

Princesses enchant for a good cause

by NATHAN CONOVER

An idea was born at the Bay Village Snoball Run this past February when two friends, Stephanie Jordan and Karry O'Brien, both seniors at Bay High School, dressed up as princesses for the event.

"We got so much attention being dressed up as princesses that we thought, 'we could turn this into something,'" Stephanie said.

And turn it into something they did. This past Fourth of July, The Fairytale Foundation (a non-profit organization) was launched when Stephanie and her friends Abbie Donovan, Lily Conover and Hannah Zacharias dressed up as prin-

cesses for a good cause. It wasn't accomplished without a little help though.

Stephanie's mother, Karen, helped with the costumes. Between her and Stephanie, the two worked

for 130 hours on the elaborate costumes. Lily lent technical support, setting up a website with links to an email address and Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram pages.

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PHOTO BY NATHAN CONOVER

A young fan sits with four members of The Fairytale Foundation. From left to right, Abbie Donovan, Lily Conover, Hannah Zacharias, and Stephanie Jordan.

BAYarts lines up more food vendors for annual Moondance benefit on Sept. 12



Cats on Holiday will provide the music at Moondance on BAYarts' gazebo stage on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Big white tents, great food, live music and bonfires are just a few of the signature features of BAYarts' annual Moondance benefit. Each year this sold-out event raises funds that help BAYarts maintain the campus buildings, gardens and continue to provide free community events year round. This year's event, set for Saturday, Sept. 12, features the band Cats on Holiday, known for their upbeat danceable style that covers all the bases.

"People tell us they love our event because, like everything else we do, it's fun," says BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton. "No speeches, no hands out. Once you arrive on campus, the beautiful venue speaks for itself. None of what BAYarts does would be possible without this kind of support and the community gets that. So it's a win-win for everyone."

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Rotary Club of Westlake/Bay Village awards scholarships

by DONNA D'AMICO

The Rotary Club of Westlake/Bay Village has had a long-standing tradition of supporting a graduating senior from each of the club's high schools with a scholarship of \$2,500. Participants are required to complete an application and write an essay

pertaining to their plans for college and beyond.

While the Rotary received many applications this year, two students stood out among the rest. Allison Rizea from Westlake High School and Laura Wilson from Bay High School were each awarded a scholarship. The awards were presented at the weekly Rotary breakfast meet-

ing at the Westwood County Club.

These scholarships are only one of many of the local and worldwide programs supported by Rotary, whose mission is "Service Above Self." New members are always welcome. Please contact Marie Marrali at MMarrali@FFL.net for more information on joining Rotary. ♦

Five Westlake churches join for power of prayer

by SHARON FEDOR

Ever experience someone shaking their head in dismay and lamenting, "What is this world coming to?" Ever experience feelings of deep sadness, and helplessness after watching the news and hearing about the chaos in the world? It's hard to understand how man can be so cruel to his fellow man, sometimes it is unbearable. The chaos and the conflicts in this world may indeed feel overwhelming with no clear solutions in sight. From floods, to fires, to earthquakes, to tornadoes, to terrorism, to unemployment, to disease, the world presents us with situations that seem beyond our ability to control or even comprehend.

Be encouraged for there is something you can do. Join Westlake Prays, and be part of a community that comes together in the belief that prayer has the power to heal, to help, to mend. Every Thursday at 5:45 p.m., at one of five different churches in Westlake, people join together, lift their hearts and pray together. Service lasts 15 to 30 minutes, and includes prayer, scripture, songs and silence. The 5:45 start time was intentionally chosen so people could stop in on their way home from work, and still get home for supper.

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Porter Library hosts ice cream social July 27



by JENNIFER CIRINCIONE

Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library invites you to their annual Ice Cream Social, to be held on Monday, July 27, from 6-8 p.m. at the library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Sundaes made with your favorite Mitchell's flavors – including the very special Porter Peppermint Patty – will be sold for \$1 and plenty of entertainment will be on hand.

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On Fourth of July weekend, the young women donned their princess ballgowns and hit the grounds of the Bay Days carnival at Cahoon Memorial Park in Bay Village. They were a huge success. The bedazzled princesses were a hit with carnival goers, especially little girls, and the foundation collected \$435 in donations for the Kiwanis Eliminate Project, dedicated to eliminating neonatal tetanus, a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes across the globe.

The Fairytale Foundation's future plans include making "princess appearances" at community events as well as birthday parties to raise money for the Kiwanis and other charities such as Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and others that may come forward down the road.

If you would like to book the Princesses for a birthday party or would wish to donate, their contact information is located on their website: thefairytale-foundationcle.org. ●

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Last year, for the first time in the event's 8-year history, food ran out early. So food trucks and more restaurants will be spread out through the evening. With the addition of the new 2500-square-foot ceramic studio, there will be more room for both restaurants and bars, a "wine pull," the traditional silent auction and more surprises. The event is coordinated by BAYarts' special events team led by Diana Brewer whose specialty is creating surprising ambiance out of upcycled materials and lighting. Add a few bonfires and BAYarts' breathtaking campus, rain or shine, its always a night to remember.

Each year, BAYarts honors an individual who is instrumental in promoting cultural or nature programming in the greater Cleveland area. This year's honoree is Bay Village resident Liz Maugans, executive director of Zygote Press, founder of the quarterly art magazine The CAN Journal and tireless advocate for the value of art in communities and to individuals.

Mary Conway Sullivan, board development chair, says that the best part of all the planning and execution

PRAYER

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Westlake Prays began on May 21, hosted by St. Ladislav Catholic Church, and will continue as long as there is supportive interest in joining together. From prayers for world peace, to prayers for our children, or prayers for aging parents, prayers are said for anything and everything. The prayers take on the uniqueness and intentions of those who attend.

The chaos of this world brought the leaders of five churches of distinct denominations together, initiated by Pastor Sherman Bishop of Prince of Peace Lutheran. He met with Bob Hertl, St. Ladislav; Damien Lake, Church of

ICE CREAM

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Come see The Big Daddies Band, Balloon Bender Dave, and other entertainment. Check out the silent auction which closes that day at 7:45 p.m. Bidding on a wide variety of packages donated by local businesses is now available in the library lobby. Make sure the kids take a turn at the cakewalk – a 50-cent round might win you one of our 60+ cookie and cake choices.

Portables Gift Shop will be having a Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, July 26, 1-4:30 p.m.; and Monday, July 27, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The gift shop is run by Friends, staffed by volunteers, and all proceeds go to the library.

