

**FREE**  
FREE TO READ! FREE TO WRITE!  
SUBMIT YOUR STORY ONLINE BY APR 16!

Write for YOUR community newspaper! Join in at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

# Observer

WESTLAKE | BAY VILLAGE

2.8 • 20 APR 10

Community News & Views Written by the Citizens of Westlake & Bay Village • Visit Our Website: [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

## Emily's Rainbow Run to be held April 25



Emily Lewis starts the inaugural Emily's Rainbow Run on April 26, 2009. This year's event will be held in memory of Emily, who passed away in August 2009 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. The second annual event will be held on Sunday, April 25, at 8 a.m. at Westlake High School. Proceeds will benefit pediatric cancer research at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

by Cathy Milowicki

Lace up your running or walking shoes and be a part of the second annual Emily's Rainbow Run and Wellness Walk on Sunday, April 25, at Westlake High School track! This family activity, hosted by Emily's Rainbow Fund, will feature a 4-mile race, 2-mile run/walk, kids run and more! Festivities begin at 8 a.m. The Westlake Kiwanis will also be offering their spring pancake breakfast in the WHS cafeteria from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Emily's Rainbow Fund is a member of the Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Circle of Friends program whose mission is to donate proceeds raised through fundraising events, including Emily's Rainbow Run, to support pediatric cancer research. The Fund is named in memory of 12-year-old Emily Lewis of Westlake, who, on August 8, 2009, passed away after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

Welcome the spring running and walking season and make a difference for pediatric cancer patients by participating in Emily's Rainbow Run & Wellness Walk! To register, donate, volunteer, become a sponsor or learn more about our Pot of Gold Pledge Program, please visit [www.EmilysRainbowFund.org](http://www.EmilysRainbowFund.org) or contact Cathy Milowicki at 440-823-6356. • *Cathy Milowicki is the race director for Emily's Rainbow Run.*

## Bay Village electricity aggregation vote May 4

by Dwight Clark

On Tuesday, May 4, 2010, the City of Bay Village is holding a special election. This specific agenda item relates to the concept of electricity aggregation for the City. If this ballot item is approved by a majority of our voters, the City of Bay Village will be able to negotiate the bulk purchase of electricity from a selected supplier for the residents and commercial organizations in our community.

Simply put, opt-out electricity aggregation is a process where the City's residents will, unless they specifically "opt out" of the aggregation program, receive their electricity generation from one supplier. The proposed aggregation term is nine years. In return, each resident who participates in the program will receive a guaranteed monthly savings, and hence, a reduction in their electric bill.

Under the City's aggregation program, the price paid for electric supply will be lower than the generation charge from the electric supplier. This reduction will equal 6% off the standard residential electric rate for the generation portion of each monthly bill for the term of the program.

It is estimated that the average residential aggregation customer will save in the range of \$30-\$60 per year by participating in the program with the selected electricity supplier. The average commercial business savings

» See AGGREGATION, page 2

Your vote is  
your voice!  
**VOTE**  
**MAY 4TH**



Alpacas from Alpaca Meadows of Mansfield were on hand at the opening day of the North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park. The market is held Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. through November. See more photos on page 12.

## Bay Bike to School Challenge inspires students, community to bicycle more

by Tracy Bradnan

Back for its third year and recently awarded the city's "Project of the Year," Bay Bike To School Challenge sponsored by Century Cycles and Chipotle on May 3 - 21 strives to inspire 1,600 middle and high school students in Bay Village to ride their bikes to school as much as possible for three weeks, to help the environment and improve their health.

It includes a city-wide Bay Village Bicycle Safety Fair on April 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bay Middle School (27725 Wolf Road), which is free and open to the public. At the fair, adults and children can bring their bikes for a free safety inspection from Century Cycles' professional bicycle mechanics.

Ray's Indoor Mountain Bike Park will be giving away 20 bicycle helmets to the first 20 attendees (limit: one helmet per family). Bay

Village Police Department will be raffling off four bicycles and providing free bike licenses. Other information booths include Bay Bike to School Challenge, Earth Day Coalition, Bay Village Green Team, Bay Skate and Bike Park, and Project Earth Environmental club.

Bay Bike to School Challenge shows students, their parents and the community as a whole that going by bike is a great way to go, especially for short trips around town.

"Everyone looks forward to Bay Bike to School Challenge in May. As educators, we know physical activity positively impacts academic performance," said Sean McAndrews, principal of Bay Middle School and one of the program's organizers.

"The kids have fun biking to school with their friends, but they are also learning the benefits of lifelong fitness and the effect their

» See CHALLENGE, page 2



# CHALLENGE

continued from front page

choice of transportation has on the environment.”

Last year, 1,215 students signed up to participate in Bay Bike to School Challenge. Seventy one percent of Bay Middle School students biked every day, while 36% of Bay High School students biked each day. In all, the students biked a total of 37,042 miles, saved 34,149 pounds of CO2 emissions and burned countless calories.

That’s in stark contrast to national averages. Only about 15% of U.S. students bike or walk to school (versus approximately 50% back in 1969). As much as 30% of morning traffic is generated by parents driving their children to school, one-third of schools are in “air pollution danger zones” and more than 33% of U.S. children are now overweight and obese or at risk of becoming so. Returning to 1969 levels of walking and bicycling to school would save 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of carbon dioxide and 89,000 tons of other pollutants – equal to keeping more than 250,000 cars off the road for a year.

Students who register for Bay Bike to School Challenge carry a “Ride Card” that is stamped each day they ride a bike to school by BTSC volunteers. Students receive a free burrito from Chipotle for biking on Day One (May 3) and a free event T-shirt from Century Cycles for biking at least four days. The more they bike, the more they can win – every Ride Card they fill up gets them more entries into the grand prize raffle.

There is also a special grand prize drawing for a Cedar Point season pass



Paige Altieri and Peggy Olson were all smiles during last year’s BBSC. The Challenge is a fun way for students to learn the benefits of healthy behavior and environmental awareness.

for the students at each school who biked every day of Bay Bike to School Challenge.

The program’s influence is spreading beyond the school system: In March, Bay Bike to School Challenge was awarded “Project of the Year” by the Bay Village Community Council, in recognition of its outstanding example of environmental awareness and healthy behavior for all the citizens of Bay Village.

The sponsors who team up with



Photos courtesy of Doug Charnock

With over 71% of Bay Middle School bicycling daily, overflow bike parking was necessary during last year’s Bay Bike to School Challenge. This year’s challenge begins on May 3.

Bay Middle School and Bay High School on the program are Century Cycles bicycle store in Rocky River, Chipotle, Bay Village Kiwanis, Bay Schools Parent Teacher Student Association, Project Earth Environmental Club and the Bay Skate and Bike Park Foundation.

For regular updates about Bay Bike to School Challenge, go to the event’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BayBikeToSchoolChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/BayBikeToSchoolChallenge) or visit [www.centurycycles.com/to/bts](http://www.centurycycles.com/to/bts).

Tracey Bradnan lives in Bay Village.

# Westlake Kiwanis pancake breakfast

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis will hold their spring pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Emily’s Rainbow Run Sunday, April 25, 2010. The breakfast will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Breakfast includes all the pancakes you can eat! Plus – sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee and tea. The tickets are \$6.00. Children 6 and under eat for free.

The breakfast will be in the Westlake High School Cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to Emily’s Rainbow Fund benefiting pediatric cancer research at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital.

The rest of the proceeds will go to promote various causes throughout the Westlake community such as Holiday Food Baskets for the disadvantaged, Student Scholarships, Westlake Relays, “Salute to Excellence” a student recognition program, the Westlake High School Key Club, Builders Club, Relay for Life are just a few of the causes. Kiwanis is a civic organization “serving the children of the world.”

Victor Rutkoski is a member of the Westlake Kiwanis.

Got a story? Sign into the Member Center at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com), click “Submit New Story” and we will take care of the rest!

# AGGREGATION

continued from front page

is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$100-\$200 yearly under the same program.

Each member of our City Council individually stresses that each resident is free to make his or her own voting decision. There is no cost to participate in or opt out of the program.

If the May 4 vote passes by a majority, the City is required to hold two separate public hearings for the benefit of our residents, which will provide a venue to address any citizen’s questions or concerns. Conversely, if the aggregation item fails, there will be no changes whatsoever in your current electricity supplier and computation of a user’s monthly bill.

Most importantly, Bay Village City Council unanimously believes it important for our residents and commercial businesses to be properly informed. We encourage your participation in this election on Tuesday, May 4, and thank our residents for your time, consideration and involvement in this vote.

Dwight Clark is a Bay Village City Councilmember At Large.

# County executive candidate Matt Dolan to speak to local Republican clubs

by Mark Boepple

Tired of corruption in government, job-killing regulations and runaway spending? So are we, that is why WestShoreRepublicanClubs.com is planning a series of events so you can meet with Republican candidates that represent the values we hold dear. Less government, personal responsibility and understanding the critical importance of retaining, creating and bringing new jobs to Northeast Ohio.

Cuyahoga County is undergoing a historic reform so we choose Matt Dolan, candidate for county executive, as our first speaker. Come, join us and listen to Matt Dolan’s vision for Cuyahoga County. Have your questions ready for the



Matt Dolan, candidate for Cuyahoga County executive

Question & Answer session following his presentation. There is no charge for this event and Republi-

can membership is not required.

This joint Republican club event will be held on:

Wednesday, April 28, 2010  
7 p.m.

Rocky River Civic Center  
21014 Hilliard Blvd.,  
Rocky River, Ohio

Then consider joining a local Republican club where you can actually take part in campaigns to help elect the right candidates to represent you and your family at every level of government. Visit <http://www.WestShoreRepublicanClubs.com> for additional information.

