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Holy Night

The camel's played feet made almost no sound in the sand as the small caravan made its way in the cool desert night air. King Herod's sinister request still on their minds as they slipped away in the quiet darkness. The three had been following the star for months, it now seemed much brighter. And behold celestial singing suddenly filled the black sky; was it just over the horizon? They knew their quest was near on this silent night, this holy night.

Nativity Scene at St. John West Shore Hospital. Poem by David Scullin

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THE 'VILLE: One of our top themes for 2009 at The Villager has been "Celebrate the Power of Community." The message has been reprised many times through many events all year long. Nowhere was it seen more fervently than the OHSAA Div. I football championships in Canton last weekend! No, Glenville is not part of our regular readership area. But we went to the game to support a great team from our region

nonetheless. What a game! An instant classic, Glenville lost in gut wrenching fashion as Hilliard Davidson broke a long touchdown run late in the game and also scored a two-point conversion to win, 16-15! Glenville, and its fans, looked like they had it locked up just seconds earlier! And, then.... heart-break in the final minute! We have thought about the game a lot since then... All

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Santa Sightings Lead to Conspiracy Theory

By: Margie Bennett

A conspiracy theory grew last week as Santa sightings increased throughout the area. The mysterious red-suited man seems to be making no secret that he has taken up permanent residence in the area. But

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the hard work of Coach Ted Ginn and his players, the support from the school, parents and fans....Hey, it was a great night after all! No, Glenville did not win in the state finals! But they did Celebrate the Power of Community in a big way. And for that they can be proud for a long time to come! Congratulations! See you next year!

GAME PHOTOS: Please visit our website at TheVillagerNewspaper.com for gallery of Glenville-Davidson game photos we shot that night at the beautiful Canton Fawcett Stadium.

Glenville fans cheered on their team at the state finals.



Glenville vs. Hilliard in the state finals last weekend. QB Cardale Jones eludes a tackler.

SJWS Hospital Opens Intermediate Care Unit

St. John West Shore Hospital celebrated the blessing of its new Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) last week.

The new eight-bed inpatient unit offers a patient-to-nurse ratio of four-to-one.

James V. Guliano, Vice

President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer, emphasized the importance of this new unit to both SJWS and the community as a whole.

"We have expanded to include this care unit to serve the needs of the community through an exceptional staff and state of the art equipment," reported Guliano.

He said the unit will address a vitally important cross section of need. "It will be in this unit that we will experience patients having their fears allayed, it will be in this unit where we will experience patients take their last breath, and it will be in this unit where we will see patients leave feeling much better and with a clean bill of health and be able to manage chronic conditions to live independently."

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This is a slow developing problem. Some people do not take it very seriously. But, I can tell you that after 20 plus years in dental practice and observing patients for the long term that this can cause significant damage to a person's teeth and oral cavity. I have seen cases of this where the patients have left this unchecked and then, a few years later have needed root canals and crowns on teeth that do not even have a cavity on them because the teeth are just so ground down because of this grinding problem.



by Dr. Louis Malcmacher of *The Healthy Smile*

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no one seems to know where.

Just two weekends past, the jolly elf made continued appearances at places like Crocker Park, The Promenade of Westlake, Great Northern Mall and Westgate.

But in the last seven days, his ubiquitous presence has increased apparently exponentially.

Men in red suits have been seen so frequently that some in the area feel they are ready for men in white coats.

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Premier Physicians Centers..... Dr. Kalash Accepts "The Patient's Choice" Award

The most meaningful praise come from those you serve.

Mohamad Kalash, MD, of Premier Physicians Centers enjoyed a compliment of that stature last week when he accepted a "Patient's Choice" Award from The American Registry.

The award means Dr. Kalash is a member of an elite group. More than 400,000 ratings are gathered by the Registry, and this top rating has been granted only to a select few of the nation's most beloved doctors.

Robin Shaw, Medical Assistant and Office Manager for Dr. Kalash, said the award is more than well-earned!

"I have been with his office for six years this December. Everything this award means can be said about Dr. Kalash. He cares about his patients, he spends so much time with them and he makes it quality time," she said. "He doesn't rush and he has just a great manner with everyone. If he ever has a bad day, it doesn't show."

Dr. Kalash specializes in Internal Medicine. His offices are located at 15644 Madison Avenue in Lakewood. He is one of the original members of the Premier Physicians Centers group, having joined in 1995.

As an internist, Dr. Kalash offers front line medical care to patients. He treats high blood pressure, diabetes, hyperlipidemia and more. The time he takes getting to know patients, resulting in the positive independent survey results that brought The Patient's Choice Award.

"He just so deserves to be recognized," said Shaw.