The Book Nook will offer thousands of half-priced books, movies, and more for sale in two rooms on Monday, July 27, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The Book Nook is a used book room run by Friends that sells

is the team who puts it together year after year. "My favorite part of Moondance is relaxing at the end of the night around one of the fire pits with the staff and our many volunteers, sharing stories of how much fun we saw people having and conversations we had."

Tax-deductible individual tickets go on sale Aug. 1 (\$110 until Sept. 1, \$125 after that, and \$150 on the day of the event – although it always sells out about a week before; absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door). Sponsors and group tickets are still available by contacting mary@bayarts.net. Up-to-date information, restaurants and other details can be found at bayarts.net. ●

the Redeemer; John Butchko, Westlake United Methodist; and Joanne Rowden, Unity Spiritual Center. The churches follow a rotating schedule: First Thursday: Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road; Second Thursday: Prince of Peace Lutheran, 28455 Center Ridge Road; Third Thursday: St. Ladislav, 2345 Bassett Road; Fourth Thursday: Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road; Fifth Thursday: Westlake United Methodist, 27650 Center Ridge Road.

You do not need to be a member of one of these churches to attend. All faiths are welcome. Look for the yard signs placed at all of the churches inviting you in. Anyone willing to place signs in their yard can contact Reverend Joanne Rowden at revjoanne@unityspiritualcenter.com. ●

the library's discarded books, as well as books donated by the public. This is a great time to stock up on summer reading and to get a deal on used library books and media. Also for sale will be discarded library chairs and carts.

Friends of WPPL looks forward to your attendance at this fun, annual community event! Parking is available at the library and across the street at the post office. Happy summer! ●



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Bay Sea Scout achieves highest rank

by RICHARD GASH

Congratulations to 2015 Bay High graduate, Nathan Cullinan, on receiving the Quartermaster Award, the highest rank in Sea Scouts. The award was presented to Nate after he sat through a Board of Review composed of four scout leaders with over a hundred years' experience. Nate was quizzed on his leadership skills and the lessons learned during his tenure in Sea Scouts. The board was particularly challenging as it was chaired by Mark Bobal, a retired U.S. Coast Guard Commander.

Mr. Bobal, who presently serves as the Passenger Vessel Safety Specialist for the 9th Coast Guard District stated that, "Nate was ready for all the questions we could send his way." The nautical questions which Mr. Bobal asked stemmed from his service on board the Arctic Icebreaker, CGC Westwind and over 30 years in the Marine Safety Inspection field.

Nate has been involved in the Bay Seat Scouts for five years. In that time he has tackled many projects including leading a group of youth in building underwater remote operated vessels (ROVs) for competitions sponsored by the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center. He also oversaw the completion of the Rolling Tide, a floating 8-foot hamster wheel, made from recycled Tide bottles. The Sea Scouts entered the Rolling Tide in the Great Lake Erie Boat Float at Edgewater Park.



Nathan Cullinan, right, received the Quartermaster Award, the highest rank in Sea Scouts, after a challenging review from board chairman Mark Bobal.

Last year Nate competed in the International Koch Cup Regatta in Long Beach, California, sailing with over 80 Sea Scouts from countries ranging from Australia to Poland. Nate came in second in the Kiwi Division. Before Nate heads off to college at the International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) in Bristol, Rhode Island, he will sail on the tall ship, S/V Dennis Sullivan, as a chaperon for other students. This tall ship program is sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary project YESS program.

Nate's leadership and mechanical skills repairing engines and rigging on the Sea Scout boats will be sorely missed as he heads off to IYRS;



One of Nathan's accomplishments as a Sea Scout was guidance of the 2010 Rolling Tide project.

but we wish him well as he continues his studies in Composite Technology and Marine Systems. ●

Westlake Football kicks off season with fundraiser

by LISA GREGORY

The Westlake Football Backers will host the third annual Meet-The-Team Season Kick-Off community event and fundraiser on Monday, Aug. 17, 6-9:30 p.m., at the St. Clarence Pavilion, 30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted.

We are partnering with WYFA (the Westlake Youth Football Association) and WHS Cheerleading, along with football families, coaches and players. The event provides an opportunity for the entire community and alumni to meet all players for the seventh-grade, eighth-grade, freshman, JV and varsity teams.

Dave Chudowsky, WKYC sportscaster, will be the emcee for the event. The evening will also include presentations of the teams and coaching staff, dinner, slideshows, raffles, apparel sales, spirit sales, and lots of other fun.

The event is open to the community and alumni to gather and "kick-off" the season by showing support for the teams and players. The funds generated from this event go towards team equipment needs, team apparel, team dinner supplies, team snacks, spirit items for the season, and much more.

Ticket price is \$12 per person. Email westlakefootballbackers@gmail.com to get your tickets by Aug. 10. For more information visit westlakefootballbackers.com. ●

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake school board appoints HR director

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Fairview High School and Mayer Middle School principal Brady Sheets was appointed director of human resources by the Westlake Board of Education at its July 3 meeting.

Sheets has served as principal of Fairview High School and Mayer Middle School since 2011. He also served as assistant principal at Olmsted Falls High School for five years, assistant principal at Lee Burneson Middle School for one year and principal at Fort Jennings High School for three years. He taught English and served as the athletic director at Arcadia High School for five years.

He is experienced in facilitating professional development, district budget development, human resources development and continuous improvement planning.

"Brady's administrative experiences on the educational and operations sides of education at a variety of high-performing districts make him uniquely suited to take on the role of

Director of Human Resources for the Westlake City Schools," said Superintendent Geoff Palmer. "We look forward to him joining our administrative team in all of our future collaborative endeavors."

Sheets earned his undergraduate degree in English education from Bowling Green State University, and his graduate degree in educational administration from the University of Findlay. He is attending Cleveland State University to earn a doctorate in urban education, educational administration.

"This was a unique opportunity for me because it allows me to work in an area that is of great interest to me, and it also provides me the chance to work in a district with which I am already familiar," Sheets said. "The Westlake school system and community is a wonderful place with excellent leadership, and I look forward to being a part of that once again."

