

Bay United Methodist Church dedicates historical marker



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Bay United Methodist Pastor Jonathan McCleery, Laura Russell of the Ohio History Connection, local historian Kay Laughlin, Bay Village Historical Society President Cathy Flament, and Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar unveiled the historical marker on Sept. 9.

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Although rain sprinkles fell, it didn't dampen the joy and spirit of the day for the Bay United Methodist Church congregation when Pastor Jonathan McCleery, Scott Gregory and Mayor Paul Koomar unveiled the new historical marker for the

Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church. Spearheaded by Kay Laughlin, church historian, it all came to a conclusion with the unveiling and dedication of the marker during Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 9.

Laura Russell presented proclamations from the Ohio Historical Connection and Governor John Kasich

to the church and Bay Village Historical Society. She remarked about our furthering the knowledge of our state heritage and the governor recognized the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church on how we have encouraged the history of our past as we look to our future.

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Bay Village launches BV60+ activities for active seniors

by LESLIE SELIG

The Bay Village Senior Center has launched BV60+, a new group for more active "seniors," along with activities to appeal to this population.

While anyone age 55+ may actually come to the senior center, focus groups

revealed that "younger seniors" do not want to come to a senior center because 1) they are still working, and 2) they do not consider themselves seniors. We also learned, however, that this age group wants to socialize and get to know people in their age group and community.

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'Murder Room' opens at Clague Playhouse



PHOTO BY TERRY SCHORDOCK

The cast of "Murder Room," which runs through Oct. 7, features actors Terry Smith, Debbie Jenkins, Lou Will, Nancy Allen, Caitlin Halstead and Simon Sedmak.

by PAM KILPATRICK

"Murder Room" will begin

Clague Playhouse's 91st season. In this crime thriller spoof, Mavis and her lover plan to rub out her wealthy husband,

and they seem to have succeeded all too easily. But have they? A sophisticated and witty gem of a play.

The play is written by Jack Sharkey and is directed by Ron Newell and our cast features Nancy Allen as Mrs.

Lottie Molloy, Caitlin Halstead as Susan Hollister, Debbie Jenkins as Mavis Templeton Hollister, Simon Sedmak as Barry Draper, Terry Smith as James Crandall and Lou Will as Edgar Hollister and Abel Howard.

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Bay Village Kiwanis donates \$25,000 to BHS stadium renovation

by STAN GRISNIK

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club has joined in the support of the Bay Village Rockets Renovation campaign. In 2008 the Bay Rockets Association with the support of the Bay Alumni Association, Bay Village Schools, the city of Bay Village and others began a

"Field of Dreams" campaign to renovate the Bay High School Memorial Stadium.

Phases I and II of the renovation campaign have been completed and now it is on to Phase III. Phase III is the construction of a plaza and a 4,000-square-foot building at the south end of the stadium.

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A rendering of Phase III of the Bay High School stadium renovation campaign shows a plaza and building with concessions, restrooms and team rooms.

BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay Village civic groups have great community events planned for fall

by MARY KAY WILSON

Members of the Bay Village Community Council met on Sept. 13 to discuss their groups' exciting fall events. Here are some highlights.

American Legion Post 385's Color Guard will lead the Bay Village Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 21. On Monday, Oct. 1, members of the Post will host a free Bingo Night at the Wade Park Veterans Hospital. St. Paul Lutheran Church's Military Support Ministry will join the Post by offering snacks to the veterans during the Bingo sessions.

Bay Village Community Theater will present "War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast," at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Parkside Hall from Friday, Oct. 19, through Sunday, Oct. 29. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are available online at baytheater.org or by calling 440-847-8494.

Bay Village Educational Foundation accepted grant applications from Bay Village teachers, staff members and students. Foundation trustees will meet Oct. 16 to decide on grant funding for activities or projects that directly benefit students enrolled in the Bay Village City Schools. For more information, visit bayedfoundation.org.

Bay Village Foundation is hosting a 5K run/1 mile walk on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 9:00 a.m. All participants will receive a loaded goody bag and the first 300 participants will receive a cool, dry-tech run shirt. In addition, the top three male and female finishers in each age group will receive a medal and great prizes. Funds collected by the not-for-profit, Bay Village Foundation are used to sup-

port Bay Village community projects. More details at thebayvillagefoundation.org.

Bay Village Garden Club will have their "Christmas Greening" workshops on Dec. 4 and 5 at Bay United Methodist Church. This is a hands-on workshop to help people make their own fresh arrangements for their home decorations. The club provides the greens and materials and demonstrates how to make the projects. See more at bayvillagegardenclub.com.

Bay Village Green Team will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Bay Village Community House.

Bay Village Historical Society will host a tour of Lakeside Cemetery on Sept. 30. Tours will depart at regular intervals from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. You'll learn about life in early Dover Township. Actors will relate the stories of several individuals buried in the cemetery. Admission is free. Phone 440-835-4472 for information, or visit www.bayhistorical.com.

Bay Village Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Bay Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Nov. 3. More details to come.

Bay Village Library just published its Fall Programming Guide. There are copies at the library or go to cuyahogalibrary.org. The next Friends of the Bay Village Branch Book Sale will be held Oct. 27, 28, 29 with \$1 Bag Day on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Bay Village Men's Club meets the first Thursday of the month, September through June, at the Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Road. Dues are \$60 per man, which includes food and drink at 10 meetings. All area men are invited and encouraged to attend. For more details, see facebook.com/BayMensClub. Their October meeting will be the

annual perch and walleye fry, where club members donate a portion of their catches to the club. The guest speaker will be long-time sports commentator Dan Coughlin. The club will feature offerings and a speaker from the Railroad Brewing Company in Avon at its November meeting. Club volunteers will rake and clean the yards of worthy and deserving Bay Village residents on Nov. 18.

Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation's next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 11, featuring guest speaker Superintendent Jodie Hausmann. The Nov. 8 meeting will feature Dr. Mari Halkovich speaking on the Impact of World War II on Jewelry. Both events will be held at the Bay Library, starting at 12:30 p.m., and are free and open to the public. The Club's annual Christmas luncheon will be at Westwood Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 6. They have Bay afghans, cookbooks, playing cards and Cat's Meow Huntington Water Tower for sale. For more information, go to BayWomensClub.org.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center has a jam packed schedule of fall activities including telescope nights and hayrides. To learn more go to lensc.org.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board meets the first Wednesday of the month from September through May except for January. Those interested in joining this support group for activities at LENS C can inquire at the LENS C front desk. Their next meeting is Oct. 3, with a special tour of the Rocky River Nature Center. The Nov. 7 meeting will host a wildlife expert from the Cleveland Zoo. On Sunday, Dec. 9, the board will host its annual benefit at Clague Playhouse. "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" is a madcap romp. Tickets are \$30 and are available from any Board member. Play starts at 2 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, coffee and punch served at 12:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters, Bay Village chapter, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:45 a.m., at the Bay Vil-

lage Library. The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6 election is Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Martha Devotion Huntington, Daughters of the American Revolution, based in Bay Village, is looking for new members. The DAR is a national service organization open to any woman, 18 years or older, who can prove lineal decent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Members support community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation. For more information, contact Mary Kay Wilson at MKW50@yahoo.com.

