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G.H. school board treasurer explains how renewal levy impacted 2017 property taxes

By Allen Sluka **Treasurer, Garfield Heights City Schools**

Have you wondered why your school property taxes may have gone up with the start of the New Year, even though the Garfield Heights City Schools passed a renewal levy last year that stated no new taxes? This article will help the community understand why many tax bills increased with the new calendar year.

The answer goes back to the way schools are funded. Under Ohio law a school district can ask the voters for four basic types of property tax levies: Continuing, Emergency, Bond and Permanent Improvement. The district has currently one continuing levy, two bond issue levies, one permanent ima few basic terms:

Assessed Valuation: This is the property values within the school community that the district applies its millage rates against to generate its property tax revenues. The assessed value of any property (land + building) is 35% of its market

Mills/Millage Rates: Mills are the basic unit used for property taxation in the state of Ohio. One mill is equivalent to \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value. In other words, for a homeworth \$100,000, if you're assessed at a one mill tax rate, people, which is called "outside millage," while other millage is unvoted, which is referred to as "inside millage."

lected until the school board or voters vote to cease collection. (The levies may collect at reduced rates, subject to reduction factors.)

ballot language submitted to levies that are already in place. voters (e.g. 10 years). The maximum term is set by statute.

necessary millage to pay off the in residential valuations of this **Weather Service.**

annual principal and interest magnitude in a non-reappraisal due each year.

Levies: These are collected for the number of years designated in the ballot language submitted to voters. The voters agree improvements.

So Why Did My School Taxes Increase?

Having a basic understanding of these terms will help you to understand the answer to the basic question as to why your property tax increased. Let's first start with the renewal levy that was passed last No-

This levy was renewed to collect \$4.1 million annually for the next 10 years, which is the provement levy and three emer-same amount that was first gency levies, including the repassed in 2012. As for the other newal one passed by voters in emergency levies, those November 2016. All of the amounts have not changed. above levies were approved by Furthermore, the bond issue voters. Before going further, levies' annual debt service paythe community needs to know ment due had not fluctuated significantly from last year to this. So what did change to cause the tax increase? The district's "assessed valuation."

> The district again saw its residential and commercial valuation drop by over \$1.35 million from the previous year, the most significant being \$1.19 million in residential.

So how does the lower assessed valuations affect my taxes? Since property tax rates are set using assessed valuation, by law, the county fiscal officer is required to set the millage rates to an amount that we meet the dollar amounts voted on for you will pay \$100 in taxes. Some the emergency and bond issue millage is voted on by the levies. Here is quick summary. If your house value is the same as the previous year, but the overall assessed valuation of the community dropped, your tax **Continuing Levies**: These rate was increased to offset the are permanent and will be col-valuation loss and meet the levy amounts. Basically, you are picking up the slack of those homeowners who got their values reduced while yours stayed the same. Due to the valuation Emergency Levies: These loss, the school district needed levies are collected for the num- to increase the tax rate 6.83 ber of years designated in the mills just to meet the existing

"In every renewal levy I have dealt with, the tax implication Bond Issue Levies: Bond is- never changed this signifisue levies are collected for the cantly," Sluka told The Neigh-

year."

Permanent Improvement He said that looking back on statements he made during last year's school levy renewal campaign that the renewal would "absolutely not raise taxes," he to be assessed per ballot lan- should have re-phrased that guage millage for permanent statement with an additional clarification on valuation fluctuations having an effect on your tax rates.

What Can Be Done?

The bottom line is that the total assessed value of the community is the driving factor for tax rates. Preserving the existing assessed valuations and building on the valuation is catamount to keeping tax rates in check. Purchasing property below market value or filing for reductions has a significant impact on the valuation and ultimately your tax rate. This includes both residential and commercial valuations. Residents can remain informed about these matters by clicking to the website garfieldheights cityschools.com and learning www.CitizensforGarfield more on the finance page.

G.H. schools to host family fun night this Friday

The Garfield Heights City Schools is hosting a Winter Family Fun Night event this Friday, Feb. 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m at the Garfield Heights High School auxiliary gymnasium, 4900 Turney Rd.

This fun and exciting event is a great way to spend time with family, friends and community members, said organizers. Presale tickets will admit a family of 5 for only \$10 and are available at the main office of each elementary school through Friday, Feb. 10, and includes food, games, prizes, competitions and more.

Each ticket also provides free admission into the boy's varsity basketball game. The event is \$20 per family when purchased at the door. All proceeds from the event will benefit Citizens for Garfield Heights.

