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Mission Accomplished: Bay UMC volunteers help rebuild Virginia homes

by CINDY GULLEY

When it comes to mission work, “check your motivation.” Almost 70 youth and adult volunteers from the Bay United Methodist Church community took this admonition to heart as they travelled to Wise County, Virginia, with Appalachian Service Project (ASP). While sometimes mission work starts as a checkmark on a college application or a “look at me” post on Instagram, typically those who serve

find that in the end, they do not know who was blessed more, those served or those who serve. From June 10-16, 23 adults and 47 youth from Bay United Methodist Church and the surrounding community hopped into 10 vans to spend a week in the mountains of Virginia. Partly due to the closing of several mines and the lack of industry to replace them, 61 percent of Wise County families are near or below the poverty level and over 28.5 percent of those are disabled.

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Volunteers from Bay United Methodist Church dig a drainage ditch in Virginia as part of their Appalachian Service Project work.

Bay Music Boosters Door-to-Door-Membership Drive: The tradition continues!

by ADRIENNE LOMBARDI

Over 1,000 students enroll each year in orchestra, jazz, band, choral and Rockette programs from fourth to 12th grades. Bay Village Schools' music program has been named one of the “Best 100 Music Communities in America” since 2003.

Bay Music Boosters is a volunteer, nonprofit organization established to support and promote the Bay Village public schools' fine music education program. This year, Bay Music Boosters is having their Door-to-Door Membership Drive on Monday, Aug. 13, from 5-8 p.m.

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Kajal and Dan Herman show their children, Sahara and Aaryan, the finer points of roasting marshmallows while making s'mores at the Westlake Recreation Center's camp-out on July 27. The event provided a local spot for Westlake families to experience overnight camping. The Center's staff helped with activities including a yoga session, volleyball, crafts and a movie, plus a free breakfast in the morning.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Westlake community garden flourishes

by TARA WENDELL

With the prime growing season in full swing, the fruits and vegetables in Westlake's community garden got a little extra help from above last month.

Warm summer sun mixed with bouts of gentle, steady rain are a boon for any gardener, but a sprinkle of holy water and prayers for a bountiful harvest may add a bit of

insurance for Westlake's growers.

On July 25, Rev. Damian Ezeani from UH St. John Medical Center led the annual blessing ceremony at the Westlake Community Garden on the hospital's campus. After a brief welcome by Mayor Dennis Clough and UH SJMC President Robert David, gardeners joined Sister Kendra Bottoms in a hymn of praise.

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Rev. Damian Ezeani, UH St. John Medical Center chaplain, gives the annual blessing at the Westlake Community Garden as Sr. Kendra Bottoms, Director of Pastoral Care, observes.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Veterans invited to Aug. 25 picnic

All veterans and their families are invited to a picnic hosted by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans

Association on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Lodge, 695 Cahoon Road. Food will be provided for all vets and family for free. Wash will be provided and there will be raffles and games. All organizations will provide information if interested in joining one of the veterans groups.

Food will consist of hot dogs and

hamburgers, side dishes and desserts. All food will be served until we run out! Stop by and have something to eat, get some information, reconnect with fellow veterans and maybe win a gift to take home.

All proceeds from raffles and games will go directly to support joint veteran support efforts. ♦



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BAY UMC *from front page*

Homes have crumbled and schools have closed. The drug crisis has shattered many families and lives. Despite the true hospitality of the residents, the rich, vibrant culture and the close bonds between family and friends, frustration and loss of hope hang thick in the mountain air.

The teams, consisting of two or three adult leaders and four to five youth, grades 8 and up, set up home base at Appalachia High School. The school gym was divided into male and female sleeping quarters. The gym floor became scattered with air mattresses and cots, drying racks and suitcases. An old classroom was transformed into a tool shed, complete with any tool necessary to rebuild everything from a deck to a floor. The cafeteria doubled as the spiritual center for morning and evening devotions, ASP programming and the place to share meals. The home away from home was designed to inspire camaraderie and a shared sense of purpose.

Each day started with a jukebox blaring an uplifting song, morning devotions and breakfast, chores of the day and the collection of tools needed

for each respective project. From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the teams set out to either build decks, repair porches, dig French drainage ditches, replace underpinning of homes and most importantly, spend time with the residents of the home they were fixing.

The days were hot and the work was hard. The required uniform of work boots, long pants and sleeved shirts made the intense heat even more difficult to withstand. Sometimes a project, seemingly simple such as replacing a floor, turned into a massive undertaking due to unforeseen flooding and years of damage. All the while, the unspoken spirit of connection and compassion lifted each volunteer up to complete the day's tasks and offer hope to the homeowners.

At the end of each day, the volunteers met back at home base. The youth set up "hammock villages" or held a game of cards. Some took to the track to decompress with a walk. Evenings consisted of either an immersive cultural experience or a spiritual program designed to deepen the overall meaning of the trip. Songs were sung, stories were shared and bonds were created. The evenings were capped with nightly trip to get ice cream, an ASP tradition

celebrated by the adults and the youth.

In the end, there was no emotional preparation for leaving the residents served and teammates who became a family. It takes nine months to raise funds, study and prepare. That is nine months of anticipation, forming friendships, learning about a culture that seemed so different only to find out that despite differences are so much the same.

Upon leaving tears were shed, bodies were exhausted and emotions were raw. An unspoken bond was created. A connection was made that can be understood only among the volunteers and the families served. It is this connection that since the 1980s has brought volunteers from the Bay community back together over and over again. It is this breaking down of cultural, social and economic barriers that bridges division and unites us in a shared purpose.

But who really serves who? No matter what brought these volunteers together, a calling or personal need, most found out that mission work is reciprocal and while one may do it to feed the souls of others, in the end all are blessed.

In September, Bay United Methodist will gear up again for another week of service in June 2019. If you are interested in serving, visit bayumc.org. ●

Westlake adult softball leagues starting soon

The Westlake Recreation Department is offering fall adult softball leagues for men and women.

Divisions will be Tues-

day Coed, Wednesday Men and Thursday Men and all are doubleheaders. The season begins on Sept. 4 and continues throughout October. This is a 14-game

schedule with 6:30 p.m. starts. Registration fees will be \$325 a team with a \$5 nonresident fee per player. Games fees are \$34 a game. All game softballs

are included in entry fee.

Registration deadline is Aug. 21. For more information, call Adam Rogers at 440-808-5700, ext. 3426. ●

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GARDEN *from front page*

Sharing his own words and a prayer written by Westlake resident Brian Thompson for the garden's opening in 2014, Rev. Ezeani blessed the garden and the nourishing food it provides.

In its fifth year, the garden is at maximum capacity of 48 plots, with a waiting list of residents hoping for a chance to test out their green thumbs. For Dan Norris, who co-founded the garden with Regina McCarthy of the Westlake Garden Club and Sister Judith Ann Karam from the Sisters of Charity Health System, the plethora of plants is a welcome sight.

"The garden, I believe, is a tremendous asset for the city of Westlake," Norris said before the ceremony. "It demonstrates what a small group can do when they get together and do something as a community ... to grow organic vegetables for themselves and their families, and donate to others in need through the Westlake Food Pantry."

Robert David delighted those in attendance when he suggested that the

city and UH SJMC are eyeing relocation to a larger tract of land on the hospital's grounds to welcome more gardeners and increase the amount of produce that can be donated.

"We would like to expand [the garden] going forward to donate fruits and vegetables to those in the community that are less fortunate," David said.

Those renting plots in the garden may grow any plants they wish for their own use. Extra crops may be donated to those in need through the food pantry. After a few recent incidents, members of the garden committee were quick to stress that the garden is for registered gardeners only and not open for community picking. The Westlake service depart-



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

Rev. Damian Ezeani recites a community prayer for the garden, joined by Manny Gonzalez, director of facilities; Kathleen Gemmel, administrative assistant; Mayor Dennis Clough; Sr. Kendra Bottoms; and Robert David, UH SJMC president.

ment recently installed signs to deter others from entering the garden.

With that level of demand, it seems, a larger garden that allows more veggie-loving Westlakers to grow their own produce can't come soon enough. ●



A recently installed sign at the garden.

Clear out your clutter for a cause
Find deals and steals while supporting Meals On Wheels

by **CONNIE LUPICA**

The Bay Village Community Services Department is hosting a fundraiser

for Bay Village Meals On Wheels recipients on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Save the date and start putting items aside you'd like to sell or items you

would like to donate as you begin your summer cleaning.

We are now taking registrations for table space (\$15). Volunteers will be needed to help price and sell for the Community Services Department table, bake for the bake sale, and work in the kitchen. Come, shop and bring your friends! Everyone can do their part to help.

Call 440-835-6565 or 440-899-3442 if you want to rent a table or if you are able to help.

Donations for the Community Services Department Table will be accepted the week prior to the sale. Donated items for the Bay Village Community Services Department are being used to raise money for a special Meals On Wheels project. ●

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BOOSTERS

from front page

Bay High School students who are in chorus, marching band, orchestra and Rockettes will be going door to door on Monday asking Bay Village residents to support them through purchasing a membership or by making any monetary donation. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.

