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## There's still time to sign up for Westlake Relay for Life

by Amy Brediger

We are just a month away from helping to make more birthdays! The July 13 Westlake Relay for Life is shaping up and teams are signing up. Soon you will see the familiar purple ribbons and signs all about town reminding you that you still have time to start a team or donate.

Relay is still in need of volunteers for the day of the race. We will be having a meeting on June 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Westlake Rec Center to make ribbons and signs, and to recruit volunteers the day of the event. So come join us and help us get the word out on the street.

Kailee Shaber will be with us at the Relay to sing the national anthem, a lovely voice to hear. We also have more games, fun and events planned for that night. Bring the kids and let them play on the playground, run up the hill and stop by and play fun games to raise money. And of course there will be food – yum.

» See RELAY, page 18

## Hats off to graduation!



Bay High graduates celebrate with a traditional toss of the caps. See pages 8 and 10 for coverage of the Bay and Westlake high school commencement events.

## Aqua Girls represent Bay in global finals

by Audrey Ray, fourth-grader at Westerly Elementary School

The Aqua Girls are back from competing in the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville! We stayed at the University of Tennessee in one of the dorms. There was a lot of walking up and down hills because UT has a hilly landscape and the campus buildings were pretty far apart. In addition, the temperatures were in the upper 80s and 90s! But all the walking up and down hills and the hot weather didn't stop us from having a great time!

On the first night, there was an Opening Ceremony inside the basketball arena. Kids sat together with their states and countries while a few representatives of each state and country walked in a parade on the floor. We did not get to represent Ohio, but we had a good time sitting with all the teams from Ohio. There were



The Aqua Girls dress up for the duct tape ball at the Destination Imagination global finals.

over 1,200 teams from all over the world!

We met kids from Mexico, Singapore, Brazil, South Korea, China, Turkey, England and many others from around our country. We met them while we were pin trading. The Aqua Girls had the Ohio Destination Imagination pins to trade with other states and countries. One of the Aqua Girls got to talk to kids from China that didn't know English very well and had to use an interpreter to communicate while they were pin trading. Some of the pins that were the coolest were Harry Potter, Hunger Games and the South Korean pins.

» See AQUA GIRLS, page 15

## A grand Father's Day memory

by Jeff Bing

I'm going to become a grandfather in a couple of months, and it's gotten me to thinking of late that I'd best get my act together for this "grandpa" business, and pronto. Aren't we grandfathers – when posed a question by our grandchild – supposed to look pensively into the distance, scratch the stubble on our collective faces (because we forgot to shave) and then hit the kid with some kind of awe-inspiring response that would make even the great philosophers take note?

Which leaves yours truly, at least in a figurative sense, up the proverbial creek without a baby wipe. I mean, I remember my grandfather and what he meant to me and how he impacted my life so favor-

ably. He was funny, smart and could do no wrong in my eyes. The guy taught me how to fish – not just catch them, but gut, clean and fillet them – along with planting and caring for almost every fruit and veggie this area would support. How to care for an out-board motor. How to shovel manure. Which reminds me that, most importantly, he taught (warned) me about Cleveland sports.

Grandpa took me fishing with him as far back as I can remember. Once we were a couple of miles out on Lake Erie, had dropped anchor and catching as many perch as we could fit in the coolers (perch were plentiful with no catch limit back in the day), he'd lay back on his meticulously arranged life preservers – one of which I assume I was supposed to be wearing – kick his feet up and say,

"Jeffy, my boy, this is the life, ain't it?"

Now that I think about it, I guess he also introduced me to my first rhetorical question, didn't he? There he taught me the fine art of baiting the hook, and he'd chuckle when I'd get a sheephead on the line (which, for a little kid, was the equivalent of an adult attempting to land a marlin). However, he never interfered with my learning experiences; offering suggestions but leaving me to sink or swim, so to speak, on my own.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS View more events and post your own on the Observer website at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

**June 13, 10 a.m.**  
**The Herb Guild General Meeting**  
The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. Our speaker, Terry Duncan from the National Wildlife Federation, will present "Native Plants in Your Backyard." Those interested in joining us are welcome to attend. For information, call 440-785-3827.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 13, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Northeast Ohio Personal Computer meeting**  
Stanley Paulson from the FBI will give an overview of the FBI, discuss what they currently see as cyber threats, and a bit about the InFraGard program, the cyber neighborhood watch for businesses. Refreshments at 6:30, program at 7:15; presentation is free and open to the public. For additional information visit [www.neopc.org](http://www.neopc.org) or email to [info@neopc.org](mailto:info@neopc.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 16, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Westlake Shred-It Day**  
A shredding truck from Shred-It Mobile Shredding and Recycling will be available for free, quick and easy destruction and disposal of documents. Each household may bring material equivalent to the capacity of two standard-size copy paper boxes (10"x18"x9"). For Westlake residents only, please have ID available.  
*Westlake City Hall parking lot, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.*

**June 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Cahoon in June**  
See the story on page 7 of this issue.  
*Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village*

**June 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Clague Playhouse's Annual Barn Sale**  
Our annual trash-n-treasure sale in the "Barn." Cash, check, MasterCard, Visa and Discover accepted.  
*Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake*

**June 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Arts and Music Festival**  
See the story on page 19 of this issue.  
*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village*

**June 17, 2 p.m.**  
**Celtic Crossings: Songs and Stories from the Irish-American Journey**  
Storyteller Tomáseen Foley and his troupe of Irish musicians have warmed the hearts of audiences around the world as they evoke the neighborhood gatherings of Foley's childhood in rural Ireland. Apollo's Fire favorites Tina Bergman on hammered dulcimer and Kathie Stewart on flutes join Foley's troupe for this collaboration – raising the rafters with fiery traditional music, song, dances and storytelling. Tickets are \$20-37, depending on section; \$10 for students. Tickets are available by phone, 800-314-2535, or online at [www.apollosfire.org](http://www.apollosfire.org).  
*Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village*

**June 17, 6 p.m.**  
**Families Anonymous**  
This free 12-step program meets every Sunday and is designed for family members of those who have drug, alcohol or behavioral problems. What you hear, who you see and what you say stays at the meeting. You will discover serenity and a better way to live, in spite of your loved one's unresolved problems. This meeting is for YOU. Help and hope is a meeting away!  
*CrossPointe Community Church, 1800 Columbia Rd., Westlake*

**June 19, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**  
**Tuesday Morning Talkers, Toastmasters Int'l**  
Would you like to overcome a fear of speaking in public? Hone your interview skills? Need to make presentations at work or community events? Join us in a supportive environment every Tuesday morning. For more info, contact Doreen Papajcik, 440-899-9479 or Betsy McKinney, 440-835-0030.  
*Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.*

**June 19, 10 a.m.**  
**New Options for Stroke and Heart Attack Prevention**  
Dr. John Wolf will discuss new blood thinners, Xarelto and Pradaxa, and how they compare to Coumadin therapy. His presentation will focus on these medications in the prevention of stroke and heart attack. Refreshments will be served; call 440-871-3474 to RSVP.

*Bradley Bay Health Center, 605 Bradley Rd., Bay Village*

**June 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Democratic Forum – The "War On Women"**  
Come to an exciting forum and hear speakers outline the "War on Women" and how we can fight back. Speakers include: State Rep. Nickie Antonio; Kellie Copeland, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio; Gary Dougherty, state legislative director of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio; and Cynthia Demsey, chair of Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus. The event is sponsored by the democratic clubs of the Western suburbs.  
*Umerly Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**June 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Westlake Garden Club Container Gardening Meeting**  
Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. Debbie Dean Espie will demonstrate how to put together containers with both the annual and perennial plants of the year, followed by a tour of Dean's gardens. Bring a bag lunch; desserts and coffee will be provided. All are welcome.  
*Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Rd., Westlake*

**June 20, noon**  
**Bone Density Screening for Women Only**  
St. John Medical Center Outreach Department will be providing a FREE osteoporosis screening. Please have clean feet and wear shoes/socks that are easy to remove. Call 835-6565 to register for your appointment.  
*Bay Dwyer Center, 300 Bryson Lane*

**June 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m.**  
**Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS: "Planning Your Genealogical Estate"**  
See the story on page 12 of this issue.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**June 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Spokes & Folks Art Ride**  
We will meet at Village Bicycle at 5:30 and ride to Pier W to enjoy their delicious happy hour menu and check out the art work of Pamela Smillie at the Melvina J. Freedson Gallery. We should be back at Village Bicycle by 8:00 or 8:30, and be advised that we will be "sharing the road" and that this ride will take us down Lake Road into

Lakewood. Roundtrip will be about 16 miles. Check the map at <http://goo.gl/maps/uB0B>.  
*380 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village*

**June 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Westlake High School Class of 2014 Carwash**  
Westlake High School Class of 2014 will hold a carwash June 23 (weather permitting). All proceeds will benefit their prom and after-prom events.  
*#1 Express Carwash and Detail Center, 25247 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**June 23, 11 a.m.-noon**  
**Free Zumba and Yoga Classes All Summer**  
Urban Active is offering the very popular Zumba class and Urban Yoga for FREE outdoors at Crocker Park with Zumba on Saturdays: June 23, July 28 and August 25 at 11:00 a.m.; and Urban Yoga on Sundays: June 24, July 29 and August 26 at 11:00 a.m. These classes are suitable for all ages and skill levels with kids welcomed! All classes will be held in Crocker Park across from Urban Active.  
*Urban Active Fitness, 131 Market St., Crocker Park*

**June 23, 7 p.m.**  
**Two Mediums at Large!**  
Join a live demonstration of mediumship and participate in a gallery style Message Event! Your guides, Susan and Marjorie, are multi-faceted, Lilly Dale-trained professionals. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door and may be purchased by calling the box office, 440-331-0403, Wednesday-Saturday, 1-6 p.m.  
*Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake*

BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

GREEN LIVING TIP

When getting a car wash, look for commercial car washers that reuse (recycle) their water instead of using new water for every car.