For more information, contact the Garfield Heights City Schools at 216-475-8100 or visit

Garfield Heights History Fact

Garfield Park was opened in 1898 as Newburgh Park owned by the city of Cleveland. It was a getaway place for Clevelanders. The park was renamed after the assassination of President James A. Garfield.

There were walkways, a lake for boating and ice skating, swimming pool, picnic areas, baseball diamonds and clay tennis courts.

Learn more about Garfield Park history at the Garfield Heights Historical Museum, 5405 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, call 216-475-3050 or visit its website: www.ghhist.org.

FLOODING IN GARFIELD



Garfield Heights police closed Broadway Avenue for several hours yesterday morning into afternoon along the stretch of number of years designated in borhood News. "While the tax road near Midwest Avenue as flooding made the road the ballot language submitted increase was spread over all of impassable. Spring came early yesterday as afternoon to voters (e.g. 10 years). The our levies, in my years as treatemperatures reached 60 degrees at Cleveland Hopkins voters agree to be assessed the surer I have not seen a decrease Airport, tying the record set in 1925, according to the National Photo by Michael Psenicka

US Bank in Bedford robbed

The US Bank at 680 Broadway Ave., Bedford was robbed Monday afternoon and police and FBI officers are still searching for the suspect, according to a Vicki Anderson with the FBÍ Cleveland Division.

Anderson said a man walked into the bank around 3:50 p.m. and passed a note to a teller indicating he was armed, that he was committing a bank robbery and demanded no dye

packs. It read in part, "I don't care about my life or yours just give me the money.

Anderson said the suspect also verbally demanded money and told the teller to "hurry up" multiple times.

The teller gave the suspect cash and he left the bank on foot heading southbound on Broadway Avenue. According to a Bedford police report, witnesses reported the suspect got into a vehicle heading southbound on Broadway which was later abandoned at the Tim Lally field on Willis Street. Police learned the car had been stolen from Cleveland.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6'0" to 6'2", 180-200 pounds, between 23-27 years old. He was wearing a navy blue hooded sweatshirt cinched tight around his face, sunglasses with mirrored frames, light blue knit gloves and darkcolored, loose-fitting pants.

No weapon was seen although the demand note indicated he was armed. No physical injuries were reported, according to

Tips can be provided to the Bedford Police Department, 440-232-7600, or the Cleveland Division of the FBI, 216-522-1400.

Reward money is available for information leading to the successful identification and prosecution of the individual responsible. Tips can remain anonymous.

Medical examiner reports over 40 overdoses in January; 14 fatal overdoses over weekend

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson announced Cuyahoga County suffered at least 46 confirmed fatal overdoses in January due to heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the two. Furthermore, 11 January cases are still pending further toxicology testing, which may cause the total to increase. At least 517 victims have died in 2016 from heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the two.

January residential demographics are as follows: 23 city of Cleveland residents and 23 suburban residents. Beachwood, Berea, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Independence, Lakewood, Maple Heights, Middleburg Heights, Newburgh Heights, Olmsted Township and Parma and eight out-of-county residents in Brunswick, Canal Fulton, Columbia Station, Concord, New London, North Ridgeville and Wickliffe, according to a press release.

Since February 1st, there have been at least 24 fatalities. Over the weekend (February 3-5), at least 14 suspected fatal overdoses occurred, according to Gilson.

Additionally, January also suffered 31 cocaine-related deaths, with 19 being mixed with heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the two. Cocaine deaths are projected to have doubled from 115 to approximately 230 in 2016.

For additional information and to view the complete report, visit: http://medicalexaminer.cuyahogacounty.us.

Proposed tax increase, dispatch discussed in Bedford meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

In a wide ranging informational meeting held last week at Bedford City Hall, Bedford city

officials discussed the proposed .75 percent income tax increase on the May ballot, ending the city's agreement with the Southeast Emergency Communications Center, the progress of the state's investigation into missing funds involving nowterminated water department employees, and other issues.

In January, Bedford Council voted to put the increase on the Tuesday, May 2 ballot, which if approved by voters would increase the city's income tax rate from 2.25 to 3 percent, effective Jan. 1, 2018.

City Manager Mike Mallis, Mayor Stan Koci and Finance Director Frank Gambosi all spoke at the meeting to inform residents of what the revenue would be used for, including hiring additional police officers to increase safety, improving the city's infrastructure and services and help balance the budget.