Some of last year's funding was used to purchase new flags, jackets and poms for the Rockettes; new show choir dresses for chorus; additional uniforms for the marching band; mellophones, marching baritone and tubas. They also provided funds for contest fees, instrument repairs, instrumental technician fees for the various programs; as well as college and summer camp scholarships to select participating students.

The membership drive is the main fundraiser that helps support all the wonderful music programs offered throughout all of Bay schools.

Chorus, marching band and orchestra students will be dressed in their blue polos and the Rockettes will be in their uniforms during the membership drive. If you are not home, a membership form will be left in your door. The address to mail in your donation is listed on the bottom of the membership form.

Or, if you prefer, you can visit the Bay Music Boosters website at www.baymusicboosters.com to access the membership flyer and/or click the link to make an online donation via PayPal.

If you have any questions, please email Bay Music Boosters President, Dave Johnson, at pres@bayvillagebandboosters.org.

We hope you are able to support Bay students and this great organization. Thank you for your support. ●

THE GREEN REPORT

Time to re-think lunches

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

School is starting soon, and with that a lot of trash will be generated that was on pause all summer. I'm going to write about how you can make your (and your child's) lunch waste-free – and I promise it is easier than you think!

I know you might be thinking, "That will be so difficult, it's so easy to throw a sandwich in a plastic bag, an individual pack of chips, a plastic water bottle or juice box, etc." I'm hoping to persuade you that it's not only easier to pack a trash-free lunch, it's also less expensive!

First, let's start with getting rid of those plastic baggies. There are so many reusable lunch containers to choose from these days. If you do a quick search on Amazon, you'll see what I mean. I have my favorites that I use for my kids, but it's certainly a personal preference. There are many with multiple compartments, as well as larger containers geared toward salads. You can also find reusable, thermal containers for hot foods, and the food does stay hot for a few hours!

Investing in a reusable lunch container will also save

you money. Each plastic baggie you use costs around 2 to 4 cents. Let's take the average for comparison sake, 3 cents. Let's say you use three plastic bags a day for one lunch (sandwich, chips and carrots). That's 9 cents a day, five times a week, or 45 cents a week, \$23.40 a year.

Again, you're thinking "not that much money." However, if you have two children you are packing for, and yourself, you're at \$70.20 a year – in just plastic baggies.

Reusable lunch containers are typically less than \$20, meaning you'll break even within the year for one lunch. I have found reusable containers at Marshall's for around \$4-\$5, which you will break even in 4-6 weeks!

Second, the drink. Plastic water bottles and juice pouches/boxes are also not expensive, however, they cost the planet dearly in excess waste and like the plastic baggies, they add up.

Each water bottle or juice box costs between 10 cents and 35 cents, or \$0.50-\$1.75 a week. You can invest in one reusable water bottle, a water filtration system (Brita, Soma, etc.) and eliminate this cost (and waste) from your life. Packing a reusable water bottle in your and

your kids' lunches can save you close to \$100 a year! Added bonus: you'll never run out! No panic in the morning when you realize you don't have any juice boxes left!

Third, single-serving packaged chips, carrots, cut apples, etc. These single-packed snacks are convenient for sure, but their wasteful packaging is detrimental to the earth. Also, you typically pay more for the convenience. Purchasing chips in full size bags, and then putting them in your reusable lunch container reduces trash, and reduces cost.

Further, I hope you will consider not purchasing packaged fresh fruit. Apples, bananas and oranges are already packaged pretty well by nature. They do not need plastic. If you like cut apples, simply take a couple minutes to cut one up and sprinkle some pineapple juice or clear pop (Sprite, etc.) generously on them to prevent them from turning brown, then pack them in the reusable lunch container.

Pre-cut fruit sold in plastic is usually dipped in a substance to prevent oxidation (browning) and increase shelf-life. One of the products they are dipped in is NatureSeal. NatureSeal is a polysaccharide-based surface treatment that uses cellulose derivatives as film formers.



A typical \$20 lunch box.

Edible films may consist of four basic materials: lipids, resins, polysaccharides and proteins. Plasticizers (polyethylene glycol) can also be added to customize the film for a specific use. I don't know about you, but that does not sound appetizing to me. While the FDA says those edible films are completely safe, I'll take my fruit without the film, thank you.

Lastly, since you've done all this work to eliminate waste, you may as well throw a reusable spoon or fork into your lunch, as well as a cloth napkin! These are simple to wash when you get home. Maybe challenge yourself to pack waste-free lunches for a week? Or two weeks? I think you'll find it easier than expected, and hopefully this can become a lifelong habit for you! ●

Ready, set, duck! Annual rubber duck race returns to Westlake on Aug. 25

by LYSA STANTON

The Westlake Historical Society's annual Great Rubber Duck Race is a fun fundraising event that will be held on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m., at the Westlake Recreation Center pond. Funds raised will benefit Clague House Museum upkeep, children's programs and special projects.

You can join the race and adopt your ducks – \$5 for a single duck, \$25 for a "Six Quack," and \$49 for a "Quacker Pack" with 12 ducks! For each duck you spon-



PHOTO BY LYSA STANTON

You can order your ducks online at westlakeohiohistory.org or by calling 216-848-0680.

sor, you will receive an adoption certificate with a number that corresponds to a duck in the race. When the rubber ducks are released into

the Westlake Recreation Center pond, the first duck to cross the finish line wins!

The more ducks you adopt, the greater your

chance at winning a cash prize! There is no limit to the number of ducks you can adopt.

Duck adoption certificates are available from historical society members, and when the Clague House is open. You can also order your ducks online at westlakeohiohistory.org or by calling 216-848-

0680.

A large silent auction will also take place with items that include an evening stay at the Renaissance Cleveland

Hotel, Cleveland Monsters tickets, and so much more.

Refreshments, a pie contest, and a local celebrity duck race are also planned. This event is family friendly, and we encourage everyone to come cheer on the ducks! Those wishing to enter the Pie Contest, please have your pies at the Recreation Center by 2 p.m. There will also be a children's duck pond game with prizes.

For more information contact Lysa Stanton, Society President, at 440-808-1961 or claguemuseum@yahoo.com. ●

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Wild Goose Jack, Part 1

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Part one in a series on Westlake native Jack Miner.

One of the advantages of volunteering for the Westlake Historical Society is being able to see newly donated items. On a recent Sunday during my hosting the open house of the Clague Museum I was looking through a box of books donated by the family of dear Roger and Lollie Cooley, longtime Westlake Historical Society members who have both died recently.

A book that caught my eye was an autobiography of one of Westlake's most famous native sons, Jack Miner. It was inscribed to Roger and Lollie by Jack's descendant Kirk Miner. The Cooley and the Miner families have an association that goes back to around the time that Jack was born in Dover Township in 1865.

Jack speaks very lovingly of Roger's great-grandfather John McCrea Cooley in several of his books. Cooley descendant Harl Preslar Aldrich in a published

genealogy states that George L. Cooley (John McCrea Cooley's son) and Jack Miner were boyhood chums and lifelong friends. Both George L. Cooley and Jack Miner have been memorialized with Ohio Historical Markers in Westlake.

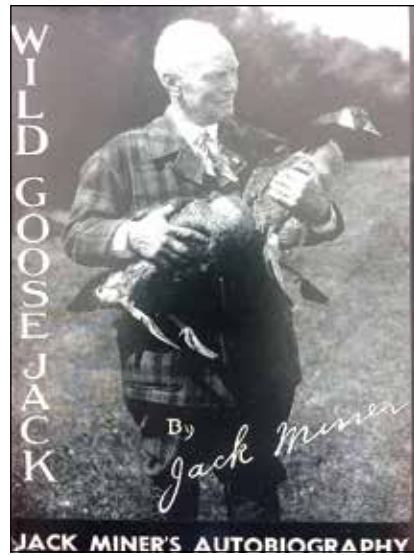
Jack Miner was an eminent naturalist, conservationist and humanitarian who in 1904 established a bird sanctuary on the north shore of Lake Erie at Kingsville, Ontario, Canada. In his autobiography, "Wild Goose Jack: His Life and Religion," Miner describes the house he was born in as "a little, weather-beaten, leaky-roofed house that belonged to Mr. John M. Cooley."

This home was the first of five different homes which the young Miner family from Leicestershire, England, had occupied before moving to Canada in 1878. Mr. Preslar wonders if this home was the first house occupied by Asher Cooley (John McCrea's father) before he built the home (that still stands) at 2871 Dover Center Road (and known today as the Asher Cooley House, c. 1828)?

It was most certainly the

c. 1828 Asher Cooley house that figures in this story told by Jack Miner in his autobiography.

