



## Bay Village Education Foundation awards classroom grants



PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

Bay High seniors Ellie LaMotte (left) and Sarah Sutherland display items sewn to add comfort and convenience for Normandy Elementary students.

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Education Foundation awarded more than \$15,000 in classroom grants, funding eight projects and benefiting all four K-12 Bay Village City Schools.

At Bay High School, family and consumer sciences teacher Bridgit McFarland and two high school seniors, Ellie LaMotte and Sarah Sutherland, were awarded \$573 for “One Rocket Nation Service Project.” The funds will purchase materials to create useful items for students at Normandy Elementary School. The students displayed some items they had already sewn, such as floor pillows (for Mrs. Hart’s second-graders), pencil pouches (for Mrs. Bogart’s second-graders), and seat pockets for the back of chairs (for Mr. Prebul’s Kindergarten classroom). The sewing supplies were funded through the Foundation’s Maynard Bauer Leadership Fund.

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Crisp, blue skies and colorful autumn leaves were captured by Deborah Arcaro in the Metroparks’ Huntington Reservation.

## Westlake breaks ground for new community center



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Lydia Gadd, director of Westlake’s Senior & Community Services Department (center, in white) joins in a ceremonial groundbreaking for Westlake’s new community center accompanied by staff members (from left) Nancy Fox, transportation coordinator; Donna Feorene, outreach coordinator; Susan Laschinger, secretary and coordinator of volunteers; Jennifer Yoo, program planner; Jodi Rodriguez, program planner; Mary Bodmann, youth coordinator; Cindi Lindgren, office manager; and Michele Hassan, administrative assistant.

by LYDIA GADD

The City of Westlake officially broke ground for its newest and much anticipated community improvement project, the new Westlake Community Center, located next to the Westlake Recreation Center. The gold shovel ceremony took place on Tuesday, Oct. 15, presided over by Mayor Dennis Clough. Attendees also included all

members of City Council, several city directors and employees, the project architects and contractor, several of the center’s patrons and community service department staff. Bulldozers working in the background added to the excitement of a dream turned into reality.

The Community Services Department serves a dual function bound by a singular mission to engage, enrich and empower those we serve. We offer

a wide variety of programs, classes and social opportunities for the age 50-plus population.

In addition, our outreach staff provide social services for residents (of any age) in need. Those services include, but are not limited to a food pantry, juvenile diversion and prescription assistance. Services are provided in a confidential manner.

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## American Legion plans flag retirement

by JIM POTTER

Bay Village American Legion Post #385 is planning to formally retire old, faded and torn flags as part of their annual Veterans Day celebration. Citizens are requested to bring these flags to the Legion Post, 695 Cahoon Road, Westlake, next to the White Oaks Restaurant. There you will find a red, white and blue box next to the front door. Please place the flags in the box. Deposit the flags before Nov. 8, if possible.

The Legion retires flags twice a year, on Flag Day and on Veterans Day, following official retirement ceremonies. ♦



PHOTO BY DICK FINLAY

Legion members Joe Cronin, 1st Vice Commander; Stan Zeager, Commander; Harry Applegate, Facility Chairman; and 2nd Vice Commander John Jones display worn flags to be retired.



## CENTER *from front page*

The new building has been designed with a sharp focus to age-friendly details. The 28,000-square-foot one-story facility doubles our current facility space and eliminates stairs, narrow hallways and our current sloped driveway.

Our design team included LifeSpan Design, headed by an architect and former senior center director turned designer, whose sole specialty is senior center design. The husband-and-wife team are the renowned experts in this niche, and have been sought after to design senior centers all over the United States, including a project in Alaska. They have joined DS Architecture as consultants to our project, weighing in on details that are often not considered.

Some of these features include a parking lot with benches and pedestrian aisles, acoustic hearing loop (for people with hearing aids to be able to hear only the sound of the speaker, and not the background noise), and exercise equipment that is specifically designed for seniors who may or may not have exercised in their younger years.

A serenity garden courtyard is in the middle of the building, maximizing natural light with floor to ceiling windows throughout the main circulation corridor. This design also lends itself to shorter walks for patrons. Amenities include: a classroom, art room, theater, cafe, equipped fitness room, exercise studio and a large (dividable) gathering/dining room. There are also many areas for spontaneous visits, non-scheduled card games and just a safe, welcoming place to relax and not be alone at home. The design fits into the Westlake municipal landscape, with a bit of a modern vibe and programs with all the different generations of seniors (and more) in mind.

Located next to the Westlake Recreation Center, this freestanding building will add to the park campus, providing residents with a variety of social, recreational, educational, volunteering and outreach opportunities. The two departments will be able to share some resources, thereby optimizing services.

For more information about this and current program offerings come see us at our current location at 29694 Center Ridge Road. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You can find our monthly newsletter on the city website at [www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services). You can also call us at 440-899-3544. ●

## THE GREEN REPORT

# Community series about Green New Deal

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Have you wondered about what the Green New Deal is? What does it propose and how in the world might it be funded? You are not alone. It seems that many people do not know about the Green New Deal or maybe they have heard about it but do not know much about the details. The West Shore FaCT group hopes to change that by hosting a monthly speaker series on the topic.

The West Shore FaCT (Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future) is hosting an eight-speaker series once a month starting Nov. 5. The kick-off speaker will be Dr. Eric Schreiber, and will start at 7 p.m. The West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church (20401 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River) will host each guest speaker on the first Tuesday of the month, November through June.

West Shore FaCT is part of a larger group, FaCT Ohio, which boasts participants from 16 Ohio counties and three West Virginia counties, as well as members of 13 different faith traditions including Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish. Their mission is to work together to protect the natural environment through education, outreach, collaborative efforts, and public actions.

Their first speaker in the series will be Dr. Eric Sch-

reiber who will address questions about the climate crisis. He began speaking about the climate crisis starting in 2006 after spending three days in Nashville with Al Gore and a team of climate scientists. He is a member of Al Gore's Climate Reality program. His experience in Nashville paved the way for him to become a public speaker about the climate crisis the earth is facing.

During his talk, he will address the history of climate science, the impact of climate change, and what we can do about it. He will also answer questions from the audience. I know my column is coming out the day of the speaker, but I hope you will try to join me there! I am excited about this series as I am very interested in hearing from Dr. Schreiber and learning more about the Green New Deal!

The next speaker, on Tuesday, Dec. 3, will be David Beach. Mr. Beach is a writer and activist in Cleveland. He has been a local leading voice on environmental and regional planning issues for over 30 years. He founded EcoCity Cleveland and directed GreenCityBlueLake Institute at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History for nine years. He will speak about the Green New Deal's proposed resolutions, which I am very interested to learn more about. Please mark Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in your calendar now! ●

## CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# Digging for genealogical gold in probate packets

by JAYNE BROESTL

As 2019 comes to a close, Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society concludes their speakers' program with Christopher Staats on Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

Mr. Staats is a well-known Cleveland-based professional genealogical researcher, presenter and writer, whose geographical

specialty is in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Cleveland records. As a writer, he has contributed articles to "Family Tree Magazine," "Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly," "Ohio Genealogy News," "Western Reserve Historical Society Bulletin" and other publications. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Chris serves as the chapter representative for the Great Lakes APG. He is also the seminar

chairperson for Western Reserve Historical Society's Genealogical Committee.

A returning favorite speaker, Mr. Staats will present "Beyond the Docket Books: Digging for Gold in Probate Packets." Chris will begin with an overview of the probate process, docket books and probate packets. He will then show how careful scrutiny of the records can reveal information that may break a "brick wall" and/or enhance the narrative of an individual's life story.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time, with refreshments is from 6:30-7:00. There is no charge for attending a meeting and you do not have to be a member. However, members do receive the added benefit of a quarterly newsletter, "The Tracer," which includes notices of upcoming genealogical meetings and events, both local and national. Also, members are entitled to a 10% discount on chapter publications. Membership runs from January through December and dues are \$17, or \$20 for two people at one address.

For questions or additional information of upcoming 2020 meetings or help sessions, email [cuyahogawest@gmail.com](mailto:cuyahogawest@gmail.com). ●

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# WHS Academic Challenge team places first in state

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Westlake High School's Academic Challenge team took first place in the Ohio AcChal Tournament at Shaker Heights High School on Oct. 19. The WHS team finished 6-1, defeating Beaumont School in the championship round to take the title. High school teams competing in the tournament included Beaumont, Black River, Fairport Harbor, Riverside, Shaker Heights, Western Reserve, Wickliffe and Westlake. ●



WHS Academic Challenge team members, pictured from left: Kevin Xu, Logan Evans, Richard Garber, Rhett Bilski, Matt Taylor and Zahraa Abdulameer.

