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## WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

### Bassett hires new principal

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Alexander Fleming, principal of Midview East Intermediate School in Grafton, was named principal of Bassett Elementary School at the June 16 Board of Education meeting.



Alexander Fleming

In his three years at Midview, Fleming restructured the way instruction is delivered, creating a teaming model and implementing several building-level programs. He also implemented co-teaching special education strategies to improve achievement.

Those efforts led to the State of Ohio Special Education Team of the Year award in 2011-2012. In addition he created an outdoor education program for his fifth and sixth graders.

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### Kids spend day with Bay's firefighters



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

(Above) Firefighter Corey Gregg helps 6-year-old Ainsley Lesh spray a fire hose and (left) 3-year-old Finnegan Born-Crow rings a fire engine bell at the Bay Village Fire Department's open house on June 14. The event was one of many on a day packed with activities across Westlake and Bay Village. See more photos from the events at [wbvobserver.com/photoblogs](http://wbvobserver.com/photoblogs).

### Project Pedal participants enjoy the ride Village Project fundraiser is a huge success

by DIANE FRYE

Hundreds of local bike riders enjoyed an absolutely lovely summer day while taking part in Project Pedal on June 14. The sky was a gorgeous blue, and the temperature and humidity perfect for enjoying a bike ride around Bay Village and Avon Lake with friends and family. This was the first year for the event which raised money and awareness to support the mission of the Village Project – to come together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals and extended care and service to our neighbors experiencing cancer.

More than \$25,000 was raised, with 265 registered riders participating in five different rides: the Pea Pod Pedal and Sprout Route which were held at the Bay High School track and designed for the very youngest riders, the Cucumber Course, a 6-mile route designed for those 12 and under, and the more challenging Kale Trail (13 miles) and Artichoke Adventure (25 miles) which offered additional pedaling for all ages.

The top three individual fundraisers were Kary Kandra, Jean Prokes and Holly Nicola. The "CrankYankers" were the biggest team fundraiser. Congratulations to everyone.

Besides experiencing a delightful morning riding in fresh air and taking in early summer scenery, Project Pedal participants were also treated to activities and entertainment at the Bay High School stadium, which served as Project Pedal home base. Lacrosse, soccer, kickball, Frisbee golf, face painting, arts and crafts, Mitchell's ice cream, a dunk tank and a mascot race were offered to participants, their families, friends and the community, alike.

A delicious lunch was prepared by Village Project volunteers, and everyone was able to appreciate an amazing performance by School of Rock. A real highlight was the singing of the Village Project song by Devon Gess and her Bay High Choraleers, accompanied by the School of



Six-year-old Suresh Venkataraman and his father, Sekar, head out their 13-mile bike route through Bay Village during the Village Project's fundraiser on June 14.

Rock performers, while children and mascots dressed as vegetables and led by Bay High Rockette alumni danced along. Fun was had by all!

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### Porter Library now offering online and mobile access to free movies, TV shows

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library cardholders can now borrow dynamic content from their smartphones, tablets and PCs. The library is now offering thousands of movies and television shows, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital.

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Westlake Porter Public Library is the 42nd library system in the state of Ohio to partner with hoopla digital.

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## FLEMING *from front page*

Fleming taught sixth grade for 12 years at Bessie Kinser Elementary in Strongsville prior to his role as Midview principal. He was named Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Teacher of the Year for 2007 and co-authored "Organization is Kid Possible On the Way to an A." Fleming became a National Board Certified teacher in 2005.

Fleming earned his undergraduate degree in education from the University of Akron, and a graduate degree in curriculum and instruction from Cleveland State University.

Fleming has family ties to Westlake that date back to the 1930s. He said he would like to create a culture of educational experiences and family togetherness.

"Westlake City Schools is a prominent school district in Ohio and I would like to be a part of helping to make it a prominent model school for the nation to look up to," he said. "I would like to create a family culture within the school and always have my door open to the community. I would like my staff and students to be seen and heard in the community to share our talents to help the community to be a part of the educational process."

Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. said Fleming has impressive experiences both as a teacher and a building principal.

"He is very personable and has demonstrated a continual pursuit of excellence. Alex earned National Board Certification as a teacher, has been published, and has been honored by numerous education organizations for his student-centered approach," Keenan said. "We believe he is a great match for Bassett Elementary School." ●

## Bay Men's Club awards scholarships

by ERIC EAKIN

The Bay Men's Club has awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to four very deserving Bay High students: Victoria Hamilton, Pawel Kotowski, Shaley Stearns and Abriana Holzworth.

Scholarships are awarded based on need, character, scholastic achievement and leadership qualities. The four and their families were honored recently at the club's annual pig roast at the Bay Lodge.

Hamilton, a two-year member of the National Honor Society and Key Club president, plans on studying art history at Case Western Reserve University.

Kotowski, who earned the Principal's Best Award for academic excellence and who operates his own land-

scaping company, plans on studying accounting at Case Western Reserve University.

Stearns, a four-year member of the school's Academic Challenge team and who is a nanny for a child with autism, will attend Kent State University where she will study nursing.

Holzworth, who was on the Honor Roll all four years of high school and who had perfect attendance since kindergarten, will attend the University of Toledo where she will study pharmacy.

"The accomplishments of these four recipients, both academically and in other fields, is quite impressive," Scholarship Committee Chairperson John Stanton said. "We are happy to provide this seed money for our leaders of tomorrow." ●



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Left to right: Bay Men's Club President Kelly Brewer, scholarship recipients Pawel Kotowski, Shaley Stearns, Abriana Holzworth, Victoria Hamilton and Scholarship Committee Vicechair Peter Gierosky.

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# PROJECT PEDAL *from front page*

More than 100 volunteers contributed to the success of Project Pedal. Village Project Executive Director Barb Harrell praised them saying, "I am in awe of our awesome volunteers. Whether you were selling food, organizing games, directing traffic, registering riders or volunteering in a dozen other places, all of you were filling a tremendous role. Thank you!" For their great work, she especially singled out the event's announcer, Bill Williams, and recent Bay High graduate Baylee White, who spearheaded Project Pedal as her senior year Independent Project.

Project Pedal would not have been the success it was without the many sponsors who supported it. In all, there were more than 70 sponsors – too many to be listed here. The complete list is on the Village Project website [ourvillageproject.com](http://ourvillageproject.com). Please be sure to thank them for contributing to this important cause.

For an inaugural event, Project Pedal was (in the words of James Taylor) some kind of lovely ride ... and it will only get better next year. Next year, did you say? According to Barb Harrell, "We learned a lot and look forward to building on our strengths and improving areas of opportunity. We thank the community for their support and understanding

as we work through our first-year growing pains. We look forward to next year's second annual Project Pedal."

So, next spring, please be on the lookout for details on how you can register or get involved with Project Pedal 2015. ●



Three-year-old Addison Ebenger is determined to finish first in the Pea Pod course on the BHS track.



Clete Miller and his 7-year-old daughter, Gwynn, complete the 6-mile Cucumber Course.

PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

## Crocker Park art fair a fun day of culture

by JACKIE HIXON

The stores at Crocker Park had some extra competition the weekend of June 14-15 when the Fine Arts Fair lined the middle of Main Street from Bar Louie up to Trader Joe's. Howard Alan Events took over running the show from The Guild, though fortunately, there were still some Guild veterans in the line-up. There was more variety than usual with artists working in many different mediums. As always, there were a lot of jewelry designers, but they were scattered throughout, not clumped together as in some places.

My sister and I marveled at the imagination shown by so many of the artists. There were paintings of a penguin building a sandcastle, little girls fishing from pails and others dressed as Amelia Earhart with her head in the clouds, whimsical alphabets, glass pumpkins, giant sculptures of manta rays and swordfish, metal figures of athletes which looked as if they were running, photos of exotic places and creatures and Lego characters interacting. No worries about traditional mediums being overlooked, plenty of

acrylics and watercolors were for sale, even the ancient art of encaustic painting. It was a cornucopia of creativity!

Nearly all of the vendors were friendly and eager to answer questions about their wares. One man who worked in wood, unfolded his handmade trivets and glass holders, showing how they interlocked with the flair of a magician. Other artists were demonstrating, such as the lady doing Chinese embroidery with thin, silken threads which made the finished pieces shimmer. Many vendors had elaborate set-ups within their booths and some were dressed to match the colors or the mood of their displays.

One thing that was missing was refreshments. In previous years, there had been lemonade, pop and kettle corn for sale along the route, but this year there was nothing but a food truck depleted of cupcakes and beverages. It was really a puzzling oversight on the part of the organizers.