Sheets replaces Anne Pyros, who accepted the position of associate superintendent in the North Olmsted City Schools. He resides in North Ridgeville with his wife, Lorena. ●

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WEST SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Business networking takes off at Power of More event

by TAMMY BERTRAND

On July 15 about 200 members of the Power of More, including West Shore Chamber of Commerce, gathered on the observation deck of the 100th Bomb Group Restaurant for an eve-

ning of networking on what turned out to be a beautiful and sunny evening. Members from six different chambers had an opportunity to meet people doing business in other areas and make new connections. Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough also came by to join us! ●



PHOTO BY TAMMY BERTRAND

Doug Rogers, Mike Cristino, Brandon Carta and Chris Stahurski make some new connections at the Power of More event on July 15.

Lending a hand to Wigs for Kids

July 16 was folding day for West Shore Chamber of Commerce members, Wigs for Kids, in order to prepare for their Day at the Zoo. Many local business members as well as local volunteers spent some time sorting and folding shirts for the big event. On July 25, you can head to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo with hundreds of other people who will run, walk and get haircuts to benefit the Wigs for Kids program. If you are interested in starting a team or just spending the day at the Zoo in support, contact Sevasti Tsarnas at stsarnas@wigsforkids.org for more information. ●



Tammy Bertrand, Sevasti Tsarnas and Cristina Bertero take a break from folding hundreds of T-shirts for the July 25 Wigs for Kids Day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.



PHOTO BY TAMMY BERTRAND

Many volunteers were on hand to sort and fold shirts, including a young lady who is already a recipient of a wig as well as another girl who plans to donate her hair for a child who needs it.

West Shore Chamber welcomes new hotel to Westlake

by TARA WENDELL

Over the course of 14 months and several million dollars, the hotel at the corner of Crocker and Clemens roads has gotten back its gleam. The transformation of the former Holiday Inn into a DoubleTree by Hilton was ceremoniously completed July 10 with a ribbon cutting and open house event.

"When this hotel originally came into Westlake, it truly was the jewel of the West Side. It is again!" Mayor Dennis Clough exclaimed, before thanking the hotel's ownership group for reinvesting in the city.

The building underwent a total renovation of the lobby, 267 guest rooms and 11,000 square feet of event space. The public areas feature con-

temporary design elements marked by neutral color tones, dark wood and stonework. Framed artwork celebrating Cleveland's culture and landmarks can be seen throughout the lobby. A highlight of the transformation is the debut of the new Sanctuary Restaurant, led by local celebrity chef Chris Hodgson.

Hotel management expects to add 40 new jobs when the facility reaches normal occupancy in a few months. Another 20 jobs were transferred to Westlake when Twin Tier Hospitality, which manages the DoubleTree property, relocated its corporate headquarters from Pennsylvania.

"For me as an owner, it's always my number one priority to make sure we add good quality jobs," said Satish Duggal, Twin Tier CEO and president. ●



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

The former Holiday Inn on Crocker Road underwent a major renovation and has reopened as a Doubletree by Hilton hotel.



The updated lobby features neutral colors and modern accents.



The Sanctuary restaurant serves up Chris Hodgson's signature dishes made with premium and locally-sourced ingredients.



Doubletree GM Joyce Lyle-Freeman and Mayor Clough cut the ribbon.



Owner Satish Duggal and general manager Joyce Lyle-Freeman accept a Chamber plaque from Tammy Bertrand.

Chamber events

Tuesday, July 28, 7:30-9 a.m.
BAGELS AND BUSINESS CARDS

Join the West Shore Chamber of Commerce along with North Coast, North Olmsted, Fairview Park, North Ridgeville and Olmsted Falls chambers for a speed networking breakfast. There is no cost to attend and we welcome those interested in checking out the Chamber. RSVP required; email powerofmorechambers@gmail.com.

Montrose Kia, 5033 Detroit Rd., Sheffield

Monday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
WEST SHORE/FAIRVIEW PARK CHAMBER ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Shotgun start – \$150 per person includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner. Opportunity to win a variety of prizes and have a lot of fun as well! This year's Hole in One prize is a new BMW from Westlake BMW. Visit westshorechamber.org or call 440-835-8787 for details.

Avon Oaks Country Club,
32300 Detroit Rd., Avon

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON

This is a special lunch which will welcome all the new teachers to the district. We will have networking from 11:30-noon then lunch and presentation to follow. Cost: \$20. RSVP required; email powerofmorechambers@gmail.com.

LaCentre, 25777 Detroit Rd., Westlake

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Wearable technology for all

by TAK SATO

You may have heard the term “wearables,” whose etymology can be traced back to the earlier efforts of bringing the processing power of a desktop computer to something you can wear.

In the early days of wearable technology, I had my share of people telling me “you look funny with that hideous thing on your arm/head/chest.” Maybe I was lacking fashion sense, which to this day my wife agrees, or since 0’s and 1’s run through my veins I felt nothing was wrong with my fashion statement.

Admittedly, early incarnations of wearable computers did have clumsy form factors on top of being difficult and frustrating to operate, rendering the efficacy of such device questionable.

Fast forward a decade and it’s all about the utility of such devices. Adoption of wearables has crossed demographic boundaries – no more a niche geek accessory of yesteryear. But what changed?

The current crop of wearables resemble real world objects such as fashion accessories (wrist watches, pendants, key rings) that are aesthetically pleasing and functionally synonymous – or even superior – to their real world counterparts.

Yet aesthetics alone is not the reason why wearables, after a long history of catering to geeks, are having an explosion of growth fueled by realized and potential innovations. Readily available computing power in an aesthetically pleasing form factor is often complemented by apps on the smartphone. Their utility is also enhanced by the ubiquity of being in the digital world – a world made possible by the proliferation of the internet into every nook and cranny of our lives. In

short, wearables are another product of the continued synthesis of the real and digital worlds.

Take health monitoring for example. The clinical side, i.e. hospitals, has always been quick to embrace technology to aid inpatient and outpatient health monitoring. A single Band-Aid-sized sensor, for example, can monitor a patient’s heart rate, body temperature, respiratory rate and other bodily functions while wirelessly reporting back to a bedside monitor, nurse station and even to the smartphone of the attending physician.

However, the consumer side is where we are seeing the aforementioned explosive growth in the adoption of wearables. Traditional computer and smartphone manufacturing powerhouses like Apple, Samsung and others continue to introduce wearables that are complemented by smartphone apps.

Although market analysis may be suggesting that Apple Watch, at least in the initial incarnation, may be losing consumer interest shortly after launch, the rumored second version of Apple Watch and various other Android Wear-based wearables are threatening to take market share away from consumer wearable pioneering titans like Fitbit, Jawbone and Nike (also referred to as lifestyle trackers).