Join us, you can make a difference!

Mark Boepple lives in Westlake and is President of the Westlake RepublicanClub.com.

## WESTLAKE | BAY VILLAGE Observer

The Westlake | Bay Village Observer is a locally-owned and operated citizen-based news source published biweekly.

451 Queenswood Road • Bay Village, Ohio 44140  
440-409-0114

Copyright ©2010 The Westlake | Bay Village Observer. All rights reserved. Any reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

ART DIRECTOR, COORDINATOR - Denny Wendell

EDITOR – Tara Wendell

ADVERTISING 440-409-0114 • [staff@wbvobserver.com](mailto:staff@wbvobserver.com)

The mission of the Westlake | Bay Village Observer is to inform, involve and energize the community through citizen participation. We do not accept any form of payment for the inclusion of articles. The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Westlake | Bay Village Observer staff.

ADVERTISE WITH THE WBV OBSERVER • ADS AS LOW AS \$20 • CALL 440-409-0114

### WRITERS

Mark Boepple  
Kim Bonvissuto  
Dianne Borowski  
Tracy Bradnan  
Dwight Clark  
Alex Dade  
Kevin DeFrank  
Karen Derby  
Cynthia Eakin  
Nancy Erhardt  
Chris Haldi  
Nancy Heaton  
Gerard Howell

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Mark Boepple  
Kim Bonvissuto  
Doug Charnock  
Karen Derby

Linda Lamb  
Cathy Milowicki  
Dave Pfister  
Nancy Pommerening  
Joseph Psarto  
Victor Rutkoski  
Shawn Salamone  
Joyce Sandy  
Lysa Stanton  
Eileen Vernon  
Robert Zak  
Elaine Willis

Nancy Heaton  
Shawn Salamone  
Denny Wendell

**“We take the worry out of being away”**

**HOT DIGGITY DOG, INC.**  
PROFESSIONAL PET CARE SERVICES

**Personal In-Home Pet Care For All Domesticated Animals**

<b>Busy Work Schedule?</b>	<b>Busy Personal Schedule?</b>
Working Early	Special Evening/Event
Working Late	Out-Of Town Weekend
Working Out-Of Town	Vacation/Holidays

**In-home visits tailored to your pets special needs:**

- Reasonable Prices For All Services
- Meals, Walks, Medication
- Plus personal play time and any other special requests
- All in the familiar surroundings of your home

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**NANCY BROWN AT 440.871.9245**



# Westlake Historical Society seeks cutest pet

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

Hi, I'm Brandie Parker, winner of the 2009 Westlake Historical Society "Cutest Pet" contest. I will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade along with others from the Society.

Be sure to look for me – you can't miss me because, after all, I'm the cutest one there. I'll be dressed in my finest parade outfit. Please do come and pet me 'cause I really love everyone (especially other pets).

Remember, please wave to me and I'll acknowledge with an "Arf!" or two and later we'll see each other again as we observe silence during the ceremony. The Memorial Day Parade has been one of my favorite events for the past several years.

The parade itself is lively and fun with lots of color, treats, and noise. But the real "heart" of the Parade takes place at the gazebo when the mayor and armed forces officials give tribute to our fallen heroes dating from the Civil War to the present conflicts in the Middle East. I sit very quietly by my owner Marlene Parker and listen attentively to the words spoken rever-

ently to remember and honor our Westlake veterans.

**Do you have the cutest pet in Westlake?**

The Westlake Historical Society and "Paws For The Past"

presents the 3rd Annual "Cutest Pet in Westlake Contest." Please enter your cutest pet photo to be judged as the Cutest Pet in Westlake.

Dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, birds, horses, even the family goldfish can participate. Judging of the photos will take place July 18, during the Antique Vintage & Craft Show. Each participant this year will get a certificate of participation.

Please send your cutest pet photo to: Cutest Pet Contest

P.O. Box 45518

Westlake, OH 44145

Contest rules: Current pet photo can be black & white or color. Digital photos can be sent to us (call for details). Limit of 2 photos per pet. Requested donation per entry is \$5.00. Westlake residents only.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 440-471-4090. ●

*Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister are members of the Westlake Historical Society.*



Brandie Parker was voted Westlake's cutest pet in the historical society's contest last year.

## BAYarts annual Youth Scholarship Show

by Nancy Heaton

Each year BAYarts invites students from all over the area in grades K through 12 to enter the Youth Scholarship Show. In the past, it was up to local teachers to bring in the work that students had done in the classroom throughout the year.

But art teachers and BAYarts directors agreed that it would be more challenging (and fun!) for the students to work on a project independently and given a theme. The result has been exciting both for the students and their families who attend a gallery opening to open the show.

This year's theme is "Picture Yourself," a self-portrait using any medium: paint, ink, ceramics, or even the written word. Students who would like to perform may do so if time permits and by special arrangement with BAYarts gallery director Eileen Stockdale.

Cash prizes are awarded to students in 11th and 12th grade and BAYarts classes are awarded to winners in the lower grades. The number of prizes will depend on the number of entries and is at the discretion of the judges. All students who enter will be in the show and receive an award of merit and recognition.

Students can drop off their work May 2 through May 5 from noon to 4:30 p.m. or by special arrangement with BAYarts. The opening reception and award announcement are May 8 from 4-6 p.m. Family and friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served. The show will run through May 15.

To obtain an entry form, stop by BAYarts or go to the website: [www.bayarts.net](http://www.bayarts.net). ●

*Nancy Heaton is Executive Director of BAYarts.*



Sophia Stack and her self-portrait

## Summer is at the Rec

by Chris Haldi

The weather might not be putting you into the summer mood as of late but the Westlake Recreation Center can help the cold weather blues. As of April 10, summer registration has begun. We have the new summer program book out for all to check out and see what we are offering. This should help boost your blues. Check out these summer programs that we have coming up.

If you like to get creative and problem solve, this contest is for you. The Cardboard Boat Races for kids ages 7 and up will be taking off April 23 starting at 7 p.m. in the Aquatics Center. Grab a friend to design a boat made out of cardboard and packing tape that will be able to hold the both of you. Test your skills and boat-making abilities against other kids your age.

Here's a class for your child age 3-5 to try out something new – our Yoga Kids class. This class will focus on learning breathing techniques, moving energy, and of course various yoga poses. This fun and playful class will start Monday April 26 at 1 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m.

Does drawing interest you or would you like to develop the skills necessary to put your thoughts to paper? Check out our The Power of Drawing classes. We are offering classes for kids ages 3.5-5 and a class for kids ages 6-12. Drawing is a skill that is the bedrock for future artistic success and through these lessons the kids will see an increase in their art abilities.

Try out your baseball skills in our annual Pitch, Hitch and Run. This competition is open to both boys and girls ages 7-14. It will take place May 1 at 10 a.m. at Field #1 at the Recreation Center.

Calling all kids ages 6-12 that would like to learn more about horses. Pony Lessons is the class for you. The kids will learn the basics to riding, horse care, grooming, saddling, bridling, stable care and safety. Classes will start May 1 at 10:45 a.m. and May 4 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information regarding programs and events, please call the Westlake Recreation Center at 440-808-5700 or go to our website at [www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/recreation). ●

*Chris Haldi works for the City of Westlake Recreation Department.*

**Are you or someone you know FACING FORECLOSURE?**

**NHS**  
GREATER CLEVELAND

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**  
Call today to see if you qualify  
**216.458.HOME (4663)**  
*Se Habla Español*

**Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland**  
5700 Broadway Avenue . Cleveland, Ohio 44127 . [www.nhscleveland.org](http://www.nhscleveland.org)

**Let the Good Times Roll!**

**BAYLANES**

**BOWLING**

**27229 Wolf Rd., Bay Village**  
**440-871-0911**  
**[www.BayLanesBowl.com](http://www.BayLanesBowl.com)**

**Nominated for Best Party Place!**  
Vote April 27th at La Centre of Westlake 6-9 pm

**Best of the West**

**SIGN UP NOW & SAVE**  
Before May 21st \$99/After \$120

**Summer Kid's Club**  
8 Week program to learn the **FUNDamentals** of Bowling plus much more!

**Family Fun Pass**  
Unlimited Family Bowling & 20% off on food all summer long!



# LBMS students take first in Design Squad Challenge

by Kim Bonvissuto

Lee Burneson Middle School eighth graders Rudy Keppler, Patrick Evans, Chris Stone and Clay Hoon won first place in the regional Design Squad Challenge at the WVIZ studios.

The team had to conduct three problem-solving STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) activities. LBMS science teacher Sandy Vontroba acted as coach by directing the team through the problems by asking probing questions.

"They needed to listen to my questions and figure out how to plug in the directive to solving the problem," Vontroba said.

The first challenge involved making a table out of eight sheets of newspaper and a flimsy piece of cardboard. They had to balance a heavy book on the table without it collapsing.

The second challenge was constructing a rocket that would drop a satellite probe in the middle of a bull's-eye on the



LBMS Design Squad members: L to R: Patrick Evans, Chris Stone, Sandy Vontroba, Rudy Keppler, Clay Hoon

moon. The rocket was to be in motion when the satellite was dropped. The team hit the bull's-eye three times in a row.

The final challenge was to create an activity for the elderly that involved movement and fun. The team was given specific materials and constraints for each event.

"I think we were successful because of the leadership of the students, team work and the fact that STEM is an integral part of our Burneson curriculum," Vontroba said. ●

Kim Bonvissuto is the Communications Coordinator for Westlake City Schools.

# Westlake has two Gold Key national artists

by Kim Bonvissuto

Kate Humphrey, a Westlake High School senior art student, and Chris Dunlap, a WHS freshman, received national Gold Key awards in the 2010 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Kate earned a Gold Key award for an altered book sculpture, "The Birds." Chris won a Gold Key award and an American Vision medal for his metal embossing of "Old Church."

