

CCPL and city to host new Bay library engagement sessions

by ROBERT RUA

Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) and the City of Bay Village want to hear from Bay Village residents. We will be co-hosting four community engagement sessions to gather input for the new Bay Village branch library project. To date we have gathered feedback from the public in 2017 and from more than 600 survey respondents this year. Now we are hoping for strong participation in these final four community engagement sessions.

We are reserving one session specifically for students because we want to give the youth who use the library the opportunity to share their perspectives. The final session will serve as a “capstone” meeting, where participants in the three previous sessions may come together to share their feedback from the previous sessions. » See LIBRARY page 2



Annual ‘Celebrate Westlake’ tradition continues for 28th year

Race organizer Bud Hagy rings a bell to start the “Celebrate Westlake” one-mile walk/run on the UH St. John Medical Center campus on Sept. 1. Twenty-eight years ago, Hagy approached Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough with the idea that Westlake should have an annual running event. Clough agreed and over the years the race has raised over \$1.7 million for local charities.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL



Bay Village Kiwanis Club President Foster McMasters holds the “rusty nail” while Westlake Kiwanis President Suzanne Rusnak holds the “golden spike” during the annual interclub competition.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Kiwanis clubs compete for ‘Golden Spike’

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis gathered with the Bay Village Kiwanis at Bay Lodge in Bay Village on Tuesday, Aug. 21, for food, fellowship and competition.

Every year the Kiwanis clubs of Bay Village and Westlake hold a joint meeting of their members to highlight each club's past year's accomplishments and to plan for upcoming projects. The

annual interclub meeting is also a friendly competition to see which organization can have the highest percentage of membership in attendance.

Since 1984, the winner is awarded a specially designed plaque with a gold-colored, nickel-plated railroad spike representing the Nickel Plate Railroad which divided the two townships at the turn of the century. The runner-up also receives a railroad

spike, albeit a rusty one, on a plaque that states “There's always next year.”

After Bay Village won the Golden Spike four years in a row, Westlake has won it four years in a row by winning this year's competition by having 82 percent of their members present, topping Bay Village's 71 percent.

Westlake will be displaying the “Golden Spike” at their meetings while Bay Village will be looking forward to next year. ●

3 WHS teachers participate in summer fellowships

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Three Westlake High School teachers spent part of their summer participating in field seminars as 2018 Fund for Teachers Fellows.

Science teacher Melissa Barth, and language arts teachers Julie Davidson and Ann Hase-

norhl, were selected by Fund for Teachers and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation to participate in professional development opportunities.

Hasenorhl and Davidson received \$3,860 each to participate in a theater and performance program based in Edinburgh, Scotland.

» See TEACHERS page 6



WHS language arts teachers Julie Davidson, left, and Ann Hasenorhl participated in a theater and performance program based in Scotland.

Westlake LWV to hold voter registration events

by ANNE ENGEL

National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, Sept. 25, gives residents of Westlake, Bay Village and any surrounding suburb a chance to make sure they will be ready to vote on Nov. 6.

» See VOTER page 2

LIBRARY *from front page*

We ask that residents register to attend any of the first three sessions. The final session is open to all, but we ask that you please register to attend. Preference will be given to residents of Bay Village. Please call the Bay Village branch library at 440-871-6392 to register.

SESSION 1

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dwyer Center

SESSION 2 – STUDENT SESSION

Thursday, Oct. 11, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Village Branch Library

SESSION 3

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dwyer Center

SESSION 4 – CAPSTONE SESSION

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dwyer Center

We look forward to continuing the conversation about the new library building in Bay Village and the community's goals for public library service. ●

VOTER *from front page*

Members and friends of the Westlake-North Olmsted chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland will be in Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, between 9 a.m. and 8:45 p.m. on Sept. 25 using paper, ballpoint pens and internet websites to provide individual look-ups. Citizens can check to see whether or not they are already registered. If their names are not found on the 2018 voter rolls, they can fill out registration forms using either a current Ohio driver's license or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Those who are already registered but need to change their name or address can do this at the library as well. They will need a valid Ohio driver's license or Social Security number.

Any registered voter can sign up on Sept. 25 to request a mail-in ballot for the November general election.

The League will be using a new look-up technique this year called "Verify Your Vote" that is based on capturing a QR code with a smartphone. The code transfers the viewer to the Ohio Secretary of State's office for next steps of verifying and registering, as needed.

The Westlake-North Olmsted chapter is offering this service especially to help citizens who would like some assistance. We know a lot of people are confused by the voting rules or do not own computers or smartphones.

Citizens can register to vote and change their registration records at *any* public library during business hours. Tuesday, Oct. 9, is the last day for doing this in time to vote in November. Registration is also available at state drivers' license bureaus. Or voters can simply do this on their own by entering a shortcut – 433VOTE – in their computer or phone browser, to link directly to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Westlake-North Olmsted chapter of the League of Women Voters will also be offering voter lookups at several other dates and locations in the two cities it serves, as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-noon, and 4-8 p.m., North Olmsted Recreation Center
- Wednesday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon, North Olmsted Recreation Center
- Thursday, Sept. 27, 7-8:45 p.m., North Olmsted Branch Library
- Saturday, Sept. 29, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Great Northern Mall Dining Court, North Olmsted
- Monday, Oct. 1, 5-7:30 p.m., Westlake Recreation Center
- Saturday, Oct. 6, 1:30-4:45 p.m., Westlake Porter Public Library. ●

Westlake launches drone technology class

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Westlake High School's Technology & Engineering Department launched a new drone technology class this fall to provide students instruction on flying unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

"Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Drone Technology" is taught by Pilot in Command (PIC) Scott Kutz, who earned his Remote Pilot (Part 107) license over the summer. Kutz also has a Private Pilot Ground School certificate. Earning a basic drone pilot certificate requires 50 hours of training.

Fifteen WHS students are enrolled in the first 18-week class, which is formatted to mirror the professional manned aircraft training. Students are engaged in "ground school" activities for the first three days of the week, then participate in "flight school" operations for the remainder of the week.

The course, offered to grades 10-12, is an overview of UAS. Topics include the history, development and evolution of unmanned aircraft; current and forecast trends and issues; capabilities and performance of unmanned aircraft; UAS applications; regulations governing UAS; UAS flight operations; and opportunities and career paths in UAS. Upon completion of the course, students can apply to take the Part 107 test to earn their remote pilot license through an official FAA-approved testing site – including Burke Lakefront Airport and Lorain County Regional Airport.

Kutz said the class is almost two years in the making, starting back in March 2017 when the Avon Lake-based company rp+m sponsored a contest for engineering students.

Kutz's advanced engineering and design class had to redesign the blade guards and landing gear for a Blue Jay Force 1 drone. After improving the designs and rendering them, students printed 3D parts and attached them to the drone for testing and presented their research and solutions to a panel of rp+m design and manufacturing professionals.

"The contest proved to be very successful and generated a lot of student interest," Kutz aid. "As a result, we implemented another drone lesson last year so they could learn more about the capabilities of drones in general, including programming drones for autonomous flight."

WHS' Technology & Engineering Department polled a same of students to gauge their interest in a course dedicated to case aviation technology, and consulted with Kent State University's College of Aeronautics & Engineering on their growing flight technology program. The rest, as they say, is history.

UAS, or drones, are increasingly evolving in the aviation industry, and potential career pathways are opening up for individuals who are skilled in drone technology. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration predicts there could be 30,000 drones in the nation's skies by 2020.

The estimated number of jobs the drone industry is expected to create by the end of 2018 is 70,000, according to the FAA. The average annual salary of a drone pilot is estimated at \$104,000.

Examples of commercial drone applications include agriculture, law enforcement, freight transport, disaster management, weather monitoring, mass media, wildfire mapping and telecommunications. ●

Bay Community Theater takes first step to next level

by PATRICK MEEHAN

Our fundraising efforts in 2018 center around our "Taking Theater To The Next Level" campaign.