My sister and I were there on Saturday, when the weather was perfect and the crowd lively. Sunday was somewhat warmer, but I hope the attendees that day enjoyed themselves as much as we did. ●



The glass art of Jack Pine included pumpkins, squash and hummingbird feeders.

PHOTO BY JACKIE HIXON

## Tri-C trustees approve levy request for November ballot

by JOHN HORTON

The Cuyahoga Community College board of trustees voted to place a 1.2-mill renewal levy with a 0.9-mill increase on the Nov. 4 ballot. Collection of the levy would begin in 2015 and run 10 years.

The request asks Cuyahoga County property owners for an additional investment of \$2.63 per month on a \$100,000 home.

"Every day, more good jobs require a college education," Tri-C President Alex Johnson said. "Tri-C is the leading educator for careers in our community's technical workforce and health care sectors, as well as for students preparing to enter four-year degree programs."

As an affordable entry point to higher education, Tri-C is crucial to the success of the Greater Cleveland economy and families. The proposed levy is necessary to:

- Keep college education affordable and accessible for Cuyahoga County families

- Enhance the region's workforce competitiveness with job training and retraining
- Enable students to affordably earn college credits and accumulate less debt as they work toward an associate degree at Tri-C or a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution
- Provide access to high-quality technical degrees and cutting-edge technology

Tri-C has cut millions of dollars from its budget in recent years to save money and focus resources on the success of its 60,000 students. Without the levy, the college would have to cut an additional \$40 million – a decrease that would force serious reductions in programs and limit access to higher education.

"We believe this levy is essential for the continued success of the hard-working students, families, businesses and economy that Tri-C has served so effectively for more than 50 years," said Jerry Kelsheimer, chairman of Tri-C's board of trustees. ●

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# Circa 1874 Guild home may be saved on-site



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

The owners of the historical Guild home, located at 2650 Dover Center Road in Westlake, are willing to sell the home and property together to allow the structure to remain on its original lot.

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

The Guild home, former dental offices of Dr. William Bennett, located at 2650 Dover Center Road, was featured in a cover article of this publication about a month ago. The Bennetts, who own the home, were seeking to donate the home to someone willing to relocate it. Several individuals have come forward interested in obtaining the structure in the event it needs to be removed.

After further consideration, the Bennetts are now open to selling the land, located near the northwest corner of Dover Center and Center Ridge roads, along with the structure, allowing the house to remain on its original property. They can be contacted at 440-835-5033 for more information.

The property is zoned General Business and Westlake codes permit it to be used for offices, various service uses such as beauty, barber and hair salons, photographic studios and decorating shops or the sale, teaching or creation of arts, crafts, antiques, flowers, gifts or jewelry. Other types of retail uses may be permitted with a conditional use permit obtained from Westlake City Council. For more information about permitted uses contact the Westlake Planning Department at 440-617-4309.

A mid-20th century photograph of the structure was unearthed on a tax card at the Cuyahoga County Archives. It shows that there was once a flat, hooded entrance into the structure where there is currently a quaint red brick chimney on the front façade. A notation on the card indicates that the chimney was added in 1965. Somewhere along the line the records for the 1874 Guild house became confused with those of a later home owned by Mary Ann Guild which was immediately next door to the south and torn down in 1968 to build the now vacant Shell/Getgo gas station. This later home is the one that was immediately north of the Dover Masonic building and most

likely the one once occupied by the offices of Dr. Pease.

As mentioned in the previous article, Fayette Guild was probably the original owner of 2650 Dover Center Road. He had purchased the land from his father Lawrence W. Guild in 1871. It is unclear why he and his wife Floanna Hayes Guild sold the property to his step-mother Mary Ann in 1884. The 1900 Census records have Fayette and Floanna still residing in Dover with their 9-year-old son Albert C. Guild and Fayette still listed as a harness maker. In 1906 Floanna died of a cerebral hemorrhage. In 1917 Fayette died at age 66. Both are buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

An 1892 map shows Mary Ann Guild with a half-acre parcel probably containing the 1874 house and L.W. Guild, her husband, with a structure directly on the northwest corner. Lawrence died in 1899 and Mary Ann inherited his property. The 1900 Federal Census lists Mary Ann as a farmer and as the head of a household living in Dover with her 15-year-old granddaughter, Hatty. In 1909 Lawrence's former corner parcel became the site of the three-story brick Dover Masonic Temple building. The 1910 Federal Census has Mary Ann still in Dover, still the head of a household which now includes her married 25-year-old "daughter" Harriet Cline, "son" (in-law) Harlan Cline and their 4-year-old son Lawrence. Harlan is a letter carrier.

By 1920 Mary Ann's half-acre parcel contains three structures, one of which matches the footprint of the Bennett building exactly. The 1920 census has Mary Ann living alone and she dies in 1927. She joins the rest of the family at Evergreen Cemetery. Her estate is settled by none other than A. E. Weston (a descendent of George Weston – of the Lilly/Weston house). As part of the settling of her estate the subject house is sold to L. E. Hayes.

Except for their cemetery plot, the Guild house is the last remaining link to this early family of Dover. ●

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# Strapless Dresses: A hands-free, slip-free tutorial

by RACHEL POLANIEC

From the steady stream of graduation and wedding invitations rolling in, to the promise of vacations on far-away beaches (or Lake Erie), the strapless dress is the ultimate warm-weather party attire. It can be cute and flirty, or elegant and sexy. Cut it short for day-time festivities, or long for an evening wedding.

Unfortunately, all strapless dresses have an ever-present peril: that of unwanted slippage, as the dress, free of sleeved support, tends to creep down, down, down. But falter not, oh members of the fairer sex!; for we have a secret used by our sisters of days gone by: boning.

Metal boning, to be precise. Ever wondered how Elizabeth I, Marie Antoinette, and Scarlet O'Hara did it? How those seemingly impossible dresses kept their shape as yards and yards of fabric poured off them every which way? The truth is they couldn't have, not without some serious support holding them up.

We all know about corsets; the old-timey ones made of whalebone (or caning, or even super stiff reeds) that later came to be stiffened with metal boning. But few of us know that the dresses themselves utilized a form of boning as well. The reasoning is simple: the corset gives shape and support to you, the wearer, and the dress boning gives shape and support to the garment being worn.

Today we don't wear corsets per se, if anything we wear "shape wear" or the like, and our clothes get little to no extra support. This is not an issue when one is wearing a simple cotton T-shirt, but

it can become a problem when our strapless gowns insist on slipping all over the dang place. Usually if they have anything it's two pieces of polyester "boning" along the back, sides, or front of most formal dresses and some less than formal frocks.

In my experience, these are never enough, and I end up spending a great deal of my night tugging at the front of my dress or wishing (a little too late) that I had. The biggest culprit, in my humble opinion, is that cursed poly boning that barely warrants the name. It's simply not strong enough, with a tendency to mold and bend too frequently to get the job done.

Fortunately, metal boning is more than up to the job. It is relatively inexpensive and, depending on your level of sewing experience, simple to laughably easy to complete. Of course, always take the dress itself into consideration; adding to an inexpensive sun dress is very different from attempting to do the same to a several-hundred dollar formal gown. Inserting metal boning, or having an experienced or professional sewer do it for you, is well worth the effort.

You'll need:

- Metal boning. I get mine from Jas. Townsend & Son, Inc.; you can order all lengths on their online store ([www.jas-townsend.com](http://www.jas-townsend.com)) for the very reasonable price of 55 cents per bone.
- Bias tape. Found in any sewing sup-

- plies store; you're going to be inserting the bones into the tape, the fit needs to be snug (but not so tight you have to fight to get them in); I ended up having to stitch down the center of the tape and iron the edges flat.
- Thread and needles. ●

## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS



**STEP 1:** Take the length of bone you need, add half an inch (1/4 inch for hemming). Make the casing from the bias tape, then pin to the garment. I prefer to align them with the existing seams.



**STEP 2:** Sew both sides of the casing to the lining, taking care not to poke through the front, and insert the bone. (I used "blindstitch", directions can be found here: <http://www.simplicity.com/t-teaching-tools-hand-sewing-basics.aspx>. YouTube videos are also available.)



**STEP 3:** Sew the casing top down, securing it well. The boning on the finished product should be tight and flat against the material, with no puckering or excess thread, and the bones shouldn't be straining out of the cases.



**FINISHED PRODUCT:** The front is stitch-free and slip-resistant.

PHOTOS BY RACHEL POLANIEC

## Bay Village Recreation summer programs

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School; and Tonia Porras, former University of Maryland All-American lacrosse player and currently coaches at Shaker Heights High School.