Mallis said that in addition to the revenue lost through the closing of Ben Venue Laboratories, the city also suffered cuts "Thank you to our continued in federal, state and county partnership with the Cleveland funding over the past several Paul Glazer of the Garfield Cavaliers and LeBron James years, which was detrimental to

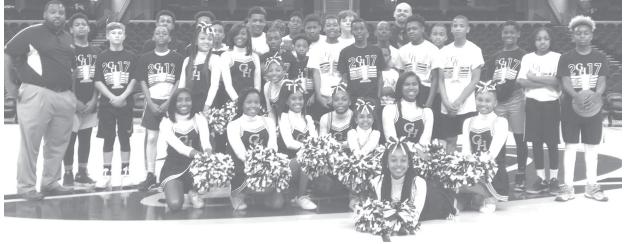
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Thrill of a lifetime for Central Catholic Ironmen, G.H. Bulldog hoopsters



Cleveland Central Catholic Ironmen and cheerleaders on the court at The Q.

The Cleveland Central Catho- Garfield Heights Bulldogs team lic High School Ironmen boys last Wednesday playing an afbasketball team staged a thrill-ternoon game at Quicken Loans ing 64-62 upset victory over the Arena, home of the Cavaliers.



Garfield Heights Bulldogs teams and cheerleaders pause for a photo at the home of the Cavs.

win over the much higher ranked Bulldog team.

"It's a lifetime memory, especially the way the game ended," said Central Catholic head coach Jordan Duke.

Garfield Heights Middle department said Lebron James said.

school game, then followed by the Cavs vs. Timberwolves at 7

Central Catholic scored a bas- School also shared the spot- delighted the crowd when he ket as the final buzzer sounded light with the varsity teams as came out on the court to warm they participated in an exhibi- up for his game before the high tion game before the high school teams had enough time to get off the court.

Heights Middle School athletic for sharing the court," Glazer needed improvements.

Community calendar

Wednesday, February 8

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. More info: jenningscenter.org/ spiritual-speakers.

Saturday, February 11

Anointing Of The Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland, will celebrate its patronal feast on email ghccexec@hotmail.com.

Saturday, Feb. 11. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held at 4 p.m. Mass. Reception will follow.

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.

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

Black History

Join the City of Garfield Heights' celebration Friday, February 17, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

At Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Road Special Guest Speaker Sandra Morgan

Granddaughter of prolific inventor Garrett A. Morgan Featured on Bio.com, History Channel, NPR, cleveland.com & Plain Dealer Distinguished Citizenship Awards presented to past and present leaders in the community. This family-friendly program is free, open to the public, includes prizes and refreshments.

For additional information contact Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr. at 216.324.7661

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St. Hyacinth Meeting

A neighborhood meeting for residents of the St. Hyacinth area in Cleveland will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6106 Francis Ave. Bring addresses to abandoned houses and any other issues or concerns. Refreshments will be

Garfield Hts. United Meets

Garfield Hts. United, a group of concerned Garfield Hts. residents, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, 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.

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, speaker, Sandra Morgan. This family-friendly event is free and prizes and refreshments. Info: Councilman Michael Dudley, 216-324-7661.

Opera Circle Cleveland, with the Cleveland Women's Orchestra, invites the public to a special, free performance on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the concert of Valentine opera favorites will be the group's final rehearsal before the main concert at First Baptist Church of at The Rock Community Greater Cleveland on February 19. Free; donations accepted.

OperaCircle Event

Saturday, February 18

Lupus Support Group

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host its monthly Lupus Support Group on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Maple Hts. Library, 5225 Library Ln., from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Individual differences and confidentiality are respected. Most discussions focus on "howtos" of living with a chronic illness. For more details, call 1-888-NO-LUPUS or visit www.lupusgreaterohio.org.

Community Awareness Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Ward 6 Community Awareness Meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Concerns about crime, trash bins and other issues will be addressed. BurkeWard6.com.

Tuesday, February 21

Healthy Heart Workshop

Cleveland Clinic's "Protect Your Heart: Know Your Numbers" program will be offered at the Garfield Hts. Senior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 10-11:30 a.m. The free program will help idenat 6:30 p.m. Special guest tify risk factors and teach the effects that high blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar open to the public; includes and being overweight can have on your quality of life. Free health screenings also provided. Register at www.ccf.org/

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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.

Copies of the Bidding Documents will be on file for inspection and may be obtained at the City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio

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

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Michael S. Mallis City Manager Bedford, Ohio

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HealthyHeartMarymount or 216-312-5640.