In an effort to increase the quality of our productions and give the audience a more enjoyable and enriching experience watching live theater, Bay Village Community Theater is raising funds to purchase a portable stage to improve patrons' ability to see clearly when attending our shows at Parkside Hall behind St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

The plan is to purchase sections of the modular stage system as we can afford them.

Thanks to the support of the Bay Village Foundation, we were able to make our first major purchase and complete phase one of our project. We have acquired 90 square feet of stage platform that will be incorporated into the set of this fall's production of "War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast" by Joe Landry.

If you are interested in seeing the full proposal, it is available on our blog at baytheater.org along with a link to purchase tickets for our upcoming show and information on getting promotional T-shirts. ●



BVCT is raising funds for a portable stage to enhance patrons' viewing experience.

WESTLAKE BAY VILLAGE
Observer
Community Powered News

CELEBRATING
10 YEARS
of CITIZEN
JOURNALISM

1,017 Citizens participate in writing, editing, photographing and delivering this newspaper.

WINNER of the
OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
MEDIA HONOR ROLL 2013
for Excellence in Educational Reporting

The Westlake | Bay Village Observer is a hyperlocal community newspaper and website written by, for and about the residents of Westlake and Bay Village, providing perspectives and information about topics and events in our community. The mission of the Westlake | Bay Village Observer is to inform, involve and energize the community through citizen participation of the 900+ community volunteers. All Westlake and Bay Village residents are invited to participate.

Observer Guidelines

Want to submit an article to the Observer? We'd love to hear from you! Here are some guidelines to keep in mind when writing for the Observer:

- Anyone who lives or works in Westlake or Bay Village is encouraged to contribute.
- Aim for 300-500 word articles.
- Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes in size.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources and list the photographer of photos.
- Don't use stories to promote a business – that's what ads are for.
- Review our Observer FAQs on our website at: wbvobserver.com.
- Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process. Staff contact information is listed below.

To join in, sign up through the Member Center at **wbvobserver.com/members** to submit your stories, photos and events.

All content should be submitted through the online Member Center, not by email.

Letters to the editor (max. 300 words) may be sent to tara@wbvobserver.com. Please include full contact information.

The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Westlake | Bay Village Observer staff.

PRODUCTION OFFICE

451 Queenswood Drive
Bay Village, Ohio 44140
440-409-0114 • Fax 440-409-0118

Copyright ©2018 The Westlake | Bay Village Observer.

All rights reserved.

Any reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

Denny Wendell

Co-publisher, Community Advocate
staff@wbvobserver.com

Tara Wendell

Co-publisher, Senior Editor
tara@wbvobserver.com

Advertising Consultants

Laura Gonzalez
laura@wbvobserver.com
Sarah Wering
adsales@wbvobserver.com

QUESTIONS? Contact us:

staff@wbvobserver.com or 440-409-0114

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Barbara Armstrong, Jeff Bing, Kim Bonvissuto, J. Paige Boyer, Jayne Broestl, Michael Dickey, Anne Engel, Brian Gadd, Mendel Jacobs, Fran Jensen, Pam Kilpatrick, Andrew Mangels, Tara McGuinness, Patrick Meehan, Diana Pi, Joanne Rowden, Robert Rua, Victor Rutkoski, Tak Sato, Jean Smith, Jessica Stockdale, Elaine Willis

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Julie Holmes, Victor Rutkoski, Denny Wendell

ALSO HELPING

Nancy Heaton, Jon Mack,
Laurel Wendell, Kathy Winzig



**To support the
Observer
through advertising,
call 440-409-0114
or email staff@wbvobserver.com**

Get Results in less than
60 MINUTES PER WEEK

My Personal Trainer provides a **WHOLEistic** approach to fitness to get you moving, eating right and feeling your best. You give us the commitment, our team will deliver the guidance, support and education for achieving long lasting results!

Call Now
to receive
2 Free Sessions
440.808.0000
(Offer expires 9/30/2018)



**Get in.
Get fit.
Get on with Life.**

\$99
starting at


- Science Based Workouts • One-on-One Sessions
Accountability • Appointment Only • Lose Body Fat
- Lose Inches ● Improved Flexibility
 - Improved Energy Levels
 - Increased Muscle Mass
 - Increased Metabolism

My
PERSONAL®
— ONE ON ONE —
TRAINER



Down 80.8 lbs
in less than 11 months


Ohiomypersonaltrainer.com


**25959 Detroit Road
Westlake, OH 44145**


(440) 808-0000



Down 83.4 lbs
in less than 7 months

Ice cream social kicks off Indian Guides, Indian Princesses fall registration

by BRIAN GADD

The West Shore Indian Princesses and Indian Guides are dedicated to fostering relationships between fathers & sons and fathers & daughters in a friendly, fun environment. Our activities require participation by both father and child, giving you opportunities to share experiences, learn and grow together. This is not a program to drop off your child; dads participate in all activities.

Dads can register with their sons and daughters as young as kindergarten-age. Our organization serves Bay Village, Westlake, Avon, Avon Lake, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Olmsted Falls and Rocky River.

Tribes are organized with other dads from the same area and whose kids are the same age range.

The West Shore “Nation,” which is the group of all the individual tribes, has one or two events planned every month during the school year. These events include our

fall, winter and spring camp-outs, bowling, skating, pinewood derby, holiday party, tobogganing, and many others. The camp-outs are mostly held at YMCA camps with cabins and the activities offered include horseback riding, archery,

crafts, rock walls, canoeing, hiking, ziplining, BB guns, a big Saturday night bonfire and more.

To join the West Shore Indian Princesses and Indian Guides, there is a yearly fee of \$50. The fee helps cover the cost of some



of the events and activities. A lot of activities are free for members, such as swim parties, “drive-in movie” night, cornhole tournament and the holiday party. Campouts and some other events are paid as you participate; campouts are generally \$125-\$150 per dad/child pair for the weekend, food and lodging included. Events like bowling, tobogganing and Kalaratri trips are discounted.

There are no fundraisers, no weekly meetings, no badges or

other requirements – just dads making memories with their sons and daughters. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Host tribes coordinate the events so dads and kids can show up with a minimum of preparation and enjoy their time together.

Our fall registration program is underway and we are hosting ice cream socials in the area for you to come out and learn more about the organization. The Westlake social will be on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Mitchell’s Ice Cream, 26161 Detroit Road.

Registration is easy – just visit the website at noonway.com and follow the instructions. If you would like more info, you can also contact our Membership Chief at membership@noonway.com. ●

BAYarts Moondance honors Bay resident

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Mary Conway Sullivan is the 2018 Moondance honoree. She has been part of BAYarts for 12 years now and is the current BAYarts board president.

Moondance is the cultural arts center’s annual fundraiser, which features live music (Mike Petrone for 2018), over 15 different restaurants, five local breweries, fine wine and bonfires under the stars of BAYarts’

Huntington Reservation campus. Each year someone who has made contributions to the arts or quality of life for Northeast Ohio is honored. Past honorees have been Brian Zimmerman (Cleveland Metroparks), Tom Schorgel (Community Partnership for Arts & Culture) and another Bay resident, Liz Maugans (YARDS Project.)

Living in Bay Village for 21 years, the 2018 honoree is also a world traveler. Conway Sullivan loves going to Spanish-speaking countries such as Spain and Costa

Rica. “But anywhere,” she says. “Everywhere! It’s a big wide world out there.”

Fittingly, she has dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in English in Spanish from Marquette University. Some of her passions include “Cook-



Mary Conway Sullivan

ing, writing, dancing, yoga, walking and entertaining friends and family.”

When it comes to writing, Conway Sullivan is very focused, as she runs a blog called “What the Farm.” Readers are routinely entertained by her stories, like the only time she mowed a lawn, her ode to fireflies, and why she planted shamrocks on her farm.

BAYarts Executive Director Nancy Heaton has worked alongside Conway Sullivan for years and credits her with helping to launch BAYarts’ rebranding in 2006 and propel the organization into the future. “Mary has been an integral part of BAYarts’ trajectory to the vibrant organization it is today; her intelligence, energy and humor have inspired all of us from day one. She is a great collaborator and leader for our board.”