VFW Post 9693's Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen essay applications are due Oct. 31. Both applications can be downloaded from vfwoh.org or by contacting our post via vfwpost9693@gmail.com. The dedication for Bay Village's Veterans Honor Wall is planned for Saturday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. in the Dwyer Center. The Wall will honor deceased area veterans and is intended to be maintained into the future. Veterans Day is Nov. 11. If you have an event and need veterans to help, contact the Post via email, or call 440-941-5080.

Village Bicycle Cooperative's fall Open Shop hours, volunteer opportunities and Fix It Forward information is all available on their website: villagebicycle.org.

Village Project's new Project Shoppe opens Monday, Sept. 24. They are hosting a Clam Bake on Oct. 13; for more details and raffle tickets, visit their website. They have a part-time paid Assistant Culinary Director opening. Details are at ourvillageproject.com.

The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council will be Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Bay Village Library. Representatives of Bay Village's nonprofit and civic groups are invited to attend to share ideas and event schedules and promote their ideas.

For more information, email Tara Wendell at tara@wbvobserver.com. ●

Herb Guild hosts paper mosaic workshop Oct. 10

by BARBARA ARMSTRONG

The Herb Guild Garden Club will hold its October meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Westlake Porter Public Library. After a short business meeting there will be a paper mosaic workshop put on by The Emerald & Violet Studio of Olmsted Falls.

Guests are welcome but asked to register by Oct. 1 so that enough materials may be provided by the art studio.

The workshop will start at 12:30 p.m. The cost to non-members is \$35. Please contact Joyce Hayward at 330-801-7202 if you want to attend.

The Herb Guild is a local organization and meets on the second

Wednesday of the month at Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. New members and guests are always welcome. The club is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. For more information on the upcoming meeting, visit theherbguild.org. You can also find us on Facebook under The Herb Guild. ●



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MARKER

from front page

Kay Laughlin told the story of the church's founding and shared a video of memories. Paul Koomar stated how fortunate he feels to be raising his kids in Bay and honored our Appalachian Service Project at the church. Rev. McCleery advised us to always strive to be more and make the world better, not sit back on our laurels but know there are strides to make and always look forward saying, "What more can I do to help."

Elizabeth Sadler, a devote Methodist, arrived in Dover Township in the early 1800s with her husband, William. They lived on Lot No. 98. Elizabeth soon realized there were no Methodists living near her. She did not want to change to another denomination so Elizabeth built a small altar in her backyard where she worshiped daily.

When a Methodist church opened on Center Ridge Road in 1825, Elizabeth started attending church. It was a hard journey for her to make with mud, wagon tracks, wind and rain in the spring, dust and dry rutted roads in summer and snow and blizzards in the winter.

The minister of the

church was Rev. Eliphalet Johnson, Sarah Johnson Osborn's brother. Elizabeth asked him if he would consider starting a Methodist Church on the lake shore. He accepted. In 1827, Elizabeth, Rev. Johnson, his wife Margaret and daughter Rebecca, and Catherine Porter Foote founded the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Church in the Sadler log cabin.

For 90 years, our church was the only church serving the north shore of the township. In 2027, our church will be 200 years old.

Don Dunham, a member of our church, wrote a short history in 1952 that still rings true today. He was quoted as saying, "Our past is proud; our heritage is rich; our opportunity so great that it should stir the imagination and the hearts of us all. May we give thanks that we were lucky enough to be born and raising our families in such a charming and wholesome community as Bay; and that our forebears handed on to us the organization and building of this Church."

"The Best Is Yet To Be" and "Take Flight" became the themes of the day of celebration. Outside, standing in front of the marker, our hearts were filled with joy. All is well at Bay United Methodist Church. ●

BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY THEATER

The art of fake news: Looking back at 'War of the Worlds'

by PATRICK MEEHAN

Let's take a moment to look back 80 years to see how a 23-year-old Orson Welles awoke to find himself the most talked about man in America as his face and name appeared on newspapers from coast to coast.

The book, "Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News" by A. Brad Schwartz, describes the scenario that caused some listeners to mistake the Mercury Theatre on the Air performance as a real alien invasion.

In the aftermath of the broadcast, Welles went before dozens of reporters to answer a question that followed him for the rest of his life. Did he intend or anticipate, that "War of the Worlds" would throw its audience into panic?

Apparently no one involved with "War of the Worlds" expected to deceive any listeners, because they all found the story too silly and improbable to ever be taken seriously. Mercury's desperate attempts to make the show seem halfway believable succeeded, almost by accident, far beyond even their wildest expectations.

Writer Howard Koch was hired to adapt the H.G. Wells story for the Mercury Theatre in less than a week. After three days, he called the producer John Houseman and begged to give him

another story because "War of the Worlds" was not working. Houseman was unable to reach his partner so he lied and said that Welles was determined to do the H.G. Wells story.

Koch worked through the night and recorded a version to be played for Welles when he returned from rehearsing another play. Everyone that heard it agreed it was a disaster.

Welles believed that the only way to save their show was to focus on enhancing the fake news bulletins in its first act.

During the frantic rewrites, the first act grew longer and the second act got shorter, leaving the script somewhat lopsided. Unlike in most radio dramas, the station break in "War of the Worlds" would come about two-thirds of the way through, and not at the halfway mark. Radio audiences had come to expect that fictional programs would be interrupted on the half-hour for station identification. Breaking news, on the other hand, failed to follow those rules. People who believed the broadcast to be real would be even more convinced when the station break failed to come at 8:30 p.m.

Other important changes came from the cast and crew. Actors suggested ways of



"Broadcast Hysteria" explains how radio listeners believed Orson Welles' fictional program was a news report.

reworking the dialogue to make it more naturalistic or convincing. Frank Readick, the actor cast as the reporter who witnesses the Martians' arrival, scrounged up a recording of the Hindenburg disaster broadcast and listened to it over and over, studying the alarm and abject horror in the announcer's voice, then replicated those emotions during the show with remarkable accuracy.

Experience this piece of history yourself. The Bay Village Community Theater presents "War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast" by Joe Landry for five performances Oct. 19-28. For information on tickets, visit bay-theater.org or call the box office at 440-847-8494. ●

MURDER

from front page

Performances are Sept. 14 through Oct. 7 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road in Westlake. Show tickets are \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors (60+), and \$10 for students (any age with a valid ID) and may be purchased by calling the box office at 440-331-0403 Wednesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. or visiting our

website: clagueplayhouse.org.

Free student ticket

Thursdays: Limited free student tickets (high school and college) are available by calling the box office to reserve for any Clague Playhouse Thursday performance, and showing a student ID at the time of ticket pickup. No online reservations can be taken for these free tickets. Free Student Ticket Thursdays are subject to availability and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. the night of the performance or will be released. ●

BV60+ from front page

A BV60+ volunteer program committee was formed to plan programs to appeal to this group. More than 40 people have enjoyed playing pickle ball on Wednesday evenings this summer, and our August events of a Sunday evening concert at BAYarts, as well as winery tastings in the Vermilion area, were very successful.

Our September activities focus on enjoying our beautiful September weather and surroundings:

Trip to Mapleside Farms: Thursday, Sept. 27, noon

This trip includes a bagged lunch, a hayride(!), cider, doughnuts and apples.