Saturday, February 25

Diabetes Workshop

The Garfield Human Devel-Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., No reservations required.

Saturday, March 4

Church Rummage Sale

Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Hts., will host a Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop a selection of 5-for-\$1 items, candy, household items, personal care and more. Kitchen will be open serving breakfast and lunch; take outs available.

Monday, March 6

Genealogy Society Meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society will meet Monday, funds based on the total weight March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Willow of the shoes collected. Those Room at the Independence interested in donating can drop Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. off their new or gently used Topic: "Care & Handling for shoes to the Lupus Foundation Everyone welcome. www.Matt Your Treasures at Home," pre- office, 12930 Chippewa Rd., sented by Jennifer Souers Suite 4, in Brecksville, any week-Chevraux. All are welcome. Cof-day between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. fee and refreshments served. There is no start date or end 216-524-3162.

Tuesday, March 7

Drug Forum At Library

The Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital will host "Heroin, Fentanyl, Carfentanyl: Polish American Cultural Cen- opment Corporation will spon- Triple Threat on Our Doorter, 6501 Lansing Ave. This sor a free Diabetes Self-Man- step," an open discussion with agement Workshop on Satur- community partners and local day, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to experts on the heroin epidemic, noon, followed by a free lunch on Tuesday, March 7, from 6-8 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. The Garfield Hts. Learn signs, symp- forum will provide education, toms and treatment regimens, prevention and resource inforas well as ways to prevent or mation to residents of commureduce complications. Facili- nities surrounding Marymount tated by Rushia Edwards, RN. 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 date to this ongoing fundraiser.

Enter the Slavic Village Little Free Library Poster Contest!

Sponsors Third Federal Savings, The Little Free Library, Cleveland Public Library's Fleet Branch, Broadway MyCom P16 and MetroHealth Medical Center have announced the Slavic Village Little Free Library Poster Contest, with the aim to build community, spark creativity and inspire readers.

A Little Free Library is a free book exchange owned by the community. If you take a book, place a book in the library so people of all ages can enjoy the pleasure of reading books.

Slavic Village has been named the first Little Free Library Neighborhood in the country. The effort will consist of monthly programming focused on family literacy.

Those wishing to enter the poster contest should be ages 5-18 and must submit their entries to the Cleveland Public Library's Fleet Branch Library, 7224 Broadway Ave., by Tuesday, Feb. 28. Posters can be any size and should express what a Little Free Library looks like to you.

Winners will be announced at the Fleet Branch Library's Seuss on the Loose event on Thursday, March 2, at 4 p.m. There will be five winners chosen, with each one receiving 20 books to build their own home library.

Little Free Library locations in Slavic Village include the Broadway Boys & Girls Club, Mound Elementary, Fullerton Elementary, Miles Park Elementary, Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Villa Headstart and Jones Road Family Ministry.

For more information on the contest, contact Mahogani Graves at 216-957-1727 or email to: mahoganig@slavicvillage.org.

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Proposed tax increase

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"We have an aging infrastructure and an aging city," Mallis said. "Right now we don't have a line item on an annual basis where we budget to address those aging streets."

Officials said passage would result in bringing back a line item of \$400,000 on an annual basis to do two to three streets a year, and also bring back the sidewalk program.

They said the .75 increase would also help provide funding to hire three additional police officers.

Mallis said hiring additional police officers would fortify all three shifts, adding, "Our plan is not just for 2017 and 2018, this is a plan for the next 8 to 10 years. We have built in plans to address our infrastructure, our safety is sound... we can continue down the path of doing the things that we were doing 10 and 12 years ago."

the issue, Mallis said that laying came in and found "some addi- Center or online off firefighters in the city's fire department was a possibility, which could in turn reduce the city to one squad. Also, the city pool could be closed, the senior programs and senior van transportation could be eliminated and three or four service department employees could lose their jobs. This could result in the loss of sewer services, and also in chipper services for residents, Mallis said.

In response to questions from residents in attendance at the meeting, Mallis said that there were "zero cuts" planned for the police department... we don't think that is in the best interest of the city. To do so is not an option."

Bedford to leave SECC

Addressing a story that broke lastweek, Mallis confirmed that the city of Bedford's police and fire dispatchers, which have been housed in the Southeast **Emergency Communications** Center since 2015, will be leaving that facility within six months. Plans are underway to join another regional dispatch facility in the Northeast Ohio area, hopefully in the summer.