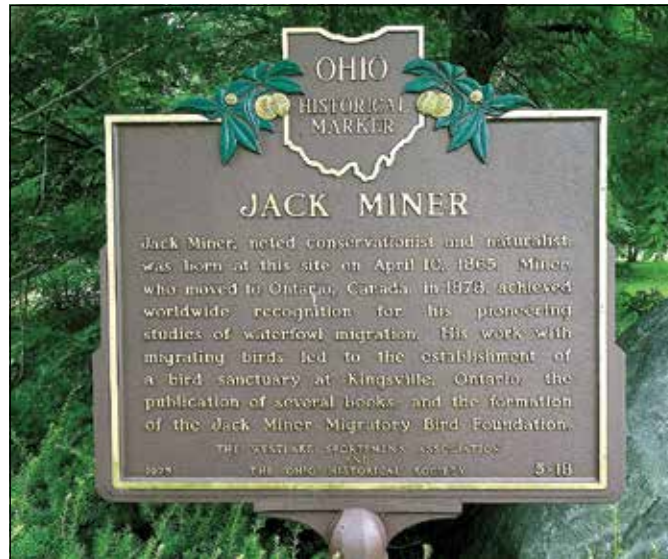
"How plainly I can see Mr. John M. Cooley as he came along the road one spring morning, with his high-spirited team of horses dragging a plow; how he pulled up on the tight lines and, keeping one eye on the horses that were dancing to go, as he glanced,



Cover photo of Jack Miner's autobiography, "Wild Goose Jack."



A picture from Jack's autobiography of c. 1874 Dover Center School which Jack's father made the bricks for and Jack attended school for three months in 1878.



Jack Miner Ohio Historical Marker, located near Miner's boyhood home at the southwest corner of Dover Center and Westown Boulevard.



Lucy and John McCrea Cooley, who figure in the story by Jack Miner, as found in "George Lathrop and Clara Elizabeth Hall" by Harl Preslar Aldrich.



Dover Ditch, adjoining the Jack Miner Ohio Historical Marker, is where Jack began an education that made him world famous.

quartering at me, said, 'Hello, Jackie! Say, you go back to my house and tell Mrs. Cooley I will be up sharp at twelve for dinner.' 'Yes, sir, Mr. Cooley, I will,' was my reply. I was soon there and rapped on the door, which was opened almost immediately, and Mrs. Cooley said, 'Good morning, son; come in.' I remember quite distinctly that she paid little attention to the words of my errand; but in a minute she had a saucer full of maple syrup and two warm biscuits on the table before me. She told me to 'help myself,' which she did not have to repeat."

Jack Miner also recounted that "Mr. Cooley was only one of the lovable men who were, mysteriously, kind to brother Ted and me, who let us through the fairgrounds gate free [the Cuyahoga

County fairgrounds were on the site of the current Lee Burneson Middle School through at least the 1870s] when other boys had to pay, who dropped two bright coppers on the stone door-stop of the town's general store so I would be sure to find them."

While Jack wrote very fondly of both of his parents, he was a staunch temperance advocate throughout his life and recounts that his father had a problem with alcohol and one of the reasons the family moved to Canada was to escape the taverns in Dover.

Before emigrating to Canada Jack's father operated a brickyard and according to the 1874 minutes of the Dover Board of Education he was given the contract to supply the bricks for the one and only school Jack

Miner ever attended (for a grand total of three months in 1878). That school building still stands, in altered form, as the southern part of the Jenkins funeral home at 2914 Dover Center Road.

By 11 years old Jack was doing a grown man's job in his father's brickyard working beside a simple machine that molded bricks from clay. When he was an adult he donated that same machine to his good friend Henry Ford for his Greenfield Village collection.

In "Wild Goose Jack," Miner writes that it was Dover Ditch and Cahoon Creek which were where he played and began educating himself in the things that would later make him world famous. He loved Dover as his home town until he died in 1944. ●

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Dover UCC brings peace to Westlake

by KATHLEEN POE

Once again, Dover Congregational United Church of Christ held its Peace Village Day Camp the week of July 16 on the grounds of the church on Dover Center Road in Westlake. The children who attended the camp were from a variety of communities in the area who all had differing faith traditions or perhaps no faith traditions at all. The universal concept of peace is one that transcends all belief systems.

The children, who ranged in age from 6-15 years old, spent the mornings going to different stations to learn about the four main concepts of peace: Peace within Self, Peace with Others, Peace in our Culture and Peace with the Planet. They made projects, learned new songs, and put into action ways to demonstrate peace.

The afternoons were focused on community service. The older children went off-site for various projects: They went to Community Cares in North

Ridgeville to do some landscaping. In addition, they worked at Med Wish, made no-sew blankets for sick children at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and created cat and dog toys for the ASPCA in Parma.

The younger children baked chocolate chip cookies and delivered them to the Westlake Police Department and baked more cookies and delivered them to nursing home workers at The Lutheran Home. They also created cat and dog toys for the ASPCA in Parma.

When asked what she enjoyed the most about her experience during the week, Amelia, 11, from North Olmsted stated, "I like making friends with people I didn't know before." Thea, 8, from Cleveland Heights, had a favorite activity – peace meditation: "I liked it so much because it makes you feel super calm."

Another camper, Finely, 10, from North Ridgeville said he liked "the nature hike – where we learned about peace with the earth." One of his most favor-

ite activities was going to Community Cares in North Ridgeville for a service project.

Then there was Marifer, 8, from Westlake. Her favorite part of the day was lunchtime "because you can listen and tell stories and laugh."

The day I was there, during lunch, two tables of children were both vying for an adult volunteer to sit with them. After a game of rock, paper, scissors – Mr. Kurt, the popular volunteer, spent half of his time at the winning table and had dessert with the other. Good job keeping the peace, Mr. Kurt!

It takes a village to make this camp run efficiently. Director Cynthia Stuart enlisted the help of over 45 volunteers from the congregation. The volunteers assisted with preparing the church grounds, prepping materials for the many lessons and some also taught various classes throughout the week. Dover Congregational United Church of Christ has a very deep commitment to peace and social justice issues and so hosting this camp is second nature for them.



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA STUART

Isam Zaiem, a Muslim who lives in Westlake, has attended both Peace Villages to share his personal beliefs on peace and how the Islam religion speaks about peace.



A camper makes a no-sew blanket for babies at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

The camp's adult volunteers also came away with an appreciation for the experience. "It was nice to get a child's perspective on peace," said Abby, 18, co-director of this year's Peace Village. "Their view of the world is pure – they truly believe peace is a possibility." ●

Take a peek into the lives of Winston and Clementine Churchill

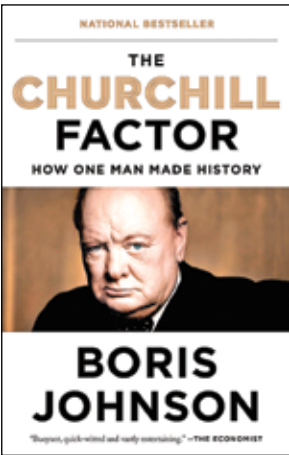
by LYNN TALIAK

Again this fall, Case Western Reserve University's Department of Continuing Education is sponsoring a class in Bay Village. These courses are great in that there are no exams, no papers, no credits, hence no stress – just interesting. An opportunity to meet like-minded people, participate in stimulating discussions, and be led by a seasoned professional. And, may I add, oftentimes fun!

The fall session's topic is Winston and Clementine Churchill, two people whose lives had a great impact on the United States and indeed our country yet today. Two new biographies present fresh, contemporary perspectives on Winston and his wife, Clementine, who was indispensable to his life and important to Great Britain.

Discuss their unique personalities, fascinating marriage and critical contributions to their nation. Compare and contrast with the lives of the Roosevelts.

We will be reading: "The Churchill Factor: How One Man Made History," by Boris Johnson, and "Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill," by Sonia Purnell.



Class meets at Bay United Methodist Church, corner of Lake and Bassett roads, on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 24, for eight weeks. We meet in the second floor parlor across from the sanctuary.

The cost ranges from \$84 to \$100 depending on level of membership chosen. Information on this can be found by calling 216-368-2090 or online at case.edu/lifelonglearning. You may also contact Marianne at 440-808-0076 or Lynn at 440-826-0658.

If you wish to get a head start on the reading, peruse the first 70 pages of the "Clementine" book for our first session or two. Books are available online, at Amazon.com, at libraries, book stores and Half Price Books in North Olmsted. ●



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Westlake businesses come together to help residents in need

by MICHAELA KEKEDY

The storms that rolled through Westlake on Thursday, July 26, were barely a footnote for guests and presenters at the “What’s Brewing in Westlake” business networking and fundraising event at Equity Trust Company. Proceeds from the evening benefitted the social services programs of the Westlake Senior and Community Services Department that provides assistance to hundreds of the nearly 1,300 Westlake residents who live in poverty.

The event began with a welcome by Mayor Dennis Clough. He recognized Equity Trust's co-founder, Richard Desich Jr., the host of the event; Westlake City Council members Kenneth Brady of Ward 5 and Mark Getsay of Ward 6; Michelle Boczek, economic development manager for the city; and many guests from the business community who have contributed to the vibrancy of the city. Enthusiastic

applause greeted his mention of the new Senior and Community Services Center that will be constructed soon.