Kate, Chris and their families will travel to New York City with their teachers, Christine Filmer and Debra Gantz, to receive their awards at Carnegie Hall.

There were more than 165,000 submissions this year. Teens from Alaska to Maine submitted poems, plays and personal essays; hats made of paper and birds made from books; and self-portraits in almost every kind of media.

More than 1,300 creative teens received National Gold and Silver medals, and 15 Portfolio Gold Medalists

earned \$10,000 scholarships.

Visit the online gallery to view national works from 2010, selections of which will be on display at the World Financial Center in New York City this summer.

For more information visit <http://www.artandwriting.org/>. ●



Chris Dunlap's metal embossing of "Old Church"



Kate Humphrey's book sculpture, "The Birds"

# WHS senior wins prize in state poetry competition

by Kim Bonvissuto

Westlake High School senior Alison Gray won the second place poetry award in the 2010 Ohioana Robert Fox Award for Young Writers contest. The award will be presented Saturday, May 8, during the opening of the 4th annual Ohioana Book Festival: Celebrating Ohio's Authors in Columbus. Ohio's first lady Frances Strickland will open the festival. Gray will read her winning entry, "Repeated Extinction," at the festival.



Alison Gray

## Repeated Extinction

*Out of Kaleidoscopic Chaos our Gaea egressed,  
With verdant vines and towering trees overlooking  
Blue-gray tides that curl like the toes of a newborn child—  
A silent soundlessness wrapped the earth in a blanket and the crib mobile  
spun hypnotically.  
Darkness.  
Tyrannical lizards tangoed through forests, and raptors darted through  
wildwood,  
Flickering their tongues and fanning their crowns. Yellow eyes bid death  
to onlookers.  
Fireballs flew—  
Eruptions of Chrome—  
Copper—  
Brass— Left silvery snowcaps and ashen fossils.  
Hulky mammoths gumshoed through snowdrifts as crystal cyclones groaned;  
Cave dwellers glittered homey heat from charred wood,  
And from this primitivism budded all-powerful Rome:  
Gory gladiators presided in status and heroes emerged: Hercules,  
Achilles, Odysseus, Jason.  
Dumbfounding aqueducts rose as Roman battles echoed nonchalance.  
The Germanic people germinated; Dark ages depressed the natives but  
the Renaissance rebirth  
Was a gleaming door, bringing stories in paintings and paintings in stories.  
Colonization of a new world crowded cramped ships,  
Disease and arbitrary dishonesty banished the inhabitants,  
And bloodthirsty war tore through the already divvied continents.  
Flower children of free spirit professed protest,  
Though a frigid war ensued, and red was still as scary as blood.  
Spaceships and computers and calculators began the modern man;  
Now lightweight laptops, fancy phones, and ipods welded to fragile ears  
Make it silent! Here.  
Soundlessness wraps the earth in a blanket,  
Snug and motionless,  
Letting her dream reveries and nightmares,  
All over again. ●*

# MATHCOUNTS team performs well at state competition

The LBMS MATHCOUNTS team took home top awards in the state and regional middle school competitive mathematics program. At the state competition at Columbus State College, 265 individuals and 39 teams competed.

Representing Lee Burneson Middle School were Kartik Dhinakaran, Krish Shah, Aswin Bikkani, Chris Tsuer and Ameesh Shah. Kartik placed in the top 10 percent at 23rd place overall. The remaining Westlake students placed in the top 33 percent.

At the regional level, the team of Kartik Dhinakaran, Krish Shah, Aswin Bikkani and Chris Tsuei took home first place. Individual awards went to Kartik (first place), Krish (second place) and Aswin (third place). Ameesh Shah placed fifth in the competition on an individual level.

MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment, club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through involvement in every U.S. state and territory. For 27 years, The National Society of Professional Engineers has sponsored the activities at the local and state levels, providing today's students with the foundation for success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers. ●



Front row (L to R): Austin Moran, Krish Shah, Calvin Pozderac, Kartik Dhinakaran. Back row (L to R): Aswin Bikkani, Cal Craven, Chris Tsuei, Ameesh Shah.



# Westlake's STEM Program recognized as national example

by Kim Bonvissuto

The Westlake City School District's STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Program of Excellence has been selected for inclusion in the Magna Best Practices Database of the American School Board Journal.

STEM was one of 83 highly-scored programs selected for this special recognition from the 334 nominations received.

The Magna Awards is a national recognition program co-sponsored by American School Board Journal, the National School Boards Association and Sodexo School Services that honors school board best practices and innovative programs that advance student learning.

The Magna Best Practices Database provides the education world with valuable resources for innovative best practices, proven and practical solutions for big and small district problems, and new ideas.

Westlake's STEM program will be available in the database for at least five years. You can find the database at [www.asbj.com/magna](http://www.asbj.com/magna).

## Do you have something of interest to share with the community?

Here are some story topics to get you going!

- Arts & Theater
- School Events
- Sports Teams
- Senior Living
- City Topics
- Pets & Care
- Home & Garden
- Nature & Environment
- Library Programs
- "Green" Topics
- Fundraising Events
- Local History
- Health & Wellness
- Cooking

Submit your story in the Member Center at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

# WHS students win best of show at state technology, engineering conference

by Kim Bonvissuto

Four Westlake High School Engineering & Technology Education Department students won the title of state champion for their "Best of Show" awards at the Ohio Technology & Engineering Educators Association state conference school exhibits competition held in Columbus on April 9 and 10.

Winning a state champion title for his Best of Show award in the Graphic Arts Technology category was sophomore Nick Halczuk for his airbrushed thunderstorm illustration.

Winning a state champion title for his Best of Show award was junior Nathaniel Renkel for his cardboard chair in the state-wide "Sitting Machine" contest.

Also winning a state champion title for their Best of Show award was the senior team of AJ Suever and Jeff Thaler for their "Thinking Big, Building Smart" and energy efficient house design in the Construction/Architecture Technology category. Suever also won a second state title for her Best of Show award in the Engineering category for her Pop-Up Chair design.

For only the second time in school history, Suever captured the coveted

Zupancic Award her Pop-Up chair entry, selected as the single outstanding project in the entire state of Ohio among all Best of Show winners.

Winning first place in a division category was the Design Squad team of freshman Ted Poulous and Matt Hall for their PVC Kayak in the Manufactur-

ing Technology category. Students winning Award of Merit ribbons were Colin Dunphy, Dane Rimko, Alex Schultz, Conner Dempsey and Brad Runevitch.

Students from around the state in seven different Engineering & Technology categories entered a total of more than 400 projects.



Nick Halczuk's Best of Show "Thunderstorm"



Nathaniel Renkel's Best of Show Sitting Machine



AJ Suever and Jeff Thaler's Best of Show energy efficient home design model



**Mark Zagrocki, CRPC®**  
Financial Advisor  
24651 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake, OH 44145  
440-899-1744



## Markets fluctuate. Relationships shouldn't.

Investment and Insurance Products: ► NOT FDIC Insured ► NO Bank Guarantee ► MAY Lose Value

Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Member SIPC, is a registered broker-dealer and a separate non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company.  
©2009 Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. All rights reserved. 0409-1262 [81456-v1] A1015 10/09

## Gear up for spring!

Your favorite brands are in and ready for your next outdoor adventure



Get to know Geiger's  
ESTABLISHED 1932  
**GEIGER'S**  
[WWW.SHOPGEIGERS.COM](http://WWW.SHOPGEIGERS.COM)

14710 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood  
Chagrin Shopping Plaza, Chagrin Falls  
[www.shopgeigers.com](http://www.shopgeigers.com)



We are a non-profit, all volunteer, community outreach that recycles your donated items to lower income people who are employed full time, or RECENTLY laid off from full time work. We also give to retired seniors struggling on their pensions, and spouses of active military.

**WE NEVER SELL,** but give for **FREE** to help those in our communities who are trying to help themselves.

## DONATIONS↓

We gladly accept:



- \* FURNITURE & MATTRESSES
- \* APPLIANCES (Under 8 Yrs.)
- \* KITCHEN, HOUSEHOLD & DECOR
- \* CLOTHING & SHOES
- \* BEDDING & TOWELS
- \* BABY ITEMS & NEW TOYS
- \* TOILETRIES
- \* CLEANING SUPPLIES

NOTE: all items must be clean, in good repair. Tax receipts provided.



FREE pick up every Saturday in  
Avon, Avon Lake, Westlake & Bay Village  
**For help or to donate items call:**  
**440-937-3999**  
Office: Avon, Ohio 44011  
[www.freelyfreely.com](http://www.freelyfreely.com)



## Bay library programs

### ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, April 21 (7 p.m.) HERBAL THERAPIES FOR STRESS AND ANXIETY RELIEF** – Find out how to relieve stress and anxiety through the use of herbal therapy with the Willow Arts and Wellness Center, a holistically-based health center.

**Tuesday, May 4 (7 p.m.) MAKE A GOURD BIRDHOUSE** – Decorate a gourd with your own personal style and hang it in your yard. Gourds and decorating supplies will be provided.

### TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Thursday, May 6 (3:30 p.m.) TEEN CRAFT CLUB** – Make something fun and useful after school. Crafts include bottle cap necklaces, button making, and more. For grades 6-12.

Please register for these programs by going to [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org) or calling 871-6392.

### Tuesday, April 20 (6:30 p.m.) TEEN SUMMER AND PART-TIME JOB SEARCH

– Our Career counselor will teach you how to complete job applications and impress potential employers. Light refreshments will be provided. For ages 14-19.

