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American Nationalities Movement presents awards

This year's 52nd annual Christmas Party Luncheon, sponsored by the American Nationalities Movement, was held last month at Wal-Tam's Grand Ballroom on Granger Road in Garfield Heights, with a fine ethnic meal catered by Wal-Tam's.

Ralph Perk, Jr., president, welcomed the 140 attendees to the event, which honored three individuals who contributed to their nationality and to the goals of the movement – freedom and self-determination for people of every country.

Receiving the Freedom Award for 2016 were:

•State Representative Marlene Anielski for her commitment to government service in Walton Hills and the state legislature as well as her support of her Slovak and Polish heritages and longtime support of the American Nationalities Movement's goals and objectives;

•Richard J. Konisiewicz for his strategies of garden volunteerism while serving as president of the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation, his numerous contributions to nonprofit groups and funds for scholarships and his steadfast dedication to his Polish heritage and customs;

•Wasył Lisycynsky, in recognition of his magnificent lifetime achievements, his leadership in serving for over 50 years on numerous boards, including 28 years as president of the United Ukrainian Organizations of Greater Cleveland and Ohio and the executive board



American Nationalities Movement honoree State Representative Marlene Anielski, District 6, is shown holding her award with the organization's president, Ralph Perk, Jr.

of the American Nationalities Movement.

Past president Irene Morrow, Alex Maschaskee, and current president of the movement Judge Perk assisted in the presentations of each Freedom Award. Proclamations included those from United State Senator Rob Portman and the State of Ohio.

New this year was a reenactment of Winston Churchill's December 24, 1941, White House Tree Lighting speech by member and amateur actor Terrence J. Smith.

The American Nationalities Movement was founded in 1959 by Judge Perk's father, Ralph Perk, Sr., with the goal to free the "captive nations" and their people from Communist domination.

M.H. Council honors Dr. King; other meetings held recently

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at its last regular meeting, and also held committee meetings recently to discuss legislation which may be considered at future council meetings, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated.

At its January 4th meeting, the only piece of legislation on the agenda was a resolution in honor of Dr. King, whose birthday was officially observed as a national holiday earlier this week.

Citizens were encouraged to remember the civil rights leader "by living out his teachings as we continue to work for the day when the dignity and humanity of every person is respected."

Committee meetings

Council held a Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting last week to discuss a nuisance abatement ordinance presently in committee, and also to review a waiver of the 100 percent escrow requirement that was passed in July 2016, which expired on January 1, 2017.

The escrow legislation, which waived the 100 percent escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point of sale inspections, was intended "to offer an incentive to owner-occupied homeowners to purchase properties in the city... for the enumerated six month period of time... participants in the program will be required to sign an affidavit attesting to the fact that the purchaser will reside in the property as their primary residence for two years, commencing upon the issuance of an occupancy permit by the Chief Building Official."

Also discussed at last week's meeting was the city's rental registration process, Cicirella stated.

Another meeting, this one of the Public Works and Safety Committee, was also held last week on the topic of security and surveillance in the city.

Finance director applications sought

The city has announced recently that applications are being accepted for the position of Finance Director, with the post requiring "knowledge and experience with municipal fund accounting, including preparation of annual budgets and appropriations, administration of payroll and pay benefits, accounts receivable, accounts payable and bank reconciliations."

Additionally, potential candidates "should have familiarity with specialized computer software for municipal fund accounting and general office software... knowledge and experience with laws governing municipal accounting and finance, contracts and municipal income tax will be necessary."

City officials stated that applicants must have a bachelor's degree in accounting or an equivalent of five years experience in municipal or corporate finance. Qualified applicants may submit a letter of interest and resume to the City of Maple Heights, Department of Human Resources, 5353 Lee Rd., Maple Heights, OH, 44137, by Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017.

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Local 9-1-1 lines down over two hours Saturday

The Emergency Call Works System that receives the emergency phone calls for the cities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights and Maple Heights were down last Saturday from about 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., according to Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne.

Byrne said the Southeast Emergency Communications Center (SECC) issued a media alert to notify residents. He said all 9-1-1 calls were routed from the Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System to an administrative line within the center.

Other emergency lines (i.e. 1-2-3-4 lines) were routed to Chagrin Valley Dispatch, where the SECC sent a dispatcher to assist. Byrne said the problem stemmed from an Emergency Call Works phone switch that was repaired.

'Understanding Addiction' series at G.H. library

A three-week series titled "Understanding Addiction" will be held at the Garfield Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd., on Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 16, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Recovery Resources will share prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery and support services available to adults in the community who know someone who is struggling with an addiction or mental illness.

Registration is required by calling the library at 216-475-8178 or visit www.cuyahoga.library.org.

~2016: THE YEAR IN REVIEW~

The following are some of the highlights of 2016 that made news during the first half of last year, as seen through the pages of The Neighborhood News. We'll print the second half in next week's issue.

JANUARY:

•Annette Blackwell is sworn in as new mayor of Maple Heights.

•Myesha Crowe is named the new director of the Boys and Girls Club in Cleveland.

