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## 2014 OHIO ROSE NAMED



2014 Ohio Rose Grainne Mangan is joined by Westlake City Council President Michael Killeen following the announcement of her selection. She will soon travel to Ireland for The Rose of Tralee International Festival's Regional Finals. » See story on page 15

## Expert speakers set for May 6 drug education event

Featured speakers Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons from the Rocky River Municipal Court and Detective Kevin Krolkoski from the Bay Village Police Department will share with parents what they see on a daily basis and provide tips on what parents can do, along with Jennifer Tulli from Recovery Resources, who will also meet students and hold an open discussion session.

On Tuesday, May 6, 6:45 p.m. at Bay Middle School, parents and students alike will have the opportunity to learn and participate in discussions regarding adolescent drug use and what it means to families. The program, "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT," is designed to encourage both parents and students to dialogue and also give them the tools on how to address drugs in the community and teen drug use.

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Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons will be one of the featured speakers at the "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT" event May 6.

## Hyland brings Silicon Valley vibe to Clemens Road



Congressman Jim Renacci, left, and Hyland Software executive Ed McQuiston walk between buildings on Hyland's Westlake campus during an April 21 tour.

by TARA WENDELL

Around here we know it as Hyland Software, but globally the Westlake-based technology firm has made a name for itself with its enterprise application, OnBase. To solidify its identity worldwide, the company recently adjusted its marketing approach with new branding. Signage around the campus on Clemens Road has been changed to "Hyland creator of OnBase" and the international brand name of "OnBase by Hyland" was introduced to represent the evolution of the company from its founding more than 20 years ago.

"When we started talking about how our brand would continue to evolve, OnBase took center stage," Bill Priemer,

president and CEO, said in the company's corporate blog. "Hyland serves as the creator and innovator of OnBase, but OnBase is the star."

OnBase has more than 12,700 lifetime customers across the globe, a number prominently displayed on a large scoreboard inside Hyland's headquarters. Every Monday during a company-wide staff meeting, the board is updated with new customers acquired during the previous week.

In celebration of the company's new direction, Hyland welcomed Congressman Jim Renacci, State Representative Nan Baker, Mayor Dennis Clough and leaders of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce for a tour of its campus April 21.

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## Fifth-graders explain importance of trees

by MARGIE ROSSANDER

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Westlake City Tree Commission sponsored a poster and essay contest for Parkside Intermediate School's fifth-grade students. Essays were limited to 150 words and included information about the importance of trees for the city and its residents.

The students' posters were colorful illustrations of the area's trees and the theme "Why Trees are Important to the City of Westlake." The posters showed methods of preserving and protecting trees as well as encouraging the planting of new trees for shade, erosion control, animal habitats, wind shelters and beauty.

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Parkside fifth-graders plant a Valley Forge Elm in the school's front yard for Arbor Day.

PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

## Spring Green Garden Show returns May 24

by WARREN REMEIN

Set your calendar for return of the Spring Green Garden Show. The Bay Village Green Team hosts the only local event focused on a sustainable city at the Bay Community Garden. Walk, ride or drive to the corner of Wolf and Forestview roads on Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Spring Green Garden Show is free, family-friendly and promotes organic gardening, buying local, sustainable energy and watershed concerns. Experience the beauty of the community garden! Meet your local Green Team and members of the Village Bicycle Cooperative. Ask our volunteers what they have been doing to improve air, water and our city – including the new bike ordinances, improving our recycle efforts, and what zero waste is all about. Find out if your business or organizations can hold zero waste fund raisers.

The show offers free crafts for kids to learn how to recycle materials into useful items around the house or yard. The interactive Enviroscope model encourages learning with real "waste" flow and learn about soil erosion and water conservation. An electricity generating bicycle will show pedalers the energy required to power various consumer items including incandescent versus LED light bulbs, a radio and a fan.

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## Bay hydrant flushing begins May 5



The Bay Village Fire Department will be conducting hydrant maintenance and flushing beginning May 5. Fire department personnel will perform these duties from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays until completion.

Flushing will begin from the east working west, with Lake Road and Wolf Road completed last. Questions about the crew's location can be obtained by calling the Bay Village City Hall at 440-871-2200 or the Bay Village Fire Department at 440-871-1214.

If your water becomes discolored, run your cold water tap until it clears. If any clothing becomes discolored by rust, rust remover packets are available at the fire station. ♦





## GARDEN SHOW

from front page

Kids and adults can participate in a release of domestic doves at noon and watch them fly away home.

Ask the experts on hand throughout the day about gardening, composting and urban beekeeping. Meet local vendors and look at product displays focusing on organic lawn and garden care, sustainable landscape design, rain barrels and organic gardening products. Refreshments will be available.

There will be a silent auction featuring green gardening products and services. Residents are encouraged to walk or ride their bike to the event, and the first 50 people to walk or bike in will receive a free gift. Visit [bayvillagegreenteam.org](http://bayvillagegreenteam.org) for more information. ●



PHOTO BY JAN MAZIASZ

Ellen Shafer, left, and Kate Siliba were among the many volunteers who spent the morning of April 26 at Bay's Community Garden, prepping for the planting season and the May 24 Spring Green Garden Show.

## EXPERTS

from front page

Said the organizers, "We are so very excited to have Donna, Kevin and Jennifer participating in our programs this year, as both parents and their children are sure to benefit from their insights and stories."

To encourage parents to attend with their children on May 6, a contest called "Parent Challenge" was created between the seventh- and eighth-grade Bay Middle School classrooms. Sponsored by Bay Village Kiwanis, the top two classrooms in attendance will receive a pizza party and the winning teachers will win a gift card and be publicly recognized for their efforts.

For more information on this subject and tips on building youth resiliency, visit "Start Talking Ohio" at [starttalking.ohio.gov](http://starttalking.ohio.gov). ●



BVPD detective Kevin Krolkoski will be one of the featured speakers at the "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT" event May 6 at Bay Middle School.

## PARKSIDE

from front page

The posters were judged by the Westlake City Tree Commission members Mary Beth Schneider, Margie Rossander, John Walz, Thea Steinmetz, Diane Morris, Westlake City Arborist Stan Barnard and Westlake City Service Director Paul Quinn.

The poster contest and tree planting are part of Westlake's designation as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Being a Tree City USA requires

the city to meet criteria to ensure the preservation and protection of trees as well as observing Arbor Day celebrations for the community. This is the city's 23rd year earning this designation and was the second year for the poster contest.

Each of the fifth-graders who submitted a poster was invited to the ceremony and tree planting. With their principal Mark Bregar, all these students helped plant the new tree, a Valley Forge Elm, in the school's front yard on Hilliard Boulevard. The elm was chosen as it is resistant to Dutch Elm disease and will provide

shade and beautify the school grounds.

The six winning entries were submitted by Sara Hamed, Gabe Samide, Paul Rossander, Ian Healey, Macey Chatterton and Neil Thakkar. The winners received a proclamation from Mayor Dennis Clough proclaiming their day in the city of Westlake. They also received green and white rosette ribbons from the Tree Commission.

All posters submitted will be on display at the Westlake Recreation Center through the end of April. Congratulations to all! ●



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Parkside fifth-graders were recognized for their participation in an Arbor Day poster contest during an April 25 ceremony outside the school by the city's arborist, Tree Commission members, the mayor and the service director.

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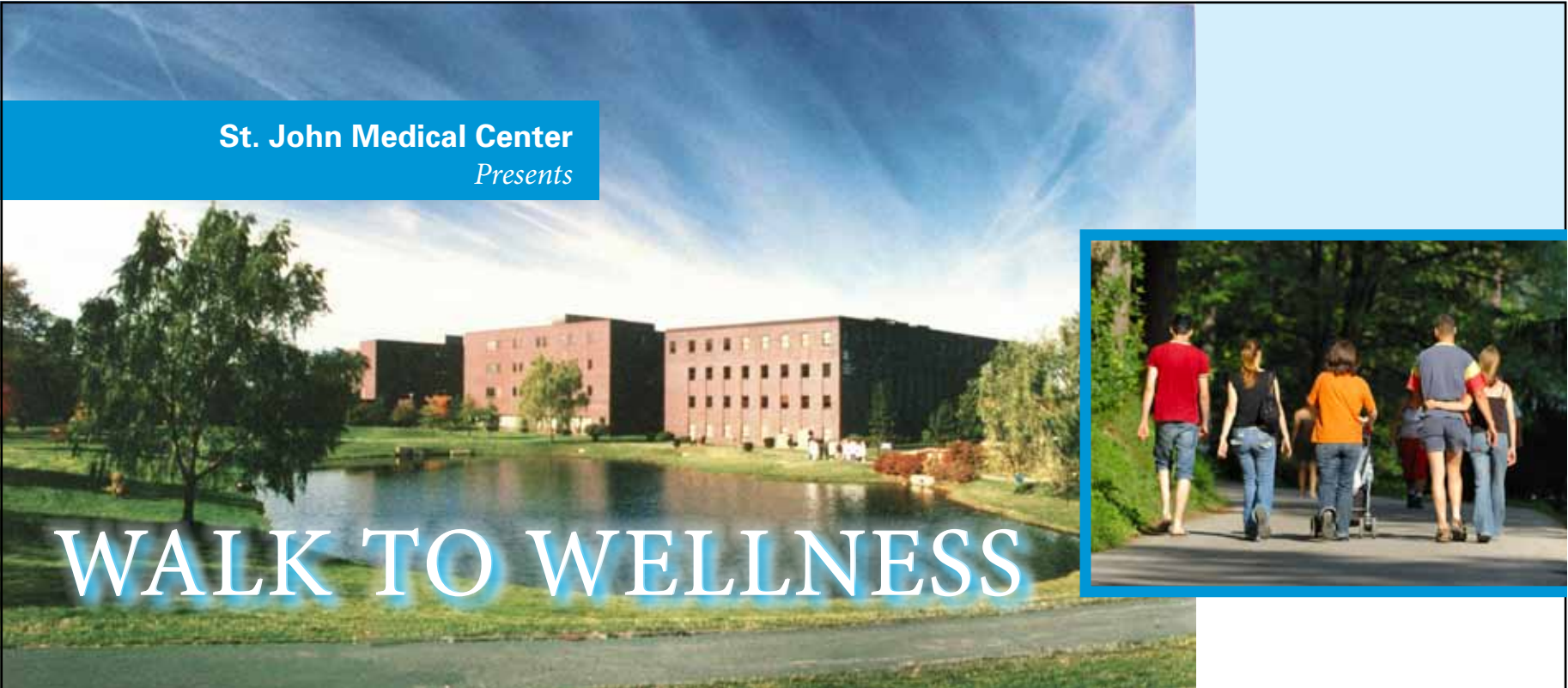
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- May 10 – **“Brain Health ”**  
by Tanvir Syed, MD, Board Certified in Neurology
- May 17 – **“Atypical Signs and Symptoms of Stroke”**  
by Danelle Boomer, BSN, RN, SJMC Stroke Coordinator
- May 24 – **“Managing Caregivers Stress”**  
by Michele Hippler-Brant, PT, DPT
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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

# Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by JOYCE SANDY

We hope all the students enjoyed a nice Spring Break and everyone came back refreshed and renewed. End-of-the-school-year assignments will be coming soon, so don't hesitate to come to the library for books or to find a quiet place to study.

Whether you're planning a trip or working at home, we'll help you find what you're looking for. The last day for storytimes will be May 2 as we take the month of May to prepare for all of the fun summer activities! Summer storytimes will begin again the week of June 2. Be sure to visit the library to see what's new and to attend the following programs.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Thursday, May 1 (7:30 p.m.) THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – Join us as we discuss “Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe 1944-1956” by Anne Applebaum.

**Sunday, May 11 (2 p.m.) SHOW YOU CARE ... BECOME A FOSTER PARENT** – May is National Foster Care Month and there is an urgent need for qualified foster care parents. Join representatives from Applewood Centers as they present information on the requirements and pre-training needed to become a foster parent.

**Monday, May 12 (7 p.m.) CLEVELAND SUMMERTIME MEMORIES** – Join us as author Gail Ghetia Bellamy talks about her newest book “Cleveland Summertime Memories.” What made the summertime special when growing up in Cleveland? Enjoy stories told by dozens of Northeast Ohioans who shared in the same fun and excitement of growing up here. Rediscover some of your own Cleveland summertime memories!

**Tuesday, May 13 (10 a.m.) CLEVELAND HITS THE NATIONAL SCENE: 1930S EVENTS BRING THE CROWDS** – The National Air Races, the Great Lakes Exposition, the opening of Severance Hall and Municipal Stadium all brought crowds to Cleveland. Visitors could travel by train and arrive in the new Union Terminal Station in the Terminal Tower. Join us as the Western Reserve Historical Society presents Cleveland in the 1930s.

**Tuesday, May 13 (7 p.m.) WORLD WAR I COMBAT MEDICINE AND THE FOUNDING OF CLEVELAND CLINIC** – Some of the pioneering techniques in combat medicine were developed by Cleveland surgeon George Washington Crile. As a result of his experience in WWI, he led the establishment of the world famous Cleveland Clinic. This program will survey the development

of combat medicine from WWI to the present. Some documents from the Crile Archives will be used in this program presented by Dr. James Banks.