# 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is a mid-autumn opera delight

by JEANINE SURACE

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council hosted its FYI Opera event at Westlake Porter Public Library. Jonathon Field, director of Oberlin Conservatory of Music-Opera Theater, presented opera students Colin Anderson, Maggie Kinabrew and alumnus Andrew Lipian. Tony Cho, music director, accompanied the singers. Mr. Anderson is a bass baritone; Ms. Kinabrew is a soprano; Mr. Lipian is a counter-tenor.

The three promising singers performed arias from their upcoming production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Benjamin Britten's 20th century opera adaptation of the classic Shakespeare play.

The opera singers sang beautifully while adding feeling to their individual roles without elaborate costumes, props or stage. However, with Jonathon Field's wonderful description of the scene and characters before each aria, attendees only needed to listen to enjoy this sample of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Andrew Lipian, Maggie Kinabrew, Jonathon Field, Tony Cho and Colin Anderson performed in W-WAC's FYI Opera program.

Always a crowd-pleaser among Porter Library patrons, the FYI Opera series has been presented by the Westlake-West-

shore Arts Council, a 501(c)(3) organization founded 35 years ago to promote arts and culture on the west side of Cuyahoga County. All of W-WAC's programs, including FYI Opera, are free and open to the public.

The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council board members meet on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Porter Library. New members are always welcome. For more information on membership and programs, visit [www.w-wac.org](http://www.w-wac.org) or call 440-250-5565. ●

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# BAYarts Holiday Shop expands with food mart

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Each year, BAYarts opens up its doors wide for the holiday season. It all kicks off with the Holiday Shop Open House on Nov. 23 and continues through December.

Artistic Director Karen Petkovic loves the handmade and local aspects of the shop. “We are so proud of our Northeast Ohio artists and love that we have the ability to showcase them in our shop throughout the year and provide more space for them to do what they do for us

during the holidays.”

This year, Kili Watson-Samad of My Turquoise Kitten will be offering whimsical jewelry like no other, featuring mini items made into earrings. Bringing in repurposed handbags and accessories is Girl’s Best Trend, who finds that neckties work as the perfect purse strap. Petkovic says, “They’re always original works, beautifully designed and executed.”

For wall art, Pam Gill creates small-scale framed paintings while Jackson Koch offers photographs of Cleveland landmarks. Other fine artists in the shop will include Mary Deutschman, Angela Oster, Misty Hughes, and Eileen Dorsey. The holiday shop wouldn’t be complete without additional items like handcrafted ceramics, lotions, soaps, candles, holiday decor and more.

Petkovic says she can do all of her holiday shopping right at BAYarts. “The Holiday Shop is a great destination throughout the entire holiday season to find the perfect, locally crafted, original

artwork for everyone on your list.”

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the opening day of the Holiday Shop, Creative Programming Director Pam Mills has organized a food mart from 1-3 p.m. “Food vendors from BAYarts’ Farm & Art Market plus other interested vendors will be included,” explains Mills. “The Holiday Food Mart will carry items that are food-related so that shoppers can buy separately or put together to create their own gift basket.” (If interested in being a food vendor, please email [pam@bayarts.net](mailto:pam@bayarts.net).)

Holiday Shop dates (all events are free):

- Saturday, Nov. 23 – Open House from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; food mart from 1-3 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 24 – Open House continues from noon-5 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 12 – Holiday Trunk Show from 6-9 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 15 – Kids’ Shopping Afternoon & Polar Express Pajama Party



Ceramics, jewelry, and decor are all available at the BAYarts Holiday Shop each year.

Movie (shopping: 1-3 p.m., movie: 3-5 p.m.)

Extended shopping is available from the open house weekend (Nov. 23-24) through December. Open Mondays-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. As a bonus, Sundays are open from noon to 5 p.m. ●

## BVEF GRANTS *from front page*

Occupational therapist Paula Michaud was awarded \$930 for “Refreshing Recess Resources for Tweens and Teens.” The funds will be used to purchase tools that can be used at Bay High and Bay Middle School to provide students with needs the opportunity to renew or expend excess energy within the school day. Students will use hula hoops, medicine balls, hand exercisers, hand weights, “Table Topics for Teens” (conversation starting cards), and other items to help manage their energy.

“Launchpad Professional Learning,” submitted by Bay Middle School library media specialist Melissa Wolf and library assistant Susan Lapolla was awarded up to \$560 for supplies regularly used in the Launchpad (a maker space), but these supplies will be used just for the teachers in the school to encourage them to utilize the Launchpad in their own curricula.

Third-grade teacher Kate Holinek was awarded \$866 for cushioned seats, fidget bands

and tactile balls which will allow for and support her students in using positive ways to expend energy (mindful movement).

“Old Smart Boards in Need of a Clevertouch” awarded up to \$6,268 for two Clevertouch Interactive Displays, an all-in-one 75-inch tablet computer. The grant, written by district technology coordinator Brian Reynolds and second-grade teacher John Maxwell, will fund two displays, to be placed in a Normandy Elementary and Westerly Elementary classroom.

Kindergarten teacher Emily Sorber’s grant application, “Intervention Assistance Team Resource Closet,” was awarded \$2,988 for such items as slant boards, cube chairs, kick bands, weighted lap pad, and hand fidgets for students at Normandy Elementary that have sensory, fine motor or attention needs.

“Normandy Padcaster

Studio: Let’s Share the Good News” was submitted by music teacher James Kotora and awarded \$1,600 for a Padcaster Studio to complete the green screen video studio for the Hive at Normandy.

Reading specialist Barb Marsh will receive \$924 for “Recordable Story Books for Bay Buddies.” The funds will purchase storybooks with a

recording component to be used for first-graders who are paired with a senior citizen from the Dwyer Center in the Bay Buddies mentoring program. Bay Buddies provides additional emotional support through reading to identified first-graders.

Special needs students at Bay Middle School will continue to learn about different cultures

each month, including experiencing various cuisines, made possible by a \$500 grant submitted by intervention specialist Colin Lackey and awarded through a fund in memory of Ann-Marie Young, a former intervention specialist at Bay Middle School.

Learn more about the Bay Village Education Foundation at [bayedfoundation.org](http://bayedfoundation.org). ●



PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

Bay Village Education Foundation grant awardees pictured from left, front row: Bridgit McFarland, Sarah Sutherland, Ellie LaMotte, Paula Michaud, Barb Marsh, Ellie Bricmont (BVEF grants chair); back row: Brian Reynolds, Jim Kotora, John Maxwell, Kate Holinek, Emily Sorber, Susan Lapolla and Melissa Wolf. Not pictured is Colin Lackey.

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

# Chasing better odds: BP meds at night?

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Recently I came across a study, the result so fantastic that my first reaction was – it’s too good to be true.

But curiosity got the better of me. I tracked down the article and read it. (It was either that or rake leaves.)

Published in the October issue of the European Heart Journal, the study has a pretty name: Hygia (the Greek goddess of health) Chronotherapy Trial. And a simple goal: Compare health outcomes between taking blood pressure (BP) medications at bedtime and in the morning. Drugs are once-daily.

The researchers followed tens of thousands of people for about six years. Astoundingly, when compared to morning-pill-poppers, bedtime-pill-poppers had half the rate of heart attacks, strokes and deaths.

Half? Just by taking pills at night?

I’ll let you in on a trade secret.

A cardiologist’s best weapon, statins (cholesterol-lowering pills like pravastatin, atorvastatin, etc.), reduce

heart attack rate by about half, at best.

The researchers have a plausible biological basis for their claims. During sleep, BP dips to the lowest point of the day. It turns out this dip is a better predictor of heart disease than daytime BP readings. That is, those with insufficient drop in nighttime BP (for whatever reason) have a higher risk of heart disease.

They concluded: Taking “BP-lowering medications at bedtime, as opposed to upon waking, results in improved ... BP dipping, and most importantly, markedly diminished occurrence of major [cardiovascular disease] events.”

My take: This study is a lone wolf – albeit a good-sized wolf worth its howl. There are other ongoing studies that address the same issue.

Meanwhile, I’m thinking: Lipitor, the most expensive statin, costs around \$4,000 a year (not counting the cost of blood tests and side effects). Switching BP meds from morning to night costs \$0. If it’s six versus half a dozen, I’d switch.