Also working beside Conway Sul-

livan is BAYarts board member Andrea Richards. She says she can think of no more deserving person to be given the

honor this year. “Mary’s passion and commitment to BAYarts is both inspiring and contagious. As a relative newcomer to BAYarts, I have been so impressed by her dedication that I too wanted to be a part of the BAYarts community. Mary uses her time and talent to enhance the community and is the perfect choice for this year’s Moondance honoree.”

Asked what some of her proudest BAYarts accomplishments are, she remarks, “All successes at BAYarts are team-based! We have an amazing staff, board and volunteer base! Everyone really has a passion to roll up their sleeves and get stuff done.”

The biggest united campus hustle of the year is always Moondance. And the honoree says she’s happy with how “large and successful” Moondance has become since its inception. “It’s a fantastic evening and a great way to introduce folks to BAYarts. It’s also a great way to celebrate the arts, community, music, food ... all things that make life worth living! I am really honored to be the board president of BAYarts. And I’m totally humbled to be the honoree at Moondance. It’s a little embarrassing because, like I said, everything at BAYarts is a team effort!”

Moondance will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8. Tickets can be purchased at bayarts.net. ●

TAKE FLIGHT

with
Bay United
Methodist
Church

Take Flight on a
New Season at BUMC

Dedication of
Historical Marker
with Mayor Koomar

Games
Inflatable
Obstacle Course
Kite Making
Fellowship
Fun

Join us for
RALLY DAY
Sept. 9, 2018

Worship 10:00 am
Picnic 11:00 am

29931 Lake Rd. Bay Village
440-871-2082
bayumc.org

Bay
United Methodist Church

MOONDANCE

Saturday, Sept. 8

Don't miss the party of the year!

Great food, libations, music,
bonfires, auction under the stars!

NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Advance tickets only
BAYarts.net/events/moondance
or 440-871-6543

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Motivation to manage my diabetes

by TAK SATO

When I was first diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, I became very regimented. Taking glucose readings twice a day, following dietary restrictions recommended by my primary care physician, asking for a doggy bag at the beginning of a meal when eating out to right-size the portion, and other adjustments became the norm.

I can laugh about this now but I remember saying in a sarcastic tone, “What do you mean by I can only eat a cup and a half of cooked pasta??” and rolling my eyes. You’d be shocked at how little a cup and a half of cooked pasta is! It’s a miracle, too, that I wasn’t in the dog house that night! With my wife’s commitment to adjusting our meal plan to diabetic-friendly Asian cuisine, combined with motivation from the since-retired uber internist Dr. Walborn, I controlled my diabetes without medication for over a decade. I even lost more than 40 pounds in the first year.

Eventually, though, I had to start taking medications to stimulate my pancreas to produce insulin. I still want to manage my diabetes to a point where I don’t need to take medication!

Attending the workshop on diabetes and nutrition offered by the UH St. John Medical Center community outreach team helped kick-start my journey to recalibrate my diabetes management. FYI, the community outreach team puts on other health-related workshops so make sure to check them out.

Wait, where is the digital world connection?

In my column I often use the words “smart” and “dumb” as prefixes to electronic devices. Prefixed with the word “smart” is anything with the ability to connect to the internet – aka the cloud - while prefixed with the word “dumb” signifies lack of such capability.

When my wife and I started to recalibrate my diabetes management regimen with the goal of becoming medication-free again, or at least reduce the medication dosage through better control, it was time to replace my decade-old and failing glucose meter. I was also curious how 10 or more years have evolved the meter. As expected, there were handful of “smart glucose meters” on the market.

Those smart meters alone can’t connect to the internet (yet) but by communicating with an app on your smartphone, you can do many things with the captured data. In that sense a single droplet of blood harvested from the prick of a finger, with the right circuitry in the meter, can diagnose more than glucose levels.

Older “dumb” meters already logged readings and many gave a running average. The apps can log, average, visually show a graph, and do much more. Visual representation of the data shown as a line graph with peaks and valleys adds new understanding when cross-referenced with the notes you typed into the app so you know, for example, which foods to avoid.

Another way “smart” devices come to enrich your lives. Now if only the digital world can find me that elusive motivator of a primary care physician. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

Things starting to break (down) in Tribe’s favor

by JEFF BING

Have a seat my friend, since I already know what’s troubling you ...

You tell me that the Cleveland Indians are falling apart at the worst possible time – virtually as we speak – with the playoffs just over the horizon. *Tough to argue with that, pal.*

You say that Andrew Miller is hurt – again – and without him, our chances go from slim to *less* than none. *Yeah, losing Miller hurts big time (although I’d like to see you explain how you arrived at that “less than none” figure, Einstein).*

You maintain your dreary demeanor by mentioning the one significant addition we made to the outfield, Leonys Martin, was here for about 10 days before coming down with a season-ending viral infection. *Great. Just the pick-me-up I was hoping to get: We traded for Typhoid Mary.*

You complain that the remainder of the Tribe outfield is really, really bad. “How bad is it?” I query. “So bad,” you reply, “that the dregs of Major League Baseball, the woeful Kansas City Royals, have a better outfield.” *Wow, that IS bad. Statistically speaking, you have a point.*

You pontificate that Corey Kluber is no longer great; but merely good these days. *Brother, the stats don’t lie, do they?*

You dejectedly articulate how Trevor Bauer – arguably

the new pitching ace on the team – takes a shot to the shin, is down indefinitely, and unless he comes back very soon, he won’t be in “game shape” enough to help in the playoffs. *I’ll tell you: If it’s not a frickin’ drone, it’s a line drive right back atcha!*

You despondently add how our next-best pitcher, Carlos Carrasco, takes a liner to the chest, and his pitching may well suffer as a result. *Jeez dude, you’re killing me here. Pass the Valium. In fact, make it a double.*

You say that the Indians season is going about as smoothly as gargling peanut butter? *Don’t hog the jar, Skippy, ‘cause I like it chunky. That’s right, bring it on, because I see things a tad differently.*

While acknowledging that you make some legitimate points, I would like to present the other side of the coin, as it were. Try to stay with me here ...

Do the names Jaret Wright and Chad Ogea mean anything to you? Jaret Wright had an injury-plagued career with the Indians, and Ogea was just another pitcher in an otherwise nondescript career. However, in the postseason of 1997 – when the Indians entered the playoffs as essentially an afterthought among the MLB prognosticators – Wright went 4-0, Ogea pitched like Tom Seaver, and the Tribe came within one victory (stop me if you’ve heard this one) of

being World Series champs. An ordinary team that got hot at the right time.

On the other hand, last year, the Indians were everyone’s favorite – especially on the tail of the 22-game winning streak – to win the 2017 World Series and the sad reality was they didn’t even come close. The 2017 Tribe got cold at the wrong time.

Home field advantage? Doesn’t matter.

Superior won/loss records? Doesn’t mean squat.

Whoever is playing the best ball in October wins it, simple as that. Does it mean the Indians have any advantage this year?

Possibly. I say that only because you have a lot of new guys on the team this year. New guys; hungry guys. Maybe a guy like Greg Allen will have a storybook October. Maybe Brad Hand or Adam Cimber will have a Milleresque postseason. Maybe it’s Yan Gomes’ turn to shine. Who knows? What we do know is that when the playoffs start, it doesn’t matter what you did in the regular season. Ask Corey Kluber about the Yankees series last fall.

Speaking of pitching, remember how a few months ago Indians fans (myself included) were fretting over the impending loss of ace relievers Cody Allen and Andrew Miller? Cody Allen has since gone Chris Perez, and Andrew Miller has broken down more times than my old Rambler.

The point is, a lot can happen over the course of a baseball season. The stars of April and May who are still going strong come October are a rarity. In baseball, the old adage “anything can happen” couldn’t be more true. ●

St. Ladislav 50+ Club begins 28th season

by MICHAEL DICKEY

The 50+ Club kicks off their 28th year on Sept. 18 in Cullen Hall at St. Ladislav Church. Our featured entertainer will be Sara Lowe, the Ukulele Lady. She is very entertaining with a wide variety of songs.

