

DIGGING DOVER

Then and Now in Dover, Part 3

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

In the Volume 11, Issue 2 edition of the Observer, published Jan. 22, 2019, can be found the first Digging Dover “Then and Now” article based on postcards shared by Westlake resident Bob Collins. The printed version of the article included photographs of three postcards with typewritten captions, and a current picture of the same three views, now. The online version, which can still be accessed, includes five “then” and five “now” pictures.

In the last edition of the Observer, Volume 12, Issue 2, published Jan. 21, 2020, was the first “Now and Then”

article. It includes the circa 1910 postcard photograph of either the Oviatt or Cahoon sawmills and a current photograph of what was possibly the Oviatt sawmill site as well as another photograph showing a bridge in Rocky River with a Lake Shore Electric trolley car dangling over the edge.

In an effort to confound future researchers, this article will be called “Then and Now in Dover, Part 3.” Because after all, the “Then and Now” articles have only been published “now and then” (with nearly a year’s separation between the first two articles). So, let’s get back on track (pun intended).

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POSTCARD IMAGE COURTESY OF BOB COLLINS

Leiter postcard of a high level bridge near North Dover.

Bay library to host community-wide book discussion

by JESSICA BRESLIN

Cuyahoga County Public Library is once again a proud partner and presenter of the One Community Reads program. This initiative for all Cuyahoga County residents, with County Executive Armond Budish as honorary chair, encourages discussions based around the reading of a common book exploring themes that resonate with our communities in Northeast Ohio.

The book this year is “Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure

Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life” by renowned sociologist Eric Klinenberg, which explores the connections between robust community services including libraries and parks, to overall neighborhood and public health. Klinenberg has written a testament to the roles of libraries, community centers and public parks as critical components of social infrastructure for our residents. Community members are invited to read “Palaces for the People” and join in on related events regionwide.

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PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Wildlife rehabilitator Molly Ryan brought a few of her groundhogs to the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on Feb. 2, Groundhog Day. Pie, pictured here enjoying a cookie, is a 3-year-old male under Ryan’s care. Pie’s famous cousin, Punxsutawney Phil, predicted an early spring when he didn’t see his shadow at the 134th annual Groundhog Day festivities in Pennsylvania.

Calling all artists: Westlake’s art festival is back!

by MICHAEL O’DONNELL

The Westlake-Bay Village Rotary Club is bringing back the Westlake art festival this year! Plans are already underway for the Rotary host the festival on Saturday, July 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the campus of Westlake Porter Public Library in cooperation with the Westlake Public Schools.

The Rotary is looking for top artists in Northeast Ohio

to participate in exhibiting their creativity and unique artwork in a quality summer festival. In addition to artists, the Rotary is welcoming Northeast Ohio business sponsors interested in supporting this premier summer event.

This one-day, rain-or-shine event is intended to have something for everyone including food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and plenty of free parking. Artists are encouraged to fill out

an application while booth space is still available at www.westlakebayvillagerotaryartfest.com.

Early business sponsors will receive recognition in advance advertising publications promoting the Art Festival, in addition to special Rotary recognition throughout the event.

For more information about the Rotary Art Festival, artists, patrons and sponsors may contact Joe Kraft at josephkraft@gmail.com. ♦

Winter pet protection tips

by NANCY BROWN

Here are tips to consider to keep both you and your pets safe and comfortable this winter:

Check the hood of your car. Felines often sleep in wheel wells for warmth.

If your cat is an outdoor community cat, offer shelter. Amazon has heated cat houses or you can provide them with a dry, draft-free shelter that the cat can move around in freely, stuffed with straw and raised a few inches off the ground.

Provide extra food and water. Pets, like humans, deplete energy in keeping warm. Check bowls often for freezing.

If you walk your dog make sure both of you have reflective material on. Obey the leash laws. Keep your dog on a leash that is made for his size and strength. Cloth and

leather leashes are a safer choice versus a retractable. Understand the wind chill: it impacts humans and pets alike. Bundle them up too. Go for shorter walks, leave them at home and not in the car, and know that pets are prone to hypothermia and frostbite just like you!

Watch for chemicals used to melt ice. Use a damp towel to gently wipe paws before the pet attempts to clean their own paws. Remove and wipe up any coolants and antifreeze; these are extremely harmful to any family member.

If you believe an animal is being neglected or you have concerns about care, you can speak out or contact authorities who will investigate, advise, document and follow up.

Always include your pets in your emergency plans. This includes having extra food, water, medications and an emergency kit. ♦



THE GREEN REPORT

Tree hugger? We all should be.

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Trees are social. Yep, you read that right! Scientific evidence has shown that trees of the same species living in forests are communal and form alliances with each other. They connect to each other underground, through their root system, that some have dubbed the “wood-wide web.” Through these networks the trees are able to share water and nutrients as well as send warnings about disease or insect attacks. It has been observed that trees respond to these signals in the “web.”

Researchers and scientists from different locations in the world have studied forests of trees and have observed this nurturing behavior between trees and how they help each other. Why do the trees do this? Isn't there competition for survival of the fittest, you might ask? Well, for trees, a healthy, stable forest is where they will survive the longest, so it makes sense that each individual tree is attempting to help the forest as a whole remain a healthy place.

If you are interested in more about this topic, there is a book titled “The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How

They Communicate” by Peter Wohlleben. He is a German forester and has devoted his life to the care and study of trees. If you read this book, you will never walk through a forest the same way again! In fact, you will appreciate them so much I bet you'll want to hug one or 100!

While you most likely will not plant a forest in your yard, if you feel inspired to plant some more cool, social beings after reading this, please ensure you plant tree species that are native to our area. Native trees are important because they are significant contributors to preserving our biodiversity and supporting our ecosystem.

Landscape that is human-dominated (such as grass lawns) is not able to support functioning ecosystems. As a result, biodiversity (the variety of life in a habitat or ecosystem) has greatly suffered. All life depends on biodiversity, including humans and birds.