**Wednesday, May 14 (1:30 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION** – Join us as we discuss “The Art Forger” by B.A. Shapiro.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Saturday, May 1 (3:30 p.m.) G2P: OPEN PLAY FOR FREE COMIC BOOK DAY** – For grades 6-12. Stop in for your free comic book and compete with other teens at LEGO Batman 2, or Infinity Gauntlet.

**Tuesday, May 13 (3:30 p.m.) ROUND T.A.B.L.E.** – For ages 11 and up. Join other teens and do what Teens At Bay Library Enjoy – whether it be completing projects that serve the community, or helping the library or other organizations.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**Saturday, May 3 (10 a.m.) GET YOUR SUPERHERO GAME ON!** – For ages 4-10. Come as your favorite superhero and get in on some gaming fun! Try our superhero Wii games and activities, plus get a free comic book!

**Wednesday, May 4 (10 a.m.) EXPLORATION STATION: FLYING THINGS** – For ages 4-10. Have fun learning about how things fly through books and fun activities at multiple stations.

**Monday, May 5 (11 a.m.) KINDERGARTEN READINESS: ALL ABOUT ME** – For ages 4-5 with a caregiver. Help your child develop independence and self awareness at hands-on activity centers.

**Saturday, May 10 (10:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their preschool children. Join us for a storytime designed specifically for children with special needs and their families.

ALL AGES

**Thursday, May 1 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER** – For families with children ages 8-12. Discuss a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat. Books will be available at the checkout desk three weeks before the program.

**Monday, May 5 (7 p.m.) BOOK TALK** – For grades 5-8 with an adult. Discuss great books and enjoy fun activities, snacks and some time with a favorite family member. Books are available at the teen desk one month in advance..

**Please register to attend the programs on line at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), calling us at 440-871-6392, or when you stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road. We hope to see you soon! ●**

# Check out new worlds!

by SUE GRAME, teen librarian

*What do most people think of when they hear the word “library”? Reading, of course! 2014 is the year to “Reconnect with Reading 365” at the Cuyahoga County Public Library. To celebrate this initiative, the Bay Village Branch will display monthly calendars that include daily trivia questions or quote from books both classic and modern following a theme for each month. Library staff and customers are looking forward to sharing our suggestions from various genres here with you in the Observer in the feature, “What Your Neighbors are Reading”!*

One reason people like to read is to escape from reality. Teens love to escape into new worlds, worlds of technological advances, magical powers, and mythical creatures. In a recent survey conducted with middle school students at the Bay Village branch library, more than 30 students gave titles of their favorite science fiction and fantasy books. And the results are ...

“The Hunger Games” series by Suzanne Collins came out in first place by far with teens loving the action, the adventure, the suspense, and the fight to the death. Lilan C. recommends this series because “people need to realize how lucky we are.” The “Divergent” trilogy written by Kate Egan was the next favorite. Carly E. loved the adventure in it and Delaney C. found the parts about facing your fears very interesting.

If you liked these favorites of the teens as well, you might enjoy trying “The Darkest Minds” by Alexandria Bracken, a book about kids with a variety of psychic abilities that have to band together against the government to avoid repression and death. And don't miss your chance to read “The Maze Runner” by James Dashner before the movie is released next fall!

Many different series came up for fantasy. Teens enjoyed series such as J.K. Rowling's “Harry Potter,” as well as the “Percy Jackson” series and “The Kane Chronicles” – both by Rick Riordan. Zak H. recommends the “Pendragon” series

**WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE READING**  
at the Bay Village Branch Library  
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(SCI-FI, FANTASY AND TRAVEL)

by D.J. McHale, saying: “There's always a mystery to be solved and a constant cliff hanger.” My favorite is the “Ascendance” trilogy by Jennifer Nielsen. It is about a boy king who is full of courage, wit, humor and ... himself.

“The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien was a top choice among teens, as well, for the excitement. Fantasy is Danielle C.'s niche. She suggests that if you are interested in reading Tolkien's “The Lord of the Rings,” that you begin with “The Hobbit,” as the former is a tough read and easier to understand if you read “The Hobbit” first. She says, “Books are simply meant to take you away, let you imagine things and give you a break.” So, give yourself a break today and try one of these excellent teen reads!

Join us for two exciting events this May. Booked for Lunch will take place on Facebook – live again on Wednesday, May 7, for a chance to “talk” books over lunch! On Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., the William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage will present award-winning author, journalist and recipient of the MacArthur Genius Grant, Katherine Boo, as its final author in the 2013-2014 series. Katherine will discuss her book “Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity,” which won the National Book Award in 2012. Tickets for the event held at the Ohio Theatre are still available! Please check our website at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org) or [writerscenterstage.org](http://writerscenterstage.org) for more information.

*Remember to check the Observer next month to see What Your Neighbors are Reading on the June theme of Summer Reading, and visit the Bay Village Branch, 502 Cahoon Road, where the staff would be very happy to give you personal reading recommendations too. We hope to see you soon! ●*

# Westlake board chooses firm for superintendent search

by KIM BONVISSUTO

The Westlake Board of Education approved the hiring of the Ohio School Boards Association to facilitate the search for Westlake's next superintendent.

The Board interviewed three firms for the process, including Finding Leaders in Independence and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, based in Illinois. Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. announced his resignation effective July 31 to take the executive director's position with the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation in Cleveland.

President Carol Winter said the board is intent on finding a permanent replacement for the superintendency before Dr. Keenan leaves the district. Winter and board members also complimented OSBA's community

engagement component in their process and indicated they were very happy with the organization's results in 2007 when the board hired Dr. Keenan.

The board also discussed major issues facing the school district in the next five years, including operating revenues, employee contracts, relationships with city government, the Continuous Improvement Plan, K-12 International Baccalaureate program, Phase II of the facilities planning process, Common Core and administrative hiring.

Board members said they are looking for a strong leader who can balance important programming needs with fiscal responsibility. The next superintendent also should be strong in policy and governance, community relations, curriculum planning, organizational management and value ethics in leadership. ●



## WEST SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Chambers of commerce give away \$10,000 in prizes

by SHARON MATTHEWS

On April 22, over 300 members from six area chambers of commerce attended the Power of More grand prize event which was held at Outdoor Dreamscapes in Avon. At the event, over \$10,000 in prizes were given away including the grand prize of a customized outdoor kitchen from Outdoor Dreamscapes.

Lindsey Jones from The Go2IT Group in Westlake won the customized outdoor kitchen; Mike Patterson from Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co. LPA in Cleveland was the winner of the 48-inch TV; and Betsy McKinney from Herman's Furniture in Avon Lake won a color printer. Many other prizes were given away.

The giveaway was a fun way for the chamber to promote the advantages of chamber membership, while giving members an incentive to attend chamber events. Every Power of More event attended by

members throughout the past year earned them a free entry into the grand prize raffle.

Launched in 2011, the Power of More is a networking campaign that combines the strengths of six area chambers (Fairview Park, North Coast, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Olmsted and West Shore). ●



Chamber members check out the wide-ranging selection of outdoor living products during the Power of More event inside the showroom at Outdoor Dreamscapes in Avon on April 22.



Lindsey Jones, left, from The Go2IT Group in Westlake, with Marlene Boucher of Outdoor Dreamscapes. Lindsey won the grand prize outdoor kitchen.



Chamber Executive Director John Sobolewski, left, and Mike Patterson of Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co. LPA in Cleveland. Mike won the 48-inch flat screen TV.

PHOTOS BY MARK BOEPPLE

## Andrew Mangels discusses customer service in presentation to Chamber members

by SUSAN URANKER

On April 8, the West Shore Chamber of Commerce welcomed Andrew Mangels, director of Westlake Porter Public Library to speak at the monthly luncheon. Andrew gave an overview of the Shep Hyken book "Amaze Every Customer Every Time."

The first impression or experience a customer has with your service or business is "The Moment of Truth"

– the checkout line, website, phone call or billboard. Within that moment, customer service is evaluated in one of three standards – mediocrity, misery or magic. In the "Moment of Mediocrity," customer service is neither good nor bad, it's just OK. In the "Moment of Misery," customer service is mishandled, but can recover. And in the "Moment of Magic," a customer receives something a little better or a little more than they expected.

Mangels shared some tools mentioned in Hyken's book to help focus on customer service. Two examples are: "Act like you own the place. ... Take so much pride in what you do that your customers think you are the owner." And "Play to your strengths. ... The best get better by working on their strengths, not on their weaknesses."

Mangels' presentation reminds us to never stop thinking about customer service in our businesses.

The next luncheon will feature Bay Village Mayor Deborah Sutherland's State of the City address. It will



Andrew Mangels, director of Westlake Porter Public Library, and Susan Uranker, Westshore Chamber president

be held Tuesday, May 13, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at LaCentre, 25777 Detroit Road. Contact Sharon Matthews at 440-835-8787 or sharon@westshorechamber.org for information or to register. ●

## New business

## Mobile studio brings yoga to you

by NATALIE SABIN

The idea to start a mobile yoga business began over a year ago when Rose Sabin, my mother-in-law, and I found ourselves talking about yoga and how it has changed our lives in a positive way. I have been practicing for over a decade and teaching since 2008 and have a degree in health sciences. Rose has owned and operated a successful local advertising agency for the last two decades. Plus, she has four years of yoga experience.

Combining our knowledge and experience, we realized it was time to blow the doors off of yoga and give the people of Cleveland something new. The mobile yoga concept is new to Cleveland, but not new to other cities. Los Angeles, New York and Chicago are already home to many pop-up yoga studios.

We make yoga convenient by bringing it out of the traditional studio and into the community where people are already going. We partner with local businesses such as BAYarts, Crocker Park, fitness centers, wineries, schools and more. Our classes are excellent for students of all levels, whether a novice looking for a non-intimidating place to start or for the seasoned practitioner looking to deepen their practice.

Soul Stretch Mobile Yoga classes are unpretentious and all inclusive. We believe the practice of yoga already exists inside you and it begins right where you are. We simply bring yoga to interesting locations so each person can experience it in their own unique way.

For more information, class schedules and rates, please visit our website at: [www.soulstretchmobileyoga.com](http://www.soulstretchmobileyoga.com). ●



Rose Sabin, left, and daughter-in-law Natalie Sabin are partners in Soul Stretch, Cleveland's first mobile yoga studio.



# Mayor proclaims May as Better Hearing and Speech Month in Westlake

by TRACY BILLER

Mayor Dennis Clough proclaimed May as Better Hearing and Speech Month in Westlake at a presentation at City Hall on April 10. He was joined by six speech-language pathologists from the Westlake community as well as Sarah Rintamaki from Connecting for Kids, who gathered with the mayor to raise awareness about communication disorders.

With 8 to 9 percent of young children suffering from speech disorders, May's Better Hearing and Speech Month is the perfect time for parents to learn how to recognize the early signs of these disorders. Parents are encouraged to educate themselves through the Identify the Signs campaign, a national effort of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The campaign is designed to combat an overall lack of awareness about communication disorders – a major barrier to treatment for the more than 40 million Americans who suffer.

Speech, language and hearing disorders are among the most common disabilities in the United States. However, unlike many other disabilities, these disorders often are reversible and even preventable with early intervention. Unfortunately, many parents do not recognize the first signs of these disorders. In young children, early treatment can help prevent them from falling behind academically, socially, and in other key

areas at a critical time in their development.

“As a speech-language pathologist who works with children, I see the benefits of early intervention every day,” said Tracy Biller, a speech-language pathologist at Lakeshore Speech Therapy in Westlake.

“Unfortunately, I also see the consequences of waiting too long to seek treatment – which is why the Identify the Signs campaign is so important. One should not assume a child will ‘outgrow’ speech or language difficulties.”

In children, Biller said, parents should watch for the following signs of speech and language disorders:

- Does not interact socially (infancy and older)
- Does not follow or understand what you say (starting at 1 year)
- Says only a few sounds or words or makes only a few gestures (18 months to 2 years)
- Says words that are not easily understood (18 months to 2 years)
- Does not combine words (starting at 2 years)



Mayor Dennis Clough, center, was joined by communications disorder experts from the Westlake community to proclaim May as Better Hearing and Speech month in the city. The experts, from left, are: Tracy Biller, Judy Buffington, Ellen Spear, Sarah Rintamaki, Karen Kane, Wendi Willmer and Glenna Greenwald.

Struggles to say sounds or words (3 to 4 years)  
In adults, signs of speech and language disorders include:

- Struggles to say or repeats sounds or words (stuttering)
- Says words in the wrong order (expressive aphasia)
- Struggles with using words and understanding others (global aphasia)
- Has difficulty imitating speech sounds (apraxia)
- Produces slurred speech (dysarthria)

For more signs, treatment information, and other resources, visit [identifythesigns.org](http://identifythesigns.org). ●

## Westlake Day at Progressive Field

by JIM DISPIRITO

The City of Westlake will be hanging out at the old ballpark – Saturday, May 31, is Westlake Day at Progressive Field. The Cleveland Indians will be taking on the Colorado Rockies in a 3:05 p.m. game. Tickets for this game are \$18 each and seats will be located in the mezzanine section in right field.