After a hayride tour of the orchards, we will stop for some cider and

a doughnut before talking with Mapleside's apple specialist and visiting the apple packing house. We will also be given two apples to take home.

Cost of the tour is \$10 for transportation and a bagged lunch, and \$11 paid at Mapleside for the tour. RSVP by email to lselig@cityofbayvillage.com. You may also drive separately for this trip.

Bird-watching Field Trip at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center: Sunday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m.

We will join the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society to walk the woods and fields of the Cleveland Metroparks Huntington Reservation and the Lake Erie shore in search of migrating warblers and other birds moving through the area on their way south. Meet in the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center parking lot, 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. Erik Bruder will be our leader.

The best part is you do not have to be a Bay Village resident to participate in BV60+ activities! If you would like to attend any of these events, or if you would like to be made aware of upcoming events, email lselig@cityofbayvillage.com. ●

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

Demystifying mobile phones and plans: GSM vs. CDMA

by TAK SATO

This is the first in a series of articles about mobile phones and plans.

Just like there are AM and FM radio waves, aka bands, there are two mobile radio wave standards, or bands, in use in our country: GSM and CDMA. The important thing is that there are two bands and not what the acronyms stand for. Keen readers and geeks alike will point out that the word “band” is used slightly in a different manner when talking about the mobile phone industry but to keep matters simple, we’ll ignore that it is used differently.

If rock ‘n’ roll is your favorite music genre, you can tune your radio to 100.7 WMMS or 98.5 WNCX stations on the FM band to get your fix. For traffic reports, news and sports news during your daily commute, you may tune to WTAM 1100 on the AM band.

Like WMMS and WNCX in the FM band, or WTAM in the AM band, analogy here is that we have T-Mobile and AT&T using the GSM standard while Verizon and Sprint are using the CDMA standard.

MetroPCS, Virgin Mobile, Cricket and others – mobile operators, called MNVOs, who resell service from the major carriers – also fall under GSM or CDMA standards. Why? MVNO service providers do not have their own transmission towers but instead share the infrastructure of the big four carriers due to a federal mandate initiated to provide options and competition. To that end MVNOs may offer cheaper service plans, through comparative compromises

to what the big boys offer, that may or may not affect you depending on your use case.

Cell phones and smartphones that you buy from, or to use with, GSM-based carriers cannot be used, in most cases, with CDMA carriers. Although the newer “LTE” band has been evolving as a third standard nicely with smartphones’ use of mobile data while being agnostic to GSM/CDMA and embraced by both, technical reasons beyond the scope of this column make LTE half baked until they evolve some more.

Make no mistake – the above is only a discussion about whether a GSM phone can be taken to a CDMA carrier, and vice versa, and operate at full functionality. (The answer is, in most cases, no or with crippled functionality.) Phone calls you make/receive, texts and apps you use are carrier agnostic meaning it doesn’t matter which carrier you are with; all those will work fine and across networks.

This information is good to know if you were wondering why there are so many service provider options out there and everyone selling similar, if not the same, models of smartphone.

In practice, more than whether they are GSM or CDMA based service providers, your use case should be driving your decision making. Questions such as: quality of reception in your home and where you frequent, how you are going to use your smartphone, what is your monthly budget, and understanding how long a typical smartphone lasts are important. In our next issue we will tackle these questions ... stay tuned! ●

Center for Artful Living hosts unique art experience

by JOANN DEPOLO AND JEANINE SURACE

An exciting exhibit by local artist JoAnn DePolo is coming to the Center for Artful Living in Westlake. The exhibit features recent abstract works by DePolo and a selection of paintings from “Display the Music” which is inspired by original orchestral music composed by her twin sons, Jared and Andrew DePolo.

The Display the Music collection combines visual and musical art forms as sound is captured in multihued layers of paint. Visitors can fully experience this exhibit by bringing earbuds or headphones so they can listen to the sounds that accompany each painting.

This exhibit is truly unique for many reasons. DePolo is an artist who is internationally known among art collectors for her unique paintings of cityscapes, water scenes and bold abstracts. Widely regarded as a visionary, JoAnn’s art can be found hanging in the homes of several celebrities, including world renowned artist Peter Max.

Her sons, Jared and Andrew, are identical twins and also have identical

careers in writing music. The Northeast Ohio natives, who now live in Los Angeles, have shared the screen with Oscar-nominated actors Danny Glover and Danny Aiello and have collaborated with 16-time Grammy-winning producer Thom Russo (who has also worked with Eric Clapton, Jay-Z and Michael Jackson). They have composed a broad body of work that includes music for the nationally touring Irish Dance production “Rhythm in the Night” and the award-winning documentary “Tiny Tears” which premiered at the United Nations World Headquarters.

The DePolo brothers have worked extensively with the Cleveland Browns and recently scored the award-winning short “Marty: A Wild West Neverland” directed by Vu Hoang.

With the DePolos, creating art and music is a family affair. DePolo listens to her sons’ music without learning the title. After hearing the piece a few times, she then begins to paint based on the music. The exhibit combines seeing and hearing, a combination of two senses and a true collaboration of three artists, who also happen to be related.

The Center for Artful Living, the host

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

The not-so-scary truth about osteoporosis treatment

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Cruising Sanibel Island on a single-speed beach bike, my neighbor Sharon, then 52, did a “Flintstone front brake” (remember how Fred Flintstone stopped his stone car by dragging his heels? Yup, that one) and broke her right foot.

Her doctor frowned. “Something’s off,” he told her. A bone density study later, she was diagnosed with osteoporosis.

Two years ago, an infection caused a dental implant to fall off. Sharon became alarmed when two dentists refused to operate on her because she’d been on “antiresorptive medications” for osteoporosis for 12 years.

Sharon – and four out of 10 white females in the U.S. – will experience a spine, hip or wrist fracture sometime in their lifetimes; the rate is 13 percent for white male per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Currently we have five classes of drugs to choose from: bisphosphonates, denosumab, parathyroid hormone, raloxifene and estrogens. All except parathyroid hormone are considered antiresorptive; that is, they retard the erosion of the bone matrix. Parathyroid hormone stimulates bone growth.

These drugs, given as a daily pill or yearly injection, are exceptionally accommodating. Doctors recommend starting with a bisphosphonate, like alendronate, a once-weekly pill. For a month supply, generic starts at \$6.36 on GoodRx.com; brand name starts at \$135.50. Low-risk individuals (those without fracture and better bone density scores) can take it for a few years and get off for a few years. The benefits are long-lasting.

Sharon was placed on estrogen, then bisphosphonate, then denosumab (a twice-yearly injection). Easy and getting easier. Her bone density stabilized. So, what’s the scare?

For Sharon’s dentists – osteonecrosis of the jaw. And there’s the nasty atypical femur fracture.

Osteonecrosis is localized dead bone, usually in the jaw triggered by dental procedures. Most cases are reported in cancer patients who receive high-dose bisphosphonates for bone complications.

Antiresorptive medications have also been associated with an unusual femur (thigh bone) fracture which breaks at the bone shaft, a much worse fracture than the osteoporosis-associated hip fracture.

But in treating osteoporosis, the medications are low dose. Complications are rare. Every year, atypical femur fractures occur in 3 to 50 per 100,000 patients treated. Osteonecrosis of the jaw is even rarer.

