



# The Shoreline

BAY ALUMNI FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

KEVIN MISSAL- '87



As I look outside the windows of my home, I see the snow-covered ground with continuous flakes falling from the sky all around. The forecast calls for a snowy, cold winter like the ones I experienced growing up in Bay Village in the 1970's and 80's. When I was a child, I enjoyed getting bundled up and going outside to play with all the kids in the neighborhood. We would build snow forts and have snowball fights, play football and go sledding down the driveways that had an incline. All we had to do was watch out for cars going back and forth on the street. Those were fun, care-free times. Now, when I get bundled up and have to go out in winter, it's usually to run errands, shovel or use the snow thrower, or pick up sticks and small branches that have fallen in the yard. I remember my dad doing the same.

Your Alumni Foundation is staying busy and has much to look forward to in 2025. On Saturday, March 29, we will host our annual alumni bowling event at **Spevock's Nautical Lanes** in Avon Lake. All are welcome and you don't have to bowl to have a great time socializing with old friends and meeting new ones too. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund which helps graduating high school seniors. This year we will be able to provide 1-2 additional scholarships thanks to the many donations from our new annual day of giving, coming again in July.

This year we will host our Distinguished Alumni and Educator Hall of Fame awards over Homecoming weekend: Thursday, October 2; Friday, October 3; and Saturday, October 4. If you're home, please come to the many activities and say hi. It is a joy seeing all of you and catching up. Additional information regarding Homecoming Weekend events will be published in future issues of The Shoreline. If you know an alum or remember a teacher who motivated you, please fill out an application on our website, [bayalumni.com](http://bayalumni.com). There's still time to get your nominations in.

Please take some time to read over our current issue. There is plenty to be proud of, such as our State Champion Girls Soccer Team, other accomplishments from our Fall Sports, and the new Tree Conservancy that's helping to replace Bay Village's canopy. After all, Bay wouldn't be Bay without all the wonderful trees that provide shade and beautify our hometown.

Stay warm and keep active this winter. If there's anything your Alumni Foundation can assist you with, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you are looking at getting involved in something new and live close to your childhood home of Bay, **please come to one of our monthly meetings which are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Community Room at the Bay Village Police Department**, starting time of **6:45 p.m.** All are welcome and we could always use additional help with our many monthly activities.

Connecting your past, present and future with a smile,

-Kevin Missal ('87), President



# ROCKET SPORTS RECAP

This past fall sports season was truly one for the ages.

**Football:** The football team qualified for the OHSAA Playoffs for the 11th year in a row, defeating Cloverleaf 41-14 in the first round. This victory marked their first playoff win since 2017. The team also retained the “Little Brown Jug” and reclaimed the “Helm” by defeating Westlake and Rocky River. Junior **Rocco Ereditario** earned Third Team All-Ohio recognition, while senior **Liam Albright** received Second Team All-Ohio honors. The team was led by Bay High alumnus **Ron Rutt**.

**Volleyball:** In the inaugural Cleveland West Conference season, the volleyball team was crowned **CWC Champions**, achieving back-to-back conference championships for the Lady Rockets. Head coach **Katie Seal** earned CWC Coach of the Year honors.

**Boys Golf:** The boys golf team were Sectional Champions and qualified for the OHSAA State Tournament for the first time since 1995, finishing 11th as a team. The team was coached by **Rick Manderine**.

**Girls Cross Country:** The girls cross country team had two runners qualify for the OHSAA State Meet: seniors **Brooklyn Marriott** and **Erin Belveal**, who finished 37th and 38th, respectively. The team was coached by **Scott Snyder**.

**Boys Cross Country:** The boys cross country team won the **Cleveland West Conference Championship**, with senior **Michael Hanselman** taking first place. Junior **Kieran Ripley** was crowned Regional Champion, the first since **Michael Brajdic** in 2010. The team qualified for the OHSAA State Meet for the 37th time, finishing 8th overall. **Connor Spellman** (12th) and **Kieran Ripley** (22nd) earned All-Ohio honors. Team members included **Spencer Grace** (senior), **Michael Hanselman**, **Sacha Jones** (junior), **Liam Jager** (freshman), **Peyton Myers** (senior), **Kieran Ripley** (junior), and **Connor Spellman** (senior). Alternates were **Brennen Lyons** (senior) and **Stephen Murphy** (junior). The team was coached by Bay High School alumnus **Jack Hautz**, who was also named CWC Coach of the Year.

**Girls Soccer:** The girls soccer team had a phenomenal season, culminating in a 1-0 victory over Medina Highland to win the **OHSAA State Championship**. This marked their first state title since 2003. The team also finished as Co-CWC Champions. Seniors **Emery Aschenbrener** and **Tessa Knapp** earned First Team All-Ohio honors. **Knapp** was further recognized as Division III Player of the Year, Ohio Ms. Soccer, US Soccer Coaches All-Region, and US Soccer Coaches All-American. The team was led by first-year coach **Scott Simpson**.

