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## From the Mayor's Desk

By Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova

### Indicators reflect real progress made with Garfield Hts. finances

The financial health of Garfield Heights has improved dramatically since we were in fiscal emergency several years ago. Last week the Ohio state auditor issued a new "Fiscal Physical" tool to help cities and counties stay fit.

I believe an online news source wrongly interpreted the auditor's scorecard and reported that Garfield Heights is headed for financial trouble. That is not the case. While we certainly still face challenges, the city has materially improved its financial performance since 2009 and continues to make impressive strides in its effort to operate in a fiscally healthy and disciplined manner.

My administration and our city council members are very proud that we are successfully managing the resources of the city. We have had to deal with severe cuts from the state, orchestrated by Gov. John Kasich. And the reductions in the collection of local property and income taxes hurt us considerably as well. This loss of money is beyond our control. But I can assure everyone we are dealing with it in a responsible manner.

We spoke with the auditor's office last week about the new "Fiscal Physical" tool and its 2015 preliminary report. "The detail of the report shows you have made progress," said Benjamin Marrison, director of communications for the state auditor. "It is obvious how proud the Garfield Heights mayor and staff are of the progress they have made in improving the city's fiscal health. The state indicators provide a snapshot of the fiscal health of each city and county in Ohio. In Garfield Heights, the indicators reflect that real progress has been made," Marrison said.

The auditor's office reports that local leaders throughout Ohio have performed well in navigating the financial storms they've faced. As mayor, I am pleased that the state auditor's office is proactive in its efforts to provide tools to local governments to assist us in evaluating our financial condition. But I also feel it should be more vigilant as to presenting the financial health indicators within the proper framework and context of the city's historic and current financial performance.

Basically what the state auditor's office reported we already know. The analysis provided by the state auditor's office is nothing new to the city administration. We continue to budget and forecast in an extremely conservative manner. Garfield Heights scored in the "positive outlook" category for half of the auditor's financial health indicators. And we are diligently working to improve what the auditor's office considers less than positive indicators. The state auditor's office reports that 82 percent of Ohio counties and 92 percent of Ohio cities have at least one "cautionary" or "critical" indicator.

Here in Garfield Heights our bills are paid on time. Our loan payments are made on time and our debt has been cut in half since 2009. We are in much better shape financially than we were when I became mayor. I can assure everyone living and working in Garfield Heights that my administration is committed to our city being a financially stable and healthy community.

### Wife of former Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Louis V. Bacci passes away

Written by daughter Laura Bacci-Merhaut

"In the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life' we are told that a bell rings every time an angel gets its wings. If this is true, then there are bells ringing all around the world because another Cuyahoga Heights angel has departed and got her wings — she will continue her work in heaven.

"Lillian Mae (Schreiber) Bacci entered into rest on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017. She leaves behind an enduring legacy of kindness, caring, consideration, compassion and a loving gentleness toward all God's creatures.

"Lillian was born on a farm (Schreiber Road named after her family) in Valley View, Ohio and was one of six children Alta and Edwin Schreiber were blessed with. She loved everything about the farm, especially her cow.

"She fell in love with high school upper classman (two years her senior) Louis Bacci, son of Italian immigrants. Together they raised five children: Charlotte, Louis "GiGi" (deceased), Laura, John and Jack, instilling the desire to serve others in each of them.

"Next to, not behind, every good man (and sometimes quietly ahead of him), is a great woman. That was our mom.

"She chaired numerous local fundraising events including the American Cancer Crusade, Holy Family Home for those struggling with cancer and collected household and clothing items for the Westside Crisis Center. She implemented an annual food collection during Santa's Christmas visit in the Village to share with those in need.

"Her artistic flair was apparent in all that she did from the kitchen to the sewing room and sharing her passion by guiding the Homemakers Club. Everyone remembers her as the author of the most picture perfect and terrific tasting apple pies and fresh baked bread.

"Lillian's Christian faith was strong. She demonstrated her core values daily and more by working hard to recognize and celebrate the National Day of Prayer as well as gently fighting for the

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Lillian Bacci

### Correction on name of murder victim

Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne said via email that a suspect in the November killing of a man at Skillz Barbershop, 5629 Turney Rd., has been arrested.

Marlon Clemons, a 39-year-old Warrensville Heights resident, has been held in connection with the murder of Charlie Davis, 29, at the barbershop last November 22. King Todd was wounded in the incident.

