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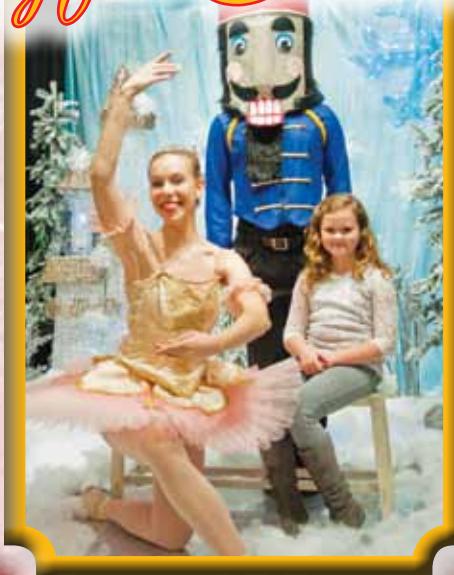
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Santa made a special appearance at Bay Village's Community Christmas over the weekend. See page 5.



Becca Gregory was thrilled to meet ballerina Marlee Roberts of Olmsted Performing Arts at the Crocker Park Holiday Village and Train Town's Nutcracker reception Saturday.



A great day for dogs! Love-A-Stray Pet Pictures with Santa at Paws by the Lake. See page 6.



The Holiday Village at Crocker Park has something for everyone! Holiday Village and Train Town is a unique shopping attraction that brings a traditional ambience to the hustle and bustle of Crocker Park, located in the former Coldwater Creek location at 124 Main Street. See Crocker Press pages 6 & 7.



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Bowling Fowl: SJMC Steps Over the Line in Fundraiser



SJMC Medical Center President Bill Young shows his form at last week's Turkey Bowling event to support the hospital's Hope Fund.



SJMC Human Resources Director Amy Wing celebrates a strike!



SJMC Security Officer Tim Bruck demonstrates proper turkey bowling technique to Chief Nursing Officer Cheryl O'Malley.

It wasn't your normal bowling lane. But employees of St. John Medical Center picked up a frozen turkey and rolled it down a makeshift bowling alley last week on the hospital cafeteria patio to raise funds for a good cause.

The cause was The Hope Fund, a short-term assistance program that helps SJMC employees in times of financial emergency.

First bowler was SJMC President Bill Young, who rolled a strike down the center of the bale-lined alley and into the pins. "My dad used to be a pinsetter," quipped Young.

The hospital hosts Hope Fund events throughout the year to sustain the program. The idea for last week's Turkey Bowling event came from Security Manager Jim Kamholz, who got the idea from a TV show.

Kamholz gleefully sprayed the plastic-coated lane with crisco as Young was followed by a long list of participants throughout the day.

Bowlers donated \$5 for each roll of the turkey and those who recorded strikes were entered into a raffle for various prizes. Top prize was a day off with pay.



St. John Medical Center security officers (l-r) Tom Davis, Sarah Zigon, Tim Bruck, and Security Manager Jim Kamholz manned the lane.