Local birds would not survive without the insects that have evolved along with native plants. For example, native oak trees have been shown to host over 500 species of caterpillars; ginkgo trees host only five. This is a significant difference when it takes over 6,000 caterpillars to raise

one brood of chickadees. Song birds have been in decline since the 1960s, with 40% of them gone so far. Even modest increases in native trees and plants in suburbs significantly increases the number and species of breeding birds.

How do you know if a plant or tree is native? The Audubon Society has a handy native plant database on their website, audubon.org/native-plants. All you have to do is enter in your zip code and the plants and trees native to our area pop up.

Trees also combat climate change, and it has been in the news recently that the tree canopy in our area has been declining. Between 2011 and 2017, Cuyahoga County lost 6,600 acres (equivalent to 5,000 football fields) of trees. Each of us can help turn around this trend simply by planting trees in our own yards! Doing so will help restore our tree canopy which is essential to not only the health of the earth and birds, but to human health as well! There is also a financial incentive as well to plant more trees, as trees have a positive impact on property values.

There are no negatives to planting trees in your yard. Imagine if each of us planted only one tree how many new trees we'd have!

There's a popular Chinese proverb that says “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.” ●

SPORTING VIEWS

Swimming up the waterfall with Jimmy

by JEFF BING

At one time or another, I'm sure everyone's seen the video in which a toddler kicks a ball, then bends over to pick up the ball, but in doing so kicks it a few feet farther in front of him. It's hilarious for a while, but you soon wish someone would just go over and show the kid what he's doing wrong, and call it a day. Nevertheless, it goes on, presumably, until sometime in the future when the kid eventually sees the light and solves the

problem.

It reminds me very much of Jimmy Haslam's ownership of the Cleveland Browns: Jimmy's the toddler in the scenario above, and the Browns are the ball. The difference? Eventually, even the toddler figures out what's going on. Jimmy? Well, let's just say he's still kickin'.

I understand that rich guys are spoiled and impatient. I get that. I mean, toss a few billion into my lap and see how arrogant and lacking in patience I become. In fact, next to me, I'd probably make Jimmy Haslam look like Mother Teresa (in drag). Yet he still has a legion of supporters. In fact, some of Jimmy's fans have applauded Jimmy's tenacity ... the fact that he “never gives up.” Well, geez, neither do carpenter ants, and I don't see anyone giving the ants standing O's.

I often wonder how Jimmy can look at his Browns hiring record – *objectively* – and *not* recuse himself from anything that has to do with football operations. Given his lack of patience with virtually everyone

he's hired, shouldn't he have lost patience with *himself* a long, long time ago? Darn straight. If Jimmy the Owner had Jimmy the Browns CEO making decisions about Jimmy the Owner, then Jimmy the Owner would now be Jimmy the Panhandler.

Jimmy keeps claiming that “We're going to keep at it until we get it right.” Since his son-in-law is now involved – not to mention Jimmy's wife Dee – they could be at this for *generations*. Look at all the people he's hired and fired in eight years on the job. The guy's list of ex-executives is so ridiculous, he even has more exes than Liz Taylor did.

You know, I've always held out the hope with Jimmy that – despite his ineptitude – the law of averages (aka “Even a blind squirrel finds a nut” theory) would eventually occur and he'd accidentally stumble onto a good choice or two. I have since given up on that dream for one very simple reason: The blind squirrel named Jimmy will never find the nut, folks, because he *is* the nut. ●

From backyard to center stage for this ‘Rising Star’

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

“Catch a Rising Star” is a unique musical preview of budding talent ready to blossom that will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

For the eighth year this exceptional program, sponsored by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and offered free to the community, will showcase the talents of a senior student in Baldwin Wallace University's prestigious music theater program. Sydney Howard, who will perform on Feb. 18, is a “Rising Star” completing her studies in the BW pro-

gram.

Beth Burrier, BW associate professor and music director, will accompany Howard on the piano, providing the perfect platform for the performance of a variety of theater music and more.

Some of Howard's Cleveland theater credits include her participation in the 2018 world premiere of “Jane Eyre the Musical” with Cleveland Musical Theatre; role of Lauren in the academic premiere of “Kinky Boots” at Baldwin Wallace; role of Rose in “Dogfight”; Narrator in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and role of Natalie in “Next to Normal.”

Howard's performance and musical

roots were planted in Rochester, New York, where she grew up writing plays to be acted out in her backyard by her and her friends. She also revealed that she started singing before she could walk. Howard explained that her mother is a singer, who continually sang to her when she was a baby and her father has a “passion for popular music.”

Howard described a pivotal event for her happened at a young age. Her backyard plays, playing saxophone in her school concert band, and doing drama at summer camps, were the norm until she was 12 years old. Then she said “I played JoJo in ‘Seussical,’ and never stopped performing in musicals after that.”

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Sydney Howard

Enjoy the WWAC's eighth edition of “Catch a Rising Star” and see this young talent who thrives in environments where she is able to use her imagination freely and who is “still working on being totally free.” ●

Bay High students unite to fight cancer

by AVA RANSOM

Hello, my name is Ava Ransom, and I'm a senior at Bay High School. I am excited to announce that Bay High School will be a part of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) "Students of the Year" campaign!

From Jan. 25 to March 13 high school students in Northern Ohio will engage their community in raising funds for LLS in order to support and fight for patients with blood cancer. Bay has been a part of this campaign for the past two years, and this year our team of 15 Bay High School students believes that with the support of our amazing Bay community, we can reach our goal of \$100,000!

The mission of LLS is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. LLS has invested \$1.3 billion into research since 1949 and since then survival rates for blood cancer have quadrupled. This research is even leading to treatment advances for other cancers. Despite these advances, blood cancer is still devastating to the thousands of patients diagnosed each year. More than 33% of blood cancer patients do not survive more than 5 years after diagnosis.