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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.

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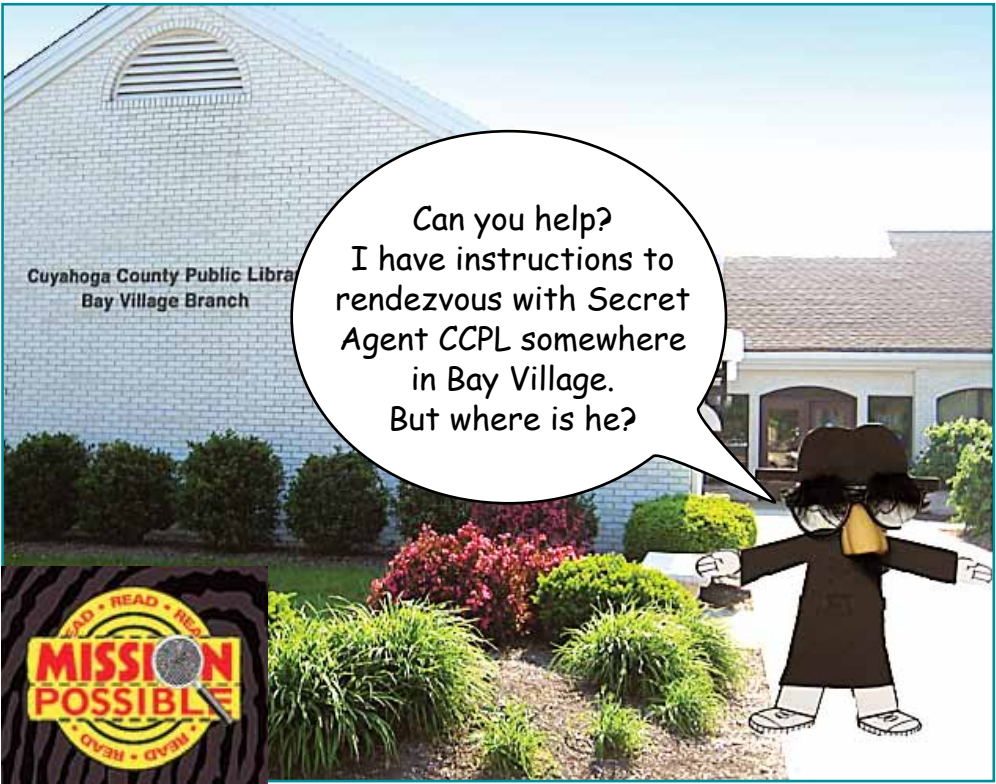
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# Help Spy Guy this Summer!

The Bay Village Branch Library's summer reading theme this year is Mission Possible: Read. Join Spy Guy as he travels around Bay Village to locate Secret Agent CCPL to receive his top secret mission.

The library will give out free chances to win great prizes to anyone who helps Spy Guy with his secret mission.

Look for the first clue inside this issue of the Observer. ●

# ENJOY GOLF AND JAZZ AT HUGS FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, June 23, the fourth annual "Golf Fore HUGS" outing will take place at StoneWater Golf Club in Highland Heights. The outing will include 18 holes of golf, jazz sounds by David Kasper Quartet, a delicious dinner buffet, a Chinese raffle, a live auction and other fundraising contests. This year's event is also open to non-golfers – dinner and entertainment only is from 5:30-9:30 p.m.



Fritz and Dianne Vogt from the HUGS Foundation and Fox 8 TV's Bill Martin (right) enjoyed last year's golf outing. Martin and other Fox 8 personalities will attend again this year.

The funds raised will enable the HUGS Foundation to assist more families in Northeast Ohio with chemically dependent adolescents by bridging the "insurance gap" so they can afford the staggering costs of addiction recovery programs.

The HUGS Foundation stands for "Hope for the future, Understanding of where addicts have been and where they want to go, Gratitude

for those who have helped them and Serenity to enjoy life and the person that they are meant to be."

"The number one thing HUGS wants to accomplish is to help as many families as possible, and the golf outing is making it possible to do that," said Diane Vogt, executive director of the HUGS Foundation.

For more information about the outing or other ways you can help HUGS, visit [hugs4families.org](http://hugs4families.org). ●



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\* Translation: Learn Chinese.



## WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Clague House memorial garden begins to take shape

by Dave Pfister

On a recent weather-wonderful day, members of the Westlake Historical Society were joined by employees of R.E. Warner & Associates, a Westlake engineering and architectural firm, to begin the transformation of the memorial garden at the Clague House Museum.

The memorial garden is a way to remember past members of our organization. The recent passing of the society's former president, Mr. Bill Robishaw, inspired current president Lysa Stanton to come up with a way to honor not just Bill and his wife Jean, but the other members of the society that have passed away but who gave so much to our organization.

The idea of a memorial garden, and the addition of a flag pole placed in the Robishaws' memory, shaped into reality as the employees of R.E. Warner came out and assisted with the clearing of stumps, rocks and weeds. R.E. Warner wanted to give back to the community and they did so by helping the historical society clear area for this very important project.

The volunteers and society members went right to work clearing the



**Volunteers from R.E. Warner helped the Westlake Historical Society create a memorial garden outside the Clague House Museum. Pictured, from left: Steve Rufe, Mike Christopher, Brett Neff, Dave Ferencik, Matt Benovic, Chris Kushinski, Lydia Janis, Ted Beltavski.**

area that will soon be the memorial garden and new flag pole area. Historical Society President Lysa Stanton shared with the volunteers the history of the Clague family homestead and the significant contribution the Clague family made to Westlake.

The society members are so

grateful for the willingness of R.E. Warner to help. In addition, another group from R.E. Warner assisted society members in taking photos of the artifacts stored inside the historic Clague House Museum.

We hope to have the flag pole installed this summer. ●

## Advent Westlake announces SKY summer Bible camp

by Lisa Le Barron

Advent Episcopal Church, 3760 Dover Center Rd. in Westlake, announces SKY, an innovative Bible camp program that combines science, fun and faith. SKY will be held at Advent July 24-26 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), from 9 a.m. to noon.



**Meet SKY Piggie at Advent Church's Bible camp, July 24-26**

At SKY, the kids will join flight crews that visit an exciting Imagination Station (where kids use sciency-fun gizmos to learn real science and connect with the Bible teaching point of the day), join in All-Star Games (that build flight crew loyalty and faith with high-intensity, active play), attend opening and closing gatherings that include contemporary music and visit the Sky Diner for fun, colorful snacks.

All children ages 3-12 are welcome, and the event is FREE. If your teenage son or daughter will attend Westlake High School in the fall and needs community service hours, he or she is eligible to help with the event and will receive a certificate verifying the community service hours that they will earn.

To register children ages 3-12 for SKY, visit our web site at [www.adventwestlake.org](http://www.adventwestlake.org) where you will find a registration form and free coloring pages, or call the church office at 440-871-6685. The first 10 children to be registered will receive a free SKY T-shirt! To sign your teen up to earn community service hours by helping with SKY, call Fr. RJ Johnson at 440-871-6685. ●

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# Unity presents 'Prosperity Plus: A New Way of Living' classes

by Jan Litterst

**M**aking a commitment to live by the laws of the universe in every part of your life to the abundance that is here for every one of us. This is larger living!

Reverend Barbara Smith will facilitate this 10-week experiment in larger living. You have incredible potential within you; it's waiting to emerge! Attend the introductory class at no charge to find out all of the details and decide if you are willing to be a part of the experiment. The introductory class will be Sunday, June 17, at 12:30 p.m. at Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd. in Westlake.

*Would you like to receive more prosperity in your life?*

*Want to eliminate doubt and self-sabotage, so you can express your full potential?*

*Would you like to have a life of more fulfillment, freedom and fun?*

This course includes video presentation by Mary Manin Morrissey and Karen Joyce. You will dis-

cover strategies for positive living "beyond the news" – even in uncertain times, ways to open yourself to a greater flow of good, how to generate thoughts and choices that lead to new results in life and tools for living each day from a state of abundance and prosperity.

Attend the 10-week program, which will be held every Wednesday, June 27 through Sept. 5 from 7-9 p.m., and learn how to harness the Laws of Prosperity, the secret to unlocking the Law of Compensation and a proven method of dissolving any financial resistance you have so you can attract higher levels of abundance and prosperity in your life.

Pre-registration is required before June 18 at [www.unityspiritualcenter.com](http://www.unityspiritualcenter.com); walk-ins will not be allowed. The cost for the program materials is \$49; please attend the introductory class on June 17 for all details. The materials include your own prosperity plan guide that includes a course workbook and audio CDs for each class.

For questions please call 440-835-0400 or email [info@unityspiritualcenter.com](mailto:info@unityspiritualcenter.com). ●

# Christ Church Westshore moves to middle school, air conditioning

by Stacey Litzler

**T**he Christ Church Westshore congregation will begin holding Sunday services at Bay Middle School on Sunday, June 17, due to summer construction at Bay High School where the congregation has been worshipping since November 2011. The Anglican congregation – made up of more than 250 individuals and together for more than 50 years – held services in the St. Barnabas church building at Bradley and Wolf roads prior to moving to Bay High School last fall.

“Bay City Schools are wonderful hosts to Christ Church,” said Rector Gene Sherman. “When they alerted us about their summer renovation plans, they gave us a choice to stay in the high school during construction with no air conditioning and, likely, with construction obstacles in and around the facility. We chose air conditioning, frankly! Bay Middle School offers air conditioning, beautiful windows and a lot more flexibility in set-up options than the stationary seating in the high school auditorium.”

Sherman continued, “We look forward to the move and to continuing our relationship with Bay City Schools. In fact, at this point, it is likely that we will stay at Bay Middle School even after the high school renovations are completed.”