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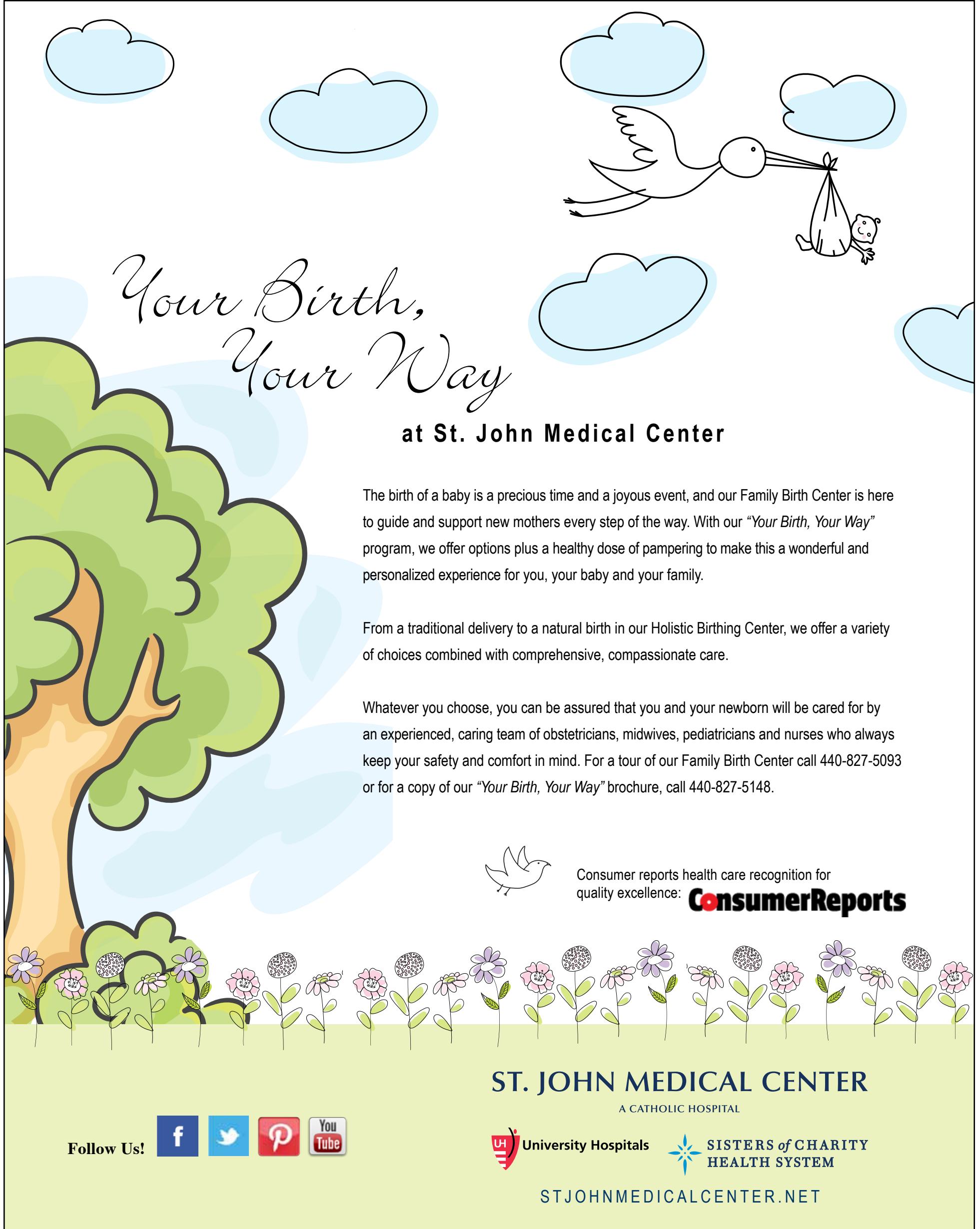
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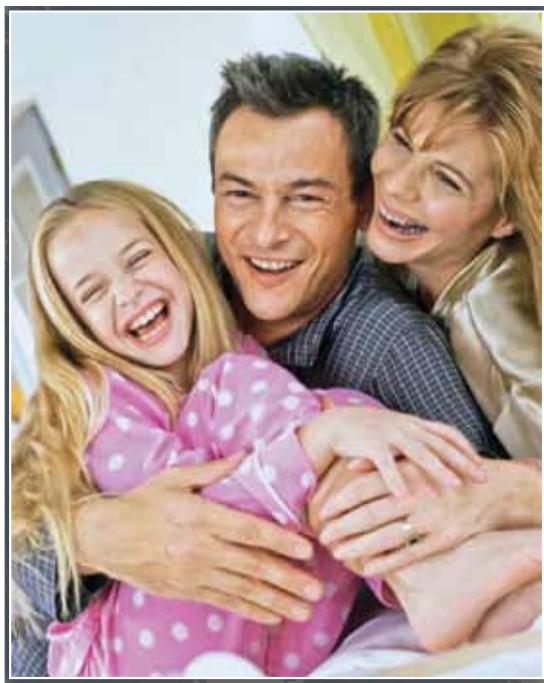
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Dr. Morris Edelstein

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Dentistry makes the news now and then. Most of the time it is about some kind of new technology or new benefits that proper dental health can have for people.