According The American Registry, the award is granted to those physicians whose patients have taken the time in surveys to compliment doctors in areas

such as bedside manner, amount of time spent with them, courtesy of staff, appropriate follow-up and their overall opinion of a physician.

"Congratulations on perhaps the most important recognition a doctor can receive, the recognition of their patients with the Patient's Choice Award," said Taylor Green of The American Registry.

Dr. Kalash said the award is deeply appreciated, but not something he set out to earn. "Community physicians are usually the first to see a patient. It is important to me when someone says, 'That's my doctor,' We take that seriously," said Dr. Kalash. "The main objective of the independent physician is what we can do for the patient. That comes first. Spending the time with the patient, getting to know them well with the freedom to practice independently allows us to do what is best for the patient."

Shaw reports several of Dr. Kalash's patients who have moved out of the area still make trips back to Lakewood for their check-ups. Some come from Lodi and Strongsville, and another makes regular visits from Tennessee while in town to visit family!

As an Internal Medicine specialist, Dr. Kalash is a strong proponent of wellness. "I do see a lot of high blood pressure, diabetes and hyperlipidemia," he said. "Diet, exercise and weight control and smoking cessation are very important to the wellness of everyone. I don't have exact numbers, but I have seen an increase in diabetes over the years because of sedentary lifestyle, high carbohydrate diets and little exercise," he said.

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Dr. Mohamad Kalash and Robin Shaw, Medical Assistant and Office Manager

smoking are very important to Dr. Kalash's lifestyle prescription. "You know the saying, 'A stitch in time saves nine?' It is very true!" he said. He is happy to see school systems promoting healthier lunchroom selections and more exercise. "The time to start is

when you are a child," he said. "That leads to a healthier lifestyle."

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The IMCU will provide specialized nursing care for patients who are too ill for the general inpatient unit, yet do not need the intensive level of care of the ICU or CCU. The care of patients in the IMCU typically calls for frequent and intense observation as the patient’s clinical condition changes.

The unit’s function will not replace care already provided in the ICU or CCU,



but will assist the patient flow process, especially during times of high volume when beds are at a premium. The Intermediate Care Unit is staffed by nurses and other staff members spe-

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“The opening of this new inpatient unit has greatly benefited the hospi-

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Santa, once a prideful figure, was spotted last week in places tawdry as a local abandoned gas station lot where he was hawking Christmas trees.

Other evidence has also appeared. A group of reindeer disguised as regular white-tails was seen crossing Crocker Road. Speculation is Santa may have set up

shop somewhere in the Crocker Park area.

This theory has surfaced in the past as well. Santa used to be seen in Bay Village riding around town atop a fire truck bas-

ket, dodging high tension wires and peppering on-lookers gathered on the streets below with candy canes.

His inflated effigy has also been placed in

prominent display on top of the Malley's building near the airport, where the giant, expandable resemblance draws the awe of I-480 transients.

Santa is, indeed, everywhere this year.

In fact, things have gotten so bad that parents no longer have to worry about their kids

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Understanding Dividends

By Chip Krueger at Stifel Nicolaus

Over the past six months there has been a tremendous amount of talk about investing in companies that pay a dividend. It may be a solid strategy, but it is important for investors to understand how dividends work before blindly buying a stock that pays a dividend.

The decision to distribute a dividend is made by a company's board of directors. There is nothing requiring a company to pay a dividend, even if the company has paid dividends in the past. However, many investors view a steady dividend history as an important indicator of a good investment, so most companies are reluctant to reduce or stop their dividend payments.

Dividends can be paid in various forms, but there are two major categories: cash and stock.

For example, suppose you own 100 shares of XYZ stock. XYZ rewards its shareholders with a dividend of \$2.00 per share each year. Generally, dividend-paying companies pay the dividend on a regular basis of four times a year. So, in this hypothetical example, you would receive a check from XYZ for \$50.00 (\$0.50*100) four times per year (\$200 total).

The stock dividend, the second most common dividend-paying method, pays additional shares rather than cash. Suppose XYZ wishes to issue a dividend but

would prefer not to use cash reserves. XYZ may decide to use treasury stock to meet the requirements of the dividend payout. So instead of paying cash, XYZ issues a dividend of 0.05 new shares of XYZ for every existing one. This means that you will receive five shares of XYZ for every 100 shares that you own. If any fractional shares are left over, the dividend is paid as cash.

In the process of a company paying dividends, there are three important dates: The ex-dividend date (or ex-date), the date of record, and the payable date.

While these dates may seem confusing, there is a reason they are in place. Ex-dividend dates are used to make sure dividend checks go to the right people. In today's market, settlement of stocks is a T+3 process, which means that when you buy a stock, it takes three days from the transaction date (T) for the change to be entered into the company's record books.