From continuous health monitoring to simply showing time, and text message or call notifications from your smartphone, we have only scratched the surface of what a wearable can do to appease us from the cacophony of distractions in our lives. Future innovation in this nascent market is something that we all can benefit from, young or old! ●

Have a question for Tak about computers, software or other technology? Send it to editor@wbvobserver.com.

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

Enjoying a night home alone

by RJ JOHNSON

“So, what do you want to do?”

When my wife asked me this question, the possibilities were greatly expanded for the next few days. The boy was at camp until the weekend, and the girl had left for two weeks in China that morning. We were home alone.

The night before the boy left, he asked, “Will you miss me?”

“Yes,” I assured him. “We will miss you.”

That answer was true. I am glad he did not ask, “Are you sad that I will be gone for the week?” The answer to that would have required much more nuance.

The girl did not ask. Displaying the confidence of the teen years, she told us, “You’re going to miss me while I’m gone.”

What would we do with these few evenings home alone? There were several things I knew we would NOT do. We would not have hot dogs or chicken nuggets for supper. We would not watch anything involving super heroes or teenage romance on television. We would not talk about fashion trends or the latest add-on for an internet-based video game. We would not have to search to find the telephone or the remote controls.

“I don’t know,” I responded. “The options seem limitless.”

As I pondered the question, I gave my wife a kiss. Something was missing. There were no children screaming, “Gross, do you guys have

to do that in front of us?”

I think there is something genetically instilled in children that causes the gag reflex when they see their parents showing affection to one another. Affection can lead to more children. More children means more competition for things like food and control of the television remote.

We dished up our curry, and made our way to the family room to watch whatever we wanted to watch. There was something different about the curry. It was spicier than normal. It tasted the way adults like curry to taste. No hot pepper oil was needed. We turned on a drama and watched it without anyone saying, “This is boring,” or asking, “What’s going to happen next?”

We did comment that we missed the children a couple times. When the cat came in to remind us that, having not been fed since morning, he was near starvation, we noted that we missed having a child to feed the cat. When we were finished eating, and surveyed the dishes, I asked, “Where is the staff?”

The truth is I do miss the children when they are gone, not just because we can get them to feed the cat or clean the kitchen, but because I genuinely enjoy them. It is also true that I enjoy being home alone with my wife. I enjoy having conversations that are not interrupted by, “So what are you guys talking about?” I enjoy the opportunity to focus my attention on the one I chose to be with as long as we both shall live. ●

ONE SENIOR’S OPINION

The simple pleasures of summer

by DIANNE BOROWSKI

It’s raining again. So far this has been a soggy summer. I’m lucky I live in an apartment and don’t have to worry about flooded basements. It’s no fun. I’ve been there.

Every sunny dry day is cherished. One especially nice outing this summer was accompanying my family to watch a young eagle getting ready to leave its nest. I find birding an enjoyable hobby. It’s perfect for senior citizens unless the birds are located in a faraway, swampy area. Bring me to the birds and I am happy.

Of course, summer is a great time to watch the boats sailing on Lake Erie. If anything in my life brings me peace and contentment it’s being close to the water, watching the movement of the waves. The ebb and flow of the waves soothes and comforts me. Any problems I might have I give to the lake, letting them drift away to Canada. For a time I can forget life’s occasional heartaches.

I treasure my time near the water and am looking forward to August, hoping for a little less rain and a little more time at the water’s edge. ●

Summer book sale, July 25-28

by LINDA LAMB

Mark your calendars for the upcoming book sale at the Bay Village branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. You can find all your summer reading materials from Saturday, July 25, through Tuesday, July 28, at remarkably low prices. The sale is held at the library during regular library hours, with the exception of Tuesday, when it closes at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of Bay Village Library with the proceeds to be used for upcoming programs and activities. There is a large selection of books for readers of all ages as well as magazines, DVDs, CDs, books on tape and more. All materials have been categorized for easy shopping. Tuesday, the last day of the sale, is bag day when a full bag of books costs \$1. Bags are provided by the library.

Volunteers are needed to help with the book sale and other library-related projects sponsored and funded by the Friends of the Bay Village Library. For information on volunteering, the book sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Road or call 440-871-6392. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

West Side arts rely on CAC funding

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) is the public funder of arts and culture organizations in Cuyahoga County. Established by voters in 2007, CAC has awarded more than 300 cultural organizations over \$125 million in grants helping make events like Parade the Circle, the lighting of Playhouse Square and Ingenuity Festival possible.

In Bay Village and Westlake, it has been the largest funder of many organizations including BAYarts, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Clague Playhouse, Westlake Chinese School and Youth Challenge.

As has been witnessed across northeast Ohio, arts have been the seed to neighborhood revitalization and economic growth, providing jobs and a quality of life that had diminished or never

existed. Like these neighborhoods, CAC funding has been the magic ingredient that has helped put the West Side on the map as a vibrant cultural destination that offers a diverse menu of choices. We no longer have to trek across the river to find life-enriching programming and events. It’s right here in our backyards.

You’ll be hearing a lot about CAC in the next few months as the tax will come up for renewal. Note: this is NOT an increase; merely a renewal of the 2007 tax. To learn more about Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and why it is such an important source of funding to the organizations listed above, visit their website at cacgrants.org or pick up literature in most of the funded organizations mentioned above.

–Nancy Heaton,
BAYarts executive director

St. John Medical Center Festival of the Arts



Justin Scharfeld points out a colorful hummingbird feeder to his daughter, Ruby.



Art lovers stroll the park-like setting of the hospital campus during the festival.



SJMC art festival welcomes new breed of vendors

by LORI ALDRICH

This year's Festival of the Arts at St. John Medical Center in Westlake included for the first time an additional event featuring area dog and cat rescues, dog bakeries and shops. It was a fun and exciting time for the pooch and kitty shoppers, who browsed tables filled with homemade cat treats, fresh catnip, dog accessories and samples from a nearby dog food manufacturer.

In keeping with the art theme of the show, there were artists' renderings of dogs and cats various materials including cards and stones, as well as dog-themed beach paintings.

There were some adorable loving dogs and cats from four local rescues, whose volunteers came to assist their furry friends find good forever homes. Altogether this was a wonderful addition to the great midsummer tradition of the St. John's arts festival! ●

DAR supports our military

by DEB MARISCH

The Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is hosting a fund-

raiser on Monday, July 27, at the Westlake Max and Erma's Restaurant, 30105 Detroit Road.