Can you switch tonight? Call your doctor first. Some people with glaucoma

or at high risk for falling, might be sensitive to a further or sudden drop in nighttime BP

Of less concern: “water pills” or diuretics. We have different kinds of diuretics. The BP-controlling diuretics (hydrochlorothiazide, chlorthalidone, etc.) differ from the heart-failure diuretics (furosemide or Lasix). The former controls BP better and dry you out less than the latter. Taking them at bedtime may not increase your bathroom trips at night. About 40 percent of Hygia Trial participants took diuretics. If it bothers you, take diuretics in the morning, the rest at night.

More importantly: Remember to take your pills at the same time every day. BP can fluctuate wildly if you miss or delay taking pills. Piggyback pill-taking onto your daily routine. For example, if you always brush your teeth before bedtime, put the pill bottles next to the toothbrush.

Do I have other heart-friendly advice?

Yes, it’s a trick question! You know how I feel about high-fiber diet, exercise, sleep and stress management. Per recent data, poor diet just beat out smoking as the leading cause of death in the U.S.

Unfortunately, this won’t be the last time I talk about it. ●

# Westlake Meals on Wheels requests help for ‘We Care About You’ initiative

by BROOKE O’DONNELL

Westlake Meals on Wheels is pleased to announce a new initiative to provide their recipients with a “We Care About You” bag filled with items to prepare them for the upcoming winter. Meals on Wheels prepares over 600 hot and cold meals Monday through Friday to home-bound neighbors who cannot shop and cook for themselves. A majority live alone and may see only their Meals on Wheels driver during the day.

Community organizations in the five communities served by Westlake Meals on Wheels have agreed to assist in collecting non-perishable foods to provide to recipients in the event Meals on Wheels cannot deliver during the winter months ahead. In addition to non-perishable food items, the Westlake High School hockey team will be assembling hygiene kits, and several area churches will be donating blankets and shawls from their “Prayer Shawl” programs.

“Enlisting the help of our community is invaluable and shows how we can all come together to care for those in our neighbor-

hoods who are most vulnerable,” said Marie Patten Blatter, executive director. “I’m optimistic the residents of our communities will recognize the impact they can have and will help us with this program!”

Collection of items will run from Nov. 11 through Nov. 22 at the various locations listed below along with the specific items for each location. Assembled bags will be delivered the first week of December to the over 75 Meals on Wheels recipients.

- Collection locations:
- Westlake Fire Department: peanut butter
  - Bay Village Fire Department: jelly or jam
  - Bay High School: applesauce cups or pudding cups
  - Bay Middle School Builders Club: raisins
  - North Olmsted Fire Department: oatmeal
  - Olmsted Falls Fire Department: soup
  - Olmsted Township Fire Department: cereal
  - North Olmsted High School SITES Program: fruit cups

Any questions about the We Care About You initiative or services provided by Meals on Wheels, please call 440-871-2551, email [director@westlakemealsonwheels.org](mailto:director@westlakemealsonwheels.org) or visit [westlakemealsonwheels.org](http://westlakemealsonwheels.org). ●

BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Learn about John D. Rockefeller’s Cleveland

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

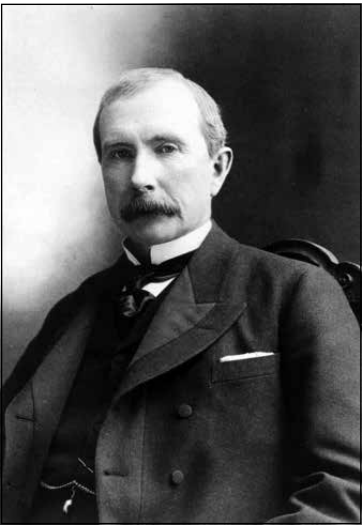
Join the members of the Bay Village Historical Society on Thursday, Nov. 21, to learn about “Rockefeller’s Cleveland,” as presented by the Cleveland History Center.

When John D. Rockefeller founded the Standard Oil Company, he was met with immense success and wealth. However, he soon found himself vilified by the public as the battle between capital and labor came to a head. Learn about Rockefeller’s tumultuous time as a Cleveland, including the lasting mark his philanthropic work left on the city, and get to know the divisive figure who would become one of the richest men in the world.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. social, followed by 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner and 7 p.m. program. The historical society will provide the entrée. Attendees with a last name beginning with A to L should bring an appetizer or dessert for 10 to share. Those with a last name beginning with M to Z should bring a side dish. Everyone should bring their own place setting.

Admission is free for Bay Historical Society members. If you are not a member, a \$5 donation is requested. Membership is encouraged and the annual fee is \$10 for students, \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families. Attending the program only is free of charge. Guests can RSVP to Beth Conroy at 440-821-4427 by Nov. 14 or email [beth2335@yahoo.com](mailto:beth2335@yahoo.com).

The potluck dinner and program is being held at the Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Road. The next Bay Village Historical Society membership meeting, also at the Bay Lodge, is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2020. ●



John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil, pictured in 1885.

WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

# Learn about owls in Ohio

by JOANNE PENKALSKI

The Westlake Garden Club completes its evening speaker series with “Owls in Ohio” presented by Jim Tomko, president of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library. Come and learn about these fascinating creatures. Up to eight owl species reside in Northeast Ohio through-

out the year and three of the most common include the Great Horned Owl, the Barred Owl and the Eastern Screech-Owl.

This presentation is free but space is limited. Please register by calling Porter Library at 440-871-2600 or by going online at [westlakelibrary.org/events](http://westlakelibrary.org/events). For questions regarding Garden Club events or membership, please contact Kathy Bruening at 440-385-7566. ●

POETRY

# Golden River Birch

by GEORGE RYAN

*The river birch in fall, some leaves have fallen gently at the feet of their mother or, in gusty winds, find new homes. Other golden leaves wait to say goodbye later in the season. Light now shines through the birch, the blue sky stands out and the full moon lights more of the tree. The trunk is shedding some of its bark in to allow expansion of the girth of each main limb. Shouldn't we all try to shed something to allow new growth in our spirits?*



## SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE HISTORY

## Henry Winsor's Smithfield, Rhode Island desk

by KAY LAUGHLIN

Our Winsor family originated in Smithfield, Rhode Island. They were Rhode Island Baptists. (As were Lydia and Joseph Cahoon). We aren't sure how many siblings there were in the family, but we do know four sisters by name: Sally, Julia, Elizabeth and Mary, and two brothers, Henry and Andrew.

Henry Winsor, a son, traveled to Dover Township by way of Cooperstown, New York, arriving around 1813 (a son, Henry Jr., was born in Ohio in 1813.) The Winsor name is associated with Lot #91 on the west side of Bradley Road.

The family is in possession of a letter from Andrew Winsor to his brother Henry in Dover Township in 1817. Henry was a farmer. In 1818, his sisters advised him they would like to come care for his son, Henry Jr. Perhaps his wife had died.

In 1837 the Winsor family divided the family estate between the children. Henry's name is not on it. We assume he died. When he arrived in Dover Township with his belongings, his personal walnut writing desk was in the wagon.

Elizabeth Winsor married Aaron Aldrich and had one son, Aaron IV, when they came to Dover Township in 1816. Aaron, a tall, angular man, worked in

cotton mills. He never farmed. They were coming to a land of forest and trees. They purchased Lot #41 on Bradley Road across from where the Lakewood Country Club is today.

With Henry's help, the Aldriches felled the trees, built a log cabin and cleared the land. Aaron, not used to this heavy work, soon found his back aching and became disabled. Not being able to continue his chores made life in the little log cabin difficult. An offer to take charge of a cotton factory in Otsego County, New York, found the family returning east. They returned in 1829 and built a house on Lots #98 and #92 in 1830.

In 1813, Mary Winsor Brown arrived in Dover Township and farmed on Lot #90. The Brown boys grew big and tall; it was said it could only be accounted for by their location on the banks of Lake Erie. Their farmhouse was still standing when the Lawrence family purchased the lands in the area. It was used by the Lawrence family for housing family and friends.

In Henry's wagon was his walnut desk with its cubby holes, pull-down writing table and dresser drawers. Over the years, Henry's desk moved into the Aldrich house on Lake Road. This double house had a two-story west wing and a single-story east wing. Lucy Peal

lived in the two-story wing and Mary Anne Stephens and her husband, Henry Aldrich, lived in the east wing. George Drake, Mary Anne's grandson, spent many hours there with his grandmother and eventually purchased the house from the relatives and moved in. In a small, long and narrow room off the living room in the east end, sat the Rhode Island desk.