If you are not in the company's record books on the date of record, you won't receive the dividend payment. To ensure that you are in the record books, you need to buy the stock at least three days before the date of record, which also happens to be the day before the ex-dividend date.

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Date. Typically, at least a week or more after the date of record, is the payable date. This is the date on which the company mails out dividend checks to shareholders of record.

The reasons for and effects of all these dates are by no means easy to grasp. It is important to clear up any confusion between ex-dividend and record dates. However, as I stress to my clients, always keep in mind that when you are investing in a dividend-paying stock, it is more crucial to consider the quality of the company than the date you buy into that company.

Changes in market conditions or a company's financial condition may impact the company's ability to continue to pay dividends. Companies may also choose to discontinue dividend payments.

If you have questions about how dividends work, or what dividend stocks I am recommending, please give me a call. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Chip Krueger is a Senior Vice President/Investments with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, member SIPC and New York Stock Exchange, Inc. He can be contacted in the Westlake office at (440) 835-4170.

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tal," says Michael Dobrovich, DO, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Clinical Affairs. "The new Intermediate Care Unit improves patient flow and addresses the shortage of beds. With the new unit, diversion for emergency patients will be reduced, as well as the time patients are being held in the surgical and emergency

areas. It will also enhance our patient and physician satisfaction."

Sr. Rosemarie Carfanga, OSU, Senior Vice President, SCHS, joined with Lil Hanrahan, Director of Acute Care Services, in the Blessing of Hands of each staff member as they came forward at the ceremony.

Towne Center Community Upcoming Events

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wondering if there really is a Santa Claus. This year, it's a lot easier explaining to them just who ISN'T Santa Claus.

Some parents in the area, upon being presented with lengthy inventories on their children's Christmas lists, are responding:

-Who do you think I am, anyway, Santa Claus?

That doesn't dampen the spirits of most kids.

On a typical Christmas season Saturday, it's possible for your kids to encounter five, six, even seven Santas.

They never get tired of it. About the only thing that would slow them down is a public address announcement that says:

-Ladies and gentlemen, Santa has left the building.

Then, once you get the little guys home, the first thing they want you

to do is call Santa on the phone. Just dial 1-800-North-Pole.

You try to get off easy and tell them no one is answering. Sorry, you say, I was put on ho-ho-hold! That's a lot easier than waiting for all those long distance minutes to show up on your cell phone bill!

Then you get a better idea. You place another call. This time the kids really get to talk to the big guy himself, and they are full of questions.

-What will you bring me? How are your reindeer? When you come to

my house, what kind of cookies do you want?

Santa, of course, entertains all their questions patiently and even invites them to call back any time. Eventually the conversation ends and the kids hang up.

-Well, you ask them, How did you like that?

-Great, they say. He's going to bring us everything we want.

-Wonderful, you answer. That ought to make you happy.

-It does, says the older one. But there's just one thing.

-What's that? You ask.

-That Santa we talked to. He sure sounds a lot like Grandpa.

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Westlake Village Learns About Distant Adoption of Uganda Children



Dr. Monique Richardson, Westlake Village Business Development Coordinator Cindi Martin and Dr. Stan Richardson shared the plight and life of children in war ravaged Uganda along with the hope provided by the Tree of Wisdom Distant Adoption program. (Photo Courtesy of Westlake Village)

Last week, Doctors Stan and Monique Richardson made a presentation about their work in Northern Uganda in July of 2008 at Westlake Village, a Brookdale Senior Living Community at 28550 Westlake Village Drive.

These two amazing doctors shared their life changing experiences as they described their friendship with Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe, the Director of St. Monica's Girls' tailoring Centre and 2007 CNN Heroes Award winner.

Together the Richardsons and Sister Rosemary have created the non-profit Tree of Wisdom Distant Adoption Program. Over half the population of

Uganda is less than 15 years old, and many of these children lack the basic necessities of life and are unable to attend primary school. Sponsors that include individuals, families or groups can donate \$150 per year to provide one specific child with primary school tuition, a uniform, books, materials and one meal per school day.

The story and letter postings at their website www.docsgogulu.blogspot.com/ are so very caring and descriptive of the joys and agonies of the real heroes in helping others find a future as each kindness works to rebuild a better tomorrow for Uganda. Take time to visit the above site as one

prays for help and healing.

If one is able, please support this wonderful Tree of Wisdom Distant Adoption program by sending a check for \$150 made out to Rural Hospital Fund to Tree of Wisdom Distant adoption, PO Box 272, Avon Lake, OH 44012. All donations will help your adopted child and are fully tax deductible. Please include your address and e-mail contact address; all donor information, except for first names, will be kept strictly confidential. Each sponsor will receive the name of a child, a picture and a letter at some point during the year. If one has questions, contact Monique at 440-949-9066.