•A 26-year-old Cleveland man is taken to MetroHealth Medical Center by Life Flight after being shot in the head on East 139th Street in Garfield Heights.

FEBRUARY:

•Jennings breaks ground for its new facility in Brecksville.

•Robert Byrne is officially sworn in as new Garfield Heights Chief of Police.

•The first of three new Innovation Centers opens at the Garfield Heights Public Library.

•The Independence Athletic Hall of Fame welcome four new inductees. (with photo, Feb. 17, pg. 3)

•Garfield Heights basketball coach Sonny Johnson honored for winning 200th game.

MARCH:

•Super-store Forman Mills opens its doors in the Southgate USA Shopping Center in Maple Heights.

•Bedford resident Jack Wardley passes away at 104.

•A Maple Heights woman is arrested in a 100-pound marijuana bust.

•Trinity High School's Drama Club wins awards at the 59th Annual Cleveland Theatre Conference One-Act Play Festival at John Carroll University.

APRIL:

•Broadway Care Center in Maple Heights celebrates 100th birthday of Mrs. L. Smith.

•The VFW Post 3445 in Garfield Heights announces its closing.



New inductees into the Independence Athletic Hall of Fame are, from left: Matt Grendel, Megan Osysko, Hannah Stretar Wyman and Arian Martin.

•Independence K-Kids raise \$723 in coins to be donated to University Settlement in Cleveland.

•Cleveland Central Catholic High School installs new windows after over two years of planning and research. The windows represent six individuals important to the history of the CCC community.

•Dr. John D. Gregory of the Slavic Village Animal Hospital suddenly passes away at 60.

MAY:

•Eugenia Stolarczyk is inducted into the International Hall of Fame and receives the Four Eagles Award.

•Former Garfield Heights High School graduate Mike McQueen signs a free agent contract with the San Diego Chargers. (photo, May 4, pg. 1 (color))

•One man dies and another is injured in a shooting outside Bug-A-Boos, a strip club on Harvard Avenue at East 57th Street in Slavic Village.

•Paul Gary Ward, Jr., principal of Carylwood Intermediate School in the Bedford School District, passes away suddenly at 46.

•Virginia Rose Schroeder, resident of the Colony Club Apartments in Bedford, celebrates her 100th birthday.

•Milkovich Middle School in Maple Heights receives 400-year-old fossils.

•Peter's Market celebrates 82 years in Garfield Heights.

JUNE:

•Three new firefighters/paramedics are sworn in to the Garfield Heights Fire Department.

•Yours Truly in Valley View celebrates the Cleveland Cavaliers championship win with free meals.

•The following prominent local people pass away: Frank Geraci, 74, former vice president of the Garfield Heights Board of Education; John Skrha, 49, former Cleveland city councilman and lifelong resident of the North Broadway neighborhood; George Voinovich, 79, former Ohio governor, senator and mayor of Cleveland.

•A chemical fire at Ensign Products Company on East 76th Street near Union Avenue in Slavic Village takes over two hours to bring under control.



Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova swore in three new firefighter/paramedics in June. Shown in the photo above are, from left: Garfield Heights Fire Chief Thomas Nemetz, Firefighter Demetrius Butler, Firefighter Tyler Lowe, Firefighter Frank Wallingford and Mayor Vic Collova.

Duszynski re-elected president of Cuyahoga Hts. Village Council

Veteran Cuyahoga Heights councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski was re-elected president of council for 2017 at last week's regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

She has served on council since 1992 and was mayor from October 4 to December 31, 2005. She also was a member of the Recreation Board for many years and presently is on the following committees: Economic Development, Health Insurance and is chair of the Finance Committee.

Also at the meeting a resolution was passed accepting the Great Northern Fence Company's bid proposal of \$104,210 for a new fence and fence improvements at the Bacci Park baseball field.

An ordinance creating a 2017 Village Scholarship for graduating high school seniors living in the village was also okayed, as well as a memorial resolution for Glenn A. Snoddy, a longtime resident who recently passed away.

Among several pieces of legislation passed at council's meeting on December 14th were:

•An ordinance modifying the responsibilities of the village clerk and making it a part-time position effective January 1, 2018.

•An ordinance creating the full-time position of chief fiscal

officer effective January 1, 2018.

•Granting of a tax exemption for improvements to Charter Manufacturing Company property and authorizing an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Charter Manufacturing.

•Approval of two percent raises in the collective bargaining agreements with the following: Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.; Cuyahoga Heights Firefighters, IAFF Local 702; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 67.

•A memorial resolution honoring longtime resident and former councilwoman Jean Bloam, who had passed away.

Friends of Slavic Village meet Thursday

The first Friends of Slavic Village meeting of 2017 will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at Third Federal Savings Corporate Campus, 7007 Broadway Ave. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. "The State of the Neighborhood" by Slavic Village Development Executive Director Chris Alvarado will be presented.

RSVP is required by contacting Andrew Kinney: andrewk@slavicvillage.org or 216-429-1182, ext. 141.

Community calendar

Wednesday, January 18

St. Hyacinth Meeting

A neighborhood meeting for residents of the St. Hyacinth area in Cleveland will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6106 Francis Ave. Refreshments will be served.

