It’s All About Kids Preschool in Bath hosted its annual fall festival on Oct. 11. In past years, the festival has been a fun evening of games and food for families who attend the preschool. This year, director Julie Staiger and her staff, includ-
which raised $150,000 and drew more than 300 people for a western-themed evening featuring Texas-style cuisine, dancing, live and silent auctions and a concert by local country band Buck Naked. Honoree Susan Summerville was recognized for her work providing support and comfort for children with cancer in the community.

Bath residents Tamara Boyazis and June Netzley served on the committee and helped plan the event. To date, the Cattle Baron’s Ball has raised $1.5 million to help cancer patients and their families. The American Cancer Society is currently funding $9.1 million in research grants in Northeast Ohio.

Marilyn Wilson of Bath arrived in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on Oct. 2 and met up with her brother, Bill Moeller. He had brought the House of Hope and House of Grace, two Christian children’s homes in Thailand, to her attention after he taught English there for three years.

Before she left on her journey, Wilson discussed the possibility of Faith Lutheran Church in Akron supporting some of the children who live at the homes. Her pastor of missions and outreach thought it was a great idea. Wilson presented the idea to her congregation in September 2016, and they decided to take on the support of six children, which includes housing, meals and education. Wilson continues to talk at services and give updates on the children in the hope that she can interest more people in the mission project.

While in Chiang Mai, Wilson toured the school, grades 1-6. On her final day, she toured the House of Hope and House of Grace. She said the children were sweet and excited to have people visit them. They performed a show and hosted a dinner in her honor on her last night. Many of the children wore traditional hill tribe dress, and Wilson found it gratifying to see how the money she and others send is being used to make a better life for children in need.

Ladies from Bath Community Fund hosted a girls’ night social at the home of Bob and Jody Konstand on Sept. 23 to celebrate the fund’s “200 Years – 200 Women” campaign. The campaign honors women who have made a difference in Bath and encourages people to donate to the fund in their honor or memory. Campaign organizers Nancy Fay and Kathy Sidaway hope to raise $250,000 through BCF’s fundraising pyramid, or, as attendee Bath Trustee Elaina Goodrich proclaimed, “Take the top of the triangle!”

Bath resident Amy Bowers, one of the “For Bath, Forever” campaign tri-chairs, and her sister Cathy Leuenberger recently made a donation in honor of their parents, Walt and...
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Elly Griffith, longtime Bath residents.

Donations are tax deductible and support BCF’s “For Bath, Forever” endowment campaign, which has a goal of raising $2.018 million in celebration of Bath’s bicentennial. Women honored by a donation will receive a card letting them know a gift was made in their name, and donors of $1,000 or more will receive a custom pin. The advisory board is planning more socials in coming months. To receive an invitation, contact Konstand at 330-618-4477 or jmkmedia@msn.com. To learn more about the campaign, visit akroncf.org/200Women.

Victory Gallop hosted its annual event, Country Nights, sponsored by the Worley family, on Sept. 15. Money raised goes to support Victory Gallop’s therapeutic program and provide rider scholarships to children from families who need financial assistance. Horses were auctioned to tables or individuals, and riders from the audience tacked up their horse and participated in relay races. Colleen Smith and Richard Russell chaired the event, and Smith was the winner of the relay. Sue Wilson and Tim Dougherty of Rubber City Radio emceed, and guests listened to live music while dining on a meal by Vaccaro’s Trattoria.

Marilyn Wilson (third from right) and her brother Bill Moeller (fourth from right) spend time with children from the House of Hope and House of Grace in Thailand.

From l-r, Cathy Leuenberger, Akron Community Foundation Vice President Margaret Medzie and Janet Griffin mingle at the Bath Community Fund Girls Night Social. Photo courtesy J. Konstand

of bride, Spencer Chlebina, brother of bride, and Yahya Khatibshahidi, father of the groom. The parents celebrated with a fireworks display.

The couple resides in Philadelphia. Yasha is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers School of Law and is an attorney with Campbell and Campbell trial attorneys. Courtney is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Temple School of Law and is an attorney with the Philadelphia public defender’s office. The couple will embark on their honeymoon to Thailand and Southeast Asia in December.

Courtney Chlebina and Yasha Shahidi walk down the aisle on their wedding day.

John and Mary Kay Chlebina hosted a Persian wedding ceremony at their Bath home on Sept. 15 for their daughter Courtney Chlebina. Courtney and Yasha Shahidi were married by Shahidi’s mother, Shiva Khatibshahidi. Also in attendance were Taylor Chlebina, sister of bride, Spencer Chlebina, brother of bride, and Yahya Khatibshahidi, father of the groom. The parents celebrated with a fireworks display.

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Bath resident and longtime cyclist Wilma Martino recently returned from a biking trip in Europe. She and her sister traveled from Amsterdam through the Netherlands. After seven days of cycling, they ended their journey in Bruges, Belgium. They stayed on a barge named the “Sailing Home,” which traveled the waterways during the day while they biked the countryside. They ate breakfast and dinner on the barge and lived in state-rooms for the week.

Each month, I am in awe of the residents of Bath who continue to give back to the community in so many ways. Such activities uplift and encourage each of us to be better citizens. Continue to email me at jtowell@scriptype.com with your good news and good deeds. ∞

The Bath Country Journal is happy to print wedding notices or engagement announcements (just one please), for residents of the community. If a photo is included, we ask that the names of the couple be written on the back of the photo. To have the photo returned, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Wilma Martino (far right) bikes through the Netherlands.

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Email to news@scriptype.com and please include names.