In an effort to save money through regionalization, the cities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights agreed to consolidate their 911 dispatch services into the SECC, a brand new facility which was built next door to the Bedford Heights police station and opened in 2015.

However, in the two years since Bedford's joining the new dispatch center, residents have reported issues with the level of services provided.

"We knew there would be some hurdles on the way," Mallis said, adding, "Some hurdles we were able to overcome and others we couldn't."

"It comes down to what is best for the city of Bedford. We felt it was the best decision, from an operational and financial decision, to back out of that partnership," he said.

"It's nothing that's going to happen tomorrow," he continued. He said the city has given

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Missing water funds probe continues

State Auditor Dave Yost's office is still investigating missing funds from the city's water department, an issue that arose last year after auditing practices turned up discrepancies in the department's finances. Two employees were terminated by Mallis late last year, and the total amount of missing money has not yet been determined.

In April of last year, Mallis of Recognition said that although funds were balancing, he and Gambosi had sought to implement additional a lifetime by purchasing an encontrols in the city's departments. After the new controls took effect in June and July there were some "questionable items" that turned up.

He added that the city wanted to be "completely transparent" with the information as it re-If voters choose not to approve ceived it, stating that the state Forms are available at the Civic tional concerns, and we dis- www.garfieldhts.org. The walkcharged both employees." He way was installed in 2016 and said that the police department additional bricks will be added was also working with the state this spring. The deadline to in the investigation.

> Mallis said that employees of the city were bonded and insured. "Should something happen... we'll get every dollar back because of that policy we implemented." Also all customer ac- Turney Road, Garfield Heights, counts were "accurate and OH, 44125, Attn: Mayor Vic whole" and were not affected, Collova's office.

take 8 to 12 months to conclude.

Area blood donation sites

The American Red Cross has a severe winter blood shortage and has issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donors to make a donation appointment now and help save patient lives. Upcoming blood drives include:

Bedford:

February 13- Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Drive, 2 to 6

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February 13-Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney to discuss Road, 2 to 6 p.m.

February 28- Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Road, 1 to 6

Independence:

Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.

For a complete list of donation drives visit redcross.org.

Order bricks for Walkway

Create a memory that will last graved brick to be placed on the Garfield Heights Walkway of Recognition, located in front of the 9-11 Memorial at the Veterans Plaza in the Civic Center Complex, 5407 Turney Rd.

Standard bricks are \$40. Bricks with military logos are \$60. order an engraved brick is March 30.

The city also continues to accept donations for the 9-11 Memorial erected last year. Send your donations to 5407

For information about the He said the investigation could Walkway of Recognition or the 9-11 Memorial Fund, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425, or e-mail psalemi@ garfieldhts.org.

Block watch

The East 63rd Street Block Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. at St. Stanislaus School, 6615 Forman Ave., Slavic Village. A 50/50 raffle will be held. All are welcome.

Local historian **Millionaires Row**

DeJohn Funeral Homes in Chesterland will host a special evening to benefit Mended February 27- Independence Little Hearts of Northeast Ohio when it presents "A History of Cleveland's Great Millionaire Row" with local historian and storyteller Dan Ruminski on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. at the DeJohn Funeral Homes & Celebration Center, 12811 Chillicothe Rd.

> Mended Little Hearts is a support program for parents of children with heart defects and heart disease.

"We are looking forward to Dan entertaining us with his rich history of our community," said Patty DeJohn. "Once considered to be the grandest avenue in the world, Euclid Avenue's Millionaires Row has a captivating history filled with fortunes and tragedies," she

She said it is also hoped the evening will not only raise awareness for children with congenital heart defects but also provide opportunity for DeJohn's and the community to give back.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes wine and cheese. Preregistration is recommended but not required. RSVP online at DeJohnCares.com

Inclement weather backup date is Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6

Autism Society plans events

The Autism Society of Greater Cleveland will offer the following free events on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Drive:

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Game Night-Students in high school and adults are welcome to bring a game and a snack or soda to share. Pre-registration is a must for adequate supervision by sending a text message to 216-556-4937. Those that have not pre-registered will not be allowed to participate.

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St. Michael students receive art show awards

Three St. Michael School students were selected as award winners in Padua Elementary School's recent Annual Art

This year 17 schools participated and nearly 200 works of art were submitted to the art

The winners from St. Michael School were kindergarten student, Anneliese Krejsa, second place; eighth grade student, Sidney Katona, third place; and eighth grade student, Abriana Marchetta, honorable mention. The winners were formally recognized during the Art Show's Opening Reception last month.