Community Awareness Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Ward 6 Community Awareness meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Residents' concerns will be discussed. All are welcome. www.MattBurkeWard6.com.

Friday, January 20

Mobile Food Pantry

The monthly Mobile Food Pantry will be open to the public in the parking lot of the former Broadway United Methodist Church, 5246 Broadway Ave., on Friday, Jan. 20, from 3-4 p.m. Proof of address and ID are required.

St. Andrew Fish Fry

St. Andrew Church on Maple Park Drive in Maple Hts. will hold a Fish Fry dinner on Friday, Jan. 20, from 4-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Menu: crispy cod with pirohi or fries, shrimp dinners or combos. Takeouts available. 216-475-9365.

Tuesday, January 24

G.H. Safety Committee Meets

The Safety Committee of Garfield Hts. City Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Caucus Room at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., to discuss concerns with the Call Center and Bike Night at Kurt's Getaway Bar and Grill (Kurt's Lounge) on Garfield Blvd. The meeting is open to the public.

Wednesday, January 25

K Of C Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Club 4130, 10806 Granger Rd., Garfield Hts., will serve a beef stew dinner on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 4-7 p.m. Includes biscuits and salad bar. Adults, \$10; children under 12, \$8. Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery. Reservations required by Monday, Jan. 23, by calling 216-662-2277, mailbox #2.

Thursday, January 26

Taste Of The Valley

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce will host its first annual Taste of the Valley on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 4:30-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Rd. in Independence. Local restaurants and caterers will provide a variety of food selections for patrons to sample. Adult tickets in advance, \$25; children 13 and

under, \$10. Adult tickets at the door, \$30. To purchase, visit cuyahoga_valleychamber.com or call 216-573-2707.

Saturday, January 28

Community Lunch

Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, will serve free lunches on Saturday, Jan. 28, beginning at noon.

S.V. Nite At The Races

Slavic Village Development's Nite at the Races will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m.; races at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$25 each include food, drinks and 11 horse races. For tickets, horses, sponsorships and ad space, contact Andrew Kinney at andrewk@slavicvillage.org or 216-429-1182, ext. 141. Visit www.svdraces2017.eventbrite.com to purchase online.

Thurs., Feb. 2-Mar. 23

Yoga Classes

Mat yoga classes for all levels will be held at Villa St. Joseph, Assisi Hall, 5200 Marymount Village Dr. in Garfield Hts., on Thursdays only, Feb. 2 through March 23, from 4:30-5:15 p.m. The all-levels class taught by a certified yoga instructor will teach classic yoga postures and synchronizing breath with movement. Bring a mat. Cost for eight classes, \$35, due at first class. Cash or check payable to Marymount Hospital. Reservation required by calling 216-587-8998, ext. 3649.

Saturday, February 4

Free Tax Prep

Get your taxes done for free at a Super Refund Saturday event at Cleveland Central Catholic High School, 6550 Baxter Ave. in Slavic Village, on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If your income is under \$53,000/year dial 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment. There will be a Children's Corner with activities, door prizes and refreshments to keep children occupied. Bring all required IDs, documents and a copy of last year's return.

Wing Ding Fundraiser

The Garfield Hts. Titans 14U travel baseball team will host its Wing Ding fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 7-9:30 p.m. at Canal Towpath Bar and Grill, 5143 Canal Rd., Garfield Hts. The team will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an autographed Carlos Santana baseball bat and the winner will be drawn at the event. To purchase raffle tickets or tickets to the wing night call or text Lauri Nenadovich at 216-394-1319 or email fluffy7171@yahoo.com.

Monday, February 6

Genealogy Society Meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society will meet Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. Topic: "Ohio's Canal System," presented by John Dailey. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served. 216-524-3162.

Saturday, February 11

Indoor Garage Sale

St. Therese Boy Scout Troop 361 is seeking vendors for its annual Indoor Garage Sale set for Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the St. Therese Church Hall on E. 105 St. and Granger Rd. in Garfield Hts. Vendor tables, \$25 each. Contact Jeff Holler for info, 216-524-1923.

Tuesday, February 14

Indy Art Guild Meets

The Independence Art Guild will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. Kathleen Gips will craft a variety of aromatherapy scents to sample and will provide recipes. Cost for members, \$3; nonmembers, \$5. RSVP to Carol Braverman, 216-524-1045. New members also welcome.

Saturday, February 18

JVCOCC Anniversary Dinner

The Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County will hold its 92nd Anniversary Dinner, with officer installation and Veteran

of the Year award, on Saturday, Feb. 18, at noon at Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence. Social at 11 a.m.; dinner, \$35 in advance by January 27 or until sold out; after deadline price, \$40, online until February 10. Purchase tickets online, jvcocc2017.eventbrite.com or call 216-373-7799.

Tuesday, March 7

Drug Forum At Library

The Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital will host "Heroin, Fentanyl, Carfentanyl: Triple Threat on Our Doorstep," an open discussion with community partners and local experts on the heroin epidemic, on Tuesday, March 7, from 6-8 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. The forum will provide education, prevention and resource information to residents of communities surrounding Marymount Hospital. The event is free and open to the public; refreshments served. Seating is limited. Registration required by calling 216-312-5640 or email jameysj@ccf.org, or visit clevelandclinic.org/garfieldtriplethreat.