My sister, Gay, and I were collecting information for the first-ever written history of Bay Village, "Bay Village: A Way of Life," when we decided we needed to talk with George Drake. George had been our neighbor when we grew up and we knew he would be interested in our project.

The first time we visited him he showed us the desk. Covered in dust, cobwebs, scratches and all, what we found inside was the history of our village and its everyday life. (George and his family never threw away one scrap of paper.) We told George we would catalog everything in the desk if we could have a look. He agreed.

It took us a week of very carefully removing each piece of history and reading the contents and sorting. Gay handled the contents and I wrote it all down in my binder. The information we found could never have been duplicated. Everyday life in the township came alive.

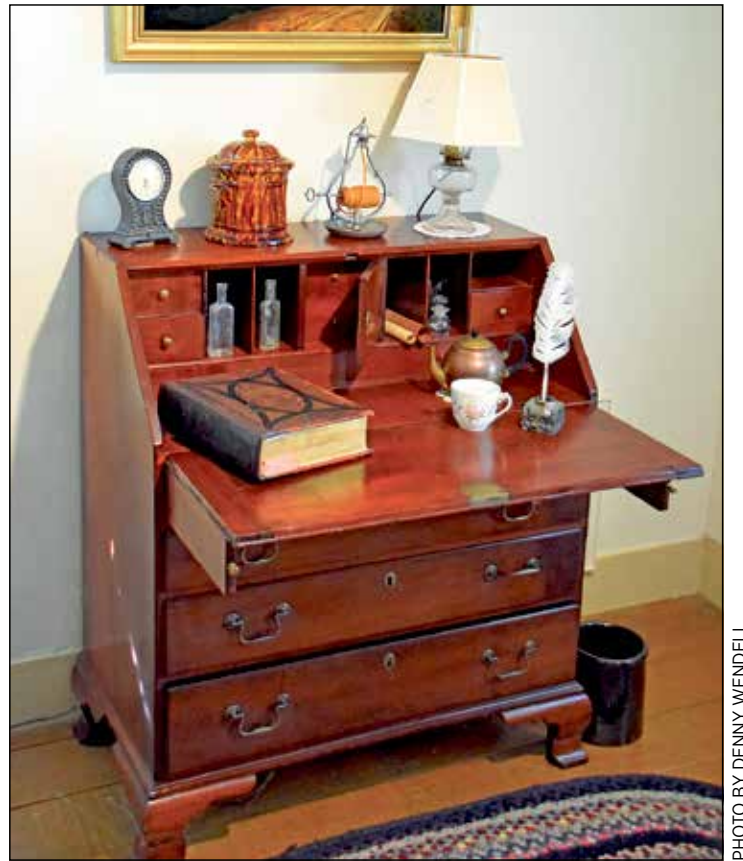


PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Henry Winsor's desk sits in the 1818 parlor at Rose Hill Museum.

It became part of each "Way Of Life" chapter Gay wrote to separate the years in the book. We told George when the time comes, we have to have that desk for Rose Hill Museum.

After George had passed and Marguerite, his wife, decided to sell some of her contents, we came for the desk. It wasn't free, but we didn't care. Today, it sits in the front parlor of the 1818 room at Rose Hill Museum.

Karen Livingston was

called in to refurbish the desk. She was looking over the desk and noticed scribbling on three sides of one of the small drawers. She mentioned how sad it was we didn't know what it said. Gay and I said we know what it says. (We had noticed it while cleaning it out and were thrilled.)

She looked at us and we told her it says, "Henry Winsor – Smithfield, Rhode Island – 1785." ●

## WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

## JoAnn DePolo shares how to make it as an artist and more

by JEANINE SURACE

On Oct. 15, the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council presented JoAnn DePolo, of JoAnn DePolo Studios and Gallery in North Olmsted, at Porter Library.

At a museum, visitors walk around an exhibit to see the progression of an artist's work. At Porter Library, visitors only had to sit as DePolo revealed her journey. She did a wonderful presentation about beginning to draw at a young age, then began again while raising four boys and has been painting ever since.

When the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was opening in Cleveland in 1995, DePolo rode the wave of the city's excitement and began painting famous rock 'n' roll stars like John Lennon and Yoko Ono onto rocks. She sold 140 painted rocks that summer.

Often new artists wear many hats as they begin their career; DePolo was no exception. She knew how to take advantage of a self-promotion opportunity whenever possible. When taking her sons to see Jim Thome at Tower City, DePolo brought a rock to present to Peter Max who was appearing at a

gallery in the building. Subsequently, DePolo gave Max one of her paintings as a gift. His interest and encouragement was her incentive to continue in the arts.

Through the years, DePolo broadened her horizons, never stopped learning and continued to grow as an artist. She used her creativity to recycle computer parts to make items like clocks and business card holders. In 1998, DePolo began teaching and sharing her talents. She became involved in the community and hosted painting projects where attendees each painted part of a large mural. She also hosted an art walk and art events which included musicians.

DePolo has been at her North Olmsted studio since 2012

and continues to host art shows with live music. Her twin sons, Jared and Andrew are successful composers. DePolo has painted while listening to their songs for the first time, making art a family affair. Today, DePolo's art is on utility boxes in Playhouse Square as well as two murals in Cleveland's City Hall.

DePolo's presentation wasn't just about her road to becoming an artist. DePolo shared advice as she does in her book, "Making It As An Artist," and answered questions.



JoAnn DePolo

JoAnn DePolo is not only a gifted artist, teacher and author; she connects with people. She has a winning attitude which draws people to her as well as her work. This was obvious in the amount of attendees and her generous responses to various questions. One of DePolo's best pieces of advice, "The more people know about you, the more they'll like your art." JoAnn DePolo has already proven that and continues to do so.

For more information about the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council visit [www.w-wac.org](http://www.w-wac.org) or call 440-250-5565. ●



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# Westlake Elementary School Fun Run raises money and spirits

Students from Westlake Elementary School were able to enjoy nice autumn weather on Wednesday, Oct. 9, and they did so for a good cause. The Westlake Elementary School PTA hosted its inaugural All 4 One Fun Run to raise money for student enrichment. The school exceeded its goal and was able to raise \$30,000 to help support educational programming at WES.

“We are so grateful for the tremendous relationship we have with our PTA and parents, and we are very thankful that they were able to put together such an amazing event and raise so much money to help our school and our students,” said Beth Dagostino, grades 3-4 principal.

The Fun Run had students run, walk, skip, dance or any combination of movements around two tracks in the school parking lot. Each student was encouraged to com-

plete 30-35 laps. Money was raised by students and from local sponsors.

“Thank you to all of the area businesses that sponsored and participated in this event; it could not have been such a success without your help,” said Dagostino. “Having such an amazing outcome in the first year was more than we could have hoped for, and we are excited to see how it will grow year after year.”

In addition to the fun run, the event also had a sensory station for students who are easily overstimulated as well as an alternative course for our students with adaptive needs. Other events led up to the day of the event, including character building through a goal of the day, a hero fit dance challenge, classroom goal incentives, adaptive programming and a daily information huddle. ●

# Bay Garden Club announces Christmas ‘Greening’ workshops

by CHRIS NOWAK

This popular Bay Village Garden Club event is your opportunity to learn to make beautiful, fresh holiday arrangements to enjoy all season long. On Tuesday, Dec. 3, and Wednesday, Dec. 4, we’ll greet you at Bay United Methodist Church with fragrant greens, accessories, ribbons and decorations along with expert demonstrators and member assistance to help you create one of four designs: a centerpiece, a mini-tree, a wreath and an outdoor/indoor pot to enhance your porch or hearth. The fee for each of the four workshops is \$35. Take-home kits may also be ordered at the same price.

Come early to enjoy complimentary refreshments and shop our Accessory Kiosk for holiday arrangements to give to your favorite hostesses. Mini-lights, bows and other decorations will also be available.

Visit bayvillagegardenclub.com to see samples of the arrangements you can make and the specific times for each workshop held at Bay UMC, 29931 Lake Road. All proceeds are used for civic beautification projects you see around our city including the welcome signs,



An indoor/outdoor pot, one of the four holiday arrangements that can be made at the “Greening” workshops.

flowers by City Hall, plantings at the gazebo and so much more.

Registration forms are found on our website, at several local stores and at the Bay Library. Come and bring a friend, or make a new one, while you celebrate the holiday spirit! ●

# Westlake Historical Society to place holiday wreaths



Holiday wreaths at the Evergreen Cemetery gravesite of Westlake’s first settler, Leverett Johnson, and his wife, Abigail.

by LYSA STANTON

For nearly 10 years, members of the Westlake Historical Society have remembered some of our city’s historic families by placing holiday wreaths on their graves.