**School Records:** Several school records were broken this fall across all sports:

- **Football:** Senior **Billy Willmitch** set a new school record for most tackles in a season (130).
- **Golf:** Senior **Ian Williams** broke records for the lowest 9-hole average (35.8) and 18-hole average (75.9). The boys golf team, including **Jack Chalmers**, **Tommy Mack**, **Trevor Ormsby**, **Travis Ropelewski**, **Ben Shuster**, and **Ian Williams**, recorded the lowest dual match score (146) against North Olmsted.
- **Girls Soccer:** Senior **Emery Aschenbrener** set records for most assists in a game (6), most assists in a season (27), and most assists in a career (67). Senior **Tessa Knapp** broke records for most goals in a season (64) and most points in a career (475). **Knapp** also set the state record for most career goals (212) by any Ohio high school athlete, male or female. The team set records for most wins in a season (22) and most shutouts in a season (17).
- **Volleyball:** Freshman **Payton Masterson** set the school record for highest serve reception percentage (95%). Junior **Olivia Miller** set records for most kills in a season (364) and highest kill percentage (49.5%). Sophomore **Amelia Vecchio** broke records for most aces in a match (14) and most consecutive serves (21). The team set a school record for the fewest points allowed in a match (10).


For up-to-date Bay Athletics information, follow us on X at [@BayAthletics](#), Instagram at [@bayhsathletics](#), or visit [bayathletics.org](http://bayathletics.org).

-Matt Spellman, Athletics Director



BAY HIGH

# ALUMNI



## MADNESS

MARCH 29 2025

SPEVOCK'S NAUTICAL LANES



**\$40 PER BOWLER**  
**\$30 SOCIAL ONLY**  
 [Same costs as last year]

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT BAF SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

CASH BAR, PIZZA/CHICKEN/SUBS/DESSERTS, 21+ ONLY

NCAA ELITE 8 BASKETBALL GAMES ON MULTIPLE BIG SCREENS

SATURDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>  
 6:30 – 9:30 PM  
 SPEVOCK'S NAUTICAL LANES, AVON LAKE




**ORDER EVENT TICKETS / MAKE A DONATION**  
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**THE BAY VILLAGE**  
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Growing up in Bay Village, we vividly remember its great forest of tall trees. Sadly, over the last 10 – 20 years our beloved tree canopy has rapidly diminished and faces a growing threat—the troubling removal of mature trees on private property, little of which is due to natural causes like the August 6, 2024 tornado. (The tornado alone took 70+ trees.)

The Bay Village Tree Conservancy—a nonprofit founded by Bay High alumni—is helping our community recover from such losses by proactively rebuilding the tree canopy through public education, tree-planting programs, and tree-assessment/care referrals. Community support is essential to our success.

Please donate to the BVTC today to ensure our mission continues. Visit [bvtrees.org/#supportus](https://bvtrees.org/#supportus). Thank you for your generous support of our programs for the Bay Village canopy.

Through BVTC, all Bay Alumni can work together to preserve and restore Bay's tree canopy, our neighborhoods, and the community we love.

Scan to donate.  [bvtrees.org](https://bvtrees.org)

The Bay Village Tree Conservancy is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All funds donated go directly to facilitating tree planting and preservation efforts in Bay Village, Ohio.

### UPCOMING REUNIONS

- **Class of 1975: 50th Reunion**  
*July 26, 2025*
- **Class of 1965: 60th Reunion**  
*October 3-5 2025*

**DOES YOUR CLASS HAVE A REUNION COMING UP?**

Please let us know! We will gladly add the information to our events calendar.

Visit <https://bayalumni.com/reunions/> to send us the details.

### A WORD FROM ALUMS

Dear Friends,

Wish I could ride my bike around Bay as I did for so many wonderful years, but alas I am pushing 85 years soon!

Thanks so much for all you do for our Bay Village— I am so proud of you all over there!

With love from me,

- **Jan Hockett Chafee, Class of 1957**

# ROCKETS REMEMBER

*An excerpt of a memoir written in 2011 by Gayle Grossman Floyd, Class of 1961*

(Bay Village schools: Forestview Elementary 1950-1956, Bay High School 1957-1961)

Looking back at the last 50 years of my life since high school, I realize how important the 11 years of schooling I had in Bay Village were to the rest of my life!

My earliest memories are of **Susie Kitchen** and me playing lots of kickball. **Bonnie Wright** and I played dolls. **Di Dyer** would stand outside the front window of our Oakland Rd. house and made faces at me while my mother forced me to practice the piano, one hour a day!