Miscellaneous

Lupus Foundation Shoe Drive

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host a Shoe Collection Drive fundraiser while partnering with a social enterprise called Funds2Orgs. The Lupus Foundation will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Those interested in donating can drop off their new or gently used shoes to the Lupus Foundation office, 12930 Chippewa Rd., Suite 4, in Brecksville, any weekday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is no start date or end date to this ongoing fundraiser.

Rec Center news


The ice rink at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights, is now open. For office hours call 216-475-7272 and for detailed program info visit www.garfieldhts.org.

ID cards are \$10 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents and are required for all Rec activities. Birth certificates are also required at sign-ups and all residents must bring two proofs of residency.

Learn to Skate

Registrations for Session 4 of the Learn to Skate program will be taken until Monday, Jan. 23, for beginner and advanced lessons. The six-week session begins January 24th and will end with the annual Ice Show in April.

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Seventh grade basketball team donates winter-wear to MHPD

The Milkovich Middle School seventh grade boys basketball team in Maple Heights hosted their first charity basketball game, Mittens-n-Mustangs, in December, and donated winter-wear to the Maple Heights Police Department for distribution to the area's needy.

During the week of December 12, the young scholar-athletes collected 250 pairs of mittens, gloves and hats. The items were presented to Maple Heights Police Chief John Popielarczyk during the opening ceremony of the charity basketball game.

Shortly after the presentation, guests in attendance felt the need to do more and began donating money which was used to purchase more gloves, mittens and hats to be given to safety forces. Nearly 100 additional items were donated.

The seventh grade team was inspired after seeing the eighth grade boys basketball team collect food for the Maple Heights Food Pantry. They insisted that their team give back to their community as well. They planned, collected and implemented the entire event in just one week.

The students wanted to partner with their community police department to foster a positive relationship. With the winter season in full swing, community members are found walking in the cold without hats



The seventh grade boys basketball team at Milkovich Middle School in Maple Heights hosted a charity basketball game in December and donated winter-wear to the Maple Heights Police Department. Shown in the photo above, from left, is: Carlo Finley, Leemonte Scott, Eric Jones, London Margerum, Jayvon Burge, MHPD Chief John Popielarczyk, Isaiah Sims, Coach Justin Harnist, Jerome Medcalf, Daelin Sanders, David Miller, Anthony Crawford, Daniel Sims, Donaze Gibson and Elijah Lopez.

and gloves. While patrolling the community, safety forces will now be stocked with mittens, gloves and hats to distribute to people in need this winter season.

"The team really wanted to help the community and took ownership of this charity

project. They were very active in school and collected as many mittens as they could. I am very proud of them," said coaches Justin Harnist and Devon Sanders.

"We hope that this is just the beginning of a long lasting positive relationship with our safety

forces of Maple Heights," the coached continued.

The team thanks donors and volunteers for their successful Mittens-n-Mustangs charity basketball game.

Get help with energy bills

Energy bills too high? Need help paying your bills? Need a lower rate? Apply for assistance or a lower utility rate at the Energy Assistance Expo this Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Cleveland Third District Police Station community room, 4501 Chester Ave.

The event, hosted by State Senator Sandra R. Williams, is open to all Ohio residents.

Bring the following items to apply:

- Proof of household's total gross income (paystub, Social Security, disability, pension, annuity payments)

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Health and wellness initiative

The Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights is offering residents from all communities a free, five-week Health and Wellness initiative - "You Change You: Take Charge of Your Health!" This includes your mind, body and spirit.

The program will be held every Thursday, from February 16th through March 16th, from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd. in Garfield Heights. Registration is required by contacting Jeff Jameyson at jameysj@ccf.org or 216-312-5640.

The program's goal is to provide you with the tools, information and courage to achieve what is important to you. The program will be instructed by a variety of different caregivers from the Cleveland Clinic and each week will center around a core topic, such as personal behavior, stress and nutrition.

Participants will be introduced to various exercises and relaxation techniques, and are asked to set personal goals for themselves each week. Dress comfortably. Seating is limited.

Golden Ager's Grapevine

Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St. Luncheon served, birthdays honored, raffles and games played.

Bingo

Seniors are invited to play Bingo on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. Play for free; winners will receive prizes.

Zumba

The Garfield Heights Senior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., offers its Zumba for Seniors program on Thursdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Each class costs \$3. There will not be a class on November 24th or December 22nd. For more information call Annie at 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.

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CVCC STEM Career Showcase

The STEM Career Showcase designed for middle and high school students and their parents to explore career options in a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields will be held at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

CVCC has partnered with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Games Done Legit, Invention League and the

Cleveland Engineering Society to offer this free event.

The STEM Career Showcase will feature professionals from a variety of fields and industries, such as biomedicine, IT development, chemical engineering and advanced manufacturing.