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Breaking and Entering

On February 2nd, around 9:15 a.m., a vacant home in the 7000 block of Fullerton Ave. was reported broken into. Suspects broke out the glass of a small window to get inside. The furnace and copper piping were stolen and the water shut off valve was damaged causing the water to continue running in the basement. Copper pipes from the first floor bathroom and the shower head were also stolen.

Burglary

A resident of the 3500 block of E. 74th St. told police she was lying in bed around noon on February 3rd and heard a knock at her door. She did not get up to answer it, and moments later she heard the sound of a window breaking on the side of her home. She then saw two juvenile males running from her home southbound towards Aetna Ave.

The temporary tags were stolen off a vehicle that had been parked in the 6800 block of Gertrude Ave. between 8 p.m. February 2nd and 9 a.m. February 3rd.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Burglary

A resident of the 8400 block of Band Dr. told police he came home from work on February 1st, around 3:30 p.m., and found his back glass door had been totally broken out. He said two flat screen TVs had been stolen and dressers were rummaged through.

DUS

While on patrol on January 30th, around 11:30 p.m., an officer saw a Mercedes SUV speeding on Turney Rd. and noted that the roads were covered with several inches of snow. The SUV drove through a red light at Homeworth Ave. and recklessly passed another vehicle nearly causing a crash. The officer pulled the driver over on Birchwood Ave. and identified him as a 27-yearold Bedford Heights resident. Police checked LEADS and learned the man was driving under suspension and had a warrant with Maple Heights PD for improper handling of a firearm. He was arrested and charged with DUS and red light violation.

Found Property

•On January 29th, around 8:30 a.m., an officer leaving the Starbucks on Vista Way noticed a plastic bag on the ground in the parking lot containing marijuana. A man in the area was questioned but not arrested. The marijuana was collected as evidence.

•While driving on E. 141st St. on February 2nd, around 8:55 a.m., an officer was stopped by the E. 141st St. Apartments owner who said he was walking the grounds and noticed several spent bullet casings in the parking lot. The officer found 13 shell casings in the center of the lot which were collected as evidence.

The officer checked recent police calls involving shot fired in the area and found a resident of the 4900 block of E. 141st St. called police around 1:25 a.m. that morning to report hearing shots fired, but police did not locate any suspects at that time.

Police were called to the Speedway gas station on Turney Rd. on quired.

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Help Wanted **Juvenile Community Service**

Coordinator The city of Garfield Heights has an opening for a part-time Juvenile Community Service Coordinator. Prior experience working with at-risk juveniles is required. Must also have basic knowledge of computer programs, excellent communication skills, a valid Ohio driver's license, and be willing to submit to criminal background checks. The coordinator is responsible for overseeing and supervising uveniles assigned to community service on an as needed basis. For a complete job description, visit www.garfieldhts.org or the Garfield Heights Civic Center 5407 Turney Road. No phone calls.

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February 3rd, around 12:10 a.m., and found a man in a gray Mercury had backed into a pole next to a gas pump. The driver, not wearing a seat belt, was still sitting in the driver's seat and was identified as a 39-year-old Garfield Heights resident. He appeared highly intoxicated, smelled strongly of alcohol and had slurred speech. He declined performing field sobriety tests and was arrested. While at City Jail he agreed to take a breath test which registered .123% blood alcohol content. He was cited for OVI, seat belt and failure to control, and held on a \$5000 bond.

Solicitor

On February 2nd, around 12:45 p.m., police were called to the 5700 block of Turney Rd. for a report of a man soliciting for money in front of the businesses there. When police arrived they found a 62-year-old Garfield Heights resident, who has been previously warned about soliciting, walking in the parking lot. The man said he was only asking people what time the bus was arriving but the witness still in the area said he asked her and several others for money. The man was issued a summons for soliciting and was transported from the area.

Theft

A 19-year-old Cleveland resident told police she took an Uber to her friend's house on Eastwood Blvd. on February 1st, around 12:45 p.m., and when she got out of the car she noticed she dropped her wallet on the back seat. She said the Uber driver began slowly backing out of the driveway as she was tapping on his window, but he sped up and fled the area. She said she was certain the driver heard her asking for her wallet.

The woman gave police the man's license plate number, first name and a description. Police said the car's registration matched the first name and description of the driver, a Euclid resident. The woman was told to follow up with Uber and the Detective Bureau. Euclid PD attempted to locate the driver with negative results.

LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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.