The mission of Westlake Village is to enrich the lives of those served with compassion, respect, excellence and integrity that is why Westlake Village continually sponsors educational programs like the Richardson's Tree of Wisdom Distant Adoption. Westlake Village is proud to be able to offer the finest in Independent Living, PERSONALIZED Assisted Living and its new Care Center for short-term Rehabilitation or longer-term Skilled Nursing Center Services. To answer any questions, to provide additional information concerning Westlake Village and its Optimum Life program, or to arrange a visit, please call 440-892-4200 today.

- By Mary Levtzow

Open House & 2010-2011 School Year Enrollment

The Cooperative Preschool of Bay Village announces its Open House for the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 from 7-8 p.m. at the school (29931 Lake Rd, Bay Village in the Bay United Methodist Church on the corner of Lake and Basset roads). Families with children who will be three or four years old by Sept. 10, 2010 should plan to attend!

Registration for former members is on an in-person, first-come basis on Tues., Jan. 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Open registration for new members is also on an in-person, first-come basis on Monday, January 11, 2010 from 7-8 p.m.

Classes are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from September to May.

For more information, please call Patti at 440.899.7240 or visit www.baycoopschool.org. Private tours are available.

TAIZE Service

Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville. (440) 327-8753, website fieldsumc.org. Join them Sun., Dec. 20 from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. for a TAIZE service of cooperative and contemplative worship, including meditative prayer, scripture and simple song. All are welcome.

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Bay Village Remembered.....

Christmas Memories: We Never Had It So Bad!

by George Serb



It was the month of December, 1924. The Serb family was really down on its luck. Our dad, Julius "Pop" Serb, had been released a few months before from the County Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Warrensville with only a few months left to live. He stretched those "few months" to age 79, outliving the doctor and his predictions.

Our mother, Stella "Mom" Serb had landed a job at Parkview School as assistant custodian. She was later to be the schools cafeteria manager and cook for many years thereafter.

So Christmas was just another hurdle to overcome, another holiday that we had to do without. There were no stockings to fill, not even pieces of coal or lemons if Bob and I were bad kids. We didn't have the time or inclination for "bad fun". Every lump of coal had to go into the stove to keep us warm. It was not unusual for water in the tea kettle to freeze during the night when the fire went out.

Pop figured out how to get a Christmas tree. Mom stayed at home while he took us, on Christmas Eve, downtown to the old Sheriff Street market, located

about where Gateway now stands. It was formerly a barracks during the Civil War. It was dark and the night was blustery and the merchants had abandoned the lots where trees were sold, leaving the unsold trees to their fate. Pop picked one out, tied it onto

the "flivver" and home we went. Probably the hour was late as Bob and I went right to bed huddling beneath the cold covers. No thoughts of "sugar plums" danced through our heads - Too tired for that.

Daylight came - the stove was warming the room. We opened our eyes and behold! There was the beautiful tree, tinsel, ornaments and candles. Our eyes wandered to the floor. We

see an electric train track surrounding the tree with an engine with three passenger cars! We stared in disbelief - these things only happened to rich kids!!

Mom ordered the train set from the Sears-Roebuck catalog and had it delivered to a neighbor's house. It was a dream come true! The set had a wide track made by the Ives Company. Their slogan was, "Ive's toys make happy boys". How true!

After running it a few hours we piled into the Model "T" and "to grandmother's house we go" to West 54th in Cleveland for a family gathering and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

By the way - that complete train set is still in the Serb family!

Happy Holidays everyone!



Old Man in the Kitchen

Hi everyone, Old Man in the Kitchen here, Tom. Old wives tale for this time of the year (probably throughout this year) "Dough is the wrong word for money!! Dough sticks to your hands!!"

Ham and Cheese Muffins

2 cups flour
2 ½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ cup grated cheese (your choice)
1 egg
4 Tbsp. margarine or butter
½ tsp. paprika
½ cup chopped ham

Mix flour, baking powder, salt, paprika, cheese and ham in a bowl. In a separate bowl, beat one egg, them add mix and margarine or butter. Combine mixtures, stirring only enough to mix. Fill lightly greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 400 for 20-25 minutes. Excellent.

Take care everyone,
Old Man in the Kitchen, Tom

Christmas Shopping

by George Serb

In the good old days, before Bay's shopping centers, downtown Rocky River provided the depository for Christmas Club Savings in the First National Bank, Guardian Trust Co. and Beachcliff Savings Bank. However, "old river" shopping area wasn't the place to buy many gifts, unless it was a new horse collar for the "old gray mare" or pots and kettles and other miscellaneous household items from Ingersoll's Hardware.