Any resident of Westlake can take advantage of this program. Flyers are available at the Westlake Recreation Center or online at [www.wlrec.org](http://www.wlrec.org) in the sports or the program section under Westlake Day. Simply click on the link, download the flyer and follow the instructions. All ticket purchases deal directly with the Indians. The tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must use the flyer in order to get this price and location.

Also, one hour prior to the game, the city will be able to march around the field in a parade featuring many of the youth and civic groups from the city. If you would like to be part of the parade, please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420 for more information and reservations.

The best part of the day is the game features a Nick Swisher bobblehead to the first 10,000 fans. So come one and come all to see the Indians take on the Colorado Rockies in an afternoon game and join your friends, family and neighbors for a great time at the old ball park.

More information regarding this and other programs can be found at our website at [www.wlrec.org](http://www.wlrec.org) or by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd., calling us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●

## They Say...

Compiled by DAVE SCULLIN

**They say...** “Meet the Press” is the longest-running TV show in American history. It started in 1947.

**They say...** That President James Garfield could simultaneously write in Latin with one hand and Greek with the other!

**They say...** The hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backwards and sideways.

**They say...** The term “Here’s mud in your eye” is an allusion to a horse race. The losing rider is very likely to get mud in his eye from the horse that is winning.

## Get help researching your Italian roots

by JAYNE BROESTL

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society has invited Tom Cirincione, president and co-founder of The Cleveland Italian Ancestry Organization (CIAO), to speak at their next monthly meeting, on Wednesday, May 21, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd. The title of his presentation is “Finding Your Italian Roots.”

Mr. Cirincione, a resident of Westlake and longtime lay volunteer at the LDS Family History Center in Westlake, has been involved with researching

his Italian roots for a number of years. Tom's group, CIAO, formerly known as POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) meets every other month for the purpose of sharing and assisting each other, in exploring their Italian heritage.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to deal with the unique challenges of searching for your Italian ancestors. The public is invited, at no cost. Program starts at 7 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m. For additional information, email [cuyahogawest@gmail.com](mailto:cuyahogawest@gmail.com) or visit [www.roots-web.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs](http://www.roots-web.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs). ●

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SPORTING VIEWS

# It’s earlier than you think

by JEFF BING

I saw a comment attributed to Nick Swisher the other day about the Indians relatively slow start to the 2014 season, particularly after all the talk this spring about the “unfinished business” the Tribe had to take care of. Swisher calmly replied, “It’s early.”

There’s no disputing his logic, *especially* in baseball. As of this writing, the Indians still had about 85 percent of their schedule to play. The troubling thing about hearing those words – to me, anyway – is that those words are never spoken by a team which has started well; they’re only uttered by those who are sputtering a bit. Allow me to demonstrate:

In the 1960 Presidential Election, JFK shot out to an early lead against Richard Nixon in the voting. My father, a very conservative conservative, calmly stated, “It’s early.” He was right. But Nixon still lost.

In the 1964 Presidential Election, LBJ raced out to an early lead against Barry Goldwater. “It’s early,” Dad stated confidently. Once again, he was spot-on. Unfortunately for him, Goldwater got smoked, in one of the larger landslides in presidential election history.

Coming off a surprisingly successful 1968 Indians baseball season (86-75), and the giddiness which accompanied a successful bid for the presidency by his man Nixon, Dad shifted his prognosticating magic to the ‘69 Tribe, who’d started the season just *slightly* below expectations, at 1-15. “It’s only 10 percent of the season; there’s plenty of baseball to be played.” Of course, he was right – on both counts – once again. But the Indians lost 99 games.

Let’s fast-forward to more recent times, shall we? Dad had long since moved on to that big glass of optimism (which was, obviously, half-full) in the sky. And, although we didn’t always share the same views politically, I was lucky

enough to pick up his optimistic outlook on life in general, and Cleveland sports in particular.

I need only point to the 2008 Tribe, who a year earlier had come within one stinkin’ game of the 2007 World Series, after starting the season 5-10. “It’s early,” I chortled confidently. Unfortunately, the chortling stopped about as abruptly as Jeremy Sowers’ fastball, when the Tribe went nowhere with a record of 81-81.

However, my confidence wasn’t deflated, because we still had the 2008 Browns, who had missed the playoffs the previous season with an impressive 10-6 mark. I mean, it usually takes the Browns two or three years to rack up 10 victories. So, was I worried when the Browns lost all four of their exhibition games? Nah. Was I concerned when they lost their first three regular season games? Okay, maybe a little. But yes, it was “still early.” Unfortunately, I was *very* concerned at the end of the season, when their record read 4-12 (although in Cleveland, 4-12 *does* reflect a “normal” Browns season).

The point of all this is that bad starts often translate into bad seasons, so most Cleveland sports fans are hesitant to jump onto the old “It’s early” bandwagon. Are there exceptions to the rule? Yes, and I will present one of the better feel-good stories of Cleveland sports:

The 1984-85 Cavaliers started the season 2-19. Nationally, they were ripped as one of the worst franchises in the history of ALL sports history, not just the NBA. What did I see with this team? I looked at the collection of misfits, led by coach George Karl and aging veteran World B. Free, and smugly stated, “These guys are horrible. No hope whatsoever.” The Cavs promptly got hot, rallied to finish 36-46, and give the mighty Boston Celtics all they could handle in losing the first round of the playoffs.

Maybe I should start following politics. ●

HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Using senses to reach dementia patients

by KRISTI VAUGHN, LSW

Oftentimes our loved ones with dementia lose their ability to communicate with us the way they once did. This can make visiting difficult, since social visits consist of conversation. Below are some ideas you can try that don’t have to involve a lot of talking.

**The Power of Touch:** Humans are programmed to be caring and compassionate. We are made to give and receive touch. Studies show that touch increases endorphins in our brains. Gently rubbing your loved one’s shoulders or holding her hand can bring comfort and security to someone with dementia. Just knowing that you are there and that you care is sometimes makes all the difference in their life.

**The Power of Smell:** Isn’t it amaz-

ing how the smell of freshly cut grass or something cooking can evoke feelings and memories of times long ago? Many times someone with dementia can retain long-term memories from their youth and these scents can trigger them. Bringing things such as freshly baked bread, a vase of flowers, and/or herbs from the garden are some examples. Essential oils can also be used to stimulate the senses. Dab a little on a piece of cloth and let your loved one take a whiff!

**The Power of Sight:** I am a big fan of memory books. These can be made by using old photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. from your loved one’s past. It is always fun to look through during visits. Perhaps it will even stimulate some memories from your loved one that lead to some conversation. If not, it gives you something to talk about while flipping through the pages. ●

BAY VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

# Blue Star marker to be unveiled in Cahoon Park rose garden

by KARLA MUSSULIN

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors service men and women. The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, as well as in churches and businesses. This program has been active all through the years to the present.

In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs began a Blue Star Highway system, which covers thousands of miles across the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. Large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed at approximate locations along the way.

The program was expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving, or would serve in the armed services of the United States. Memorial markers and by-way markers were added to the highway markers to be used at locations such as national cemeteries, parks, veterans facilities and gardens.

On Monday, May 26, following the Memorial Day Parade, a Blue Star Memorial Marker will be unveiled in the Rose Garden at Cahoon Memorial Park. This marker is a gift to the city of Bay Village from the Bay Village Garden Club. We invite all veterans and their families to come to the park to see this memorial in their honor. ●

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

# Are townhouses in central Bay’s future?

by CONDA BOYD

Efforts to update Bay’s Attached Residence (townhouse) ordinance are currently focused on easing regulations for land abutting retail and commercial districts. Townhouses are already permitted within retail and commercial districts, which include the Dover Center corridor, the corner of Columbia and Eaton Way, and the southeast corner of Clague Parkway. Requirements for other residential areas – which include a 5-acre minimum – will likely stay the same, at least for now.

At their latest meetings, members of the Planning Commission and City Council’s Planning Committee expressed the hope that more realistic requirements would encourage new development. Attractive new development, in turn, would reduce neighborhood resistance to townhouses in other areas of the city.

Commission and Committee members agree on some guiding principles. The highest density of buildings and housing should be in retail and commercial districts. Adjacent areas could offer a transition to lower density residential areas, with the lowest density housing at the east and west ends of the city.

New development should blend with the neighborhood. Proposed regulations limit building height and length accordingly. Impermeable surfaces, including roofs and driveways, must be balanced by green space.

The economics are complex. Attached residences require a zoning change that must pass in the precinct as well as the city. Neighbors may be reluctant to vote for rezoning without seeing a specific proposal. Without the rezoning, developers may be reluctant to spend the money to create a model. Ultimately, the invisible hand of the market will dictate what is built – and what sells. The cost of the land, including tearing down any existing housing, is a major factor.

Without an updated Master Plan, which would include a new survey of residents, the purpose of offering attached residence housing is still unclear. Possible goals include increasing population, increasing the tax base, or simply offering a different style of housing. Walkability is a new “green” goal that may attract federal dollars in the future. All are legitimate objectives, but which reflect community values? Which are realistic?

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is April 29 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Revisions to the 1158 Attached Residence ordinance will be given a public hearing before adoption. Stay tuned for new developments! ●

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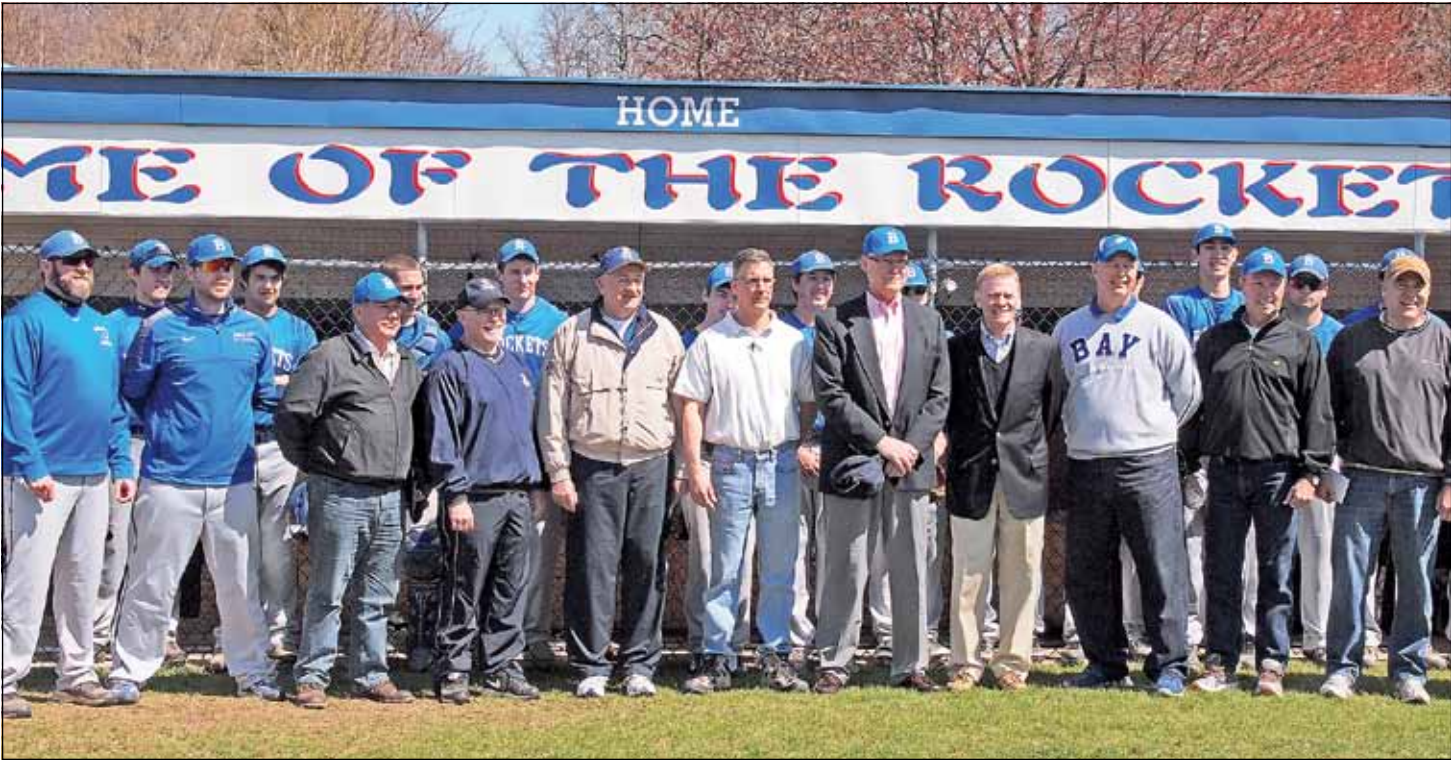
# Bay baseball 60th anniversary celebration and dedication

by GRETCHEN THOMPSON

Saturday, April 26, was a beautiful day for high school baseball. Bay Rockets Varsity and JV teams played on home fields against Avon Lake, immediately following a field dedication and 60th anniversary commemoration ceremony of Bay Men's Baseball.