To help students determine what STEM careers match their interests, skills and values, online assessments will be given by CVCC career specialists. Interactive 3D displays and demonstrations will be done as well as the opportunity for students to control Vex Robots, learn how the human body works with a state of the art mannequin and explore their creativity with Invention League activities.

Jan Morrison, president and CEO of Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM, will discuss STEM career options and why employers seek STEM knowledge and skills.

Many colleges will also be represented so students can meet and talk with advisors and students to learn about majors that are specifically geared toward STEM careers as well as plan high school course work that will be most beneficial for college admission.

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Community police reports



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The 34-year-old told police he was about to go inside the home when two men came from behind the garage with guns, then led him into the house at gunpoint. The 37-year-old said he was coming down the stairs because he heard noises when one of the men began shooting at him. There was a struggle between the men and the 34-year-old, two shots were fired and the suspects ran out the back door. Detectives continue to investigate the incident.

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Multiple Charges

Police arrested a 45-year-old Cleveland resident on January 13th, around 3 p.m., after he was caught speeding in a school zone at East 93rd St. and Pratt Ave.

An officer on patrol saw the man speeding, followed him onto Miles Ave. and initiated a traffic stop once he turned on Broadway Ave. The man got out of his car and fled from the officer on foot, ran into a parked car and fell to the ground. The officer told him to put his hands behind his back but the man refused, got up and ran back towards his own vehicle in another attempt to flee. The officer physically struggled with the male trying to handcuff him, then warned if he did not comply he would be Tased. The man still would not comply and the officer Tased him. At that time more officers arrived and were able to finally handcuff the man after a brief struggle.

The initial officer complained of finger pain and was taken to St. Vincent Charity Hospital where staff said he suffered from sprained middle fingers on both hands due to the struggle.

In the police report, the man stated he ran from the officer because he was a heroin addict and was afraid of going to jail and suffering from withdrawal. The man was charged with open container, assault on a police officer, failure to comply with a lawful order, resisting arrest and other charges.

Petty Theft

An employee of Family Dollar, 8003 Broadway Ave., told police two men came into the store on January 13th, around 11:40 a.m., inquiring about cigarettes. The employee in the back area of the store selected three cartons of cigarettes and returned to the counter. She said two more men came up to the counter, one of which looked like he was going to pay for the cartons, but instead took the three cartons and all the men fled from the store in a car in an unknown direction.

Robbery

A resident of the 7200 block of Claasen Ave. told police she pulled into her driveway around 4:50 p.m. on January 12th and put her car in park. She said her driver's side door then flew open and a tall man grabbed her arm, yanked her out of the car, pushed her to the ground and got into the driver's seat. She said another male asked, "Where's her purse," but both fled the scene before retrieving it. The Detective Bureau was called to continue the investigation.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Aggravated Robbery

On January 11th, around 6:20 p.m., employees of the Subway, 4542 E. 131 St., told police a man came into the shop, asked a cashier for three cookies and placed a \$5 bill in the tip jar. Once the cashier opened the register to make the sale, the man pulled out a handgun and demanded all the money. The cashier screamed and hit the panic alarm button and the suspect fled out of the store heading northbound on East 131st St. He did not get away with any money. Garfield Heights police and Independence police and the K-9 Unit searched the area with negative results.

A Garfield Heights woman told police she was walking westbound on Grand Division on January 11th, around 9:55 p.m., when two men approached her. One of the men said, "Where the money at?", then pulled up his shirt to reveal a gun. The woman gave him a handful of change, about \$2, and the men ran northbound on East 86th St. towards Cleveland. Police searched for the men in the area with negative results.

Breaking and Entering

The owner of Ray's Auto, 13105 Broadway Ave., told police someone broke into his auto repair shop between 7 p.m. January 12th and 6 p.m. January 13th and stole several sets of car keys to vehicles parked in the lot that were not operational. The owner requested special attention be given to his business.

Burglary

A resident of the 13700 block of Oakpark Blvd. told police someone kicked in his side door on January 12th, around 10:25 a.m., while he was upstairs. He said he had had headphones on but felt his house shake twice. When he went downstairs, he noticed the side door open and saw a small, dark-colored vehicle backing out of his driveway. He said 3-4 were inside the car and gave police the license plate number. Detectives arrived to process the scene for evidence.

Disorderly Conduct

On January 15th, around 5 p.m., police were dispatched to William Foster School for numerous reports of a group of juveniles fighting. Police pulled into the back parking lot of the school and saw about 40 kids and numerous fights happening. When the kids saw police they scattered. Officers pulled into the lot further and saw two adult women both holding baseball bats. They told police they were there trying to break up the fight and said the group was still on the side of the building.

As an officer attempted to drive further into the lot to continue to monitor the group of juveniles, a man stood in front of the cruiser and would not move. The man was asked four times to get out of the way but refused. The officer said the man became aggressive and used excessive profanity so he was warned he was under arrest. After a physical struggle, the man was handcuffed and identified as an 18-year-old Cleveland resident. He was held on a \$3500 bond for rioting.

Garfield Heights police said officers from GHPD and Maple Heights PD patrolled city streets surrounding the school for about 45 minutes because the juveniles would not disperse and leave the area. During that time two other juveniles were arrested.