Lydia Gadd, director of the Senior and Community Services Department, expressed gratitude to the city's business community for their many years of support. She thanked Equity Trust for their assistance with the community garden, chili cook-off, a food drive and the sponsorship of "What's Brewing." The company's Matt Collier and Anthony DeVito had suggested the fundraiser and led the planning with Michael Hammond of Sibling Revelry Brewing.

She appreciated the efforts of the others who served on the planning committee including her department's advisory board members: Cristina Kennedy (Mrs. Westlake for 2018) and Suzanne Rusnak (also president of Westlake Kiwanis) and staff members Donna Feorene, Cindi Lindgren and

Madeline Crandall.

Gadd acknowledged that the generous donations, sponsorships and volunteerism of Westlake's companies and organizations allowed the department to meet needs in the community. In 2017, 215 individuals received assistance through the food pantry; an additional 210 food baskets were distributed for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas; 621 Meals on Wheels were subsidized for seniors who could not afford the daily cost; and 190 individuals received Christmas presents through the popular Adopt-a-Family program. The department also made prescription assistance, utility bill assistance and shelter available on a case by case basis.

Poverty in Westlake surprises, motivates

"People are often surprised when I discuss poverty in Westlake," said Gadd prior to the event. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey,




Mayor Dennis Clough with Richard Desich Jr., Equity Trust co-founder and host of the event, and Lydia Gadd, director of the Senior and Community Services Department, at the July 26 “What’s Brewing in Westlake” business networking and fundraising event.

about 5 percent of the city's residents live in poverty.

"In our city, those who qualify for services via the federal poverty guidelines range from families with young children to seniors who are on their own. We have already witnessed the need for some of our services increase as our elderly population continues to grow," Gadd explained.

She is surprised how quickly people offer to help once they understand there is a real need. “Since our depart-

ment is both a senior center and a social services center for Westlake, we can suggest a variety of ways for individuals, groups and companies to collectively work with us to promote a safe, healthy and happy community," said Gadd.

Those interested in learning more about available programs and resources, whether they know of someone in need or want to help meet identified needs, can visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Social-Services or call 440-899-3544. 

Village Project receives \$50,000 grant

by DIANE FRYE

Village Project is a grateful recipient of a \$50,000 grant from The Black River Education and Wellness Foundation. The funds were presented to Executive Director Barb Harrell on July 31 by Francis Gardner, Joan Mason and Chris Mead.

The Black River Education and Wellness Foundation was organized in 1985 and originally chartered to support the operations of Elyria Memorial Hospital. Since 2014, after Elyria Memorial Hospital was acquired by University Hospitals of Cleveland, the Foundation broadened its mission and purpose beyond the sup-

port of just the UH Elyria Medical Center in order to maintain a commitment to the communities who have long been served by EMH and to have a meaningful impact upon health issues in those communities.

The grant money will be used to purchase commercial kitchen equipment for Project Pillar – Village Project's current facility expansion taking place this summer. The additional equipment and space will allow Village Project to double the number of clients served, offer cooking classes to the community and more.

More information about Project Pillar can be found on Village Project's website: ourvillageproject.com.



Barb Harrell, executive director of the Village Project, third from left, accepts a grant from Francis Gardner, Joan Mason and Chris Mead from the Black River Education & Wellness Foundation.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Westshore Council of Governments (WCOG) meeting, July 11, 2018

by LWV observer JUDITH WEISS

This report is not an official statement of the League of Women Voters.

Present: Mayors Kennedy (North Olmsted), Clough (Westlake), Koomar (Bay Village), Bobst (Rocky River), Patton (Fairview Park) and Summers (Lakewood)

Fiscal Officer's Report: WCOG doesn't require audit for one year, so will save money this year.

Commission Reports:

RTA: Mayor Clough is president of the board of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for one-year term, agency needs to work on transition, search for replacement for Director Calabrese. Agency needs to tighten internal control. It needs a new source of revenue; sales tax accounting for \$20 million won't be available in 2019. For time being, cutting back on positions, planning no additional capital projects, trying to determine what type of tax appropriate to replace revenue. Sales tax is best, but how much needed? Most capital funding comes from federal government; more needed to replace old rail cars. More could come from NOACA; need to have policy conversation around this.

RTA board needs to identify needs first, then decide how much money needed. They are already in better shape than many other transit systems around the country. There is a shortage of top management skills in the organization, however. Transit has a direct tie-in with economic development, jobs. People need to get to suburban sites as well as those within city. Fairview lost a business considering locating there because there was no transit to site. Use of driverless shuttle might help.

NOACA: A Hyperloop (high-speed train) Progress Report is due soon from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMIS-

SION: Working with all communities on their individual master plans, will connect to regional master plan. Planning involves Cleveland Metroparks, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, other agencies. Plans will include bike paths.

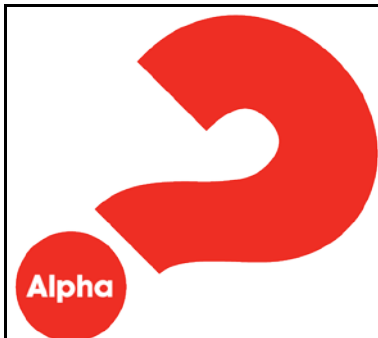
Solid waste is a problem for all communities; they need to work with county. There is much confusion about recycling; need better education to be widely available, in different forms such as visuals on containers. Markets for recycled materials are changing, communities have to readjust. Good statistics in the Solid Waste District's annual report.

OLD BUSINESS: Update on Jail Services – County is taking over prisoners from Cleveland at \$99/day. WCOG wants to manage them on a regional basis, with possibly a central, secure place to hold them for transport back to Cleveland, so police won't have to leave own communities. Not yet established who will be responsible for their health care, counseling, etc.

NEW BUSINESS: Airbnb is raising problems for some communities, due to increased parking and partying in residential neighborhoods. Rocky River has passed legislation to regulate, requiring rental licenses and inspections, enforceable by police. Mayor Bobst shared it with the group. North Olmsted proposes to pass something similar. Airbnb willing to work with cities to avoid cutting into major tourist areas.

Summers, taking over leadership of WCOG in January, mentioned issues to bring up in future: universal design guidelines; transportation, especially with respect to "aging in place"; changing needs for senior facilities; volunteer opportunities for seniors; recycling awareness. Summers would like to bring in people working on these issues to present their ideas. Next year, meetings will be held in Lakewood Park Women's Pavilion. ●

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LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Eyes to the sky on Aug. 11

by MORGAN PASKERT

Look up! The Perseid Meteor Shower, one of the most spectacular meteor showers of the year, will occur the evening of Saturday, Aug. 11.

In preparation for this cosmic event, planetarium specialist Monica Marshall of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is here to explain what a meteor shower is and provide tips for seeing shooting stars this August.

What is a meteor shower?

Comets are large, icy solar system bodies. As a comet passes closer to the sun, its ice warms and begins to release particles of dust and rock into the atmosphere, which can result in a glowing trail of vapor.

Meteor showers occur when meteoroids, the rocks and debris left behind by a comet, enter the Earth's atmosphere. Meteoroids are almost always small enough to quickly burn up in our atmo-

sphere, so there is little chance they will strike Earth's surface. A meteorite is any part of the meteoroid that survives and lands on Earth.

Meteors, also known as "shooting stars," are the streaks of light produced in the night sky when a meteoroid burns up in the Earth's atmosphere.

How can I view the meteor shower?

Each year, Earth passes through the dust trail of Comet Swift-Tuttle, resulting in visible meteor showers. The Perseid Meteor Shower will occur the evening of Aug. 11, and is set to be the best opportunity to see shooting stars this year.

Meteor showers are named after the constellation where the meteors appear from. Look toward the constellation Perseus in the northeastern sky between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. to view shooting stars. During peak, observers can expect to see 60-70 meteors per hour.

The key to seeing the Perseid Meteor



The Perseid Meteor Shower will occur on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Shower? Head to a dark area in the suburbs or countryside, lay down a blanket, bring some snacks and enjoy the celestial show. It takes 30 minutes for your eyes to adjust to the dark, so the longer you wait, the more you will see!

Bonus: There will be a new moon on Aug. 11, a crescent, which will result in favorable viewing conditions.

At approximately 9 p.m. on Aug. 11, join Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at Huntington Beach of Cleveland Metroparks to view the meteor shower

through telescopes with planetarium staff.

Interested in astronomy? Stay up to date by joining Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's monthly Astronomy Club. NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador Bill Reed will share what's new in space, the latest gadgets, mind-blowing facts and more. Monthly meetings are free to the public with special events and telescope rentals exclusive to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center members. Next meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. Learn more at www.lensc.org. ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Sex and vaccines: The pre-college prep talk

by DIANA PI, M.D.

It's tough sending kids off to college.

Sure, my kids, like yours, never get in trouble. They exercise an hour a day, limit Fortnite/video games to two hours, put schoolwork before network, eat broccoli before brownies. Still, I believe they need certain facts straight. So when one of them says, "Hypothetically, if one ...," they can help each other, know what's available, where to turn.

In launching my second child towards college, I keep these health issues

in my peripheral vision.

First, vaccines.