We believe placing a wreath on a grave is not only a symbol of remembrance, it is a sign of respect for that person, who they were and the contributions they made to our city. We would like to extend the opportunity for you, your family, organization or business to place a Christmas wreath this year in memory of your loved ones or one of our pioneer families.

Volunteers from the Westlake Historical Society will be placing wreaths

on graves in both Evergreen Cemetery and Maple Ridge Cemetery until Dec. 10 for those individuals, families or businesses who would like to sponsor a wreath. You or your organization can sponsor a wreath from the historical society for a donation of \$20 per wreath, then we will place it at the grave site.

The Westlake Historical society would like to give special thanks to our dedicated wreath committee members as we prepare to place almost 50 wreaths this year.

Please call the society at 216-848-0680, email us at westlakehistory@yahoo.com, or see our website at westlakeohiohis-

tory.org to make arrangements to have your wreath placed.

As Benjamin Franklin said, “Show me your cemeteries, and I will tell you what kind of people you have.” ●



The golden light of autumn

Deborah Arcaro of Bay Village captured sunlight streaming through the trees in Huntington Reservation.

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# Westlake Porter Public Library

## Early November Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Tuesday, Nov. 5 (7-8 p.m.) **Big Spender: How to Beat the College Cost Game** – It’s hard to know what’s “normal” to spend on your child’s higher education. College Tutors will help you discern what you should be looking for – and looking out for – when it comes to spending on college and offer tips on how to save. Please register.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 (9:30 & 10:15 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, Nov. 6 (1-2:30 p.m.) **Cuyahoga West Genealogical Society Help Session** – Please join the genealogy group for an informal walk-in help session. Please bring pedigree and/or family group sheets to aid the volunteers in helping you.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6 and 13 (3-4:30 p.m.) **Tween Scene** – Drop in after school to play board games and video games with your friends. Snacks will be provided. Grades 5-6.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 (4-5:30 p.m.) **Bow Wow Books** – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Dogs will stay for 10 minutes past the last registered reader or 1.5 hours, whichever comes first. Sign-ups begin Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club** – Calling all horror film fans: Join us for another creepy classic from the vault ... if you dare! New members are always welcome, but children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 (7-8 p.m.) **Alternatives 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.

Thursday, Nov. 7 (1-7 p.m.) **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Thursday, Nov. 7 (3-5 p.m.) **Purrr-fect Reading Friends** – Charlie the Cat is the purrr-fect reading friend! Drop in and share a story with Charlie, a reading therapy cat. Bring your own book to share or choose one of ours. Charlie’s environment adapts for those with allergies. Please call ahead if you have any questions. Sign-up at the Youth Services desk begins at 3 p.m.

Thursdays, Nov. 7 and 14 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-4) and Mondays, Nov. 11 and 18 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-8) **Code Club!** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game and change the world through code! Registration begins a week before each session. Please register for just one session per week.

Thursday, Nov. 7 (6-7 p.m.) **Teen Trivia Night** – Get your team assembled and join us the first Thursday of the month for Teen Trivia Night! There will be different themes each month. Please register.

Thursdays, Nov. 7 and 14 (6-6:45 p.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – This 30-minute storytime followed by a time for socialization is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared to ages 3-7 but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. Registration begins one week before each session.

Thursday, Nov. 7 (7-8 p.m.) **The Father Jake Austin Mystery Series Book Talk and Signing** – Join author John Vanek as he discusses his Father Jake Austin Mystery series. Books will also be available for purchase and signing. Please register.

Friday, Nov. 8 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 9 (9:30 a.m.) **Music Therapy & More** – Designed for families and their children (ages 0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development, this hands-on program is designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child’s motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend but must register separately. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register) or by calling 440-250-5908.

Friday, Nov. 8 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Fun Science Friday: Our Magnetic Earth** – How is the earth like a big magnet? Make discoveries through hands-on experiments, active participation and a simple take-home task. For children 4 to 6 years old, in K or lower. Please register.

Saturday, Nov. 9 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Saturday, Nov. 9 (3-3:45 p.m.) **Kids in the Kitchen** – Learn basic cooking with simple no-bake recipes for kids with special needs and their typical peers. If you have an allergy or dietary concerns, please contact the Youth Services Desk at 440-250-5471. Some previous kitchen experience is great, but not necessary. For children ages 8-12. Please register.

Saturdays, Nov. 9 (3:30-4 p.m.) and 16 (10:30-11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – An interactive family storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs, movement and a small craft. For families with children ages 2-6. Siblings welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 10 (2-4 p.m.) **800+ Chess Club** – A chance for those competing at an 800+ USCF Rating to work together on strategies, skills and game play. If you’re a beginner, please attend our Chess Club on the last Sunday of the month.

Sunday, Nov. 10 (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! Grades 3-6. Please register.

Monday, Nov. 11 (1-1:30 p.m.) **Yoga Time!** – This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver; siblings welcome!

Mondays, Nov. 11 and 18 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge** – Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We have computers, video games, board games,

snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Monday, Nov. 11 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **WPPL Celebrates Veterans Day** – Westlake Porter Public Library celebrates Veterans Day with a two-part program based on eyewitness accounts. Join Glenn Blair for a fascinating evening of history as he recalls his personal experiences growing up during the turbulent times of World War II. After Mr. Blair’s presentation we will show excerpts from our Veterans History Project’s oral history interviews conducted by staff from the library. Please register.

Monday, Nov. 11 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Virtual Reality** – Learn about and experience virtual reality! Defend a castle, explore space and even encounter a whale with your own smartphone via Google Cardboard and the high-tech HTC Vive! Please register.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 (1-3 p.m.) **Career: Reinventing Yourself** – Explore and map your plans for happiness in a job, volunteering, retirement or entrepreneurship.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) **Crafty Adults** – Feeling crafty? Join us and make a unique work of art! Create your own art based on the work of a famous artist or holiday. Specifically for adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities. No previous art experience necessary.

Tuesdays, Nov. 12 and 18 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Conversational Spanish** – Please join us to learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with an expert instructor.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Origami Holiday Trees** – Jenn Cline returns to help us craft paper pine trees for our winter or Christmas decor. Please register.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 (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. Siblings welcome.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday Evening Book Discussion** – We’ll discuss “Educated” by Tara Westover.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Intro to Smartphones** – Learn the basics of using smartphones, such as screen brightness, wifi settings, adding apps and more! If bringing your device, please bring all account passwords.

Thursday, Nov. 14 (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.

Friday, Nov. 15 (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!

Saturday, Nov. 16 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) **Escape Artists Writers Group** – This group meets monthly to provide guidance, encouragement, inspiration and feedback for those looking to improve their writing skills. This month’s meeting will feature a NaNoWriMo Workshop.

Saturday, Nov. 16 (2-3 p.m.) **3D Printing Orientation** – Want to use the library’s 3D printer? You’ll need to take this orientation class first. Learn the library’s policies about using it, how to download a 3D printable object file and how to prepare it for a great print. Please register.

Saturday, Nov. 16 (3:30-5 p.m.) **STEAM-Maker Lab: Geography!** – Learn about maps and map making and engage in some friendly geography knowledge challenges. Grades 3-5. Registration begins Nov. 9.

Sunday, Nov. 17 (2-3 p.m.) **American Girl Doll Club: American Girl Thanksgiving** – Celebrate the spirit of the season during this month’s American Girl Doll Club. We’ll play games, make a Thanksgiving craft and create a gift to share. Ages 6-11. Registration begins Nov. 10.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 (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, Nov. 19 (1-3 p.m.) **BINGO** – It’s time to play BINGO! Adults with special needs will play BINGO for fun and socialization. Small prizes available. No cost to play. No BINGO experience necessary. All materials provided. Come early and bring your own lunch if you’d like.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 (6-8:45 p.m.) **First Aid** – The Heartsaver First Aid course is designed to prepare students to provide first aid in a variety of injury and other emergency situations in a safe, timely and effective manner. Instruction by certified instructors/paramedics from UH St. John Medical Center. Participants under the age of 14 must have a parent/legal guardian with them in class. If any questions, contact the instructors at [uh4cpr@gmail.com](mailto:uh4cpr@gmail.com). Please register.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Author Visit: Scott Longert, “Bad Boys, Bad Times”** – Author Scott Longert tells the story of the Cleveland Indians in the prewar years of 1937-1941. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Please register.