The balance sheet: By treating 1,000 women with osteoporosis with antiresorptive agents for three years, doctors can expect one atypical femur fracture while averting 100 osteoporotic fractures.

Sure, targeted treatment for osteoporosis is young and still evolving, but the compliance rate has gone, undeservedly, from bad to swan-dive-into-the-tar-pits worse. A study shows initiation of osteoporosis medications after hip fractures – the group with the most to gain – went from 9.8 percent in 2004 to 3.3 percent in 2015.

Sharon’s third oral surgeon stated correctly, “Things happen ... the risk is *minuscule*.” He fixed her tooth and allowed her back on her injection.

At 5 feet 1 inch tall and 110 pounds, Sharon, a-pack-a-day smoker, wasn’t surprised when diagnosed with osteoporosis. Her mother and grandmother had it, too. She sighed. “I have all the risk factors.”

I’m mum. It takes a page to list *all* the risk factors associated with osteoporosis. She’s cut down smoking significantly. Eh, some fear is healthy. ●

site of the DePolo event, is the home of the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation and is innovative in its approach to helping individuals and families touched by dementia through the arts at no cost. Although not therapy, the art activities try to engage the individuals by incorporating all five senses to strengthen communication and stimulate opportunities for engagement and socialization.

The profits from the Center support the work of the Foundation and create a dementia-friendly community in northwestern Cuyahoga County. The Center for Artful Living offers rentable space to the arts community and other organizations in an updated state-of-the-art facility.

The art reception takes place on Friday, Sept. 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Road. Parking is available across the street at the law firm. The exhibit will run through Oct. 26 and is free and open to the public.

For more information about the Display the Music exhibit and/or the Center

for Artful Living, call 440-414-0434, email info@farrellfoundation.com or visit center4artfulliving.com.

For more information about JoAnn DePolo, visit joanndepolo.net; composers Andrew and Jared DePolo: depolo-music.com. ●

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STADIUM *from front page*

The building will house a concession stand with storage, restroom facilities and team rooms.

As a result of numerous fundraising efforts held throughout the year the Bay Village Kiwanis Club has the ability to support many worthwhile programs. The most recent being the Rockets Renovation. Bay Village Kiwanis Club recent past-President Alan Waddle and treasurer Russ Bauknecht presented a check for \$25,000 to high school Principal Jason Martin and Athletic Director Matthew Spellman. The presentation was held at the conclusion of the Bay

Kiwanis Club September cookout.

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club would like to thank the various groups and individuals that support us through our fundraising efforts. These efforts such as the annual Christmas Tree sales, pancake breakfasts, Bay Days and the new upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 3, would not be a success without the involvement of the community.

If you would like to learn more about Bay Village Kiwanis and what we do, visit bayvillagekiwanis.com. To learn more and find out how you can contribute to the Bay Village Rocket Renovation campaign, visit rocketsrenovation.com. ♦



Bay Village Kiwanis past-President Alan Waddle, center, and treasurer Russ Bauknecht present a check to Bay High School Athletic Director Matthew Spellman.

Concert series celebrates 60th anniversary

by CAROL JACOBS

The Rocky River Chamber Music Society will be celebrating its 60th anniversary all season long, and everyone is invited! The kickoff concert, on Monday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River, will applaud the extraordinary young talent in our region's distinguished music schools.

The Society will present an ensemble comprised of violinist James Thompson, a Cleveland native and Artist Diploma student at the Cleveland Institute of Music, along with his CIM classmates cellist Anna Hurt and pianist Sarah Ha. This ensemble will perform works by Mozart and Shostakovich.

James Thompson has been active in Cleveland's thriving music community for eight years including performances with The Cleveland Orchestra, the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra, the Cleveland Pops, the Cleveland Philharmonic, and The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. He has also been invited to perform in several high profile chamber music festivals across the country. Cellist Anna Hurt has performed extensively across the nation, and holds the position of Principal Cellist at the Suburban Symphony Orchestra in Cleveland. Pianist Sarah Ha is a native of South Korea and has performed in her home country as well as Brazil, New York, Ukraine and Italy. She has performed



Violinist James Thompson

in master classes with such renowned pianists as Leon Fleisher, Jahja Ling and Jaime Laredo.

In this its 60th anniversary season, Rocky River Chamber Music Society is still firmly committed to presenting concerts to Northeast Ohio audiences at no admission charge. All are welcome. For more information, visit rrcms.org or follow RRCMS on Facebook and Twitter. ♦

WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake adds 2 school resource officers

by KIM BONVISSUTO

The Westlake City School District is starting the 2018-2019 school year with two new School Resource Officers through the Westlake Police Department.

Officer Pat Foye and Officer Ted Morley are the new School Resource Officers/Drug Abuse Prevention Officers at Lee Burneson Middle School and Dover Intermediate School, respectively. Foye and Morley, who both previously served with the Lakewood Police Department, join Officer Scott Fortkamp, who has been the SRO at Westlake High School for 18 years.

Foye, who spent 25 years in Lakewood, is a U.S. Army Reserves veteran with multiple deployments and served on WEB SWAT, as a WEB negotiator and a narcotics detective.

Morley, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, served 30 years in Lakewood. He was a member of Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB) SWAT and the U.S. Marshals Service Task Force. He also served as a community officer, and a firearms and tactics trainer.

"They are going to be establishing themselves at their respective schools this year, getting to know parents, teachers and students," said police Chief Kevin Bielezer. "We've got a great relationship and open communication with the schools."

The SRO program expansion is the result of a joint venture between the Westlake Police Department, The Westlake City Schools and concerned community members, particularly resident and business owner Don Mueser of Cleveland Door Control.



School Resource Officers Ted Morley, left, and Pat Foye have been assigned to Dover Intermediate and Lee Burneson this year.

Westlake Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Goggin said the SRO program is an extension of a strong partnership with the City of Westlake.

"The schools are committed to working with the city in a true partnership to better our community as a whole," Dr. Goggin said. "The SRO program is another example of that strong working relationship based on mutual respect."

The salaries of Foye and Morley are partially funded through the City of Westlake and a State of Ohio Drug Use Prevention Grant secured by Bielezer.

SRO/Drug Abuse Prevention Officer Kendra Yurgionas, whose expertise is in social media and cybercrime, will continue to educate students and parents on these topics. D.A.R.E. Officer Keenan Cooke also will continue to provide education to third, fifth and seventh grades.

The Westlake Police Department also plans to continue visiting Westlake's elementary buildings as part of their daily patrols. Bielezer said he plans to add another SRO at the new elementary building, which is scheduled to open for the 2019-2020 school year. ♦

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Fun for everyone at Bay Village Foundation run/walk on Oct. 20

The Bay Village Foundation will host their annual 5K run/1-mile walk on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 9:00 a.m. at Bay Middle School. Adults and children of all ages are invited to run or walk through beautiful Bay Village during this event which benefits the Foundation's mission of providing support for projects and programs fostering Bay Village's historical, cultural, social and educational heritage.

Participants will receive goodie bags and Cool Dry Tech shirts will be given to the first 300 to register. Gold, silver and bronze medals featuring the Foundation's new logo will be awarded to the top three overall male and female finishers 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.