Reservations can be made by calling 440-937-8089. Cost is \$11 and the deadline for reservations is Sept. 14. Doors open at 10 a.m., a short meeting follows at 10:30 a.m. and entertainment is at 11 a.m. A delicious meal is served at noon.

We have other entertainment scheduled through June of 2019 that includes Mossy Moran, the Chardon Polka Band and many others. You don’t have to belong to St. Lads to attend these wonderful events. We also have a major bus trip planned for Oct. 18 to visit the bridges of Ashtabula County, Ferrante Winery and a visit to the Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. A full calendar for the year will be distributed at the September meeting.

Additional inquires can be directed to Mike Dickey at 440-832-0822. ●

Historical society has free BHS yearbooks

The Bay Village Historical Society is offering old Bay High yearbooks free of charge.

The following years are available: 1928, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1966, 1967, 1971, 1975, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1999.

The society is also seeking yearbooks from the following years for its collection at the Osborn Learning Center: 1929, 1934, 1935, 1969, 1996, 2012 through 2018.

Also, most BHS yearbooks have been scanned and are available on the society’s website, bayhistorical.com.

Contact Eric Eakin (BHS ‘70) at 216-386-5997 or email info@bayhistorical.com for more information. First come, first served. ●

WECPTA to host community celebration

by FRAN JENSEN

The Westlake Early Childhood PTA (WECPTA) will host its annual membership drive on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

This year’s theme is “Community Celebration” and we invite all local families to join us. Children’s activities will include visits with community heroes, face painting, crafts, balloon animals, snacks and much, much more! While the kids enjoy the specialty entertainment, adults will be able to learn all about the incredible offerings of the

WECPTA.

The WECPTA is an inspiring organization for families with children ages 6 and under. WECPTA is associated with various public and private schools in the greater Westlake community. Its members live not only in Westlake but in its surrounding communities. WECPTA has activities for its members throughout the year including field trips, playgroups, community service projects, parties, biannual Kiddie Kloset resale, moms and dads nights out and so much more!

For more information about the WECPTA Membership Drive or how to join, please visit wecpta.org or email membership@wecpta.org. ●

TEACHERS

from front page

The program focused on the study of British playwrights and how the themes of six plays deal with global issues. They participated in lectures and workshops, including acting, translating plays and performance studies. They also attended a variety of performances and participated in historical tours of Edinburgh that included the settings for Shakespeare's "Macbeth"; Alnwick Castle in Northumberland, UK, which doubles as Hogwarts Castle in two "Harry Potter" movies; and Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland, where "The Da Vinci Code" ends.

"It was really something to be there in the setting of what we read and teach in our classes," Hasenorhl said.

Both Davidson and Hasenorhl said they always teach the history behind the literature they present to their students. This program provided them the opportunity to visit the historical sites where the literature they read in class takes place.

Hasenorhl said the fellows program gives teachers the opportunity to create their own professional development experience that is personalized to what they teach.

"A lot of this program was about storytelling; and we are storytellers as teachers," Hasenorhl said.

Barth received \$2,384 to participate in a summer Yellowstone Citizen Science Initiative, a collaboration between Yellowstone National Park and Yellowstone Forever, the park's education and fundraising nonprofit partner. Yellowstone Forever also provided Barth with a tuition waiver for the program.

The field seminar focused on phenology and climate change at Yellowstone National Park.

The Yellowstone Phenology Project includes field work, sorting and mounting insects using microscopes, labeling specimens, and data entry. Barth also participated in the Yellowstone Pika Project, which monitored these members of the rabbit family; Red-tailed Hawk Nest Monitoring; and Home on the Range, which involved collecting demographic information on the park's bison population.

Barth is using the experience to



WHS science teacher Melissa Barth participated in a summer field seminar focused on phenology and climate change at Yellowstone National Park.

inform a student-centered research project based in the WHS Cultural Pollinator Garden. AP environmental science students will monitor bloom times on plants and how it impacts pollinators, including honeybees in the two hives on the site.

Barth ordered a weather station to help with the monitoring and will use the protocols she learned at Yellowstone to collect and share data through the National Phenology Network's Nature's Notebook app. She plans to register the WHS Pollinator Garden on the NPN's phenology site, which will allow students and community members to record what they observe in the garden.

"This will give students the experience with long-term scientific investigation, as well as an introduction to citizen science," Barth said. "It's a concrete way for kids to think about climate change and how it affects our pollinators and, ultimately, our food systems."

Barth parlayed her Yellowstone experience into the National Park Service's Teacher Ranger Teacher program. She was selected by the NPS to work with staff at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Conservancy to write citizen science curriculum on water quality for high school students.

The Cuyahoga River, Barth explained, is still listed as having poor water quality – a designation the park system hopes to change by 2030. Data from the water quality monitoring by high school students will contribute to the goal of showing improved water quality over time. ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Ushering in the Jewish New Year

by RABBI MENDEL JACOBS

You've heard of roving reporters. Even roving fibers. But roving rabbis?

Well, now you did.

A program initiated by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, 70 years ago pairs up two young rabbinical students and sends them out to remote communities around the world. Their aim is to seek out the members of smaller Jewish communities; or for that matter, Jews in places where no Jewish community even exists.

This summer, our community here in Westlake was fortunate to have been visited by two learned rabbinical students who gave up their summer break to offer Jewish teaching and inspiration to our locals.

As the Jewish New Year approaches



Roving Rabbi David Geisinsky assists a local Jewish man to don "tefillin," an age-old Jewish practice.

and Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated by Jewish communities around the world, Jews on the West Side are joining in as well! Inspirational services will be held at the Westlake Recreation Center on Sept. 10 and 11, as well as Yom Kippur at the DoubleTree hotel on Crocker Road in Westlake on Sept. 18 and 19.

For additional information and full services schedule, visit jewishwestside.com. ●

Finding your English and Welsh ancestors

by JAYNE BROESTL

Are you having trouble finding your English and Welsh ancestors? It may be because of a lack of understanding about Britain's system



The national flag of Wales was officially recognized in 1959.

of public record keeping. From 1538-1837, parish records contained all the significant life events for 98 percent of the population. Original documents for baptism, marriage, burial and many other events were filed in the historical parish jurisdictions.

Genealogist Liz Pearson has first-hand experience in English and Welsh research. Born in England, she spent many years researching her own family history. During the late 1970s her professional life brought her to New York and Washington, D.C., where she found many opportunities to share her English and Welsh expertise with Anglo-

Americans researching their roots.

Liz holds several research qualifications and is an associate member of the Society of Genealogists in London, England. She has volunteered and taught for the

Pinellas (Florida) Genealogical Society, and offers professional genealogy services in English and Welsh family history.

Now residing in the Cleveland area, Liz Pearson has been speaking to local genealogical groups. Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society has invited Liz to speak at their next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited, free of charge. For more information, email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●



2018
WESTSIDE FLEA

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 15**

NORTH OLMSTED COMMUNITY PARK
NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO 44070

ARTWORK - FOOD TRUCKS - MUSIC
FRIENDLY ALPACAS - JEWELRY
KIDS GAMES - RAFFLE - AND MORE

9AM-3PM

Charity raffle:
Special Spaces Cleveland

Food donations:
CRS for Avon, Avon Lake

@WESTSIDEFLEA @thewestsideflea

HOT DIGGITY DOG, INC.

Personal In-Home Pet Care

Busy Work or Personal Schedule?
In-home visits tailored to your pets' special needs:

- Reasonable prices for all services
- Meals, walks, medication
- Plus personal play time / special requests
- All in the surroundings of your home

20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
hotdiggitydogusa.com
440-823-9159
Visit our blog: OhioPetExpert.com

"We take the worry out of being away"



Owner Nancy Brown and Montana



Westlake-Bay Village Rotary project aids poor in Nicaragua

by ANDREW MANGELS

In 1998 Hurricane Mitch devastated the town of Chinandega, Nicaragua. Hundreds of families became displaced and resorted to subsisting off the city dump. An Italian missionary, Father Marco Dessy, began an aid program for those families, and in subsequent years many Rotary Clubs joined the cause.