As Stewart Watterson, director of Bay Men's Club Baseball, stated: "We are really celebrating two milestones today. One is the recognition of the 60th anniversary of Bay Men's Baseball. This is a volunteer group which has been organizing the City's recreational baseball leagues for boys 7 to 18 years old since 1954. The program has stayed true to its goal of 'every kid who wanted to play ball was given the chance' by never turning a boy away for lack of fees or equipment. These are always provided when needed by the families of our community. Several of our volunteers are in attendance today, some of which have served for 30 plus years!

"The second is the rededication of the Bay High's baseball facilities. The Bay Village school administration, Bay Rockets Boosters, parents, and Bay Men's Baseball have banded together to make an investment to significantly upgrade our baseball facilities. Over the past three years field surface, drainage, irrigation, fencing, scoreboard, dugouts, bleachers have all been replaced or renovated.



The Bay High Rockets varsity baseball team and Bay Village dignitaries commemorate 60 years of Bay Men's Club Baseball.

"In addition, through the collaboration of community organizations and vested BayVillage residents, additions have been made to the facility including a new batting cage facility, pitching machines, batting practice screens, and outfield screening. We see this as lasting memorial to our community's commitment to our children's development as young adults and through their athletic pursuits."

Ninety percent of the boys playing baseball at Bay High School today started their baseball career in Bay Men's Club Baseball. ●



RIGHT: The new Bay High School varsity baseball scoreboard.

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## FEATURED STUDENT: Emma Jarvi

*Featuring some of our school districts' great high school students.*

by KAREN DERBY

Bay High senior Emma Jarvi believes she achieved what she set out to do this month when she organized an Autism Awareness Week at her school.

"I think students at Bay High are now a little more aware of what autism is and how students with autism may be different, but that they should be accepted and loved for who they are," she said.

Emma and her crew put signs up on the walls that expressed sentiments like "Autism is Awesome" and "Look behind the autism and you will see someone very special." The signs expressed the positive aspects of being unique and seeing things in a way that is different from how others see things.

She also organized a concert to raise funds for Autism Speaks, a national group that supports autism research and advocacy.

"We had a great turnout for the concert," said Emma. Four local bands, which included six Bay High students, performed in the Bay High cafeteria.

Emma works assisting her cousin, an occupational therapist, in providing exercises and activities for three autistic children. She plans to become an occupational therapist herself. She attributes her passion to working in this particular area of special education to growing up with another cousin who has autism. Emma believes there are many people around us who have autism or the autism spectrum disorder Asperger's syndrome who have not been diagnosed as such.

Emma also serves as a student mentor to a Bay High autistic student as part of the school's

Pupil Assistance in Learning (P.A.L.) program. "We do a lot of out-of-school activities together, like going bowling or just getting a sandwich at Subway. Our group will sometimes have a dance for all our members," she said.

She has also helped autistic children as a Game On Summer Camp counselor for five years, working with Shawn Stansbury, an intervention and autism specialist for the Bay Village Schools.

Emma is a member of Bay High's National Honor Society, the school's Team Africa and H.U.D.D.L.E., a group that mentors elementary school children. She has played volleyball for the Lady Rockets, and she enjoys working out at the gym, walking her dogs and hanging out with friends.

She and her parents, Jane and Aaron, as well as younger sister Jesse, have travelled extensively. Emma was a foreign exchange student in Spain for six weeks earlier this year and the family has most recently visited the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic.

Emma plans to attend Ohio University next year and will major in exercise physiology. She will then pursue a master's degree in occupational therapy so that she can make a career of helping autistic children be successful.

"Autistic children have their own personalities, just like everyone else," she said. "They can be really smart and funny. We just need to be respectful of our differences." ◆



Bay High senior Emma Jarvi

PHOTO BY KAREN DERBY

## Kotowski earns Bay Village Historical Society scholarship

by ERIC EAKIN

The Bay Village Historical Society has selected Bay High senior Pawel Kotowski to be the recipient of its 2014 scholarship award.

Kotowski, son of Jan and Iwona, was selected from a large pool of excellent applicants, Scholarship Committee Chairperson Eric Eakin said.

Kotowski, who holds a 4.00 GPA and is ranked 24th out of his class of 201, will be attending Case Western Reserve University where he will major in accounting.

Kotowski was active in the National Honor Society, Key Club, Project Earth, CYO basketball and many other activities. Since the fifth grade, he and his younger brother have operated their own landscaping company.

"My family moved to America in order to live the 'American dream,'" Kotowski wrote in his application. "I put as much effort as possible into my school work. I took as many advanced-placement and honors courses as possible while still maintaining a 4.00 GPA."

"We are pleased to offer Pawel Kotowski this opportunity for advancement," Eakin said. "With this \$1,000 scholarship, we are helping to cultivate our leaders of tomorrow."

"I am extremely grateful for all your help," Kotowski told the society. "The money that you gifted me means so much to me and my family." ◆



Bay High senior Pawel Kotowski was awarded this year's Bay Village Historical Society scholarship.



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# Cities joining together to make Relay for Life a success

by AMY BREDIGER

We have about a month left until we come together for the first Relay for Life of Westshore. In years past, many cities have held their own events but this year four cities are joining forces to make up the Westshore Relay. Westlake, Bay Village, Avon and Avon Lake have pulled together to make this occasion even more successful. We have worked hard to grow this combined experience into a strong, influential Relay for the American Cancer Society. We sincerely hope you join us Saturday, May 31, at 2 p.m. through Sunday, June 1, at 8 a.m. at Westlake High School.

Our theme this year is “Movies.” Each team will choose their favorite movie and then theme their tent around it. There will be games to play, a DJ, local acts, the Bay High School Choir, food, and movies on the big screen after dark. There is something for everyone.

A reminder that you can go to relayforlife.org/westlake and purchase a luminaria in honor, memory or support of someone diagnosed with cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony is so lovely and peaceful – a chance to honor the fight that all of our Survivors have endured and/or share a tear for the ones we have lost. You are able to take the bag home with you after the ceremony or give it to

the survivor you honored. It is a touching gift.

Our last meeting before the Big Event is Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at the Westlake Rec Center. We are still looking for teams and volunteers. Please join us and help us create more birthdays.

As I wind down what I consider my last year as Event Chair (a position I took when my father was diagnosed with terminal cancer three years ago), I recognize that I will never be able to truly rest. The loss of my father is forever my motivation, but I also learned two weeks ago about a friend that was diagnosed with breast cancer – more proof that cancer does not sleep (yet!).

This journey has been challenging to help rebuild the local support structure around Relay, but also more humbling and rewarding than I can express in words. And despite the fact that my time is limited with two small children at home, I intend to stay strong and fight.

If there is an angel out there ready to Chair the event, or simply learn more about the process, please call me at 440-666-0662 or email aebrediger@gmail.com. I intend to make sure we do not lose any of the momentum we have built, and I will be there every step of the way with that person to help carry them through the transition. Search your heart ... maybe you are that person! ●

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Going smart TV shopping

by TAK SATO

Cathode ray tube TVs, “tubes” for short, used to easily last a decade. When a tube gets older the night scenes may become harder to discern but short of taking a baseball bat to the tube, it continued to work.

I consider smart TVs, just like computers and other electronics, commodities. They have a shelf life where obsolescence is expected due to technology’s rapid evolution cycle.

As explained in the previous article the ability to “stream,” i.e. receive, content from the internet and display it directly on the TV is what makes a smart TV “smart.” This assumes you have, or will get, an internet connection.

I also mentioned that you can make a “dumb” TV smarter through the use of a streaming media player. Today we look at what other specifications are important when comparison shopping for a new TV.

I’m pretty sure that everyone wants, or expects, a nice picture. This means you are looking for a TV with Full HD (1080P) or Ultra HD (4k) resolutions; latter is still in its infancy so programming to show off the high resolution is still scarce.

Nice sound goes hand-in-hand with nice picture but that may be a tall order for smart TVs.

I think manufacturers have to settle for speakers that fit in the thin form factor instead of sound quality. So you should be able to get a movie theater-like surround sound by buying a “home theater in a box” package that includes multiple speakers and other components.

Or you can opt for a “sound bar” instead which is rectangular enclosure with a row of speakers that tries to emulate the enveloping sound quality of a multiple-speaker surround sound system.

Budget is a very important consideration along with these additional decision points:

Size: Flat-panel size does matter and it is relative to how far away you will sit from the TV. Prior to Ultra HD the rule of thumb was to sit about 10 feet away from a 55-inch flat-panel TV. Although Ultra HD has much more resolution than Full HD that you can sit closer to an Ultra HD TV, but not too close – let’s just avoid the nauseating effect of sitting in the front row of a movie theater!

Inputs: You need to connect devices such as cable/satellite box, Blu-ray player, and streaming media player to feed “content” to the TV to watch.

The acronym you’re looking for is “HDMI” (for High-Definition Multimedia Interface) and specifically the number of available HDMI inputs built into the TV.

If you end up with more devices than HDMI inputs, you’ll need to spring for a HDMI switch box, which is like an extension cord in that it allows you to plug in more devices than the TV has inputs for.

Plasma, LCD or LED: These descriptions refer to the technology of the flat-panel. Plasma flat-panels are harder to find in the entry-level (say about \$800 and under) market as LCD flat-panels have overtaken due to manufacturing cost advantages.

Terms such as “back-lit LED” and “edge-lit LED” are just supporting technologies that enable the LCD flat-panels to display images. There is a pure LED flat-panel but this technology is still cost-prohibitive for consumers.

Next issue’s topic: Shopping for a digital camera.

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# Bay Days fireworks raffle deadline nears

by ERIC EAKIN

The deadline for the sale of Freedom Boat Club raffle tickets, to aid the Bay Days fireworks fund, is rapidly approaching.

The winner’s name will be drawn Monday, May 27, at 1 p.m. on the steps of city hall.

The winner will have unlimited use of a fleet of boats at all club locations, which includes the Rocky River, Sandusky and Catawba. The membership also includes reciprocal use of boats at any of the club’s 75 other locations nationwide. The club takes care of all maintenance costs, except fuel. For details visit [www.freedomboatclub.com](http://www.freedomboatclub.com).

The prize, offered by Bay Village native Robert Massey, is an \$8,000 value.

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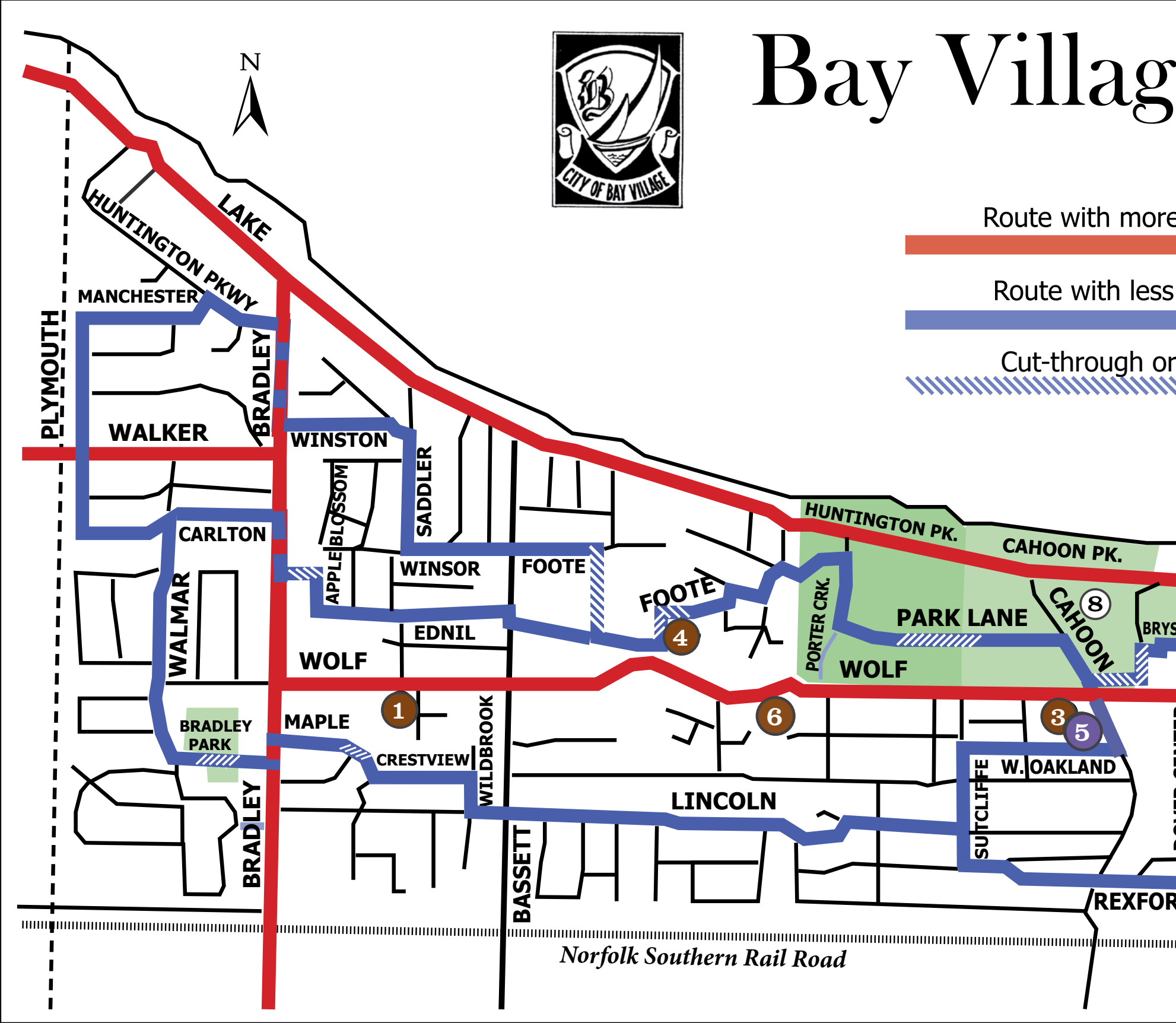
Cleveland Indians game are also on sale. The winner of this package will be drawn on July 4 at Bay Days.