**To register for any of the programs, call 440-871-2600 or visit [westlakelibrary.org/events](http://westlakelibrary.org/events).** ●

## WPPL celebrates Veterans Day

Westlake Porter Public Library will celebrate veterans and Veterans Day with a special program on Monday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. “WPPL Celebrates Veterans Day” will be a two-part program based on eyewitness accounts of wartime and military life.

The first part will feature Glenn Blair as he shares his recollections of growing up during the turbulent

times of World War II. Following Blair’s presentation, three veterans will talk about their experiences in the U.S. military. All three participated in the Veterans History Project through the library. Clips from their interviews will be shown followed by remarks by the veterans about their time in the service.

For more information or to register, please call 440-871-2600 or visit [westlakelibrary.org/events](http://westlakelibrary.org/events). ●



**FAITH & SPIRITUALITY**

# Panache Desai discusses moving from fear to love

by JOANNE ROWDEN

Panache Desai knows first-hand the experience of being an immigrant touched by xenophobia. Growing up in London's East End in the 1980s, he lived in a working class neighborhood. More and more immigrants were arriving and competing with the older, more established residents.

Panache was of Indian descent who preferred the silence of meditation to the safety of gangs. In his teens, however, he began to turn his back on spirituality and worked to become who everyone else wanted him to be. He studied business and law in order to please his grandfather. He began to spend time in the East End underground music scene, partying at night with heiresses, gangsters and drug dealers.

Early one Sunday morning, walking

to a club, he was jumped by three drunks who threw him to the ground, kicked and punched him, while yelling racial slurs. Although that fight was broken up by club bouncers who knew him and saw what was happening, Panache continued to another club. There he was confronted with another fight which involved guns. Soon the club was surrounded by police. After that incident, he decided to rediscover the spirituality of his childhood and enter an ashram to discover the truth of who he was.

Just weeks after 9/11, Panache arrived in New York City with very little but his backpack and a meager savings. Here he began to experience a profound awareness, passion and purpose. He realized we are all a part of a greater whole. He realized we each have everything we need to fulfill our purpose and live our best lives. He saw life as a gift of love

which we are meant to unwrap and enjoy. Since then, he has authored the bestselling, "Discovering Your Soul Signature: A 33-Day Path to Purpose, Passion & Joy." He has been a guest on Oprah Winfrey's "SuperSoul Sunday." And on Saturday, Nov. 16, he will share an evening discussing, "How To Love Like God Loves," at Unity Spiritual Center Westlake.

Since Sept. 29, the community at Unity Spiritual Center has been reading his book as part of their annual Fall Program. Close to 135 participants have gathered in small groups of 8-10 to discuss the book each week. Together, the community has shared ideas based on the book and opened to discovering how each one is here to love and share the gift of their unique self.

During the Nov. 16 "Evening With Panache Desai," he will share ideas on how to experience real and lasting trans-



Panache Desai

formation by fully accepting who you are as a human being. The ability to embrace those parts of the human experience that challenge us the most leads to a greater awareness that our essential self is love. Together we will move from judgment into acceptance and from fear into love.

This event is open to the public; more information is available at [us-westlake.org](http://us-westlake.org). Tickets are \$35 can be purchased online or by calling 440-835-0400. Unity Spiritual Center is located at 23855 Detroit Road. ●

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DIGGING DOVER

The Lora A. and Russell A. Pease Home, Part 2

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The book “You’ve Come a Long Way Westlake” by William Robishaw, published by the Westlake Historical Society, has genealogical information about the Pease family in Dover. What becomes immediately apparent is that the Pease family were “movers and shakers” in the community at one time. During the years when most in the community made their living as farmers, they did not.

According to this book, Russell A. Pease was a doctor who practiced in Dover and the surrounding area. It also explains that Russell was the son of Herbert Pease and the grandson of James and Asenath Abel Pease. Asenath was a granddaughter of Lorenzo Carter, the first permanent settler of the city of Cleveland, who built a cabin on the east bank of the Cuyahoga River in 1797.

Russell’s great-grandfather was Solomon Pease. Solomon was born in

1803 and came as young man to Rockport Township (now Rocky River) from Chautauqua, New York. Solomon was a farmer, and purchased land at the present site of the Rocky River City Hall. Two of the sons of Solomon Pease, James and Calvin, established homes and businesses in Dover Township, another son named Gideon ran a grocery store on Denison Avenue in Cleveland. Solomon Pease was a distant cousin of Seth Pease, who was an astronomer and surveyor with Moses Cleaveland, laying out Cleveland in 1796.

An 1874 map shows James and Calvin owning the northeast corner of Center Ridge and Dover Center roads (where Circle K is currently located) with their general store on it (which expanded into undertaking in 1875), as well as a small, second parcel east from the southeast corner which became the site of James’ future funeral home business (this land is currently part of the Rite Aid drugstore site).

Calvin and Josephine Pease, Russell A. Pease’s grand-uncle and aunt also owned the property at 2569 Dover Center Road, directly east of Seneca Drive, from 1876 until 1911, when the widowed Josephine sold it. It is likely that Calvin and Josephine constructed the blue and gray vernacular Victorian style home that still stands at 2569 Dover Center Road directly across from their grand-nephew Russell’s future home site at 2570 Dover Center Road.

“A History and Civics of Dover Village” by Hadsell and Rutherford, published by the Westlake Historical Society, states that the first telephones in Dover were operated on a three-party line constructed from Cleveland. Those who used this line were Dr. Lathrop; James Pease the undertaker; and the village store (probably still owned by Calvin Pease). The phone in the store served as the community phone.

Both James and Gideon Pease eventually had grandsons named Russell Pease living in Dover. Russell A. Pease was the doctor and first owner of 2570 Dover Center Road. Russell B. Pease operated the coal and feed supply business on the south side of the Nickel Plate railroad tracks which eventually became Landmark. For more about Russell B. read my Nov. 6, 2018,

article in the Observer archives at: [wbvobserver.com/read/columns/digging-dover](http://wbvobserver.com/read/columns/digging-dover).

Russell A.’s uncle Clifford became an undertaker, taking over James’ (Clifford’s father’s) funeral home business. In 1915 Clifford purchased the former Dover Center School on Dover Center Road and remodeled it to serve as a funeral home. The building still serves as a part of the Jenkins Funeral Chapel.

It is unclear why Russell A. Pease’s wife, Lora, is listed as the owner of 2570 Dover Center Road. Did malpractice lawsuits exist in the 1920s? He and Lora Augusta Ochlike married in Windsor, Ontario, in 1910. His WWI draft card has him working as a doctor in Ridgeville Township, Lorain County. He and Lora were living on Eighth Street in the city of Lorain at the time of the 1920 U.S. Census. He was a doctor for the public schools on a salary. Their 4-year-old daughter’s name is listed as Linette and they have a 17-year-old living with them (probably as a mother’s helper).

The April 1930 U.S. Census has the 40-year-old Russell A. listed as a physician in general practice. His 63-year-old father Herbert E. lives with him and Lora, along with their 14-year-old daughter Beryl L. and their 33-year-old maid. They valued 2570 Dover Center Road and surrounding land at \$14,000, and they owned a radio (state of the art technology in 1930). By the end of 1930 the land had been split down to the current 0.47 acre parcel along with the house and sold to the General Transit Company which held it for six weeks until it was sold to an investor, Wilder C. Parsons, who bought much of the General Transit Company property. By 1936 Russell and Lora are divorced and Russell has remarried.

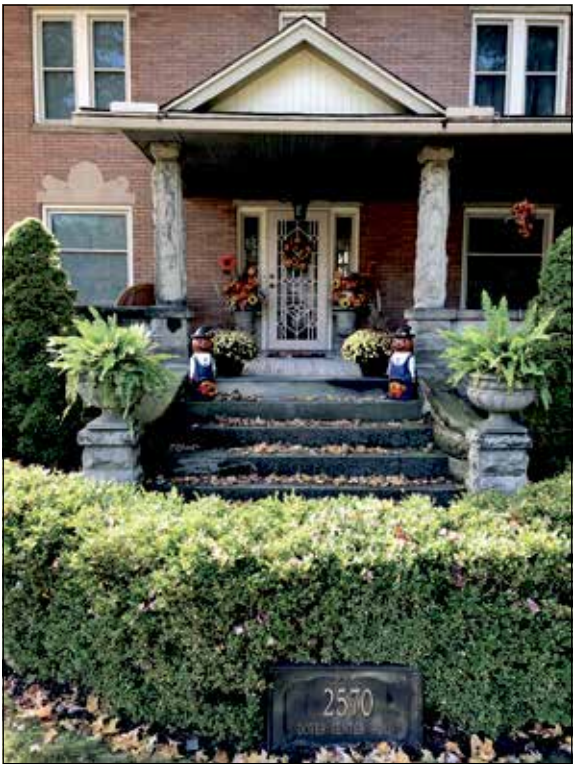
The 1940 U.S. Census lists Lora as divorced and living alone at 5862 Canterbury Road, which is a rented house across from Springvale Golf Course in North Olmsted. Russell and Lora’s daughter Beryl is married and purchases a home on Butternut Ridge in North Olmsted from Russell and his second wife Mary in 1954. Lora was living in Lakewood in 1959 when she died.

