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Holiday Double!



Twins Sheila and Eileen Sammon of Brio Tuscan Grille Crocker Park were seen at Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough's Culinary Bicentennial Ball two weeks ago – just in time to remind everyone about a great holiday double at Brio this Christmas Season. Bonus Gift Cards! Receive a \$20 gift for you for every \$100 in gift cards purchased! See page 5 for details.

A Diamond in the Woof!

What kind of dog would appear in the Crocker Press? A Crocker Spaniel, of course!

Actually, Isabella is a Shih-poo – the store mascot at Vivid Jewelers in Bay Village. They are calling her "Lady Vivinity" this holiday season.

Vivid Jewelers is located at 27217 Wolf Road, Bay Square Mall. Holiday gifts for the big dogs (and little dogs, too)!

See page 8 for their ad. And stop by to meet Lady Vivinity this holiday season!



City Sidewalks

Busy Sidewalks

Dressed in Holiday Style

Westlake Time Capsule Ceremony

In 100 years, what will be remembered about Westlake's Bicentennial celebration?

Evan Kelemen of Boy Scout Troop 208 knows for sure. As part of his Eagle Scout project, Evan rang the Westlake Bicentennial Bell one last time at City Hall and closed the lid on a Time Capsule last Thursday evening.

The Bicentennial Time Capsule, said Evan, contains a representation of items that would be commonplace in Westlake of 2011. The Capsule will be buried at Evergreen Cemetery on Center Ridge Road at the base of the flagpole in this historic Westlake location.

Mayor Dennis Clough welcomed Evan and the Time Capsule project, saying that the community has once again responded in a way that represents the spirit of Westlake that has made the community what it is today.



A representation of some of the items placed in the Westlake Time Capsule.



Boy Scout Evan Kelemen and Westlake Historical Society President Lysa Stanton with the Bicentennial Time Capsule.

The Village Foundation Names Trustees

The Village Foundation announced recent changes in the Board of Trustees. Trustee, Al Paulus (Ernst & Young) was elected to serve as Vice President. Mr. Paulus is replacing Charles Kennedy who has taken over as Chair of the Development Committee. In other actions, Steven Lee, (Attorney in private practice), Ellie Bricmont, (Nonprofit Consultant); and Laura Keck, (CPA, Cohen & Company) were elected to the Board of Trustees as treasurer. Ms. Keck is replacing Thomas Bechtel; who served for six years.

Named to the new position of Honorary Advisor, was Clinton Keener (Education); Richard Mayer (Environment) and Thomas Bechtel (Finance). The Village Foundation was founded in 1995 by T. Richard Martin, and approved as a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization in 1996. It is a non-profit corporation that supports the quality of life in Bay

Village. The Village Foundation provides recognition for exemplary citizens, scholarships for outstanding Bay Village high school students, and grants to Bay Village 501(c) (3) not for profit organizations. For more information go to thevillagefdn.org.

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North Coast Health Ministry Expands Hours to Monday Evenings

North Coast Health Ministry (NCHM), a free clinic serving the low-income uninsured in western Greater Cleveland, has begun offering primary care clinics on Monday evenings at its Lakewood location. The Monday evening clinic is being offered in addition to primary care clinics held during daytime hours Monday through Friday.

"It is our hope that our expanded hours will better serve patients who work during the day," says Executive Director Lee Elmore. "Now uninsured individuals who would have no alternative route to care during the evening will have a place to come for primary care. Individuals who would otherwise use the emergency room after hours for non-emergent needs can come to NCHM and be taken care of in the most appropriate setting."

North Coast Health Ministry's Monday evening clinic is by appointment only and takes place at 16110 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

How To Become a Patient at North Coast Health Ministry

Did you know North Coast Health Ministry provides free health care, preventative and chronic disease management, medical tests, behavioral/mental health counseling, prescription assistance and so much more in your community?

If you are a low-income, uninsured individual or family, you may be eligible! North Coast Health Ministry serves people earning up to 250% of the poverty level (income level varies based on family size) within 17 zip codes in North-western Cuyahoga or North-eastern Lorain counties.

Become a patient in three simple steps:

1. Call NCHM at 216-228-7878 and asked to be screened as a new patient.
2. Return the information packet, along with proof of income and residency, in person or through the mail to become registered.
3. Attend a walk-in clinic offered Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and see a medical professional that day or call to schedule an appointment.

Even if you do not have an immediate medical need, becoming a registered patient of North Coast Health Ministry will provide you with a medical resource should the need arise.

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Since coming to the United States in 1991, Mario has taken pride in offering dishes and recipes that are true to the authentic



tradition.

"Thank you to all our customers," said Mario. "We are very grateful for the support we have received from the community."