The package includes 16 seats in a suite and four parking passes for the game and fireworks show against the Houston Astros. Four people from the group will be able to view the fireworks from the visiting team dugout. Food and soft drinks are included. This prize, a \$2,900 value, was donated by the Cleveland Indians.

Raffle tickets for both prizes are \$25 each or five for \$100. You may mix and match tickets (i.e.: two Indians tickets and three boat club tickets; please specify). To purchase raffle tickets, clip and mail the form, at left, along with a check payable to Village Foundation Fireworks Fund. Tickets are also available at [www.bayfireworks.org](http://www.bayfireworks.org) or by calling 216-386-5997, or emailing [info@bayfireworks.org](mailto:info@bayfireworks.org). ●

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# New Bay Bike Ordinances Focus on Safer Cycling

by PATRICK MCGANNON

In 1990, the Federal Highway Administration described bicycling and walking as “the forgotten modes of transportation.” Between the years 1980 and 1990, the number of people in the U.S. utilizing these two forms of transportation for commuting dropped from a combined 6.7 percent to 4.4 percent. This was attributed to a lack of planning, policy, funding and engineering by the federal, state and local governments.

The same year, the U.S. Department of Transportation adopted a new national transportation policy that specifically sought to increase biking and walking in the U.S. The policy encouraged engineers to accommodate biking and walking within the planning and implementation phases of urban and suburban transportation projects. The policy also encouraged states and municipalities to increase the safety of bikers and walkers within the transportation system.

Over the next 10 years, massive federal studies were performed in order to find safer ways to increase these non-motorized forms of transportation. As a result of this 1990 national bike policy, an era of incorporating safer cycling into roads throughout the country began.

This new national policy encouraged states and municipalities to update their laws to reflect the view of bicycles as vehicles and to define safe and uniform rules for the use of bicycles on roads. In 2006, Ohio legislators responded by passing House Bill 389. The law defined bicycles as vehicles and provided a comprehensive set of safer, uniform, bike laws. This bill also prohibited municipalities

within Ohio from having non-uniform ordinances and prohibited them from outlawing biking on any public roads, other than highways that contain overpasses.

It was at this point that Bay Village’s existing bike ordinances came into conflict with Ohio law and national policy.

Therefore, in June 2013, the Village Bicycle Cooperative, Bike Cleveland, Bay Village Green Team, and Bay Skate and Bike Park Foundation first introduced, to Bay Village City Council’s Environment and Safety Committee, a draft replacement of the entire chapter of ordinances governing bicycles in Bay Village.

Furthermore, a series of updated motor vehicle laws was presented to govern how motor vehicles operators should interact with bicycles on the road. The four sponsors’ main goals were to increase the safety of cyclists and to restore uniform rules of the road, thereby helping make Bay Village a safer and more bicycle-friendly city. Almost the entire proposal was mirroring Ohio Revised Code wording.

Uniform rules of the road is the practice of having laws governing road users be consistent as one travels from city-to-city and state-to-state. The Ohio Revised Code, in ORC 4511.07(A)(8), specifically states that, “no such regulation shall be fundamentally inconsistent with the uniform rules of the road prescribed by this chapter...” when addressing municipalities’ ability to regulate bicycles. Prior to the passing of the updated Bay bike ordinances, Bay’s ordinances were inconsistent with state uniform rules of the road. This was a source of confusion and potential danger

for those traveling through the city on bike.

After nine months of council committee meetings, reviews by the law director and the chief of police, input from the sponsors, input from the public, and three full formal city council readings, the original proposal was passed on March 24 with only a few changes. A more bike-friendly, safety-focused and uniform set of bike laws now exists in Bay. Furthermore, the city’s bike laws are now consistent with state law and the laws governing bicycles in most states across the U.S. A summary of the bike laws for cyclists and motor vehicle drivers can be found in the chart on this page.

Several of the non-uniform ordinances that have been removed from the books include the mandatory bike registration, the prohibitions of biking on certain streets within Bay, the requirement of riding within three feet of the curb, the requirement of a bell or horn, and the requirement to ride single-file on all streets (although single file is still required on Lake Road).

The mandatory bike registration has been replaced by an optional, free, bike registration, available at both the Village Bicycle Cooperative and at the Bay Village Police Station. The city’s bike registration, which Bay residents are encouraged to use, helps the police department find the owners of recovered bicycles.

If you would like to learn more about safe riding practices, the new bike laws, or are interested in taking a day-long, on-road, traffic skills safety course, taught by a nationally certified bike instructor, please contact Village Bicycle Cooperative at [patrick@villagebicycle.org](mailto:patrick@villagebicycle.org). ●



# e Bicycle Routes

- e traffic
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- 1 Westerly Elementary School
- 2 Normandy Elementary School
- 3 Bay Village Middle School
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RALEIGH



This map of Bay’s bicycle routes was created by the Village Bicycle Cooperative and Bay Skate & Bike Park Foundation in partnership with the city of Bay Village and the Bay Village Green Team. It was made possible by a grant from Raleigh Bicycles. Copies will be available at Village Bicycle Cooperative, City Hall and Bay Library.

## BAY VILLAGE BIKE LAWS

### LAWS FOR ALL BIKE RIDERS

- Sidewalk riding is allowed on all sidewalks, unless signs indicate otherwise.
- Street riding is legal on all streets.
- Parents must review all laws with their children.
- Riding between sunset and sunrise, or when it is raining, requires a white light on front and red light on back. Both must be visible from at least 500 feet. Also required are a white reflector on front and red reflector on back.
- Texting while riding is prohibited.
- Earphones, if used, allowed in one ear only.
- One person per seat.
- Must have a functional brake.
- Riders must have at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- No attaching oneself to another vehicle.
- A bicycle may be equipped with a device capable of giving an audible signal, except for sirens or whistles.
- Park bicycles in a manner that avoids interfering with vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic and does not block doorways to buildings. Use racks when provided.

### LAWS FOR RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

- Give audible warning when passing pedestrians or other bicycles.
- Walk bike when sidewalks are congested with pedestrians.
- Slow to a pedestrian speed when approaching a street crossing or driveway with occupied motor vehicles.
- If approaching a blind person with a cane, dismount your bike and walk bike past that person.
- Do not leave the sidewalk suddenly and enter the street without yielding right of way to vehicles on the street.

### LAWS FOR RIDING ON STREETS

- Obey all vehicular traffic laws, signs, signals and lane markings.
- Ride with traffic, NEVER against.
- Ride as near to the right as is practicable and safe, but leave enough room so that you can veer right around obstacles. \*Veering left around obstacles is dangerous because it puts you in the potential path of a passing motor vehicle.
- When safe to do so, be predictable to others by riding in a straight line, avoiding unnecessary swerving or zig-zagging.
- No trick riding.
- When approaching an intersection, turn-only lanes should be used only if you intend to turn. Otherwise, ride in the right-most lane marked for your desired direction of travel.
- No more than two abreast, except on Lake Road where you must ride single-file.
- Yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians in the street.
- Hand signals are required when turning or changing lanes, except when in a designated turn lane or if both hands are needed for the safe operation of the bicycle.
- Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when riding in the street.

### LAWS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS

- Allow a minimum of 3 feet when passing a bicycle. Allow a minimum of 6 feet passing if driving a commercial vehicle. (Ohio law allows vehicles to travel over a double yellow line to pass a vehicle moving at less than half the speed limit, but only if it can be done safely.)
- Do not pass other vehicles, including bicycles, within 100 feet of an intersection.
- When passing a bicycle, the motor vehicle must be a safe distance past the bicycle before making a right turn.
- When turning left, yield right of way to bicycles approaching from the opposite direction.
- Yield right-of-way to bicycles when opening car doors on the street.
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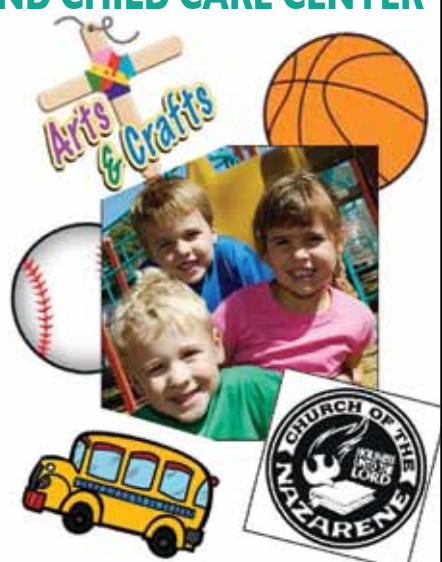
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# 2014 Ohio Rose named in Westlake celebration

by KATHY LUENGO

The high point of the annual Northern Ohio Rose Selection Celebration held in Westlake on April 25 was the announcement of Miss Grainne Mangan as the 2014 Ohio Rose. The West

Park resident's selection topped an evening of Irish-themed entertainment and local tradition. When Master of Ceremonies Dan Coughlin pronounced the results of the judges' selection, Mangan was congratulated by 2013 Ohio Rose Kelsey Higgins

and fellow finalist Annemarie Cunningham, of Sheffield Village. Roses on hand to share the special moment were fellow Ohio Roses: Rose Ashley Speaker (2012), Bridget Linton (2011) and Annie Dunne (2009), as well as Kentucky Roses Claire Curran (2014) and Savannah Miller (2013.) Other former Roses present were 1981 Ohio Rose Maureen Hennessey and the 1971 International Rose of Tralee Linda (McCravy) Shubeck. An elegant setting at LaCentre provided the backdrop for a festive event, one of dozens of local Rose selections held throughout the world leading up to Festival's second of three selection rounds, the Regional Finals, that are scheduled for late May in Portlaoise, Ireland. The final round of selection takes place in Tralee, in August. There, 32 finalists from around the globe will seek the title of "2014 International Rose of Tralee." The month of May will be especially busy for the newly named 2014 Ohio Rose. Miss Mangan, an alumna of St. Joseph Academy, is graduating from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and a minor in marketing. The excitement felt upon the announcement of her selection will extend through her commencement ceremonies and as she prepares to travel to Portlaoise. Westlake World Partners, the non-profit formed to support educational, cultural and civic exchange between

Westlake and its Sister Cities of Tralee, Ireland, and Kingsville (Ontario), Canada, hosts the Northern Ohio Rose Centre in affiliation with The Rose of Tralee International Festival. The selection event is its annual fundraiser. A special guest attending the April 25 local Rose selection was Anne Moran, an educator from Tralee, who attended the selection event as a prelude to spending a week visiting Westlake City Schools. She was joined by Westlake educator Colleen Mudore, who visited Tralee last October, updating students via her blog. The educators exchange was made possible by the efforts of Westlake World Partners and ongoing support of event sponsors and attendees. Funding also helped to support a February trip by 2013 Ohio Rose Kelsey Higgins who joined the Festival's goodwill delegation to the Vesnova Children's Mental Asylum in Belarus in cooperation with Adi Roche's Chernobyl Children International, based in Ireland. Pat O'Brien Jr., of Pat O'Brien Chevrolet in Westlake, was this year's recipient of the Westlake World Partners Founders award that is bestowed upon individuals based on their contributions to the Northern Ohio Rose Centre. O'Brien was recognized for his unwavering contributions to the event and community spirit. A donation on his behalf was presented to Youth Challenge, a Westlake-based organization providing recreational opportunities to developmentally and physically disabled youth. ●



A bouquet of homegrown Ohio "Roses" includes: Kelsey Higgins (2013), Grainne Mangan (2014), Bridget Linton (2011) and Ashley Speaker (2012.) "Once a Rose, always a Rose," is a theme that resonates throughout the Rose experience, and each Rose's title is hers to keep forever.