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

### Tuesday, April 28 (4:15 p.m.) EL DIA DE LOS NIÑOS/EL DIA DE LOS LIBROS

– Enjoy a unique storytime in both English and Spanish. For families with children ages 3-5.

### Tuesday, May 4 (10 a.m.) STRETCH A TUBA

– What do a garden hose and a funnel sound like? Find out when Gary Adams of Metropolitan Brass Quintet introduces preschoolers to brass instruments. For families with preschoolers.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Friends of the Bay Village Library to hold spring book sale

by Linda Lamb

The annual spring book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library will be Saturday, April 24; Monday, April 26; and Tuesday, April 27. The library is closed on Sunday.

The book sale will be held during regular library hours on Saturday and Monday and until 7 p.m. on Tuesday. There is a wide range of adult and children's hardback and paperback books, as well as DVDs, CDs, audio books and magazines.

Items are priced to sell and have been categorized for easy

selection. Tuesday is "bag day" when patrons can buy a bagful of books for \$1.00. Bags are provided by the library.

Throughout the year library-related projects, programs and activities are supported and funded by The Friends group. For more information on the book sale or on becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Road, Bay Village or call 440.871.6392. ●

Linda Lamb is the Publicity Secretary for the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

## BAY VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Bay Bicentennial update



### 'Looking Back' exhibit at Rose Hill Museum

The Rose Hill Museum in Cahoon Memorial Park will be displaying how the home would have appeared in 1818 when the Cahoon family lived there. The three floors are filled with furniture, utensils, clothing and tools from the early 1800s. To enable visitors to relive the history of the Cahoons, the Bay Historical Society recently installed "chat boxes" throughout the museum which give audio tours of different areas of the home. The museum is open Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and admission is free.

## Children's fashions highlight annual Victorian Tea

by Cynthia Eakin

The Bay Village Historical Society's annual Victorian Tea is April 24, 2 p.m., at Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village. For the first time ever, the event will feature a fashion show of vintage children's apparel, hats and parasols.

A collection of turn-of-the-century dolls and toys will be on exhibit. A drawing will be held for an American Girl doll, and 18-inch doll clothes will be available for purchase.

Bring your daughters, granddaughters and little friends age five and over to experience Victorian times and enjoy delicious refreshments. Afternoon party dress is suggested. Victorian apparel is optional. Dolls are invited.

Tickets are \$20 each for adults and \$10 for children. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center. Phone Carole Roske at (440) 871-4797 for reservations. Seating is limited.

## Benches to be dedicated along with ice cream sundae sale and art demonstrations

In celebration of Bay Village's Bicentennial, four new benches celebrating the history of Bay Village will be dedicated May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Bay Middle School. Bay Village Education Foundation's Annual Ice Cream Sundae Sale, serving Mitchell's Ice Cream, will also be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria with art demonstrations by Bay Middle School students.

## Fun Facts for the Bay Bicentennial

- Did you know Reuben Osborn Jr. was the first mayor of the Village of Bay in 1903?
- Did you know that the Oviatt family had a sawmill and fruit basket factory on Cahoon Creek at Dover Center and Oviatt Roads?
- Did you know the Bay Hair Salon is the oldest continually operating family-owned business in Bay Village, owned by the Blaha and Peterson families?

### TURN YOUR PORCH LIGHTS ON!

TO CELEBRATE BAY VILLAGE'S 200TH BIRTHDAY ON 10/10/10, RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO TURN ON THEIR PORCH LIGHTS ON THE 10TH DAY OF EVERY MONTH THIS YEAR.



## Handmade dolls recall past



Crystal Scott displays one of her handmade pillowcase dolls. The dolls are available for purchase at the Rose Hill Museum to help fund the Bay Bicentennial celebration.



## Watercolor prints available

In honor of Bay Village's two hundredth anniversary, the Bay Village Historical Society is offering 295 prints of the historic Community House created by noted watercolor artist Thomas William Jones. The signed and numbered prints can be purchased from the society through October 10, 2010, for \$85. Proceeds from the sale of the watercolor print will be used to fund the restoration of the Community House cupola. For additional information call Carole Roske at 440-871-4797.



# Geology class is really ‘rock’-ing

by Nancy Erhardt

Cleveland State University West Center Geology 100 students are not only studying the relationship of time to the earth; they are also studying the time the entire class has been on the earth.

Professor Heather Gallacher has the pleasure of teaching 11 traditional CSU student and nine CSU Project 60 students. (Project 60 is a University program that allows students age 60+ to enroll in credit classes tuition free if the academic space is available.) The aggregate age of the students in the Geology class is close to 1,000 years young.

The class includes a Fulbright scholar, a NASA engineer, 19 college degrees ranging from Associate to Ph.D. and two students who began their careers at CSU the year the University incorporated in 1964. They were fans of the Fenn College

basketball team, the Fenn Foxes.

“This has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my teaching career,” Professor Gallacher said. “The interaction between the generations is so amazing – better than I ever could have hoped.”

Osama Assad, a CSU senior studying Biology said, “The interaction in our class is excellent, especially the experience sharing. They (the Project 60 students) jumped on me one day when I was complaining about feeling older. We all get along just great.”

Michelle Costanzo plans to study Gerontology. She said she loves working with older people and said she has learned so much from the Project 60 students in her class. She said they are “fantastic.”

Leonard Tower, a Project 60 stu-



dent, said, “The younger people ought to realize that because of our wide travel experience, we find motivation from this class; from what we have seen. I took this class 50 years ago and have found it useful throughout the years. The younger students will find it useful once they begin to travel.”

Mildred Giamatti, another of the Project 60 students, said, “The students

have different specialty knowledge in the sciences and the arts which they bring to each class. It’s great.”

All of them attribute Professor Gallacher for her job in leading this extraordinary group. Joanne Gerhart said that “Professor Gallacher has integrated us with the younger generation,” through her love of the subject.

“Her tests are difficult, but her passion is unbelievable,” said Michelle Costanzo.

James Hutton, considered the father of modern Geology, said “there’s no vestige of a beginning, no prospect of an end.” The same can be said for the coming-together of mind and spirit within this astonishing assembly of Cleveland State University West Center students. • Nancy Erhardt is the Student Services Coordinator for Cleveland State University’s West Center.

## Longest Bay Village resident sought

by Eileen Vernon

The Village Foundation plans to honor the current resident living the longest time in Bay Village at our Memorial Day event in Cahoon Park. If you know of a person that has lived in Bay for a very long time, please contact Gary Heldt, Chairman of the Memorial Day event. Gary can be reached at 440-899-3490 or 216-970-4083 or at Jandgheldt@aol.com.

The Village Foundation will also install and dedicate permanent bronze plaques at the annual event in honor of those currently living in Bay or to memorialize the lives of those who once lived in and loved Bay Village during their lifetime. Donors that contribute at the level of \$2500 or more may request a plaque. Proposals are accepted and the plaques may be ordered anytime before April 20 to be considered for the 2010 program. Those wishing to plan a family event around the presentation of the plaque in 2010 may do so at any time.

Winners of several grants for community projects will also be announced at the ceremony, which will take place at 11:15 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 31, immediately after the services at the

Gazebo in Cahoon Park.

The program is under the white tent near the parking lot on the north side of Lake Road and the public is invited to attend the ceremony and to view the plaques currently installed on the footbridge along the walking path.

The Village Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. There is one annual fundraising campaign. Each year, interest earned on contributed funds is awarded to tax exempt community groups for Bay Village projects.

Proposals are submitted to The Village Foundation grants committee before April 30. The selected proposals are presented to the Board for approval at the annual meeting in May.

Priority is given to groups working on projects that offer permanent improvements to the quality of life in Bay; and, that are not otherwise funded by taxes.

For guidelines and information about the Village Foundation, the grant application process or contributions toward a plaque, go to: [www.thevillagefdn.org](http://www.thevillagefdn.org).

The Village Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. • Eileen Vernon is President of The Village Foundation.

## Dispose of unwanted prescription medications May 8

by Nancy Pommerening

Drug Awareness and Prevention Inc., of Cleveland, in partnership with local and state law enforcement agencies, Parent2Parent, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Home Instead Senior Care has organized Operation: Medicine Cabinet. Their goal is to help residents in northeast Ohio safely dispose of any outdated or unwanted prescription medications.

The event will be held Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clague Cabin in Westlake and the Bay Village Police Department.

This completely confidential program will allow adult family members to visit any listed location, where law enforcement officers will collect and hold all medications. After the medications are collected, they will be weighed by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department before they are destroyed.

“This program helps to prevent our teenagers from joining the estimated one out of five young people nationwide who have already abused prescription drugs,” said Nancy Pommerening, the director of Drug Awareness and Prevention Inc. “Medicine take-back programs also help protect the environment, including wildlife, by providing a safe way to dispose of prescription drugs before they enter the water supply or leach from landfills.”

The Ohio Substance Abuse Moni-

toring Network (OSAM) has identified an alarming trend: Opiate-based prescription drug abuse leads to heroin use, which accelerates high-risk behaviors, particularly among 18 to 25-year-old white males, many from middle and upper income families.

In 2007, unintentional drug poisoning became the leading cause of injury death in Ohio, surpassing motor vehicle crashes and suicide for the first time on record, according to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

“This program is a way to help protect seniors from accidentally using expired medications, as well as safeguarding them from the potential theft of medications from their homes,” said Geoffrey Moor of the Home Instead Senior Care local office.

“I have too often seen the devastating effects on young people who are abusing pharmaceutical medications. Operation: Medicine Cabinet affords us a proactive opportunity to not only dispose of these very dangerous unused drugs, but to educate our residents of the seriousness of this issue,” said SAIC Jeff Capretto of the Westshore Enforcement Bureau Drug Task Force.