From lunch specials to burritos, delicious combos and Especialidades del Rancho, the phrase 'Welcome Amigos' rings true at Don Ramon Mexican Restaurant & Cantina at

30610 Detroit Road in Westlake.

Check out their daily lunch specials and drink specials after 6:30.

Gift certificates and holiday cards will also be offered this year with incentives. \$25 cards come with an extra \$5 bonus card. \$50 cards come with an extra \$10 bonus card.

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Mayor Clough's Culinary Bicentennial Ball.... *A Night on the Town, Westlake-Style!*

Good enough to eat! That is the best way to describe Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough's Culinary Bicentennial Ball.

The gala event was very special indeed as over 650 guests danced and dined to celebrate the city's 200th birthday at LaCentre Nov. 12.

Co-Chairs Steve Novak and Jackie Todd staged a spectacular event featuring the gourmet best from Westlake's leading dining establishments.

Guests sampled the distinguished specialties from Westlake favorites like Brio Tuscan Grille, B-Spot, SB Eighty-One, Cabin Club, Eighty Seven West Wine Bar, Grey House Pies, Savannah Bar and Grill, Spoon Me, Stonehouse Grill, Viva Fernando, Zoup, Men-ero's, Moosehead Saloon, Rae-Ann In-House Bakery, Ironwood Café, La Campagna, Aladdin's Eatery, Ironwood Café, The Rusty Barrel, Houlihan's, Si Senor and more.

Mayor Clough was honored with a surprise gift from the Westlake Family History Center and city sign shop expert Dave Rencehausen, who created a genealogical plaque tracing eight generations of the Clough family.

Proceeds from the Ball went to support the city's Bicentennial Dedication – the placement of a commemorative community clock at Hilliard and Dover Center Roads.



Brett Luengo, friends and family, with Dennis and Virginia Clough.



Mayor Dennis and Virginia Clough welcome co-chair Steve Novak and Cindy Griffiths-Novak to the Culinary Bicentennial Ball



Roger and Lolly Cooley, direct founding father descendants at the Westlake Mayor's Ball.



Westlake Village's Lisa Harrington with husband Jeff



Rae-Ann In House Bakery



Lee Herman, Charmaine Kizzer, Marie Marrali, Berni Barresi and Debi Johnson.



Rick and Maria Finchum, Westlake residents, in support of their hometown!



The girls from the Stonehouse Grill

Exciting New Service at Rockport United Methodist Church!

Rockport United Methodist Church, 3301 Wooster Rd., Rocky River, is starting an exciting upbeat worship service on Sat., Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. This worship experience is called Rockport 82. Come casual! Everyone is invited! This contemporary style worship service will continue every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. at Rockport Church. Please join us. Child care is available and the coffee is great!

On Sundays, we also have a contemplative service at 8:30 a.m. and a traditional service at 10:45 a.m. Child care is available at all services. Call the church office for more information at 440-331-9433 and check the website: www.rockportunitedmethodist.org.



Viva Fernando – looking good at the Westlake Mayor's Ball were Michelle Lukco and Harvey Trifler of Viva Fernando.



Candice Guy of Savannah Bar & Grille, one of the great dining stations at Mayor Clough's Culinary Bicentennial Ball



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Wild & Wooly: The Westlake Bicentennial Beard Contest!

They called it the "Westlake Bicentennial Beard Growing Contest." But it looked more like a Woolly Bear Festival when judges rendered their decisions at Westlake City Hall Nov. 9.

Everybody was a winner! With 1st and 2nd place prizes awarded in ten different categories, all 10 contestants walked away with a prize! It was a great way to end the three-month long Bicentennial Beard Growing Contest.

Mayor Dennis Clough, wielding a box of hair color he never used, said, "There was a lot more red in my beard for the sesquicentennial beard growing contest back in 1976!"



Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough: Does he or doesn't he?



Andrew Mangels: Ulysses S. Grant should look so good!



Is it Will Krause or is it Jebediah Crocker?

Give Me a "W"



"W" was for Whiskers at the Westlake Bicentennial Beard Growing contest. Contestant Reid Wilder shaved his distinctive commemorative beard into a "W" for Westlake and even dyed it green! Wilder took honors in the Most Innovative Beard category.



Paul Gresbach – his boss was happy it was over!



Russ Ezolt can't help it if he looks like Sean Connery!



Mel Maurer, a Leonard Porter look-alike!

Best Beard honors went to Youth Commission member Russ Ezolt, who came in disguise, looking like a homeless person with a wig and hat atop his whiskered visage. Ezolt apologized for his uncanny resemblance to actor Sean Connery as he accepted his award.

Local historian and actor Mel Maurer knew it was going to be a long night when he saw Porter Library Executive Director Andrew Mangels walk in with an impressive growth. "He looks like a Civil War General," exclaimed Maurer. "He must have needed a wheelbarrow to get that thing in here!"