There was a news report of a woman in Columbus who went to her dentist to have a crown put into her mouth. Somehow, she had found out that there was lead in this dental crown that was placed into her mouth. Apparently, her dentist used a cheap, dental laboratory, which was only known for its low prices and certainly not for its quality. Most dental crowns are porcelain fused to metal and in this case the lead was actually found in the porcelain component and not in the metal component.

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Santa Claus Came to Town

Santa Claus came to town in fine Bay Village-style Sunday, Dec. 7, as kids lined the streets for his annual Fire Truck ride through the city and then joined in for the annual Community Tree Lighting at the Cahoon Park Gazebo.

"It was wall-to-wall kids the entire route," said organizer Eric Eakin, who rode with Santa on the annual tour that begins at Bradley Road Park and winds its way through the community.

Fair weather made it a great afternoon to wave at Santa and then head to the Community House to hear the program sponsored by the Bay Village Kiwanis and the Bay Village Historical Society. A reading of 'The Night Before Christmas' by Huntington Playhouse Director Tom Meyrose and carols from the Bay High Choraleers added to the festivities. A highlight at Rose Hill Museum was a collection of Gingerbread Houses crafted by Bay students.

At 3:30, Santa was escorted out of the Community House to the Gazebo where he was warmly welcomed by Councilmen Paul Koomar and Dwight Clark before lighting the tree with the help of kids in excited attendance. It was a great day in Bay!



Becky Walker, 4th grade



Will Leamon & Sam Gepparth, 7th graders



Elizabeth Haas, 4th grade



Maia Jones, 3rd grade & Sacha Jones, 1st grade



Luke Smillie, 1st grade

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Bead Warehouse: Fashion Central

Fashion Central. That is the only way to describe Bead Warehouse, now part of the new Avon hot spot along the community's rapidly-developing Lear-Nagle corridor. Bead Warehouse has opened new headquarters at 33666 Lear Industrial Parkway, right in the heart of the community's quarter-billion dollar commercial district.

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Love-A-Stray Pet Photos with Santa

It was a great day to be a dog at Paws by the Lake last Sunday. Pets got to visit with Santa and have their picture taken with the Big Man, all for a good cause - to raise funds for Love-A-Stray, the Avon Lake-based Pet Rescue organization.

The Christmas Extravaganza took place on Sunday, Dec. 7. A new and amazing "Santa Scene" made for a perfect holiday backdrop as The Big Picture Photography

captured the scene for a \$10 donation. Lots of dogs will be featured on proud owner Christmas Cards this year, that's for sure! There was also a contest for the best picture to be posted on facebook. What a day at Paws by the Lake at 33757 Lake Rd, Avon Lake! Contact info@loveastraydog.com with any questions or to make a donation.



Caitlin & Taylor with Kalo



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St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Road, Bay Village between Wolf and Detroit. For more information or to register, call Mrs. Annette DeGidio at (440) 250-9028, Mrs. Dean Brennan at (440) 892-2877 or Deacon Larry Gregg at (440) 871-1100 ext. 134.

Westlake Porter Public Library Events

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Sun., Dec. 14 (2-4 p.m.) Ugly Sweater Palooza—Get ready for the holidays by making your very own Ugly Sweater! We'll supply the sweaters and supplies, you bring the creativity to make them as tacky as possible! Grades 7-12. Registration begins December 7.

Mon., Dec. 15 (2-3 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.) WPPL's 130th Anniversary—Join in as we celebrate the library's 130th anniversary with a visit by Leonard Porter himself and a fireside chat with Library Director Andrew Mangels!

Fields United Methodist Hosts Grand 'Cookie Walk'



Amidst the holiday shopping, decorating and cleaning, a group of women from Fields United Methodist Church have found time to bake several hundred-dozen cookies for their annual, "Cookie Walk," December 13th.

Several hundred? Yes, you read that right. Hundred.

And these aren't just your standard mix-and-bake cookies. Holiday cut outs, train-shaped cookies, specialty candies and truffles, bark, and nut-free, gluten-free and Vegan cookies are all up for the offering at \$8.50 per pound from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

They also sought donations for their first Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with the Cookie Walk, now in it's sixth year. If you're keeping tally, there's close to 100 of those baskets, too (not counting the quilts, craft items or gift cards). Not bad for a small, community church.