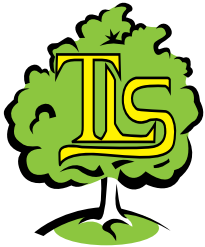
To learn more about Drug Awareness and Prevention Inc., visit our website at [www.DrugAwarenessAndPrevention.org](http://www.DrugAwarenessAndPrevention.org). •

Nancy Pommerening is the director of Drug Awareness and Prevention Inc.

## Seniors pay visit to seniors



Bay High School senior, Harlan Page, pays a visit to the Knickerbocker Senior Center with the students of the Consumer Science class. Joining Harlan and his classmates for breakfast is Mary Varadi (left) and Ruth Trainer (right). “It sure was great to start the morning with all that energy and enthusiasm!” Mrs. Trainer said.



### Tree & Landscape Services LLC

- 🌿 Spring Clean-ups
- 🌿 Lawn Maintenance
- 🌿 Sod & Seed Installation
- 🌿 Decks & Fences
- 🌿 Large Tree Pruning
- 🌿 Tree Removal

216-526-3954



# Meet the Cleveland Wing of the Commemorative Air Force

by Robert Zak

One of the best kept secrets in this area of Ohio is the Cleveland Wing of the Commemorative Air Force located at the Lorain County Regional Airport. The Wing is a unit of the Commemorative Air Force headquartered in Midland, Texas.

The Wing has been in existence over twenty years. Our mission is to bring to the people aircraft preserved in flying condition flown by all the military services during World War II. Another facet is to perpetuate the spirit of these planes

form is doing flyovers at Memorial Day events. We also have flown tributes to our fallen soldiers in the military. Our spokesman contacts the family's spokesperson to see if the family would want a flyover tribute during their funeral or service. This is at no cost to the family as we have sponsors that cover all costs involved. On Memorial Day we will fly over some local parades, weather permitting.

Most of our members come from north shore suburbs of Cuyahoga and Lorain County. The Wing meets at our hangar every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., providing we are not at an airshow.



The Cleveland Wing's SNJ-4 warbird, "The Spirit of Cleveland," flies the friendly skies over Northeast Ohio from its hanger in Lorain.

flown in defense of our nation while establishing an organization having the dedication, enthusiasm and esprit de corps to preserve and maintain these aircraft.

The CAF has wings all across this country and other countries as well. Our fleet's queen of our over 140 aircraft is the only flying B-29 Superfortress left in the world.

In the CAF inventory we have two B-17 Flying Fortresses, a B-24 Liberator, and a number of B-25 Mitchell bombers. We also have a near-complete group of other bombers, fighters, and trainers flying.

You do not have to be a pilot to be a member. Just have a love of aviation and these old planes. For the last two years the Cleveland Wing has instituted a Veteran of the Year program. We have honored two pilots from World War II who flew B-17s in the war. This year our Veteran of the Year program will be held on November 13.

We attend the air shows in the area with the plane that has been assigned to us, a North American SNJ-4. This is the Navy version of the T-6 Texan advanced trainer. Rides in the plane are sold at the shows and also from our hangar.

One very important service we per-

The Cleveland Wing hangar is at the Lorain County Regional Airport on Russia Road.

On these Saturdays we have what we call "Donut Patrol." After having coffee and donuts we work on our plane if it needs maintenance and perform odd jobs in the hangar. Many pieces of military memorabilia are on display at the hangar including a 1943 jeep. We hold our formal monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month at 9 a.m.

It costs a lot of money to keep our SNJ-4 warbird flying. To help cover these costs this year we are having our 2nd Annual Rummage Sale at our hangar on June 10, 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another fundraiser is our 2nd Annual Golf Outing at the Elyria Country Club to be held on August 9, 2010. Call us at 440-323-8335 for details. We will of course be at the Cleveland Air Show in September. We invite all who are interested in aviation to come out and see what we are all about.

For more information about the Cleveland Wing, visit [www.cleveland-wing.org](http://www.cleveland-wing.org).

Robert Zak lives in Westlake and is a member of the Cleveland Wing of the CAF

# Art and artist in Westlake

by Joseph Psarto

What is art? Leo Tolstoy gave us the quick answer when he wrote, "Art is communication." But that is not enough. Another requirement of art is Beauty. However, Beauty is not always beautiful.

This is a concept that requires serious thought. The importance of creating art is partially explained by the Elizabethan poet John Donne who wrote, "for [what] is got by chance, 'tis kept by art."

An artist and his or her work are connected, and the question of artist or artisan might be quickly decided. That was true of my first meeting with DeAnn Harman and her painting, "The Weaving of a Dream."

When I heard that an artist had moved into my Westlake apartment complex I decided to knock on her door and introduce myself. And so I met DeAnn. The first thing I noticed in her home was the painting I mention above. It startled me. And immediately I knew it was art.

A gallant and beautiful oriental woman became the center of my attention. I saw a mystical dancer, not real, but more than real, for she had metaphor in her face, in the slant of her stance, on her clothes, and in the very air around her, all of it presenting the essence of a strong and beautiful lady, an Asian Athena, the Greek goddess of war and wisdom.

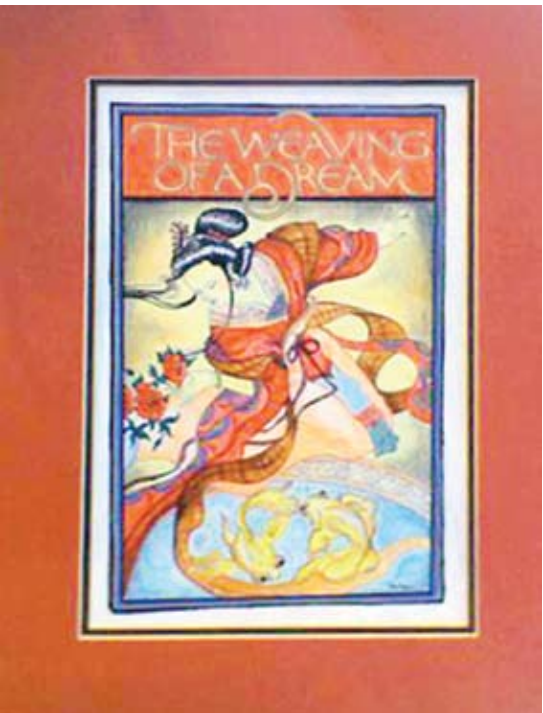
She is dancing in the air and her gown is swirling. I almost expected her to jump out of the picture and stand before me, challenge me. I stepped back in defense.

"The Weaving of a Dream" is executed in pencil, ink pen and marker, and lives on a thick paper, not canvas. Somehow the paper makes the painting "bookish" and hints at a children's story of fantasy and intrigue.

There are golds and greens and whites, and more, all moving about, all conspiratorial. An ogre might be lurking just outside the edge of the painting. At her feet there's a small pool and two golden fish with popping eyes who seem happy enough but, on the other hand, might have just been placed under a spell, a curse, changed from courting princes to water creatures. Is our warrior lady a witch?

The point is that Harman has created a piece of art that forces us to use our re-imagination and – perhaps – remember meeting a belle dame of our own.

The lady in "Weaving" is moving in and out of fantasy. She might whip out at you if you stand too closely. She seems defiant in her presentment. And if you listen you might hear the wiry notes



"The Weaving of a Dream" by Westlake resident DeAnn Harman

of an oriental string instrument and a temple drum beating outside the edge of the painting.

This warrior lady might make you think of battle, or love, or both. And isn't that true of life, the mixing of emotions, especially in the battle of the sexes! Complicated, convoluted.

"Weaving" has the excitement, charm and beauty of an oriental warrior queen. This is not art for the unimaginative. This is not simply a pretty lady, it is also her clothes, her imposing position in the fantasy, her attitude, her strength, her sensuality. She is in command. And it is also about what we do not see in the painting.

DeAnn has been an artist since she was four years old. And her mother was an artist, too. She says her mom was a taskmaster and tough as nails. And now DeAnn sees the wisdom in that approach, for art is many things, but certainly it is hard work. The Russians were close to the truth when they said an artist must suffer to create art.

DeAnn works with watercolors, oils, acrylics, pen, pencil and marker. She prefers paper to canvas. And she prefers a simple and clean framing. She especially loves creating collages and considers them to be representative of life because many things happen at the same time.

DeAnn Harman accepts commissions. She can be contacted at [धारमान@roadrunner.com](mailto:धारमान@roadrunner.com). Perhaps someday the lady in "The Weaving of a Dream" will have multiple existences. ●

Joe Psarto is a novelist living and writing in Westlake.

## POETRY

### Consolation Song

by Gerard Howell, Bay Village

In memoriam Bill Hickey  
& maybe some autobio —  
*Let's trust that  
when hurling hard  
to the inmost self  
of embattled hitter Job,  
often the Lord  
took a lot off  
his 110 mph fastball  
and curve that explodes  
like a bomb -- and  
sometimes delivered  
a very fat pitch.*

## Observer Guidelines

Want to submit an article to the Observer? We'd love to hear from you! Here are some guidelines to keep in mind when writing for the Observer:

- Anyone who lives, works or has a vested interest in Westlake or Bay Village is encouraged to contribute.
- Aim for 300-500 words. More or less is fine, depending on the story.
- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. Your stories will be read by people throughout Westlake and Bay (and beyond) so keep the audience in mind when choosing topics.

- Know you'll be edited. All stories pass through editors who review stories for spelling and grammar. We try to keep the news as "unfiltered" as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.
- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
- Don't write stories solely to promote your business—that's what ads are for.

Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process.

Contact us at [staff@wbvobserver.com](mailto:staff@wbvobserver.com). ●



## Westlake library's calendar of events

**Wednesdays, April 21 (4-6 p.m.) WII WEDNESDAYS** – Come play Wii with us on Wednesdays! We'll feature different games every week. For ages 13-18.

