome.

All artwork should be dropped off at the Huntington House at BAYarts April 5 or 6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Judging will take place on April 7. Join us in the Dianne Boldman Gallery on April 13 from 7-9 p.m. for the opening reception. For more information visit [www.bayarts.net](http://www.bayarts.net). ●

# Huntington Playhouse theatre classes for youth

by Tom Meyrose

Huntington Playhouse will be offering their Youth Theatre Classes beginning June 11. There will be two sessions during the summer. Judith Mazur will be the lead instructor for both sessions.

Session 1 is designed for students in grades one through three and will start on June 11 and conclude on June 23. The two-week class will focus on creative drama and stage craft skills; with the

second week consisting of rehearsal and show preparation for a non-musical presentation on June 23.

Cost for this class is \$135 and sessions will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Session 2 is designed for students in grades four to six and will start on July 9 and conclude on July 28. This three-week class will consist of voice training, pantomime, improvisation and stagecraft, and a play selection will be presented at the end of the class sessions. The final week of

the class will be spent in rehearsal for a performance on July 28.

Cost for this class is \$185 and sessions will be from 10:00 a.m.-noon Mondays through Fridays.

All classes will be held at Huntington Playhouse. Registration forms are available on line by going to the theatre's web site, [www.huntington-playhouse.com](http://www.huntington-playhouse.com). Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is a licensed affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. The box office phone number is 440-871-8333. ●

# Westlake residents show off creative writing skills in competition



Birchwood School students and Westlake residents Clive Chan, Kavya Ravichandran and Peter Abou Haidar made up half of the Birchwood School eighth-grade team that won second place in the recent Power of the Pen creative writing competition. Using imagination and writing skills, the team bested 14 other middle schools and qualified for the regional competition at the end of the month.

# Compeer offering two mental health education programs starting in April

by Denise Ayres

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a non-profit organization which offers public education and support programming. Our Compeer Program is offering two beneficial NAMI programs, "Hearts and Minds" and "Peer To Peer," starting this April. Both programs are open to all Cuyahoga County adult residents who are managing mental illness.

We are very fortunate to have both these NAMI programs available at the Far West Center in Westlake! Both Hearts and Minds and Peer To Peer are confidential, informative, thought provoking and fun. Also, both groups are offered free of cost.

Hearts and Minds is a peer education program designed to promote sound holistic "mind and body" health practices. Program topics include healthy eating, exercise goals and relaxation methods. Program members participate in facilitated discussions, are given support on working toward personalized health goals, try movement exercises, receive guided relaxation and get to sample healthy snacks. Hearts and Minds is facilitated by Jody Bell, a

NAMI-certified peer support specialist. This group is held at Far West Center on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3-4:30 p.m. No registration is required.

The Peer To Peer recovery education program is a free, ten-week course that teaches techniques for self-empowerment, coping and interpersonal communication. Also, Peer To Peer offers an opportunity for fellowship and meeting new people. Peer To Peer has been a successful NAMI support program for many years.

Our ten-week session of Peer To Peer at Far West Center will begin on Thursday, April 5, and be held weekly until June 7. It will meet on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. Jody Bell is an experienced Peer To Peer mentor and will be conducting this program. Prior registration is required for this program. Interested adults can call Jody at 440-835-6212, ext. 263, to register and receive more information.

Please call the Far West Center at 440-835-6212 for information on Hearts and Minds, Peer To Peer and Compeer. Far West Center is our community's non-profit mental health services agency dedicated to providing services which promote mental health recovery. Far

West Center is located on the health campus of St. John Medical Center, building number four. Far West Center is a United Way agency and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Mental illness is a physical illness that is most often related to an imbalance of naturally occurring body chemicals. Accurate information on mental illness and a listing of support groups is available online at the NAMI Greater Cleveland website: [www.namigreatercleveland.org](http://www.namigreatercleveland.org). Westlake and Bay Village residents are welcome to become active members of NAMI Greater Cleveland. ●

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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March 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Deer Resistant Gardening

Westlake Garden Club March meeting and program with speaker, Stacey Allen, manager of Canalway Visitor Center of the Cleveland MetroParks. General meeting, followed by lunch and program. Learn what plants and arrangements make garden less attractive to deer and other garden pests. Everyone welcome. Call 440-892-1861 for more information.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 21, 6 p.m.  
Making the Move to Assisted Living

Join us for a discussion with a panel of experts who have first-hand knowledge and experience with assisted living communities. Learn and ask questions to educate yourself on which assisted living housing options might work best for your individual situation. Experts will be a geriatric nurse practitioner, director of nursing, senior service consultant, as well as family members of individuals currently living in an assisted living environment. Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Carrie Zdilla at 440-250-2300.

Devon Oaks Assisted Living, 2345 Crocker Rd., Westlake

March 21, 6:30-8:45 p.m.  
Ohio Genealogical Society, Cuyahoga West Chapter Meeting

Cuyahoga West's Chapter president Jim Denham and treasurer/webmaster John Noble will be "visiting" some old and new favorite genealogical websites. The annual online demonstration is always a popular program. The meeting is open to the public, free of charge. Social time with refreshments is from 6:30-7 p.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Rain and Garden Show

Come to the first City of Westlake Rain and Garden Show! Meet with local experts and get some great ideas for your outdoor projects and learn a better way to do things naturally. Hosted by the Westlake Watershed Group. Call the Westlake Engineering Dept. with questions, 440-617-4145.

Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

March 24, 11 a.m.-noon  
Sustainable Design & Living

Presented by Julia Shutt of Maple Leaf Landscaping. Learn how to design your landscape with sustainability principles. Limited seating. Call in

advance for a reservation, 440-871-0808.  
Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

March 24, 4-7 p.m.  
Boy Scout Troop 235 Spaghetti Dinner

Bay Village Boy Scout Troop 235 will hold its annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will feature Tony Dostal's famous homemade spaghetti sauce, bread and delicious pies. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets will be available at the door.

Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Rd.

March 25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Pancake Breakfast

The convenient breakfast offers plentiful parking, comfortable seating, delicious food and fast service. The meal is a community tradition, popular with students and families, and proceeds go to provide scholarships for Bay High School students. BHS Key Club members will join Bay Kiwanians in serving the meal: pancakes, syrup, link sausages, milk, juice and coffee. Advance tickets are available from Kiwanian Russ Bauknecht at 440-871-9162 (email bayruss@aol.com), or other Kiwanians for \$5. Tickets are \$6 at the door, and children under six eat free.

Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

March 26, 11:30 a.m.  
Easy Pruning Tips for Spectacular Shrubs

This month's meeting of the Bay Village Garden Club will feature master gardener Helen Ho, who will discuss how and when to prune shrubs. Pruning looks easy, but make a mistake and it can take three years or more for the shrub to recover. Prune at the wrong time and lose next year's blooms. All interested gardeners welcome; \$5.00 fee for guests.

Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

March 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Living Walls, Roofs and Green Design in the Home

Local architect Robert Maschke will present examples of how sustainable design is fundamental to generating compelling architectural space adapted specifically for the project's context. Free and open to the public.

To register, contact Warren Remein at 440-724-1578 or [wremein@yahoo.com](mailto:wremein@yahoo.com).

Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

March 28, 7:30 p.m.  
Bay Village Community Band Concert

Join us for the first performance in 2012! Free and

open to the public.  
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

March 29, 6-8 p.m.  
Get Acquainted with Cleveland Water

Our goal is to engage our customers and educate them on the products and services that we provide. Come learn more about Cleveland Water's: Clear Reads program (automatic meter reading); customer discount programs; National Drinking Water Week/outreach events; importance of tap water; water conservation and how you can save money; and bills and rates.

Fairview Park City Hall, 20777 Lorain Rd.

March 29, 6:30 p.m.  
Laughter Yoga

Professor Azaad Khaira, a certified laughter therapist, will provide individuals with the techniques to reduce stress, recognize true happiness in their lives and renew their spirits. All are welcome to this free program! Registration and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. with the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Please call or email your RSVP soon to reserve your spot today: 440-808-0074 or [westlake.cra@sunriseseniorliving.com](mailto:westlake.cra@sunriseseniorliving.com).

Brighton Gardens of Westlake, 27819 Center Ridge Rd.

March 31, 9-11 a.m.  
Breakfast With The Easter Bunny

Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny! Kindly RSVP to 440-871-5900 by Friday, March 23.

West Bay Care and Rehab Center 27601 Westchester Parkway, Westlake

March 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Indoor Mini-Golf Fundraiser

Come to the library and enjoy a game of mini-golf! Cost is \$15 per team (up to 4 people, any age) or \$4 per person. No sign-ups needed. All proceeds go back to the library.

Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

March 31, 11 a.m.-noon  
Herb Gardening Seminar

Learn how to cultivate and harvest many popular herbs grown in the area. Free to the public.

Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

March 31, 3-5 p.m.  
Prayer Beads Workshop

This is a drop-in event where you can learn about prayer beads and make a set for yourself. Prayer beads are a way of focusing your prayers; unique colored beads guide you thru a cycle of prayer. You will be amazed at how this simple prompt

can revolutionize your prayer life. Event is free and open for kids thru seniors that are interested in deepening their prayers.  
Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

March 31, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Free Community Meal

Everyone is welcome. There are no carry outs. The church is accessible to the physically challenged. Please join everyone for fellowship and socialization. This meal is sponsored by churches in North Olmsted.

Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

April 1, 11:15 a.m.-noon  
Community Easter Egg Hunt

Join Bay UMC for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Join us on our lawn, or inside if inclement weather. Rain or shine, come out for a free, fun, family event! Come a little earlier at 10 a.m. and children can participate in our Palm Parade, celebrating Palm Sunday. All are welcome!

Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

April 2, 2:30 p.m.  
Alternative for Retirement and Guaranteed Lifetime Income

Nicole Brewer, an insurance and investment advisor, will provide a wealth of ideas that help you rethink what has transpired in recent years about the financial markets experiencing extreme swings. She will explain how the lack of traditional pensions has placed greater responsibility on the need for financial solutions and protect your retirement savings. Call 440-892-9777 to register.

Gardens at Westlake, 27569 Detroit Rd.

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Recycling 48 aluminum cans is the energy equivalent of conserving one gallon of gas. Every day one hundred million aluminum cans are wasted through landfilling, littering and incineration in the U.S.

See complete event listings inside this issue for Westlake Porter Public Library, Bay Village Branch Library and West Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Kids compete in fourth annual Cardboard Boat Races



"We're almost there!" Heading for the finish line are Lila Williams and Alexis DeMonica at the fourth annual Cardboard Boat Races held at the Westlake Rec Center on March 16. The girls spent ten hours and used 15 rolls of tape to construct their cardboard boat, the USS Liberty.



Natalie Derrick and Abigail Matalavage navigate their cardboard boat, the Westlake Firefighter, as Westlake city videographer Nate Dreher captures the action. View a video of the races on the city's website at [mediasite.cityofwestlake.org](http://mediasite.cityofwestlake.org).



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