"Our garage and living room were overtaken with donations before being sent off-site for storage," said Kathy Louis Hawkins, one of the women in "Simple Abundance," the Women's group hosting the event. "I thought we'd get ten, maybe 15 gift baskets and a few gift cards. But the response has been overwhelming. It took about a dozen of us working over the course of several days just to sort and wrap."

According to Hawkins, donations have come in from North Ridgeville, Avon, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, Olmsted Township and Berea, to name a few, with basket value ranging in price from \$15 to more than \$300. Local artisans have also crafted their wares, with hand-made cards, individual afghans, pine cone wreaths and other artisanal items up for bid.

Breakfast with Santa, which also attracts close to 100 people, is happening adjacent to the Cookie Walk in the fellowship hall. A longstanding, popular program, kids of any age can enjoy a hot breakfast, pictures with Santa and activities. That program starts at 8 a.m. and individuals need to call the church for reservations.

"We will be bursting at the seams Saturday," said Hawkins. "At 8 a.m., parents can bring their children for breakfast and enjoy time with Santa and the program there. As soon as they leave the hall, auction items will be displayed and the Cookie Shoppe will be located just outside the large sanctuary. "I promise I won't tell if you don't make your cookies from scratch this year!" she laughed.

Bids for the Silent Auction will continue to be taken in between services (held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., respectively), with the auction closing and winners being

For more information on any of the programs at Fields United Methodist Church, call (440) 327-8753 (Office hours are M-W-F 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.), email FieldsUMC@windstream.net, or they can be found on the web at www.fieldsumc.org. For more information on the Cookie Walk/Silent Auction, contact Kathy Hawkins at 216/338-3850.

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Community West Foundation: Support for Cancer Patients & Their Families

Battling cancer is tough. It is also tough to face the regular stream of bills and household financial obligations that are part of life when a patient or the patient's family is unable to work.

Helping with those financial challenges is the mission of The Caring Continues Fund, a cancer patient support program offered through Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, Fairview Hospital, Moll Pavilion.

Through the generosity of supporters, Oncology Social Workers at the Cancer Center were able to help over 200 patients this year with rent, utilities, medication, car payments, and transportation to medical appointments.

Their annual fall fundraiser, A Night at the Races, was hosted by Community West Foundation at Wagner's of Westlake on Saturday, Nov. 15.

A tasty buffet dinner, fun at the video racetrack, and sideboards made this an entertaining evening. More important are the proceeds it generates to benefit the Caring Continues Fund. The Fund provides financial aid to adult cancer patients



The Caring Continues co-founders Bill Cochrane and his sister KC Cimo with their father Bob Cochrane (center).



Dr. Timothy Spiro, Medical Director of the Moll Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital and his wife Lorraine, support the Caring Continues.



Susan Dunson, Vice President of Oncology Services, Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran Hospitals and Dr. Neil Smith, President, Fairview Hospital.



Deb Small, Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer, Fairview Hospital.



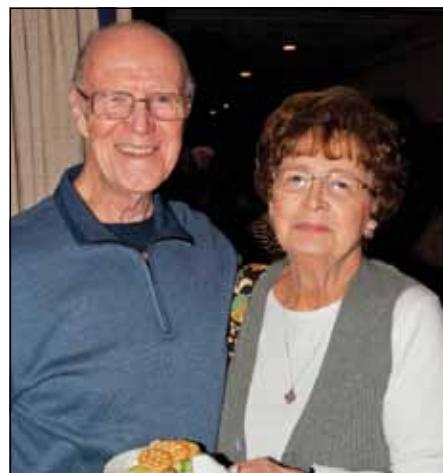
Social workers and event coordinators Debbie Adams, Nicole Herbst, Gwen Paull, Sara Follmer and Peggy Filippi.



Best hat winner Barb O'Malley.



Red Door Four barbershop quartet, provided a beautiful touch to the evening.



Henry Jacques, Community West Foundation Board, and his wife Betty enjoy the night.



Mary Ann Dombrowiak with Peter Schindler, Senior Program Officer, Community West Foundation and Nancy Isherwood.

in their time of need receiving treatment.