Incorrect information on the name of the murder victim was printed in last week's Neighborhood News.

### GHPD seeks suspect in Monday robbery at Huntington Bank

The Garfield Heights Police Department is seeking the man who robbed the Huntington Bank in Turneytown Shopping Center on Monday afternoon. The following information is according to a Garfield Heights police report.

Around 1:35 p.m. the suspect came into the bank and approached a teller with a green folder. Inside was a note that stated, "Give me the money this is a robbery." The teller put money into the folder, including a dye pack, and the suspect fled towards Dave's Supermarket. Police said he got away with over \$3,000.

He is described as a white male in his late 30s or early 40s, wearing gloves, a black winter hat and gray Cleveland Cavaliers sweatshirt.

### Nurse robbed in hospital parking lot; teen arrested

A nurse at Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights told police she was robbed at gunpoint while in the hospital parking lot on January 23rd. The suspect, a teenager, has since been arrested, according to Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne.

In a police report, the nurse told police she was parking her car around 6:30 p.m. when there was a tap at her window. She looked over and saw a male had a gun pointed at her and demanded her belongings. She gave the teen her wallet and cell phone and he fled towards E. 126th St.

Cleveland Clinic PD told police they'd continue the investigation and were able to track the woman's cell phone to a home on McCracken Rd. The resident gave police permission to search the home but the cell phone was not found.

Around 10:30 p.m. that night, the victim and her husband checked on the status of her cell phone and discovered that a male had taken a photo of himself with the cell phone's camera which he uploaded to the internet about an hour after the robbery.

A 17-year-old McCracken Rd. resident was later arrested for the crime but details on the arrest were not available as of press time. The police report said the teen admitted to using a gray revolver to rob the nurse and the weapon was later found in the teen's bedroom.

On January 27th, a man walking his dog on Oak St. found a wallet on the ground and brought it to the police station. Officers said the wallet belonged to the nurse.

Byrne said the 17-year-old was charged with aggravated robbery in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

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Suspect

Anyone with information is asked to call the Garfield Heights Police Department at 216-475-5686.

### 'Understanding Addiction' course 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 by visiting [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org).

### Frosty Skates into February at G.H. Rec Center

All are welcome to a fun skating event this Friday, Feb. 3, as "Frosty Skates into February" at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Reduced public admission, \$5; those with a Rec ID card, \$3; rental skates included if needed. All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children ages four and under admitted free with a paying adult.

More public skating sessions can be found on the city's website, [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org), under Parks and Recreation. Call 216-475-7272 with questions.

### Seeking help to revitalize museum

Calling all history buffs. The Garfield Heights Historical Society needs new members to rebuild its membership and update its collections.

The society says it has a fine group working hard to keep its museum updated.

They are seeking adults who want to preserve the history of Garfield Heights and students to update its information and utilize the current computer programs available. Both adults and students are also needed to help revitalize the museum, located at 5405 Turney Rd. No experience required.

If you can help or would like to become an historical society member, call 216-475-3050 and leave a message or email: [ghhist.org](mailto:ghhist.org)

### City of Bedford pulling out of regional dispatch center

By Judith Goldsworth

After what was termed "an exhaustive analysis," Bedford City Manager Mike Mallis announced this week that the city will be leaving the Southeast Emergency Communications Center, a regional dispatch center based in Bedford Heights that has been in operation since 2015.

After several years of planning and construction of a new facility, the cities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights consolidated their 911 dispatch services into the SECC, built next door to the Bedford Heights police station.

Issues with the level of services provided by the dispatch center were discussed at recent Bedford council meeting, at which residents voiced their concerns about calling 911.

In a statement released on Monday, Jan. 30, Mallis stated: "The city of Bedford, after an exhaustive analysis, has decided to step away from the Southeast Emergency Communications Center (SECC).

"While it has been a pleasure to work with the other three communities and the administrator, it is in the best interest of the city, both from a financial and operational standpoint, to move in another direction," Mallis stated, adding, "The city of Bedford constantly reevaluates operations and programs to determine what is best for the future of the city."

He continued, "We thank the administrator and the other three communities for their partnership, wish them continued success, and hope to work together in future endeavors."

How Bedford will handle its future dispatch services, and when the formal parting from the SECC will take place, was not immediately disclosed. More information will be released as it becomes available, officials stated.