Rotary District 6630 has been participating for the past 12 years in the “Shoe Box” project under the leadership of Rotarian Jack Young. For the project, Rotarians fill special shoe boxes with daily necessities and some fun items to be delivered to the children in Chinandega who are living in poverty near the dump.

In 2018 Jack turned project coordination over to the Westlake-Bay Village Rotary



Rotarians with the many “Shoe Boxes” they filled with daily necessities for the Nicaraguan poor.

Club. We are proud to say that 24 clubs in our district combined to send 715 shoe boxes and 40 bags filled with supplies to Nicaragua for pregnant women there.

The completed boxes were collected at Westlake Porter Public Library then taken to a Westlake business, RAM Sensors, who generously allowed us to store 10 pallets worth of boxes until they could be picked up for delivery. From there, V3

Transportation donated a truck and driver to take the boxes to Waterloo, Iowa, from where they will ultimately be sent to Chinandega, Nicaragua. Westlake-Bay Village Rotary is extremely grateful to our public and private sector partners for helping make this possible.

Westlake-Bay Village Rotary Club is a fantastic service organization that donates money to local organi-



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

Lily Krantz displays the items in a Rotary “Shoe Box” she packed for needy children.

zations such as Meals on Wheels, Connecting for Kids and Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, as well as engaging in several service projects throughout the year. The club meets every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the community room of the Bay Village police station. Visit our website at westlakerotary.org or call 440-250-5450 for more information. ●



To benefit The Bay Village Foundation

RUN 2018

Saturday, October 20

Make plans now to run or walk through beautiful Bay Village.



BAY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

- The 5k run/1 mile walk begins at Bay Middle School at 9:00 a.m.
- Online/Mail Pre-Registration - \$20.00
- Race Day Registration - \$25.00
- Cool Dry Tech shirts will be given to the first 300 participants.
- Great Prizes to Top Overall Male & Female, Top Overall Male & Female Masters, and Top Three (3) in the following Age Divisions based on Race Day age: 11 & Under, 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64 and 65 & Over
- Silent Auction

To register, visit bayvillagefoundation.org

BAY VILLAGE INVITES KIDS TO TOUGH-A-TRUCK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 12 NOON TO 3 PM

at the Fire & Police Parking Lots on Wolf Road



Turn on Police Car Emergency Lights
Climb in Fire Trucks
Sit in Bay Village Service Trucks
MetroHealth's helicopter will land at 1 o'clock
Meet our police officers, firefighters/paramedics and service department employees

Help Support Your Observer ADVERTISE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Help sustain this free citizens newspaper by advertising your next community event.

Call us today 440-409-0114

or email us at staff@wbvobserver.com

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD WITH LOVE

Our programs create moments of self-discovery, self-realization, and self-empowerment to guide them as they thrive in God's Divine Love.

Pre-school to teens, classes are during the 11:00 a.m. service.

For more info, contact Scott Gessner, yfmdirector@unityspiritualcenter.com. uscwestlake.org



Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

The Haunted Housewives are joining us at the Bay Village branch library on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. for a paranormal presentation revolving around love. They'll explore the heartwarming power of devotion, but also the seedier and more dangerous side of love. They'll highlight some stories from "Love Beyond the Grave" as well as a few of the Haunted Housewives' own personal encounters.

CHILDREN

- **Mondays & Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages
- **Wednesdays (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** – ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – for all ages

Wednesday, Sept. 5 (7 p.m.) MAD SCIENTISTS: BALLOON ROCKETS – Grades K-2: Join us for a hands-on science program. Build a rocket with paper, string and balloons. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (10 a.m.) PRE-SCHOOL STEAM – Ages 3-5: Join us for stories, songs and a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activity. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 (7 p.m.) GRANDPARENTS DAY WITH BLOXELS – Adult and child in grades K-5: Celebrate Grandparents Day by designing a video game with your grandchild! Let your imagination run wild as you design and build your very own video game using iPads and the Bloxels app.

Saturday, Sept. 15 (10 a.m.) "BAD" ART DAY – Join this freestyle craft event and try and make the best "worst" art as a family out of fun and ridiculous craft materials. Please register each family member who will be participating.

Thursday, Sept. 20 (4:00 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL: CAROLINE – Grades 2-4: Learn about the times and cultures represented by the dolls. Feel free to bring your doll to the program if you have one.

TEEN

Thursday, Sept. 6 (3 p.m.) WRITE ON! – Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing.

Wednesday, Sept. 19 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) HOMEWORK MENTOR OPEN HOUSE – Come meet the Homework Mentor to find out about the help available to your child. The entire family is welcome.

ADULT

Monday, Sept. 10 (7 p.m.) A REAL READ: NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us to discuss "Educated" by Tara Westover. The book is available at the checkout desk.

Friday, Sept. 14 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month's book, "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan is available at the library and BAYarts.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (2 p.m.) PUTTING THE GARDEN TO BED – The Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County will discuss all the things a person needs to do to prepare the garden for winter.

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. ●

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Osteoporosis: A fanged dog without a bark

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Our bones are a dynamic organ, like a house that's constantly been remodeled.

Bone loss is natural aging. But when the demolition crew far outpaces the construction crew, bones thin critically, liable to fracture with minor injuries – it's osteoporotic.

Osteoporosis is diagnosed based on a bone density study (DXA). The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening women once at age 65. Earlier if they have additional risk factors: parents with hip fractures, smoking, weight less than 127 pounds, excessive drinking, among others.

Osteoporosis is more common in women, affecting 15 percent of women and 4.7 percent of men over 50. The benefit of screening men is less clear, mostly because we don't know (yet) if the treatments that work well for women also work for men.

While osteoporosis hits all joints, doctors are most concerned with two fracture sites – hips and spine.

Hip fracture is the worst. Due to prolonged immobilization, many require assistance living and suffer chronic pain. Up to 30 percent of women with hip fractures die within a year. The rate is higher for men.

From 2007 to 2016, "the number of U.S. older adults who die as the result of a fall has increased by 31 percent," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

So, what can you, starting today, do to keep your bones healthy?

First, exercise.

Like muscles, bone grows in areas of stress. For example, tennis players have stronger bones in their racket arm.

My exercise mantra usually goes something like this, "Any exercise is better

than no exercise."

You may be thinking, "What? That's the best you can do?"

If you really want to make your femurs and spine happy, consider a combination of endurance (jogging, tennis), resistance (weights, elastic bands) and balance (Tai Chi) exercises. You don't have to go long or hard – 20-30 minutes most days of the week will do. A potpourri of strength and coordination activities is your best bet for slowing down bone loss and reducing your chance of falling.

Second, diet.

Calcium is the bricks and mortar of bones; vitamin D helps guts absorb calcium. Doctors recommend a diet rich in vitamin D (egg yolks, fortified dairy and grains) and calcium (dairy and green leafy vegetables, like kale). But for independently living, healthy adults, taking vitamin D and/or calcium pills, has *no* added benefits in reducing fall or fracture risks.

Third, smoking/drinking.

Women's bone density peaks around 30 then begins to decrease. The rate of loss accelerates the first few years after menopause, then slows. Osteoporosis is a fanged dog without a bark. It gives no warning, like pain, until the first surprise fracture. Smoking and excessive drinking aggravate the problem – earlier and faster. How much bone you have after menopause very much depends on how much bone you have before menopause.

What's "excessive" drinking?

For bone health, three or more drinks per day is considered "excessive." One drink is a 10 ounce glass of beer or a 4 ounce glass of wine.

What's "moderate" drinking?

That, my friend, depends on where you live. For example, the Australians have one of the most generous drinking guidelines in the world. So if you really like your craft beer, I say – go with the Aussies. ●

Pull into fall with Cruisin' Westlake

by J. PAIGE BOYER

Even with summer in the rear-view mirror, you can still let the good vibrations follow. Enjoy the final "Cruisin' Westlake" event of 2018 is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Westlake United Methodist Church.

The free event will feature over 100 antique, classic, muscle, restomod and hot rods cars, and chance to vote for your favorites. There will be food from the Little Piggy food truck, drinks

through Alex's Lemonade Stand and free popcorn and coffee.