The Sunday Holy Communion service

is held at 10 a.m. each week. Christ Church Westshore is adding an 8 a.m. morning prayer service to its schedule, effective upon moving to Bay Middle School on June 17. Worshippers should enter through the school's main entrance at the easternmost door on the north face of the building.

Christ Church Westshore pays approximately \$280 per week – or just under \$15,000 per year – to Bay City Schools for the use of its facilities. The fee covers janitor services, utilities and snow removal, when needed.

Information on additional services, discipleship classes, bible study groups and other Christ Church Westshore fellowship opportunities can be found on the church website, [ChristChurchWestshore.com](http://ChristChurchWestshore.com), or by calling the church at 440-899-7151.

Christ Church Westshore's leadership includes Rev. Gene Sherman, rector; Sean Templeton, assistant rector; and Robert Andrew, associate rector. The congregation draws residents primarily from Bay Village, Westlake, Avon, Avon Lake, Rocky River, Lakewood, and other western suburbs of Cleveland. The parish belongs to the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and it is a member of the Anglican Church in North America, which is part of a worldwide communion uniting more than 80 million people in more than 160 countries. ●

# Unity Spiritual Center hosts 'Pets Be Blessed'

by Jan Litterst

**Y**our pets give so much to you, Unity Spiritual Center wants to honor the pets you love! Bring your pets to Unity on Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for group and individual blessings.

Many healing modalities such as reiki, massage and acupressure will be offered. Cash or check donations to benefit animal groups are requested for the healing services. This is a wonderful opportunity for a time outdoors with your beloved pets.

On the six-acre campus of Unity Spiritual Center at 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake, gather with other pet lovers while we help support three animal organizations: Mercy for Animals, Berea ARF (Animal Rescue Fund) and Purr-fect Companions Cat Sanctuary!

The event will be held rain or shine! Everyone is welcome. Dogs must be on a leash; cats and all other animals must be in crates or carriers. If your pet is unable to attend, bring a photo of them to Pets Be Blessed.

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Your pet is a blessing, come to Pets Be Blessed and give a blessing to your pet! ●

**ONE SENIOR'S OPINION**

# Helping veterans face post-war challenges

by Dianne Borowski

**N**ow that Memorial Day's parades, speeches and services are over, it seems like a good time to stop and think what it means to serve in the military. How difficult it must be to leave one's home and family to travel to places unknown. War is cruel. So many lives are taken and those who return often face incredible hardships reintegrating into every day life here at home.

One group in particular came home not as heroes but despised, unwanted and taunted. These are the Vietnam veterans. Most of them are in their sixties by now. A number of them are ill or homeless. Exposed to Agent Orange, an herbicide and defoliant used by the U.S. military as a part of its Operation Ranch Hand, these vets are suffering dire consequences from exposure and the lack of support they received when they returned home.

The U.S. sprayed 20 million gallons of this chemical mixed with jet fuel. This defoliant was used to deprive Vietnamese

guerrillas ground cover and to deprive them of the support and food supply provided by sympathetic farmers.

Agent Orange can be responsible for illnesses too numerous to list. The most frequent of these illnesses or side effects seems to be cancer and birth defects. Our government has been slow to respond to requests for help and compensation. I believe it is time for Americans to step up and give the Vietnam vets the recognition and compensation they deserve. If you'd like to help, you can contact: Vietnam Veterans of America (800-VVA-1316; [vva.org](http://vva.org)), the Veterans Support Foundation (800-882-1316, ext. 126; [vsf-usa.org](http://vsf-usa.org)) and Viet Now (800-837-VNOW; [vietnow.com](http://vietnow.com)).

If you know or happen to meet a veteran, please remember what they have done for our country. Shake their hand, say thank you, offer to buy them a cup of coffee or a meal. That's the least we can do. Hats off to all service men and women. They continue to be the guardians of our country and our future. ●

# War of 1812 commemorated June 18 with bicentennial event

by Deb Marisch

**O**n June 18, the Ohio War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, in concurrence with the Peter Navarre Chapter United States Daughters of 1812, will hold a midday commemoration ceremony in downtown Cleveland. The event will be on the steps of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse at Lakeside and Ontario avenues, between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Keynote speaker C. Ellen Connally, Cuyahoga County Council president, will accept on behalf of the county a 15-star, 15-stripe American flag. The flag is to be flown over the county courthouse.

Colors will be posted by the Archibald M. Willard SAR Color Guard. A naval honor guard will fire a three-round volley military salute to honor the fallen members of the War of 1812.

The event commemorates this bicentennial year of the start of the War of 1812 and the veterans who fought and died in that conflict. It is they who gave up their tomorrows so we, as Americans, could have ours.

All are invited to attend and urged to bring handheld bells to be rung at noon in conjunction with the ringing of church bells at the conclusion of the ceremony. ●



WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

**Thursday, June 14 (2-3 p.m.) BEGINNING ORIGAMI FOR TEENS & 'TWEENS** – Learn the basics of origami with Jenn Cline! All supplies provided. Grades 6-12. Please register starting June 7.

**Thursday, June 14 (3-4:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS** – Drop in and play a game, do a craft or make some art! All supplies provided. Open for all ages; children under nine must be with a grown-up.

**Thursday, June 14 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The June selection is "The Heart and the Fist" by Eric Greitens.

**Friday, June 15 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH 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.

**Friday, June 15, 22 and 29 (2-3:30 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY** – Cool off with some hot summer movies! All ages welcome; room occupancy limited to 58. All children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting one week prior to each showing. Since release dates may change, please check with the library for titles.

**Saturday, June 16 (10-10:45 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!** – Mother Goose is on the loose in this interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement! For children aged birth-3 years with adult caregiver.

**Saturday, June 16 (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, June 16 (3-4:45 p.m.) MAD4MANGA** – M4M is everything manga! We talk about manga, create manga art, discuss and watch anime films, and

more! Grades 6-12 only.

**Mondays, June 18 and 25 (2-4 p.m.) WHO'S LIVING IN MY BACKYARD?** – Join us for experiments, games, crafts, songs and stories and discover the diversity of life in your own backyard. The four-session series is designed to increase scientific literacy. For kids in grades 2 and 3. Register once for all four sessions, starting June 11.

**Monday, June 18 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE: 'EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE'** – In this drama based on the best-selling novel, a young boy searches New York City for a message from his father, who was killed in the 9/11 attacks. Rated PG-13. NOTE EARLIER START TIME! Please register.

**Tuesday, June 19 (2-3 p.m.) YOGA FOR TEENS** – Marcia Camino from Lakewood's Pink Lotus Yoga Studio will be at the library to demonstrate the basics of yoga to teens. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga/exercise mat. Please register starting June 12. Grades 6-12.

**Wednesday, June 20 (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, June 20 (2-3:30 p.m.) FOOTBALL FUN** – It's never too early for football season! Join us for a fun afternoon "football camp" full of kid-friendly workouts, skill drills and games and meet the Cleveland Browns mascot, Chomps! Bring your camera!

**Wednesday, June 20 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Friday, June 22 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS** – Socialize, share, and solve problems while you work on your current project.

**Friday, June 22 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) MOMMY AND ME YOGA** – Whether you are three or 33, yoga is good for you! So bring your child and a yoga mat and join Marcia Camino from Lakewood's Pink Lotus Yoga

Studio for a morning of relaxing fun. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise/yoga mat. For kids ages 2-3 and their caregivers. Please register starting June 15.

**Friday, June 22 (2-3:30 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY** – Cool off with some hot summer movies! All ages welcome; room occupancy limited to 58. All children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting one week prior to each showing. Since release dates may change, please check with the library for titles.

**Saturday, June 23 (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.

**Monday, June 25 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Monday, June 25 (7-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – Topic: Victorian Wedding Customs. By staff of the National Parks Service at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

**Tuesday, June 26 (2-3 p.m.) WPPL MINI OLYMPICS** – Go for the gold! Test your skills in our Mini Olympics! A variety of super fun challenges for children ages 3-12. (Separate sessions for ages 3-6 and 7-12.)

**Tuesday, June 26 (7-7:45 p.m.) TOM PHOOLERY'S SHOWCASE OF DREAMS** – Share fun and laughter with Tom Phoolery's dream-filled magic show. Free tickets will be available at the Youth Services desk starting on June 19. Sorry, no reserves.

**Wednesday, June 27 (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, June 27 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – June's selection is "The Dry Grass of August" by Anna Jean Mayhew.

**Wednesday, June 27 (3-4:30 p.m.) SNIPS 'N SCRAPS** – Bring your mementos, snips and scraps and make some cool pages for your scrapbook or journal! We'll provide paper and embellishments. For kids grades 5-7. Please register starting June 20.

**Wednesday, June 27 (6-7:30 p.m.) WII-STRAVAGANZA!** – The gauntlet has been thrown down! Westlake Library has been challenged to a Super Smash Brothers Brawl competition with Wells Public Library in Maine. Help showcase Ohio's skills in this Wii competition! Grades 6-12 only. Please register starting June 20.

**Thursday, June 28 (3-4:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS** – Drop in and play a game, do a craft or make some art! All supplies provided. Open for all ages; children under nine must be with a grown-up.

**Thursday, June 28 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR INTEREST GROUP** – Topic: Hidden Tells of Financial Markets, Part 1. Session will cover What Are Market Internals? and Why Should We Care About Them? Please register.

**Friday, June 29 (2-3:30 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY** – Cool off with some hot summer movies! All ages welcome; room occupancy limited to 58. All children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Please register starting one week prior to each showing. Since release dates may change, please check with the library for titles.

**Saturday, June 30 (2-3:30 p.m.) STAR WARS FAMILY FUN FAIR** – Coming soon to a galaxy near you – Westlake Porter Public Library's 3rd Annual Star Wars Family Fun Fair! There will be games, crafts and fun activities. Dress up in your favorite character gear and BRING YOUR CAMERA for special photo ops with the "good" guys and the "bad" guys from the Rebel Legion and the 501st Brigade.