### Bedford Council votes to put .75% income tax increase on May ballot

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council approved two pieces of legislation at a special meeting last week to place a .75 percent income tax increase on the Tuesday, May 2 ballot.

The ordinance passed last week indicates the city's intent to increase the existing income tax rate, currently at 2.25 percent, to 3 percent. If the issue is approved by voters in May, the increase will take effect on January 1, 2018.

Also passed was a resolution directing the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to put the issue on the ballot, which will provide for the .75 percent increase "for the purpose of payment of current expenses and the general operation of the city." The resolution also provides for an increase of the tax credit to 2.25 percent.

Mayor Stan Koci noted, "Tonight there is no hearing of citizens; the citizens will make their voice heard on May 2nd, when they vote for the levy."

City Manager Mike Mallis stated, "Obviously there were a couple of different plans that the administration presented to council... local governments tend to have their peaks and valleys.

"This increase will allow us to keep up our services, maintain our operations, but more importantly, it allows us to resurrect our infrastructure program, that in 2018 would be 10 years since it was cut."

Mallis explained, "We'll do streets again, we'll dedicate funds to do sidewalks again, and with this specific increase identified in that legislation, allocating funds to hire three additional patrol officers for the police department."

He said that the income tax increase the city is seeking isn't only to balance operations, but is geared toward planning and positioning Bedford for the next 8 to 10 years.

### Pozar explains his vote

In explaining the reason for his dissenting vote on the ordinance, Pozar said, "I'd like to say that although I firmly acknowledge the need that we're talking about here, the need for

the revenues, and I certainly verify the veracity of what everyone's been told, from the finance office to the city manager's office, and I also appreciate and affirm the straightforward approach that council is taking in informing the citizens, I would have to come out and vote against the .75 percent increase on the basis of all the avenues for savings I don't believe have been explored yet."

Pozar said, "But this council will also need to put itself on the line, and seriously consider the health benefits that we're getting... As part-time council members, and put that in the

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### GHWC seeks donations of formal dresses

The Garfield Heights Woman's Club will celebrate 50 years strong by collecting dresses to pass along. Those with unwanted, clean, gently used formal dresses are encouraged to donate! The dresses will be sent to Rockin' Frocks.

Originally a Girl Scout project, Rockin' Frocks is now a non-profit organization that provides formal and cocktail dresses, as well as homecoming, prom and wedding dresses, to young women. Their mission is to provide formal attire for every young woman who deserves a chance to shine.

Chairperson Emily Kondash was inspired by Rockin' Frocks to create Drop the Dress, a donation initiative with the Woman's Club. Emily is a fourth generation member of the Woman's Club, is in her senior year at Garfield Heights High School and is completing her second year of college courses at Cleveland State University.

Dresses and/or donations can be dropped off at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

For more information call 216-475-4053 or 216-587-0083, or visit [www.rockinfrocks.org](http://www.rockinfrocks.org) to learn more.

# Community calendar

**NOTE: A new N.N. policy is now in place for Community Calendar submissions. Events that are free and open to the public will be printed in this section free of charge. Any event that costs money to attend must be submitted as a display ad (minimum \$40). In addition, the event notice will also be printed one time free of charge in the calendar section. Call The N.N. with questions or for further details, 216-441-2141, or email to: nnews1923@aol.com.**

### Wednesday, February 1 Garfield Hts. United Meets

Garfield Hts. United, a group of concerned Garfield Hts. residents, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., to discuss city issues and present ideas to city council members and the mayor. The group is open to all residents and businesses in Garfield Hts. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Garfield Hts. food bank. 216-856-4628.

### 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.

### Fridays, Feb. 3 & 17 St. Andrew Fish Fry

St. Andrew Church on Maple Park Drive in Maple Hts. will hold Fish Fry dinners on Fridays, Feb. 3 and 17, 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.

try, 20760 Southgate Park Blvd., will be open Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9-11:30 a.m. while supplies last. Fresh produce will be distributed on the first Saturday of each month. Bring photo ID.

### Open Art Studio

Broadway School of Music and the Arts, 5415 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, will host its bi-monthly Open Art Studio on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon. All ages are welcome to this free event! Local artist Hector Castellanos will provide a theme, suggested process, materials and encouragement for both a community and individual project. No experience needed. Info, 216-641-0630.

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**Post 309 Fish Fry**  
American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Hts., will serve Fish Fry dinners on Friday, Feb. 3, from 4-7 p.m. Dinners, side dishes and extras range from \$1.25 to \$8. Carryouts available. Open to the public. 216-662-7768.