Most of us have been personally and deeply affected by cancer at some point in our lives. Whether it's you who fought or is fighting, or you watched a family member or friend fight, cancer is devastating. The most difficult part of watching someone you love fight for their life is feeling powerless while watching them suffer during treatment.

In our community, cancer has left its mark. One of our teammates, Jane Finley, was diagnosed with lymphoma in eighth grade, beat it after going through excruciating treatment, relapsed, and beat it again. Another of our teammates, Claire Blevins, was diagnosed with leukemia in 10th grade just days after her 16th birthday, endured sickening months of chemotherapy, and beat it too. A third teammate of ours and middle school cross country coach, Theresa, was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2018 and endured 6 months of aggressive chemo to become healthy again. Our childhood choir director, Carrie Engelbrecht, went through unbearable treatment for a rare form of blood cancer for more than 2 years and devastatingly passed away last year.

Lastly, this past December, our school received devastating news that one of our classmates, Damon Bower, was diagnosed

with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare type of bone cancer. He is currently going through treatment, and I know that our community is doing everything we can to support Damon in hopes that he will become healthy again. It is unbelievable that he is the third of my classmates to battle cancer while in high school.

I hold on to the possibility of a world without blood cancer so that no one will ever have to fight a battle like this. I believe that with the support of our community, we will make a lasting impact. I invite you to join me and Team Unite to Fight, to stand up to cancer.

To support our efforts, you can donate online by visiting my website: events.lls.org/noh/nohSOY20/aransom, or if you wish to donate through the mail please make your check payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and send to 6111 Oak Tree Blvd. Suite 130, Independence, OH 44131. Make sure to print our team name, "Unite to Fight," in the memo section. Your donations are tax deductible.

As a community of fighters, supporters and advocates, we truly believe we will make a lasting impact. For more information, please feel free to contact me at avaransom@gmail.com. Let's be the change. ●

Kiwanis explores opportunities with Meals On Wheels

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis invited Marie Patten-Blatter, Meals on Wheels' executive director, to speak at their Jan. 28 meeting and presented her with a check for the organization. Kiwanis currently delivers meals on the holidays to relieve the regular drivers and even have a member volunteering in the kitchen helping prepare the meals.

Marie said they are always looking for volunteers and funding. Visit westlakemealsonwheels.org to see all the ways you can help. This is their 45th year serving meals to the homebound. They serve the communities of Westlake, North Olmsted, Olmsted Township, Olmsted Falls and Bay Village, providing two meals a day, Monday through Friday, which costs \$9 a day. They are currently serving between 63 and 80 people a day. Last year they served over 31,000 meals.

Westlake Meals on Wheels helps residents needing nutritional support on a short-term or long-term basis. They are a non-profit community service organization helping individuals with medical or aging issues. ●



Kiwanis President Ray Budoï presents a check to Marie Patten-Blatter from Meals on Wheels as Kiwanian and Meals on Wheels volunteer Alex Krystynak looks on.





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5 things you didn't know about Great Horned Owls

by MORGAN PASKERT

Owls are mysterious birds that have captured the attention and curiosity of people all throughout the world. There are over 200 species of owls that come in all shapes and sizes. The most common owl of the Americas is the Great Horned Owl. Great Horned Owls can be found across the continental U.S. in a broad range of habitats, most typically in woods interspersed with open land.

With its earlike tufts, intense yellow-eyed gaze and deep hooting call, the Great Horned Owl is the quintessential owl of storybooks. Here are some Great Horned Owl facts that may surprise you:

Their eyes are not true "eyeballs"

Great Horned Owls have large eyes, pupils that open widely in the dark and retinas that contain many rod cells for excellent night vision and depth perception.

Many are surprised to learn that the eyes of all owl species are actually tube-shaped and immobile in their sockets. Fortunately, owls can rotate their heads up to 270 degrees to look in any direction.

They are skilled, powerful hunters

Great Horned Owls are efficient night-time hunters. Their soft feathers provide insulation against cold weather and allow them to strike quietly in pursuit of prey, which

include animals several times heavier than themselves. When clenched, a Great Horned Owl's strong talons require a force of 28 pounds to open.

They often mate for life

It is believed that Great Horned Owls are monogamous creatures that stay together for at least 5 years, perhaps for life. Members of a pair often remain on the same territory year round. If something happens to one of the pair, the survivor will usually find another mate.

They are the earliest to nest in Northeast Ohio

Great Horned Owls begin nesting as early as January. They typically adopt nests that were built by other species, but will also use cavities in live trees such as cottonwood, juniper, beech and pine. Despite winter's harsh conditions, females incubate their eggs at a warm 98 degrees. After a successful

nesting season, owlets will hatch completely featherless and heavily reliant on their parents, remaining near them until the end of summer.

The oldest recorded Great Horned Owl was found in Ohio

This species is probably the most long-lived of North American owls. According to The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the oldest wild Great Horned Owl on record was at least 28 years old when it was found in Ohio in 2005. A resident Great Horned Owl at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center lived to be at least 37 years old.

Interested in learning more about native owl species? Join Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for its annual Owl Prowl on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Meet the Center's resident owls, then head outdoors for an evening hike with resident birding expert Tim Jasinski in hope of spotting wild owls in the forest of Huntington Reservation. Fee: \$10/person; children ages 2 and under are free. Purchase tickets online at www.lensc.org or by calling 440-871-2900. ●



A resident Great Horned Owl at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

BAY LIBRARY

from front page

Here in Bay Village, library staff will lead a book discussion at the library on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. Stop in at the branch to get your copy of "Palaces for the

People" today and join in on what's sure to be a lively discussion! Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Bay Village Library. No registration necessary.

A full list of events can be found at the One Community Reads website: oncommunityreads.org. ●

Village Project's 5th annual NOURISH will be held on Feb. 29

by DIANE FRYE

Nourish – to sustain with food or nutriment; to cherish, foster, keep alive; to strengthen, build up or promote. Nourishment is essential to growth, health and well-being.