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# Spend a fun-filled day in the park at Cahoon in June

by Cynthia Eakin

Cahoon in June, a day featuring artisans and antiques, music, food and fun takes place in Cahoon Memorial Park in Bay Village on June 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop for unique, one-of-a-kind items created by dozens of quality vendors, just in time for Father's Day. There will be live music and a children's activities tent with old-time games and craft. Enjoy a delicious lunch

prepared by a variety of food vendors, or take home a little something for dinner. Food vendors are Ironwood Café, Weber's Premium Custard, Zog Dogs and Celestial Treats Lemonade.

Visitors to the event can take a guided bus tour of the historic sites of Bay Village for \$5. Buses leave every hour, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Rose Hill Museum and the adjacent Reuben Osborn Learning Center will be open to guests.

The Friends of the Bay Village Kennel booth will feature Mickey and Minnie Mouse. There will be a pet costume contest with celebrity judges, music and prizes at 1 p.m., sponsored by Love-a-Stray. Several pet rescue groups will be represented at the event, including: Just Dogs! Gourmet, R.E.A.L. Rottweiler Rescue, Cosmo's Buddies, Golden Retrievers in Need, Purrfect Companions, Pet People, Island Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, Value Pet Care, Camp BowWow, Erie Shore Greyhound Adoption of Ohio, Hand in Paw Dog Training, Canines for Independence and Muttley Crew.

Community organizations taking part in the event are: Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Friends of WomenSafe, Heartworks (Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities), U.S.D. 1812, D.A.R., Bay Village Branch Library, the Bay Village Green



One-of-a-kind items can be found at Cahoon in June.

## Belvedere owner receives accolades at state conference



Cindy Griffiths Novak (left), owner of The Belvedere of Westlake, receives a plaque from Jean Thompson, executive director of the Ohio Assisted Living Association, honoring her as the outgoing chairperson of OALA. Cindy has held that position for the last two years and was acknowledged for her dedication and service at the association's spring conference June 4-5 in Columbus.



Historic Cahoon Memorial Park on Lake Road

Team, the Village Bicycle Cooperative and the Westlake | Bay Village Observer.

Admission to the show and parking is free. Bring the family to spend a fun-filled day in the park at the historic center of Bay Village, on the shores of beautiful Lake Erie. Cahoon Memorial Park is at the intersection of Cahoon and Lake roads. Phone 440-835-2718 for information. Proceeds from the event go towards the Bay Village Historical Society scholarship fund and towards the maintenance of Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center. ●



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# Village Foundation awards scholarships and grants

by Eileen Vernon

The Village Foundation hosted its annual ceremony on Memorial Day to install and dedicate permanent bronze plaques and to announce winners of grants and scholarships. The Foundation presented the first ever T. Richard Martin Memorial Scholarship to Julia Mosier. This scholarship will be funded annually by a generous grant made by Elizabeth R. Martin in memory of her late husband, Dick. The Village Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Caroline Hall.

Five grants were awarded for Bay Village projects and members of those groups were in attendance to receive the grants. Jon Loufman was the master of ceremonies who announced that the Foundation has now contributed more than \$50,000 in scholarships and grants to support community projects. The grants awarded by The Village Foundation for 2012 were:

**Game On:** This program serves children with autism spectrum disorder in Bay Village. The requested funds will allow individuals with autism spectrum disorder to practice social techniques in a safe environment through role playing amongst peers. The goal is to increase the ability of individuals with autism to navigate his/her social environment.

**Fashion Forward:** The organization's mission is to provide brand new quality clothing on a year-round basis to families in need. The organization operates in coordination with a number of churches.

The clothing is purchased at significant discounts (often 75-95 percent off). Nearly 100 families (almost 500 people) in Bay Village live below the poverty line. The goal is to partner with the city's community services dept. to serve the needy.

**Normandy School:** The school has started composting their healthy snack waste. The school previously purchased a small composter and one classroom has composted over 300 pounds of waste since November of 2010. They now hope to purchase a large compost for outside.

**Meals on Wheels:** This program provides residents who are no longer able to shop, purchase and prepare their own meals with two nutritionally balanced meals a day. Funds are being requested to supplement the Meals on Wheels program, as well as senior and disabled residents' transportation.

**Fontbonne Home:** Located in Bay Village, it serves five individuals with developmental disabilities. Residents are active members of St. Raphael's Church, the Aktion Club, Knights of Columbus, and Fun Alum. It is supported through community fundraising, Medicaid and the county board of development. Funding is requested for the new

vehicle fund.

**BAYarts:** The fifth and final grant to develop and maintain the The Village Foundation Welcome Garden at the Fuller House and BAYarts complex.

Five persons were memorialized by placing bronze plaques on the Cahoon Park walking bridge. They are: Ivan and Miriam Shepard, James C. Redinger, Elizabeth R. Martin and Joan Hirsh. Ms. Hirsh's plaque was supported by a contribution from the League of Women Voters. The Village Foundation established the bronze

plaque program as a way for families and friends to give permanent recognition to Bay citizens in one central place. Donors that contribute at the level of \$2,500 or more may request a plaque to honor the life work of Bay Village residents living or dead.

For more Information about The Village Foundation, the grant application process or contributions towards a plaque please call 440-899-3490. Applications for scholarships and guidelines for proposals are available at [www.thevillagefdn.org](http://www.thevillagefdn.org).



Julia Mosier, right, received the first annual T. Richard Martin Memorial Scholarship from Village Foundation president Eileen Vernon, center, and Betsy Martin, left.

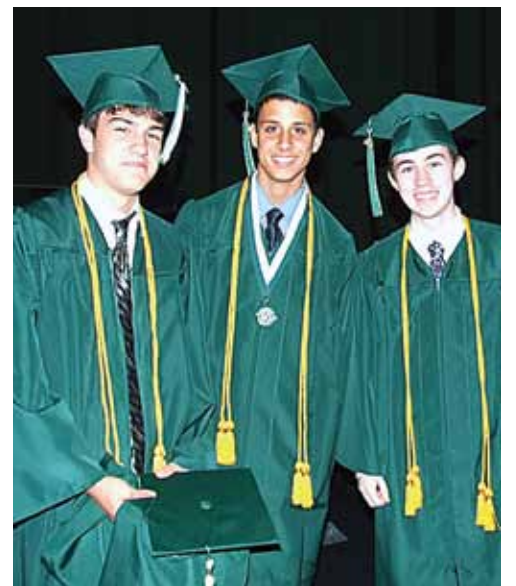
## Westlake grads look to the future

Members of the Westlake High School Class of 2012 earned \$82,345 in local scholarships.

Among the educational institutions our students will attend this fall are American University, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cornell University, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Miami University of Oxford, Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio University, Rice University, Rutgers, The Citadel, The Ohio State University, U.S. Air Force Academy, University of Chicago and Wake Forest University, among others.

Of the 298 graduates, 44 graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.3 GPA or higher, 136 earned Honors Diplomas, 108 earned Presidential Awards of Excellence

and 173 earned State Board of Education Awards.



## WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### City honors descendants of early settlers

The city of Westlake and the Westlake Historical Society held a reception on June 8 to recognize descendants of founding families, owners of century homes and last year's bicentennial re-enactors and volunteers.

At an ice cream social held under the leafy trees on the Clague House lawn, Mayor Dennis Clough and assistant planning director Will Krause distributed the family banners that hung throughout Westlake during the bicentennial year.

The Historical Society also unveiled a plaque proclaiming the Clague House's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

**RIGHT:** Evelyn Albers receives an armload of banners to pass out to her relatives, descendants of the Albers family, early Dover settlers.





# Bay High Rockettes to hold mini-Rockette camp



BHS Rockette Captain Ellie Faile and Mini-Rockette Caroline Foreman

by Heidi Langer

The Bay Village High School Rockette team will hold a Mini-Rockette Camp on August 11 in the Bay Middle School cafeteria, 27725 Wolf Rd., from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The camp is open to all children entering first through eighth grade and the cost of the camp is \$60 per child.

The camp will include: dance and flag skills, a special Rockette T-shirt, crafts and games, two snacks and lunch, face painting and poms for the performances. During the last

hour of camp, the Mini-Rockettes will perform the dances they learned at the camp. In addition, on Friday, Oct. 12, the Mini-Rockettes will perform during the pre-game festivities for the Bay vs. Rocky River football game at 6:00 p.m. at Bay High Stadium.

Interested individuals can find registration information on the Bay School District website at [www.bayvillageschools.com](http://www.bayvillageschools.com) (under "Sign-up for Youth Summer Sports Camps") or by calling Leanne Rohlke at 440-871-0768 or email [ybagi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ybagi@sbcglobal.net). Registration deadline is July 11. ●

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**BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS**

# Bay High Class of 2012 marches on under rainbow of goodwill

by Karen Derby

In four years of high school, our new Bay High graduates have raised many thousands of dollars for good causes. They have won countless awards, given dozens of fine performances and played in hundreds of athletic competitions. They also completed the requirements necessary to graduate from Bay High



Bay Schools K-12 faculty march into Bay High Memorial stadium prior to the graduation ceremony.

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So on Monday, June 4, under a vivid blue sky in Bay High Memorial Stadium, 182 soon-to-be alumni celebrated four years of learning, service and growing up.

Bay Village Schools faculty, from kindergarten teachers on through high school teachers, marched from the high school in the black gowns of the college-degreed, showing the colors of their higher education alma maters. Once seated, they watched their students march in, young women in white with red flowers, young men in Bay Blue.

School board president, Dr. Gayatry Jacob-Mosier, reminded students how far they'd come. "We remember you going to Normandy with backpacks that practically hit the back of your knees. 106 of you, about 60 percent, started on this journey together in kindergarten," she said. "In 2001, a few days after 9-11, you were all playing in the Normandy playground – you were a sea of children wearing red, white and blue – proud to be Americans."