When you come in for lunch, dinner or carry-out, Max and Erma's will donate

20 percent of your bill to the DAR to support patriotic, educational and historic preservation projects. You must present the DAR coupon, available for download from the online version of this article at wbvobserver.com. Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter supports U.S. mili-

tary veterans, especially those at Fulton House.

DAR Members have proven lineal descent from patriots of the American Revolution. For membership information, contact chapter registrar Doris Gorgas at lablady76@wowway.com. ●

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VILLAGE PROJECT

Garage sale to benefit Village Project July 22, 23

by DIANE FRYE

Are you addicted to garage sales? Is the old proverb “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” your personal motto? Well then, search for your next great find at the Village Project Garage Sale on Wednesday, July 22, and Thursday, July 23. Steals, deals and bargains galore will be found on furniture, toys and other household items.

The Village Project is located at 27378 W. Oviatt Road in Bay Village, just down the street from the Dover Junction shopping center. Sale hours are from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday.

All proceeds will benefit the Village Project’s mission to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer. More information can be found at ourvillageproject.com or by calling 440-348-9401. ●



All types of household items are available for affordable prices in the garage sale – like the Oster bread making machine (above) for \$5, and the handsome chair (below) for \$10.



SENIOR LIVING

‘Blessing of the Hands’ ceremony held

by DONNA D’AMICO

Oneill Healthcare Bay Village held a “Blessing of the Hands” ceremony in celebration of National Nursing Assistants week. Each year, the second week of June is set aside to acknowledge the contributions made by those individuals who have chosen to make the nursing assistant profession their life’s work. These dedicated and compassionate individuals are, quite literally, the heart and soul, not to mention the “hands” of the facility.

Staff from all departments came out to join in the ceremony performed by Dr. Rev. Marcettes Cunningham, of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. “Our hands express the function of caring, whether it’s administering medication, providing rehabilitation, preparing a meal or helping a resident’s family. We are privileged to work for a profession where we have the opportunity to care for others and make a difference in their lives,” said Candy Sanson, administrator. ●



PHOTO BY DONNA D’AMICO

Casino gala a winning event

by LAURA STUMP

Gardens at Westlake hosted a Sunshine Cruise Casino Gala for their residents and community members on June 6 which turned out to be a winning event for everyone as fun and excitement abounded. The Gardens was transformed into a cruise ship casino with slot machines, roulette wheels, and black jack and craps tables.

The crew (aka Gardens staff members) pampered guests in true cruise fashion and passed hors d’oeuvres and drinks so everyone could play without interruption. Attendees were excited to win fabulous prizes donated by local

businesses.

“Our annual casino gala has become one of the most popular events at the Gardens at Westlake and we try to make it bigger and better each year,” said Rosey Cichon, executive director. ●



PHOTO BY LAURA STUMP

WESTLAKE SHOW BLENDS ART, HISTORY



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Hand-carved, wooden birds attract the attention of visitors at the Westlake Historical Society’s Antique, Vintage & Craft Show on the grounds of the Clague House Museum during the Society’s fundraising event on July 19.



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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

Wednesday, July 22 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – The July selection is “Shanghai Girls” by Lisa See.

Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, July 23 and 30 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 23 (7-8:30 p.m.) OUT OF THE ORDINARY PICNIC FOODS – Susan Aldrich will demonstrate blender skills making a cold gazpacho soup. She will also make an out of this world PB granola bar and an elegant Hawaiian chicken salad suitable for summer picnics. Come to learn and taste! Registration begins June 21.

Friday, July 24 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Friday, July 24 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME – Join us for a storytime for children with special needs and their parents/caregivers. The program includes interactive stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by 30 minutes of play. Content is geared to ages 3-7. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, July 24 (1-4 p.m.) SUPER SMASH BROS WII U TOURNAMENT – We're going head-to-head in an epic brawl! Test out your skills in the new Super Smash Bros for Wii U to see who will claim the ultimate prize! Pizza, pop and snacks will be provided. Grades 7-12. Registration begins July 17.

Fridays, July 24 and 31 (2-4 p.m.)

MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY! – Join us for Friday afternoon movie matinees! Registration begins one week before each movie. Rated PG. Based on availability; movie titles may change without notice. To be shown:

- **July 24:** A diverse band of crayons strive to protect their magical, multi-hued homeland from a terrifying monster.
- **July 31:** Maya is a little bee with a big heart. When the Queen's royal jelly is stolen, it will take Maya and all her bug buddies to save the day!

Saturday, July 25 (9:30-11 a.m.) KINDLEGARTEN E-LAB – Must bring your registered Kindle with you. Learn how to download ebooks to your Kindle and other basic techniques. Please register.

Saturday, July 25 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play, crafts, prizes and more! For kids ages 6-12 only. No registration.

Saturday, July 25 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-12. No registration.

Sunday, July 26 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Games, crafts, puzzles and more! All ages welcome. No registration necessary. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, July 27 (2-4 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE: SUMMER EDITION – Looking for a fun place to hang out? Each week there will be different activities. This week: Experiments. Grades 7-12.

Monday, July 27 (6-8 p.m.) ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Join the Friends of the Library for their annual ice cream and family entertainment extravaganza!

Tuesday, July 28 (2:30-3 p.m.) BOOK BUDDIES – Teen volunteers will help younger students retain their reading skills. This program is designed for children entering grades 1-4 who need extra help practicing reading. Please note: Book Buddy volunteers are neither expected nor trained to correct learning problems or to teach children to read. Registration begins one week before each session.

Tuesday, July 28 (3-4 p.m.) SUMMER BRAIN GAMES – Keep up your skills during summer vacation! Kids in grades 1-4 can drop in each week for grade-appropriate educational games. Teen volunteers and staff from the Westlake City Schools will be on hand to assist.

Tuesday, July 28 (7-8:30 p.m.) GEOCACHING TREASURE HUNT (INTRO) – To help kick off Science Week, we're hiding a geocache at the library! Use your phone's GPS and solve clues to find a “treasure.” If you've never been geocaching before, attend this introductory program to find out how it's done! Please register.

Wednesday, July 29 (10-11 a.m.) ANDROID TABLET GROUP: OVERDRIVE – Learn how to use Overdrive to check out and download ebooks onto your Android tablet. Must bring your Android-based tablet with you. Must also have an email account, WPPL library card, and access to Google Play. Please register.

Wednesday, July 29 (2:30-4 p.m.) SCIENCE WEEK: DROP-IN EXPERIMENTS – Please join us in the Porter Room for some drop-in experiments.