Participants can pre-register online or by mail for \$20 or register the day of the race for \$25. Pre-registration is available now at thebayvillagefounda-



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Medals to be awarded to the first three finishers in all age groups.

tion.org or hermesccleveland.com or by calling 216-623-9933.

You can enhance the awareness of your company or family as a sponsor of the Bay Village Foundation Run 2018. Your company/family name will be included on the T-shirt. You may provide promotional material in each runner's gift bag.

For sponsorship information, please contact Kelly Sommers at 440-250-1618. ●

Annual pet blessing at St. Raphael set for Oct. 4

by ANNE STRAITIFF

Hedgehogs, bearded dragons and less-exotic household animals and their families are invited to the 14th annual Blessing of the Pets on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village.

Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Give-aways from Hot Diggity Dog Pet Sitting will be distributed and a garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome!

The event was first held in 2005 to commemorate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

St. Raphael pastor, Fr. Tim Gareau, commented, "We welcome all our friends in the surrounding neighborhoods to join with us on this day, to give thanks for all God's creatures – especially our faithful animal companions – and ask for his continued blessings on our families, our community, and on all living things entrusted to our care."



PHOTO BY DAN STRAITIFF

Kiera Kette and her kitty, Brine, were both blessed at last year's event.

St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Road between Lake Road and Detroit Road. Parking is behind the church.

Please note: Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains. ●

Constitution Week is Sept. 17-23

by DORIS GORGAS

In 1955, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress with a resolution to use the week of Sept. 17-23 as an observance for the foundation of the American government. The resolution was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Aug. 2, 1955. President George

W. Bush officially declared the inception of Constitution Week in 2002.

This year celebrates the 63rd anniversary of the first resolution. It also celebrates the 231st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution and the 227th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights are the first 10 Amendments in the Constitution.

The Constitution is a

living document that assures each citizen of the freedoms Americans cherish and appreciate.

The full text of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are available online at archives.gov. In addition to the text, there are links to the original documents on display at the National Archives Museum in Washington, D.C. ●



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Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

As we prepare for the upcoming colder temperatures and the leaves get ready to fall, it's time to start thinking about cleaning up your garden and getting it ready for the winter weather. Join us at the Bay Village branch library on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m. as the Master Gardeners present "Putting Your Garden to Bed." Learn what chores to do to make your gardening easier come springtime.

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

Thursday, Sept. 20 (4 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.

Thursday, Oct. 4 (4 p.m.) TRAINS, PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES – Join us for transportation stories, songs and activities!

Friday, Oct. 5 (10 a.m.) PLAY, LEARN AND GROW – Children will play with developmentally appropriate toys in a play group atmosphere while parents meet and learn from community health experts.

TEEN

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.

Saturday, Sept. 29 (9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) ACT PRACTICE TEST – Take a timed ACT practice test administered by Sylvan Learning Center of Westlake. Teens should bring three No. 2 pencils and a non-phone graphing calculator. Tuesday, Oct. 2: Receive your results and discuss the exam. Registration required.

Thursday, Oct. 4 (3 p.m.) WRITE ON! – Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing. Registration required.

ADULT

Wednesday, Sept. 19 (7 p.m.) COMMON CORE MATH FOR PARENTS – Come debunk the myths of Common Core to better understand your child's homework and help them with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Join us as Joanna Schofield, Generalist I of the Warrensville Branch presents tips, tricks and strategies for math. This program is for adults only: parents, grandparents or caregivers.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (2 p.m.) PUTTING THE GARDEN TO BED – See description above.

Monday, Sept. 24 (7 p.m.) MIGRATION ALL AROUND US: HOW BIRDS NAVIGATE THE AMERICAS – For some five billion individual birds, a trip to Central or South America from North America is an essential and stunning annual accomplishment. Why do birds undertake this grueling trip? How do they find their way to wintering grounds they have never seen before? Dr. Jones from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History details how ornithologists study the phenomenon of migration.

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. ●

BAY VILLAGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Got a hankering for homemade oregano vinegar?

by DAVE SARTIN

The next time you get a hankering for some homemade oregano vinegar, think of the Bay Village Democratic Club.

Oregano vinegar – it really is homemade – will be among zany raffle prizes offered at the club's annual hot dog and

corn roast. Other prizes include books on political history and essays, a carafe, a canvas briefcase and gift cards from several Bay Village merchants.

The annual corn roast is Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Road.

Food and beverages will be provided by the club, while you can bring

Bay Village Schools earn an 'A' on Ohio Report Card

by KAREN DERBY

Students of the Bay Village City School District are meeting and exceeding state academic standards, earning their district an overall grade of A on the Ohio Report Card, released Sept. 13.

A comparison of the Performance Index, which factors in every test taken by every student, shows Bay Village ranking 6th of 31 districts in Cuyahoga County, and 16th of 608 districts in the State of Ohio. The district's Performance Index was 106.4.

"These report card results reflect the hard work that takes place every day in our schools," said Superintendent Jodie Hausmann. "Our students, teachers and administrators should be extremely proud of this significant achievement. In addition, our parents, support staff, board members and community members should celebrate the important roles they play in helping us reach this level of success."

One important contribution to the overall A is the report card's "Gap Closing" category. This grade compares the achievement and growth of students with special needs and other challenges with the achievement of all students. The district met this goal by having supports in place, such as tutoring and extra assistance when participating in general education classes, to help them achieve at levels on par with their typical peers.

"We are catching those students at risk," said Char Shryock, the district's curriculum director. "All of our most vulnerable students are exceeding expectations." She added that students identified as gifted are also exceeding expectations.

Progress, or Value Added, is another category where the district earned an A. The measure statistically calculates growth that all students are making based on their past performance.

The Gifted Indicator was one of two that kept the district from earning an A in the overall Achievement and Perfor-

mance Index category, despite ranking among the top in the state statistically.

"We provide gifted enrichment instruction, delivered by a certificated gifted education teacher, to all of our Kindergarten through second-grade students. The state measure looks at special programs for just those identified," said Shryock. "So the state calculates our approach as not serving that K-2 gifted population. But we think our approach is working, given that we see so many advanced scores throughout our student population, including Gifted, which earned an A showing greater progress than anticipated."

The other indicator just missed was high school Math II.

"And while the state gave us a B grade on keeping our struggling K-3 readers on track," said Shryock, "we know that our intensive interventions at that level brought almost every reader on track by third grade. But even just one student not being on track warrants our concern, and we continue to adjust levels of support to make sure every single student achieves."

Bay High earned an A for the Graduation Rate category, but a B in the "Prepared for Success" calculation, with points based on earned college credits or workplace certifications accessed by students.

Hausmann said that even while the Ohio Report Card changes frequently, it provides valuable information to help districts focus on areas where improvement is needed.

"Our report card is important to the public and to us," said Hausmann. "But our standing represents so much more than academics. It can only happen because we have an amazing group of people who love and care about our students. They set high expectations, with support, to ensure all our children not only meet their potential, but exceed it."

More details can be found on the interactive Ohio Report Card for Bay Village Schools and other school districts at reportcard.education.ohio.gov. ●

family, kids and friends. Some members will bring a side dish or dessert to share.

By tradition, Democratic candidates for federal, state, county and local offices have been invited to appear at the roast.