If your kids have been receiving regular pediatric care, they're probably OK. Most colleges mandate meningococcal vaccine, which protects against infection of the brain lining. The first dose is usually given at age 11-12; second dose, 16. Even high schools, like Westlake, require it.

A different type of meningococcal vaccine (for serogroup B only), protects against rare outbreaks. It is recommended for high-risk individuals. Consult your doctor.

While not required by schools, I like to put in a plug for human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Unique among vaccines, HPV vaccine is designed to *prevent cancer*.

HPV is the most common sexually-transmitted disease (STD). "Almost every person who is sexually active will get HPV at some time in their life," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Through vaginal, anal and oral contacts, HPV causes genital and throat

cancers in both sexes. Doctors can only prevent one – cervical cancer – through early detection with Pap screening.

While most young people will clear the infection themselves over years, there's no predicting the unlucky ones. Each year, HPV causes over 35,000 cancer cases in the U.S., about 60 percent occur in women (mostly cervical cancer), 40 percent in men (mostly throat cancer). Current HPV vaccine tackles nine nasties – very effectively. Yet less than half the girls and boys are properly vaccinated by age 17, taking full advantage of this vaccine.

Second, sex.

For contraception, doctors recommend intrauterine devices (IUD) and implants over birth control pills. They're easier to manage, thus more reliable.

But condoms remain the *only* protection against STD.

Emergency contraception (EC) or "the morning-after pill" isn't just for the morning after. It can be taken up to five

days after unprotected sex. Over-the-counter, one-dose forms are available. It can reduce pregnancy risk by over 90 percent – safely. This isn't abortion.

Lots of EC information is online; Planned Parenthood has a good section.

Two years ago, I sent my firstborn to college. He missed many things about me. Cooking, I didn't think, would top the list – or make it at all.

The first time he went to his favorite cafeteria, which has two floors of specialized food stations, the breakfast chef asked the homesick boy how he'd like his omelet. The boy said he'd like it burnt on one side, undercooked on the other – "The way my mom makes it."

Apparently, there was an embarrassingly long silence, broken by peals of laughter from both sides of the counter.

My two cents: Next time, instead of ambushing the boy about my culinary skills, quiz him on safe sex. Let's see who's laughing then. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

Antonetti key to Tribe's success

by JEFF BING

Whenever anyone talks about the Indians' run of winning baseball over the last five years, the guy who invariably draws the most praise is skipper Terry (Tito) Francona. No question, it's deservedly so, as the Indians manager has amassed an impressive resume in his 18 years managing in the big leagues.

Just the same, it would be foolish to downplay the impact Tribe President Chris Antonetti has had in shaping the roster of Francona's Indians. Let's take a look at the three *biggest* moves Antonetti has orchestrated which positively impacted Francona's

Indians as they experienced their half-decade of winning baseball:

1.) Antonetti's first may have been his worst, but it wasn't all that bad in retrospect. He took a lot of heat when he traded prized prospects Drew Pomeranz, Alex White, Matt McBride and Joe Gardner to Colorado for Ubaldo Jimenez in June 2011. This showed a marked contrast between Antonetti and his boss, Mark Shapiro, as Shapiro never wanted to trade highly regarded prospects. And although Jimenez never did much for the Indians, he *did* have a good 2013 season when he went 13-9 and helped the Tribe make the postseason in Francona's first year as Indians manager.

Based on his 2013 success, many fans criticized Antonetti heavily when he let Jimenez bolt via free agency after the season ended. However, Jimenez's career never amounted to much after leaving the Indians, and the "prized prospects" the Indians gave up for Ubaldo never did much either. (When was the last time you heard any of those names mentioned in a baseball conversation?)

2.) Three years later, Antonetti shocked (and once again, angered) Tribe faithful when he acquired relief pitcher Andrew Miller for another quartet of highly-regarded prospects, including Clint Frazier, Justus Sheffield and a couple of others.

Andrew Miller had simply one of the most incredible postseasons in relief pitching history when the Indians took the Cubs to Game 7 of the World Series, which for many fans justified the trade already. And while it is way too early to measure the long-term results of the trade, the Indians (Miller's injury notwithstanding) have to still be the winners, as the other guys have done little at the big league level.

We should also mention that Antonetti had tried to swing another blockbuster deal for Brewers catcher Jonathan Lucroy, in which he would have sent four prospects to the Brewers, but Lucroy had the power to veto the trade and did so. As they say, sometimes the best trades are those which are not made, since Lucroy has bounced around with three different teams since that trade fell through; it's

hard to imagine him helping the Tribe enough to justify the deal. (Whew!)

3.) This season, with the Tribe's relief pitching in major disarray, Antonetti went to the farm system once again, this time dealing another gem of the farm system, Francisco Mejia, to the San Diego Padres for closer Brad Hand and quality reliever Adam Cimber. Obviously, it's impossible to get a read on the winner/loser of this deal for a period of time (unless Hand and Cimber lead the Tribe to a World Series championship this season), but you have to be impressed with Antonetti's ability to get two quality relievers for an unknown (in major league experience, anyway.)

The way things have shaken out for Antonetti so far, you have to believe the guy knows what he's doing. Let's hope we're still talking about the trade in late October. ●

SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

Elizabeth Hughes Cahoon, 1830-1914

by KAY LAUGHLIN

On Dover Center Road just south of the old Broadview Savings and Loan branch office (the current Citizens Bank building) is a small Victorian farmhouse. What is the story behind this house? Who lived there? Who built it?

Elizabeth Hughes grew up in a log cabin on the Ohio River in Cleves, Ohio. Her next door neighbors were Joel and Margaret Cahoon, living in their log cabin. As children growing up together, Joel and Margaret's son Tom Cahoon and Elizabeth played together and became good friends.

When the Cahoon family moved north to Dover Township, Elizabeth and Tom kept in contact through letters and visits. As young adults, they married in 1860, in the Hughes' log cabin, and moved to Cleveland. Tom and Elizabeth had a daughter they named Effie.

Elizabeth settled into domestic house keeping at 5217 Franklin Ave. in Cleveland. She became active in the Women's Christian Temperance Union while raising their daughter, and Tom ventured into the



Elizabeth Hughes Cahoon built this house on Dover Center Road to be closer to the Cahoon sisters.

lumber business and became a Cleveland City Councilman in the old Ward 10.

Elizabeth was a 50-year member of the Old Stone Church in Cleveland. She also attended the neighborhood church, Bethany Presbyterian, on the corner of Clinton and West 65th Street.

Effie married Dr. Clifton Ellis. When she was but 28 years old she caught tuberculosis and died in 1888. Tom died in 1907.

When Elizabeth died at age 84 in 1914,

she willed monies to the WCTU and the Presbyterian Board of Relief (for disabled ministers) valued at \$8,000. The Bethany church was given a second Cahoon property at 1872 W. 47th St. The proceeds of her Franklin Avenue home went to the Presbyterian home.

When Tom died, his sisters Lydia, Laura and Ida Cahoon offered Elizabeth a piece of land in the Baldwin apple orchard on Dover Center Road with the



Tom Cahoon



Elizabeth Hughes Cahoon



Effie Cahoon Ellis, Tom and Elizabeth's daughter, died at age 28.

idea she could build a house and spend the summer and weekends with them. It was an easy walk from her new home across the valley bridge to the Cahoon house. Elizabeth agreed and built the house still standing at 415 Dover Center Road.

Each house in the village has a story. This is just one.

This house is for sale today. ●

Meals on Wheels opens second kitchen, accepting new clients

by BETSY HAMPTON

Westlake Meals on Wheels is thrilled to announce that its second kitchen opened on July 23. This additional location is in the community center in Olmsted Falls. The non-profit now can serve even more homebound residents in Westlake, Bay Village and surrounding areas. A hot and a cold meal is made fresh and delivered Monday through Friday. Our drivers also pro-

vide a daily well visit.

Meals on Wheels can be used by people of any age recovering from surgery or battling illness, and homebound senior citizens. Residents can sign up for as little as one week.

With the new location, we also have volunteer opportunities for drivers, bakers, kitchen help, community outreach and fundraising.

Please contact Diane Garrison for information 440-871-2551. ●



Westlake Meals on Wheels volunteers Joshua and Eleanor Hampton deliver fresh meals and smiles every week to homebound residents.

Tri-C Women in Transition program opens fall registration

by JOHN HORTON

The Women in Transition program at Cuyahoga Community College celebrates its 40th anniversary this fall with a new session of classes in Westlake to empower women in their pursuit of education, training and a career.

Classes will be held at Corporate College West from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Aug. 27 to Oct. 17. The eight-week course is designed

to assist women in transitional periods of their lives, such as a career change or return to the workforce.

Participants build confidence and skills through classes on personal development, career exploration and financial and computer literacy. The noncredit program is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

To learn more or to enroll, call 216-987-5764. Corporate College West is at 25425 Center Ridge Road in Westlake. ●



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MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR

Historic Wellington

by RACHEL POLANIEC

August's Magical History Tour takes us to the bucolic village of Wellington, located about 40 minutes away on OH-58 South. Visitor information can be found villageofwellington.com, and local restaurants and amusements are available.