Listen to live music from the 1950s and '60s by the WUMC 11:28 worship band leader, Rich Gallo. Plan to warm up by the firepit and enjoy s'mores while you're here as well.

In partnership with the Westlake Historical Society, visitors can also tour the Lilly Weston House just down the street.

Bring your car or bring your family for an evening that's sure to be a great time for people of all ages! ●

Unity Spiritual Center celebrates the power of prayer

by REV. JOANNE ROWDEN

The Unity movement was founded on prayer. Myrtle Fillmore, founder of Unity, discovered the healing power of affirmative prayer when she healed her body of "tuberculosis" after being given just six months to live. It took two years, but as Myrtle affirmed the Truth, "I am a child of God and as such do not inherit sickness"; she recovered to live another 40 years!

As a result of her healing, people around the country wrote to Myrtle for healing prayer. Two

years later, she and her husband, Charles, organized a prayer group that would later be known as Silent Unity. Silent Unity continues today to be the light of prayer for people around the world. As a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week prayer ministry, Silent Unity has been serving people of all faith traditions for over 100 years.

Twenty-five years ago, Unity established an annual World Day of Prayer that occurs the second Thursday in September. This year, the theme of World Day of Prayer is the "Courage to Heal." You and I are encouraged to know, "I am

a healing presence." Much like Myrtle came to understand all those years ago, we are children of God and as such we are whole and holy. As you and I know and affirm this Truth, the power of prayer can be at work in your life!

As part of the Unity Movement, Unity Spiritual Center in Westlake participates in the annual World Day of Prayer. We begin on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. with our weekly Prayer Hour. For the next 24 hours, the prayer chaplains of Unity Spiritual Center will be focused on the healing power of affirmative prayer. There will be prayer activity during

the entire 24-hour period which ends with a closing ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

Past prayer activities have included a midnight walk on the labyrinth, making prayer bead bracelets, dancing our prayers, and sending cards of prayer to our local Westlake Police and Fire Departments as well as area schools. In true Unity tradition, all faiths are welcome to join us at any time during the 24-hour prayer vigil.

Knowing the power of prayer, we join in consciousness with each one in uplifting ourselves individually, as well as the collective consciousness of our planet, to know that we are all a healing presence. Together we can heal the darkness of ignorance that is in the world and call forth our loving light. ●

Dedicated to Serving Seniors



Aging in your own home doesn't have to mean eating alone.

Our CAREGivers help thousands of seniors age successfully at home every day.

Take the first step.
Call us at 440.734.7441 or visit HomeInstead.com/257





Knickerbocker Apartments

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING

27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village | (440) 871-3234 | KnickerbockerApartments.us

A comfortable home in Bay Village



- 62 & Older
- Pet Friendly
- Efficiencies & 1 Bedrooms
- Senior Transportation Available
- Independent Living
- Resident Activities
- Affordable Shopping Nearby
- On-Site Eliza Jennings Health Clinic

Rent Includes: All Utilities & Senior Cable

24 Hour Emergency Service Live-In Manager



Westlake Rehab and Nursing Center

Visit the Newly Renovated Skilled Rehab Unit including our New Pulmonary and Ventilator Wing

4000 Crocker Road, Westlake • 440-892-2100





Ambulette Service

Medical and Social Transportation Services

Private pay and many insurance plans accepted.


GRACEFUL LIVING MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION


A leader in quality & safety.

24500 Center Ridge Rd.
Suite 135, Westlake, OH
www.gracefullivingllc.com
440-899-2617 or 440-497-7597

Westlake Porter Public Library Delivers!


If you're a Westlake resident and are unable to get to the library safely due to physical or medical reasons, we'll deliver library materials to you! We also deliver to Westlake's senior residential communities and nursing homes. Call our Outreach Department at 440-250-5448 for more information.






27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145
www.westlakelibrary.org 440-871-2600

Keeping Your Knees Healthy and Happy



Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 | 4:00 p.m.

Presented by David G. Marsh, M.D.,
Centers for Orthopedics



Appetizers will be served


Please RSVP to Alexis Renney 440-348-5424
by Sept. 10, 2018

O'Neill Healthcare

BAY VILLAGE

605 Bradley Road
ONeillHC.com

BAY VILLAGE | FAIRVIEW PARK | LAKEWOOD | NORTH OLMSTED | NORTH RIDGEVILLE



Herb Guild announces scholarship winners

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, The Herb Guild Garden Club held its 34th annual scholarship luncheon. Two area students received scholarships, both of whom were present at the luncheon to receive them.

Jessica Mileski is a graduate of Lorain

County JVS and Wellington High School and will be attending The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. She will major in agriscience education and will transfer to the main campus in Columbus after two years.

Tyler Edwards is a graduate of Mid-view High School. He will also be attending The Ohio State University ATI with a double major in agricultural systems management and agronomy. Both are looking forward to attending college this fall.

This year's luncheon, held at LaCentre in Westlake, was a big success. Thank you to everyone who attended and made these scholarships available. Plans are in the making for next year's luncheon and the date will be announced at a later time. ●



From left to right: Jessica Mileski, scholarship recipient; Kathie Conrad, Herb Guild president; Anita Marshall, luncheon co-chair; Kathy McClement, luncheon co-chair; Tyler Edwards, scholarship recipient; Mary Kay Filipiak, scholarship committee chair.

Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club hosts district convention

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club hosted the Ohio District Aktion Club Convention at Lutheran West High School in Rocky River. Aktion Clubs from all across the state of Ohio gathered for a day of fellowship, educational workshops, food, fun and com-

petition. The Convention theme was "Blasting Into Service" with Lutheran West decorated in a space-age planetary theme.

The day started with a parade of club banners and an opening ceremony with a welcome from Ohio Kiwanis Governor Dan Litzinger speaking on the Kiwanis and service. Incoming Ohio Kiwanis Governor-elect Faith Levine also spoke about community service. The keynote speaker was Camille Licata from Kids for Positive Change.

There was a service fair with workshops for Aktion Club officers – fundraising made easy, making meetings fun and meaningful, healthy habits and hands-on activities. A breakfast and lunch was provided by Novotny Catering. The Aktion Clubs were entertained with rides on the Euclid Beach "Thriller Car" and by "Eric the



Westlake Aktion Club officers open the convention. From left: President Jennifer Rutkoski, treasurer Elizabeth Mulhan, Michael Sigmund and Bernard Asher.

Alligator Animal Show." There was speech contest, poster contest, T-shirt design contest and a service project contest. The day finished with a mini Special Olympics set up by volunteers from Lutheran West.

Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability. The mission of Aktion Club is to provide adults living with disabilities and opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills, to serve their community, to be integrated into society and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities.

Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process. ●

'Mother/Daughter/Friend' show at BAYarts

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Currently on view in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery at BAYarts is work by a trio of women who have painted everything from adorned chickens to ornate teapots. The women are Harriet Wise, Susanne Dotson and Mary Burkhardt. Wise is mother to Dotson, and Burkhardt is their dear friend. The exhibition is aptly titled "Mother/Daughter/Friend." And their story is a sweet one.

Burkhardt and Dotson met in the commercial interior design industry in 1989. "Susanne was a manufacturer's rep and I was an interior designer," explains Burkhardt. "We both had art backgrounds, but our careers left little time to devote to doing art. We both took a few evening drawing and painting classes at the Cleveland Institute of Art, but it wasn't until 2004 when we started painting regularly together. Susanne's mom, Harriet, has a wonderful studio space in her basement in LaGrange, Ohio. The three of us met there almost every Saturday during the winter months from 2004 until 2018. I treasured our Saturday painting time so much I would drive through snowstorms in order to paint with Susanne and Harriett. The three of us have painted together and inspired each other for the past 14 years."

"Our paintings resonate well together," says Burkhardt, whose particular paintings focus on females.

"My current work is a collection of female figures dressed in beautiful flowing gowns set against unexpected landscapes. By incorporating a contrasting background or an unusual element I seek to create compelling compositions encouraging the viewer's own narrative. I am inspired by fabric, especially if it is swirling or moving. I love to break



"Wilma on the Beach," by Harriet Wise, features the artist's mother at Lake Erie in the 1920s.

down the highlights and shadows into abstracted shapes that create folds and wrinkles signaling the essence of movement or action."