The club is preparing for the November elections and hope to build on success in the 2016 presidential election. The Democratic candidate for president won in Bay Village by a substantial margin.

In recent weeks, club members have:

- Conducted neighborhood canvassing, using special software to identify

undecided voters as well as persons who say they are Democrats.

- Conducted weekly phone bank evenings to encourage residents to register to vote and participate in elections.
- Launched a website, baydems.org, that lists upcoming club meetings, guides viewers through the process to register to vote and provides an election precinct map for the city. Baydems.org also allows residents to file membership applications.
- Updated a Facebook page, The Bay Village Democrats. ●

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CrossPointe Community celebrates 50 years of ministry

by PASTOR NELSON BLOUNT

Fifty years ago, a small group of people worshiped in a small chapel on Detroit Road at the border of Rocky River and Westlake. They caught the vision to expand their ministry and needed a much larger and better-equipped building to meet the needs of the growing community.

A house and adjoining land became available on Columbia Road in Westlake. After much prayer, they made the commitment to purchase the house and land and establish the Westlake Free Methodist Church, which now is known as CrossPointe Community and CrossPointe Community Hispana.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, at 10:30 a.m. at CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Road, we will celebrate 50 years in the city of Westlake. Rev. William L. Cryderman will be our special speaker. His father, Rev. Dale Cryderman, who later became Bishop, was the special speaker 50 years ago.

All are welcome to celebrate with us. There will be a luncheon immediately following as part of the celebration. Our mission is simply to “love God passionately, love people genuinely.” Most recently we have adopted the title of a book by John Burke, “No Perfect People Allowed.”

Today, people are faced with many challenges. People need the Community of Faith more than ever. Relationships

have suffered even with technological advances like Facebook. While this technology is extremely helpful if properly used, it may lead to a depersonalization. The breakdown of the family leaves people feeling alienated and in need of genuine affection. The aging population and other issues have left more and more people living in facilities. The opioid epidemic and other addictions have impacted society.

In times like these, the people of CrossPointe stand to meet the challenge, loving God passionately and loving people genuinely, bringing hope to people who have little or no hope, providing Biblical counseling, making disciple-makers who make disciple-makers, building community and reaching out to impact the world. Agape love is making a difference through CrossPointe.

God has entrusted to us this recovery ministry. It began within the last 10 years. The stories of life transformation are incredible. We believe that Jesus, along with community, makes the difference. Ten years ago an addict who wanted a new



CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Road, is celebrating 50 years in the city of Westlake.

life drove down the road praying for God to direct her to a faith community. She drove into our driveway, stopped at our entry doors and prayed, “This is where I will come, God.”

After her first visit, we introduced her to Jesus and she began her journey. Within two years she became our greeter because she was so changed.

Soon after, a man was invited to check us out. He was captivated by the loving environment and began his journey. Several years passed and he became caretaker of the facility, living in the building. At one time he was a six-figure businessman but lost it all, spending five years in a Texas prison. Today he is a changed man.

We have been blessed to love and care for many families through Families Anonymous and through our community life. We believe what the Scriptures say, “Nothing is impossible with God.”

It takes big hearts and perseverance to do what God has called us to do. We’re not perfect but we are sure trying our hardest to make a difference in people’s lives. We’re a modest faith community with modest facilities but our mission from God is “huge” and truly priceless. ●

BAYarts Moondance: a zero-waste event

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Why were there no garbage cans at BAYarts’ annual Moondance fundraiser on Sept. 8? Because attendees were participating in a zero-waste event.

“Everything [guests] use to enjoy the evening was composted by Rust Belt Riders,” says BAYarts’ special events coordinator Diana Brewer. “From the food to the plates, napkins and forks. We work with all of the restaurant vendors to encourage they bring nothing that isn’t in those parameters. People really get on board.”

As soon as someone placed their empty plate on a table, the trained staff was there to take the refuse and sort it into the proper piles of what is compostable or recyclable.

For those who had questions during the event, they could talk to the point people manning the two large stations where items were sorted. This was led by Amy Coursen and Kathy Boehnlein of the Bay Village Green Team.

“I think this sort of thing is the way events should be run, and it’s more

and more the cultural norm,” said Coursen, who also teaches ceramics at BAYarts.

The results were impressive, with only six bags of landfill trash generated by the 1,000 guests enjoying food and drink from more than 15 local restaurants and breweries at the event.

“A small household does that much trash in no time,” explained Coursen. “The fact we can get the amount of trash down to such a small amount is amazing. We’re diverting about 95 percent of the Moondance refuse from being in a landfill. And landfills are expensive and terrible for the planet. They also cost taxpayers a lot. So it makes a lot of sense both economically and environmentally to compost and recycle as much as possible.”

Having a strong connection to the BAYarts campus in the Metroparks also encourages Coursen as she helps



PHOTO BY LORI KUBIAK

Roughly 95 percent of the waste generated at Moondance was recycled or composted.

with events like Moondance. “It suits the space, to focus on this. Most of the furniture on the porches are even upcycled. It’s the spirit of the whole campus. BAYarts is one of the places on the Westside that really embraces this culture of caring for the environment and their waste.”

“This is our fifth year of doing zero waste at Moondance, and I am passionate about educating people why we do it,” added Brewer. ●



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THE GREEN REPORT

Boats made from recyclable materials prove seaworthy in Great Lake Erie Boat Float

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

The 10th annual Great Lake Erie Boat Float was held on Sept. 8 at Edgewater Beach. The Boat Float is a fun competition in which participants build boats using post-consumer recyclable materials.

The purpose of the event is to help raise awareness about the impacts of plastic on the environment and of course to have fun! The event is hosted by Sustainable Cleveland, the Cleveland Metroparks, and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

This year, the Bay Village Sea Scouts entered the contest. Their group was led by Sea Scouts leader, Richard Gash, with five scouts as the crew. The crew members were Leo Cavalier, Nick LaRosa, Isadora Miller, John Cannata and



The Bay Village Sea Scouts paddle a boat they constructed out of post-consumer recyclable materials.

Gwynn Miller. They constructed a boat using large white plastic drums that were donated by a local farmer and had previously contained a biodegradable her-

bicide. They also used a wooden pallet that had been utilized to ship a consignment of aluminum plate.

The team found a sail in

the loft of the boat shed used by the Sea Scouts and they constructed the main sheet out of braided plastic bags. The team was very creative in the construction of their boat, and they won the "Most Seaworthy Float" award! The materials used for the boat will be disposed of properly, with the large drums being used as rain barrels and the pallet will be used as a rack for paddleboards at the Bay Boat Club.

The competition was judged this year by Dr. Marcus Eriksen. Marcus is co-founder and research director at The 5 Gyres Institute. In 2009, Marcus sailed on the S.S. Junk (a boat he made out of plastic bottles, and other "junk" he found) from California to Hawaii to raise public awareness about plastics in the ocean. He has since sailed 35,000 miles through all

five subtropical ocean gyres to discover new garbage patches of plastic pollution.

Marcus's plastic pollution research in the Great Lakes and subsequent discovery of plastic microbead pollution in the lakes led to the federal Microbead-free Waters Act of 2015. You can learn more about Marcus and the 5 Gyres Institute at www.5gyres.org.