"It is tough enough battling cancer. It is even tougher when the bills for the rent, utilities and groceries come up," said Dr. Timothy Spiro, Medical Director, Moll Cancer Center. "I see where the funds go that are raised by this event, and they go to help patients with these basic needs. Imagine the hardships of battling cancer and also struggling to keep up with house payments, insurance, medical bills and even groceries. We are so very grateful for this support."

The fund was started by Bill Cochrane and his sister, KC Cimo. Bill lost his wife to cancer in 2004 and helped create the event as a means of transforming grief into something positive. Bill and KC's dad, Bob, himself a cancer survivor and former patient of the Moll Center, was on hand this year not only cancer survivor but as a member of the Red Door Four barbershop quartet, adding a special touch of joy to the night.

If you missed the event and would like to contribute to The Caring Continues, please contact Community West Foundation at 216-476-7060.

Join the mission of the Community West Foundation to advance the health and well being of our community. To learn more about the Community West Foundation call 216-476-7060 or visit www.communitywestfoundation.org.

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They will also raffle off one free running gait analysis to interested attendees that will be done after the talks. Dedicated and highly trained SJMC staff will be available to answer your questions.

The first meeting took place Nov. 22. Future gatherings are scheduled for Jan. 15 and March 7 at 26908 Detroit Rd, Suite 300

Free Running Gait Analysis by doctors of Physical Therapy on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from January to April are also offered. Please call 440-414-6050 to schedule an appointment.

The Doctors of Physical Therapy are: Pam Lanter, PT, DPT, NCS, Director of Rehabilitation Services, Eric Jankov, PT, DPT, CSCS, Trent Best, PT, DPT and Bethany Willis, PT, DPT.

Pictured are scenes from the Nov. 22 kick-off meeting.



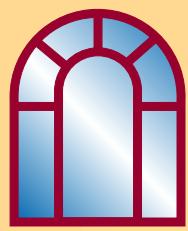
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Letters to Santa (ages 3-8): Kids can drop their letters to Santa and to be "mailed" to the North Pole. Children will receive an electronic response from Santa. Letters can be dropped off at the Recreation Center in the special "North Pole" mailbox no later than December 15th. Registration is required. Free to members of the Westlake Recreation Center. Non Members may register for only \$2 per child. Call 440-808-5700.



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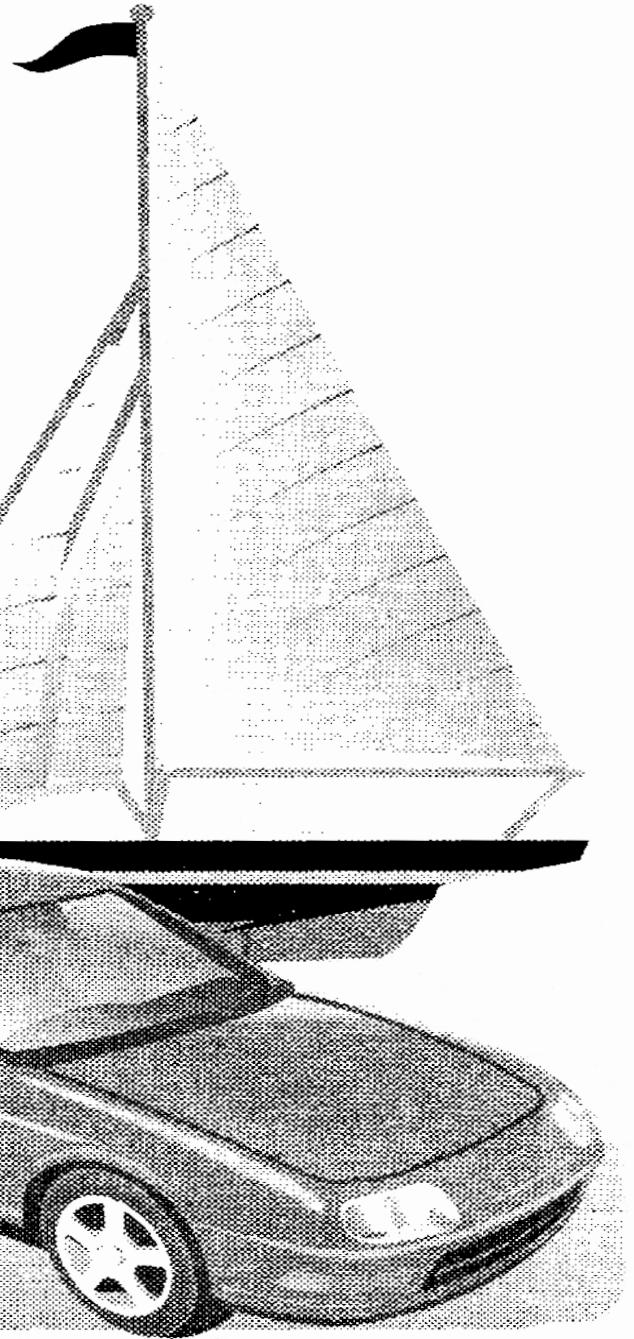
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Gardens at Westlake Seeks Artists for Community Art Show