### 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., co-hosted by Third Federal Savings & Loan. 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.

### Mobile Food Pantry

The Maple Hts. Mobile Pan-

### 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.

### Wednesday, February 8 Lupus Call-In Support

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host its monthly Call-In Support Group on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 7-8 p.m. Call 1-888-NO-LUPUS or visit [LupusGreaterOhio.org](http://LupusGreaterOhio.org) to register and receive call-in information.

### G.H. Woman's Club Meets

The Garfield Hts. Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker: Diane Lapars, a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic, who will discuss first aid. Refreshments served. New members welcome. Debra Sarnowski, president, 216-587-0083.

### Thursday, February 9 Spiritual Speaker Series

As part of the Spiritual Speaker Series at Jennings, 10204 Granger Rd., Garfield Hts., Deacon Tom Senn and Marilyn Senn will discuss "The Shroud of Turin" on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Participation is free and open to the public with advanced registration. RSVP to Sister Valerie Sweeney at 216-581-2902, ext. 2352. Find info on the 2017 series at [jenningscenter.org/spiritual-speakers](http://jenningscenter.org/spiritual-speakers).

### Saturday, February 11 Indoor Garage Sale

St. Therese Boy Scout Troop 361 will host its annual Indoor Garage Sale on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the St. Therese Church Hall, 5276 E. 105 St. at Granger Rd. in Garfield Hts. Admission, \$1; children are free. Shop over 30 tables! Vendor tables still available for rent; contact Jeff Holler, 216-524-1923.

### Anointing Of The Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland, will celebrate its patronal feast on Saturday, Feb. 11. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held at 4 p.m. Mass. Reception will follow.

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### Sat., Feb. 11-May 6 GriefShare Support Group

All are welcome to a GriefShare Support Group on Saturdays, Feb. 11 through May 6, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Faith Fellowship Church, 10277 Valley View Rd., Macedonia. Meet in Room 113, lower level, main building. Handicap accessible. Registration fee, \$20. Scholarship available, [www.faithfellowship.org](http://www.faithfellowship.org). 330-467-1234.

### Sunday, February 12 Free Meal

St. Therese Parish will serve free meals to celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1-3 p.m. in the parish hall, located under St. Therese Church, at E. 105 St. and Granger Rd. in Garfield Hts. Call the parish rectory at 216-581-2852 with your name and number of people attending by noon on Friday, Feb. 10.

### 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.

### Wednesday, February 15 GHCC Lunch Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting, "Manufacturing Matters," will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Assisi Hall, The Village at Marymount, 5200 Marymount Village Dr. Linda Barita of MAGNET will give a presentation on "The State of Manufacturing in NEO," and also what MAGNET is doing to address the issues. To register, call 216-475-7775 or email [ghcexec@hotmail.com](mailto:ghcexec@hotmail.com).

### ACE Presentation

The Adult Catholic Education (ACE) group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Matthias Parish, 1200 Sprague Rd., Parma, to discuss "Immigration 101." This free program will present information on how immigrants are vetted for entrance to this country and give views of the refugee experience with a focus on how church members can welcome the stranger. All are welcome. 440-888-8220.

### Friday, February 17 Celebrate Black History

Join the Celebration of Black History at the Garfield Hts. Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd., on Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Special guest speaker, Sandra Morgan. The family-friendly program is free and open to the public; includes prizes and refreshments. Info: Councilman Michael Dudley, 216-324-7661.

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Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Forms provided in this bidding document and shall be in an opaque sealed envelope plainly marked UNIFORM SERVICE PROPOSAL and shall bear the name of the bidder.

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All questions should be directed to the Service Director (440) 232-1600.

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**Bedford Council**

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form of a vote in front of this council, and/or in front of an ordinance or rather as a referendum to the voters. So with that said, I will vote no for the ordinance as it stands, and I am sure my colleagues will pass it in its form because it's fair, it's needed, but I think we can do better."

**Koci responds**

Koci said that administration and council had been discussing the city's financial situation for years, especially after Ben Venue Laboratories closed in 2013, taking with it 1100 jobs and a huge chunk, estimated at almost half, of the city's annual revenue.