Drug Abuse

Officers were called to Speedway, 5122 Turney Rd., on January 15th, around 3 p.m., due to a suspicious man refusing to leave the gas station's store. As police arrived they saw the man leaving the store and stopped to speak with him. He said he was driven to the station by a friend who was still inside. He said he purchased gas and cigarettes but did not hassle the employees in any way. Officers told him the employees were concerned about his erratic behavior and that's why he was asked to leave. The man, 24, of Brookpark, was checked through LEADS and had an active warrant with Olmsted Township PD.

While speaking to the man, police noticed a woman come out of the store and attempt to drive away without speaking to police. Officers stopped the woman, 37, also of Brookpark, and after running her information through LEADS, found she was driving under a license forfeiture suspension and had an active warrant with Linndale PD.

Inside the woman's van police found a backpack containing a used hypodermic syringe and a cut-off aluminum can with burn marks and suspected heroin residue. A shoe lace, commonly used as a tourniquet, and a lighter were also in the backpack pocket.

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Police news

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Police learned the pack belonged to the male. He was issued a summons for possession of drug abuse instruments. The woman was cited for driving under suspension.

Robbery

On January 10th, around 3 a.m., police were called to the Shell gas station at 6004 Turney Rd. because a car had driven rammied the building. Officers saw a blue Chrysler Voyager in the parking lot unoccupied, still running, with heavy rear damage. Officers also noticed the south side wall of the gas station had been rammied into. Police went inside the gas station and found the ATM missing. No one was inside. The vehicle was checked through LEADS and had been entered as stolen from Cleveland.

Police spoke to a Shell station employee who said he had been working the register when the car rammied into the building. He fled from the store to the Sunoco station to call police and saw a man wearing a ski mask standing in the parking lot. An employee of the Sunoco station said he saw a dark-colored minivan flee from the scene at a high rate of speed towards Carpenter Rd. before police arrived. Officers followed fresh tire tracks on Carpenter, onto Rockside and to Broadway where they could no longer be followed. Police continued to search the area with negative results.

Theft

The loss prevention officer at the Kmart store on Rockside Rd. told police he was monitor-

ing store cameras on January 12th, around 7:45 p.m., and saw a man and woman leave the store with two carts full of merchandise that had not been paid for. He watched the pair quickly load the merchandise into a silver, four-door sedan then flee the scene. He was able to provide a license plate number to police.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

A Bedford man told police he parked his wife's Dodge Dart in the front of the Sunoco building at 6009 Turney Rd. on January 14th, around 12:15 a.m. He said he left it running as he went into the store to purchase a soda, and when he went back outside the car had been stolen. Store employees checked surveillance video and saw a Chevy pull into the lot and exit at the same time as the Dodge Dart. On January 15th, Warrensville Heights PD arrested a man who was in possession of the key to the stolen vehicle.

to Mandie Denham, Scott Denham Jr. and Brianna Denham. He was the nephew and cousin to many and will be missed by many friends that he made throughout his life.

Steve had a huge heart of gold that made him help out anyone at anytime. His big goofy smile, his crazy rapping songs and his inexhaustible energy made everyone around him instantly smile. Steve will be sorely missed by all.

Family and friends are welcome Saturday, Jan. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland. In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe account has been set up to help pay for the funeral expenses.

JOHN F. WASIKOWSKI, 84, of Garfield Heights, passed away December 28.

He was the beloved husband of the late Donna (nee Pizzi); loving father of Danette Zingales (Chuck); cherished papa of Ericka Wasikowski (Dave) and Matthew Kishel (Jesse); great-papa of Tom and Parker; devoted son of the late John and Margaret (nee Torowski); loving stepson of Mary C. Wasikowski; dearest brother of Ruth Weglewski, Pearl Estep, Diane Fox, Arlene Dalton, Dale and Bruce Wasikowski, Ronald, Clement, Edward Jaworski, the late Roland Warner, Ralph, Robert, Ernest, Melvin, Irene Bogacki and Sr. Myra C.S.A.; beloved uncle and great-uncle of many.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in John's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Memorial visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to noon, concluding with

services at noon at Ferfolia Funeral Home, 356 W. Aurora Rd. (Rt. 82) in Sagamore Hills.

ROBERT W. CLEMENT, 95, of Maple Heights, passed away on January 12.

He was the beloved husband of 71 years to Helen R. (nee Keller); loving father of Glenn (Jeannie) and the late Robert Charles (Marsha); cherished grandfather of Andrea Glanville (Rich), Kristina Bonnett (Josh), Jennifer Taylor, Jill Udell (Marc) and Susan Beinecke (Tim); dear great-grandfather of 10; cherished brother of the late Helen Pivonka, Charles and Ralph.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in his name to The Humane Society of the United States, www.humanesociety.org.

Beware of family emergency scams

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is warning Ohioans to beware of family emergency scams. Several Ohioans have reported losing thousands of dollars to the scam in recent weeks.

In the scam, con artists pose as relatives or friends and claim they need money right away to help with an emergency, such as getting out of jail or paying attorney fees after getting into a car accident. The most common version of the scam is the "grandparent scam," which targets grandparents, but the scam also can affect parents, aunts, uncles and family friends, among others.