Jacob-Mosier took students through various memories, then addressed high school. "You completed 28 credits of hard work, you were confident in your meets, games, concerts, plays, in all of your events. We parents stood back in awe and secretly wondered 'where did all this talent come from?'"

School board member Dr. Bob Piccirilli offered some advice for students. "You must be ready to leave your comfort zone," he said, "and be eager to learn when



you think you've learned everything."

Principal Jason Martin led the class through a litany of honors, with groups of students standing to be acknowledged for fine academic achievements. Superintendent Clint Keener said that parents, teachers and administrators had faith that the graduates could be counted upon to become the best that they can be. Graduates Maddie Chang and Carolyn Valco also gave words of encouragement, inspiration and advice to fellow students.

And at the end of the ceremony, as a few raindrops began to fall, it seemed quite fitting to people who looked up to see a lovely rainbow arched across the sky – a parting gift and inspiration to the new Bay High graduates for their first steps toward a bright and shiny future. ●

## New York City lights up for Severn Sanders

by Karen Derby

Bay High freshman Severn Sanders, winner of a National Scholastic Arts Silver Medal, has just returned from a whirlwind tour of New York City, where the Empire State Building was bathed in a golden light for one evening to honor the National Scholastic Arts winners.

"I didn't realize how big

this honor really was until Meryl Streep addressed us at Carnegie Hall," said Severn.

The National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards celebrated its 2012 award winners over a three-day period, May 31 through June 2, with an exhibition at Parson's School for Design on New York's Fifth Avenue, numerous parties, a gala dinner and the National Awards Ceremony held at Carnegie Hall. Severn's family

took the opportunity to see many of the sites around the city.

"It was a fantastic trip," said Severn's mother, Darci Sanders. "We saw everything: Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, the 9-11 memorial, and so much more. We even fit in a performance of 'Phantom of the Opera.'"

It was the awards ceremony itself, though, held at the beautiful and legendary Carnegie Hall, that meant the most to Severn and her family. "The ceremony helped students recognize the significance of what they had accomplished," said Darci. "Meryl Streep told them that their art is not just a reflection of themselves, but of us all. She told them they help those who cannot articulate their feelings understand themselves better. It was extremely moving. I've always told Severn she has a gift, but I think now it means more to her."

Severn has always



Severn Sanders with her Silver Medal.

been motivated to experiment in different art forms, from painting, to photography and films. Her mother says she has always been creating something from the time she was a small child.

"I feel more confident about my artwork now," Severn said. She added that she thinks the entire event was very well planned and it was easy to get around to learn about it. ●

## State Rep. Baker to hold district library days

by Shannon Boston

State Representative Nan Baker announced that she will be holding district library days throughout this summer to connect with members of the community.

Rep. Baker will be holding district hours at each of the five libraries in the West Shore district on Saturdays in June and August from 10 a.m. to noon. The sessions are open to the public, and no appointment is necessary.

"I am always trying to find ways to reach out to the constituents in my district," Rep. Baker said. "I look forward to the opportunity to have a direct dialogue on the concerns or ideas regarding important issues facing our state government."

The first library day was June 9 at Westlake Porter Public Library. District hours will be held at the following locations:

- Fairview Park Branch Library, June 23
- Bay Village Branch Library, June 30
- Rocky River Public Library, August 11
- North Olmsted Branch Library, August 18



Severn Sanders in Times Square.

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# 'Let's go, Westlake, let's go!'

The Westlake varsity boys baseball team made their city proud with a record-breaking 24-win season and the school's first ever trip to the state tournament in Columbus May 31-June 2. Although they lost the championship game, the team gave Demons fans a season to remember and a warm farewell to retiring head coach Jeff Short.



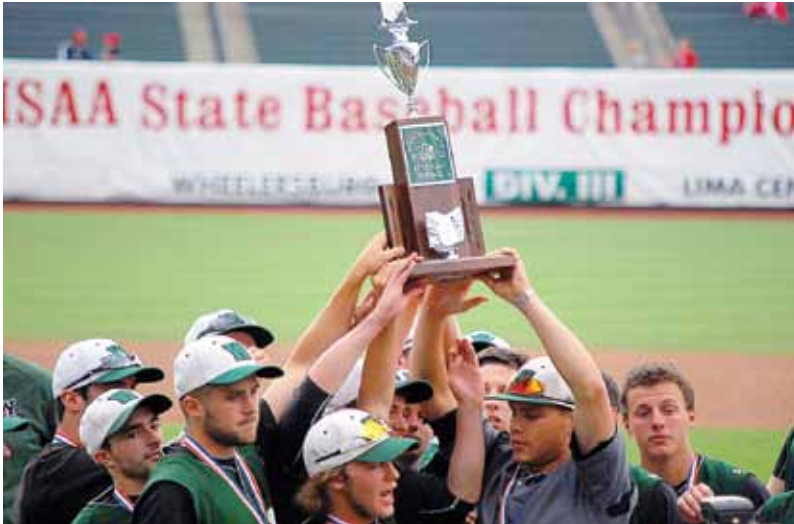
Parkside students whoop it up as the team bus passes by their school.



Parkside students show their support for coach Short.



Bassett students line the school's driveway to cheer on the baseball team's bus as it heads to Columbus.



Teammates hoist their Division I state runner-up trophy.

Photo by Laurie Adornetto

## Basics of bike maintenance classes offered

Village Bicycle Cooperative is offering a four-class series on the basics of bike maintenance. The series costs \$25 (participants may donate more to the cooperative if they would like). There are two offerings,

Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The dates are as follows:  
**Lesson 1: Talk the Talk** – Tuesday, June 19 or Thursday, June 21  
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**Lesson 4: Share The Road** – Tuesday, July 17 or Thursday, July 19  
There are only six spots in each class. Please email jenni-

fer@villagebicycle.org to register. Visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/villagebicyclecoop or check out our website at www.villagebicycle.org to keep up to date on all of our current programs and events. ●

## Congratulations to the Westshore Montessori School kindergarten graduating class of 2012



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# Bay Men's Club awards scholarships

by Eric Eakin

The Bay Men's Club recently awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to four worthy Bay High graduates.

Chosen from among 19 applicants were Caroline Hall, Shannon Huckelberry, Jaimie Kerka and Kaitlyn McFeeley.

"Each recipient met our criteria of need, character, scholastic achievement and leadership," BMC scholarship chairperson John Stanton said, "and we are pleased to be able to offer this seed money to their futures."

Hall, ranked 19th in her class of 187, plans to major in biology and dentistry in the Honors Program at John Carroll University. A National Honor Society member, she served on Student Council, played in the school orchestra and is an active blood donor.

Huckelberry, third in her class, plans to study English, Spanish and anthro-

pology at The Ohio State University. A four-year Honor Roll student, Shannon is a Princeton Book Award winner, was a member of the marching and jazz bands, and sang with the choir.

Kerka, sixth in her class, plans to study biology or psychology at Wake Forest. A three-year Kiwanis Academic Award of Excellence winner, Jaimie also is an AP scholar, member of the National Honor Society and was named 2012 West Shore Conference Scholar Athlete.

McFeeley, 17th in her class, plans to study biology and pre-med at Loyola University of Chicago with the aim of becoming a pediatrician. On the Honor Roll for four years, Kaitlyn was honored with the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, served as president of the Youth Philanthropy Fellowship her senior year, played volleyball four years and holds the school record for aces recorded in a single match (11). ●



Bay Men's Club President Dominic Giovannazzo (left) and scholarship chairperson John Stanton (right) are shown with the club's 2012 scholarship recipients (left to right) Shannon Huckelberry, Kaitlyn McFeeley, Caroline Hall and Jaimie Kerka.

# Learn how to preserve your family research for future generations

by Jayne Broestl

As another television season of NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and PBS's Henry Louis Gates Jr.'s "Faces of America" comes to a close, many of us are left wondering about what stories our own personal lineage contains. And, when we find those tales, how will we pass the information along to the next descendant generation? Those of us who have been collecting mountains of family history records, stories and photos don't want our labors lost to a dumpster.

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) has invited

Carla S. Cegielski from the Association of Professional Genealogists and vice president of the Lake County Chapter, OGS, to address this concern at their Wednesday, June 20, meeting.

Carla's presentation is titled: "What Happens to My Stuff When I Die? Planning Your Genealogical Estate." Program begins at 7:00 p.m., in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. Social time, with refreshments, will be from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend, at no cost. For more information about the Chapter, visit their website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs). Questions may be emailed to [cuyahogawest@gmail.com](mailto:cuyahogawest@gmail.com). ●

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# Kiwi Packs project exemplifies Bay Village community service in action

Bay Kiwanis, Community Services, Key Club, partner to provide essentials for abused children

by Debbie Bock

**K**iwanis Kiwi Packs are an amazing community service project started by the Bay Village Kiwanis Club, teaming with members of the Bay High Key Club to provide essentials to foster children throughout Cuyahoga County.

The donated backpacks are filled with items that a child going into foster care can use. Typically, you would find a soft blanket, toothbrush and toothpaste, hygiene supplies, underwear, coloring or activity book and crayons, and often small toys.

Children are removed from their parents' homes if a social work investigation reveals that the children are at high risk for abuse and neglect and there is no other way to guarantee the child's safety in the home. This requires an order from the court and enough evidence substantiating abuse. At this point the children have already suffered a great deal.

Unfortunately, the trauma to the child doesn't stop there. Sometimes it seems to get worse before it gets better. When social workers have to remove a child from the parents' custody, they become wards of the county. They are leaving the only home they know. Even though the circumstances are grim, it is the only home they know and surprisingly, they usually love their parents despite the abuse and neglect.