• **Engage With Me,** Thursday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m., families of students in grades K-8. Enjoy pizza and engaging conversation for the whole family. Each month, 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. Registration required.

Websites, Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., adults. Learn how to explore the rich content available on the Internet. Prerequisite: qualify will receive an activated Internet 101. Registration re-

• Email 101, Saturday, Feb. The Cleveland Public Library's 11, 1 p.m., adults. For those who are new to communicating electronically. Learn how to create, send, organize and attach files to messages. Prerequisite: Internet 101. Preferred: an existing email account. Registration required.

•Youth Chess Tournament, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m., grades 6-12. Using the United States Chess Federation basic rules, the tournament will be

played with time limits for each move. No previous experience necessary. Registration re-

• Pre-Oscar Party, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., adults. Celebrate the upcoming 89th Academy Awards to be televised on Sunday, Feb. 26. Clint O'Connor, a professional film critic, will talk about the Oscars including the rules, 24 award categories and nominated films. Participants will have an opportunity to predict who they think will win and enter a contest for free movie tickets. Registration required.

•Lifeline Phones, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. to noon. •Internet 102 - Evaluating Free Lifeline cell phones are available to those who are on government assistance or at a certain income level. Those who cell phone in just 10 minutes.

CLEVELAND

Fleet Branch, 7224 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will offer the following programs. To register or for more information, call 216-623-6962 or visit www.cpl.org.

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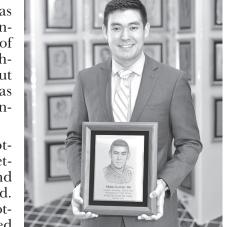
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Inducted into IHS Hall of Fame

Mark Guinto, Independence High School Class of 2004, was recently inducted into the Independence Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding athletic performance throughout his years as a Blue Devil. He was recognized at a ceremony/luncheon on January 28.

Guinto was involved in football, where he received four letters; one letter in wrestling; and three letters in track and field. Guinto had an outstanding football career, where he played



running back and outside linebacker. He was the team captain and team offensive MVP in 2003.

Also in 2003, he was the Sun Courier and Plain Dealer "Player of the Week." The same season came with even more success, as he became First Team MAC-8 All-Conference, First Team All-Sun, First Team All-District, First Team Division V All-Ohio, MAC-8 MVP and then finished out the season playing in the Cuyahoga County East/West All-Star game.

He also participated in track and field, where he contributed to his team's district championship in 2001, and was the team captain in 2004.

Garfield Hts. Rec Center news

Spring is not far away! The Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights, is seeking managers and umpires for its municipal girls softball program for kids ages 7-17, set to begin in May.

Managers are also needed for the Rec's co-ed t-ball program for kids ages 5-7 beginning in April. Details on both programs will soon be available at www.garfieldhts.org.

Those that are interested should call the Rec at 216-475-7272 or Commissioner Kevin Koelliker at 216-244-6077.

Hockey Tournament

The annual Chuck Kurilko "Melt the Ice Youth Hockey Tournament" will be held February 17-20 at the rink. Stop by and watch the Rec's youth hockey players at their finest!

Skating Show

The 49th annual ice skating show titled "Setting the World on Fire" will be held April 8 and 9. Enjoy the talents of skaters of all For more information call Annie ages enrolled in the Rec's figure skating program.

AARP news

Chapter #4164

The Garfield Heights AARP Chapter 4164 will meet Friday, Feb. 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Bingo will be played. New members always welcome.

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St. Stanislaus

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, Feb. 9, at of the Cuyahoga County Public 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center Library is located at 5409 on Baxter Ave.

Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 16, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

Immaculate Heart

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Golden Agers will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall, weather permitting.

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. at 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.

Library programs

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played in the Underground displayed in the library.

- Computers 102, Friday, Feb. To register call 216-623-2980.
- Fun at Fleet: Valentine's Day Bling Ring, Monday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day INDEPENDENCE by creating a bling ring with Hershey's kisses.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

The Garfield Heights Branch Turney Rd. To register or for more info call 216-475-8178.

- Innovation Center Orientation, Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m., ages 18 and up. Design, create and invent in our recently opened Innovation Center. Orientation is required in order to access the Innovation Center later.
- •Vinyl & Laser Design Basics, Saturday, Feb. 11, noon to 1 p.m. Learn how to cut and engrave designs on the Innovation Center's vinyl cutter and laser engraver.
- Library Love Bugs! Saturday, Feb. 11, 2-3 p.m. Enjoy a special Valentine's Day celebration and craft! All ages welcome. Registration required.
- Ohio Means Jobs, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. An Ohio Means Jobs Employment Specialist will be available for job placement and individualized job planning services.

vides one-on-one help to get with you. your projects rolling with some Railroad, then create a patch basics and staffwill answer quesfor Fleet's Freedom Quilt to be tions. Previous orientation required.