An example of this life-supporting process happens in the garden when a tiny seed is nourished by rain-softened soil, and with the help of warm, gentle rays from the sun, is coaxed to sprout, unfurl its leaves, and eventually burst into bloom.

Similarly, each week Village Project volunteers – of many ages and abilities – come together to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer. In VP's almost 10 years of existence, over 28,000 nutritious meals and extended services have been provided to over 285 families living in Bay Village, Westlake, Avon, Avon Lake and Rocky River.

On Feb. 29, you will get an opportunity to provide sustenance to this vital organization at its annual NOURISH gala to be held from 6-10 p.m. at Hyland's Building 3 at 28105 Clemens Road in Westlake. Over 100 Village Project volunteers have spent months planning and preparing for this phenomenal event. Everyone is invited to experience this uplifting evening to help VP reach its goal of raising \$130,000.

With a nod to Leap Day, NOURISH guests will "spring" forward to find themselves in a beautiful garden in bloom as they enjoy lovely floral decorations, many designed by talented, creative local students. This year's delicious food will be provided by Thyme Catering and Village Project. As always, food will be served by our incredible student chefs.

In addition to taste-tempting food stations and beverages, the festive evening offers games, activities and opportunities to win – guests can participate in a basket raffle, make their pick from a wine and/or gift card pull, and bid on extraordinary silent auction items. Here are just a few auction items that may pique your interest:

- A week's vacation in Sanibel Island
- Two tickets for Playhouse Square KeyBank Broadway Series

- Four tickets to the Broadway Series show "Frozen" and "Frozen" merchandise
- A month of Village Project dinners for four delivered to your door once a week
- The hottest food truck in town from Thyme Table

The good news is that you can bid on silent auction items even if you are not able to attend NOURISH. Please check Village Project's website to get details on how to participate in the auction. Bidding begins a week prior to the event.

In addition, your attendance is not required to win the grand prize raffle for \$3,000 towards a dream vacation of your own choosing. Tickets for the grand prize raffle are sold separately and can be purchased on the website for \$20 each or three for \$50.

Tribute lanterns will be visible throughout the venue. Each of the lanterns is dedicated to honor someone who is fighting cancer, in memory of someone, or simply to give gratitude to a caregiver, family member or friend who made a difference in the life of someone who had cancer.

An event ticket to NOURISH includes dinner, beer and wine, music, entertainment and free valet parking. Tickets are \$110 each or 10 for \$1,000 and must be purchased by Feb. 21. To learn more about NOURISH and purchase event tickets, grand prize raffle tickets, NOURISH T-shirts or dedicate a lantern, visit: ourvillageproject.com/nourish. NOURISH purchases also can be made at Village Project's Project Shoppe on Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, call the Village Project office at 440-348-9401.

NOURISH sponsorship opportunities are still available, including limited opportunities to reserve a private room for you and your guests. Even if you are not able to attend, there are additional ways you can help the cause, including donating gift cards or wine valued at \$20 or higher. Village Project is also accepting donations of services and items for the silent auction, as well as themed raffle baskets. More information about these opportunities can be found on the VP website. ●

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Village Bicycle Cooperative saddles up for Ohio veterans

by CARL GONZALEZ

The Village Bicycle Cooperative made a special donation of an adult trike to our armed services vet-

erans at the independent living facility of the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. VBC volunteers Bill Abbott and I loaded the trike on a crisp January morning and headed off on Route 2 to deliver the trike.

There we were greeted by Ashley Matus, OVH recreation coordinator. She told us that this adult trike will be “enlisted in service” for the OVH on-premise bicycle club. Adult trikes provide a bridge for those individuals with balance challenges. In

these cases, three-wheel cycling transportation is a better and safer solution for recreational and exercise needs. (Cycling, by the way, is one of the best activities for supporting good cardiovascular health.)

The OVH facility is a friendly, impressive and well-organized operation. The OVH mission is to support veterans with skilled nursing home needs. OVH also provides an independent living section, with and without the necessity for medical supervision. We spoke with Cindy Christian-Kromer, a domiciliary social worker, and she told us, “We have many available independent living space openings for qualified veterans here in Ohio right here in Sandusky. We want those that served our country and their loved ones to know that they are supported.” Visit the OVH web site www.ohioveteranshome.gov for more information or give them a call at 419-625-2454.

Village Bicycle Cooperative is a 100% volunteer, not-for-profit organization in Bay Village. The VBC mission is to serve the community by refurbishing old publicly donated bicycles, reselling them, or donating them to charitable organizations and needy individuals. VBC also provides coordinated educational programs to support our community’s bicycle transportation needs. Visit us at www.villagebicycle.org for shop hours or on Facebook.



Bill Abbott and Carl Gonzalez delivered a donated bike from Village Bicycle Cooperative to Ashley Matus at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky.

Village Bicycle Cooperative would like to thank Janet and Kerry Barvincak from Avon and the Avon VFW for informing us about the Ohio Veterans Home and their need for adult trikes. ●

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Bay Village Branch Library Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

CHILDREN

Saturday, Feb. 8 (10 a.m.) **Pre-school STEAM** – Ages 3-5: Join us for stories and a hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activity. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

Monday, Feb. 10 (7 p.m.) **STEAM On: Sock Puppets** – Grades 3-4: Join us for a hands-on STEAM program. Make a sock puppet of your favorite character. Registration required.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 (7 p.m.) **Melted** – Grades K-2: Bring your favorite grown-up for a chocolate lover’s dream with hands-on candy making.

Thursday, Feb. 20 (4 p.m.) **Flight School** – Let’s learn about airplanes and then design your own. We’ll see which ones fly the farthest!

Saturday, Feb. 22 (10 a.m.) **Upcycle Buffet Challenge** – Join us for a non-competitive, zany challenge-meets-party led by the Upcycle Parts Shop. We’ll supply more pieces and parts than you could imagine, and you’ll bring the enthusiasm and innovation needed to create some truly fabulous objects to take home! Kids and their grown-ups will work together to upcycle items from our challenge list. Enjoy hands-on problem solving with no expectations other than to have a great time! Registration required.