Artists of all ages are invited to submit their artwork to be displayed at the Gardens at Westlake's "Heart of Art" Intergenerational Art Show on February 28. We are looking for the best works from professionals and budding artists alike. Art studios and area schools (preschool, elementary and high school) are also sought and art teachers can submit for all students. Artists may also offer their artwork for sale.

"Heart of Art" will be held on Saturday, February 28 from 1 to 4 pm at Gardens at Westlake, 27569 Detroit Road, Westlake. Entry forms can be obtained by contacting Laura at (440) 892-9777 or Lstump@spectrumretirement.com. The deadline for submissions is Monday, February 16 with artwork to be delivered to the Gardens by Friday, February 21.

Westlake Historical Society Grave Wreaths Offered

Several years ago the Westlake Historical Society began placing wreaths on the graves of founding and pioneer citizens of early Dover (now Westlake). "We believe placing a wreath on a grave is not only a symbol of remembrance, it is a sign of respect for that person and who they were," says Lysa Stanton, President.

"We would like to extend the opportunity for you, your family, organization, group or business to place a Holiday wreath this year in memory of someone buried in Westlake. Volunteers from the Westlake Historical Society will place the wreaths on the graves."

If you would like to sponsor a wreath, the cost is only \$15 each. Please contact Lysa at 440-808-1961, or email us at westlakehistory@yahoo.com. They will be placing wreaths throughout the Holiday season at both Evergreen and Maple Ridge cemeteries.

Those wishing to help place wreaths for anyone buried in Westlake, please call.

"Show me first the graveyards of a country, and I will tell you the true character of the people." - Benjamin Franklin



Westlake Porter Public Library Now Offers Access to Practice Ohio Driver's Tests

Westlake Porter Public Library is now offering would-be Ohio drivers access to practice driver's tests through a partnership with Driving-Tests.org. The tests are accessible through the library's website. You need not have a Westlake Porter Public Library card to use the service. The tests are based on Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle materials and are Ohio-specific.

Through this partnership users can access 11 car practice tests, six motorcycle practice tests, one Commercial Driver's License (CDL) practice test, three online driver's manuals (car, motorcycle, CDL) and an FAQ section with answers to over 100 questions.

The site is designed to help new drivers study state manuals and take driving practice tests based on the real DMV written exams.

To use this new service, go to the library's website - www.westlakelibrary.org - then click "Research Resources" and select the letter D from the alphabet presented. Drivers-Tests.org will be one of the resources listed.



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Westlake Student Wins National Story Contest

Neige DeAngelis, a Dover Intermediate School fifth grade student, won a national story contest for Cricket magazine for his story about a temperamental fire-breathing dragon named Mr. Feugo.

Neige's story, "350 Words or Else!" chronicles the scene of Mr. Feugo, editor of "Dragonfly" magazine, being upset when readers sent in 10-page stories for publication. Neige's story was published in the October 2014 issue of "Cricket" magazine.