Marshall Drug Store across from the Westlake Hotel was the "gift shoppe" along with the necessities of that era. So let's go to downtown Lakewood in the area of Warren Road and Detroit Avenue. There was that huge Bailey's Department Store on the corner, and Charley Geiger's Haberdashery across the street. Geigers, at that time, concentrated on the sale of mens and boys clothing. Their slogan was "for Dad and the boys". Fanny Farmers Candy Store

was the place to go for that "hard to buy for" person.

We piled into the family's Ford Model "T" touring, with the side curtains fastened and made the trip. Parking was no problem - parking meters were yet to be invented. There was parking on both sides of Detroit and adjacent side streets.

Fifteen dollars would buy gifts for mom and dad, brother glob and myself. There were many other miscellaneous stores too numerous to mention. The last thing we did was to buy a cut tree for about \$2.00, tie it onto the left side of the "flivver" and head for home, sometimes in a blinding blizzard. Little did we dream that some day Bay would have its own "downtown" shopping centers. The Scholl farm would become Bay Square and part of the Zipp Mfg. Co. woods would be Dover Junction. By the way, we still have that Model "T" in the family!

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A Visit with Christmas Past....

In this era of shopping malls, internet shopping, suburban expansion, reurbanization and vanishing green space, the ghosts of Christmas past must find today's holiday realities strange indeed.

Christmas 2009 sees that we have come a long

way since Christmas 1907 and much, much farther than 1807.

Thanks to The Villager's archives, today's paper features some glimpses into West Shore Holiday Seasons past! Enjoy!

Emigration

by: Rubin Hall

From historical documents available at the Westlake Porter Public Library.

After the township had become partially settled there were four principal roads running through the town, east and west, and nearly parallel with each other. These were the Lake Shore, the North Ridge, the Middle Ridge, and the Coe Ridge roads. Between 1830 and 1850 there was a large emigration from the eastern to the western states. The principle line of travel was on the Middle Ridge. The log school house where I went to school was on this

road, and it was common sight to see the covered wagons of the emigrants passing by. There were also two or three lines of stage coaches with their loads of passenders and mail going each way daily, with four and sometimes six horses attached.

The large amount of travel required many Hotels or Taverns, as they were called in those days. After leaving Cleveland there was the Bullshead Tavern, then a little farther this way Young's Hotel, then the Brooklyn House, then the Rockport House, and at Rocky River the Wright House (now Silverthorn's). Then the Telegraph House, and getting into Dover was on kept by old Grancer Sperry and at Dover Center there were three; one kept by Mr. Job Smith, one by a Mr. Boone, and the other where the post office was kept by Asa Blood. The lat-



ter was where the stage horses were changed for fresh ones to continue their course to Elyria, Toledo and Detroit.

Some of the families who have lived in Dover, and with whom I have been partially or intimately acquainted, are the following: the Cahoons, the Saddlers, Foots, Aldrichs, Bassetts, Browns, Browns, Atwells, Clagues, Clemans, Phinneys, Bradleys, Hursts, Crockers, Halls, Stockings, Smiths, Millards, Sperrys, Coes, Hands, Austins, Roses, Taylors, Johnsons, Ingersolls, Cooleys, and many others. The older members of these families have now all passed away, and of the next generation and their descendants, there are but very few remaining. There was at one time six brothers by the name of Lilly living in Dover, and all of them had large families but one, who had no chil-

Birthday Party for Jesus

Lakeshore United Methodist Church is hosting a Birthday Party for Jesus on Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to attend this FREE event. Enjoy crafts for kids, singing Christmas Carols, a special story and a visit from Jolly Old St. Nick. For in-

formation contact Karen Maiers (440) 933-5238, at Lakeshore United Methodist Church at 33119 Electric Blvd in Avon Lake. Or visit their website at www.gbgm-umc.org/lakeshoreumc/index.html.

100 years before Crocker Park....

Westlake Schools in the 1800's..... Dover Board of Education Minutes

June, 1839 -

January 19, 1839 - At a meeting of school Directors at A. Blood's to consider the several applications of females out of the District to be admitted into the school, it was agreed that as the school was much crowded, females over 16 years of age could not be admitted at present.

Agreeable to previous notice posted this winter to receive proposals for building the aforesaid school house, viz. to have the hewed timbers furnished for a house 24 feet by 28 and 10 between joints and 2 feet

stone underpinning with other requisitions mentioned. Horace B. Shapely's proposal being later than and other. Directors entered into contract with him to do all the carpenter, joiner, and mason work of the school house and to find all the materials but the hewed timber for \$199.50/100 but he being likely to fail every way and wishing to be released, Directors released him and Austin Lilly engaged to do the same for \$210 house to be ready for summer school by the middle of May 1839.

School directors met at the house of Clark Smith. Emily Miller have exhibited a certificate from the School Examiners of this County is was agreed to employ her to teach school 3 or 4 months teaching 5 1/2 days each week and six hours each day for \$1.25 per week.