This year, amid the tidy fields of corn and big red barns of southwest Lorain County, the village of Wellington is celebrating its 200th birthday. In 1818, four men from Massachusetts began the 600-mile journey to present-day Wellington, being joined along the way by William T. Welling from New York. Well-

time, it hosted the largest opera house between Cleveland and Columbus; today the majority of the town hall is occupied by administrative offices.

While the town hall is immediately eye-catching, a perusal of Historic Wellington is equally rewarding. Across the street from the town hall a series of murals decorates a brick wall, each capturing a person, event or concept important to the village. One such mural, "The Spirit of '76," commemorates the famous painting of the same name, painted by Wellington resident Archibald Willard for the 1876 Centennial held in Philadelphia. The Spirit of '76 Museum, located on South Main Street/OH-58, pays homage

uncle's estate. Upon learning of John Price, the neighbor alerted the authorities, who captured him and brought him to Wellington, where he was interred in the American House Hotel, now the location of the Herrick Memorial Library.

After Price's capture, a group of men from Oberlin and Wellington went to the hotel, blocking the exits. When word arrived that militias were being sent from Cleveland, the men broke into the hotel attic where the authorities were hiding with Price and sent him back to Oberlin in a buggy, where he remained until he could be safely sent to Canada. While the men involved were indicted in violation of the Fugitive Law, a sympathetic judge handed down mild sentences.

Not all of the wall's murals depict radical (for the time) political movements. A cheery yellow mural graced with a black-and-white cow tells the story of Wellington as the "Cheese Capital of the World."

In 1866, Charles William Horr and his brother, J.C. Horr, founded a company to open the first cheese factory in nearby Huntington Township. Before the advent of modern refrigeration, the tremendous amount of milk produced by the farm's 1,000 dairy cows was converted into cheese before it could spoil, then shipped to consumers by rail. Prompted by the success of the Horr brothers, more farmers and cheese makers moved to Wellington to get in on the cheese-making game.

By 1878, more than 40 cheese factories operated in the region, and over half of these were owned by Horr, Warner & Co. At the industry's peak in 1879, nearly eight million pounds of cheese were shipped through Wellington. The village was "The Cheese Capital of the World," indeed!

Although the creaking of machinery and lowing of Holstein cows have long since ceased, several of Wellington's cheese-era buildings remain. Located on West Herrick Street/OH-18 is the former headquarters of Horr, Warner & Co., now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Within walking distance (for those so inclined) on South Main Street/OH-58 is the C.W. Horr House, built in 1870 for the businessman and his family. Horr's home is one of the many elegant houses lining South Main Street, and they come in all shapes and



PHOTOS BY RACHEL POLANIEC

Included on the walking tour is the C.W. Horr House, built in the Italianate style in 1870 for Horr and his family.



The Benjamin Wadsworth House & Carriage Barn was built in 1865 as a town home.



Wellington's murals, across from the town hall.



Wellington Town Hall, with its mix of Byzantine, Greek, Gothic and Spanish architectural styles.



The Lorain County Fair in Wellington opens Aug. 20.

ing had the honor of naming the town, though whether he named it after himself or after the Duke of Wellington is still a matter of contention.

Incorporated on Aug. 6, 1855, the village of Wellington consisted of about 12,000 acres of the central area of the township. The impressive town hall, also built in 1855 for a cool \$40,000, boasts an uncommon combination of architectural styles – Byzantine, Greek, Gothic and Spanish. At the

to the artist and also details life in Wellington and southern Lorain County.

Wellington's greatest national incident is also memorialized: The Slave Rescue of Sept. 13, 1858. In that year, John Price, an escaped slave, arrived in Oberlin, where he lived in relative peace for several months. All that changed in late August 1858, when a neighbor of Price's master came to the city in pursuit of runaway slaves from his

sizes. If one is up for the challenge, there is a delightful walking tour featuring the historic homes available online at touringohio.com/northwest/lorain/wellington.html.

Since 1941, the end of August has brought the end of summer to school children and the Lorain County Fair to Wellington. Organized in 1846, the Lorain County Agricultural Society hosted the annual fair in Elyria and Oberlin before the Lorain County Fair was merged with the Wellington Independent Fair. Moved to the current site in 1941, the Lorain County Fair celebrates its 173rd year this Aug. 20-26.

This year promises more bucolic fun for everyone, featuring country music performances,

harness racing, draft horse and pony hitch horse pulls, animal shows, shopping, rides, food, and the ever-popular demolition derby. Tickets to the various events are available on-site at the Fair Secretary's Office, as well as online. As the second-largest county fair in Ohio, the goal of the Fair is, according to its website, "to educate people about animals and to hold a family-oriented event that represents the high standards that have been set over the many years."

As August winds down and we begin thinking about the rituals and responsibilities that come with fall and winter, perhaps we should pause for one final, glorious week of summer down in Wellington, Ohio. ●

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All veterans and their families are welcome to this FREE event.

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WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

19th annual Fine Arts Show underway

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The Community of Fine Arts Show is currently displaying 100 pieces of art at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Works from 52 artists have been accepted for this juried art show, which is presented annually by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.

The current exhibit continues through Saturday, Aug. 25, during library hours. In addition, live art demonstrations will be given in the lobby of Porter Library by artists whose works are on display. On Saturday, Aug. 11, Sean Crum will demonstrate Ink Drawing and on Saturday, Aug. 18, Ken Marshal will demonstrate Watercolor. Both programs are from 10 a.m. to noon.

The WWAC also invites the public to a Meet the Artists Reception & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

COFA accepts art works for judging and display in the categories of: Oil/Acrylics, Watercol-

or, Drawing/Pen & Ink, Charcoal/Pastel, Photography and Mixed Media. The works are judged in two divisions, Amateur/Semi Professional and Professional. Recipients of first and second place in each division and category receive cash awards and honorable mention recipients are given gift certificates.

The judges for the 2018 show are Joyce Bolte, Daniel Levin and Victoria Wagner.

Bolte, who studied under Fred Leach, a local renowned artist, has had work displayed in numerous art shows and competitions and has received many awards. Bolte, whose paintings hang in private collections throughout Ohio, Florida and Arizona, lives in Grafton, Ohio.

Levin, who is a tenured associate professor of photography at Cuyahoga Community College, has a Ph.D. in visual art from Vermont College of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Levin, who lives in Cleveland Heights, has a comprehensive portfolio including

numerous commissions to make portraits of well-known people including Barbara Bush, Margaret Thatcher, John Glenn and many more.

Wagner, who has painted for over 50 years in several mediums including pastel, watercolor, acrylics and oils, is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art and has attended Oil Painters of America (OPA) workshops in New Mexico, Colorado and New York including two with OPA Master Painter Ron Riddick. She currently teaches classes at the Valley Arts Center in Chagrin Falls. The Oil Painters of America displayed Wagner's work in two national competitions where they were awarded Best of Show and other honors in Ohio.

The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council continues to fulfill its mission by providing programs to enhance and broaden cultural life in the community through awareness, education and involvement. With the cooperation of Porter Library, the Community of Fine Arts is free and open to all. ●



PHOTOS BY LOUISE SEEHOLZER

“Reflections in a Pond” photograph by Neil Doren.



“After the Storm” photograph by Linda Phillips.

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Summer 2018 edition of the cord-cutting scene

by TAK SATO

It's been a while since I've written about the cord-cutting scene. To the uninitiated, cutting-the-cord replaces traditional cable or satellite TV service in favor of receiving TV programming through the internet (called “streaming”).

The advent of “smart TVs” that have computer-like circuitry to connect to your home internet feed makes cord-cutting possible. Even a “dumb TV,” which in my column refers to any modern TV

with available “HDMI” connection, can be turned into a smart TV for under \$50. Yep, streaming devices such as Roku and Fire TV sticks can provide the same computer-like function to connect the TV to your internet pipe.

Has anything changed in a year? Not much, except more choices of streaming service providers while local channel offerings by streaming services are still almost nonexistent in the Cleveland market for now. In Cleveland it is still advisable to try receiving local channels

over-the-air for free by pointing an antenna in the general direction of Parma, where the broadcast towers congregate.

“Rabbit ear” antennas of yesteryear have evolved, are now paper thin and just a little larger than letter-size paper. They can usually be procured for under \$30 locally or on the internet. Check to see if your TV set has an internal receiver for over-the-air digital programming or if you need to purchase a digital converter box; the latter can usually be found for under \$40.

If you have internet but are not quite sure if cutting-the-cord is right for you, many streaming services offer a short trial period. In that case you only need a device – i.e. smart TV, dumb TV with a streaming device, com-

puter, tablet or a smartphone to test the service out.

What if you don't have an internet connection at home? You're in luck as Westlake Porter Public Library rents a hotspot device that gives you instant internet connection. Don't worry if that sounds like magic ... you're just testing if cutting-the-cord is right for you and don't need to know how the hotspot performs – it just does! Internet, other than for receiving local channels over-the-air, is a necessary ingredient!