So the social worker has to explain to these kids that they will not be living with their parent(s) until the parents get help with their problems. Sometimes Children and Family Services is able to work with the families prior to the removal and the kids are prepared that they have to leave. This is rare, though. Generally when a social worker obtains custody, they have to remove the child first and then try to work with the families to get them the help they need.

So imagine you are a child three years old, or six, or 10, or 14. A social worker that you may or may not have ever met before approaches you and explains that you are not going home, or in some cases they are taking you from home and that you will not be seeing your mother until she gets help with her "problems" (drug treatment, counseling, anger management, etc.).



**Kiwi Packs are filled with items that a child going into foster care can use.**



**From left, Kiwanians John Solomon and Rhonda Schneider and Bay Village Community Services director Debbie Bock display filled Kiwi Packs ready for delivery to children.**

How scared and confused would you be? Everything you have known up to this point is about to be pulled out from under you.

When possible, the children are removed from school to avoid a horrible confrontation with the parent which can prove frightening and dangerous for all involved. In this case, the child only has the clothes on their back. In other instances, the children are removed from their homes, often with police assistance. The goal is to get the child out as quickly as possible. You can imagine, most of these parents don't say, "Wait, let me pack his belongings."

From there, the children are taken to a hospital to be "triaged." This is a physical examination to make sure that they don't have ringworm, lice or other contagious diseases that would prevent them from entering a foster home without receiving treatment first. At the emergency rooms, sometimes these kids have to wait for hours before a doctor will see them. And they are waiting with their social worker who is busy on the phone trying to arrange for a placement for them.

This is where the Kiwi Packs enter the picture. The Kiwi Packs are donated to Children and Family Services. If a social worker knows that they have to remove children, they can take the packs along and give them to the kids. Now the kids have something to open up and look at while they are waiting. They can wrap themselves in the blanket, color, do an activity. Many of these kids have not attended school on a regular basis and may not even have had a book bag of their own. Now they have something that belongs to them, and it is filled with wonderful surprises.

From the hospital, the child may travel directly to a foster home, or they may have to go to the agency to await a placement. When they finally arrive at the foster home, they are walking into a stranger's house and the only thing they are bringing with them is their Kiwi Pack. You can imagine that pack becomes very important to them.

Eventually the foster parent will receive a clothing order to purchase clothes, but initially when the foster parent gets a call that a home is needed for a child, they do not have any time to prepare or purchase items for that specific child.

In the best of circumstances, the social worker is able to arrange a visit with the parent(s) within a few days. Unfortunately, depending on the circumstances, the parent may not be in shape to see the child. The child's world is different in every way. At least now they are safe and protected.

After the weeklong



**Bay High Key Club seniors Jillian LaRiccia, left, and Jackie Barnewall check to make sure the Kiwi Packs are complete.**

drive of soliciting donations from the student body, Bay High Key Club members double checked all the bags at their weekly meeting to make sure they were complete. They collected 33 complete bags through the Key Club effort at the high school.

Project chairs Lauren Chen and Julia Mosier then went shopping to buy additional supplies with a \$500 donation from Kiwanis to make a total of 100 Kiwi Kits to donate. Key Club members attended the Kiwanis meeting and together they finished filling all the Kiwi Packs. Bay Community Services then delivered packs to Cuyahoga County Children and Family Services.

The impact of the Kiwi Pack is probably greater than we even imagine. This simple gesture is something that the children remember as a bright spot in a very scary, dark day in their lives. Every child who receives the Kiwi Pack knows there is someone out there who cares about them.

This is an amazing service project that has a far reaching impact. Thank you to all who have taken the time and effort to bring some happiness into a child's life. ●

*Debbie Bock is director of Bay Village's community services department.*



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# Westlake salutes their military personnel

At a June 7 ceremony at Westlake City Hall, the city paid tribute to the five servicemen who have been featured on banners hanging throughout Westlake for the past year. The military banner program, conceived by Dave Rencehausen from the city's service department several years ago, honors members of the military with Westlake connections.

The banners were retired and given to the honorees, to be replaced with a new round of military faces for the upcoming year.



Three generations of the Romero family – Rosa, her son Jaime Jr. and his children Javier, Jaime and Marisa – collected the banners of Rosa's three other sons, all captains in the armed forces: Juan, Jesús and José Romero. Jaime is also an army captain and was honored with a banner two years ago.



The banners honoring five servicemen – including three brothers – were retired after being displayed on street posts this past year are shown hanging in city hall before the ceremony.



Sergeant Chad Baon poses with the banner bearing his picture.



Mayor Dennis Clough thanks Lt. Col. Lee Pietrangelo for his service before Dave Rencehausen hands him the retired banner.

What a long day working in the garden! My water bill is going to be so high from using so much water today. Rooty, do you have any tips on how to lower my water bill?

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# Bay Village pet factoids

by **Nancy Brown**

**T**oday there are over 1,425 licensed dogs living in Bay Village and eight practicing veterinarians that make Bay their home.

In 2011, the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel was formed and secured funding to build a new kennel thanks to the donation of a Bay Village family.

In May 2012, Bay Village City Council passed legislation prohibiting breed discrimination.

Bay Village's existing kennel will soon be demolished to allow for the construction of a salt truck wash station. Since the termination of the position of animal control officer, Bay Village's kennel has continued to be used as a temporary home for Bay Village's stray dogs and cats.

With donor funding to construct a new kennel facility, the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel will provide volunteer assistance to maintain the kennel. City Council has begun consideration of construction of a new kennel.

If you are concerned with the safety of Bay Village's pets, please join with the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel. Visit [friendsofbayvillagekennel.com](http://friendsofbayvillagekennel.com) for more information. ●

# Link to Bay Village's past returns to family roots for Cahoon in June

**O**ne of the vendors at Cahoon in June will add a bit of history to the June 16 event just by showing up. Lori Aldrich, who will man a table for her Westlake dog boutique Just Dogs Gourmet, is the last member of the founding Aldrich family of Bay Village.

Lori's great-great-great-great-grandparents, Aaron and Betsy Aldrich, moved to Dover Township from Rhode Island in 1816. Their home on Lake Road still stands today, with the exterior, rooms, floors, doors and windows still as they were originally built. Most of the furnishings from the original Aldrich home are in Rose Hill Museum.

Besides farming, Aldrich made furniture and had a tannery for making leather goods. He was a community leader and a judge elected by the townspeople. His grandson, William Aldrich II, was the first clerk of Bay

Village after it seceded from Dover Township in 1903.

William's son, Clifton Aldrich (Lori's great-grandfather), served as park superintendent in charge of Cahoon Park, Rose Hill and the Community House. He planted and tended the park's Rose Garden until he retired from service to the city.

Lori's grandmother, Esther Dietz Aldrich, worked as secretary to Mayor Spencer Houk.

Although Lori does not live in Bay Village, she has heard many stories about her family's impact on the community and was once given a private tour of the Aldrich home by its current owner.

On June 16, along with many other vendors, Lori will set up shop in Cahoon Park, on land that her ancestors settled, farmed and cared for. ●

# AQUA GIRLS

*continued from front page*

We carried our pin bags with us everywhere because we never knew when we would see somebody who wanted to trade with us.

Destination Imagination had lots of planned activities for us. We were busy from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. for four days. They gave us opportunities to work on our instant challenge skills. They had a Harry Potter Camp that we signed up for and we spent a morning solving instant challenges that were related to Harry Potter. For example, in Potions Class we had to stand behind a taped line and get materials into a cauldron without going over the taped line using other materials to build a device to move the materials. We couldn't just throw the materials using our hands.

We spent some time watching other countries and other teams from the United States perform their central challenges. We saw a high school team from Guatemala who did a community service project to make Guatemala more beautiful. One of the boys

painted his face like the flag of Guatemala and played the role of the entire country of Guatemala.

In their skit, they sang a song and danced and later rapped a song just like we had planned for our skit. They made a human bicycle that when they moved it looked like the guy playing Guatemala was riding a bike. We noticed they made more human props and didn't use as many art props as we did. We would later learn at the Closing Ceremony that they won second place for their show!

We performed our central challenge skit on the last day of competition. We woke up feeling confident about our skit. We had watched so many skits during our stay that we knew our skit was pretty good. The room we performed in was huge! There were so many people in the audience. Way more than we have ever had before. After our performance, we thought we had done the best job we had ever done performing our skit and everyone felt very proud.

At the Closing Ceremony, we learned we did not make it in the Top Ten for our Aqua Girls' skit. We were a little disappointed.

We had worked so hard and hoped to place in the Top Ten. After the Closing Ceremony, we went to the After Party at the Recreation Center. The scores were posted, and we learned that we got 11th place out of 44 teams. We were so excited!!! We just missed the Top Ten by a few points. This was our first experience at the Global Finals and all of us hope we will have the opportunity to go again some day!

The Aqua Girls want to thank everybody in the com-

munity that read about us and supported us through the beach clean up to the Global Finals. We received lots of donations in our moneyboxes around town and in the mail. Thanks to all of you that helped us.

Thank you to Ms. Tara Wendell from the Observer for all her help guiding us through the advertising process of our project and fundraising for Globals.

Thank you to Mr. Clint Keener, Mr. Matt Spellman, Ms. Deborah Putnam and the Bay Village Board of Education for allowing us to go to Global Finals and for paying our room and board. We also want to thank Mr. Keener and the Board of Education for allowing Mrs. Marian Harmount, the Bay Village School's DI coordinator, to come with us. Mrs. Harmount has worked so hard to help us prepare for the trip that we wouldn't have wanted to go without her.

We want to thank our principal, Miss Josie Sanfilippo, for the support she gave us all year. We also want to thank our fourth-grade teachers, Miss McMaugh, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Woodburn, Mrs. Mahall, Mr. Dlugosz, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Hakkio, and Mrs. Tijanich, for all their support during this Destination Imagination season.

We also want to thank Environmental Management Specialists for paying all the gas for the trip.