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Location: Bay Middle School Gym

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Session III: July 21, 25, 28, Aug. 1

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# Olympians shine on Westlake track

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The fifth annual Westlake Special Olympics was held on Saturday, June 14. The event, a joint effort between the Westlake Kiwanis Club and Westlake Schools, was a big success. This year's event saw the most competitors ever with a total of 74 athletes ranging in age from 7 years to 68 years of age.

The event began with Special Olympian Robert Grant carrying the Special Olympic Torch and leading his fellow competitors in a parade around the Westlake High School track. The Rocky River Adult Center Choir then sang the National Anthem to get the competition started.

The day started off cool but was heated up by the competition. Special Olympians jumped, ran and threw their way to medals. Everyone present enjoyed themselves as a good time was had by all. The competitors' smiles were only exceeded by the smiles of the Kiwanians putting on the event.

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Robert Grant carries the Special Olympic Torch around the Westlake High track.



The Rocky River Adult Center Choir sings the national anthem.

PHOTOS BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

## POETRY

### When I Was a Little Girl

by CAROL JANOVSKY

My Daddy took me to the park  
In the park was a kiddie pool  
Daddy brought my bathing suit  
He also brought a towel along  
He thought he was well prepared  
But you shall see how well he fared.

In a little dressing room with a bench  
He put me in my bathing suit  
And let me walk into the pool  
In the middle of the pool a fountain splashed away  
Oh what fun on a warm summer day  
A wonderful place for little ones to play.

After playing in the water for quite awhile  
I was only two and having so much fun  
When it was time to go  
Daddy called me to come  
But I thought to myself, "I'm no fool"  
I was not ready to leave the pool.

So poor Daddy took off his shoes and socks  
And rolled his pant legs up  
He walked in to get me out  
Then got me dressed and turned about  
And then to his surprise  
When he looked again, guess what?

There I was back in the pool  
Like I said, I was no fool  
So from then on who took me to the pool?  
Hmm – what to do?  
Daddy decided he was no fool  
Mommy was stuck taking me to the pool!

# Local team wins state baseball championship

by CATHY PFAFF

The 10U AMP Force Ohio baseball team won the 2014 Elite Division Nations State Baseball Championship the weekend of June 14-15 in Columbus. The team went undefeated in seven games, and outscored its opponents 67-10 in the tournament, including a 12-4 semifinal win over the mighty Ohio Elite and a 14-0 championship game victory over Vikings Elite.

This is the second consecutive Nations State Baseball Champion-

ship by this group of boys, comprised largely of players from the west side of Cleveland. The roster includes Jake Depaul, Luke Roggenburk and Michael Van Etten (Avon Lake), Micah Murtha (Bay Village), Tyler Ganley (Brecksville), Andrew Gormley (Medina), AJ Fletcher and Joey Pfaff (Rocky River), Macklin Miller and Jake Paul (Westlake), and Tommy Harrison (West Park).

The team is sponsored by AMP Electrical/Leff Electric and the Force Baseball Academy, and trains at the Force complex in Westlake. ●



The 10U AMP Force Ohio baseball team won the state baseball championship. Pictured, from left: (front row) Andrew Gormley, Jake Paul, Micah Murtha, Michael Van Etten, Jake DePaul, Tyler Ganley, Joey Pfaff, Luke Roggenburk, Macklin Miller, Tommy Harrison; (back row) coach Jim Miller, coach Eric Pfaff.

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Compiled by MEL MAURER

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"Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at twilight's last gleaming? ... And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. ... His truth is marching on."

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure."

"Over there, over there; Send the word, send the word over there; That the Yanks are coming ... We'll be over, we're coming over; And we won't be back till it's over over there!"

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself"

"God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night from a light from above. ... God

bless America, my home sweet home."

"Let the word go forth ... that the torch has passed to a new generation of Americans."

"How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man? ... The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind; the answer is blowin' in the wind."

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ... that all men are created equal."

"We shall overcome, we shall overcome some day; Oh deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome some day."

"We cannot escape our destiny, nor should we try to do so."

"I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. ... God bless the U.S.A."

"I can hear you, the rest of the world can hear you and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

"My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

"Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. ... But know this, America – they will be met."

"Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain. America, America, God shed His grace on thee."

Happy Birthday, America! ●

## Flag flies in honor of Bay veteran

by SCOTT THOMAS

On a drizzling afternoon on Friday the 13th, the sun peeked from behind the clouds over the Cahoon Park Rose Garden in Bay Village. That was the location where the American flag was raised and flown in honor of retiring Lt. Col. Patrick Husted of the United States Air Force who is retiring after 22 years of service.

The American flag was also flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Col. Husted requested that the flag be flown over the city that was instrumental to him as he was growing up. In attendance was his mother, Carolyn, and members of the Bay Village Police Department.

From 1982-1986, Lt. Col. Husted was a Civil Air Patrol cadet as well as Cadet Commander at the Bay Lodge. ●



PHOTO BY SUE THOMAS

Don Landers and Anthony Fuchs attach the flag to the Rose Garden flagpole.

## Photo captures patriotic celebration from bygone era

by DAN HIRSCHFELD

What better way to celebrate an upcoming Independence Day than place a very young person, unsecured, on top of a goat cart festooned with American flags and take a picture of them?

By today's child safety standards this would probably be an extremely bad idea, but in 1923 it was seemingly just fine. At least it was all right for my mother, Pat, who at less than one year old found herself in just such a situation on June 25 of that year.

As she recalls being told later in her life, a traveling photographer with a goat and cart in tow had visited the Cleveland area at the time and my mom's folks seemingly thought it to be a wonderful idea to have her pose for a picture atop the rig. (As a trivial aside, going by the logo on its side, the cart had been manufactured by Studebaker – the same firm that years later would produce the ahead-of-its-time Avanti automobile.)

Apparently having young children

pose for pictures on goat carts was a somewhat common way for traveling photographers to earn a living from about 1890 through the 1940s, at least according to a syndicated story by nationally recognized Cleveland area antiques expert Terry Kovel, which ran in the March 2, 2014, edition of the Columbus Dispatch.

According to Kovel's piece the photographer supplied either photographic prints or postcards of the child, goat and cart lash up to the parents.

Additional internet research seems to back this up, with a number of old pictures of children atop goat carts from around the country to be found.

My mom still enjoys the picture of her goat cart pose. By the expression on her face she enjoyed her picture taking experience at the time, as well.

She feels many Westlake | Bay Village Observer readers might also take joy in seeing such a nostalgic picture in time for their Independence Day celebrations and appreciates the opportunity of sharing it in this newspaper. ●



Miss Pat and her pet goat get ready to enjoy some patriotic summer fun in this picture taken on June 25, 1923, by an unknown photographer visiting the Cleveland area.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Report: Westshore Council of Governments (WCOG) meeting, June 11, 2014

by LWV observers KATHY KOSIOREK (Lakewood) and CONDA BOYD (Bay Village)

*This report, which contains observations and selected highlights of a WCOG meeting, is not an official statement of the League of Women Voters. Official minutes are prepared by Mayor Patton's office and posted on Fairview Park's website.*

Present: Mayors Bobst (Rocky River), Kennedy (North Olmsted), Patton (Fairview Park), Sutherland (Bay Village), and Summers (Lakewood).

Absent: Mayor Clough (Westlake)

Also in attendance: Dave Greenspan, District 1 representative, Cuyahoga County Council; outgoing Fiscal Officer Steve Presley; and incoming Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney.

Commission Reports:

RTA: Mayor Summers described progress on widening Clifton Boulevard and installing upgraded transit stations. A Next/Connect tracking system will enable riders to check stop-specific bus arrival times. He also expressed interest in the proposed bike pathway from W. 66th Street to downtown Cleveland.

NOACA: Mayor Bobst reported that a firm has been contracted for the Marion Street ramp study. She also discussed the Brighton Chase "resort living" apartment development on Center Ridge Road, which will open in July.

Land Bank: Three mayors discussed potential projects: the Hilliard-Madison Avenue triangle in Lakewood, the large hill on Lake Road north of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant, and land near Fairview's Gemini Center.

Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association: Mayor Sutherland reported on a successful May 28 meeting with Ohio legislators over House Bill 5. Only one issue of concern remains: a 5-year carryforward that primarily affects southern Ohio municipalities. A requirement that cities track income tax receipts by residence versus employment has been deleted. State Auditor Dave Yost reported that GASB 68, which changes pension accounting, may be delayed.

Old Business:

Tub Grinder: No update.

Fire District: Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park and North Olmsted city councils have accepted the grant. Mayor Clough is developing a project manager job description and will call a meeting shortly.