What if you have an internet connection at home but only a dumb TV with an HDMI port? Again, WPPL is your hitchhiker's guide to testing cord-cutting; patrons can rent one of their Roku streaming sticks! Armed

with the streaming device, you can utilize the trial period offered by many streaming services for your experiment. Of course, you probably subscribe to an internet connection because you connect your computer, tablet or smartphone to the internet but seeing it on the TV's big screen, rather than a smaller screen of your device, might give you a better feel of receiving TV programming through the internet.

If cord-cutting is to your liking, remember that the true recurring cost is the monthly fee for the streaming service plus the needed internet connection; the latter cost, though, can be shared with your devices such as computers and tablets needing to connect to the internet. ●

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Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Anxiety in children can cause problems in social, personal and academic performance, and parents may feel at a loss on how to help their child deal with the excessive worry and nervousness. Join us at the Bay Village branch library on Monday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. to learn what every parent needs to know about parenting the anxious child, including how to differentiate worry and anxiety. Joanna Hardis, LISW, will engage participants and share elements of supportive communication and concrete tools that can be used with an anxious child. Plus, par-

ticipants will have a better understanding of the role of accommodation in anxiety.

CHILDREN

Friday, Aug. 3 (10 a.m.) LET’S ROCK STORYTIME – Join us for a rocking storytime featuring stories and songs with guitar accompaniment.

ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 10 (10 a.m.) BAY-ARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month’s book, “Exit West” by Mohsin Hamid, is available at the

library and BAYarts. No registration required.

Saturday, Aug. 11 (2 p.m.) MONTHLY MAKERS – Join us to create vinyl decal tea towels. Space is limited.

Wednesday, Aug. 15 (6:30 p.m.) MEET THE EDITOR – How can The Plain Dealer do a better job of covering our community? How can it make itself more useful and more interesting? And what should it stop doing? Visit with Plain Dealer editor George Rodrigue for a discussion of all those questions and anything else that you might want to share, or ask about.

Please register to attend the programs online at cuyahogalibrary.org, call us at 440-871-6392, or stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian. ●

Westlake food drive runs through Aug. 15

by ANN MAY

Jason M. Orsky Wealth Management is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Westlake Community Services Food Bank.

Donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted at 671 Columbia Road, Suite 1, Westlake. The food drive began Aug. 1 and will run through Aug. 15. Items may be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Company president Jason Orsky encourages local families and businesses to participate by donating unexpired canned non-perishable items. “We’d like to help families that are supported by the Westlake Community Services Food Bank have as the back-to-school season starts,” Orsky said.

Suggested donations include canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly. (No glass containers, please.) ●

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Aug. 8 and 15 (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.

Thursdays, Aug. 9 and 16 (4-5 p.m.) CODE CLUB! – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Grades 3-4. Registration begins one week before each session.

Wednesday, Aug. 8 (2-6:30 p.m.) and Thursday, Aug. 9 (1-6:30 p.m.) WPPL AROUND THE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL – Join us to view a selection of foreign films (subtitled). Popcorn provided! Please register.

Thursday, Aug. 9 (11 a.m.-noon) CRAFTY ADULTS – Create art of your own based on the work of a famous artist or holiday. For ages 18 and up with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Saturday, Aug. 11 and Sunday, Aug. 12 (2-8 p.m.) WESTLAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL – Join us at the library on Saturday and at the Westlake Recreation Center on Sunday for a weekend of music, entertainment and family fun. A variety of musicians and bands will be playing throughout both afternoons, kicking off with kids’ music at 2 p.m. Food vendors, face painting and more will also be onsite! Brought to you by Westlake Porter Public Library and the City of Westlake.

Saturday, Aug. 11 (10-11:30 a.m.) BEGINNING CODING FOR ADULTS – Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. Please register.

Saturdays, Aug. 11 and 18 (10-11:15 a.m.) TAI CHI FOR HEALTH – Discover the healing effects of this movement therapy. Wear comfortable clothing. Held outdoors, weather permitting.

Please register.

Saturday, Aug. 11 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) ADAPTED STORYTIME – Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. This 30-minute storytime, followed by time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately. Registration begins one week before each session.

Saturday, Aug. 11 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS – Love those bricks? Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Saturday, Aug. 11 (2-3 p.m.) GOOGLE DRIVE BASICS – Learn how to use Google Drive to work with and store files. Create and edit documents, spreadsheets and presentations. Prerequisites: Google account. Please register.

Sunday, Aug. 12 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Drop by the Storytime Room and join in the fun! We will have different activities available each month. All ages welcome.

Sunday, Aug. 12 (3-4 p.m.) ART SMARTS – Explore works of a well-known artist and then use what you’ve seen to create an art piece of your own! This month’s artist is Salvador Dali. Grades 3-6. Please register.

Monday, Aug. 13 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA TIME! – This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses that imitate animals and nature. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver.

Mondays, Aug. 13 and 20 (4-5 p.m.) TWEEN CODE CLUB – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Registration begins one week before each session. Grades 3-8.

Monday, Aug. 13 (6-7:30 p.m.) SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE – A sensory-friendly environment including more light, less sound and the option to move around the room will help children with special needs and their families enjoy this free movie screening. All ages. Please register.

Mondays, Aug. 13 and 20 (7-8:30 p.m.) SCORE CLEVELAND NON-PROFIT SERIES – Starting a nonprofit can be confusing and complex. This three-part series will give you a general understanding about starting a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Please register. Topics are:

- **AUG. 13:** The legal requirements and necessary paperwork for filing for nonprofit status, ways to streamline the process, how to recruit board members and more.
- **AUG. 20:** Funding – where to look for grant opportunities, how to determine eligibility requirements, determining whether or not your organization meets them, and how to write a grant application.

Monday, Aug. 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: EXPLORING OUR MAKERSPACE TECHNOLOGY – WPPL has a variety of makerspace technology that you can use (nearly) any time. Come see what we have, and what you can do with it! Please register.

Tuesday, Aug. 14 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) TABLET TUESDAY USER GROUP – This group will share tips and tricks with each other about using iPads and Android tablets. Kindle Fire users welcome! Bring your devices. Please register.

Tuesday, Aug. 14 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – We’ll discuss “The Garden of Small Beginnings” by Abbi Waxman.

Wednesday, Aug. 15 (1-6 p.m.) FOUNDATION CENTER: IN THE COMMUNITY – Foundation Center Midwest staff will provide office hours and Foundation Directory Online tutorials at the library. They’ll also assist you with questions on proposal writing, project budgeting, fundraising planning, capacity building and any other philanthropy and nonprofit manage-

ment issues.

Thursday, Aug. 16 (2-3 p.m.) CUSTOMIZE YOUR LOCKER! – You’ll have the coolest locker in school when you customize it with these fun – and useful – crafts! Grades 5-7. Registration begins Aug. 9.

Thursday, Aug. 16 (7-8 p.m.) LET’S TALK ABOUT BEER MAKING WITH SIBLING REVELRY BREWERY – A brewmaster from Sibling Revelry will satisfy your curiosity about the ins and outs of brewing. Please register.

Thursday, Aug. 16 (7-7:30 p.m.) PARACHUTE PLAY! – Get ready to jump and move with music, stories and the parachute. Bring your energy, mom, dad, or other caregiver! Ages 4-6. Registration begins Aug. 9.

Friday, Aug. 17 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) PUMA PARTY! – It’s Suma the Puma’s first birthday! Help us celebrate with crafts and activities. While supplies last.

Saturday, Aug. 18 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY OUT CRAFTS – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what our featured craft is. We have all the supplies you’ll need to create something fantastic!

Saturday, Aug. 18 (3-5 p.m.) ANIME CLUB – A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

Sunday, Aug. 19 (2-3 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLUB – It’s 1954 and Maryellen Larkin, a fourth-grader, wants to stand out, but with five brothers and sisters, it’s not so easy. We’ll learn more about living in the 1950s while listening to the music of the time and completing a craft. Ages 6-11. Registration begins Aug. 12.

Tuesday, Aug. 21 (1-3 p.m.) IT’S WHO YOU KNOW: NETWORKING MADE EASY – Applying online all day is not the answer to finding the right position. You will probably get your job from someone you know who knows someone else. Learn tips to use your network the right way and slide into the right spot.

To register for any of the programs, please visit westlakelibrary.evanced.info or call 440-871-2600. ●

BAYARTS

Bruce Checefsky's blooms

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

The Sullivan Gallery at BAYarts will be botanical from Aug. 10 through Oct. 6. Bringing in the blooms is Cleveland artist Bruce Checefsky, with his show titled "Garden Scans."

Images in this showcase accomplish the impression of flowers in motion. Checefsky manages this by taking a digital flatbed scanner out into his Tremont garden and uses it to photograph the area. The scanned images are made in 30-second intervals, on up to several minutes.

Once the piece is scanned, Checefsky sometimes does some reformatting in a photo editing program, but hardly ever alters the color, density or saturation. This is because he is a master of perception.

"Years of practice has taught me that you can vary the tone of an image by the time of day you scan it. The scanner has

this uncanny ability to record light temperature. When I scan in the morning, usually between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m., the atmospheric light quality tends to read on the cooler blue side; images made later in the day, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., depending on the time of year, will read warmer, in the yellow and orange spectrum."