Susanne Dotson is currently in graduate school at the Columbus College of Art and Design, about to enter her second year to earn an MFA. Having grown up on a farm since age 14, much of that life comes into her art. This includes the satirical "visual story" that is the "Combs Family" portrait series. As Dotson writes, they have "risen from the humble coops and cornfields of Ohio to wealth and prominence." Four generations of the Combs family are displayed. This includes Ruby Rose Combs Cornish (a socialite), C.F. "Trip" Combs III Esquire, and Aunt Bitty Combs.

Born in 1924, Harriet Keller Wise is a fifth-generation native of LaGrange. She has long been an artist, having participated in different exhibitions and juried shows since the 1970s. Most inspired to paint the small, daily items she finds around her, she has created paintings of teapots, wire hangers and spools of thread.

One stand-out piece is titled "Wilma at the Beach." It shows a woman in a red vintage bathing suit and bathing cap. When asked, it is confirmed that the woman is Wise's own mother at Lake Erie in the 1920s.

All of this work will be on display at BAYarts until Oct. 6. ●

Diane DiFrancesco

Certified Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) Practitioner
Creative Insight Journey Transformational Coach

CONNECT TO YOUR JOY

560 Dover Center Rd, Suite LL3, Bay Village, OH 44140
Call 440.221.4716 to begin exploring your transformation today!





CMN Painting

Residential & Commercial
Exterior & Interior Painting
Owner operated with
15 years experience
FREE ESTIMATES



10% OFF Painting
WHEN MENTION THIS AD

Call Chris Nagle
216.551.6296
cmnpainting.com



Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Thursday, Sept. 6 (10-11:30 a.m.) TOUCHING UP DIGITAL PHOTOS – Learn beginner-intermediate level techniques for altering and repairing digital photos, including cropping, adjusting color levels, and removing blemishes. Practice files will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring a flash drive with their own photos. Please register.

Thursday, Sept. 6 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Thursdays, Sept. 6 and 13 (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.

Friday, Sept. 7 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) GOT SCIENCE? – There are millions of insects in the world. Join us as we delve into the world of insects. Grades 1 and 2. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (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.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) GRANDPARENTS DAY FUN! – Show your love and appreciation for the grandparent or special grown-up in your life by making a craft for them! All supplies provided.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) and Monday, Sept. 17 (6:30-7:15 p.m.) ADAPTED STORYTIME – 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, Sept. 8 (2-3 p.m.) ALTERNA-

TIVES TO CABLE TV – Frustrated with cable service? This program will help you sort through the variety of viewing alternatives available. Learn about digital media players, streaming services, and additional options. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 8 (3:30-4 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME – An interactive family storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs, movement and a small craft. For families with children ages 2-6.

Sunday, Sept. 9 (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 Pablita Velarde. Grades 3-6. Please register.

Mondays, Sept. 10 and 17 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Mondays, Sept. 10 and 17 (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, Sept. 10 (6:30-8 p.m.) INTRODUCTION TO FINDING GRANTS – Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders in this introductory course led by Foundation Center's David Holmes. Class will end with 30 minutes of hands-on, guided online grant research. It is advisable to bring a laptop/tablet for this portion of the class. Please register.

Monday, Sept. 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) MEDICARE 101 – Learn about Original Medicare, Medicare Supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans. Increase your understanding of the “Donut Hole” and other Part D prescription coverage rules and learn how to utilize Medicare enrollment periods. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 (10-11:30 a.m.) INTRO TO SMARTPHONES – Learn the basics of using smartphones, such as screen brightness, wi-fi settings, adding apps and more! If bringing your device, please bring all account passwords. Please register.

Tuesdays, Sept. 11 and 18 (2-3 p.m.) CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH – Spanish is the most popular second language learned in the U.S. Join us to learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with an expert instructor. You're sure to be speaking the romance language fluently in no time.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – We'll discuss “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 (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.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursday, Sept. 13 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 13 (2-3:30 p.m.) GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON WORLD AFFAIRS – Discuss critical global issues facing America today. At the beginning of each month a copy of the article may be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. Please read prior to the meeting. Please register.

Thursday, Sept. 13 (7-8:30 p.m.) A CONCERT OF CRICKETS AND KATYDIDS – In late summer and early autumn crickets and katydids take the stage for nature's final musical performances of the year! Dr. Lisa Rainsong of the Cleveland Institute of Music will introduce you to the members of this delightful ensemble and explain how to identify who's doing all that singing! Please register.

Friday, Sept. 14 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m.) and Saturday, Sept. 15 (9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE

– For families and their children (ages 0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Led by a board-certified music therapist. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend but must register separately. Each session is 30 minutes. To register, visit connectingforkids.org or call 440-250-5563.

Saturday, Sept. 15 (2-4 p.m.) CARRY OUT CRAFTS – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what our featured craft is this afternoon. We have all the supplies you'll need to create something fantastic!

Monday, Sept. 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTORS' INTEREST GROUP: INTRODUCTION TO ANNUITIES – Join us as we learn the answers to the following questions: What is an annuity? Should I choose taxable vs. tax deferred growth? Which is a better choice, fixed or variable? Presented by the non-profit Society for Financial Awareness, Michael Zawatsky. Please register.

Monday, Sept. 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER MONDAY: TRANSFORM YOUR MEMORIES INTO DIGITAL – Learn how to use WPPL's Maker Stations that can convert your records into mp3s, your slides and pictures into digital formats, and your VHS tapes into DVDs. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 (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! Please bring your devices. Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 (1-3 p.m.) CAREER: TARGETING FOR HIDDEN JOBS – When searching for a new position wouldn't it be great to get a list of available positions that fit you perfectly? The correct, targeted research will get you that. Learn how to find these hidden positions and how to go directly after them.

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

Clague Playhouse announces 91st season

by PAM KILPATRICK

Clague Playhouse is pleased to announce our 2018-2019 season. Our 91st season will open with the comedy/mystery, “The Murder Room” by Jack Sharkey and directed by Ron Newell.

The play runs Sept. 14-Oct. 7.

Our holiday show, Nov. 9-Dec. 9, will be “Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)” directed by Rob Gibb.

We will start 2019 with the drama, “Other Desert Cities” by Jon Robin Baitz and directed by Fred Sternfeld from Jan.

11-Feb. 3. Following that will be the musical “SUDS: The Rocking Sixties Musical Soap Opera” by Steve Gundersen, Bryan Scott and Melinda Gild and directed by Jeff Lockshine with music direction by Jayne Kacik from March 8-31. The season concludes with the mysterious tale, “Summerland” by Arlitia Jones and directed by Anne McEvoy from May 3-26.

Performances are Thursdays, Fridays

and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors (60+), \$10 for students (Free Student Tickets available for any Thursday performance). Tickets are available Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. at the Clague Playhouse box office located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake or by phone at 440-331-0403; or online at clagueplayhouse.org. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Picnic brings area veterans together

Three local veterans groups (VFW Post 9693, American Legion Post 385, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 249) wish to thank everyone that joined us for our second annual All Veterans Picnic at the Legion Lodge on Aug. 25. In spite of a quick rain shower, it was a wonderful day and all had plenty to eat and great company to share.

Various games provided some great gifts for our members and a 50/50 raffle netted a profit of \$70. This will be added to our Veterans Honor Wall budget as will all future net proceeds from this event.

We continue to learn from each of these first two picnics to improve for next year. We welcome input from our local veterans as well as the organizations as to how we may improve this event. Saturday drew 34 veterans and numerous family and friends. We estimated a total of 80-plus attendees.

The \$70 collected will used for a “burial flag” case of a female Bay Village WWII veteran that will be a primary centerpiece of our Honor

Wall when dedicated. Dedication ceremonies will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Dwyer Center. The time has not been finalized; look for more details in the coming months.

A big thanks to Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar for his visit between his numerous events Saturday. It was a big boost for our membership and our guests for a chance to speak to the mayor in a casual environment.