UK-based Hikma Pharmaceuticals, which includes its U.S.-based subsidiary, West-Ward Pharmaceuticals, bought the Northfield Road plant in 2014, and later sold it to Danish pharmaceutical company Xellia. In the ensuing years, Xellia has taken over portions of the facility, but at a fraction of Ben Venue's staffing levels. Packaging and distribution have recently been given the green light by the FDA, with manufacturing possibly on the horizon for 2018. However, the city has to address its financial issues now, Koci said.

"We have talked for years about this," Koci said, "when the pharmaceutical company closed their doors, that this day would come. It's here. And we have to pay the tax, too. So we're in the same boat. None of us want to do that, but it's the only method we've seen to get the most, to keep our city running, to keep it a good city, and keep us moving forward."

**Golden Ager's Grapevine**

**Liga Morska**

Liga Morska Golden Agers will meet Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall on E. 71 St. A short meeting will be followed by a light lunch, raffle and games.

**St. Stanislaus**

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center on Baxter Ave. A light lunch, raffle and games will follow a short meeting.

**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. For more information call Annie at 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.

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Ten-year pins were recently presented to Garfield Heights CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members Joe Maimone, Marcie Massingill and Dennis Dominik. The pins were presented to the members by CERT Director Shelia Roman and Garfield Heights Fire Department inspector/paramedic Joe Rody. Members Tom Lungren, Mike Nenadovich, Diane Newton-Lungren and Tom Lungren also earned their 10-year volunteer pins but were not at the meeting when they were presented. In the photo above, from left, are: Maimone, Roman, Rody, Massingill and Dominik. Residents interested in joining the CERT should contact Shelia Roman at 216-581-0277.

**Garfield Hts. Schools to host talk for parents on kids' online safety**

The Garfield Heights City Schools will be hosting a parents-only presentation regarding online safety for children at Garfield Heights Middle School, 12000 Maple Leaf Dr., at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, in the cafeteria.

The talk will be led by a representative of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, who will speak about appropriate online protocols and how to protect children against the dangers that exist

**Food Pantry**

A nonperishable Food Pantry will be open every Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Community Friends Church, 4509 Warner Rd. in Cleveland. Each person is permitted to come once per month. A current photo ID is required. The pantry will be closed when there is a fifth Sunday of the month.

while on the Internet.

This program is open to all parents of students in the Garfield Heights City Schools, but they are asked to refrain from bringing your children to this event.

For more information contact the district at 216-475-8100.

**Lillian Bacci**

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National Right to Life organization.

"She stepped way out of her comfort zone and crossed international borders when she interceded to assist a young Vietnamese immigrant mother whose husband was imprisoned in North Vietnam. Eventually, despite oodles of red tape, Lillian was able to free the man and bring him safely to the United States reuniting the family.

"She was a woman well ahead of any liberation who got things done and inspired the community, our Village, to be a better place. A place tempered with love!

"Mom's greatest wish was to see her church, Zion Lutheran, so filled with people that she'd have to worry about getting her front row seat. Well, it looks like she accomplished that goal."

Lillian was the devoted wife of Louis Vincent Bacci, former mayor of Cuyahoga Heights (deceased). Cherished sister to Beatrice Bahle (deceased), Elizabeth Scafaro (deceased), Margaret Potash (Richard), Rollin Schreiber (Barbara), Edwin Schreiber (Barbara), Mary Bacci Dycus (deceased) and Anne Bacci Tallon. Beloved mother of Charlotte Waskielis (Robert); Louis "Gigi" Bacci (deceased) (Katherine Unger);

John Bacci, Jack Bacci and Laura Bacci Merhaut (Norman). Grandmother to Bobby Waskielis (Tracy) and Stacey Waskielis Petti, Courtney Rice, Ricky Bacci, Sandy Sturgill (Brian), Madison, Brenna and Lily Bacci; Sara Tuskan (Brian), Josh Bacci and Kelly Bacci; Sarah Unger Teague and Ryan Unger. Great grandmother to at least a baker's dozen.

Services were held January 30th at Zion Lutheran Church in Maple Heights. Arrangements were handled by Vito-Nero Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made

to the Louis Bacci Memorial Scholarship Fund at Cuyahoga Heights High School, 4820 East 71 Street, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125 or Zion Lutheran Church, 5780 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, OH, 44137.

**Block watch**

**G.H. Ward 4**

The Garfield Heights Ward 4 Block Watch will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker will be Police Chief Robert Byrne. All are welcome. Any questions call Dan, 216-475-4810.