TEEN

Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12 and 19 (3-4 p.m.) **Teen Zone** – Grades 5 and 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, Feb. 6 (3 p.m.) **Write On** – Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing. Registration required.

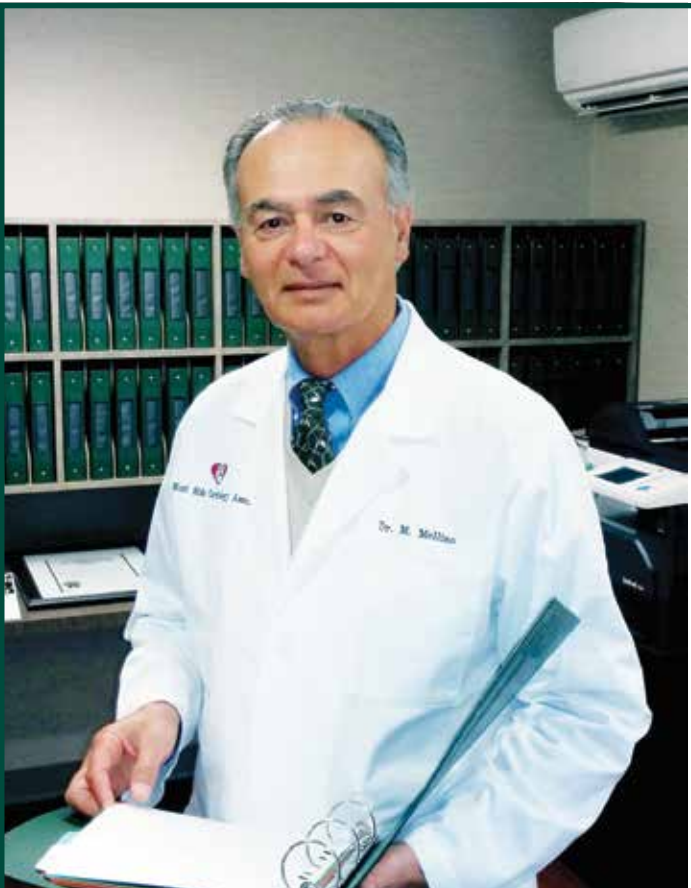
ADULT

Friday, Feb. 7 (10 a.m.) **BAYarts Book Discussion** – Join friends, neighbors and library staff for a monthly book

discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month’s book, “The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna” by Juliet Grames, is available at the library and BAYarts.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (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.

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



LUNCH & LEARN The Art of Fixing a Broken Heart

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 | 12:00 p.m.

Marcello Mellino, MD, FACC, Cardiologist,
Director of Cardiovascular Services for O’Neill Healthcare

Complimentary lunch
Front Lobby

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DOVER

from front page

When the first “Then and Now” article was published we had no idea what a “RPPC” was, even though we have seen many of them over the years. If you read the “Now and Then, Part 1” article in the last edition, you may remember we discussed “RPPCs.”

We mistakenly called them “real picture postcards” but they are really “real photo postcards” which are a “true photograph produced from a photo negative and chemically transferred to photographic paper with a postcard backing,” as per the book, “Lorain, The Real Photo Postcards of Willis Leiter” by Arcadia Publishing.

Willis Leiter was the gifted Lorain based photographer who produced all of the real photo postcards that we have

seen of Dover. He had a studio in Lorain from 1901 to 1917 and one in Akron in the 1920s.

Confusing to readers of the article was the insertion of the words “Lake Road” before “bridge” which placed the Oviatt sawmill in the location of the Cahoon sawmill and the three possible locations of the

bridge! Hopefully the accompanying map will clear up some of the confusion.

The mystery still to be solved is where exactly was the high level bridge near North Dover that Willis Leiter mentions in the captions of at least two of his postcards? The most likely candidates are either at West Oviatt and Cahoon roads or

behind Bay Village City Hall in the vicinity of today's sledding hill.

If anyone remembers seeing the bridge at West Oviatt and Cahoon which may have survived into the 1950s or has other photographs or information about the high level bridge(s) in Dover please contact the author at wrk295@aol.com. ●



A 1914 Hopkins plat map showing possible locations of the former Dover high level bridge: 1. In Huntington Park; 2. In Cahoon Park; 3. At West Oviatt and Cahoon roads; 4. Cahoon sawmill site; 5. Oviatt sawmill site; 6. Rose Hill; 7. Bay City Hall; 8. Cahoon Ledges.



Possible location of the former high level bridge near North Dover, now the corner of West Oviatt and Cahoon roads.

Pam Mills explores ‘Wanderlust’ at BAYarts

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Pam Mills is displaying her exhibition, “Wanderlust: Faces from Places,” this month at BAYarts in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery. In it, she shows candidly captured moments from all over the world, inviting viewers to join in her spirited wandering.

Mills has always been fond of travel and started her adventures early in life. “Living in the U.K., European travel was pretty accessible. My first trip, I was 16 ... I was invited by my Auntie Olwen who had bought a villa on the island of Menorca. That was the start of my wanderlust! She is 94 this spring and has traveled the world until six years ago. I hope I can continue in her footsteps!”

Twenty-three years ago

Mills moved to the United States. “That gave me the opportunity to see this wonderful country – east, west, north and south! I particularly love California and Maine.” Of course, the travel doesn’t stop there. “Last year I visited Prague, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam,” she says. “Most years I try to get home to see family. The U.K. is near and dear to me.”

There are certain aspects to the world that particularly catch her eye. “I love to capture the architecture and landscape wherever I am, but I really love street photography. It’s always surprising ... you just have to keep the camera at



An image taken by Mills on one of her many trips.

the ready!”

Observing people greatly appeals to her. “The more I travel I feel that we are all so connected. A memorable trip a number of years ago took me to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf,” Mills con-

tinues, “that’s when it struck me how similar we all are around the world. We want to live happy, content and purposeful lives.”