PSAP: Mr. Greenspan stated that participation in Cuyahoga County's Public Safety Answering System (PSAP) is a local decision. One issue motivating cities to host a PSAP is potential payroll tax receipts.

Ready Notify: Bay Village's Nixle setup is unable efficiently to reach all residents who have signed up for emergency alerts. They plan to convert to Ready Notify, the county's new system.

New Business:

Fiscal Officer: The mayors thanked Steve Presley for having served since 1998. Renee Mahoney, Bay Village's finance director, was introduced as the new fiscal officer. Ms. Mahoney announced a city employee retirement seminar to be held Aug. 8 in Bay Village. She invited other cities' employees to attend.

County Council Update: Mr. Greenspan explained the county road repair materials reimbursement program. Roads most in need of repair will be funded first. The county is working on a master agreement for landfill rights for communities cleaning up from emergencies.

Mayor Patton reported on a successful city/school district conference to educate realtors about Fairview Park. She also discussed the value of the NEO CANDO database for analyzing demographic trends, [neocando.case.edu](http://neocando.case.edu), as well as a report on Northeast Ohio migration and its implications.

The council voted to recess for July and August. ●

*The WCOG was founded in 1971 "to foster cooperation between municipalities in all areas of municipal service." All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be Sept. 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in Fairview Park Gemini Center's Birch Room.*

WEST SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

'Power of More' chambers join for networking event

by SHARON MATTHEWS

On June 11, nearly 200 members from the Power of More chambers of commerce (Fairview Park, North Coast, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Olmsted and West Shore) attended a fantastic Business After Hours event at Wagner's of Westlake who provided delicious food. Every attendee had the opportunity to enjoy putting on an indoor putting green set up by Andrew Mangels of Westlake Porter Public Library. Several prizes were given away, including gift certificates donated by various chamber members. Special recognition was given to the sponsors of the event; Stewart Title, Peter & Co. Jewelers and Ray's Auto & Truck Service. As always, Kenny Gilder of The DJ Company, provided the sound system and great music.

Jim Chillemi of Terra Realty and Development and past president of the West Shore Chamber commented, "Nothing compares to a Power of More event. The opportunity to meet new business owners every month is second

to none." Marjorie Snyder, chairperson of the Fairview Park membership committee said, "Through the Power of More networking program, the Fairview Park Chamber has signed up over 20 members just in the last three months." John Allensworth from Montrose Auto Group stated, "The regionalization of the chambers is wonderful. The chambers can maintain their individuality and still have the opportunity to work with members of the participating chambers."

The Power of More networking program is Northeast Ohio's largest networking organization with over 1,600 businesses utilizing the various chambers to expand their business. The next Power of More event will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 5-7 p.m., at Montrose Kia in Sheffield. This event will kick off the 2014-2015 Power of More networking season. Many prizes can be won by chamber members who attend the Power of More events. The most important part of the Power of More events is that they are free for members to attend. ●

Remembering civilian efforts in WWII

by BRUCE LEIGH

When the Second World War started, millions of new jobs were soon to be filled by loyal citizens from all walks of life. The newly enlisted men and women needed training and supplies, guns and all the tools of warfare. Guns and ammunition, iron ore and steel had to be produced in our plants and factories. These products were delivered by lake freighters. Each freighter had a full crew. Many jobs were created to keep up with the need for equipment for the war.

Some citizens were not able to serve because of disabilities. Many of those who could not serve took jobs and were an important and valuable part of the war. One very important job was transporting iron ore and other products by freighter

over the Great Lakes. The freighters had to carry the equipment from the mines up north through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, down the Detroit River. The locks were so vital to the war effort the freighters were guarded by army barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns. The freighters were headed to ports in Cleveland and Pittsburgh to be taken by rail to factories and steel mills.

The men who worked the freighters were just a small part of the effort to keep our men in combat fully equipped to fight the war. Many women worked in factories to fill the openings created by those who enlisted for duty. Americans were proud to be a part of helping our troops to win the war. Whether enlisted or civilian, Americans responded to the call to help win the war. ●

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## Bay High grad returns to Cleveland to headline at Hilarities

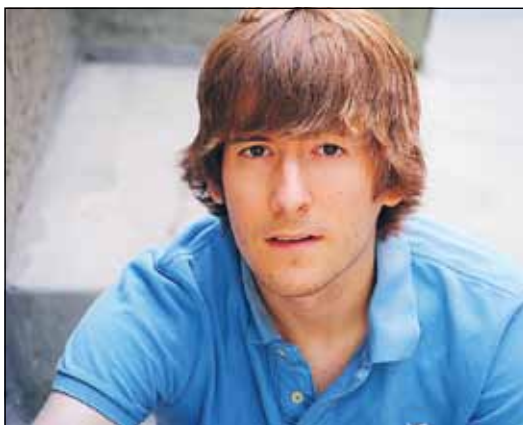
When Rob O'Reilly graduated from Bay High School in 2003, he had a dream of becoming a stand-up comedian. So, he went off to Boston University to study communications and began to do stand-up at Boston venues – for free – just to get the stage time.

Since then, Rob has had appearances on “The Tonight Show” as Jay Leno’s correspondent, NBC’s “America’s Got Talent,” and Comedy Central’s “Live at Gotham.” He was named one of LA Weekly’s Top Ten Comics to Watch and has performed at over 300 colleges. Now 29, Rob currently lives in Los Angeles and is in his third season working as writer for the hit MTV show “Ridiculousness.”

In July, Rob will be returning to Cleveland to headline at the comedy club Hilarities, which is downtown on East 4th Street – an upscale comedy club that is located in the basement of Pickwick and Frolic.

Rob always had an interest in comedy. “When I was about 4 or 5, I was at a Toledo Mud Hens minor league baseball game, and the mascot pulled me down on the field,” Rob said. “He asked me to kick him in the butt when he turned around. I did so, he fell down, the crowd went wild, and I became hooked on making people laugh. I was voted class clown in the eighth-grade yearbook. Then, during my sophomore year, my Spanish teacher, Mrs. Rule, encouraged me to put something together for the high school talent show. I didn’t have enough material yet, but I started writing jokes. When the talent show came around during my junior year, I had 5 minutes prepared and performed at that for the first time.”

Rob acknowledges that the transition from a high school talent show to a career in stand-up comedy is extremely difficult. “Beginning a stand-up career is honestly the hardest thing I’ve ever had to do.



BHS grad Rob O'Reilly will be headlining at Hilarities Comedy Club on July 2, 6, 9 and 13.

There are many nights where you question not just whether you’re any good, but whether you are sane. You’re caught in a Catch-22 where you need stage time to become funny, but nobody will give you stage time because you’re not funny yet!”

However, now Rob is really enjoying his career. “Now that I’m over that hump, it’s super easy and fun pretty much all the time. People pay me to tell jokes. It’s the best!”

Rob writes all of his own material. When asked how he comes up with new jokes, he chuckles. “Usually I’ll observe something weird or someone will say something I think sounds dumb, so I’ll make fun of them in the moment. Then I’ll write it down in my phone. Later on, I’ll think about all the even funnier things I would have said if given enough time to brainstorm. Generally this involves creating an analogy. So the joke becomes, ‘this weird thing happened, that’d be like this other even weirder thing’ or ‘imagine if this even weirder result had happened’. I’m not sure if what I’m saying makes sense, but that’s the nuts and bolts of it.”

Rob has plans to continue doing stand-up comedy and hopes to become a writer for a network sitcom. You can see him at Hilarities on July 2, July 6, July 9 or July 13. The shows start at either 7 or 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13 or \$18 and can be purchased in advance at [www.pickwickandfrolic.com](http://www.pickwickandfrolic.com). ●

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

### Frugality in the digital world

by TAK SATO

Many things I learned, I learned from my parents; most probably you did so too. I believe passing of knowledge and wisdom through familial generations takes place worldwide. One of the virtues that was instilled upon me when growing up in Japan, which to some extent is still how I relate with my material possessions, was to not waste anything. The mantra was that one can fix anything and nothing is too old to toss out.

How is this, basically the concept of “frugality,” pertinent to a column on demystifying the digital world? Specifically does frugality apply to digital world possessions? I’m exploring this because I’ve seen a worrisome trend in the past couple months that could lead to some computer users becoming a victim. Ignoring the warnings and continuing to use Windows XP machines leaves users open to the risks of a computer virus or identity theft.

Technology evolves too quickly and due to what I call “built-in obsolescence,” most older technology becomes useless beyond certain point. Due to this same evolution, newer technology becomes affordable more quickly.