Wednesday, July 29 (7-8:30 p.m.) ALIEN ABDUCTIONS – Tom Wertman, director of MUFON Ohio and co-director of the Cleveland Ufology Project, returns with another gripping presentation on Alien Abductions. Because of the sensitive nature of the material, this presentation is recommended for adults only. Please register.

Thursday, July 30 (All Day) MAKERSPACE TECHNOLOGY – Check out our Makerspace technology back by the Reference Area! We have Raspberry Pis, littleBits, Squishy Circuits, wearables, augmented reality devices and much more!

Thursday, July 30 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Friday, July 31 (11 a.m.-noon) SCIENCE WEEK: EGG DROP – Come at 11 a.m. to prepare your egg for the drop at noon in the lobby.

Saturday, Aug. 1 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver. No registration required.

Saturday, Aug. 1 (2-3 p.m.) SENSATION STATIONS – Drop in for sensory fun! Engage your child's senses by scooping, pouring and sorting a variety of materials. No registration required.

Saturday, Aug. 1 (4-5 p.m.) FULL STEAM AHEAD – Each session will explore a different aspect of STEAM learning. Grades 3 and 4. Registration begins one week before each session.

Sunday, Aug. 2 (2-3 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLUB: GRACE – Grace loves to bake with friends and invent new recipes. We will follow a recipe to make a treat and create a Paris-themed craft. Ages 6-11. Registration begins July 26.

Aug. 3-29 - WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL'S ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW

Tuesday, Aug. 4 (9:30-10 a.m.) STORIES AND SIGNS – Enjoy an interactive storytime while learning a few words in sign language! Ages 0-3 with caregiver, siblings welcome. No registration required.

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

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Superman ... and you can find out all about this superhero and his Cleveland roots at the Bay Village branch library. Join us on Monday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. for a virtual tour of how Jerry Siegel and Joel Shuster created the Man of Steel. Other upcoming programs include:

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Storytimes: Caregivers and their children are invited to enjoy rhymes, songs, fingerplays, books and stories together. No registration is required.

- **Mondays, July 28 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays, July 21 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORY-**

TIME – ages 19-35 months.

- **Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 (9:30 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** – ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays, July 23 and 30 (11 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Thursdays, July 23 and 30 (7 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – children of all ages
- **Fridays, July 24 and 31 (9:30 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – children of all ages
- Storytimes will be on hiatus during the month of August. Please join us again in September.

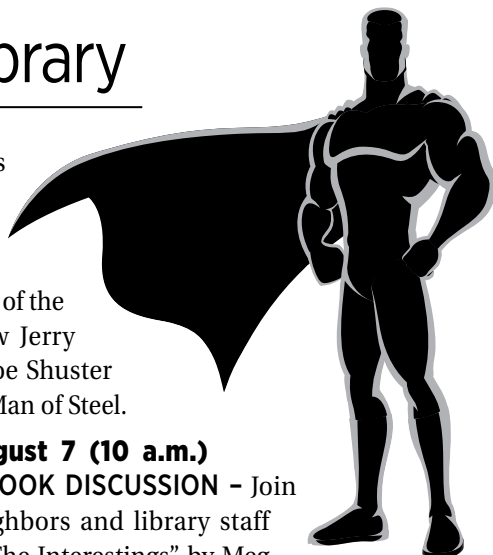
ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday, August 3 (7 p.m.) HISTORY OF SUPERMAN – Superman might have been born on Krypton,

but he was created in Cleveland. Join us on a virtual tour of the story of how Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster created the Man of Steel.

Friday, August 7 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff to discuss “The Interestings” by Meg Wolitzer.

Please register to attend any programs online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org, call 440-871-6392 or stop in at 502 Cahoon Road. ♦



BAY VILLAGE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Saturday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m.

Bay Village's recreation department will host their Family Fun Night on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m., in Cahoon Memorial Park. The annual event includes face painting, jewelry making and a bounce house for kids to enjoy. A movie will be shown on a large screen at dusk. Free for Bay Village residents.



Westlake resident Carol Maat had a little fun with the starlight filter on her camera, capturing some sparkling seagulls on the rocks at Huntington Beach.

BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Bay resident selected as new middle school assistant principal

by KAREN DERBY

Thomas Grodek will be the new Bay Middle School assistant principal beginning this fall. The Bay Village Board of Education approved Grodek for the position at its June meeting.

Grodek comes to Bay Middle School from Memorial Middle School in the Mentor Exempted Village School District where he served as assistant principal. In addition to the typical duties of assistant principal, his position allowed him to contribute to a wide number of initiatives as an administrator, including a one-to-one, blended learning initiative and implementation of the PARCC testing technology strategy and schedule.

Prior to his assistant principal position, Grodek served as an instructional coach at Mentor High School, taught middle school mathematics and fourth-grade math and language arts. He served on a wide variety of district committees including a District Technology Committee, Response to Intervention Committee, Building Leadership Team, Energy Conservation Committee and an Anti-Bullying Committee. He also coached middle school football for seven years.

Sean McAndrews, principal of Bay Middle School, said that Grodek was one of more than 160 applicants for the position and went through an exhaustive selection process, including interviews with Bay Middle School teachers, district administrators and board of education members.

"We are excited and pleased to welcome Tom to our administrative team and to Bay Middle School," McAndrews said. "His background in instructional leadership and



PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

Thomas Grodek

technology, and his experience as an assistant middle school principal, will be a valuable resource for us and will insure his success as our assistant principal."

Grodek holds a Bachelor of Science degree in middle childhood education with concentrations in math and language arts from John Carroll University and a master's degree in educational administration, as well as principal licensure, from Ursuline College.

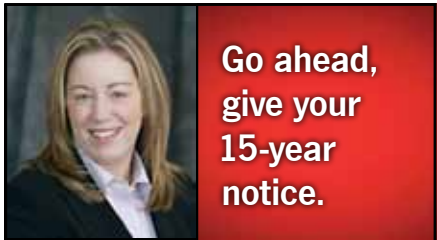
School board member Bill Selong noted that he had an opportunity to be part of an interview with Grodek. "We were all extremely impressed with Tom, and I think everyone else will be, too," he said.

Grodek and his wife, Kate, live in Bay Village and have a young child. "This is the community we chose to raise our daughter," said Grodek. "I'll be working for the benefit of her education, our nieces and nephews and our neighbors. I'm thrilled, and I thank the board for having faith in me and giving me this opportunity."