The Great Lake Erie Boat Float is a ton of fun, and I hope you will consider getting a group together and entering next year (lakeerieboatfloat.org). I also hope that you will continue to feel motivated to avoid single-use plastic in your life.

The United Nations Clean Seas Campaign estimates that there are 51 trillion microplastic particles in the ocean. Without significant change in human behavior, this number will increase.

You can make a difference by refusing to use single-use plastics. Each one of us has the power to make a difference in the world. ●

PHOTO BY RICHARD GASH

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Porch talk will highlight Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Tim Daley, the executive director of the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument will be the featured speaker at the Bay Village Historical Society's Sept. 16 porch talk.

Daley holds a master's degree in history from John Carroll University and has been a public speaker for many years. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Public Square in Cleveland was dedicated on July 4, 1894. It is the official Cuyahoga County Civil War monument. It memo-



rializes the 9,000 Ohio veterans who fought in the war, the women who served in the Relief Society, salutes Ohio's generals and depicts Civil War battle scenes.

Admission to the 2 p.m. porch talk, held at the Reuben Osborn Learning Center in Bay Village, is free of charge. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair. Phone 440-871-7338 for information. ●

Learn about early Dover Township at Lakeside Cemetery tour

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Learn about life in early Dover Township at a tour of Lakeside Cemetery on Sunday, Sept. 30, planned by the Bay Village Historical Society.

Tours will depart at regular intervals from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery on Lake Road in Bay Village. Actors will be at Lakeside Cemetery, where they will relate the stories of several individuals buried in the cemetery. Become intrigued while hearing tales of the Cahoon, Jaycox, Osborn, Oviatt, Sadler and Wischmeyer families.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to view a copy of the letter sent by Rebecca Porter's mother to Rebecca's family upon her death in 1814. Rebecca's death was the catalyst for establishing the cemetery more than 200 years ago.

Admission is free. Parking is at the west end of Huntington Park. Phone 440-835-4472 for information, or visit bayhistorical.com.

Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center, located in nearby Cahoon Memorial Park and operated by the Bay Village Historical Society, will be open on Sept. 30. ●



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Learn how to get and stay healthy at WPPL Health Fair!

by ELAINE WILLIS

Want to learn more about how to get and stay healthy? Stop by the Westlake Porter Public Library Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. for free health screenings, programs, visits with local health organizations and more.

Participants will be able to have their blood pressure, stroke risk assessment, hearing and vision all checked. The programs will include "Yoga with Inner Bliss Yoga Studio" at 1 p.m., "Healthy Living for Brain and Body" presented by the Alzheimer's Association at 1:30 p.m., and "What Is Functional Medicine?" led by Dr. Emily Brawner at 3 p.m. Registration is required for all three programs. To register please visit westlakelibrary.evanced.info/eventcalendar or call 440-871-2600.

Health organizations scheduled to attend include:

- Aetna/Medicare
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
- Alzheimer's Association
- Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center
- Connecting for Kids
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Drugless Doctors
- The Gathering Place
- Hospice of the Western Reserve
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- University Hospitals St. John Medical Center Community Outreach
- West Shore Family YMCA
- Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

In addition, healthy snacks will be provided by Trader Joe's and visitors will be eligible to enter a drawing for a Fitbit or a 30-day membership at the West Shore Family YMCA. ●

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Sept. 19 and 26 (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.

Wednesdays, Sept. 19 and 26 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, September 20 and 27 (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.

Wednesday, Sept. 19 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Liz Pearson will speak about “English and Welsh Parish Records, 1538-1837.”

Thursday, Sept. 20 (noon-1:30 p.m.) SMALL BUSINESS LUNCH & LEARN: BUSINESS LAW – This seminar will cover the legal topics that most entrepreneurs and business owners will encounter in the start-up and running of their businesses. Attendees will learn about business start-up issues, doing business with a partner, lease review, general contract matters and general intellectual property issues. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions pertaining to his/her business. Please register.

Thursdays, Sept. 20 and 27 (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.

Thursday, Sept. 20 (Preschool session: 6:30 p.m.) and Friday, Sept. 21 (Preschool session: 9:30 a.m. and Toddler Session: 11:30 a.m.) TEACH ME TO PLAY – A play-based program for families and their children (Toddler: ages 18 months-2 years and Preschool: ages 3-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Diverse opportunities for learning are provided, with an emphasis on facilitating communication, practicing social interactions and responding to behaviors in a positive way. Each themed session offers a variety of engaging individual, small and whole group activities. Led by an experienced early intervention specialist and speech-language patholo-

gist. To register, call 440-250-5563 or visit connectingforkids.org.

Friday, Sept. 21 (3:30-4:15 p.m.) FUN SCIENCE FRIDAY: DINOSAUR DISCOVERY – Join Mrs. K as we explore the wonders of our world. What happened to the dinosaurs? We’ll answer that question and more. Discoveries will be made through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple fossil to take home. Ages 4-6. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON FUN! – A fun morning of Pokemon-themed play, prizes, and crafts! Ages 6-11.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (1-4 p.m.) WPPL HEALTH FAIR – Learn more about your health and how to stay healthy at all ages. You’ll have a chance to participate in three different programs (registration required), get health screenings (vision, blood pressure and stroke risk assessment), and visit with area health organizations. Registration required for programs only.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA WITH INNER BLISS YOGA STUDIO – Join us for a free yoga class. Presented as part of the WPPL Health Fair. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) HEALTHY LIVING FOR BRAIN AND BODY – For centuries, we’ve known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association as part of the WPPL Health Fair. Please register.

Saturday, Sept. 22 (3-4 p.m.) WHAT IS FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE? – Functional medicine, as defined by the Institute for Functional Medicine, is “a systems biology-based approach that focuses on identifying and addressing the root cause of disease.” Join us as Dr. Emily Brawner talks about this whole-person approach

to medicine. Presented as part of the WPPL Health Fair. Please register.

Sunday, Sept. 23 (2-3:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! – Are you bored? Drop by the Storytime Room and join in the fun! We will have different activities available each month. All ages welcome!

Monday, Sept. 24 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Monday, Sept. 24 (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.

Monday, Sept. 24 (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.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 (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. 25 (2-3:30 p.m.) TRAVEL CLUB: TRAVEL APPS – There are apps for everything, they can tell you what weather to expect, where the best deals can be found, or even help to order your lunch. What about travel and planning your vacation? Join us as one of our librarians describes various apps available to help you plan your next big adventure or trip around town. Please register. *Note: The location for the meeting for this month only has been switched to the Porter Room.*

Tuesday, Sept. 25 (7-8 p.m.) ACT/SAT TEST PREP SEMINAR – Students in grades 10-12 and their parents are invited to join us for a presentation on the differences between the ACT and the SAT, including what both tests look like, what’s tested and how they’re scored, in order to help you decide which test (or both) is more appropriate to take. You’ll also receive tips and tricks to get the best score possible! Please register.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 (7-7:30 p.m.) BEDTIME STORIES – Put on your pajamas and join Mrs. K. as we unwind at the end of the day with stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. This month: Goodnight Dinosaurs. Ages 4-6. Siblings welcome.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 (7-8:30 p.m.) WESTLAKE CANDIDATES NIGHT – The League of Women Voters will present an opportunity for candidates on the November 2018 ballot for Ohio Congressional District 16, Ohio House District 16 and Cuyahoga County Council District 1 to speak to the public. Timed presentations will be based on questions written by the audience and moderated by a member of the League. Citizens will also have an opportunity to register to vote, update their voter registration and/or apply for mail-in ballots.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 (2 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – We’ll discuss “Carrying Albert Home” by Homer Hickam.