Long drawn to photography, Mills says technology has helped make it more accessible

to use. “I was always intimidated by film cameras but with the digital age, the technical side of photography can become secondary to the artistic component. Comparing it to driving a stick shift, she says she hopes to get comfortable enough to move from automatic to manual. “It’s a journey!”

And it’s a journey that started because of a generous friend. “A few years back my friend Susan (friends call us Thelma and Louise) and I started to plan trips. Sue is a wonderful photographer and gifted me her DSLR when she updated hers. That was it, I was hooked.”

Mills’ best travel advice also revolves around connection. “I have traveled a little by myself but have found the travel experience is so much more fun when shared with friends or family.”

The exhibition’s opening reception is Friday, Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m. On display until March 6. ●

READER’S OPINION

The grocery game winners

by ELIZABETH CATANA

Westlake High School senior Henry Levenberg is to be commended for having enough interest in our Westlake community to write his “Reader’s Opinion” article about Aldi published in the Jan. 21 Observer.

However, from the perspective of a Westlake resident almost 60 years his senior I do wish to dispute some of his claims. True, when Aldi first appeared in our area people were skeptical of the quality of its offerings and low prices. Take a look now: One cannot stereotype the Aldi shopper as a “lower-class, cigarette-smoking

consumer,” as Henry wrote that the store’s founders had a disagreement over. Aldi draws consumers of all categories: old, young, richer, poorer, immigrants, native-born, etc., precisely because of its lower prices and variety of offerings.

I find it a welcome addition and feel that those who choose to ignore the value of Marc’s and Aldi in our community are missing out on excellent shopping alternatives.

By the way, there is an Aldi in Pompano Beach, Florida. In fact there are about 2,000 stores in the United States, many of which are in affluent areas. Aldi long has been a major shopping destination in Germany and Austria. ●

Bay Rec offering popular youth programs in February

by MAGGIE KING

Indoor tennis programs have been spiking in popularity at the Bay Village Recreation Department this winter. Indoor Afterschool Tennis for third and fourth graders will be starting its fourth session on Feb. 25 at Westerly Elementary School.

Due to increased interest, Indoor Afterschool Tennis for kindergarten-second graders was added and will be starting its second

session on Feb. 26 at Normandy Elementary School. This class had 30 participants in its first session!

The Recreation Department also offers Indoor Parent and Child Tennis that is geared toward children ages 2-10. This class involves parents working with their children while also working apart on their own skills. The first session begins on Feb. 16 at the Community Gym.

Also back by popular demand is Super Science

of Slime! Students ages 5-12 will immerse themselves in a 2-hour STEAM exploration of the chemical reactions in creating three different kinds of slime that the participants get to take home with them. The class will be held on Feb. 22 at the Bay Lodge.

Visit www.cityofbay-village.com for fees, registration, or check out more programs being offered by the Recreation Department this winter. Phone 440-871-6755 with questions. ●

Westlake Porter Public Library

Early February Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesday, Feb. 5 (10-11 a.m.) **Senior Lecture Series: Tax Tips** – When should you start Social Security benefits? How do you avoid retirement money mistakes? Let H&R Block help you to relax and enjoy some of that money you won't have to give to the IRS. Please register.

Thursday, Feb. 6 (9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.), Friday, Feb. 7 (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.), Saturday, Feb. 8 (9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Sunday, Feb. 9 (1:15-4 p.m.) **Friends' Annual Book Sale** – Stop by the library for bargains on used books, CDs, and DVDs! Now accepting ApplePay, GooglePay, and credit cards! Half-price sale is Saturday, and the \$2 bag sale is Sunday.

Thursday, Feb. 6 (6-8 p.m.) **Harry Potter Book Night** – Celebrate the magic and wonder of the 6th annual Harry Potter event. Enjoy games, crafts contests and other wizarding activities. All ages.

Saturday, Feb. 8 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Beginning 3D Design** – Use the free, web-based software TinkerCad to create simple 3D designs. Students will create accounts in class. Valid email address required. (Fulfills orientation requirement for 3D print submission.) For teens and adults. Please register.

Saturday, Feb. 8 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) **Valentine's Day Fun** – Join us in the Youth Services Department to make Valentine crafts for those you love.

Monday, Feb. 10 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) **Make a Heart Craft** – Create a heart, perfect for this time of year. Specifically for children who may not be successful in a typical craft program and their caring adult. No previous art experience necessary. Ages 3-7. Please register.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (1-3 p.m.) **Career: Working Through the Hidden Job Market** – Learn about the research needed to find out about positions before they are advertised and find the best job for you. Being creative can reduce the competition and land you the job!

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (3-4 p.m.) **Stroke Smart: Signs, Treatment & Recovery** – Join the Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center as they take you through the different phases of stroke prevention, symptoms and therapy services as you recover. Please register.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (6-7:30 p.m.) **Self-Care Beyond the Mani-Pedi** – This workshop will teach girls in grades 7-12 practical ways to incorporate simple hands-on techniques that can be used every day to focus on the mind, body and spirit. Grades 7-12. Please register.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (6:30-8 p.m.) **Jewelry Junction: Wire-Wrapped Heart Pendant** – Learn the art of wire-wrapping stones. Wire-wrap a red heart stone for Valentine's Day using gold or silver-plated artistic wire. Please register.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Tuesday**

Evening Book Discussion – We'll discuss "Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 (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. Please register.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 (7-8 p.m.) **"Palaces for the People" Book Discussion** – Join us for a special discussion of the book "Palaces for the People" by Eric Klinenberg. Part of the county-wide One Community Reads initiative, which encourages reading and cultivates dialogue about social issues affecting our communities.

Thursday, Feb. 13 (1-7 p.m.) **American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Thursday, Feb. 13 (1:30-3:30 p.m.) **Valentine's Day Collage** – The collage process will be explained and demonstrated along with a brief history of valentines. Participants will make their own collage with a background. All materials included. Please register.