Getting to Forestview School from my house involved cutting through the woods behind the house of **Police Chief Eaton** and his wife, **Mrs. Eaton**, my kindergarten teacher. Can you imagine letting our kids cut through the woods today?

On to high school as a 7th grader where the building was huge. There were a lot of rules. Upper classmen were awesome. Remember the noontime movies in the auditorium? Remember the pep rallies? There was one year when a bunch of us girls who lived east of the high school walked home from school each day and timed it so we could see "The Dick Clark Show" on afternoon television. We patterned our dress and our likes of music to what those Philadelphia kids were doing. Our Bay Way dances were based on whatever we saw them doing. Didn't we take dance lessons in 7th grade at the Community House?

Then there was the influence of my teachers. In 8th grade, **Mrs. Mary Esherick** turned me on to American history. I read every biography I could find. It looks like the librarian, **Mrs. Margaret Kessler**, signed my yearbook. She must have been an early influence on me. I eventually became a K-6 teacher and, after I received my master's degree when I was 40 years old, I became an elementary librarian.

**Curt Crews** set such a high example of what music should be all about. Singing while standing in the first row of the Christmas tree structure was certainly a highlight of my high school years.

Yes, Bay Village and its school system certainly gave me a grounding for a good life!

Read the full article at: <https://bayalumni.com/about/alumni-memories/>



Congratulations to the Bay High School **GIRLS SOCCER** team and coaches for winning the 2024 DIII OHSAA Girls Soccer Tournament on November 9th at Historic Crew Stadium.

**Team Members:** Abigail Feiszli, Alex Linsenmeyer, Aley Fetterman, Anna Weingart, Avery Schriener, Bea Ullom, Bella Pirinelli, Caitlin Petz, Dani Coffman, Emery Aschenbrener, Eva Julian, Grace Manoloff, Issi Bruno, Kendra Vidmar, Lacey Gilmore, Lizzie Fetterman, Maddy Jalovec, Madelyn Lee, Makayla Florez, Maya Holmes, Norah Trefz, Olivia Ruma, Riley Mitchell, Ruby Render, Tessa Knapp. **Girls Soccer Coaches:** Scott Simpson, Tony Passalacqua, Liv Doick, Haylee Duffy, Dan Coffman

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In the Fall 2024 edition of The Shoreline, we incorrectly listed the class year for **Robert Day** as 1963 instead of **1960** in an article about his recognition for outstanding service with the Ohio District of Kiwanis. We regret the error.

## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:

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(1968) Judith Lipp  
(1969) Mary Hurrell Oudeman  
(1970) Beth Gray Dusek  
(1970) Elizabeth Keine Harrison  
(1970) Kirk Lane  
(1970) Larry Szilagyi

(1971) Scott Dennis  
(1971) Marcy Donahoo Clever  
(1973) Kimberly Keller Leggitt  
(1979) Don Sylvester  
(1981) David Snyder  
(2003) Brandon Petitto  
(2006) Matthew Galli  
(2023) Jennifer Kasunick

The following article is provided by the Bay Village City School District for informational purposes. The Bay Alumni Foundation does not take a position on, nor endorse, school levies or bond issues.



## A Unique Financial Opportunity that Includes a 'No Tax Increase' Levy

During its December 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, the Bay Village Board of Education received a recommendation from **Bay Village Schools Superintendent Scot Prebles** and **Treasurer Meghan Rohde** to place a Permanent Improvement Levy on the May of 2025 ballot. If approved, the new, no tax increase Permanent Improvement Levy will generate funds to pay for building improvements, technology, textbooks and transportation, with no increase in taxes for Bay Village residents.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation, which Bay Village residents will vote on at the May 6, 2025, primary election.

The goals of the Finance + Facilities of the Future Plan are to: 1) Decrease stress on the district's general fund to create long-term financial stability; 2) Push out the 2022 operating levy cycle until at least 2027; 3) Create annual capital investment sustainability; and 4) Generate funds to pay for Bay Village Schools' Finance + Facilities for the Future Plan.

The district also plans to pay off the 2012 Construction Bond early, saving approximately \$790,000 in interest payments.

To learn more about the Finance + Facilities for the Future Plan and the Permanent Improvement Levy, please visit <https://www.bayk12.org/page/finance-facilities-futureplan>. If you have any questions, please contact **Supt. Scot Prebles** or **Treasurer Meghan Rohde** at 440-617-7300.

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Tom Alten (1978)  
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- Alumni History Corridor (to be used for expenses related to the history corridor and the Distinguished Alumni and Educator Hall of Fame displays.) Donors of \$100 or more are listed on the donor board at the entrance to the corridor.
- BAF Endowment Fund at The Cleveland Foundation (Minimum endowment donation: \$500.) Endowment funds are not available for use by the organization – only the interest generated can be used.

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NO, PLEASE KEEP MY DONATION ANONYMOUS

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