Many businesses lease computers instead of buying them outright because they don’t want the initial capital outlay and leasing takes care of built-in obsolescence by refreshing technology at lease renewal. For personal use, though, many of us probably make that initial capital outlay. And just like a car we may even become fond of our computer and continue to use it even after its useful life.

As a result of the disruptive innovation we call the internet, you live in both real and digital worlds simultaneously. You use your computer, smart-

phone and/or your tablet to connect to the internet to reap the benefits of the digital world. However just like anything else that provides benefits, the internet has nefarious entities trying to misuse those same powers. And those same nefarious entities can target people still using Windows XP.

For computer hobbyists, enthusiasts and “geeks” like this columnist, there are unofficial workarounds that may temporarily enable Windows XP to receive security updates because Microsoft still supports one special version of Windows XP used in banking; they just don’t support the consumer and most other versions. But for a typical user keeping abreast of and applying these workarounds at the innards of Windows XP can be challenging, if not daunting. One may take the “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it” argument as to why one keeps using the Windows XP based system. That argument is only half correct because even though the system, aka hardware, is not broken, the operating system, aka software, is now good as broke since Microsoft is not supplying the security updates to consumers since April.

So technology is one exception where being frugal is not always the appropriate answer. With entry level laptops regularly on clearance for under \$400 there is no good reason to continue using Windows XP. Earlier this week I saw a respectively equipped entry level laptop on clearance for \$359 at our local big electronics chain. Also consider a tablet which can handle most entry level functions such as email, browsing and comes with a universe of affordable apps that may be appropriate as the replacement for your Windows XP system. Technology evolves and now you have options.

Have a question for Tak about computers, software or other technology? Send it to [editor@wbvobserver.com](mailto:editor@wbvobserver.com). ●

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# Bump in parking fees to benefit Bay Days fireworks

by ERIC EAKIN

Parking in Cahoon Memorial Park on the Fourth of July at Bay Days will go up a dollar this year, with the additional proceeds going to fund the evening's fireworks display, which are now privately funded.

The American Legion, whose members collect the parking fees, has agreed to charge \$3 per car this year, with the additional dollar going to the Bay Days fireworks fund.

"We want to let everyone know about this bump in costs to reduce the hassle at the entrance to the parking lot," Legion spokesman Jim Potter said.

"We thank the members of the Legion for helping to fund our fireworks display," said Eric Eakin, who chairs the fireworks fundraising committee.

Tickets are still available for the Indians raffle. Two names will be drawn at 8 p.m. on July 4 during the Bay Days celebration. The first prize is a 16-person suite at the Aug. 22 Indians game and includes food and soft drinks, four parking passes and the opportunity for four persons to view the fireworks display from the visitors' dugout. The second prize is four tickets to the Aug. 13 Indians game and the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. All proceeds help to fund the Bay Days fireworks display.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 216-386-5997, email [ericjeakin@gmail.com](mailto:ericjeakin@gmail.com) or stop by the group's Bay Days table before 8 p.m. on July 4. ●

# Bike riders benefit from Westlake safety fair

by BOB DEMINICO

On Saturday, June 14, the Westlake Community Bike Fair & Rodeo took place at the Recreation Center.

There were numerous activities which included an agility track to test your biking skills, Fairview Cycle conducted bike inspections and repairs, Lakewood Elks Lodge #1350 donated flags for everyone, the Silver Wheels Cycling Club displayed on- and off-road racing bikes and over 40 free bike helmets were distributed to the participants.

Raffle prizes included locks, lights and other bike oriented materials. The event was sponsored by St. John Medical Center, Westlake Police, Westlake Schools and the Recreation Department. ●

RIGHT: Nine-year-old Ella Healey of Westlake maneuvers the bike agility course outside the Westlake Rec Center.

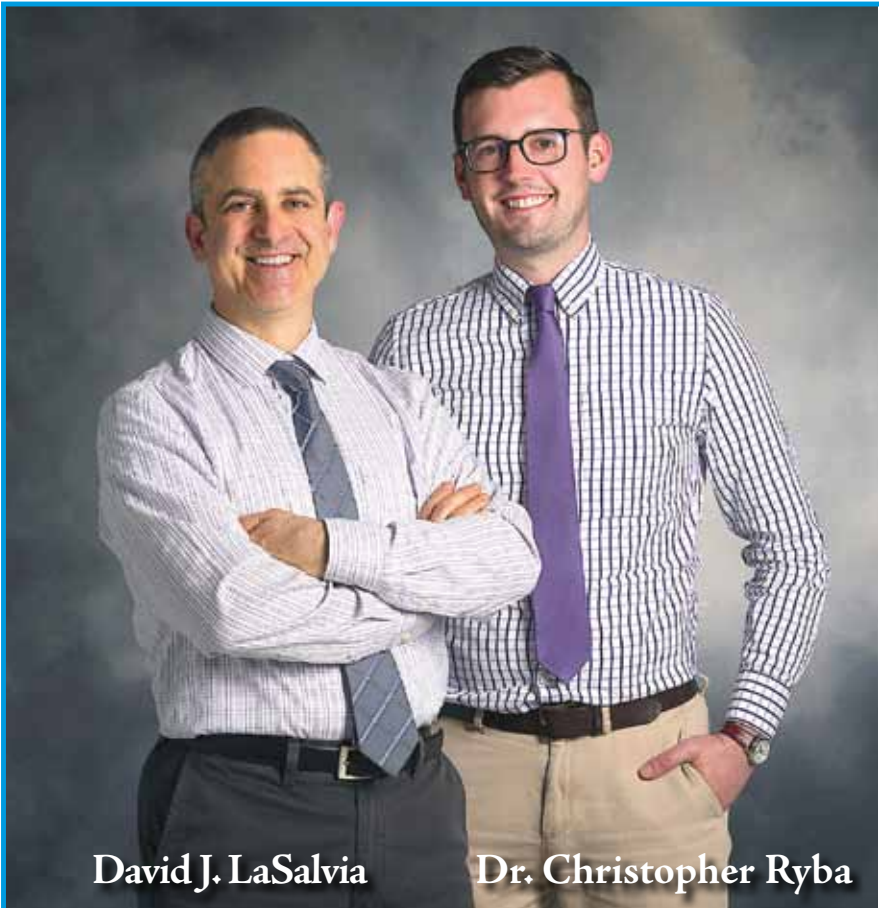


Fatima Abuabsa watches Stuart Survanse of Fairview Cycle perform a safety check of her bike.



Westlake auxiliary police officer Marian Zietz stresses the importance of bike safety as 8-year-old Myles McLaughlin puts decals on his bike helmet, held by his dad, Jim.

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# Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by BARBARA ISAACS

Summer is in full swing at the Bay Village Branch with events and programs for all! There is still plenty of time to participate in the Summer Reading Game which is for adults and youth of all ages. Register online at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org), select an avatar, decide on your reading goal minutes and you are all set! Just start reading and add your minutes online as you progress. Any questions, please call us at 440-871-6392. If you prefer to use a traditional game board, stop in the library to pick one up and get it stamped along with a raffle entry each time you come in.

Look for the library table at Bay Days on July 2 and 3; stop to say hello and make a craft! The library will be closed July 4-6 for the Independence Day Weekend.

Please join us for these programs at the branch:

**ALL AGES**

**Wednesday, June 25 (6-7:30 p.m.) ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – Stop in at the third annual ice cream social! Meet your friends, neighbors and library staff to enjoy Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch Library.

**ADULT DEPARTMENT**

**Tuesday, July 8 (10 a.m.) SUMMER READS YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD ABOUT** – Looking for something to read this summer but not quite sure what? Barbara Isaacs, head of the Adult Department will have some suggestions of all genres that you might enjoy. You

may discover an author you've never tried!

**CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**

**Wednesdays, June 25, July 2 and July 9 (9:30 a.m.) BABY & ME STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages birth to 18 months. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books.

**Wednesdays, June 25 and July 2 (7 p.m.) and Friday, June 27 (9:30 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – For children of all ages and a caregiver. Have fun with stories, songs and fingerplays.

**Thursdays, June 26 and July 3 (11 a.m.) and Tuesday, July 8 (7 p.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 3-5, not in kindergarten. Join us for books, rhymes, songs and fingerplays.

**Mondays, June 30 and July 7; Tuesdays, July 1 and 8 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months. Enjoy rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

**Thursday, June 26 (2 p.m.) WENDY MAHON'S MASKS** – For 8- to 12-year-olds. All cultures have a history of mask making. Learn to make masks using a variety of materials and techniques and about how masks are used by different cultural groups in ceremonies and festivals. Incorporating a variety of geometric shapes, participants will learn to apply concepts of two and three-dimensional design to their own creations. Register online or by calling 440-871-6392.