Kiwanis President Rick Grane painted "1811-2011" on either side of his facial hair to honor Westlake's years of existence.

And Reid Wilder, who works in the Building Department, drew kudos for "most innovative" when he shaved his beard into the shape of a "W" for Westlake and dyed it green to honor the city's colors.

Judges drew smiles, too, as Martha Campbell and Lisa Cruse donned fake goatees for a laugh. They were joined by Tracy Heberle, Sylvia Scherm, Karen Wolf and Marian Zietz in deciding who got the first place \$25 gift cards to Crocker Park Brio and the second place \$15 cards to Starbucks. Everybody got a free razor!




Service Director Paul Quinn – his beard makes the measure



Rick Grane, indelibly inked.



Incognito prize winner Russ Ezolt at the Bicentennial Beard Growing Contest.



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Westlake Bicentennial Beard Growing Contest Winners:

Best Beard: Russ Ezolt 1st, Mayor Dennis Clough 2nd

Best Use of Color: Rick Grane 1st, Paul Gresbach 2nd

Most Innovative: Reid Wilder 1st, Will Krause 2nd

Longest Beard: Andrew Mangels (1 ¾ in.) 1st, Paul Quinn (1 1/2 in.) 2nd

Worst Beard: Mel Maurer 1st, Joe Tomkalski 2nd.

Nature Center Staffer Achieves Prestigious First

Amy LeMonds of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in Bay Village has become the first rehabber in the state of Ohio to be certified by the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC).

"The IWRC is an organization that the Center has belonged to for 17 years," explained LeMonds, "and I had attended their basic rehabilitation courses during my studies and early career here. When I earned that the IWRC was making strides in providing an official certification to help develop the profession of wildlife rehabilitation, I immediately wanted to get involved. I felt that this new certification was important to support and obtain because I think it helps to create a level of respect for the profession. It requires continuing education coursework to maintain and hopefully will help to set high standards for rehabbers in the future."

LeMonds joined the nonprofit Center in 2005 and after several years of working alongside Director of Wildlife Dave Wolf and cross-training in several areas of the Center's Wildlife Department, LeMonds was appointed

Wildlife Rehabilitation Coordinator in 2008. "This achievement not only shows Amy's dedication and the pride she takes in her profession," commented Wildlife Director Wolf, "but also shows the high standard of excellence Lake Erie Nature & Science Center strives to provide to our constituents."

The Center has been offering Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education services at no charge to the public since the 1940's. As well as belonging to organizations like the IWRC and various state and national rehabilitation associations, the Center also maintains permits to operate from the United States Fish & Wildlife Service and the Ohio Division of Wildlife. In 2011, the Center admitted over 1000 wild animals in need of care and assessed an additional 200+ which were immediately returned to the wild. "Our team works hard every day," said LeMonds, "offering assistance to injured wildlife, with the ultimate goal of releasing back into the wild. But we also hope to educate the public and to inspire them to such a degree that, together, we can truly make a positive impact on wildlife."

LeMonds' high regard for this new certification is clear: "This is a major development in the field," she said. "Thanks to connections forged through IWRC, I've even been able to call upon the expertise of rehab professionals around the country. This certification not only makes me better at what I do, but takes the wildlife rehabilitation profession to a new level."



Join Nicky Nicole for a Holiday Open House, Dec. 2 - 4!

Nicky Nicole at Crocker Park is hosting a new product showcase from Dec. 2- 4.

Some favorite holiday gift ideas will be out for you to touch and play with! Enjoy chocolate dipped treats made with their fun girls melting pot! And holiday cookies too. Check out their holiday candy guessing game. Turn in your guess for how many pieces of candy are in the holiday jar. Guess right and you will win the jar!!

On Sunday all the kids are invited to make a holiday jingle bell necklace for free. And they will be reading Elf on the Shelf at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Kids of all ages are always invited to come find the magical elf in the store. Each day she hides in a new spot! Find the elf and get a sweet reward from Nicky Nicole.

There are great holiday sales in the store too...something perfect for every girl on your List.

And be sure to check out their new Nicky young contemporary collection at the Crocker Park store. So many of our customers have asked them to also carry fashions for older teens and moms! Be sure to check the collection of tops, tunics, dresses and more! We are very happy to feature this new collection at the Nicky Nicole Crocker Park Store!

March of the Short People

by Dave Scullin

I love the part of the church service when they call for all the young children to step forth and march off to their Sunday school session.

The little kids give their parents a parting look, climb out of their pew and form a single file line. Some brothers and sisters hold hands (no fighting in church).

I'm always concerned that some of the very young ones will not be able to find their seats when they return.

As the bright faces, in there Sunday best, with sparkling eyes walk by I can't help but think it's our future on the march. Perhaps this group has a Bill Gates, a Dr. Salk, an Edison, Einstein or Ford in it?

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