Thursday, Feb. 13 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Great Decisions Discussion Program on World Affairs** – Discuss critical global issues facing America today. A copy of the article can be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. Please read the article prior to the meeting. Please register.

Thursday, Feb. 13 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) **Valentine Party** – Drop in and make a craft, play a party game, listen to music and enjoy a snack. Specifically for adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Friday, Feb. 14 (10-10:30 a.m.) **Little Hands Art** – Nurture your child's creative side with this hands-on program featuring a story, song and craft. For children ages

3-5 and their caregiver. Please register.

Saturday, Feb. 15 (1-3 p.m.) **Zentangle: Poetry** – Learn to create this unique Zentangle technique of Found Poetry. You will be using a page from a book, finding words that stand out to create a poem and then create tangled works of art around them. Please register.

Sunday, Feb. 16 (2-3 p.m.) **Sundays a la Friends: Porter's Palettes** – We'll provide everything you need for a great afternoon as a local artist guides you through painting your own masterpiece! Please register.

Monday, Feb. 17 (10-11 a.m.) **Write to a Friend** – Adults with special needs and their caregivers will decorate cards for friends or senior citizen pen pals. Several options for all abilities will be provided. No letter or card writing experience necessary.

Monday, Feb. 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Long Term Care Planning** – The cost of long-term care can quickly drain a family of its resources. Elder law attorney Elizabeth Perla will discuss how one puts together a long term care plan that can save your family money. Please register.

Monday, Feb. 17 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Maker Monday: Transform Your Memories Into Digital** – WPPL has Maker Stations that can convert your records into mp3s, your slides and pictures into digital formats, and your videocassettes into DVDs. Learn how here! Please register.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 (9:30-9:50 a.m.) **Stories and Signs** – Enjoy an interactive story-time while learning a few words in sign language! Ages 0-3. Siblings welcome.

To register for any of the programs, please visit events.westlakelibrary.org or call 440-871-2600.

THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Longevity as a choice

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Walk in my shoes for a moment, please. I'm a mother and a primary care physician. I aim to give my kids and my patients the best advice for living a long and healthy life.

When it comes to this job, I'm a winged unicorn of optimism. I believe an important fact: Experts estimate genetics contributes to 30% of our risk of early death.

That means longevity is a whopping 70%, you-can-make-it-happen modifiable. And the responsibility for making it happen falls on my right shoulder blade (yup, that's where I feel the burn when things don't work out).

Study after study shows that modifying certain behaviors can improve, mitigate and delay anything from heart diseases to Alzheimer's to diabetes to cancers to dying early.

What are those behaviors?

In a 2018 public health report, "The State of US Health: 1990 to 2016," researchers analyzed the burden of 333 diseases and 84 risk factors and carefully tracked the change over the past 26 years.

Among its trove of information, the top three early-death contributors emerge: poor diet is number one, followed by smoking and obesity.

I can fly with this information – but with a handicap. You still with me? Here it goes: It's one thing to tell people what to do. It's another to provide them the motivation, means and ways to do it.

In his article "A Prescription for Longevity in the 21 Century," Dr. Philip Pizzo, founding director of Stanford's Distinguished Careers Institute, zeroed in on two modifiable social factors that might complement and enhance healthy behaviors.

First, having a purposeful life.

"Caring for others," Pizzo said, "positively affects all-cause mortality."

Studies show that 20 percent of young adults aged 12 to 24 years, and 31 percent of adults age 50 years and older professed "a purpose 'beyond the self' that included an interest in improving the lives of others, making the world better, teaching, building community, or pursuing spiritual goals."

Having a strong purpose could motivate self-directed healthy behaviors.

Second, social connection.

Loneliness is prevalent – and particularly hard on the young and old. It's a sense that you're left out, nobody gets you. Even at a party, you can feel alone. About 20 to 50 percent of Americans are at risk.

A frequently cited 2010 Brigham Young University study suggested that the harm caused by loneliness is equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day, and is possibly worse than obesity.

Inspired, in the past week, I've made small changes to my life.

When I go out – grocery shopping, renewing my driver's license, getting gas from Costco (and trying free food) – I swing by and take my mom. I send my homesick, college freshman daughter videos of pileated woodpeckers knocking our suet feeder and her pet rabbit chomping houseplants.

I don't know how much longevity my mom, daughter – or me – has "accumulated" so far. But Mom is sleeping better. I get more "hahaha" texts from my daughter.

I do what I can. ●

READER'S OPINION

Moral ambiguity

by HENRY LEVENBERG

On Dec. 12, 2006, in a televised episode concerning violence against homeless people, television personality Dr. Phil brought on Ty Beeson as his first guest. Beeson, known for creating and making millions off of his video series "Bum Fights," where he tapes homeless people fighting each other for small sums of money, showed up on stage dressed at Dr. Phil himself, complete with a bald cap, a suit, and a fake mustache.

In a rare occurrence, the TV host refused to interview his guest, and had him escorted off the stage, calling him despicable for his exploitation of these people. However, as he was leaving the stage, Beeson enforced the point that Dr. Phil himself exploits people on his show too, leading vulnerable people to be exposed to a live television audience, and making their conditions known to the world. Ty Beeson is no saint, but he brought up an interesting point that day on moral ambiguity.

On Jan. 26, 2020, the world lost a great basketball player and philanthropist, Kobe Bryant. A 20-year veteran of the NBA, Bryant spent his entire career with the Los Angeles

Lakers, winning five championships for the franchise, two of which he was named Most Valuable Player.

Nobody can deny that Kobe Bryant was a great basketball player, and some can argue that he was the best player of all time, and his death was a tragedy of many fronts. However, it is important when analyzing an important figure to recognize one's achievements as well as their faults.