Weather plays a critical role in the outcome of the artwork. The sun, he explains, doesn't always help. Instead, it is natural Cleveland sky that's best.

"Direct sunlight rarely works. I prefer to scan on days when billowing clouds are passing through the area which in Cleveland means just about every day. The clouds act as a light diffuser; bounced light is more desirable than direct light but because of the way I've designed my garden, I can scan just about any time of day under most weather conditions."



Bruce Checefsky creates stunning visuals by scanning flowers in his Tremont garden.

A good deal of Checefsky's process now involves advance planning.

"I also grow plants and flowers in designated areas of the yard, facing east and west, to maximize the rising and setting sun. The garden has become a work of art as

much as the scanned flowers."

Viewers can see the art at the opening reception, Friday, Aug. 10, from 7-9 p.m. It will also be on display on Sept. 8, during the Moondance benefit. Tickets for that benefit are on bayarts.net. ●

Huntington renovation underway



Work on the Huntington Playhouse for BAYarts began on Saturday, July 28. Pictured, from left: Paul Koomar, Peter Gierosky, Peter Winzig, Rob Spies and Ed Robertson.

Comedy featured at BAYarts Farm + Art Market

by MARGARET HNAT

Get a glimpse into love (and sex) during life's golden years when Bay Village Community Theater presents "I'm Herbert" at the BAYarts Farm + Art Market on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:30 and 7:15 p.m., 28795 Lake Road, Bay Village.

Featuring Lanie Richardson and

Tim Peebles, this comedic sketch by Robert Anderson shows an elderly couple reminiscing on previous marriages ... and perhaps a few flings. Hazy on the details, the couple don't realize, of course, how funny they are! First produced on Broadway in 1967, The New York Post wrote that Anderson's "notably fine comic and dramatic episodes" are "written with skill and insight." ●

Third in series of porch talks focuses on Bay Village doctor

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The Bay Village Historical Society will host the third session in its series of summer porch talks on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., at the Osborn Learning Center in Bay Village.

Don and Stephanie Ross will share family memories in, "Remembering Dr. Donal Ross ... Bay Village Doctor." The

Ross family has volumes of photos, news articles, awards and activities logged throughout the years.

Admission to the porch talk is free and open to the public. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chair. Reuben Osborn Learning Center is located in Cahoon Memorial Park. Phone 440-871-7338 for information. ●

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Wednesday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
THE SWEET ARTS CAFÉ

Free arts enrichment and socialization café for those with memory loss/dementia and their care partners (spouse, child, caregiver). It begins with a brown bag lunch and is followed by an arts, music, storytelling or dance activity. Pre-register at 440-414-0434.
The Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
'DIGITAL FORENSICS'

NEOPC (Northeast Ohio Personal Computers) welcomes Richard Johnson, who has been a member of the Westlake Police Department since 2003, assigned to Westlake's Digital Forensics Laboratory since 2012. Johnson has performed digital forensic examinations on over 700 cases, including drug, overdose, organized crimes, financial crimes, arson, sex crimes, homicide and human trafficking. Learn about the latest techniques in law enforcement. Come for refreshments at 6:30; presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information, go to neopc.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.
SKYQUEST: GIANTS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Join Bill Reed, telescope expert and NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador as we discuss our Solar System's largest planets and review what new discoveries have been made during our most recent spacecraft missions, Juno and Cassini. Weather permitting, we'll head outdoors for telescope viewing through our 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. For pre-teens through adults. Fee: \$8/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
BAYARTS THURSDAY BLOCK PARTY

Grab your crew and a blanket for movie nights, BAYarts style! Come early for the Farm & Art Market, browse the galleries, then settle in to watch a screening of "Cars." Movie begins at dark. Park closes 11 p.m.. Concessions, popcorn and grown-up libations available to purchase.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Friday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Pasta Tivo and Smooth Rider will be serving

lunch and sweet treats. There's plenty of parking and picnic tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Friday, Aug. 10, 2-4 p.m.
CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Art enrichment program for individuals with memory loss/dementia and their care partners (spouse, child, caregiver). Participate in visual art activities, music, storytelling, poetry and dance. Enjoy coffee/tea, snacks and socialization. No cost. Please pre-register at 440-414-0434.

The Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Friday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.
FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

Join us for a fun-filled family picnic in the park! We'll provide a picnic dinner, you bring a blanket big enough to fit your whole family. After the picnic, we'll meet some of the Center's animal ambassadors, play games and enjoy a campfire. In case of rain, all activities will take place in the Center. For all ages. Fee: \$10/person, ages 2 and up.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Friday, Aug. 10, 7-9 p.m.
AUGUST BAYARTS OPENING RECEPTIONS

Sullivan Family Gallery: Bruce Checefsky, "Garden Scans." Diane Boldman Education Gallery: Harriet Wise, Susanne Dotson and Mary Burkhardt, "Mother, Daughter, Friend." BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2-7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 12, 2-8 p.m.

WESTLAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Enjoy a full weekend of music with the first Westlake Music Festival. It's free and open to the public! This family-friendly two-day event features live music, entertainment, fun and food available for purchase. See cityofwestlake.org for a list of performers and food vendors.
*Aug. 11: Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.
Aug. 12: Westlake Recreation Center, 29855 Hilliard Blvd.*

Saturday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m.
PERSEID METEOR SHOWER NIGHT

Enjoy an engaging planetarium presentation about meteors and get the chance to hold an actual meteorite! Take part in a kitchen comet demonstration to get a close up look at these

dirty snowballs and learn how they create meteor showers. Head to Huntington Beach where you can spread out your blankets and enjoy the sky show. All are invited to join us at Huntington Beach at approximately 9:00 p.m. for meteor watching. For ages 3 and up. Fee: \$8/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Aug. 13-17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Aug. 18, 7:30 a.m.-noon
WESTLAKE COMPUTER ROUND-UP

Drop off your unwanted computers, monitors, peripherals, printers, software, toner and ink cartridges, phones, batteries and accessories. Also accepted are stereo equipment, microwaves and cameras. This service is for Westlake residents only (no businesses, churches or schools). For more information, call the Service Center at 440-835-6432.
Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
WESTSIDE DEMOCRATS MEETING

Speakers: Stephanie Choi & David Nader from the Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability. Contact Vern at 440-289-6291 or coachvlong@gmail.com for more information.
Western Cuyahoga Lodge, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, July 18, 5:30-8 p.m.
CRUISIN' WESTLAKE CAR CRUISE

Bring the whole family to this free summer series. This old-fashioned Cruise-In features live '50s & '60s music, food trucks, door prizes, and many outstanding old and new cars with friendly people willing to share their love of cars with you! You can display your car or just come by to see it all. There is no admission fee and the event serves up free popcorn, coffee and a warm welcome. Event will be cancelled if it rains. For more information, visit www.westlakeumc.org.
Westlake United Methodist Church parking lot, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 6-8 p.m.
DEMON NATION SPIRIT RALLY

This free community event will feature fun games run by all of WHS athletic teams, dunk tank, corn hole tournament, the WHS Marching Band, cheer squads and more. Food and beverage will be available for purchase from food trucks. The Spirit Rally will kick off the year for all athletes as they begin competition in

the Southwestern Conference and celebrate Westlake's hometown teams! Hosted by Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters.
UH St. John Stadium at Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Friday, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Hatfield's Goode Grub and Donut Lab will be serving lunch and sweet treats. There's plenty of parking and picnic tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Friday, Aug. 17, 6-9 p.m.
BOTANICAL PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY OPENING

Join us for a reception and opening exhibition of Marcello Mellino's botanical photography. The show will run through Sept. 15, and can be enjoyed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions call: 440-414-0434. Additional parking across the street at the law firm.
The Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Saturday, Aug. 18, 8:30 p.m.
TELESCOPE NIGHT

Join telescope expert and NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador, Bill Reed, for an evening under the stars. We will begin in the planetarium for an overview of the constellations and planets in the night sky. Weather permitting, we'll head outdoors for telescope viewing through our 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. For ages 6 and up. Fee: \$8/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Sunday, Aug. 19, 4:30-7 p.m.
CAR SHOW AND BAND CONCERT

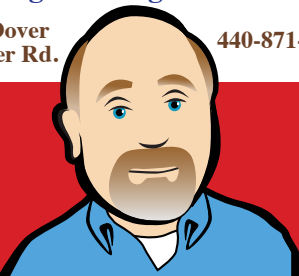
The Bay Village Community Band will host a classic car show prior to their "Golden Oldies" concert. Check out some classic cars and stick around to hear sounds of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Participants in the car show must complete the free registration at bvcb.org.
Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village

Thursday, Aug. 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE CREEK CLEANUP

Join the Bay Village Green Team in cleaning up Cahoon Creek. Garbage bags and recycling bags will be provided. Dress appropriately. Please bring any gloves or tools you wish to use. For the adults joining, we will be meeting at Ironwood after for drinks.
Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village

Jim Sgro's Village Barber Shop

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