He replaces Kevin Jakub, who leaves the position to serve as principal at Independence Middle School. ●

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Snippets of Bay Village History: Hap's Half Acre

by KAY LAUGHLIN

How many people do you know who actually moved to Bay Village for retirement? Gilbert and Vi Hagberg did just that.

When you travel down Osborn Road, glancing at the houses on the south side, you come upon a yard with a little cottage that sits so far back from the road you have to look twice to notice it. At the street near the driveway is a sign that reads "Hap's Half Acre." Or at least that's what it looked like back in the late 1940s when Gilbert "Hap" Hagberg and his wife, Vi, lived at 28889 Osborn Road.

Gilbert and Vi purchased a half acre of land on the south side of Osborn Road. On the south end of the property was a small white cottage. Behind the cottage, Hap planted a berry patch and fruit trees. The area behind the lot was all woods. It was just enough land for Hap to care for in his retirement. Vi became active in the women's organizations in the Village, and they were regular attendees of the Bay United Methodist Church.

Across the street at 28888 Osborn Road lived the Lemke family. Karen Lemke Murray remembers some of her best childhood memories revolved around the fields behind Grandma and Grandpa Hagberg's cottage. Vi and Hap weren't really Karen's grandparents, but they might as well have been. They were there in emergencies and good neighbors to everyone on the street.

One of Karen's favorite memories was berry-picking



Gilbert "Hap" Hagberg, right, with his neighbors, George Campbell and Ed Stanton.

time. Grandma Vi would call on the phone and let Karen know it was time to pick red and black raspberries. Karen would make sure she had long pants on to avoid the thorny bushes scratching her legs.

"We would spend hours walking the big field and picking berries," Karen recalls. "Tasting was part of the deal. Hagbergs also had cherry trees on their property. There was a stately old tree (in a child's eyes) that produced sweet "Bing type" cherries. Those cherries were the best! Grandma Vi would let us pick from that tree and that was the best candy ever. It was the longest walk down the driveway for a little girl. It seemed like an eternity to get to the cottage. Once back there, it was like a whole different world. Those are happy memories that stick in my mind."



Hap and Vi Hagberg retired to a small cottage on Osborn Road in the 1940s, calling it "Hap's Half Acre."

The last Bay Village directory containing the Hagberg name was in 1982. The family moved Hap and Vi to Mentor to be closer to family. Hap died in 1984. What they left behind were some wonderful childhood memories for the Lemke family across the street.

This is an area of homes today. Dwight Road is on the west side of the property. The house still stands today. ●

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READERS' OPINIONS

Love is winning

On June 26, the United States Supreme Court narrowly ruled (5-4) to legalize gay marriage in all 50 states. This is something that I was sure that I would see in my lifetime, but not quite this soon...

That said, I feel that the decision is long overdue. Over the past few years, this issue has been hotly debated; both sides have been very strong in their opinion on the matter. However, the one side of the argument that states that two men or two women joined in matrimony does not constitute a family is old, tired and, frankly, outdated.

Just because a man and a woman can produce children doesn't give them exclusive rights to the distinction of being a family. That's just science. Much like faith, family is rooted in something more profound than science. It is rooted in love. When two people, regardless of gender, fall in love and fully commit to each other – whether it be a man and a woman, a man and a man, or a woman and a woman – a family is born. Such birth is a thing of beauty; and in this world where bad news is all too prevalent, beauty needs to be allowed to grow and to shine.

This is not the end of the story, however. There is still much work to be done to bring equal rights to the LGBT community; especially in our schools. More and more we hear stories of kids – middle schoolers and high schoolers – struggling with their identity and the decision of “do I come out?” or “do I keep who I really am locked up inside me?”

For these kids, either decision can have dire consequences. Coming out could mean being bullied or abused. But locking it up inside could be even more dangerous. Such a decision could lead to suicide. A recent study showed that a frightening 44 percent of transgender teenagers have attempted suicide.

More can be done and, thankfully, more is being done. The Supreme Court ruling was a step in the right direction. Thus, I am extremely proud of my country and the Supreme Court for supporting the LGBT community, supporting their rights, and supporting love.

– Nathan Conover, Bay Village

Following the rules

The one thing that most structures have in common is doors and windows. Which side you are on makes a huge difference in safety. Recently, our building's fire alarm was ringing and the light was flashing brightly in all of the hallways.

The firemen were on the way, smoke was in the hallway, and some of the ladies told me someone was still in the apartment. Her door was open and the lady was breathing the smoke. I asked her to leave, but she said the fireman at a talk recommended everyone to close their doors and stay in the apartment. She was doing just what she was told, not thinking that if the fire was inside your own room you should get out and close the door.

Thank goodness a policeman showed up and told her to leave. The other residents who had left their apartments were looking through the windows by the courtyard, doing just what we were told not to do, so go figure.

– Bruce Leigh, Bay Village

SPORTING VIEWS

Lack of All-Stars indicative of Tribe's troubles

by JEFF BING

The recent MLB All-Star game in Cincinnati – which I didn't watch, by the way – did get me to thinking about the Indians and their exasperating (at least so far) season. It was the second straight year the Indians were represented by a lone player, which is also usually a barometer of what kind of year a team is having. And that goes for any team, not just the Tribe.

As everyone interested in baseball around here knows, Jason Kipnis was Cleveland's All-Star representative, and deservedly so. Kipnis is in the midst of a monster year at the plate and in the field, and without question should have been the starter.

The problem with being named the starter is that – barring injury to the top vote-getter at a particular position – you have to be voted to the game by the *fans*. And that's where it becomes a little dicey in Cleveland. With attendance for Indians games plunging lower than a Kardashian neckline, Kipnis had about as good a shot of getting enough votes to start the All-Star team as Dennis Kucinich had of winning the presidency in 2012. Or 2008. Or – for that matter – *ever*.

After Kipnis, however, who else among the position players on the Indians was worthy of All-Star consideration? Slider? Ketchup? Mustard? Onion? Don't laugh; had they been on the ballot, I can see them giving any of the other position players a run for their money. (Okay, now you can laugh). Sadly, the

statement is merely indicative of just how poor the stats of the offensively challenged Indians are in the statistically-driven All-Star vote.

The Indians haven't had as many as three representatives on the All-Star squad since 2007. Not coincidentally – and as most Tribe fans are *very* aware – that was the year the Indians came one game short of reaching the World Series.