"This is a horrible scam," DeWine said. "Con artists prey

on people's worst fears that something bad has happened to a loved one. They try to scare people into sending money right away. Once they get your money, they're gone and the money's gone."

Since November, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has received more than 20 complaints about the scam. The average reported loss was over \$6,000.

In a typical variation of the scam, a grandparent receives a call claiming that a grandchild was in a car accident or found with drugs and needs money to cover bail or attorney fees. The grandparent is told to go to the store, buy a gift card, and provide the card numbers over the phone, which allows the scammer to drain the card's funds.

In another variation of the scam, parents receive a call claiming their son or daughter has been kidnapped and is being held hostage. They are told to pay ransom to allow their child to return home safely.

Scammers generally tell their targets to pay using wire transfers, money orders or gift cards. In some cases, after victims buy gift cards and provide the card numbers over the phone, they are told to mail the (drained) cards somewhere else. This makes it harder to report or stop the scam.

Tips to prevent family emergency scams include:

- Communicate with your family members. Talk to your family about scams and discuss how you would communicate during a true emergency.

- Verify a caller's claims. If you receive a call about a family member in trouble, contact

someone else, such as the person's parents, to determine the person's location and whether the person truly needs your help. Be wary if the caller asks you not to contact any other family members. This is a tactic used by scammers. When in doubt, ask questions only your real family members would know how to answer, such as the last time you saw each other.

- Limit sharing information online. Don't post upcoming travel plans or detailed personal information online, and encourage your family members to take similar precautions. Scammers may use information available online to learn more about their targets and to make their ploys seem more believable. Check your account privacy settings on social media and limit who can view your information.

- Be wary of specific payment requests. If someone tells you that you must pay using a gift card, prepaid reloadable card, money transfer or cash, it may be a scam. These payment methods are difficult to trace and are used regularly in scams. Once the money is sent, it is very difficult to recover.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office warns consumers about scams and offers a variety of educational materials, including a phone scams checklist. To learn more or to report scams to the Ohio Attorney General's Office, visit www.OhioProtects.org or call 800-282-0515.

Obituaries



STEVEN GOFF, 25, of Cleveland, passed away January 15.

He was the loving son of his biological mother, Kelly Soeder, and his biological father (deceased) Ralph Dean Denham, and also of his adopted parents Gerald Wayne and Terry Denham, who raised him from a baby. He was the brother of Scott Denham (Allison), Gerald Denham Jr., Dean Denham Jr. (Valerie), Kenneth Miller and Joshua Soeder, step brother to Scruppy (Jonathan Swiger). Dear uncle

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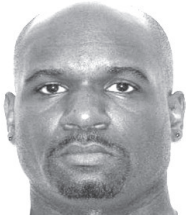
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Sex offenders sought for failure to register

U.S. Marshal Peter J. Elliott has released the January, 2017 updated "Agonizing 8" list of most wanted sex offenders. The list contains the most wanted sex offenders being sought by the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVTF).

The following fugitives have Cleveland ties:

Stephan Pittman: Pittman is wanted for failure to register as a sex offender in Cuyahoga



County, and for unrelated fraud charges in Virginia. In April 2009, Pittman was convicted of sexual assault in Denton, Texas. As a condition of that conviction, Pittman is required to register as a convicted sex offender. Pittman relocated to the Cleveland area after his release from prison but failed to update his registry. Pittman has been actively evading law enforcement since February 2014 and is not believed to be in the local area.

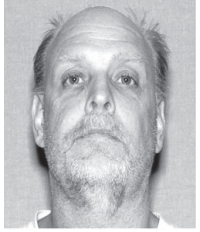
He has family in New York City and Maryland, and is known to travel extensively.



Frederick Warner: Warner is wanted by the Stark County Sheriff's Office for failure to register as a

sex offender. He was convicted of rape, and as a result of that conviction was required to register as a sex offender. Warner was last known to be living in the Meyers Lake area but has not been accounted for in nearly two years. He has family ties throughout the Cleveland area.

Thomas Park: Park is



wanted by the United States Marshals Service for a federal probation violation and for failure to register as a sex offender. He was convicted of gross sexual imposition in Ohio in 2009, and based on

that conviction was required to register as a sex offender. Park was subsequently convicted of failure to register as a sex offender in the United States District Court for Nevada after he moved to Las Vegas and did not update his sex offender registration. Park vacated his residence in Las Vegas without notifying his probation officer or the sex offender registry. Park has ties to the Cleveland area.

All of these fugitives should be considered dangerous individuals and should not be approached by the general public. If anyone has information concerning the location of these fugitives, they are encouraged to contact the NOVTF toll-free at 866-4WANTED or text keyword WANTED and your tip to TIP411 (847411).

Tipsters may remain anonymous and cash rewards are available for information leading to the arrest of any of these fugitives. The public can go to www.usmarshals.gov/district/oh-n/fugitives to view the fugitives and wanted posters.

cuyahogalibrary.com for more details or to register.