In 2003, he was accused of sexual assault and false imprisonment over a dispute in Colorado that, while never fully investigated, lost Bryant endorsement deals and his public image. He continued to face criticism in 2011, when an anti-gay slur targeted toward a referee caused him to be fined by the league. His philanthropic work throughout the years should also be recognized. His organization, The Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation, helps hundreds of struggling people every year.

As fans and the league continue to mourn him and recognize, it is an important lesson in moral ambiguity when it comes to legacy. Like Dr. Phil, Kobe Bryant has a mixed legacy. His off-the-court actions occur at the same time as his incredible playing achievements.

There is no doubt that the deaths of Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and the other seven on board the helicopter were tragic. But as we look back upon his life, let us remember both that his legacy is both good and bad. ●

Westlake Rec to host March Madness tournament

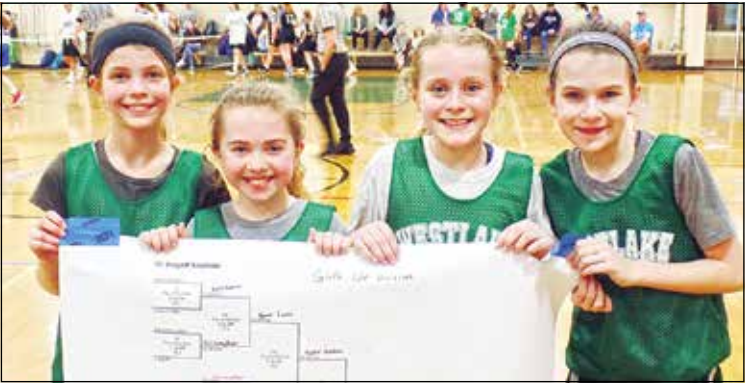
Westlake Recreation Center is holding a March Madness 3 on 3 double elimination tournament. There will be separate divisions for boys and girls. Grade divisions will be 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Rosters will be limited to four players per team. Games will be played on quarter courts with certified officials. T-shirts will be awarded to first-place teams in all divisions.

Girls will play Thursday, March 12, begin-

ning at 5:30 p.m. Boys will play Saturday, March 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The cost is \$65 for member teams (2 players must be members of the Westlake Rec Center); \$75 for non-member teams. Deadline to register is March 8.

For more information, visit www.cityof-westlake.org/recreation or call 440-808-5700. Registration packets are available at the Rec Center front desk or our website. ●



Team Buzzer Beaters with their winning bracket in the Girls 3/4 division last year.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 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. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Friday, Feb. 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

WDAB COACHES VS. CANCER BASKETBALL GAME & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Start with a plate of pasta followed by a full evening of basketball and activities, including the Coaches vs. Cancer game, raffles and more benefiting The V Foundation, American Cancer Society and Kids in Flight. Cost for the dinner is \$10/person, \$5/student athletes. Buy tickets at the door or at www.westlakeathleticboosters.org. *Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

Friday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

"BROTHER SUN, SISTER MOON"

New York Times bestselling author James Twyman will perform his new one-man musical based on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. People of all faiths are welcome. A love offering of \$20 is suggested but all are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Tickets may be purchased online at uswestlake.org or at the door. Call 440-835-0400 with questions. *Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

Monday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CHAPTER 91 OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES INC. (PERI)

Greg Deegan, author of four books on Cleveland history, will share insights and photos on "Vintage Cleveland." Public sector retirees are welcome to attend. Light refreshments are served. *Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.*

Monday, Feb. 10, 7-8:45 p.m.

WEST SHORE ANTIQUE AND HISTORY CLUB

Join us for a step back in time. Alice Wills will bring Abigail Adams to life right before your eyes. Guests are always welcome. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB

Help the Herb Guild kick off 2020 by attending the club's first meeting of the year. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and join us for a fun social event after the meeting. Drinks and dessert are provided by the board members. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 440-582-0191 or visit theherbguild.org. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

WHAT HOME COMPUTER EQUIPMENT MEETS YOUR NEEDS

NEOPC (Northeast Ohio Personal Computers) presents Peter Anderson discussing home computer equipment to meet your needs, and how to use and maintain your equipment. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and networking; meeting at 7:00; all are welcome. For more information, go to neopc.org. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m.

ASTROLOGY - TIMING FOR LIVING

Why use astrology in your life? What does the astrologer read and interpret? How can you contemplate the heavens to make good choices for the year? Jennifer Castiglione will answer these questions and help you discover your special birth promise. You need to know the approximate time (and date) you were born. Sponsored by the Bay Village Women's Club. Free and open to the public. *Bay Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.,

STAGED READING: "ST. VALENTINE'S DAY"

Bay Village Community Theater presents a free staged reading of Annie Eliot's Victorian comedy. *O'Neill Healthcare Bay Village, 605 Bradley Rd.*

Sunday, Feb. 16, 3-4:30 p.m.

POWER OF MOMS: OHIO 2020

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense will host

an event for Clevelanders to engage in the movement to protect people from gun violence. The featured speaker will be Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley who in August 2019 dealt with the aftermath of the fatal shooting of nine people and wounding of 17 by a 24-year-old gunman. Learn ways to join efforts to improve safety education, pass common-sense gun legislation, elect Gun Sense Candidates in 2020 and other options for becoming involved. *Rocky River Methodist Church, 19414 Detroit Rd.*

Sunday, Feb. 16, 3 p.m.

STAGED READING: "ST. VALENTINE'S DAY"

Bay Village Community Theater presents a free staged reading of Annie Eliot's Victorian comedy. *St. Barnabas Church, 468 Bradley Rd.*

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.

ST. LADISLAS 50+ CLUB

Eleanor Roosevelt will be our guest speaker, sharing her experiences while she was in the White House. Reservation deadline is Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m.; prepaid reservations to be made at the St. Ladislav office. Cost is \$11 per person which includes lunch. Doors open at 10 a.m., brief meeting at 10:30 and the presentation at 11. Lunch to follow at noon. Non-members are welcome to attend. *St. Ladislav Cullen Hall, 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake*

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