For a complete listing of all of the branch activities, visit [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org) or stop by the library at 502 Cahoon Road to pick up a flyer. ●

# Camp helps children dealing with grief

For the 16th consecutive year, Hospice of the Western Reserve will host Together We Can, a children's bereavement day camp, at Red Oak Camp in Kirtland. This year's camp is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 5-7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is open to children across Greater Cleveland, and offers support and healing in a beautiful, natural environment.

Activities are led by trained professionals who are experienced in working with children and grief. Cost for the camp is \$25 per camper; scholarships are available. Space is limited and registration is required by July 10. For more information and to receive a registration packet, call Karen Hatfield at 216-486-6042.

Transportation to the camp is provided from three drop-off points:

- Holiday Inn, 4181 W. 150th St., Cleveland
- Hospice of the Western Reserve, Lakeshore Campus, 300 E. 185th St., Cleveland

- Hospice of the Western Reserve, Warrensville Hts. Office, 4670 Richmond Road, Warrensville Hts.

Each year, up to 60 campers between the ages of 6 and 14 who have experienced the death of a loved one spend three days in this beautiful natural setting interacting with other children who have also had someone special die.

"There's nothing better than seeing all these kids who have experienced so many different losses come together in a beautiful setting to share stories, learn new ways to handle their grief, and have fun with other children who understand what they're going through," said Karen Hatfield, team leader for counseling services for Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Children have the opportunity to share their feelings and ask questions in a safe, supportive environment. A variety of activities encourage memories, coping skills and the expression of feelings. Children also have an opportunity to enjoy fun outdoor recreational activities. ●

# Summer reading program kicks off

by ANNE LYNCH

The Bay Village Library Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, June 7, was a rousing success. Families started by making crafts: Pete the Cat headbands or puppets, Humphrey the Hamster and ink press bookmarks.

We then had Senator Tom Patton, retired Bay children's librarian Susan Ballard and two Bay Village firefighters as our "celebrity readers" and the finale was Sue Durante – "The Bubble Lady" who delighted and entertained all in attendance.

Senator Tom Patton read "It's a Tiger!" by David LaRochelle. ●



PHOTO BY ANNE LYNCH

Senator Tom Patton reads "It's a Tiger!" by David LaRochelle at Bay Library's Summer Reading Kickoff on June 7.

# Michael Bernard Beckwith to appear at Unity July 5

by TERRI BREWER

Unity proudly welcomes Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith on July 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Beckwith is the founder and spiritual director of the Agape International Spiritual Center, a trans-denominational spiritual community known for its rich cultural diversity, local and global humanitarian programs, and promotion of the arts in Culver City, Calif. He will speak and his wife, Rickie Byars Beckwith, will perform at Unity Hall on the campus of Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road in Westlake.

Tickets are \$45 but Observer readers receive a \$5 discount by using the coupon code: "observer" when ordering tickets at

[www.unityspiritualcenter.com](http://www.unityspiritualcenter.com). The event is expected to be sold out so tickets may not be available at the door.

Dr. Beckwith will speak on the "Freedom to Soar - Visioning Your Life." He has a new book out called "Life Visioning." Featured in the best-selling book and film "The Secret," Beckwith has appeared on the Oprah Show and Larry King Live, and has taught alongside international leaders of the world's spiritual traditions. He has also brought his life-enhancing practices to PBS, where his message – The Answer Is You – becomes an inspiring catalyst for living from your highest potential.

Rickie Byars Beckwith has recorded seven original albums and performed with will.i.am at President Barack Obama's People's Inaugural Ball. ●

# New signs installed at Village Project

by DIANE FRYE

Village Project is pleased and grateful to be the recipient of two brand new signs recently installed at its headquarters building on West Oviatt. The materials for the signs were gifted by an anonymous donor, with paint and installation paid for by a grant provided by The Village Foundation. ●



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SPORTING VIEWS

# The wizard behind the Steel Curtain

by JEFF BING

The recent passing of Pittsburgh Steelers coaching legend Chuck Noll prompted the recollection of quite a few football memories – not just for me, but for Browns fans around the country. Unfortunately, from a Cleveland fan’s perspective, not many were memorable in a positive way.

For those who might be otherwise unaware, my mother-in-law’s maiden name is Noll. She happened to be a cousin of Chuck’s (or “Chuckie” as he was/is affectionately referred to by the rest of the family). My father-in-law Andy – still smarting from Art Modell’s dismissal of coach Paul Brown in 1963 – shifted his allegiance to the Steelers in 1969. In hindsight, it was *not* a bad move.

A native Clevelander, Chuck graduated from Benedictine High School in 1949, was drafted by the Browns out of the University of Dayton in 1953, and played for the Browns through the ‘50s. But ultimately, his real legacy would be as football coach – not player. Legend has it that the Rooney family, owners of the Steelers, decided to hire Chuck Noll as coach based upon the recommendation of then-Baltimore Colts head coach Don Shula, only after Penn State coach Joe Paterno turned down the offer.

It wasn’t exactly smooth sailing for Noll his first year. He won his debut contest, but then lost his final 13 for the downtrodden Steelers, the NFL’s “punching bag” at the time. Or, to put it in perspective, the Steelers at that time were what the Browns have been since 1999: awful.

Slowly, the Steelers improved, mostly due to some incredible drafts engineered by Noll. For instance, the 1974 draft pro-

duced four future Hall-of-Famers, and the Steelers began an incredible roll of impeccable drafting.

By 1972, the foundation was in place. Consider this: from 1972 through 1979, the Steelers had an unfathomable regular season record of 88-27-1, capturing Super Bowl trophies in 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1979. The Steelers regularly pounded the Browns, too. It was brutal.

Even after years of lower draft positions due to their run of success, the Steelers remained competitive. I’ll never forget 1989, when the Browns smoked the Steelers in the season opener, 51-0. I was sure Noll and the Steelers’ reign had ended (and that was a full *quarter century* ago). I was even *more* sure when the Bengals beat the Steelers 41-10 the following week, while the Browns were winning their second straight under rookie coach Bud Carson.

Not quite. The Steelers beat the Browns in their second meeting, and rallied to finish 9-7, making the Wild Card game, just behind the Browns’ 9-6-1. Both teams lost to the Denver in the playoffs that year; Carson’s next year as Browns coach would prove to be his last, while Noll remained as Steelers coach until retiring after the 1991 season.

I only met Chuck one time, when I attended his enshrinement into the Benedictine High School Hall of Fame in 1991. Though he was the “enemy” as coach of the hated Steelers, I’ll never forget the firmness in the grip of his handshake, or the sincerity in his voice when he said it was a “pleasure to meet” me. He was, indeed, a humble man, who never took anything for granted.

The entire sports world – including Cleveland – lost a good one when they lost “Chuckie.” ●

# Reflecting on a successful year for the Bay LWV

by CONDA BOYD

The Bay Village League of Women Voters’ 66th year has been our most active in decades. I want to share with you our annual report – and even more, to thank you, our community, for being the reason for it all.

In a local election year, voter service is Job One. Last year’s mayoral primary forum had a standing-room-only crowd with TV coverage. When the Indians decided to make the playoffs, general election forum attendance plummeted, but online video saved the day with 270 views.

The Westlake | Bay Village Observer re-engineered our Voters’ Guide. With answers to two questions in print and an additional four available online, it was our most-comprehensive-ever candidate comparison.

Voter education went beyond political races. Last June, westside LWV chapters wrapped up our three-part regionalization series with a forum on evaluating fire district mergers. During election season, we wrote articles to raise awareness of Cuyahoga County’s voter purge, provisional ballot rules, and voting deadlines. More recently, we celebrated spring with a piece on Sunshine Week.

Our westside LWV observer corps took off last August by documenting Westshore Council of Governments meetings. Branching out to Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant and WCOG Fire District Study meetings, westside chapters have brought sunshine to important meetings that are not covered elsewhere. In the process we have come to know our mayors, and they have come to appreciate the visibility we give to their good work.

In Bay Village – again choosing less visible but important government bodies – we have published observations on

our Planning Commission’s townhouse development discussions and the Civil Service Commission’s rules rewrite.


We are working closely with City Council. We asked Council to publish their meeting packets online, and they have done so since February. We advocated for a charter amendment to close the loophole that allowed a write-in candidate to bypass last fall’s primary election. As individuals, we successfully stood up for clear statements against luxury condominium tax abatements and for expanded equal opportunity employment.