# Yumming it up for a great cause

by MAGGIE MILLET, third-grader at Westerly School

At Westerly Elementary School in Bay Village, Ms. Holinek's third-grade class learned a lesson in economics that turned into a lesson of the heart. Production, consumption and transfer of wealth were among the many skills learned through the sale of cupcakes. The process of advertising was the first step of the economic lesson. The students made flyers and posters with mouth-watering pictures of their favorite looking cupcakes. Next, kindhearted parents donated unfrosted chocolate and vanilla cupcakes, delicious frosting and most importantly their time. The day before the sale the students put forth a lot of hard work frosting and decorating about

600 cupcakes to be ready to sell on Tuesday, April 15. By the next day, the cupcakes were sold out! The students learned that hard work really pays off, because they sold about 600 cupcakes at 50 cents apiece raising \$300 dollars in sales and donations. Finally, the best lesson learned was that of the heart. The entire proceeds were donated to Rainbow Babies and Children Hospitals of Cleveland who have helped many children find hope. The charitable contribution by Ms. Holinek's class was, in fact, very important because one third-grade student in their class recently spent time in the hospital there. The third-graders in Ms. Holinek's class learned that economics is much more than just a lesson of transferring money, but an assignment of the heart as well. ●



Westerly third-grader Maggie Millet is shown here (inset) with the poster she made to help promote her class cupcake sale.

## SENIOR LIVING

# Bradley Bay hosts Westlake Chinese Cultural School art show



Miranda Li, president of the WCCC Student Council; Mayor Debbie Sutherland; Mayor Dennis Clough; Hazel Li, board member of WCCC; Amanda Li; and Carol Winter, president of the Westlake school board.

by DONNA D'AMICO

On April 12, the student council of the Westlake Chinese Cultural School (WCCC) held the opening of their art show at Bradley Bay Health Center's assisted living facility. Approximately 75 children, parents and their guests attended the opening. Also in attendance were Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland and Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, along with school board members from Westlake and the WCCC. The residents of Bradley Bay were thrilled to be able to enjoy the wonderful art on display. Artwork was separated into three age categories, and first, second and third place prizes were awarded in each. Judging was conducted by area art professionals. ●



# Westlake Garden Club celebrates Arbor Day

by JEAN SMITH

More than a dozen people braved the rain and chilly temperatures on Friday, April 25, to celebrate Arbor Day and the planting of a tree by the Westlake Garden Club. A Concolor Fir tree was planted at the Founders' Walk in Clague Park again this year.

This is the third Concolor Fir the garden club has planted at this location. At a recent meeting of the garden club, President Regina McCarthy stated that the club has planted a tree almost every year of its 50 years existence, to which a club member remarked, "that would be a forest!"

Club member Kathy Molner, who coordinated the Arbor Day celebration for more than 20 years, was not able to attend, but other club members and guests were present along with Mayor Dennis Clough, Director of Public Service Paul Quinn and Urban Forestry Manager Stan Barnard.

The involvement and support of local organizations, like the Westlake Garden Club, in planting trees for Arbor Day helps the city of Westlake maintain the status of a "Tree City USA." Mayor Clough presented a proclamation to the garden club recognizing Arbor Day 2014 in the city of Westlake.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to Cahoon Nursery for again donating the tree and for their continued support and involvement over the years. Thank you to the mayor, representatives from the city, garden club members and guests for attending the Arbor Day celebration. ●



Members of the Westlake Garden Club, above, with help from Mayor Dennis Clough, pictured at right, planted a Concolor Fir tree in Clague Park for the third year in celebration of Arbor Day on April 25.



PHOTOS BY TARA WENDELL

# Westlake Garden Club wins 4 awards

by REGINA MCCARTHY

Sometimes lost among the flowers, plants and environmental concerns is the recognition there is also a business side to the Westlake Garden Club. Four awards were presented to our Club by the Garden Club of Ohio/The National Garden Club at the GCO's Spring 2014 District Meeting.

Adhering to strict NGC/GCO rules for presentation, design, appearance and educational achievement, our newsletter, the "Garden Scoop," won first place in the

Cleveland District; and our website, westlakegardenclub.org, won a statewide third-place award!

Two district Honorable Mention awards were also received: Publicity and Press, including quality, quantity and diversity; and the Member YearBook for its structure, arrangement and the long list of Club programs and civic projects.

To a proud member, we salute Second Vice President, Jean Smith, for her diligence and hard work, creativity and concise writing that went into winning these awards for our Club. ●

Jean Smith, right, Westlake Garden Club's second vice president and newsletter editor, receives awards from Helen Vladic, Garden Club of Ohio district director.



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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Wednesday, April 30 (10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE!** – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing for children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Space is limited, so please arrive early enough to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, April 30 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW! READ TO UNCLE CHOW CHOW!** – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with Uncle Chow Chow, our reading dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3 p.m.

**Friday, May 2 (10-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OR 1-2 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS “TEACH ME TO PLAY”** – Experts from the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities will lead this playgroup for children 3-6 years (siblings welcome). Its focus is teaching parents how to help their children engage in play and interact with peers, and positively discipline through hands-on modeling techniques. Caregiver must stay in the room. You must RSVP for the playgroup by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

**Friday, May 2 (4-5 p.m.) WEIRD SCIENCE** – Learn science while having fun! Our interactive after-school science program teaches fundamental principles in an entertaining format. Students will participate in hands-on experiments that they can reproduce at home. Ages 8-12.

**Saturday, May 3 (Siblings, ages 1-6: 9:30-10 a.m.) (Preschool, ages 3-6: 10:30-11 a.m.) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – Connecting for Kids and the Music Therapy Enrichment Corps will teach parents and caregivers how to have a direct role in bringing music

to life at home, at school, and in the community. You must RSVP for the session by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

**Saturday, May 3 (2-4 p.m.) CARRYOUT CRAFTS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what each day’s featured craft is! Tables will be set up with all of the supplies needed.

**Saturday, May 3 (2-3:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP** – Parent discussion group led by a local pediatric expert. Childcare is offered but space is limited. You must RSVP by calling 440-250-5563. Topics are listed at [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org).

**Saturday, May 3 (3-5 p.m.) MAD 4 MANGA** – Each month we watch a different Anime series and talk about our favorite Manga. Sometimes we even throw in some crafts, Manga drawing or Japanese treats! Grades 7-12 only.

**Monday, May 5 (4-5:45 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! Grades 7-12.

**Monday, May 5 (7-8:30 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE** – “Gravity” starring Sandra Bullock. A gutsy astronaut struggles to stay alive after a disaster in space. Rated PG-13. Please register.

**Tuesday, May 6 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: REINVENTING YOURSELF** – What are you waiting for? What is getting in the way of your process? What do you have the most fun doing? This workshop explores questions that get you engaged and excited and will assist you with beginning to develop your own future.

**Tuesday, May 6 (7-8:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS COFFEE & CHAT** – Parent support group for families who have a question or concern about their child’s development. See topic at [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org).

**Wednesday, May 7 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** – Stop by for free genealogy help!

**Wednesday, May 7 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW! READ TO UNCLE CHOW CHOW!** – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with Uncle Chow Chow, our reading dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3 p.m.

**Thursday, May 8 (1-7 p.m.) – AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Friday, May 9 (Siblings, ages 1-6: 9:30-10 a.m.) (Toddler, under age 3: 10:30-11 a.m.) (Preschool, ages 3-6: 11:30 a.m.-noon) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – Connecting for Kids and the Music Therapy Enrichment Corps will teach parents and caregivers how to have a direct role in bringing music to life at home, at school, and in the community. You must RSVP for the session by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

**Friday, May 9 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. Teaches sharing and socialization. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome! Registration begins one week before each session.

**Saturday, May 10 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) POKEMON LEAGUE** – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play! For kids ages 6-12 only. Please, no younger siblings. Registration begins

one week before each session.

**Saturday, May 10 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB** – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-12.

**Monday, May 12 (4-5:45 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE** – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! Grades 7-12.

**Monday, May 12 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) THE FAULT IN OUR STARS BOOK CLUB** – Read John Green’s bestselling book before the movie’s out! We’ll read and discuss the heartbreaking story of cancer patient Hazel Grace Lancaster that has become a worldwide phenomenon. Please register. Pick up your copy of the book at the Youth Services desk. Grades 7-12.

**Tuesday, May 13 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: THINK LIKE AN ENTREPRENEUR** – A little entrepreneurial zeal can give you a distinct advantage in your professional life, whether you think you would ever strike out on your own or not. Train yourself to think like an entrepreneur – learn to apply the process in daily life.

**Tuesday, May 13 (7-8 p.m.) COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING** – Learn how to write the best essay you can by honing your essay writing skills and getting expert tips from Patty Saddle of the College Planning Center. Open to students and parents. Please register starting May 6.

**Tuesday, May 13 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – In May we’ll discuss “The Storyteller” by Jodi Picoult.

**To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit [westlakelibrary.org](http://westlakelibrary.org):8080. ●**

## Ames Family Hospice House residents among those benefiting from June 8 walk

by LAURIE HENRICHSEN

Residents of Westlake and Bay Village are encouraged to gather family and friends and register for the third annual Walk to Remember at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Honorary Chair for this year’s event is Monica Robins, senior health correspondent, WKYC-TV Channel 3. Sponsored by First-Merit Foundation, the event will be held Sunday, June 8, 8 a.m. to noon. Over 2,000 participants are expected to enjoy the leisurely walk through the zoo celebrating the memory of their loved ones.

The event benefits patients and families cared for by Hospice of the Western Reserve at home and in assisted living and nursing facili-

ties, as well as residents of Ames Family Hospice House located just off Crocker Road. Registration is \$20 for an individual and \$60 for a family. Children’s admission is \$10. Registration includes all-day admission at the Zoo and Rainforest, T-shirts, snacks and live musical entertainment. To register, visit [hospicewr.org/walk](http://hospicewr.org/walk).

“This is our most important fundraising event of the year and allows us to offer special services for our patients and families that are not fully funded under Medicare or private insurance,” said Westlake resident Elizabeth White, volunteer service manager for the nonprofit agency’s Lorain County office. “Many of the volunteers, nurses, social workers, spiritual care coordinators and therapists from our Westlake and Lorain

County hospice teams walk each year to pay tribute to those we have cared for in our community.” The event is open to anyone wishing to honor and celebrate the memory of a loved one; no hospice connection is necessary.

All proceeds stay within Northern Ohio to help seriously ill patients and their families by helping to fund compassionate services not fully covered by Medicare or private insurance such as grief counseling, pediatric hospice care, music and art therapy and the school crisis grief support program.

For more information or assistance with the online registration process, email Walk to Remember coordinator Bridget Murphy at [bmurphy@hospicewr.org](mailto:bmurphy@hospicewr.org), or call her at 216-383-3715. ●

## Porter Library offers special Friday night family concert

Westlake Porter Public Library invites area families to enjoy musician Laura Doherty in a special Friday evening family concert on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. Doherty’s acoustic concert will feature breezy folk-pop tunes for the whole family.

Doherty is a nationally touring children’s recording artist and award-winning producer. She has recorded three albums, including the Parents’ Choice Award-winning “Kids in the City.” Prior to recording her own original music, Doherty was a member of the staff of the Old Town School of Folk Music, and was director of its early-childhood Wiggleworms program.

Tickets for the concert will be available in the Youth Services Department starting May 9, and are limited to six per adult.

Please call 440-871-2600 or visit [westlakelibrary.org](http://westlakelibrary.org):8080 with questions or for details. ●



## Kiwanis help make disabled children happy

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Instead of a regular monthly meeting, Westlake Kiwanis volunteered at a workshop at Westlake Porter Public Library on April 15. They partnered with Replay for Kids adapting new and gently used toys for children with disabilities who would not otherwise be able to use these toys because of various disabilities.

The workshop was conducted by Natalie Wardega, director of operations for Replay for Kids, an organization of volunteers who repair and adapt toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities in Northeast Ohio. Natalie gave a short overview of their program. She then gave

lessons on how to adapt toys with various bypass switches and jack plugs which makes the toys operational in many different ways. Some toys can now be operated by blowing into them or by the touch of the side of the head or use of other body parts without having to maneuver intricate switches.

This was the Westlake Kiwanis' second year of taking part in this workshop and an extra year of experience was evident as many more toys were adapted than in the first year.

If you're interested in volunteering at RePlay For Kids, check their website at [replayforkids.org](http://replayforkids.org) for dates and times of future workshops. They also accept donations of new or gently used toys and monetary donations.

If you would like to join an active volunteer group – the Westlake Kiwanis – and giving back to your community on many worthwhile projects, please contact George Christ at 440-871-3980 or [gchrist44140@yahoo.com](mailto:gchrist44140@yahoo.com). ●



PHOTO BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Kiwanians Shamus Cusik, Allen Hendricks, Hal Paul, Al Smith and John Sweany adapt toys for children with disabilities.

### New business

## A slice of Nirvana in Bay Village

by NATHAN CONOVER

She greets every customer with enthusiasm. The aroma of hot pizza welcomes them too. Once inside, however, the captivating blue eyes of owner Andrea Coats keeps them in the door. That, and a really great pizza! From a place called Nirvana.

Why Nirvana? "Nirvana represents peace and happiness and that's what I'm all about," Andrea said.

Andrea spent years on the West Coast where she honed her business skills; even more on Cleveland's east side. This past November, she brought it all home to Bay Village. This time with the close support of family.