The members of School District No. 7, Dover Township met September 20th, 1839 according to previous notice being annual meeting at the school house, Meetings opened

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Holy Spirit Parish Ladies Guild

Holy Spirit Parish Ladies Guild will hold its annual Christmas party/Birthright Shower Thurs., Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in Fr. Mosovsky, 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. "Songs of the Season and Their Stories" will be presented by Gary Gerrone, Lorain County Metroparks. Please bring items of clothing for babies and books for children up to seven years of age for the Birthright Shower. Also bring some small cookies or finger sandwiches to share for the party. If you need a ride. Please call Jane at 440-933-3387.

dren. They numbered over forty in all. Today there is not one in the township by the name of Lilly, and but two who inherited the name, and they are Mrs. Ann Elite Saddler, and my wife Mrs. Hall.

There is one incident in the pioneer life of Dover which I must not fail to mention. That is of Uncle Barney Hall and of his wife, Aunt Hannah. They had come to Dover in 1811, and commenced the pioneer life in their little log cabin, when on September 28, 1812, while Uncle Barney was away from home, and Aunt Hannah gone to visit a sick

neighbor, their log house was burned down. As the Indians were frequent callers, and knew that there was a good supply of pewter dishes in the log cabin, it was supposed that they had taken the dishes, and then set the house on fire to conceal their crime. Undaunted by this calamity Aunt Hannah established their kitchen in a hallow of a sycamore stub from which she served refreshments at the building of the new log house, having fresh white ash chips for plates, using the handle less knives and forks, raked from the ruins.

Our pioneer fathers and mothers have all passed away, and may it be hoped that their descendants may continue the good work which they have so nobly begun.

Since I have been here today I have seen a genealogical tree, marked out on paper lying on a long table under another tent, tracing the Cahoon family back several hundred years; and now after this long and honorable lineage, there is a tinge of sadness when we reflect, that in this family there is now no one to continue the name of Cahoon.

Westlake Recreation Center Coming Events

Check out the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd, 440-808-5700, after the doors close for The Ultimate After Hours Bash on Dec. 11. They close the Rec doors and stay open late for these special events. Participants will be able to have gym time, go swimming, play Wii and several other games. They will also receive pizza and drinks. This event is open to all Rec Center members and children who live or go to school in Westlake. Open to children in Grades 6-7.

Enjoy the beginning of winter at the Rec Center for a reading of a story about winter. Winter Time is for kids (ages 3-5). They will read a story, make a craft and enjoy a small snack. The winter fun takes place on Dec.21.

Since school is out on Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30,

the kids might need somewhere to go. Look no further. The Rec Center has a No School Day Camp for kids grades K-6. The kids will play games, go swimming, have art projects and other fun activities in a supervised setting. The children will need to bring a lunch, towel and swimsuit for the day camp

Children always need to be watched. Who's to watch after them? Babysitters right? Well the Westlake Recreation Center has a class just for those Babysitters. On Dec. 21, the Rec Center has an American Red Cross Babysitter's Course to offer to individuals' ages 11 to 15. This course will provide information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians.

There are many programs starting at the beginning of the New Year. Don't let these fun times and learning experiences pass you by. Please take a look at the Rec Center program book that is filled with good times. Program books can be found at the Westlake Recreation Center or on their website cityofwestlake.org/recreation.

Letter to the Editor

Thank You Bay Middle School Students

Dear Editor:

I spoke to you about the Bay Middle School students and what a wonderful job they did on their rake up day. I have no idea where they got my name but sure was surprised to find them in my yard raking away. I just feel that they deserve a great big Thank You in print. If you can get it in the paper Thank You.
Billie Crook
Bay Village.

Bay Village Gifts

For holiday gifts with local flavor the Bay Village Women's Club has available the Bay Village Historical Landmark Afghan with illustrations by local artist, Jo Theirs, wooden landmark structures, refrigerator mag-

nets and the Bay Traditions II cookbook which includes a history of Bay Village and sketches of historical community buildings and houses. For more information and prices call 440-871-3075.

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Bettina Nugent Receives Dr. A Maldonado Award for Her Excellence



Congratulations to Bettina Nugent, LPN, for receiving the Dr. Carlos A. Maldonado Award for Excellence in older adult care. The Dr. Carlos A. Maldonado Award celebrates the service of individuals in Western Cuyahoga County. Bettina was nominated for this award because of her unwavering commitment to excellence in patient care to older adults. Bettina accompanies geriatrician, Dr. John Cua, on physician house-calls for the homebound elderly. She was identified for her exceptional compassion in this role, as well as her volunteerism in the community by several nominators, including the Vice President of Patient Care Services of St. John West Shore Hospital, Dr. John Cua, and her Director.