To register for any of the programs, please call (440) 871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>.

**Friday, April 23 (10 a.m.- 12 p.m.) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS** – Socialize, share, and solve problems with fellow needle artists while you work on your current project.

**Monday, April 26 (1 - 7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Monday, April 26 (7 p.m.) A HISTORY OF THE WESTLAKE POLICE DEPT.** – Captain Guy Turner will discuss the department's beginnings as well as its not-so-distant past. Co-sponsored by the Westlake Historical Society.

**Wednesday, April 28 (2 p.m.) AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – The April selection is "The Cradle" by Patrick Somerville.

**Wednesdays, April 28 (4-6 p.m.) WII WEDNESDAYS** – Come play Wii with us on Wednesdays! We'll feature different games every week. For ages 13-18.

**Friday, April 30 (10-11 a.m.) FANTASTIC FLUTE** – The Westlake Westshore Arts Council and the Bluewater Chamber Orchestra present a concert for the flute and piccolo. Features Sean Gabriel; directed by Carlton Woods.

To register for any of the programs, please call (440) 871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>.

## Bay Village student wins Lake Erie Nature & Science Center art contest

by Shawn Salamone

Bay Village student has claimed the top prize in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's 2010 T-shirt Art Design Contest. Nine-year-old Allie Maust's winning design will be featured on the Center's 2010 Limited Edition T-shirt, which goes on sale at Family Fun Fest, Sunday, June 6.

The Westerly Elementary School student produced colorful crayon art, edged in black and featuring a snake, a fish and an owl (animals that all reside at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center) surrounded by the stars and planets from the Center's planetarium dome.

Allie's artwork was chosen from among 15 finalists and more than 100 entries from artists of all ages. Facebook fans, online survey respondents and Center visitors helped select the winner by submitting nearly 2,000 votes for their favorites!

The T-shirts go on sale to the public at the Center's annual Family Fun Fest, June 6, from noon to 4 p.m. The non-profit, donor-funded Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. ●

Shawn Salamone is Community Relations Manager at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.



Center Executive Director Catherine Timko presents Allie Maust with a \$100 cash prize. She will also receive a T-shirt featuring her design once they are produced for Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

### INTERESTED IN SAILING?

If you are in 8-12th grade, enjoy boating and water sports, or would like to learn to sail, consider joining co-ed Sea Scout Ship 41. For a brochure contact, Richard Gash, 440-871-6106 or [skipper@seascoutship41.org](mailto:skipper@seascoutship41.org)



*The Bay Village Historical Society*

**Rose Hill Museum**

Open 2-4:30 pm on Sundays

Free Admission • Gift Shoppe

Located in Cahoon Memorial Park

### Knickerbocker Apartments

is pleased to announce the age limit for residency has been lowered to 55.

Immediate occupancy is available for those looking for an affordable, worry-free place to call home!

Call 440-871-3234  
Weekdays 8 a.m to 4 p.m. for more information.



Knickerbocker Apartments  
27100 Knickerbocker Road  
Bay Village, Ohio 44140



### North Coast Heating & Cooling

440-864-6115

We Service ALL BRANDS  
FAST Emergency Service  
Call anytime Day or Night  
Family owned and operated

OH LIC# 45969 Licensed, Bonded and Insured

**10% OFF**  
any installation  
of furnace or  
air-conditioning

**\$64.95**  
**Clean & Check**  
Make sure your HVAC  
system is running  
safely and efficiently

## Bay Village and East Cleveland mayors to host community forum: 'A Tale of Two Towns'

Current issues and concerns facing two Greater Cleveland communities – Bay Village and East Cleveland – will be the topic of a free community forum featuring the mayors of the seemingly diverse cities.

Moderated by Dick Feagler, the town hall-style forum will be held at Bethesda-on-the-Bay Lutheran Church, 28607 Wolf Road, in Bay Village from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 25. Light refreshments at 2:30 p.m. will precede the event.

Mayor Gary Norton of East Cleveland and Mayor Deborah Sutherland of Bay Village say that their communities have some surprisingly similar concerns, and that much is to be gained by working together to solve common problems.

For more information about the community forum, call 440-871-2276. ●

## Prevent pollution

by Gerard Howell

We'd like much more than an ounce of prevention. And you know the rest of the proverb.

There is still anxiety about air pollution in the Knickerbocker/Dover Center area.

The Observer ran our story of months ago. A more recent one got lost in the shuffle, but there is wide community interest. The bad air that time (11/12/09) came when most people were asleep; a new angle. And warm weather is ripe for trouble.

Maybe we know the identity of the offender. We seek confirmation, though, from the powers that be — so we, too, can monitor the issue. Scores or hundreds of us know the history. And the landlords of one building look innocent and have opposed pollution.

We have been stonewalled long enough. At the very least, we want assurance from the proper authorities that they: have warned the alleged offender; have given him/her some guidance; are monitoring; assure us that it is very highly unlikely that the trouble will occur again. Maybe say so in the Observer.

We realize that the offender may be a hefty taxpayer; so, few want to antagonize him. And there has been no evil lately unless we slept through it. There was one we didn't sleep through, though, alas.

We'll write to Nan Baker and Dennis Kucinich. The White House has answered with a letter that isn't even germane — but that will straighten out. Bureaucracy can fail innocently sometimes in such a large outfit. ●

Gerard Howell lives in Bay Village.



## Making Mountains Out Of Rose Hills: Part II

by Kevin DeFrank

I'd like to address possible misinterpretations from my last contribution to this paper. Based on my attendance at a recent Bay Village City Council meeting, I wanted to provide a logical evaluation of the Bay Village Historical Society's (BVHS) position as it adheres to the Cahoon Will.

I asserted that since the function of the Will was to expressly declare property rights and avoid contention via court proceedings, a lawsuit would contradict the Will. If the Cahoon Will is central to your complaint, then your argument should probably operate within the confines of the document.

My ultimate goal was for the Society to reconsider their "approach." Threatening legal action was an attempt to coerce the decision and a subsequent suit will squander taxpayer dollars. I felt this presented a perspective that has been ignored until now, but that individuals who are not members of the BVHS or the Bay Skate and Bike Park Foundation would find relevant.

The Society basically showed up to the meeting saying, "Let's talk ... but if you disagree with us, we are suing you." I have no problem with the Society objecting to the location, I understand the feeling of intrusion they have; but their stubbornness will cause more harm than good to the community financially and by distracting from more important issues.

Think about what would happen if everyone did this. Keep in mind that unfinished skate park design plans were sent to the Planning Commission for a reason.

In the April 6 issue of the Observer, V.L. McLeod challenged me to explain why objections to previous locations by other groups were okay while the BVHS' is not. As far as I know, the objections Mr. McLeod mentions were not ultimatums the way the BVHS has given, but instead were acknowledged in discussion, sans litigation.

To be clear, the project was sent to the Planning Commission to work out the kinks; if this cannot be done, it will not be finalized. If V.L. McLeod is correct, although

other locations were not as far along, this has happened before.

In the April 6 issue of the Observer, Professor Wendy Wagner said I have "seemingly limitless faith" in city government. This isn't the most brutal of criticisms; however it was a hasty assumption. If I had limitless faith in city government, I would not be a 21-year-old attending public meetings...I would stay home.

She also stated that I have taken the city's argument "at face value" and concluded that they should be immune from challenge. I hope by now it is clear that I felt it was necessary to share my disapproval of the BVHS' poor negotiating skills and irresponsible strategy, not their ability to challenge.

Perhaps my advising readers to read Wagner's letter was too subtle an implication that the site or the decision was not beyond criticism. Moreover, few people know this but it is worthwhile to mention that several days before the meeting I contacted a Councilman to suggest a location that, to my knowledge, has yet to be considered.

I am skeptical that legal expense is synonymous with a willingness to go to court. Wouldn't "legal expense" comprise all advice a city might need and not just legal defense? Nonetheless, if the \$600,000 is entirely related to the city "pulling out the stops to defend itself" on various matters, I think increasing the expense with another lawsuit is a tough sell to the average taxpayer who may not share the opinion of the BVHS that a park will diminish the historic character of the area. I forgot, a taxpayer has no say in this circumstance. Is it fair for residents to finance the opinion of what has become a divisive interest group?

Finally, opposing litigation does not equate to limitless faith in City Hall. Once court proceedings begin, the individual resident is deprived the ability to contribute their input and thus to help directly shape what is going on in their community. How does boiling this issue down to "Bay Village Historical Society v. City of Bay Village" possibly speak for everyone?

*Kevin DeFrank lives in Bay Village.*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Supporter praises Peggy Cleary

To the Editor –

Of those running for Ohio State Representative from District 16, Peggy Cleary is the only candidate who is a life-long resident of Cleveland's western suburbs. My husband and I raised four children and seven grandchildren in this area and have been blessed to have Peggy as a neighbor and a friend. Peggy has served the families and children of our community for over 20 years as a licensed social worker, bringing understanding and assistance to many citizens over the years. Peggy then took her strong skills and passionate voice to a higher level and was elected to Fairview Park's City Council in 2005.

Peggy's work and drive to serve her community was so recognized and appreciated that the voters returned her to the City Council again in 2007 and, once more, in 2009. Peggy would now like to make a difference for all of us at the state level, so she has launched a campaign, supported by many enthusiastic volunteers and family members, to represent our 16th District. Peggy understands the struggles of our families and, therefore, puts her energies first and foremost into dynamic economic and job

development strategies for our region.