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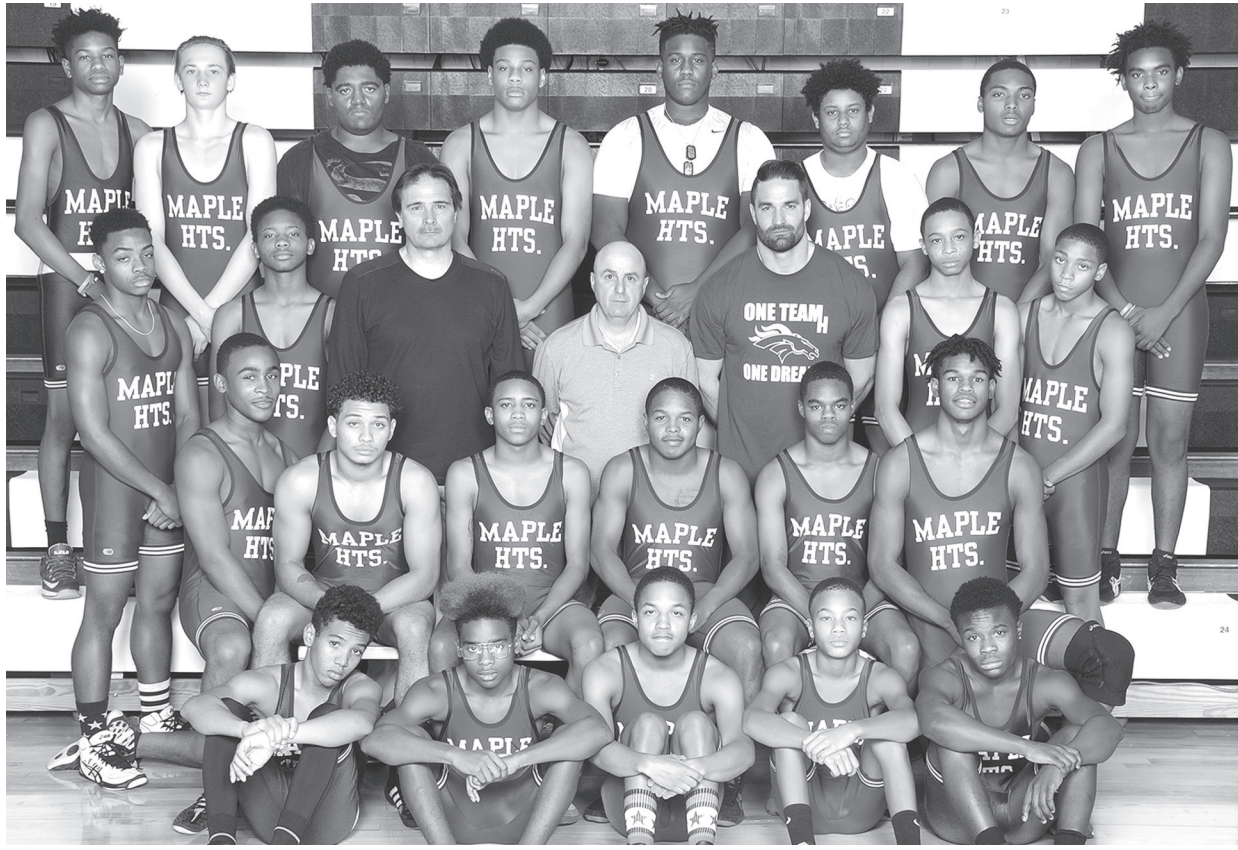
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## Maple Hts. wrestlers in regional semifinals



The Maple Heights High School wrestlers, shown above, have advanced to the regional semifinals and will battle the Brecksville Bees at Aurora High School today. In the front row, from left, is Justin Bencie, Trevaughn Wilson, Armani Rasheed, Kolin Howard and Dwayne Eggleton. Second row: Michael VanZant, Skyler Muscenti, Justin Primous, Giovanni Rasheed, Branson Reynolds and Theron Williams. Third row: Antoine Holloway, Trenton Gentry, Coach Jamie Milkovich, Coach Rick LaScala, Coach Andrew Wolf, Cahmaal Walker and Maurice Coleman. Back row: Te'Jawon Williams, Billy Flynn, Kendale Young, Chrisean Merritt, Justice Davis, Tysean Weatherspoon, Trevion Ross and Zakeleigh Linder.