Beyond Bay, members participated in the LWV’s national Agriculture Study and helped register new voters in Cleveland high schools. We screened forum questions in other cities. We partnered with other Leagues to purchase reusable Vote Tuesday! yard signs. In May, the Cuyahoga Area League, of which we are a part, voted to merge with the Cleveland Area and Shaker Heights Leagues to form one Greater Cleveland League that will serve all of Cuyahoga County.


We are a civic organization as well as a League. We have given back to Community Council, the Holiday Caring & Sharing program, Cahoon in June, and the fireworks fundraiser. Looking to the next generation, we even sponsor our own girls softball team! As is tradition, we gave Good Citizenship scholarships to two outstanding seniors.

We now have 35 members, 25 of whom have joined since 2012-13. Our monthly meetings, which are always open to the public, feature interesting local and regional speakers.

We believe that a strong LWV contributes to a responsive local government and a vibrant community. The only requirement for membership is a passion for democracy. Please do join us at [lwvcuyahogaarea.org](http://lwvcuyahogaarea.org). ●



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## WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Thursday, June 26 (2-3 p.m.) MR. LEMONCELLO'S GREAT LIBRARY ESCAPE GAME** – WPPL is hosting its own Lemoncello-style scavenger hunt at the library. Grades 5-7. Please register.

**Thursday, June 26 (7-8 p.m.) TOTALLY GROSS MAGIC SHOW** – If you like strange bodily noises and slimy green stuff, this show is for you! All ages. Free tickets available at the Youth Services Desk on Friday, June 19. Limit 6 tickets per adult, please.

**Friday, June 27 (10 a.m.-noon) PORTER'S FIBER FANATICS** – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems and show off.

**Friday, June 27 (1:30-3 p.m.) PAPER BAG JOURNALS** – The crafty Ms. Jenn Cline is back to show us how to make our very own journals out of paper bags. We'll make the journals as well as decorate them, and begin filling them with notes and poems. Grades 5-7. Please register.

**Friday, June 27 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY!** – Join us for fabulous Friday afternoon flicks! Based on availability; movie titles may change without notice. In accordance with library policy, children who are under age nine must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins one week before each session. Title for June 27: "The Little Rascals Save the Day" (Rated PG).

**Friday, June 27 (4-5:30 p.m.) WEIRD SCIENCE: ROCKETRY 101** – Students will participate in hands-on experiments that they can reproduce at home. In this session we will learn about rockets and build and race Alka Seltzer rockets and balloon rockets. Grades 4-7. Please register.

**Saturday, June 28 (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.

**Sunday, June 29 (2-3 p.m.) MAKE A YARN BOWL** – Make a new decoration for your room. We will make a free-form design with yarn that will dry and become a bowl. It will be messy, so bring an art shirt with you. Grades 2-4. Please register.

**Monday, June 30 (2-3:30 p.m.) ASTRONAUT TRAINING** – You've been selected for Astronaut Training! Kids ages 3-6 can report to the Porter Room anytime between 2-3:30 p.m. to begin their training. No registration required!

**Monday, June 30 (3-4:30 p.m.) TEEN CRAFTERNOONS** – Bring out your creativity and kill some time in the Teen area every Monday throughout the summer for an afternoon of crafts. Drop in for a new craft each week! While supplies last.

**Tuesdays (2:30-3 p.m.) and Thursdays (10:30-11 a.m.) through July 24 – BOOK BUDDIES** – Teen volunteers will help students ENTERING grades 1-3 retain their reading skills during summer vacation. This program is designed for those usually reading below grade level and in need of extra help practicing reading. Please note: the Book Buddies program is not a tutoring service. Teen Book Buddy volunteers are neither expected nor trained to correct learning problems or to teach children to read. Sign up weekly for the session that works best for you. Continues weekly through July 24.

**Tuesdays (3-4 p.m.) and Thursdays (11 a.m.-noon) through July 24 – SUMMER BRAIN GAMES** – Keep up your skills this summer vacation! Kids ENTERING grades 1-3 can drop in each week for grade-appropriate educational games and activities in four subject areas. Teen volunteers and staff from Westlake City Schools will be on hand to assist. Parents of children under age 9 are required to stay in the library while their children are participating in Brain Games. Drop-in program, no registration necessary! Continues weekly through July 24.

**Tuesday, July 1 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: USING TWITTER FOR JOB SEARCH** – With other job search resources, job seekers often have no way of directly connecting with the recruiter or the hiring manager. Twitter can help with this challenge. Take this quick introduction to Twitter and learn how to use it in your job search.

**Tuesday, July 1 (7-7:45 p.m.) SING AND DANCE SPECIAL EDITION: SWEATING TO THE OLDIES!** – This special edition of Sing and Dance will star

Miss Nancy, and feature special guest, Miss Sarah! Get ready to shake your groove thing! Fun for the entire family – kids and their grown-ups!

**Wednesday, July 2 (10:15 and 11 a.m.) LET'S SING AND DANCE!** – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, July 2 (1-7 p.m.) – AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**

**Wednesday, July 2 (3-4:30 p.m.) NERD NIGHT!** – Embrace your inner nerd and just have fun as we team up and compete in the ultimate geek relay! Get competitive in our socks & sandals relay race, Fitness for Nerds, and more! Grades 6-12. Please register.

**Wednesday, July 2 (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, July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY: LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Saturday, July 5 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB** – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! All bricks provided. Ages 6-12.

**Monday, July 7 (3-4:30 p.m.) TEEN CRAFTERNOONS** – Bring out your creativity and kill some time in the Teen area every Monday throughout the summer for an afternoon of crafts. Drop in for a new craft each week! While supplies last.

**Monday, July 7 (5-6 p.m.) YOGA FOR TEENS** – Inhale. Exhale. Warrior Pose! Bethany Springer will teach you yoga moves to develop your strength and flexibility. For teens entering grades 6-12. Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear loose/comfortable clothing. Grades 6-12. Please register starting June 30.

**Monday, July 7 (7-8:30 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE** – "Blue Jasmine," starring Cate Blanchett in her Academy Award-winning role as a socialite whose life has fallen apart. Rated PG-13. Please register.

**Tuesday, July 8 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – In July we'll discuss "Anonymous" by Christine Benedict.

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

## Get started researching your family tree

Learn how to research your family tree on June 28 and July 26 at Westlake Porter Public Library. The library is offering two genealogy programs – "Genealogy Research from Home" and "Beginning Genealogy" – in which attendees will learn how to get started and about the resources available to them as they search.

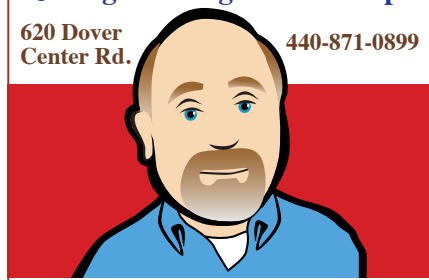
In Genealogy Research from Home (10:30 a.m.-noon on June 28), attendees will discover free genealogy websites available from home, including HeritageQuest and Fold3. In Beginning Genealogy Research from Home (10:30 a.m.-noon on July 26) attendees will learn how to research their family history, including the available resources and where to find them. Bring along names and dates to both classes for hands on research.

Both classes will be held at the library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. To register for either please call 440-250-5460 or visit [signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080](http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080).

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# BAYarts Art + Music Festival once again a success

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

The annual Art + Music Festival, a free day of “food, fun, art and music” on the BAYarts campus, took place on June 14. The celebration boasts a way of sharing “affordable art” with the community at large.

The party featured upbeat reggae music by Umojah Nation, food from the newly christened Fuller Porch Cafe, BAYarts board members working a busy grill, and over 70 vendors of artistic wares. BAYarts gallery director Eileen Stockdale coordinated the event, and said that the 2014 festival was their largest year yet. They bumped up the amount of vendors with nearly 20 additional tents. Attendance for the pre-Father’s Day event was also higher than average. “It was a beautiful day both weather-wise and crowd-wise,” she explained with enthusiasm.

There was a wide variety of items to see, including: sea glass jewelry, hand-crafted soaps, organic tea, copper-wire crocheted bracelets, hand-embroidered bags, matted photography prints, watercolor landscapes of familiar (“hey, my parents used to take me there!”) spots, maple-flavored cotton candy, pet-portraits and more

One appeal of buying from local

artisans is that you get to talk to the actual artist whose work you see before you. And make no mistake, these are quality (often, absurdly unique) items that people in art festivals are bringing to you. Even the tent set-ups and displays were creative. One tent had a white-picket fence in the front, while another featured a station with where people could test out a hand scrub before rinsing off their hands. Jewelry items were draped over driftwood, and charms were nestled into upside-down seashells. Visitors were left with a glowing feeling for the welcoming northeastern Ohio community of artists and art-enthusiasts.