According to a WWII draft registration card, in 1942 Russell Adelbert Pease, M.D., was living at 19267 Henry Road in Fairview Village, Ohio, with Mary E. Pease. Henry Road is near Coffinberry Boulevard. His place of employment is

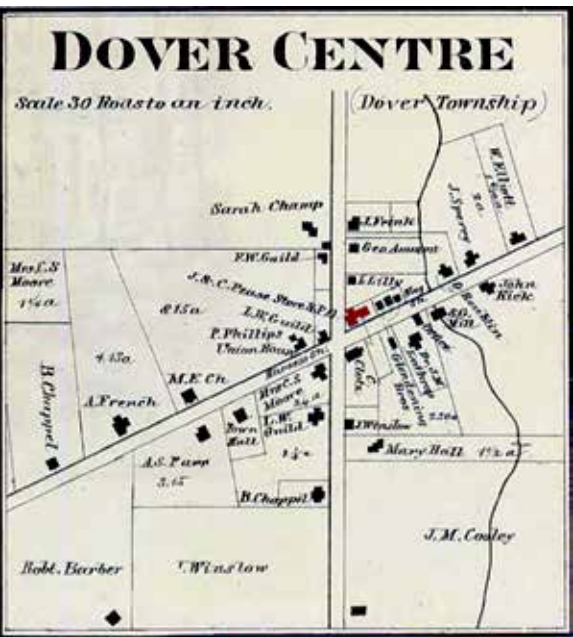


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Herbert and Clifford Pease in 1941. Herbert was Russell A.’s father and Clifford was his uncle.



Entrance to 2570 Dover Center Road.



1874 map showing J & C Pease Store and Post Office on the northeast corner of Dover Center and Center Ridge roads. Brothers James and Calvin Pease also owned the small parcel east of C. Clotz.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

A 1927 Hopkins Plat Book showing 2636 Dover Center Road where Russell A. Pease practiced medicine for many years, just steps from the house he owned in the 1920s. It is the northern house owned by M. A. Guild in 1927.

listed as 2636 Dover Road, which was a small home converted to office use, similar and next to the existing vacant century house painted blue at 2650 Dover Center Road that was most recently the Bennett Dental offices.

Based on a Lakewood City Directory in 1953, Russell’s work address is listed as a medical building at 15701 Detroit Road and his home is in North Olmsted and Mary E. is listed as his wife. The 1958 edition of the same directory lists his place of employment as 2750 Dover Center Road, which would place it next to today’s Porter Library. He must have shared with other doctors the existing mid-century modern office building, built in 1956, that has a current address of 2760 Dover Center Road. The home in North Olmsted is probably the one he sold to Beryl in 1954. He died in 1974 in Florida.

Mr. Parsons owned 2570 Dover Center Road for 14 years, then Carl and Marie Werner for 14 years, then Henry and Goldie Seldon for 11 years, and the Sheenan family for six years until the current owners purchased it in 2002. They have owned it and loved it for 17 years, longer than any previous owner. ●

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# Bay Village Branch Library

## Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

### CHILDREN

Weekly Storytimes:

- 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. and 11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – for all ages

Saturday, Nov. 9 (10 a.m.) **Pre-school STEAM** – Ages 3-5: Join us for stories and a hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activity. Space is limited. Registration required.

Monday, Nov. 11 (7 p.m.) **STEAM On: Makey Makey** – Join us for a hands-on STEAM program. Turn everyday objects, like bananas and clay, into controllers using Makey Makey invention kits. Registration required.

### TEEN

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 (3-4 p.m.) **Teen Zone** – Grades 5 & up: Hang out with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more!

Parents/guardians must complete a Release and Hold Harmless form.

Thursday, Nov. 7 (3 p.m.) **Write On** – Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing.

Monday, Nov. 11 (6:30 p.m.) **Arduino Basics** – Like to experiment with electronics and tinker with technology? Learn how to build and code electronic circuits using Arduino Uno in this introductory class. All equipment will be provided.

### ADULT

Tuesday, Nov. 12 (6 p.m.) **Library for All: Adapted Adult Programs** – Join us for fun, adapted programs featuring stories, art, music and more, specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Adults (18+) of all abilities are welcome.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 (7 p.m.) **‘90s Maker Night: Pokemon Terrariums** – Let’s hit rewind to a wicked cool time. Join us for totally ‘90s maker nights featuring your favorite old school crafts and snacks. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Please register online at [cuyahog-alibrary.org](http://cuyahog-alibrary.org), call us at 440-871-6392, or stop by the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian.** ●

### SPORTING VIEWS

## What’s scarier: Halloween or the Browns’ season?

by JEFF BING

The recent Browns meltdown against the Patriots – a mistake-prone atrocity which none of us thought was even possible given the “advantage” of the bye week, making the results even *more* mind-numbing – left me searching for something *good* to ponder in the aftermath. Obviously, the level of play was so poor that it took me quite a while to find something to grab onto, but eventually it did bring a smile to my face – and a big smile, at that.

My daughter Leah was married 9 years ago this past August, and as her way of saying thanks to me for participating in her wedding (I should state for the record that it wasn’t like my wife and I were going to pull a “no-show” or anything) Leah got tickets for her and I to attend the Browns versus Patriots match-up on Nov. 7 that same year.

The Browns, under second-year head coach Eric Mangini, had been horrible from the start in 2009, going 1-11 before winning their last 4 games, to finish 5-11. 2010 didn’t begin particularly well either, as the Browns played tough, but were still 1-5 heading into consecutive games with the previous year’s Super Bowl participants, New Orleans and – guess who – New England.

The Browns shocked the entire football world by smoking the Saints in New Orleans, 30-17, so no one (at least no one who was sober) thought the Browns could repeat their success of the previous week against another premium opponent on consecutive weeks. I mean, this was the *Browns*, for Pete’s sake.

Well, Leah had gotten us great seats, the weather was excellent for an early November day (around 60 degrees if memory serves) and

I’d never had the pleasure of Leah’s company at a Browns game before, so we were both pretty excited going in. But with a team that was only 2-5 and had presumably used all of their ammo the previous week against the Saints, we *never* expected to witness what we did.

What we *did* see was a well-oiled machine rip its opponent to shreds. Browns QB Colt McCoy played the best game of his otherwise obscure career as starting quarterback of the Browns, completing 14-of-19 passes for 174 perhaps modest, but efficient, yards. The hero was running back Peyton Hillis, who also had his best game as a Brown, gaining 184 yards on 29 carries. The defense came to play, too, holding the powerful Patriots to 14 points while the Browns rolled up 34. It was virtually mistake-free and turnover-free from the Browns’ side of the ball, proving that it is possible in Cleveland – for at least one game. Leah and I spent most of the game high-fiving other fans there; we really had a great time. I even remember telling another fan, “We finally found a quarterback,” perhaps *some-what* prematurely.

While the loss dropped the Patriots to 6-2, they (of course) rebounded and went on to another highly successful season. The Browns improved their record to 3-5, but alas, they reverted to the “same old Browns,” going 2-6 after that and making Eric Mangini another trivia question on the Browns’ long list of failed head coaches. That’s the thing about Cleveland football “greatness” over the last generation or so ... if you blink, you’ll probably miss it.

But for one day – one glorious day in the sun – my daughter and I witnessed football greatness, Cleveland style. ●

### THE DIGITAL WORLD

## Being a 21st century couch potato

by TAK SATO

Many of you may recall when, years ago, having Wi-Fi in your home was either a DIY project or an add-on service you paid for each month.

These days, however, the Internet Service Providers (or ISPs) like Spectrum, WOW or AT&T servicing Westlake and Bay Village may already have Wi-Fi capability built into their equipment and even turned on whether you use it or not. As long as it is protected to make it a “private” Wi-Fi, as opposed to an “open” or “public” Wi-Fi, you are ready to become a 21st century couch potato.