Finally, I would personally like to thank my piano teacher, Mrs. Judy Minium, for putting up with my busy DI schedule. I am sorry I didn't have as much time to practice piano lately, and you have been very patient with me.

This has been an exciting school year. It was sad to see it all end. But I am looking forward to a great summer with my family and friends. In my next column, I will be sharing with you my list of things I want to do this summer. Don't forget to start yours! ●

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

# Promoting job creation

by **Nan Baker**

**J**ob creation: two small words that mean so much for Ohio's future. In my time as your state representative, I have always emphasized job growth as the key to our economic prosperity, both individually and on a state-wide level. Getting Ohioans back to work is one of the most important focuses here in the Statehouse. Accordingly, throughout this General Assembly, my colleagues and I have implemented a number of different tactics to promote this critical objective.

Most recently, the Ohio House and Senate both passed House Bill 327, which now awaits the governor's signature. This legislation creates the opportunity for an employee job creation tax credit for qualifying employers. Specifically, the bill allows the Ohio Tax Credit Authority to give tax credits to employers with home-based workers. This would be an excellent opportunity for those that are restricted in their mobility. Also, this gives an opportunity to those that want to stay home while raising their family to earn additional income.

For an employer to qualify, they must employ at least 200 more workers than they had on June 30, 2011. These employees also must receive compensation equal to 131 percent of the federal minimum wage or higher. House Bill 327 outlines a trial period of six

years for this new tax credit. Following this period, the Ohio Director of Development will issue a report summarizing the effects of the program.

Throughout the state legislature, there has been wide bipartisan support for the home-based employee job tax credit, and the legislation passed through the House with a unanimous vote. The importance of providing job creation incentives is certainly not a party-specific issue. We can all agree that this is a worthy initiative, and House Bill 327 presents an innovative approach to boosting job growth. For all of these reasons, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of the legislation, and I look forward to seeing it signed into law.

Going forward, we must keep investing in programs such as the one set up in this bill. Job creation is an ongoing process, not a task that has a defined end. There are always new ways to promote job growth, and the House will continue to develop legislation geared toward this objective. If you should have any questions concerning this or any other topic, please do not hesitate to contact my office by calling 614-466-0961, emailing [District16@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:District16@ohr.state.oh.us) or writing to State Rep. Nan Baker, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. I also welcome any suggestions you may have. Together, we can keep up the momentum of job creation in Ohio. ●

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# Upcoming Programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

Congratulations to all of the students, teachers and parents on the completion of another school year! Now it's time for fun and sun!! Come to the library before that trip to the pool, or that long-awaited vacation. Wait! You don't have to be going somewhere to need a good book! A cozy chair inside or outside on a porch is also the perfect place to read. Play the Summer Reading Game to make it even more fun! Sign up now and get started. Congratulations are also in order to Bay Village for the No. 1 ranking in Cleveland Magazine's "Rating the Suburbs" edition. We're proud of our city! Please join us for these upcoming library programs!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, June 13 (7 p.m.) CULTURAL GARDENS OF LIBERTY BOULEVARD** – Explore the Cultural Gardens of Liberty Boulevard with Rebecca McFarland.

**Monday, June 18 (7 p.m.) ZENTANGLE FOR ADULTS** – Join certified teacher Cathy Zavodny and learn the art of Zentangle – an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repeti-

tive patterns.

**Thursday, June 28 (7 p.m.) DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS** – This workshop focuses on helping you understand that all life experiences contribute to developing skills. Join Maurice Stevens from Career Development and Placement Strategies as he shares activities that will help you to analyze your skill set and effectively communicate with any target audience.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Wednesdays, June 13-July 11 BOOK BUDDIES – BIG BUDDIES** – Volunteer to help a Little Buddy and share the joy of books by reading aloud to each other and playing fun reading games. Big Buddies must attend the training session taking place a half hour before the first Book Buddies session.

**Thursday, June 28 (3 p.m.) MURDER MYSTERY @ THE LIBRARY** – For ages 11 and up. A murder has taken place – right outside the library! Come help figure out "whodunnit" and enjoy some pizza and pop while you explore the clues. A parent/guardian must sign a release form for each participant.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**Tuesday, June 19 (2 p.m.) MAIL ART WITH MELINDA PLACKO** – For grades K-5. Keep snail mail alive! Mail Art is an art form that involves sending visual art through the postal system, allowing everyone who handles the mail to see it. Design your own postcards using small-scale drawing techniques and experimenting with mixed media.

**Thursday, June 14 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER** – For families with readers ages 8-12. Discuss a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat. Copies of the book are available at the Children's Desk.

**Tuesday, June 26 (2 p.m.) MUSIC FOR KIDS AND PARENTS** – For all ages. This is "live" music with no accompaniment tracks, so anything can happen! With his guitar, banjo, harmonica, stories and original tunes, Chip Richter connects with kids and adults, creating moments to remember.

**Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392, going online to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), or by stopping in! Hope to see you soon! ●**

# Bay Village Historical Society announces new officers

by Kay Laughlin

The Bay Village Historical Society has elected new officers for the business year 2012-2013. These new officers assumed their duties on June 1. The society looks forward to a year of renewed enthusiasm with fresh ideas for new programs and activities. The preservation of our Bay Village history will be of primary importance.

The new officers are: president, Cynthia Eakin, dining and entertainment columnist for West Life, Avon Lake Press, North Ridgeville Press and editorial contributor in Currents newspapers; vice president, Doug Gertz, Gertz Building Company; treasurer, Abigail Sammon, housewife; corresponding secretary, Cindi Lindgren, program planner for the City of Westlake Community Services Department.

Tom Brown becomes a new trustee and joins trustees Cathy Flament, retired teacher, North Olmsted City Schools; Arlene Karnatz, retired teacher, Bay Village

School System; and Tom Roehl, retired restaurateur.

Their first big task is Cahoon In June, slated for June 16 in Cahoon Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, historical tours of Bay Village are planned. A fee of \$5.00 puts you on an air-conditioned bus for a 45-minute guided tour around the city.

A tent with old-fashioned games should interest the children. Pick out your own turtle to root for and partake in the turtle races. Have your face painted. Make butter in a jar. Play corn hole. Purchase dog and cat treats. Watch a dog fashion show, play with rescue dogs. Sit on hay bales and listen to old-time music. Enjoy the taste of Ironwood hamburgers and Weber's ice cream. Think green. Hold Mickey and Minnie Mouse's hands. Browse along the antique and craft dealers' tables. Visit with and learn more about the WBV Observer. Tour the museums. Listen to the Community Band. Free admission. Come and enjoy a beautiful day in Cahoon Park. ●

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WHS Class of 1952 holds 60th reunion

On May 25 and 26, members of Westlake High School's Class of 1952 held a reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their graduation. Theirs may be the longest-running series of class reunions in the past 50 years.

There were originally 40 members in the class, of which 15 surviving classmates were able to attend, and 14 others were either unable to come or could not be reached. Nevertheless, two came from North Carolina, one from Colorado, and two more from California.

Small classes do not require catered banquets, a ballroom or an orchestra, so these folks concentrated on continuous conversations with dinner at Max & Erma's on Friday evening followed by snacks at Tom Michelich's home, and Shirley Ruddy Radvick hosted the group at her home in Avon during the afternoon and evening of the following day.

Starting with their first reunion in 1967, the classmates have found that they got along much better as adults than during their competitive teens, and all are grateful for having grown up in the small-town environment Westlake offered in the 1940s and 50s. They experienced rationing and air raid drills during their years in elementary school and enjoyed the post-war boom in the late 40s. Some of the boys entered the Army just as the Korean War broke out, but fortunately they all returned unscathed.

Before the arrival of television, these

kids played outdoors in the woods and the fields after school, or listened to 15-minute radio serials before supper. Some lived on farms that had a few farm animals along with crops such as berries and grapes.

There were few if any houses on Hilliard and Westwood, and the area between Detroit Road and the railroad tracks was mostly farmland. The high school, located just across the drive from the red brick elementary school that was razed in 2010, held 350 students from the 7th through the 12th grades.

The chief of police at the time did something that could only happen in a small town. A couple of times early in the evening on Halloween, he picked up three boys in this class who were prone to pranks, took them back to a jail cell where he provided them with snacks and comic books to keep them entertained and out of trouble, and then returned them to their homes later that evening.

These are the stories that make a reunion interesting, and new tales emerge at every reunion. In addition, the classmates are fascinated in driving around Westlake and seeing how the neighborhoods and the businesses, like the trees, are filling in the empty spaces they played in as children.

Westlake is thriving, but these folks still appreciate the quiet times they knew in its past.

Dave Beato, Arvada, Colorado  
Westlake High School Class of 1952

# Cuyahoga Community College receives funding for Westlake campus expansion

by Shannon Boston

State Representative Nan Baker has announced that the State Controlling Board recently approved the release of \$800,000 to Cuyahoga Community College for the purchase of 5.84 acres of real estate in Westlake. The project is part of the future expansion of the Workforce Training Center and additional credit classrooms at the college's Westshore campus.

"This appropriation will help to strengthen workforce development within the 16th House District and better prepare college graduates for the highly competitive workforce," said Rep. Baker.

The Westshore region is comprised of cities including Westlake, Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted and Rocky River. This region is experiencing rapid growth as hundreds of businesses have opened, expanded or relocated to the area. The area's ongoing economic growth is strongly tied to its ability to supply a highly trained workforce to its businesses and industry.

Cuyahoga Community College's Westshore campus is the college's fastest growing operation, with an enrollment growth of 18 percent in the past year alone. The campus expansion calls for continued growth of credit class offerings, with immediate emphasis on new general classrooms, engineering and STEM programs.