“We have so many wonderful shop artists, but they have a lot more than we can put on display. This gives them a chance to bring their whole line out,” Eileen Stockdale said of one of the reasons the festival is such a unique event. But it’s not just about local artists. “It’s always exciting to get new vendors that do this all summer long – they might be coming from Michigan or Indiana.”

As it was a great day for a walk through the Cleveland Metroparks, several dogs were on hand during the festival. Although there was an adorable sleepy Chihuahua, and a friendly, hulking



PHOTO BY JESSICA STOCKDALE

Exhibitors display their wares at BAYarts’ Art + Music Festival on June 14.

St. Bernard, the award for “Stand-Out Pup” undoubtedly went to the large poof of white (an American Eskimo) sweeping the crowds while wearing a jauntily tilted silver and purple tiara.

One of the highlights of the festival this year, as with two previous years, was the inclusion of The Rustbelt Monster Collective’s mural that was created out in the open. Festival attendees were able to watch the progress over the length of the afternoon. It, along with two other murals, are on permanent display around the BAYarts campus.

If you didn’t make it out this year, rest easy. The popular event is repeated each summer. ●

## BAYarts wins 2nd place in duct tape parade

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Aliens and duct tape? They go together better than you’d think. A group of young artists from BAYarts walked in The Avon Heritage Duck Tape Parade on Father’s Day weekend, and successfully scored a second-place ranking.

This is only the second year that BAYarts has participated in the festival, and in the previous year they garnered the title of “Most Creative.”

Students ages 8-14 from the Spring Duck Tape class at BAYarts worked diligently under the guidance of teacher Melissa Moon, adhering to the 2014 theme of “Out of this World!”

The BAYarts team had created three alien puppets. To give you an idea of the sizes, imagine a head that’s a little over 2 feet by 2 feet. The capes (every good alien needs one!) were about 8 feet by 6 feet.

“They made quite a presence at the parade,” said Moon. And these aliens were devised with great care. Moon explained, “As they were designing the aliens, they didn’t just think about the colors but really considered the personality of the different aliens. There was a lot of stock invested in them.”

Before the parade, Moon said, “They were definitely anxious to get out there. It had been months of hard work. When we turned the first corner and heard the cheers, you



PHOTO BY NANCY HEATON

The BAYarts team at the Avon Heritage Duck Tape Parade on June 14.

could see their smiles. It was incredibly rewarding.”

As you can see, with duct tape, the

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**"Why Limit Happy to an Hour" Fundraiser**

An outdoor event to raise funds for Santell Nelson, who was injured when his bicycle was struck by a drunk driver in Bay Village. Snacks and beverages will be served, along with energy exercises, smile yoga (no special dress required or strenuous poses) and reflexology sessions. All attendees will receive a free gift. The event costs \$10; call 216-280-3808 with any questions. *Breathe Studio, 24960 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, June 28, 7 a.m.**

**Huntington Triathlon/Duathlon**

Pre-race packet pick-up (optional) will be held on Friday, June 27, from 1-4 p.m. at Huntington Beach Park (south side of Lake Road) at the picnic area where the Transition Area will be on race day. Racers will still need to get body markings and chips on Saturday. Registration begins at 7 a.m.; duathlon starts at 8 a.m.; triathlon starts at 8:10. Visit [ncnracing.com](http://ncnracing.com) for details. *Huntington Beach, Bay Village*

**Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Westlake Shredding Day**

Each household may bring material – paperwork, floppy disks, CDs – equivalent to the capacity of 2 standard size copy paper boxes (10"x18"x9") to be shredded for free. For Westlake residents only; please have driver's license available. Shredding will take place rain or shine. *Westlake City Hall parking lot, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.*

**Saturday, June 28, 4:30 p.m.**

**Free Community Meal**

A time and a place to come together for good food, friendship, and conversation! This meal is provided by area churches. It is FREE to all; the church is accessible to the physically challenged, no carry outs. *Clague Road United Church of Christ, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted*

**Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m.**

**Bay Village Community Band Concert**

Treat yourself to an evening of American patriotic favorites including many beloved marches and classics from Irving Berlin and George Cohan! Come and enjoy FREE live music within the festive atmosphere of Bay Days. *Cahoon Park Gazebo, 303 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village*

**Wednesday, July 2-Saturday, July 5, noon-10:30 p.m.**

**Bay Days**

Rides, games, music and food vendors. Fireworks at dusk on July 4. See full schedule below. *Cahoon Memorial Park, corner of Lake and Cahoon roads*

**Friday, July 4, 10 a.m.-dusk**

**Westlake Fourth of July Celebration**

The day kicks off with a parade down Hilliard Boulevard and continues at Clague Park with a classic car show, Americana program with the mayor and council members at 11:15 a.m., food vendors starting at 4 p.m. and music at 6 p.m. Fireworks at dusk! *Clague Memorial Park, corner of Clague Rd. and Hilliard Blvd.*

# Microsoft is coming to Westlake

by JOAN GRACE

On Wednesday, July 9, Northeast Ohio Personal Computers group will host "What's New @ Microsoft: Devices, Clouds, Games & More!", a discussion of all things Microsoft with a focus on the new and improved Windows 8.1. Have questions about Microsoft software or hardware? We have an expert here to give answers. Keith Mayer, a technical expert at Microsoft will cover several new updates across the Microsoft ecosystem: Windows 8.1 update, Windows Phone 8.1, Azure, Office 365 and Xbox One.

Keith Mayer is a senior technical evangelist at Microsoft, focused on Windows infrastructure, data center virtualization, system management, and private cloud. Keith has over 20 years of experience as a technical leader of complex IT projects in diverse roles. He has consulted with and trained thousands of IT pros worldwide on

design of enterprise technology solutions.

This program will also include a special Christmas in July event: New members who complete an application in July will get a free, one-year membership in the Northeast Ohio Personal Computers group; enjoy all the club benefits including meetings, luncheons, monthly newsletter, access to the club website and forum (answers to your questions and industry updates) and more – all FREE for Christmas in July.

Current members who renew membership in July at the regular price of \$20 will receive an extra 6 months of membership – 18 months instead of 12 – for paying in July. A lifetime membership, usually \$100, will be only \$50 during Christmas in July.

Don't miss this opportunity to discuss these new products and get answers from a Microsoft technical expert. The July 9 program is free and open to everyone; there will be refreshments at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting and presentation 7-8:30 p.m., at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. There will also be special door prizes! See [www.neopc.org](http://www.neopc.org) for additional information. ●

# SHEPPARD MURDER CASE EXHIBIT

The Bay Village Historical Society has on display news clippings, photos and other documents from the Dr. Sam Sheppard investigation and trial at the Reuben Osborn House in Cahoon Park. The museum is open free to the public Sundays, 2-4:30 p.m.



Historian Will Krause helps a visitor look up a fact about the Sheppard case at the Osborn House.



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# BAY DAYS 2014

**CARNIVAL RIDES ★ CHILDREN & ADULT GAMES**  
**FOOD ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ FIREWORKS**

**CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK** (at Lake & Cahoon Roads) – **BAY VILLAGE**

**Wednesday, July 2**

12 Noon – 10:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Booths and Rides Open  
12 Noon – 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **\$18 One Price Ticket** for All Rides  
5 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **Classic Car Cruise-In** at Cahoon Park with **DJ Cadillac Mike**  
(Rain Date -Thursday, July 3) **\$10 donation** benefits Unicef/Kiwanis International Project Eliminate - to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.  
6:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Live Music at the Gazebo – **Bay Village Community Band**

**Thursday, July 3**

12 Noon to 10:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Booths and Rides Open  
12 Noon to 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **\$18 One Price Ticket** for All Rides  
6 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Live Music at the Gazebo – **The Belaires** (50's & 60's Music)

**Friday, July 4**

11:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ **Children's Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade** – Meet at the Gazebo  
12 Noon – 10:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Booths and Rides Open  
12 Noon – 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **\$16 One Price Ticket** for All Rides  
12 Noon \_\_\_\_\_ **Magic Show** in the Community House  
12:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **Adult and Children Games** at Cahoon Soccer Field  
1 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **Vintage Base Ball Game** – Bay Men's Club Villagers vs. Whiskey Island Shamrocks. (South end of Cahoon Park).  
6 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Live Music at the Gazebo – **East Wind**  
9:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **GALA FIREWORKS DISPLAY** (Rain Date Saturday, July 5)

**Saturday, July 5**

12 Noon – 10:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Booths and Rides Open  
12 Noon – 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ **\$18 One Price Ticket** for All Rides  
6:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Live Music at the Gazebo – **The Four Lads**