Having served on the Northeast Ohio City Council Association Board since 2008, and now elected as an officer of the Board, Peggy understands the larger, regional approach of financially efficient collaboration and cooperation, which makes sense for all of us, and can consolidate expenses and shared resources. Peggy chairs the City of Fairview Park's Finance Committee, overseeing a \$23 million budget, with skills to balance budgets large and small.

With three Democratic candidates running in the May 4 primary, Peggy is the only one endorsed by the Ohio Democratic Party, recognizing her strength, talent and experience, above all others. Many of our elected leaders, local organizations and unions have additionally endorsed Peggy.

Peggy is also dedicated to improving access to affordable higher education, along with health and human services, for our families. For a better future for our children and grandchildren, we urge you to support Peggy Cleary for State Representative from the 16th District.

Respectfully,  
Jane and Rod Reilly, Fairview Park

## One senior's opinion: Skate park debate should be respectful

by Dianne Borowski

Enough already. After six years of hassling over the existence, logistics and location of the skate park, isn't it time to put differences aside and work together for the common good? As a grandmother of small children, I really don't have much of an interest in skate parks, but any activity that promotes outdoor exercise can't be all bad.

I believe there are questions about vandalism, excessive noise, the possibility of violence and concerns about who will clean up the facility at the end of the day. Unfortunately, I am not very knowledgeable about either side's agenda, but I do know for certain that tempers are short and emotions are heated.

I believe a return to civility and respect for others' opinions is in order. After all, if adults fail to observe the rules of good conduct, what can we expect from our children? Obviously, if skate park participants don't abide by the rules, they will suffer the consequences.

Personally, I would want ironclad proof that the skate park does not violate the terms mandated by the Cahoon will. Better to be certain that all is in order, than to risk losing what we already have.

I would suspect the young people using the facility, wherever it is eventually located, would be extra considerate and respectful of the property because, after all, if they can build it, they can also tear it down.

*Dianne Borowski lives in Bay Village.*

## View from the Cheap Seats: Monopoly money

by Alex Dade

Ever lose at Monopoly? I sure have. Isn't it disturbing to see the money you earned passing "GO" eaten up with rent and taxes before you reach Boardwalk?

But you know, losing that money isn't really difficult because, well, it's only Monopoly money after all. The city of Bay Village's Finance Department acts like the city runs on Monopoly money too, as was emphasized to me last Monday evening.

I'm not really sure why, but that night the wife and I intentionally attended the City Council committee session. You should try it sometime. It's frequently more fun than watching monkeys play football, and it was fun Monday, right up to the finance discussion.

This was a long and spirited verbal fistfight about a situation where the Finance Director ordered a \$19,000 vehicle for the Police Department. Only one problem – council hadn't approved the purchase and they're the only ones who can OK spending actual money.

By the time someone caught the mistake, the order couldn't be cancelled. Since our city is operating about \$800,000 in the red this year, I thought this was pretty scary, the unintentional spending of \$19,000 without authorization. The Finance Director acts like he's spending Monopoly money.

I normally find accounting and audit reports boring, but I have been the leader of several organizations with larger budgets than the city and I've read quite a number of audit reports. In the Air Force, I served for several years as an Inspector General, so I know how to both read and write inspection reports and I can tell if the inspectors are painting the picture of a healthy organization with problems or a seriously sick operation.

Wondering if this little boo-boo was a trend, I whipped out my trusty internet access Monday evening after the meeting and reviewed the Ohio Auditor of State's audit reports on the City of Bay Village from 1999

to 2008 (the 2009 report hasn't been published yet).

I was astonished and disturbed by what I found. Not only did the reports paint a picture of serial financial bungling, but of leadership incapable or unwilling to fix the mess. The "who cares, it's only Monopoly money" syndrome was obvious.

In every single year, save 2007 and 2008, the auditors identified instances where expenditures exceeded appropriations – in other words, where the administration spent money City Council hadn't authorized (or some variation of that act). In 1999 there were 97 instances; in 2000, 58 cases; in 2001 they caught the problem 62 times; in 2002 they found 54.

In 2003 the inspectors tested 82 purchase orders and found that one in four had invoices dated before the purchase order, indicating the purchase was completed before it was approved. In 2004 the audit showed \$1.17 MILLION (not a misprint) was spent in excess of funds available.

The next year they found the same thing, but to the tune of \$2.23 million. Gulp. All this time the city's leaders were, um, well I'm not sure where they were, but it appears they weren't paying attention, and certainly nobody was fixing anything because several of the reports identified problems from one year that hadn't been addressed by the next.

In 2006 the report cited three cases totaling \$1.44 million where expenditures were made without proper appropriations. In 2007 (it just goes on and on, doesn't it?) the auditors tactfully pointed out that putting the \$15.4 million estate tax windfall in the reserve fund violated Ohio law. Guess this was news to the Finance Director who knew about the move and should have known better – heck it was his JOB to know better!

This long and ugly record of financial malfeasance with our Monopoly money should concern all Bay taxpayers. It's OUR Monopoly money: We earned it and they're wasting it.  
*Alex Dade lives in Bay Village.*



# Wellness Week at Bay High encourages healthy living

by Karen Derby

Students at Bay High School launched into an intensive week focused on healthy eating and exercise by listening to Dr. Michael Roizen, Chief Wellness Officer at the Cleveland Clinic, co-founder and chair of the RealAge, Inc., and co-author of the popular series of health books that began with “YOU: The Owner’s Manual,” tell students what really happens inside their bodies when they choose the wrong foods.

Roizen showed students compelling animated video that illustrated how blood cholesterol and glucose (sugar) interact to create damage inside the body’s blood vessels. He discussed healthy food choices and the importance of exercise.

“I’m even more nervous talking to you today than I was when I first appeared on Oprah,” he joked, explaining that he knew their age group tended to feel immortal. “You have the best opportunity to live long, healthy lives because you have time – you can commit to the healthiest lifestyle choices now and avoid the physical damage that comes with poor choices.”

He asked students to focus on avoiding harmful substances in their lives and diets, including saturated fat, hydrogenated oils and trans fats, sugar and high fructose corn syrup, processed white flour products, and tobacco.

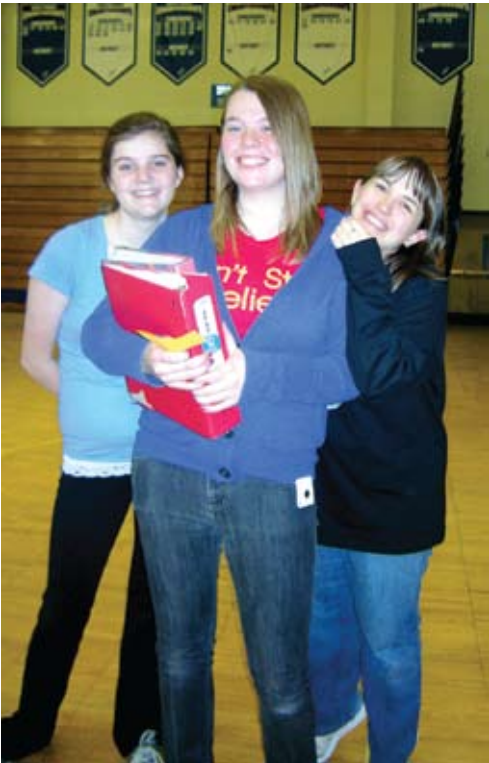
“The Cleveland Clinic has banned tobacco from its campus,” he reported, “and it has eliminated those unhealthy foods from its dining services.”

Roizen made an impression on senior Joey Baldrige. “I am considering eliminating pop from my diet,” he said, noting that Dr. Roizen had highlighted bottled sodas as a primary source of extra calories and high fructose corn syrup.

Senior Greg Conroy appreciated some of the large scale ideas presented by Roizen. “I was

impressed with the strict, non-smoking hiring practice of the Cleveland Clinic that Dr. Roizen described,” he said. “That took some courage, and they’ve probably played a major role in moving Cuyahoga County from an area with one of the highest in number of smokers to one of the lowest in Ohio.”

Students had many other opportunities to assess their own fitness levels and sample healthy food and fun exercise choices throughout the week. Those who signed a pledge to walk 10,000 steps



Bay High students (left-to-right) Lowry Wisner, Nicole Hoover and Lizzie Tomcho pledged to walk 10,000 steps per day, as measured by their new pedometers.

a day were given free pedometers. Many also participated in Zumba exercise, a self-defense class, yoga training for stress reduction and had their Body Mass Index measured.

A healthy breakfast was served in the school cafeteria, and free healthy food choices were available after school from providers including Trader Joe’s, Natures Bin, Liquid Planet, Robeks and Subway.

Bay High teachers Anita Bauknecht, instructor of family and consumer science, and Marian Harmount, enrichment resource instructor, organized the week’s events. ●

*Karen Derby is the Public Information Officer for the Bay Village City School District.*

# Students to be honored in NYC

Three Bay Middle School student artists win National Scholastic Arts awards

The Empire State Building will be lit in gold on the evening of June 9 in honor of the 2010 National Scholastic Art and Writing award winners. Those winners, who will be recognized at a ceremony at New York City’s Carnegie Hall, include three Bay Middle School eighth-grade students: Alyse Arko, Thomas Shelton and Aubrey Theobald.

“Happy Birdie” by Alyse Arko is a linoleum print and won a national Silver Medal. “Thomas Shelton’s “Bunny” is an enamel on porcelain steel mixed media piece that also won a national Silver Medal. A third national Silver Medal was won by Aubrey Theobald for her photograph, “Shoes and Fall.”

This year’s total Scholastic Art and Writing Awards submissions reached an all-time high of 165,000 works of art and writing from across the nation. Out of 11,000 Gold Key



Bay Middle School eighth-graders (left-to-right) Aubrey Theobald, Alyse Arko and Thomas Shelton are National Scholastic Arts winners and will be honored in New York City in June.

works that qualified artists for the national competition, approximately 1,300 creative teens will receive national Gold and Silver Medals.