The college plans to construct a 50,000 square foot Workforce Training Center on the purchased properties, which will provide hands-on technical and simulated training environments. It will concentrate the new facility's educational resources in four major areas: information technology, health care, manufacturing/advanced technology/pre-engineering and hospitality/culinary. The new workforce training center will strengthen the relationship between higher education and the community by preparing individuals for employment, providing skills to retain employment, and developing workforce abilities to meet emerging industry needs. ●



## Waiting for the sun

The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Bay Village set up telescopes and sun viewing instruments to allow visitors to the Huntington Metroparks to see the rare passing of the planet Venus in front of the sun on June 5.

Hundreds of eager science-lovers lined up for their chance to view this astronomical event safely with specially filtered telescopes. This was the last transit of Venus to occur in our lifetime. Didn't see it? Your next chance will be in December 2117. ●



Venus' transit past the sun could be viewed with a "sunspotter," which projected the sun's image onto a white surface.



Hundreds of visitors flocked to the Huntington Metroparks to view the transit of Venus through telescopes provided by the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center.



Four-year-old Max Schroeder of North Olmsted peers through a telescope with the help of LENS planetarium coordinator Fran Ratka as his grandfather, Richard, watches.

### SENIOR LIVING

## What is the Veteran Administration's aid and attendance pension?

by Kristi Vaughn, LSW

This special pension allows for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular assistance of another person with eating, bathing, dressing or incontinence care to receive money to help cover such expenses.

This benefit is overlooked by many families with veterans or surviving spouses who need additional money to help care for ailing parents or loved ones. This is a "pension benefit" and is not dependent upon service-related injuries for compensation. Most veterans who are in need of assistance qualify for this pension.

This tax-free benefit up to \$2,020 per month may be available to veterans, spouses and widows. The benefit could help pay for private duty care in the person's own home, adult day care, assisted living and nursing home expenses.

Qualifications:

- Veterans must have served one day during an active war and had no less than a 90-day serve. Qualifying periods of war time are: WWI, April 16, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918; WWII, Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946; Korean War, June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955; Vietnam War, August 5, 1964-May 7, 1975.
- Surviving spouses must still have been married to the veteran when they passed.
- You must have a doctor's order insisting you need the aid and attendance of another every day.
- You must have less than \$80,000 in your checking and savings accounts and even less if you are applying as a single (not including your home or vehicles). If you have IRAs and CDs, they are included in this income.
- Veterans must have received an honorable discharge or general discharge.
- You can choose where you want to live as long as it is a credible facility or private-duty home care company.
- You may not qualify if you are on state assistance (Medicaid or another subsidized program due to low income).

The V.A. does not look back on what the veteran had prior to applying, but Medicaid does. If you move assets, do it right! (This is a situation in which legal counsel would be beneficial.) The whole process can

take six months to a year to begin receiving the pension. Seniors need to know they should not be charged for applying and getting help with filling out the forms. Following is a list of forms and papers you will need:

- VA Form 21-527EZ (for veterans) or VA Form 21-534 (for surviving spouses)
- Authorization to Release Medical Information, VA Form 21-4142
- Military discharge papers jV DD-214. The VA often requests a certified copy or an original.
- Married veterans and surviving spouses need to provide a copy of the marriage certificate
- Surviving spouses need to provide a copy of the veteran's death certificate
- A copy of your current Social Security award letter
- A copy of the monthly or annual statement from a private pension program
- A letter outlining monthly and annual fees paid to the assisted living community, nursing facility or private-duty care company
- Monthly bill from Medicare Supplement provider
- A physician statement that provides detailed medical information, including ability to live independently, need for assistance with activities of daily living, diagnosis, etc. The more documentation, the better it is for your claim. ●

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## RELAY continued from front page

Along with prayers for our survivors, caregivers, family members and friends, let us also say a prayer for nice weather. We would love a nice day to show our community how much we care.

We are still reaching out to businesses for support. Our team members are working hard to reach our goal but it will be hard without help from our local community businesses.

I will give a quick update on my dad since so many people have reached out and asked how he is doing. We went to UPMC in Pittsburgh and received some encouraging news that they see a possible surgery to remove the tumor and stomach. This is a huge step for us after hearing that

there were no surgery options left for us here in Cleveland.

So in the next few weeks we will be traveling back and forth to Pittsburgh to have them work their magic... although as Clevelanders we laugh that *it just had to be Pittsburgh*. Rivalry will not fade even in times of serious moments with my dad, a true Browns fan.

Again, I want to thank the Observer for allowing me the opportunity to share my story and help the cause.

Lastly, I would like to make a correction from my last article. I noted that my dad's friend, Rev. Crabtree, will be with us for prayer—I noted him as Robert Edward and would like to correct that to Robert Edwin. ♦

## MEMORY continued from front page

One of my most memorable fishing excursions with Grandpa was the time when he offered me some lemonade while we were out fishing in the hot summer sun. The lemonade was pinkish in color, which didn't faze me, at least initially. It should be noted that Gramps wasn't one given to "over-cleanliness"; I guess, diplomatically, you could say he was "old school."

For instance, he threw our ham and Swiss sandwiches into the same cooler we threw the fish in, so it wasn't uncommon for the entire lunch to taste (and smell) like today's fresh catch. Anyway, when I raised my glass of lemonade up to my head to rub some icy coolness on my brow, I noticed a bunch of dead red ants along the inside bottom of the glass.

When I asked about the ants, he told me, with a totally straight face, "Red ants—that's how you get the 'pink' lemonade color." He smiled and took a big gulp, but oddly enough I wasn't quite as thirsty as I had been moments earlier. Then, since he knew he had me on the ropes, he added the minor detail that Grandma

had yelled at him for storing his chewing tobacco in the lemonade pitcher, and maybe that had something to do with the color.

Of course, he followed that up with a "Jeffy, my boy, this is the life, ain't it?" which seemed to make everything okay again. Just the same, suddenly, polluted Lake Erie water was looking mighty thirst-quenching.

Lord knows Lloyd John Bing was a character. Lord also knows I'd give anything for just five minutes in that boat with him again.

Now that I think about it, why am I concerned about coming up with a "good" answer to any questions my grandkid might have? After all, it's pretty clear Grandpa didn't sweat any potential questions from me. If my grandkid asks me anything requiring the expenditure of the little gray matter that remains in my skull, I already know my response...

"How 'bout some lemonade, kid?" ♦

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

## Time is running out to enter Westlake in Bloom

by Jean Smith

By now your gardens should be thriving, so what are you waiting for? Make the decision now to enter the Westlake in Bloom awards program. The deadline for entries to be received is Monday, June 25, at 5 p.m.

Westlake residents and business owners can download entry forms from the city's website at [www.cityofwestlake.org](http://www.cityofwestlake.org) and mail to Westlake in Bloom, City of Westlake, 27700 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145, or drop off at the reception desk at Westlake City Hall. Entry forms are also available at any of these West-

lake garden centers: Cahoon Nursery, Dean's Greenhouse, Gale's Westlake Garden Center or Plant Crafters.

Entries will be judged on July 9, 10 and 11, and awards presented at a ceremony on August 2 at LaCentre. Enter your garden now to help make this the best year ever for Westlake in Bloom. ♦



Westlake city service worker Kim Wade waters Delilah Onofrey's freshly-planted family flower box on Hilliard Boulevard during planting day on May 19. The deadline for entries to this year's Westlake in Bloom competition is June 25.



## You found the Spy Guy!

Here's the protocol: Write down the clue you find with the picture of Secret Agent CCPL and tell a librarian at the Bay Village Library. You will get an extra chance to win a great prize in the summer reading game. Every two weeks, the clue will self-destruct, so begin your surveillance today! ♦



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BAYarts

# BAYarts Art and Music Festival adds 20 new artists

by Eileen Stockdale

BAYarts' annual Art and Music Festival will be held June 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., across the BAYarts Huntington Campus. With the popularity of the event growing, artist participation has doubled, offering new, unique and affordable original art to purchase.

The event was created to provide an affordable alternative to many local art festivals whose entry fees can be prohibitive for many artists. BAYarts offers an affordable rate and artists keep 100 percent of their sales.

Along with the over 40 artist booths, Mojo's at BAYarts will be offering sum-

mer time fare such as their popular "On the Go Lunches," kids take-away meals, smoothies and more. Vento Trattoria's patio will be a popular destination during the festival for the view, the full menu and libations.

On stage, back by popular demand, is the alternative world-rock band Uzizi from noon to 2 p.m. and Ohio University students Burning River Ramblers from 3-5 p.m. BAYarts is located at 28795 Lake Rd. in Bay Village. Parking and admission are free. For more information, visit [www.bayarts.net/events](http://www.bayarts.net/events) or call 440-871-6543. ●



## 'Unbearable Lightness' gallery show inspired by Milan Kundera novel



Yumiko Goto's "Concrete Sprouts" is part of the "Unbearable Lightness" group show at BAYarts Fuller House Gallery through June.

### History of words and phrases

Compiled by Dave Scullin

**To the bitter end:** It means to the last stroke of bad fortune. It comes from the mid-nineteenth-century nautical term for the end of a rope or chain.

**Every dog has its day:** Everyone will have a moment of success. Shakespeare used this phrase in Hamlet.

**Haute cuisine:** Originally, the phrase referred to the highest standard of French cooking, but now cooking of any origin.

## Collective Arts Journal becomes a quarterly



The Collective Arts Network (CAN) Journal is a free arts directory

by Nancy Heaton

Hot off the presses, The Collective Arts Network of Greater Cleveland has re-issued its annual all-in-one arts directory. The CAN Journal was conceived by Liz Maugans of Zygote Press in Cleveland's Arts Quarter, in response to the lack of media relating to the arts.

It encompasses art venues from Orange to Bay Village. The journal is free to the public and is paid for by CAN members, the Ohio Arts Council and advertising. The journal will now be available quarterly at all participating arts organizations, libraries and other art venues in the region in an easier to read format.

An accompanying website will be launched soon at [www.canjournal.org](http://www.canjournal.org). The journal is available in the Observer reading area at BAYarts and other location throughout the community. ●



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