The award ceremony took place on November 4, 2009 at Concord Reserve Senior Life Community. Bettina was one of a few who received an award that day.

Bettina has shown time after time her commitment to her patients. For example,

there was a patient with advanced M.S. who was denied (by their insurance) a motorized wheelchair. Having this wheelchair afforded this individual independence and without it this individual was not just homebound, but also bed-bound. Refusing to stop at the initial, and even second "no", Bettina persisted until this patient was approved for the chair.

Bettina's work ethic and dedication to her patients is the type of effort that St. John West Shore Hospital strives to have throughout the hospital. Bettina's efforts as well as many others from St. John West Shore Hospital help make our community a better place. St. John West Shore Hospital would like to thank Bettina for her hard work and dedication.

Bettina has also recently become a grandmother. Congratulations!

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Ronald McDonald Visits Youth Challenge

Grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities Provides New Challenge for Physically Disabled Children

Ronald McDonald might be better known for the size of his heart and not the size of his muscles, but that changed recently when he got a workout with the participants and volunteers at Youth Challenge. The famous mascot visited Youth Challenge headquarters in Westlake to dedicate the adapted weight training equipment that was purchased with a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc.

Youth Challenge is a non-profit corporation that brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers for year-round adapted sports and recreation activities. With the adapted weight training equipment in place, Youth Challenge is now offering new exercise programs to

help children, including those who use wheelchairs and other adapted equipment, to develop upper body strength.

"We're really excited to be able to offer weight training programs to our participants," said Ken Kasler, Program Director of Youth Challenge. "This equipment will not only help increase muscle strength and endurance, but also build self confidence, all while having fun with their friends in our new gym."

About Youth Challenge

Youth Challenge is a non-profit corporation with a mission of bringing together children with physical disabilities (ages 4-18) and youth volunteers (ages 12 and up) who enrich each other's lives through one-on-one participation in adapted sports and recreational activities. The agency services families in the following counties: Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Summit, Medina and Geauga. For more information, visit youthchallengesports.com, or call 440-892-1001.



Ronald McDonald and volunteer Emily spot Youth Challenge participant Carina on the new adapted weight training equipment.

Group Seeks Nominations for Bay

The Bay Village Community Council is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Bay Village Citizen of the Year and Project of the Year.

Nominations will be accepted until Fri., Jan. 8, 2010. Selections will be announced by the Community Council shortly afterwards.

A reception in honor of the recipient and project will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

(Although nominations for Project of the Year are being accepted, this award is not intended to be an annual designation and special projects will be considered based on community impact and the involvement of volunteers and organizations.)

Nomination forms are available at public buildings throughout Bay Village including city hall, the Bay Village library, the K.T. Allen board of education building, or from a

member of the Community Council. They also are available in .pdf form via e-mail; contact ericjeakin@gmail.com.

The Community Council is comprised of members of local civic organizations and individuals. The organization's focus is the compilation of a community calendar of events, coordination of events by various civic groups, and sponsorship of the Citizen of the Year/Project of the Year program. All groups are welcome to join as well as individuals who are not members of a civic organization. Annual dues are \$20 for an organization and \$2 for an individual. (Dues may be waived at the discretion of the president of Community Council.)

For more information about the Community Council or the citizen of the year/project of the year awards, call Eric Eakin at (440) 835-2718 or via e-mail at ericjeakin@gmail.com.

Holidays at Independence Village....



A Festival of Trees brought fun and friendship to Independence Village last week as giving back to the community continued to be part of the lifestyle equation at the Avon Lake retirement home. Genesis House and other local area social facilities were the focus as residents and guests met for music, munchies and more at the great senior living center!



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Going the extra mile at the holidays.

That's the plan from The Gardens at Westlake and Infinity Home Health Care as they have teamed in an outreach program to help those who need the most help.

"Blankets for the Homeless" is the mission.

A drop-off box is already filling fast in the welcoming lobby at The Gardens of Westlake, located at 27569 Detroit Road in Westlake.

What else would you expect from the three organizations – The Gardens at Westlake, Infinity Home Health, and La Barberia Spas – who go the distance all year around in community outreach efforts?

"Giving back to the community is good for everyone," said Christina Melaragno, Administrator, The Gardens at Westlake.

The Senior Living facility is nationally recognized as a provider of both retirement and assisted living services.

"Our residents and clients lead full and active lives. Part of this fullness is giving back to the community. That is an essential part of living a complete and healthy lifestyle," said Christina.

The attractive, friendly senior living facility is bright, welcoming and full with a vibrant community that enjoys full days of activities, lifestyle programs and more. Additionally, on-site personal care services may be arranged through their Enhanced Living Plus™ program. Sometimes, all it takes to remain independent is a little help from day to day! Complete on-site physical rehabilitation (Medicare-certified), Occupational and speech therapy (Medicare-certified), and Monthly health screenings and blood pressure checks are offered. In addition, Assisted Living programs have been designed to offer assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's).