The Maple Heights High School wrestling team earned a spot in the regional semifinals after a 41-30 victory over the Mayfield Wildcats and a tight 34-32 win over a strong Hudson Explorer squad on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Wylie Athletic Complex. The wins raised the Mustang's season record to a perfect 8-0.

Winning individual matches for Maple Heights against Mayfield were Kolin Howard, Cahmaal Walker, Armani Rasheed, Dwayne Eggleton, Giovanni Rasheed, Antoine Holloway, Trevion Ross and Skyler Muscenti.

Capturing individual victories versus Hudson were Justin Bencie, Armani Rasheed, Te'Jawon Williams, Giovanni Rasheed, Antoine Holloway, Trevion Ross and Theron Williams.

In the semifinals, Maple Heights will battle the Brecksville Bees at Aurora High School on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m. The other regional semifinal will feature the Mentor Cardinals against the host Aurora Greenmen with the winners meeting later that evening to decide the Region 3 cham-

ionship. On Saturday, Feb. 4, Coach Jamie Milkovich's Mustangs will host the Lake Erie League Championships in search of their 6th consecutive title and 43rd overall since 1950.

## Sokol gymnastics exhibition set for February 18

Sokol Greater Cleveland will present its Gymnastic Winter Exhibition on Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Garfield Heights High School gymnasium, 4900 Turney Rd.

The Sokol concert band will kick off the festivities at 6 p.m. with a pre-program concert. The gymnastic portion of the evening will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The fast-paced program will include gymnastic and aerobic demonstrations by over 250 class members, ages 3-80! Also performing will be the Sokol Greater Cleveland Czech dancers and the Sokol Aerial Silks artists.

Advance sale tickets are \$5; tickets at the door, \$7. A free social will follow the program at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. For tickets or more information contact Howie Wise at 216-642-1429.

## Church news

Hope United Methodist Church, 79 Center Rd., Bedford, will host a Family Movie Night on Saturday, Feb.

## Ampol Hall news

4, at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

The church offers worship service every Sunday; praise starts at 10:15 a.m. and worship starts at 10:30 a.m. The church will be celebrating Black History Month with a special surprise at each Sunday service.

On Sunday, Feb. 26, the church's youth group will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Hathaway Mission Center, 6060 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, offers a free clothes closet every Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The Center is an outreach location of Hope UMC.

## Lt. Remendowski retires from GHPD

Lt. Lawrence Remendowski with the Garfield Heights Police Department retired from GHPD on January 20th.

Lt. Remendowski, also known as Rembo, was hired as a patrolman on May 16, 1988. He was promoted to sergeant on January 3, 1996, then to lieutenant on July 11, 2011. Prior to retiring, he was made lieutenant-in-charge of the Detective Bureau.

Ampol Club dinners are \$7.50 each and are served each Wednesday at the Ampol Hall, 4737 Pearl Rd., Cleveland, from 5 to 7 p.m., with music from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$8 if you are staying for the music. Dinner reservations are required by calling Ron Smotek at 216-581-4362.

Menu and entertainment for February include: February 1- pork, dumpling and sauerkraut dinner; music by K & C Band. February 8- meatloaf dinner; music by Tom Mroczka. February 15- wienerschnitzel dinner; music by John Pastirik. February 22- chicken paprikash dinner; music by Dick Benetto.

Duck dinners are also available on Wednesdays for \$12 each, but must be reserved by 9 a.m. Tuesdays.

## Class reunion

The Bedford Class of 1957 holds a luncheon on the third Monday of each month at the Dolphin Restaurant, 10333 Northfield Rd., Northfield, beginning at 10:30 a.m. All former classmates welcome.

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### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** at the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

**2017-PZ-01** An application from T. Michael Tomsik of Tomsik-Tomsik Architects on behalf of Rana Muhammad Farhan requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Convenience Store in a GC General Commercial Zoning District within the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District at 17591 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2017-PZ-02** An application from Temica Hamilton-Perry requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Type A Day Care in an RSF-M Residential Single Family-Medium Density Zoning District at 18313 Dalewood Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2017-PZ-03** An application from John L. Hummer of "Hummer-Built" requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Day Care (Good Beginning Day Care) in a GC General Commercial Zoning District at 5468 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications and all supporting material may be viewed in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

Leonette Cicirella  
Clerk of Council  
City of Maple Heights

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Wednesday, February 1, 2017