The students’ art instructors at Bay Middle School, who will also be honored at the New York ceremony, are Ruth Purdy-Leslie and Gloria Wilder. The winning art can be viewed online at [www.bayvillageschools.com/GoldKey](http://www.bayvillageschools.com/GoldKey). ●

# Bay Village PTA Council honors volunteers



Left-to-right: Front row - Jacquie Mayer (Early Childhood PTA), Chrissy Morscher (Early Childhood PTA), Pam Bonnett (Bay High PTSA), Cathy McPhillips (Westerly Elementary PTA), Wendy Mastromatteo (Westerly PTA), Clint Keener (PTA Council Apple Award). Back row - Laura Sylvester (PTA Council), Suzanne Hippler (Bay Middle School PTA), Lis Sobczak (Normandy Elementary PTA)

Bay Village PTA Council honored a number of its volunteers this year to recognize their work done on behalf of the students in the Bay Village City School District.

Receiving honors for their work with various schools were Laura Sylvester (PTA Council), Pam Bonnett (Bay High School PTSA), Suzanne Hippler (Bay Middle School PTSA), Wendy Mastromatteo (Westerly Elementary PTA), and Lis Sobczak (Normandy Elementary PTA). For their work with the Bay Village Early

Childhood PTA, Jacquie Mayer and Chrissy Morscher were honored.

Superintendent Clint Keener received the PTA Council Apple Award.

The event was held in celebration of PTA’s Founder’s Day. PTA Council president Gayatry Jacob-Mosier, and PTA unit presidents Laura Geuther (Bay High), Susan Woznicki (Bay Middle School), Cassia Schell (Westerly Elementary), Jen Pochatek (Normandy Elementary) and Shannon Feizli (Early Childhood) presented the honors. ●

## Do you enjoy the Observer?

Support our community’s citizen-written paper by placing an ad to keep us growing! Your business or group can show your appreciation for the Observer by purchasing a supporter’s ad for as little as \$30 an issue. Call us for details at 440-409-0114.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

View more events and post your own on the Observer homepage at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com).

April 20, 6:30-8 p.m.  
**Bay Kiwanis to Hear Tribe Talk**  
Presentation by Indians executive on the Tribe's new pitching and fielding lineup. Buffet supper included. Tickets \$10. Call Tom Johnson, 871-0445.  
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.

April 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Westlake Garden Club Meeting**  
Westlake Garden Club business meeting starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and the program "Outdoor Dreamscapes" from speaker Marlene Boucher. See how living paradise spaces can be created outside the confines of four walls. Marlene will show how to design the perfect outdoor "room" for entertaining and relaxing. Everyone welcome. Call Sally Knurek, 440-331-8722 for more information.  
Westlake Community Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

April 21, 6:30-8:45 p.m.  
**Scoouwa, an Indian Captive's Narrative**  
Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society hosts Jim Smith, Lorain County Historical Society Educator. Jim will recount the story of 18-year-old Pennsylvanian James Smith, who was captured by Ohio Valley Indians in 1755. During his five years in captivity, James Smith was allowed to keep a journal of his experience, which was not published until 1799. A fascinating story of Indian culture and mode of warfare!  
Dover Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

April 21, 6:30 p.m.  
**Westlake Relay for Life Meeting**  
The Westlake Relay for Life Committee and Captains will meet to go over the schedule and receive sheets for ordering event T-shirts. For more information, call Rick Grane at 440-829-0974.  
Westlake Rec Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

April 22, 7-9 p.m.  
**Earth Day - Renewing our Connection**  
Join us in a Gathering to honor Mother Earth. Partake in prayers, meditation, drumming, music, readings and an outdoor medicine wheel ceremony. A beautiful "Green Spirit" slide presentation by Julia Shutt will present tools with ways to preserve, protect and sustain our environment. Recycling information, seed packets and the first 100 persons will receive a unity booklet "Earth Blessings - Prayers for our Planet."  
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

April 23, 11 a.m.-noon  
**Group for Older Adults with Cancer**  
A support group for older adults coping with a breast cancer diagnosis.  
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

April 24, 9 a.m.  
**BAYarts Summer Registration for Members**  
Registration will only be accepted for summer programs in person. Members who register on April 24 will receive \$10 off each campART. Open registration begins May 1. Adult members can register any time. View schedule and get forms at [www.bayarts.net](http://www.bayarts.net) or stop by office.  
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village  
April 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park**  
The market features the finest farmers from Northeast Ohio providing you with local fruits and vegetables, flowers, bedding plants, poultry, maple syrup, eggs, honey, pork, baked goods, dairy products, grassfed beef and much more.  
Corner of Crocker Rd. and Market St. in Crocker Park, Westlake

April 24, 2 p.m.  
**Bay Village Historical Society's Annual Victorian Tea**  
See the story on page 6 of this issue.  
Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 300 Bryson Ln., Bay Village

April 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Emily's Rainbow Run & Westlake Kiwanis Breakfast**  
See the stories on pages 1 and 2 of this issue.  
Westlake High School Track and Cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

April 25, 3-5 p.m.  
**Bay Village and East Cleveland Mayors Host Community Forum: 'A Tale of Two Towns'**  
See the story on page 9 of this issue.  
Bethesda-on-the-Bay Lutheran Church, 28607 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

April 26, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**An Evening with Westlake Police Captain Guy Turner**  
Working in his capacity as Public Information Officer, Captain Turner offers us a night of education and entertainment as he seeks to enlighten us as to the Westlake Police Department's beginnings. An informative and fun evening awaits. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Westlake Historical Society and WPPL.  
Dover Meeting Room, Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

April 27, 7-9 p.m.  
**BAYarts Gallery Opening: Denise Stewart - "Requiem"**  
Denise Stewart is currently an artist in residence at Zygote Press. Her prints incorporate unconventional materials, such as used tea, fiber and rust. Show runs through May 2.  
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village

April 28, 1-3 p.m.  
**Westlake Community Services: Welcome to Medicare 2010**  
Call 899-3544 to make a reservation.  
Westlake Community Services Department, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

April 28, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Chemo Brain Discussion**  
Following chemotherapy, people often report difficulty with memory, concentration and word retrieval. Combined, these symptoms are commonly referred to as "chemo brain." Learn about this phenomenon and strategies that may help relieve this side effect. Presentation by Jean Alvarez, Ed.D., of the Lake Erie Brain Performance Institute. For more information, call 216-595-9546.  
The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

April 28, 7 p.m.  
**WestShoreRepublicanClubs.com present Matt Dolan, Candidate for County Executive**  
See the story on page 2 of this issue.  
Rocky River Civic Center, 21014 Hilliard Blvd.

April 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Bay Village Bicycle Safety Fair**  
See the story on page 1 of this issue.  
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

April 30, 11 a.m.  
**Westlake Garden Club Celebrates Arbor Day**  
A Flowering Pear Tree, donated by Cahoon Nursery, will be planted in memory of long-time member, Lu Walter, at the Westlake Community Center. Everyone welcome.  
Westlake Community Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

May 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**'Let Your Spirit Soar' Open House**  
The event will be held in Unity Spiritual Center's new 6,000-square-foot multi-purpose building to showcase the center's event and wedding facilities. Activities include guided meditations; labyrinth walking; Tibetan singing bowls; drumming circles; discussions on spiritual topics; Dr. Wayne Dyer's hit movie "The Shift"; demonstrations in Reiki, yoga, and cranial sacral healing practices; and raffle items including landscaping services, scrapbooking basket, and more.  
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

May 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park**  
Corner of Crocker Rd. and Market St. in Crocker Park, Westlake

May 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
**The West Shore Chorale & Orchestra Present 'Elijah'**  
The West Shore Chorale and Orchestra will perform Mendelssohn's "Elijah," under the direction of John Drotleff. The Chorale will proudly share the stage with guest soloists and Choral Scholars from seven Westside high schools including Avon Lake, Fairview Park, Lakewood, Olmsted Falls, Magnificat, Rocky River, and Westlake. Other special guests will include baritone Thomas Scurich; tenor Stan Workman; and boy soprano, Jonathan Scurich. This performance of Mendelssohn's majestic work will be a true intergenerational event featuring over 150 local singers and professional instrumentalists. Tickets \$15; students free. To order advanced tickets call 216-373-7773, purchase tickets at the door, or pay online at [www.westshorechorale.org](http://www.westshorechorale.org). Parking is free and a reception for audience members and performers will follow.  
Magnificat Performing Arts Center, 20770 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River.

May 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Bay Middle School Annual Art Show and Bay Village Education Foundation's Annual Ice Cream Sundae Sale**  
In celebration of Bay Village's bicentennial, four new benches celebrating the history of Bay Village will be on display in the lobby under the mobile. Dedication ceremony for the benches is at 6:30 p.m. Bay Middle School art demonstrations will be taking place in the cafeteria. The Ice Cream Sundae Sale, serving Mitchell's Ice Cream, will be in the cafeteria.  
Bay Middle School cafeteria, lobby, library; 27725 Wolf Rd.

May 4-31  
**Bob Zak's One-Man Photography Exhibit**  
An exhibition of Westlake resident Bob Zak's photography includes color and black & white prints from 1958 to the present.  
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

## North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park

The farmers market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. through November and features the freshest and finest local foods, plus crafts & demonstrations.



Tiffany Leeper, market manager of the North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park, looks over flowers from Uncle John's Plant Farm.



Geoff Balwin Jr. of Portage County demonstrates how to shear a sheep.



Ana Molnar crafts jewelry at the Farmers Market.



Dale Woolf sells apples and fresh-squeezed cider from his family farm.