Friday, Sept. 28 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME! – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome.

Friday, Sept. 28 (10 a.m.-noon) FIBER FANATICS – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Saturday, Sept. 29 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 years old with a caregiver.

Saturday, Sept. 29 (2-3 p.m.) DIY ZEN GARDEN – Get your zen on and make your own relaxing zen garden. You can design your own garden and take it home to use in the future. Grades 6-8. Registration begins Sept. 22.

Saturday, Sept. 29 (4-5:30 p.m.) STEAMMAKER LAB – Topic: Dem Bones, Dem Bones! Study and create your own human skeleton model. Grades 3-5. Please register.

Sunday, Sept. 30 (2-3 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLUB – Join us for a discussion about Isabelle, the 2014 Girl of the Year, who discovers a unique talent to call her very own. We too will try to find our own unique talents through a craft and games! Ages 6-11. Registration begins Sept. 23.

Sunday, Sept. 30 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB – Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for ages 6+, but all ages are welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

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

Learn about proposed county charter amendments on Oct. 6

by ANNE ENGEL

In Cuyahoga County, talking about a “charter” is a cutting-edge, 21st-century topic, not something from the old English history books. Cuyahoga is one of only two counties in the state that operate under a chartered, elected legislative body instead of three elected commissioners. Voter-approved charters such as Cuyahoga’s need frequent review and revision to keep the administration of county services in conformity with laws and best practices.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m., residents can hear about the proposed charter amendments that will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot. The forum will take place in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Charter Review Commission Chair, the Honorable Ronald B. Adrine, will be assisted by other Commission members in describing the proposals and in answering audience questions.

The public forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, with logistical support from

its members in the chapters in Westlake, Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted and Rocky River.

The forum will be videotaped for viewing after mid-October on the League’s website, lwggreatercleveland.org.

The League of Women Voters will also provide a registration station before, during and after the forum where citizens can check their voter registration status, register to vote in November, change their name and/or address and obtain an application for a mail-in ballot. Tuesday, Oct. 9, is the deadline in Ohio for new registrations and other registration changes.

The LWV of Greater Cleveland has just published the fifth edition of “the definitive guide” to understanding

county government, “Here’s Cuyahoga County.” It is available in a printable PDF format at lwggreatercleveland.org/publications or a print copy may be purchased at the same League website.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. ●

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

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, primers, coatings, paint thinner, spray paint, pesticides, herbicides, motor oil, car batteries, 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.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
WESTLAKE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
The speaker will be Betty Sutton, candidate for lieutenant governor. If you wish, bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. Contact Vern at 440-289-6291 or coachvlong@gmail.com.
Western Cuyahoga Lodge, FOP Hall #25, 26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, Sept. 19, noon-1:30 p.m.
WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497 OPEN HOUSE
Join us for refreshments, camaraderie and a chance to enjoy one of our weekly meetings. This is an opportunity for you to observe how you can improve your self-confidence and speaking skills – both personally and professionally. For more information: ddrossi@yahoo.com or 216-496-3295.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5:30-8 p.m.
CRUISIN' WESTLAKE CAR CRUISE
This old-fashioned cruise-in features live '50s & '60s music, food trucks, door prizes, and many outstanding old and new cars. You can display your car or just come by to see it all. No admission fee. Free popcorn and coffee. Event will be cancelled if it rains. For details, visit westlakeumc.org.
Westlake United Methodist Church parking lot, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Genealogist Liz Pearson presents "English and Welsh Parish Records 1538-1837." Liz will explain the church/state record keeping system and what can be found there. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited, no charge.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE CLUB WEST MEETING
Members will reconnect and register as they enjoy seeing friends you and consider joining some of the 36 interest groups. The public is welcome to attend and learn more about the club. College Club West, collegeclubwest.org, offers women with four-year degrees and registered nurses opportunities to learn, socialize and participate in fun, meaningful activities.
Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Friday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY
Swenson's will be serving up burgers and sides. There's plenty of parking and picnic tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

Friday, Sept. 21, 7:30-9 p.m.
FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Spend the autumnal equinox under the stars in Schuele Planetarium. We will explore the constellations of fall, define an equinox and explain why we celebrate it! A lantern hike through Huntington Reservation and an indoor activity will complete the evening. Weather permitting, we'll catch a glimpse of the night sky using the Center's telescopes. For all ages. Fee: \$8/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Saturday, Sept. 22, 8:30-9:30 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 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, Sept. 23, 1-4 p.m.
WESTSHORE REPUBLICANS FAMILY PICNIC
This is an event where GOP candidates can mingle with WestShore voters while they enjoying family-friendly entertainment & good food! Come see Jungle Bob & his animal show. Local candidates are encouraged to participate in a Candidate Chili Cookoff, where attendees will sample candidates' chili and vote on which are best. The cost is \$5/individual, \$10/family (plus EventBrite fee). Link to tickets at westshorerepublicans.org.
North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Rd.

Monday, Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m.
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DAHLIAS
Dahlias are a wonderful addition to your garden. Come learn from Dave and Jerry how to plant, grow and care for dahlia plants from tuber through bloom. Luncheon served at 11:30. All interested gardeners are welcome. There is a \$5 fee for guests. RSVP by calling Sharen at 440-871-9098 or online at bayvillagegardenclub.com.
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7-8:45 p.m.
CANDIDATE FORUM
Candidates for Ohio House District 16 and for Cuyahoga County Council District 1 will introduce themselves and answer citizen questions. Sponsored by Westside chapters of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m.
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
Our meal is hosted by Church of the Redeemer, Westlake and Clague Road United Church of Christ. The church is accessible to the physically challenged. No carry outs. Great food, good

conversation, please come!
Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted

Sunday, Sept. 30, 1-2:30 p.m.
DEATH-WITH-DIGNITY IN OHIO
Medical science enables us to treat disease and prolong life in ways unheard of a just generation ago. But what happens when prolonging life means subjecting a patient to an extended period of pain and suffering? Molly McMahon Graziano from Ohio End-of-Life Options will discuss the current standing of legal efforts for death with dignity in Ohio and how things are moving forward. Molly will also coach attendees on how to encourage legislators to support the basic human right to have a voice in how we die. All are welcome to attend.
Olmsted Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5050 Porter Rd., North Olmsted

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1-2:30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, bring these forms with you. For details, visit cwcogs.org or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7-8:15 p.m.
TALK SAVES LIVES
Bay UMC invites you to a program about mental health and suicide prevention, led by Jane Lewins, a licensed social worker certified in the Collaborative Approach to Managing Suicide and a Level 1 Child Trauma Specialist.
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

Friday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m.
FRIENDS FOREVER LUNCHEON
Topic: "From Simple to Sophisticated: Top 10 Year-End Giving Strategies." Lunch is on us! RSVP by Oct. 1 to karry@bayarts.net. Our speaker is Michelle M. Fritz, MBA, Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy, Director of Development and Donor Communications for the Cleveland Foundation.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

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