With sisters in Bay, Westlake and Rocky River, the 1979 Bay High grad has plenty of nieces and nephews to help out at the shop; not to mention her own children too. She also has her best friend from high school, Karen, who cooks, promotes and even delivers.

How many years did she spend on the West Coast or what businesses did she operate there? Just ask her. She's an open book and her story is good. Just don't ask about the pizza recipe.

"That's a secret," she says with a coy smile. She'll only say that it came direct from Italy sometime in the 1960s.

She works hard (70+ hours a week) perfecting a pizza that she hopes you'll love. Because her focus, she says, is the customer.

This is the passion of Andrea Coats: Family, com-

munity, and an amazing pizza all rolled into a happy place that she calls Nirvana.

Nirvana Pizza is located at 622 Dover Center Road, in the Dover Junction shopping plaza; 440-835-8100; [EatAtNirvanaPizza.com](http://EatAtNirvanaPizza.com). ●



Nirvana Pizza owner Andrea Coats, left, serves up happiness in the form of a handmade pizza to Bay resident, and regular customer, Kim Moore.

PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

## Westlake Historical Society honors a hometown hero

by LYSA STANTON

The state of Ohio has given birth to more than its share of astronauts. Westlake's own Col. Robert Overmyer is a distinguished member of this proud group. Although born in Lorain in 1936, Overmyer always considered Westlake his home. Overmyer graduated from Westlake High School with the class of 1954. He entered Baldwin Wallace College in the fall of 1954 and studied a scientific-oriented curriculum.

He entered flight school and became a U.S. military pilot. In 1969, Overmyer qualified to join the NASA program team. He soon gained entry into the Astronaut Program and helped with the engineering development of the Skylab project. His next assignment was as a support crew member for the Apollo 17 mission to the moon.

In 1982, he became the pilot of a 4-man crew that was to fly the Space Shuttle Columbia later on a 5-day mission to launch the first commercial satellites. In 1985, Overmyer commanded a 7-man crew aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. Later he was part of the team that investigated the ill-fated disaster of that same Challenger in early 1986.

In March 1996, Robert Overmyer lost his life during an aircraft testing mission.

The Westlake Historical Society will honor Robert Overmyer with an Ohio Historical Marker placed in Clague Memorial Park later this summer. Those wishing to donate to the marker can contact the society at 440-808-1961 or email [westlakehistory@yahoo.com](mailto:westlakehistory@yahoo.com). Donations can be mailed to: Westlake Historical Society, P.O. Box 45064, Westlake, OH 44145. The Westlake Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. ●



PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA

Westlake native Col. Robert Overmyer will be honored with an Ohio Historical Marker in Clague Memorial Park.

## Westlake vets donate to local animal rescue

by GAIL ROBINSON

Westlake Animal Hospital has exciting news! We recently launched a very special Facebook "contest" and we are pleased to announce our first award recipient. Throughout the year we will sponsor local animal rescues or shelters, giving \$1 for every new friend on our Facebook page. Last month we sponsored The Rescue Inn in North Olmsted, donating more than \$450 to assist with their important shelter work. Take a moment to like Westlake Animal Hospital on your Facebook page and help us raise money toward the local rescues and shelters by encouraging your friends to do the same.

The Rescue Inn is a non-profit, foster-based rescue organization dedicated to saving the lives of dogs in need. They are run by a dedicated group of volunteers who are passionate about our four-legged friends. They save dogs from high-kill shelters and abuse/neglect situations and place those animals into loving and permanent homes. The animals are spayed/neutered, receive appropriate veterinary care and are placed into a safe, secure foster home while waiting for their permanent home. The Rescue Inn also strives to work with other area shelters and rescues to develop a network of supporters and volunteers in order to enhance their rescue mission.

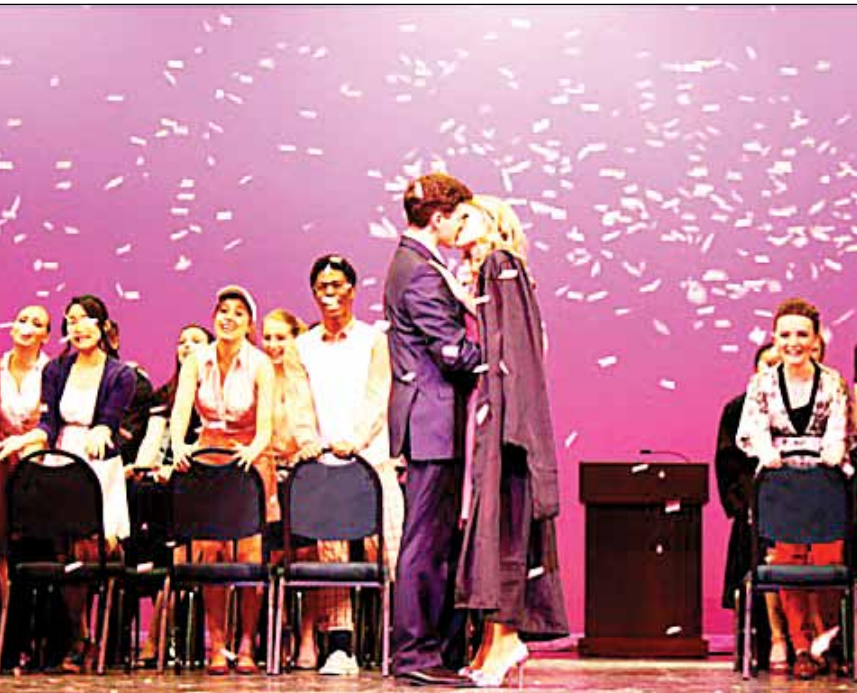
Westlake Animal Hospital's veterinarians are Dr. David Love, Dr. Michael Nappier and Dr. Colleen Madden. They and the staff are excited about this endeavor. From your hearts to our hearts to make life better for abandoned animals until forever homes can be found. ●



READ IN THE GREEN & WHITE

[This article originally appeared in the April issue of The Green & White, Westlake High School's student newspaper.]

Case Closed: ‘Legally Blonde’ comes to an end



Dylan Diemer and Evie Kennedy showed some onstage chemistry as they celebrated Evie’s character – Elle’s – graduation from Harvard Law School.

by CAROLINE GRAY, Green & White Editor-in-Chief, and SAM KARAM, Green & White Staff Writer

After the applause from “Legally Blonde” finally died down, the sets demolished and costumes put away, the musical came to a close. “It was really wonderful to work with so many awesome people and bring this show to life,” said senior Jabri Johnson. This year’s musical played from April 11 to April 13 and starred Evie Kennedy as Elle Woods, Dylan Diemer as Emmett, Caroline Kane as Vivian Kensington, Peter Bradley as Professor Callahan, Kevin Waitrovich as Warner and Anna Parchem as Paulette. It was put on by the Center Stage Players, Westlake High School’s drama club. “It went exceptionally well. We had a great crowd every night and they responded really well to the energy,” said senior Evie Kennedy. According to the cast members, a lot of content was cut from the original script. The cast even received further censorship after the opening show, they said. They also mentioned there being a few “tech problems,” including microphones and sound. And the play didn’t just appear overnight – it took three months of preparation. Senior Maria Kuhn said that the hardest part was the long practices. However, the cast bonded tremendously throughout their production process. “On stage, we have our fake sorority Delta Nu, but I liked how it became a real sorority. We became really close friends,” said Evie. The characters were very dedicated to the play, but some took it further than others. Evie even dyed her hair blonde to portray the part of Elle Woods. “I would rather dye [my hair] than do 20-second quick changes with a wig that might fall off,” she said. She planned to dye it back shortly after the production closed. A few of the cast members had some mixed opinions about the actual storyline. “I hated the plot, but I loved the people in it,” said senior Peter Bradley.

Green & White student newspaper staff recognized

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Westlake High School’s The Green and White student newspaper was recently recognized by the Ohio Scholastic Media Association for its work in 2013. The Green and White earned a second place overall, and several individual staff members were recognized for their work: Pierce Gleespen was rated excellent in newswriting, Julia Ferra was rated superior for news photo, Emily Simon was rated excellent for general feature, and Caroline Gray received an honorable mention for commentary. The Green and White is an extracurricular publication at Westlake High School and is in its 96th year as a student-run, open-forum publication.



The Green and White student newspaper staff, from left: (back row) Ian Pinkas, Sam Karam, Politics Editor Pierce Gleespen, News Editor Laura McDiarmid, Editor-in-Chief Caroline Gray, Assistant News Editor Julia Ferra; (front row) Features Editor Melissa Karpuszk, Entertainment Editor Samantha Chrin, Photography Editor Sela Cunningham, Farrah Kharche, Managing Editor Grace Karabinus

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# Garage sale to benefit Village Project on May 10

by DIANE FRYE

Are you addicted to garage sales? Is the old proverb “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” your personal motto? Well then, search for your next great find at the Village Project Garage Sale on Saturday, May 10. Steals, deals and bargains galore will be found on furniture, toys and other household items.

The Village Project is located at 27378 W. Oviatt Road in Bay Village, just down the street from the Dover Junction shopping center. Sale hours are from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

If you have items to donate to the sale, they can be dropped off at the West Oviatt location on the following dates and times: Saturday, May 3, through Wednesday, May 7, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



No clothing will be accepted. Please mark donations with a suggested sale price at the time of drop-off. Tax receipts will be provided.

All proceeds will benefit the Village Project’s mission to come together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer.

More information about this organization which serves families in Bay Village, Rocky River and Avon Lake can be found at [ourvillageproject.com](http://ourvillageproject.com) or by calling 440-348-9401. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Garage Sale should email [info@ourvillageproject.com](mailto:info@ourvillageproject.com). ●

# Novelist Scott Lax to visit Westlake May 3

by JANE LASSAR

Novelist Scott Lax will speak and autograph copies of his new novel, “Vengeance Follows,” on Saturday, May 3, from 1-3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 198 Crocker Park Blvd., Westlake. The event is free and open to the public.

“Vengeance Follows,” a literary thriller, tells the story of a young husband who loses the true love of his life and travels from Paris to a small Ohio town to seek vengeance from the man he holds responsible for his wife’s death. Described by Midwest Book Review as “A minor masterpiece of suspense and human nature,” the novel contains many local references and is set in the fictional town of Chestnut Falls—loosely based on the real village of Chagrin Falls.

Scott Lax is a novelist, short story writer, playwright, essayist, film and television writer, and writing teacher. He was a Bread Loaf Scholar in nonfiction and Sewanee Fellow in fiction. He was named Midwest Filmmaker of the Year at the Cleveland International Film Festival in 2002 for his work as source-writer and producer of the film adaptation of his first novel, “The Year That Trembled.”

Scott lives with his wife, Lydia, son, Finn Scott, and stepson, Angus, in the Chagrin Valley. ●



PHOTO BY JOE GUNDERMAN

**Author Scott Lax will visit Barnes & Noble in Crocker Park on May 3.**

# Master Gardener training class begins soon

Ohio State University Extension and Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Inc. announced registration is open for the 2014 Master Gardener Basic Training Class.

The OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program is open to any interested individual. It costs \$250, with scholarships, payment plans and sliding fees available. Classes begin Aug. 25 and continue through Oct. 29 on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

“We are excited about the opportunity to offer our program in an evening format,” said OSU Extension educator Jacqueline Kowalski. “With the course normally offered during the daytime, so many interested individuals could not be accommodated. This new format allows us to reach a broader audience.” Two full-day field trips are also planned as part of the course curriculum.

Classroom training, lectures and hands-on learning activities are presented by Ohio State University Extension faculty and staff. Topics covered in training include: soils and fertilizers, entomology, integrated pest management, plant pathology, plant propagation, invasive species, houseplants, lawns, herbaceous and woody ornamentals, vegetables, herbs and fruit. Focus is providing non-biased research-based education and training in order for persons to become confident volunteers. Volunteer opportunities vary and are presented through the training program.

Interested individuals can attend a free informational session on Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m., at the Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Road. At these sessions there will be the opportunity to meet with Ohio State University Extension staff and Master Gardener Volunteers for an in-depth look at the Master Gardener program. The answers to any questions you might have regarding training, volunteer opportunities, and special events will be handled. The Master Gardener volunteer description provides some of these details.

Attending an information session is recommended, but not mandatory in order to submit an application. Applications for the Master Gardener Basic Training Class are due July 1. In addition to the information sessions, details about the course can be found on the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener website at [cuyahogamg.org](http://cuyahogamg.org) under How To Become A Master Gardener. ●

# Dr. Terri Pope named president of Tri-C Westshore

by KRISTIN BROKA

Cuyahoga Community College announced that Dr. Terri Pope has been named president of the Westshore Campus in Westlake.

Pope had served as interim president of Westshore Campus since October. She replaced Dr. J. Michael Thomson, who is now president of Tri-C’s Eastern Campus in Highland Hills.

Pope brings a unique perspective to the position forged through experiences as a Tri-C student, instructor and leader.

“It is a privilege to serve the same College I attended as a student,” Pope said. “Our new Westshore Campus is a vibrant and innovative place. I am working with a team dedicated to student success and I am very honored to serve as campus president.”