Of course, there are aberrations, too. Back in 2004, Victor Martinez, C.C. Sabathia, and Jake Westbrook were joined by Ronnie Belliard (who?) and Matt Lawton (come again?) representing the Indians on the All-Star team. They enjoyed great starts that year but their careers with the Indians fizzled shortly thereafter. Sort of like Nick Swisher and Michael Bourn, except for the great starts. We're still waiting in that regard.

If you want to dazzle your friends in trivia, the last Indians player to be voted in as a starter on an All-Star team was none other than the immortal Juan Gonzalez in 2001. He barely made the third outfielder spot back that year – remember back then, when the Indians actually had developed a strong fan base and weren't afraid to spend money – with 22 dingers and 74 RBI at the break. That's not a typo: I repeat, that was at the break, folks, from *one* player! These days, that's like the cumulative stats for the entire team.

In 2001, there was an abundance of fan support.

Today, “fan support” in Cleveland, thanks to lack of faith in leadership, is pretty much a typo. ●

Herb Guild scholarship luncheon is waiting-list only

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

The Herb Guild's 31st annual scholarship luncheon will be held on Aug. 5 at Avon Oaks Country Club. The Herb Guild will utilize the entire building with events, sales and tastings, as well as lunch. Every year the Herb Guild, which meets at Porter Library, gives away two scholarships to students pursuing college degrees in the natural sciences or the culinary arts. This year's winners are Natasha Daniels from Twinsburg and Megan Urig from Elyria. Natasha will be attending Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Megan will be attending OSU's Agricultural Techni-

cal Institute in Wooster. Both girls will receive their scholarship money at the August luncheon.

The events scheduled for the day are a boutique with items for sale; a bakery with homemade baked goods, jams and jellies; a silent auction; and a basket raffle. Breadsmith, a Lakewood-based bread bakery, will be selling bread at the luncheon. With the exception of Breadsmith, all items are donated or made by the Herb Guild members. All proceeds from the luncheon will go toward next year's scholarship.

There is currently a waiting list for the scholarship luncheon. Tickets went fast at \$35 each. For more information you should call Kathie Conrad at 215-872-9725. ●

Summertime pet safety tips

Friends of the Bay Village Kennel would like to remind residents that with warmer weather, please remember to take the following precautions to keep pets safe.

Do not take pets in the car and leave them with cracked windows even to run a quick errand – leave

them at home. Do not leave pets outside without fresh water, food during the day, shade and shelter.

When walking, use soft cloth or leather leashes that correlate to the size of your dog, and pick up and move them to the lawn so bikes and others can pass safely. Pick up that dog waste.

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Prostate Partners

Topic: A dialogue with the doctor presented by Leonard Bernstein, M.D. Call 216-595-9546 or visit www.touchedbycancer.org for more information. Free.
The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m.
West Shore Democratic Clubs host Ted Strickland

Ted Strickland, candidate for U.S. Senate, will discuss his 2016 campaign. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. For further information, contact Jeanne at 440-892-3430.
Western Cuyahoga Lodge 25, FOP Hall, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, July 21, 7:30-9 p.m.
Mozart Summer Sing

Whether you're an accomplished singer or just love music, the West Shore Chorale invites you to join us for a free Summer Sing. We'll be singing Mozart's "Requiem," "Regina Coeli" and the "Solemn Vespers." We supply the scores, accompanist and conductor. Just bring your voice and sing with us, much like a Messiah sing! Listeners are welcome too. No reservations necessary. For more information call 216-373-7773.
Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Wednesday, July 22, 4-8 p.m., and Thursday, July 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Village Project Garage Sale

Items for sale include furniture, toys and household items, all at great prices. Refreshments are available. All proceeds benefit Village Project.
Village Project, 27378 W. Oviatt Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, July 23, 5-8 p.m.
BAYarts Farm + Art Market

Browse local farm-fresh produce, flowers, nursery stock, baked good and hand-

made quality artisan items. BAYarts galleries and shop will be open and Vento will have music on the patio.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Westside Flea

A free fun day to find a special treasure. We will feature antiques, upcycle, jewelry, artists, food, music and unique vendors. A donation of a canned food item is suggested.
Church on the Rise parking lot, 3550 Crocker Rd., Westlake

Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Westlake Masonic Temple Open House

Come out and meet your local Freemasons. Learn about Westlake's Masonic history. Hot dogs and drinks will be served.
Westlake Masonic Temple, Dover Lodge #489, 29500 Center Ridge Rd.

Saturday, July 25, 4:30 p.m.
Free Community Meal

Please join for fellowship, good food and great conversation. Our meal is free to everyone; the church is accessible to the physically challenged. No carry outs.
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Saturday, July 25, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Family Rocket Night

Things are looking up for the family with this fun night together. We've got dinner covered – pizza to fuel you up as you learn about aerodynamics with some cool demos. Work together to build, then launch your own rocket. After launch, we'll bring out the telescopes (weather permitting) and observe the night sky. For individuals or groups of all ages (one adult must be present for each child 8 years and younger). Fee: \$12/adult; \$6/child ages 5+; each rocket \$25. Preregistration required, visit lensc.org.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Sunday, July 26, 6:30-8 p.m.
Westlake Summer Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: The Dan Zola Orchestra – traditional swing band.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Wednesday, July 29, 7-8 p.m.
Drum Your Emotions

Explore the various emotions that can come up during cancer. Experience a sense of release as we work together as an ensemble to "Drum Out" these emotions. Drums are provided. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546. Free.
The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Thursday, July 30, 5-8 p.m.
BAYarts Farm + Art Market

Browse local farm-fresh produce, flowers, nursery stock, baked good and hand-made quality artisan items. BAYarts galleries and shop will be open and Vento will have music on the patio.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, July 30, 6-8 p.m.
Pet Blessing

In spiritual connection with St. Francis, and to honor all sentient beings, Rev. Rowden will bless your pet, and your relationship to your pet. Event is free and outdoors. Donations will go to Unity and local pet shelters.
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Saturday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m.
Family Fun Night

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Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village

Sunday, Aug. 2, 6:30-8 p.m.
Westlake Summer Concert Series

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Tonight: Ace Molar featuring Fox 8's Todd Meany – rock and blues from the '60s through today.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Sunday, Aug. 2, 7-9 p.m.
Free Concert at BAYarts: The Brittany Reilly Band

BAYarts' concert series is free and open to the public. Bring your blankets and chairs, or use what's on campus, as you gather around and enjoy Bay girl Brittany Reilly and her honky tonk/bluegrass/country/blues/rock band.
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