Infinity Home Health is a leader in care nationally. Infinity Home Care is the "new" company with over fifty years experience in the health care field. Their mission is to



Lisa Von Lehmden (left) of Infinity Home Health has teamed with Christina Melaragno (right) of The Gardens of Westlake and Laura Clemente of La Barberia Spas in a Blanket Drive this holiday season. Please make a donation at their drop-off location within The Gardens of Westlake at 27569 Detroit Road.

provide the community with the highest level of care and compassion by instituting patient-specific treatment programs.

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Infinity has just received a Deficiency Free Survey from the State of Ohio (the highest grade allowed) and has also been named to the nation's Home Care Elite for 2009, a prestigious award that is granted only to the top 25 per cent of home care agencies available annually.

"The blanket drive is a natural for us, and we are so pleased to team with The Gardens at Westlake and La Barberia Spas," Lisa Von Lehmden, Director of Marketing Infinity Home Health. The Drive is just one of the many "over and above" efforts Infinity makes all year long to support community need. Last spring's "Bowling with the Stars" to benefit Lakewood Hospital Special Needs Funds is another. "We were honored to join with The Gardens and La Barberia. We all work hard at what we do, and none of us want it to stop there. We want to make a difference," said Lisa.

Laura Clemente of La Barberia Spas joins the team with three other Cleveland area drop-off points. "Laura is fantastic," said Christina. Laura and her businesses are committed to being community responsible so they host a minimum of two events per year which have included fundraisers for Magnolia Clubhouse, a young girl in the community with a rare and brittle bone disease, Leukemia Foundation, Metro Child Life Center and they currently support ONE SIGHT: a team that gives free eye exams and glasses to approximately 1500 children in the Cleveland yearly. "She hosts fundraisers for blind children, the Blanket Drive, scholarships for Cleveland area children whose lives will be changed. She started her salons herself and she pours everything back into her mission," said Christina.

Christina, Lisa and Laura each invite you to make a difference by dropping off a blanket at their box located at The Gardens of Westlake at 27569 Detroit Road. Deadline to turn in is Dec. 15. Don't miss out!

"If we all just make at 50 per cent difference, 50 plus 50 plus 50 is 150 percent!" said Christina! Let's do it!



The Gardens at Westlake, in conjunction with
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Please join us during the holiday season in helping those who need the most help. We are asking for your assistance in collecting like new /new blankets for the homeless.

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The Gardens at Westlake
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Westlake Oh 44145

**La Barberia University
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Cleveland, OH 44106

**La Barberia Express-
Down the Hill**
11308 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44106

**La Barberia Mayfield Hts
Up The Hill**
6645 Mayfield Rd
Mayfield Hts, Oh 44124

Westlake Schools in the 1800's

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and Benjamin Reed appointed Chairman. The report of the Directors being called was accepted. Directors reported that they had partially engaged a Mrs. Campbell to teach the winter school. On motion resolved that we have a female teacher the coming winter. On motion voted that Mr. L. L. Adams' account of \$1.69 for furnishing Book of Records, water pail, dipper, broom, paper be put into last winter's school bill. On the motion voted that Hiram Smith, L. G. Porter, and Clark Smith serve as School Directors the ensuing year. On motion meeting dissolved.

Record of directions to District Clerk on delivering duplicate for collection. In ordering collection of schoolhouse tax duplicate of November 23, 1839. Specified that it should be demanded soon enough to have delinquents returned by the first of June as it is supposed that is the month the County taxes are assessed and that it be in February to give 3 months if not paid in February to collect it by distress.

October 8, 1839 -

The school Directors refusing to qualify, Township Clerk appointed as Directors Austin Lilly, Asher Cooley, and Clark Smith for the year ensuing.

October 17, 1839 -

Directors met at the house of A. Cooley and each in the presence of the others qualified according to law. After which they appointed A. Cooley Chairman, and also A. Cooley as Clerk of said district.

At the same time it being understood that several of the members of the District with 2 of the Directors being dissatisfied with the idea of a female teacher this winter it was agreed to employ a man teacher, school to commence first Monday of December.



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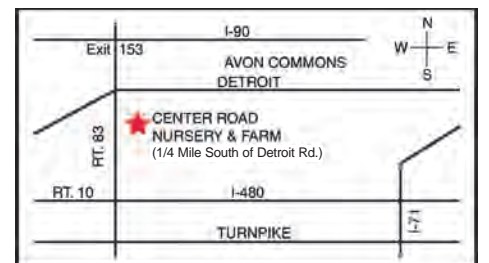
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