Wednesday Night and Thursday Afternoon Book Discussions, Jan. 18, 7:15 p.m. and Jan. 19, 2:15 p.m. A casual and lively book discussion of "Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman who Saved the Appalachian Trail," by Ben Montgomery. Books available at the checkout desk. All are welcome! Those that are new to the group are asked to register.

School Readiness - Off to Work, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. and Thursday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m., ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Explore having a job and choosing a career through play at hands-on activity stations.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

The Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located at 5225 Library Ln. To register for any of the following programs, call 216-475-5000.

Engage with Me, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. Families of students in grades K-8 are invited for pizza and engaging conversation. Learn about different resources and ideas to help your students succeed in life and meet other people from your community to share ideas and support.

Taxes for Small Business, Thursday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. If you own a small business, every dollar matters, especially when it comes to taxes. Whether your business is a partnership or corporation, the Business Advisers of Cleveland will share ways to lower your liability, allowing you to put those dollars toward capital and employees.

Musical Migration with Abdou Mboup, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2:30 p.m. Musician and composer Abdou Mboup will showcase music history from Timbuktu to Mississippi with traditional African instruments and songs.

Let it Snow-Winter Games! Monday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m. Have "snow" much fun playing wintery indoor games.

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Info on G.H. court just a click away

Four letters, g-h-m-c, hold an abundance of information about the workings of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. That information is just a click away by logging onto the court's website: www.ghmc.org.

The website has the latest information regarding both criminal and traffic cases. One can search the docket by name to see the status of cases to be heard in the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. The website also has information on which offenses require a court appearance and those that can be paid online.

There is also information on how a person can file a small claims case.

The Garfield Heights Municipal Court hears cases involving money damages up to \$6,000 in value in Small Claims Court. Claims over \$6,000 but less than \$15,000 are heard in Civil Court.

The Garfield Heights Municipal Court also handles landlord and tenant disputes. The most common procedure involves evictions. The website also has information on rent depositing. This happens when the rent is held by the court when a tenant believes the landlord is not fulfilling the obligations outlined in the rental agreement.

A person can also get the necessary documentation to get various court proceedings started. Printable forms are available on the website regarding Small Claims, Evictions and Driving Privileges.

If a wedding is in your future, a marriage ceremony can be performed at the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. The website has information on what needs to be done before the couple says "I do."

The court is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays. Its jurisdiction covers eight neighboring communities: Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, Brecksville, Independence, Valley View and Walton Hills.

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BEDFORD

The Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located in Bedford at 70 Columbus Rd. To register or for more info, call 440-439-4997 or visit cuyahogalibrary.org.

Computers 101 and Internet Basics 101, Thursday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., adults. The Computer 101 class offers an overview of basic computer parts, using the mouse and keyboard and an introduction to the Microsoft Windows operating system. In Internet 101, learn how to use search engines. Registration required.

Teen 3d Design, Thursday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., ages 11-18. Explore hands-on digital design as you create your own 3D object using 3D modeling program, Tinkercad! Creations will be printed on Cuyahoga County Public Library's 3D printer and will be available for pick-up one week after the program. A valid email address is required if using a personal Tinkercad account. Registration required.

3D Design For Kids, Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m., grades 2-4. Learn basic techniques for digital creation and see the library's 3D printer in action. Enjoy hands-on fun activities and take home a 3D printed sample. Registration required.

Understanding Addiction, Monday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., adults. The number of drug overdoses in our area is growing at an alarming rate. If someone you know is struggling with addiction or mental health problems, it can feel like you are alone, without guidance or support. Recovery Resources will share prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery and support services available. Registration required.

CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Public Library's Fleet Branch, 7224 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will offer the following programs. To reg-

ister or for more information, call 216-623-6962 or visit www.cpl.org.

Media Monday, January 23, 4:30 p.m. Experiment with different computer programs, software and 3D printing technology to create unique pictures, songs, art and more. All ages welcome.

Fun at Fleet: Lunar New Year, Monday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m. Kick off the Year of the Rooster by discovering your Chinese Zodiac sign and sampling fortune cookies.

Tween and Teen Scene: Lunar New Year, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 4:30 p.m. Kick off the Year of the Rooster by discovering your Chinese Zodiac sign and sampling fortune cookies.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

The Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located at 5409 Turney Rd. To register or for more information call 216-475-8178.

Computers 101 and Internet Basics 101, Thursday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., adults. The Computer 101 class offers an overview of basic computer parts, using the mouse and keyboard and an introduction to

the Microsoft Windows operating system. In Internet 101, learn how to use search engines. Registration required.

Book Box, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Do you need a secret place to stash what you hold most dear? Come to this Adult Craft Night to create a secret book box! It makes a great gift or a personal keepsake.

Photoshop 101 and Illustrator 101, Friday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., adults. Learn basic components to Adobe Photoshop including how to edit an image, color correction, layers and more. Then learn how to use Adobe Illustrator by creating a logo using various tools and functions in Illustrator. Prerequisite for both programs: PowerPoint 101.

Build a Rube Goldberg Machine, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2-3:30 p.m. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed to capture program's effectiveness. More info, cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options.

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