Pope joined Tri-C as an adjunct biology instructor in 1988 before becoming a full-time instructor in 1991 and a tenured professor in 1997. She served in faculty leadership for many years, most recently as chair of Westshore’s Faculty Senate.

In 2012, Pope received Tri-C’s Ralph



**Dr. Terri Pope has been appointed the new Tri-C Westshore Campus president.**

M. Besse Award for Teaching Excellence for her commitment to academic achievement. She’s known for utilizing an inventive teaching style that brings the curriculum to life for her students.

“Dr. Pope’s longstanding commitment to student success, both in and out of the classroom, will be invaluable to the continued growth and development

of Westshore Campus,” said Dr. Alex Johnson, president of Tri-C. The campus at 31001 Clemens Road opened in 2011.

Pope holds a doctorate from The Ohio State University and a bachelor’s degree from Case Western Reserve University. Pope attended Tri-C for the first two years of her undergraduate studies.

She is well published and highly regarded in her field. Prior to her arrival at Tri-C, Pope was a consulting nutritionist.

Pope and her husband were Westlake residents for 26 years before recently relocating to Avon Lake. ●

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# WHS musicians create unique rock band

by JUDITH ROUTHIER

Most teenagers love sleeping in on school “snow days.” Five sophomores in Westlake, however, saw them as opportunities to expand their musical horizons, by forming a unique rock band – ATLAS. Their passion for playing music, at a time when school music programs face downsizing, is inspiring.

“At school one day, we joked about forming a band,” Jack Routhier said. “We looked around and realized that the five of us could play about eight instruments. Our parents laughed when we first got together, because of the weird mix. We had a drummer [Nate Hofford], a pianist/trumpeter/ukulele dabbler [Jack], an acoustic/electric guitarist and alto/tenor saxophonist [Ryan Zubricky], and two violinists [Taeho Kim and Alex Ikezawa].”

By the end of the first day, they had a decent cover of Adele’s “Rolling in the Deep.” Then came the task of naming the band.

“We tried to put our first initials together, like ABBA from the ‘70s, but you just can’t make a word out of N, J, R, T, and A! It’s a Scrabble player’s nightmare,” said Jack. “One of my friends noticed a street sign on my bedroom wall, ‘Knucklehead Drive,’ but that name only lasted a week. Then I came up with ‘ATLAS.’ Five letters. Five members. Atlas held up the world. An atlas represents the world. We hope to conquer the world. [Laughs.] The

name stuck.”

Koji Matsumoto, a talented music producer and friend of the Ikezawa family has been patiently filming and recording their sessions, later finishing them for YouTube (youtube.com/user/atlasmusic05). Currently, their Adele cover has over 850 views from people all over the world. They are also on Facebook (facebook.com/ATLASmusic05) and Twitter (twitter.com/atlasmusic05), and worth the listen.

ATLAS members vote on which songs to choose and then put their own personal spin on them to suit to the instruments they play. The writing is done on the computer enabling members to email the sheet music back and forth for fine tuning.

Few Ohioans embraced this year’s winter weather, but ATLAS took full advantage, cranking out one song after another. This was important given just how busy these five boys are taking honors and AP classes, music lessons, volunteering at a local hospital and Youth Challenge, and being members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Contemporary Youth Orchestra, WHS’s Science Olympiad team, and Boy Scouts.

Their first live “gig” was as the opening act of Westlake’s annual Green and White Revue talent show. Their second



ATLAS, a band formed by WHS musicians, features (left to right): Alex Ikezawa, Ryan Zubricky, Taeho Kim, Nate Hofford, Jack Routhier

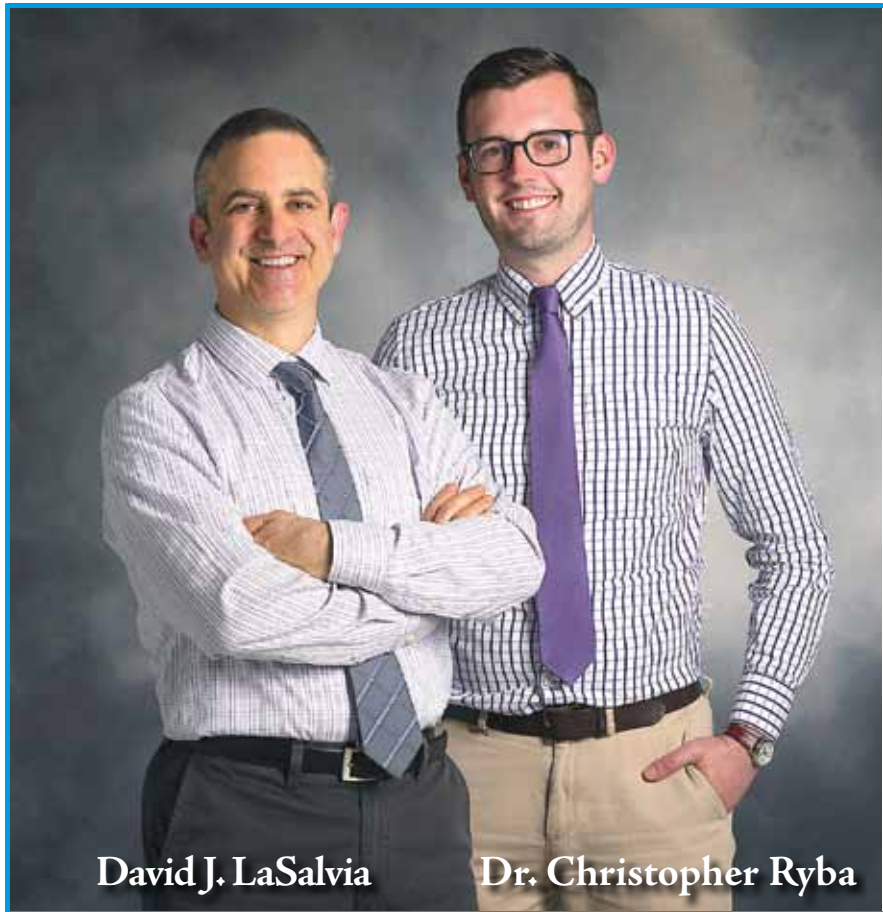
was a recent St. Ladislav’s Lenten fish fry. They are up to about 10 covers of popular songs and a “jam” of Wild Cherry’s “Play that Funky Music” from the ‘70s.

ATLAS is always seeking opportunities to perform and gather support. The band’s next live performance will be at Westlake’s “Music a la Mode” on May 10 at Westlake High School. Come and check them out. They’ll leave you “Happy” with their “Secrets” and “Demons” as they demonstrate “How to Save a Life” – just a few of the songs they cover.



ATLAS was the opening act at the Green & White Revue this past March.

You can also witness Ryan perform in the high school’s jazz band, Taeho and Alex perform in the school orchestra, and Jack, Ryan and Nate perform in the Symphonic and Concert bands throughout the day. ●



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Enjoy “Springtime with the Classics” – a night of classical favorites. Enjoy FREE live music in a family-friendly atmosphere!  
*Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

**Thursday, May 1, 9-11 a.m.**  
**Mindful Eating for Those Touched by Cancer**  
Learn to pause, slow down and eat intentionally during this interactive program connecting the healthy mind with mindful eating. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Thursday, May 1, 3-6 p.m.**  
**(See description for additional dates)**  
**Village Bicycle Cooperative Open Shop**  
Open Shop is a time when anyone can come in to use the facilities to repair or maintain their bicycle with the assistance of a knowledgeable mechanic. Bikes and accessories are for sale during this time as well. Most bicycles are priced less than \$100. Additional dates: May 2, 7-9 p.m.; May 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; May 6, 4-7 p.m.; May 8, 3-6 p.m.; May 9, 7-9 p.m.; May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
*Bay Community House, ground floor, 303 Cahoon Rd.*

**Thursday, May 1, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Free Bicycle Fair**  
Residents are invited to bring their bicycles for a free safety inspection, plus have the chance to win a bicycle helmet, get a free bike license and learn about the benefits of bicycling.  
*Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

**Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Habitat for Humanity Donation Drop Off**  
Donate your usable furniture, building materials, fixtures, tools and yard items. Items can be as small as cabinet handles or as large as a Jacuzzi and must be in good, usable condition. Items NOT accepted: mattresses, paint, clothing, screens, window treatments or blinds.  
*Bay Village Police Dept. Parking Lot, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

**Saturday, May 3, 2-3:30 p.m.**  
**Explosive Episodes in your Preschooler**  
Does your preschooler go from 0 to 100 in two seconds? Do you worry about aggression during tantrums? Come to this interactive discussion with

Dr. Meghan Barlow, Ph.D., to learn how to prevent and manage explosive episodes.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m.**  
**Dover Music Series Free Concert: Simple Gifts**  
Two women plus 12 instruments equals one good time when Simple Gifts takes the stage. Drawing on an impressive variety of ethnic folk styles, this award-winning duo plays everything from lively Irish jigs and down-home American reels to hard-driving Klezmer frailachs and haunting Gypsy melodies, spicing the mix with the distinctive rhythms of Balkan dance music, the lush sounds of Scandinavian twin fiddling, and original compositions written in a traditional style.  
*Dover Congregational United Church of Christ, 2239 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m.**  
**Three Rivers Ringers**  
Three Rivers Ringers, Pittsburgh’s premier community handbell ensemble, will present a concert exploring the varied world of dance music.  
*Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.**  
**Bike to Church Sunday**  
Participants are encouraged to bike or walk to Bay Methodist for the 10 a.m. service (weather permitting). Snacks will be provided prior to the service and the Wellness Committee will be serving healthy and delicious items after the service in the church social hall. The local community is invited to participate. Call 440-871-4202 with questions.  
*Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Rd.*

**Sunday, May 4, 7:30-9 p.m.**  
**Mozart’s Mass in C Minor**  
The West Shore Chorale & Orchestra present Mozart’s Mass in C Minor (The Great). The Chorale is thrilled to welcome soprano soloist, Rebecca Pitcher, a Cleveland native best known for her long run as Christine Daae in Broadway’s “Phantom of the Opera.” Tickets \$15, students of all ages are free. Purchase at the door, online at westshorechorale.org or call 216-373-7773.  
*Magnificat Center for the Performing Arts, 20770 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**  
**ELECTION DAY**

**Tuesday, May 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Beyond Breast Cancer Treatment**  
An 8-week program addressing hot topics in survivorship including emotional wellness, nutrition and exercise. Twice weekly exercise, a weekly support group and a weekly hands-on healthy cooking class. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Wednesday, May 7, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
**Free Family History Research Help Session**  
If you need help getting started or have come to a “road block” in your path to finding your ancestors, members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will volunteer their time and talent to assist you, at the computer terminals. Please bring a copy of your pedigree chart and/or relevant family records.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.**  
**Westshore Republican Club Meeting**  
Come join us to hear Peter Kirsanow, current member of the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights and former NLRB member appointed by George Bush. Kirsanow is author of the “Kirsanow Report” on AM 1420. Hear his take on Washington dysfunction! Also, Republican candidate for Cuyahoga County Executive, Jack Schron, will give his vision for the county. Registration starts at 6:45. Come mingle with fellow Republican friends and neighbors!  
*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**Saturday, May 10, 9-10 a.m.**  
**Walk to Wellness: “Brain Health”**  
Join St. John Medical Center physicians and health experts as they “walk and talk” about different healthy living topics. Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. on the patio and we will walk the hospital’s beautiful campus track. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the cafeteria and walk inside the hospital. Topic on this date is “Brain Health” by Tanvir Syed, MD, Board Certified in Neurology. Please RSVP, 877-597-6348.  
*St. John Medical Center, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Monday, May 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Rocky River Chamber Music Society Concert**  
RRCMS’ last concert of its 55th season features Mozart’s monumental Serenade in B-flat major, K.361 “Gran Partita,” and the world premiere of a work by Cleveland composer Jeffrey Rathbun entitled “Rocky River Music for Wind Octet.” Also on the program is Mozart’s Don Giovanni overture, arranged for Wind Quintet. No admission charge, all are welcome!  
*West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Tuesday, May 13, 1-4 p.m.**  
**Free Public Health Fair**  
St. John Medical Center and the Westside Healthcare Organization are proud to host the second annual In-Home Care Health Expo. This free event will feature many different organizations that can bring their services to you in your own home as you recover from an illness or injury or if you need extra assistance in your daily activities. Light refreshments will be served and gift cards will be raffled off during the event.  
*St. John Medical Center, Building 2, Auditoriums 1 & 2, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Tuesday, May 13, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Survivorship Support Group for those Touched by Cancer**  
A monthly support group for those who have completed cancer treatment. Advance registration required by calling 216-595-9546.  
*The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Wednesday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**How Cameras Work**  
This month Northeast Ohio Personal Computers welcomes Jayson Polansky, who will take us through an understanding of how our cameras work. Whether you use a point-and-shoot, DSLR or a smartphone, the presentation will help you make more informed decisions to create the images you intended. Bring your camera with you. Jayson is a freelance photographer from Bay Village. Come at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by the main program at 7 p.m. This event is open to all. For more information, go to [www.neopc.org](http://www.neopc.org).  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

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