As it becomes increasingly common for each family member to own multiple digital world devices such as a computer, smartphone and tablet, and the only televisions you can buy these days are labeled as being “smart” anyway, having Wi-Fi capability provided through ISP equipment has become an expectation rather than an exception.

From SmartSpeakers to

SmartToasters, collectively known as “Internet of Things” (or IoT), almost anything can be prefixed with the word “smart” ... but what does it really mean? When a household electronic device/gadget is prefixed with the word “smart,” it simply means that it is connected to the internet, aka the cloud, to provide additional functionality and to be controlled.

A SmartTV, for example, can “stream,” i.e. receive programming transmission through the internet, on top of the traditional ways we can get programming (cable, satellite or over-the-air using an antenna). With streaming, instead of the whole family huddling around your laptop’s dinky 15-inch screen, you can play that funny YouTube clip on your 65-inch SmartTV for everyone to enjoy!

Giving verbal commands to your SmartSpeaker to unlock the front door when you hear junior’s school bus coming to a screeching stop in front of your house a la “Crankshaft” is another example of this IoT craze. In this example the SmartSpeaker works together

with the SmartLock on the front door. This kind of integration falls under the SmartHome umbrella where every aspect of the house, from thermostat controlling the HVAC system to lighting in each room, can work in unison through the private Wi-Fi network of your home.

Unlike a classic couch potato wielding multiple remote controls 10 feet away from the dumb TV, a 21st century couch potato prefers using their smartphones or SmartSpeakers to become a maestro of their SmartHome – still from a couch or while on vacation halfway around the world. After all, the internet is borderless. Please be cognizant that SmartSpeakers, for example, are constantly listening for the verbal command. Read up on this continuously evolving landscape of privacy exposure and the ways to protect yourself.

As technology, legislation and corporate governance of how your private data is used become more pro-consumer, your options to minimize privacy exposure should evolve for the better too! ●

## Veterans Day observance at Tri-C Westshore

by JOHN HORTON

Cuyahoga Community College will honor the courageous men and women who served in the nation’s military during a Veterans Day observance at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Westshore Campus.

The remembrance will take place in room 118 of the Liberal Arts and Technology building.

“Veterans Day provides an opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have defended this nation,” said Rick DeChant, executive director of the College’s Veterans Initiative. “The peace we enjoy is because of those who served.”

The program will include a presentation by Kelly Hunt, a U.S. Army veteran who served tours in Afghanistan as both a soldier and a diplomat during Operation Enduring Freedom. She was severely wounded in a suicide bomber attack during her second tour.

Hunt, of Avon Lake, now runs her own business and advocates for veterans.

Following the ceremony, the Veterans Resource Center at Westshore Campus will be open for tours. Tri-C serves thousands of Northeast Ohio veterans every year through its Veterans Initiative. For more information on programs and services, visit [www.tri-c.edu/veterans](http://www.tri-c.edu/veterans).

Westshore Campus is located at 31001 Clemens Road in Westlake. Free parking is available. ●



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group's free community events online at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 4-5 p.m.**

### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The City of Bay Village and Bay Village Schools have created a School Travel Plan as part of the ODOT Safe Routes to School Program. At this meeting, we'll review and finalize the plan. Please join us to provide feedback on the ideas in the plan. Contact Kathryn Kerber at 440-899-3412 or [kkerber@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:kkerber@cityofbayvillage.com) with feedback or questions.  
*Bay Village City Hall, 350 Dover Center Rd.*

**Thursdays, Nov. 7 and 21, 7-8:45 p.m.**  
**WESTLAKE UNITY TOASTMASTERS**

Improve your speaking and leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.  
*Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

**Friday, Nov. 8, 2-3 p.m.**

### EMPOWERING U: HEALTHY FOOD SWAPS AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

We will discuss healthy food swaps followed by a Silver Strength class designed to increase muscle strength, range of movement and improve activities for daily living.  
*Breakwater at The Normandy, 22701 Lake Rd., Rocky River*

**Friday, Nov. 8, 7-10 p.m.**

### FRIDAY NIGHT BLOCK PARTY

Grab your friends and get your jingle on! Music by the Portersharks. Food available by Barrio Tacos and a cash bar. 21 and over. Limited tickets, \$10.  
*BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.*

**Saturday, Nov. 9, 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

### BAY VILLAGE KIWANIS SPAGHETTI DINNER

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser featuring chef Tony Dostal's special sauce. Proceeds support the youth of Bay Village and other activities in our community. Adults, \$10; children 6 to 12, \$5. Free for children 5 and under.  
*Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Rd.*

**Monday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

### FREE DENTAL WORK FOR VETERANS

Dental procedures including extractions, fillings, simple cleanings, denture cleanings and X-rays will be provided to veterans for free. A phone call to 440-327-0027 is appreciated to let us know you are coming, but it is not required.  
*North Ridgeville Family Dentistry, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30-8 p.m.**

### GIFT OF TOUCH FOR THOSE COPING WITH CANCER

Learn hand and foot massage. A great holiday gift and strategy for managing holiday stress. Advance registration required: 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Monday, Nov. 11, 7-8:45 p.m.**

### WEST SHORE ANTIQUE AND HISTORY CLUB

Suzanne Resnik will present a program on the 1918 Flu Pandemic. A factual history on this event and how it affected World War I. Guests are welcome.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.**

### HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. After lunch at 11:30, a representative from The Olive Scene will talk about ways to include olive oils and balsamic vinegars in your holiday recipes. After the presentation, there will be a workshop on growing paperwhites just in time for the holidays. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit [theherbguild.org](http://theherbguild.org) or contact Dottie Farrar at 440-842-5863.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

### HEART FAILURE

Congestive heart failure refers to the hearts declining ability to pump blood. Medical lecturer Tom Strong discusses the causes of heart failure and how to control the symptoms by lifestyle changes, medications, and nutrition.

Complimentary lunch is provided. Please RSVP to 440-835-5661 by Nov. 11.

*Huntington Woods, 27705 Westchester Pkwy., Westlake*

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

### 5G AND YOU

Northeast Ohio Personal Computers will host Walter Lesch for this presentation, "5G and You." 5G means 5th Generation, which is really a nickname for a collection of new mobile telecommunications standards that are being implemented right now. 4G networks gave us HD movie streams, internet telephony and live streaming, in addition to 3D television and cloud computing. Representing a leap forward in speed, capacity, and reliability, come to see what 5G really is and what it will do for you. Refreshments at 6:30; meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome; for more information, go to [neopc.org](http://neopc.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.**

### SKY QUEST: THE NIGHT SKY

Take an in-depth tour of the universe in Schuele Planetarium as we use our star projectors to find constellations, identify planets and review current events happening in the night sky. Weather permitting, we'll head outdoors for telescope viewing through our 9-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. For preteens through adults. Fee: \$8/person.  
*Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.*

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 12:30 p.m.**

### THE PLAIN DEALER - THEN AND NOW

As newspapers restructure from declining sales, the role of the reporter has changed. Learn how from retired Plain Dealer journalist V. David Sartin, who specialized in government and community affairs. Sponsored by the Bay Village Women's Club. Free and open to the public.  
*Bay Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:45-8 p.m.**

### WORD WARRIORS TOASTMASTERS

Learn to become a more confident speaker, communicator and leader. Guests are always welcome! Contact Kitty Brandal at [kittybrandal@gmail.com](mailto:kittybrandal@gmail.com) for more information.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Saturday, Nov. 16, 5:45-8 p.m.**

### BIG BAND BASH

The Bay Village Community Band will be holding our second annual benefit concert! This exciting evening will feature the Village Jazz Orchestra (the BVCB's newest ensemble) and be filled with the sounds of Big Band, Swing and Jazz. Dinner and other entertainment will be included with each ticket. All proceeds go to the Bay Village Community Band. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door or [bvcb.org](http://bvcb.org).  
*Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

**Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

### ROCKY RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

This concert will feature the church's spectacular Holtkamp Organ in an evening of works for the trumpet and organ. Artists will be Judith Saxton, trumpet, and Timothy Olsen, organ, who have collaborated as a duo for over a decade. No admission charge, all are welcome. For more information, visit [www.rrcms.org](http://www.rrcms.org).  
*West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Thursday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

### SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet representatives from local independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, elder law attorneys, home care and hospice organizations.  
*UH St. John Medical Center, Bldg. 2, Aud. A & B, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

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