Thanks to all for the fellowship and support of our area veterans and their families.

– Fred Green, Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander

Fete des Fleurs tickets still available

by JEAN SMITH

Time is running out to get your tickets for the Westlake Garden Club's fundraiser luncheon, Fete des Fleurs. The luncheon is on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Westwood Country Club, where you will partake of a delicious lunch, have an opportunity to win a fantastic raffle basket or some

cash in the 50/50 raffle, and enjoy an interesting and enlightening program.

The speaker will be Jill Koski, new president and CEO of Holden Forests & Gardens. Tickets for the luncheon are \$35 which includes valet parking. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 19. Visit westlakegardenclub.org or call 440-665-5463 for more information. ●

COMMUNITY EVENTS Post your group’s free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Friday, Sept. 7, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Krav and Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery 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.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
FIND DEALS AND STEALS GARAGE SALE
A fundraiser for Meals on Wheels.
Bay Village Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane

Saturday, Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE
AAUW is sponsoring an open discussion about women who have experienced gender discrimination in the workplace. Please join us. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 8, noon-3 p.m.
SHREDDING DAY
In conjunction with the Touch-a-Truck event, the Bay Auxiliary Police Dept. is hosting a paper shredding fundraiser. All office paper is allowed; no cardboard. Will be located in the parking lot off of Cahoon Road adjacent to the soccer fields.
Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village

Sunday, Sept. 9, 6:30-8 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
A free outdoor performance of songs from Broadway musicals. Bring lawn chairs.
Cahoon Memorial Park gazebo, Bay Village

Monday, Sept. 10, 10-11 a.m.
STAYING INDEPENDENT THROUGH AGING
Free program for seniors. Want to stay independent as you age? If you are over 65 and your kids are over 40, the most cost-effective way to avoid calamity is to educate yourself and make a plan for your future. In this six-session series, you will meet weekly and build your personalized plan to stay independent. You'll meet experts from senior organizations and the healthcare industry. Free course manuals provided to all new attendees. If

you have come before, come again and learn more! Call 440-899-3544 to reserve your space.
Westlake Community Services, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

Monday, Sept. 10, 7-8:45 p.m.
WEST SHORE ANTIQUE AND HISTORY GROUP MEETING
Stephanie Vetrone presents "The Romance of Edith and Woodrow Wilson." In the midst of World War I, the president had been widowed for less than a year when he became involved with Edith Bolling Galt – an unspeakable scandal for the time. Stephanie Vetrone portrays the woman who married a sitting president and single-handedly held his administration together when he was felled by a stroke. Visitors welcome!
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
A memorial bench and plaque to honor all the victims of the 2001 attacks will be dedicated during the Westlake Historical Society's annual ceremony at the gravesite of Christina Sunga Ryook. The former Westlake student was at work in the North Tower of the World Trade Center when the airplane struck the building. The ceremony is open to the public.
Evergreen Cemetery, 29535 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
WESTSIDE DEMOCRATS MEETING
The speaker will be Meryl Johnson, State Board of Education member and host of "It's About Justice" on WRUW-FM 91.1. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. Contact Vern at coachvlong@gmail.com or 440-289-6291.
Western Cuyahoga Lodge, FOP Hall #25, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 5:30-7 p.m.
CLEVELAND METROPARKS RESERVATION PLAN OPEN HOUSE
Master Plans for Huntington, Bradley Woods, Mill Stream Run, and Rocky River Reservations are

being updated this year. The plans will help shape efforts in the parks over the next two to 20 years. Join Cleveland Metroparks staff at the public open house to share your ideas for the future of the parks.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
GOOGLE PHOTOS
Join NEOPC (Northeast Ohio Computers) for a presentation by Ron Brown, who will offer one choice for storing and managing your photo collection, along with a history of cameras and digital devices. Your Android device uses Google Photos by default. After this pre-recorded presentation, there will be time for discussion about photo storage. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00. Free, and all are welcome. For more information, go to neopc.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 12:30 p.m.
ICELAND – LAND OF FIRE AND ICE
Put on your Viking helmet and take a visual tour of this amazing island with Earth's greatest extremes – from volcanoes to glaciers. Traveler Tawny West will contrast life between towns and moonscape-like terrain. Sponsored by The Bay Village Women's Club. Free and open to all.
Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:45 p.m.
WESTLAKE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING
Our first meeting of the year will feature a demonstration of fall flower planter ideas. The WWC is a community service and fundraising organization for women in the western suburbs. If you are looking to make new friends, are new to the area or enjoy serving the community please join us for this fun event.
Petitti Garden Center, 33777 Chester Rd., Avon

Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Representatives from Bay Village's nonprofit and civic groups are encouraged to attend and network with each other, share ideas and event

schedules, and promote activities. Email tara@wbvobserver.com with questions.
Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.

Friday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Wrap It Up 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.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
WESTSIDE FLEA
A fun and interesting way to spend time on a Saturday! Artwork, food trucks, music, jewelry, kids games - no entry fee - free parking!
North Olmsted Community Park, 28114 Lorain Rd.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 5-7 p.m.
VILLAGE PROJECT BUILDING RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE
The public is invited to enjoy coffee and desserts as they tour the VP headquarters building. See how the former Thomas & Thomas space has been incorporated into VP's base of operations, including a kitchen expansion and spaces for volunteer training, client and community engagement, indoor herb growing and a retail storefront. Call 440-348-9401 or email info@ourvillageproject.com to let VP know you will be attending.
Village Project, 27378 W. Oviatt Rd., Bay Village

Monday, Sept. 17, to Friday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 22, 7:30 a.m.-noon
WESTLAKE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
Westlake residents only. No businesses, churches or schools. Accepted materials: oil- or solvent-based paints, sealers, coatings, paint thinner, spray paint, pesticides, motor oil, kerosene. Not accepted: latex paint, batteries, mercury, CFL and fluorescent tube bulbs, medical waste, explosives, tires, electronics. For a complete list, visit www.cityofwestlake.org. Call the Service Center at 440-835-6432 for more information.
Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

Looking for quality, affordable dental care?



New patients Welcome!
Emergencies Welcome!
Offering exceptional care for you and your family.

Call us for an appointment today.
David J. LaSalvia, DDS, Inc.

We are pleased to have **Dr. Christopher Burns DMD** join our practice.
General Dentist Providing Family & Cosmetic Services
440-871-8588
26600 Detroit Road, Westlake • www.drдавесаres.com

Jim Sgro's Village Barber Shop
620 Dover Center Rd. 440-871-0899

Open Mon-Fri: 8-6, Sat: 8-5. Closed Sun.

St. James Anglican Catholic Church

Sung Mass
Sundays 10:30 a.m.
Catholic Faith in the Anglican Tradition
1861 East 55th St.
at Payne Ave.
in Cleveland, Ohio
Please consult our website for additional information and services
www.saintjamescleveland.com 216-431-3252

The Westside's #1 choice
for interior and exterior
painting
Neubert PAINTING
Serving Northeast Ohio Homeowners since 1975
Quality Painting.
THAT'S ALL WE DO!
Call us at
216-529-0360
for a Free Consultation!
neubertpainting.com

BENTLEY
WEALTH MANAGEMENT OF
RAYMOND JAMES®

MICHAEL A. BENTLEY
Vice President, Investments
Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James
159 Crocker Park Blvd, Suite 390 // Westlake, OH 44145
O 440.801.1629 // C 216.513.0933 // F 440.801.1636
www.bentleywealthmanagement.com
michael.bentley@raymondjames.com
© 2016 Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange / SIPC. Raymond James® and LIFE WELL PLANNED® are registered trademarks of Raymond James Financial, Inc.
16-BR3AP-0073 TA 04/16


Thanks to all of our advertisers.
You keep us humming along!

Greenisland IRISH RESTAURANT & PUB
Warm, friendly atmosphere
Great food, Irish beer on tap
Open at 11:30am Mon.-Sat.
25517 Eaton Way (off Columbia Rd.)
Bay Village • 440-250-9086
Proud to be part of the Bay Village community