Fifth-grade teacher Donna Dieterich encourages her students to spread their creative efforts. Neige's story was chosen from the May/June 2014 story contest, earning a second prize for ages 10 and under. "Cricket" magazine publishes fiction and classic literature, as well as nonfiction stories on culture, history, science and the arts. Each issue includes bug characters who offer humorous commentary on the stories.



Bay Village Community Events

T Shirts

NEW Bay Village T-shirts are available at City Hall, 350 Dover Center Rd. Mon.- Fri. from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Long sleeve shirts are \$20 and short sleeve shirts are \$15. Men's and Ladies styles available. Cash or check only. All profits benefit the Bay Village Fireworks Fund. Click here to view shirts.

Shirts are also available for purchase at BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd. Great gift idea!

Due to numerous requests, we have ordered several new items: sweatshirts, new long sleeve T's, tote bags and car magnets. The new items will be in soon.

Call (440) 899-3416 if you have questions about the shirts, or contactskohl@cityof-bayvillage.com

Kiwanis Christmas Tree Sale

Three Christmas tree varieties are available, including Fraser Firs, Douglas Firs and Colorado Blue Spruces. Tree sizes rang from 6-10 feet tall. Prices range from \$40-100, depending on size and type. Cash or check is accepted-no credit cards. Delivery is available for a donation.

Tree sale dates are through Saturday, December 13, or until sold out.

Tree Sale Hours are:

* Fridays, 4--8 p.m.

* Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.--8 p.m.

If you have questions regarding the Christmas tree sale, please contact Kiwanian Rhonda Schneider at (440) 225-6358 or email baykiwanis@gmail.com.

Funds generated by the annual Christmas tree sale and other Bay Village Kiwanis Club events help support projects like: Normandy School Playground, Rachel's Challenge, Reese Park renovations, The Village Project, BAYarts, educational grants through the Bay Village Education Foundation and many more.

Bay Recreation Dept. Presents Holiday Fun Day with Santa

Sat., Dec. 13th

From 10 a.m. - 12 noon In the Community Gym (west entrance doors) at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Visit with Santa, enjoy cookie decorating & other fun crafts!

Free. For residents only.

Community Band Yuletide Concert

Wed., Dec. 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy the songs of the Christmas season! This year's concert will feature the classics as well as our annual audience sing-a-long.

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Holiday Safety Tips from Bay Police



The Holiday Season is always a special time of year. Unfortunately, it is also an opportunity for thieves to prey on the unsuspecting and the generous. The Bay Village Police Department has compiled a list of easy, common sense safety tips to ensure that our residents have a joyful season and happy New Year.

When at home for the holidays:

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Park inside your garage if possible. Lock your vehicles and do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- Do not leave packing boxes for expensive items on the tree lawn on trash day.
- Please shovel your sidewalks for the safety and convenience of all. It is the law.
- Do not have packages delivered to your home without signing for them. Thieves look for unattended packages. Consider having them sent to your work or having a neighbor sign for them.

If you are leaving home for the holidays:

- Have a neighbor or family member watch your house.
- Contact the post office and have your mail and newspapers stopped.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on timers.
- Consider leaving a radio or television on a timer so the home appears occupied.
- Contact the Bay Village Police and place your home on the vacation watch list.

While you are out shopping:

- Shop in the day light hours if possible and always lock your vehicle.
- Be mindful of your surroundings. Park in brightly lit areas and avoid carrying large sums of cash in a wallet or purse. Do not leave valuables and gifts in plain sight.
- If possible, shop with others and use the buddy rule.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel that you are vulnerable, ask security to escort you to your vehicle.
- Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Many distraction techniques are used to capture a victim's attention.
- Notify your lending institutions and police immediately if your credit cards are lost or stolen.

Fraud protection:

- Scammers will try to take advantage of the good nature of people during the holidays.
- Criminals may pose as couriers or solicitors. Be aware that they may target you or your home.
- Ask for identification and only give to recognized charitable organizations.
- Do not be afraid to say NO.
- If you are shopping online, only shop at reputable web sites.
- Do not click on pop up banners. If a deal is too good to be true, it usually is. Many pop up banners have spy-ware or may contain a virus.

If you have any questions please call the Bay Village Police Department at 440-871-1234. If it is an emergency, please call 911 right away!

Happy Holidays from the Bay Village Police Department!



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