•Anti Valentine's Day, 10, 11:15 a.m. Learn how to use Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7-8 p.m. Windows programs and files. Come to the library the day after Valentine's Day to celebrate all things anti-Valentine's.

The Independence Branch of 216-447-0160 or www.cuyahogalibrary.com for more details or to register.

- Children and parents will share ing facts about the artist and/or books, rhymes, songs, musicindustry. Week 1: Charlie fingerplays and much more.
- Middle School Book Discussion, Thursday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m., grades 5-8. Discuss a different book each month and week session of meditation exenjoy food and fun.
- Teen Book Discussion, Thursday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m., grades 5-10. Discuss a different book each month and enjoy food and fun.
- Artist Detectives: Paul Klee, Saturday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m., ages 11-18. Paul Klee's art is known line cell phones are available to as childlike. Explore the life those who are on government and times of Klee then create a assistance or at a certain inpainting on canvas using Klee's come level. techniques with professional artist JoAnn DePolo.
- Drop In and Innovate, exercises to help you through karaoke! Board games, music Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m. the creative writing process. Use and snacks provided.

Having trouble getting started prompts and other techniques in the Innovation Center? This to get your creativity going. Feel one-hour drop-in session pro- free to bring any of your writing

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.

- •Art Experiences, Friday, Feb. 10, 4 p.m., grades K-8. Engage your imaginative self with open-ended art explorations. Examine the works of art the Cuyahoga County Public masters and explore various Library, 6361 Selig Dr., will of-mediums, such as paint, pastels fer the following programs. Call and clay. All materials included.
- Jazz Music Icons, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m. Mark Russo from the Cleveland Jazz Revo-• Storytimes, for newborns and lution will perform live music of older, are scheduled through an iconic figure in jazz music April. No registration required. history while sharing interest-Parker and Dizzy Gillespie; Week 2: Cannonball Adderley; Week 3: Duke Ellington.
 - Power of Meditation, fourercises beginning Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Meditation has been proven to strengthen memory, lower blood pressure, help with chronic pain, depression, anxiety and decrease stress.
 - Lifeline Phones, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1 p.m. Free Life-
- Family Board Game and Karaoke Night, Wednesday, • Teen Creative Writing Club, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., grades K-5 with Tuesday, Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. a caregiver. Enjoy a fun night Stretch your imagination with playing classic board games and

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REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

Union Miles Development names new executive director

ment Corporation Board of vironment for the southeast side Directors and staff have an-nounced that Roshawn Sample continued. "She passionately has been named executive director for UMDC. A nonprofit Union-Miles residents and has leader, Sample brings robust experience, infectious energy and creative innovation to UMDC as the organization begins its next phase of work toward a better Union Miles neighborhood, board officials said.

As an employee of the organization since 2012, officials said she has developed programs that has improved the quality of life of residents and has a no nonsense approach in bringing successful conclusions to complex situations.

"We believe Roshawn is the right leader for UMDC strate-

Free classes at **Univ. Settlement**

University Settlement, located at 4800 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will host several classes to prepare students for successful entry into specified fields.

Administrative Assistant **Training,** a 6-week program to teach skills employers are looking for, will begin this Friday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

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invited to attend.

Tuition is free for all programs listed above. Registration is regram Manager, at 216-456-0914. fortably. Seating is limited.

The Union Miles Develop- gic goals and the emerging enand honestly believes in the a clear-eyed vision for making it even better. She has demonstrated the ability to successfully lead initiatives and programs that integrate a broad range of communication strategies, and we look forward to the experience and energy she will continue to bring to the organization and community."

> In 2016, Sample was recognized as one of the professionals in the "Who's Who of Black Cleveland." She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Wisdom Chapter #51, and National Council of Negro Women-Cleveland Section.

> She was born and raised in the Union-Miles neighborhood and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Akron and her master's degree from Cleveland State University.

Health, wellness initiative in G.H.

The Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights is offering residents from all communities a Health Careers Training, an free, five-week Health and 8-week training program, will Wellness initiative - "You High School, Mroczynski begin Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 10 Change You: Take Charge of earned 25 merit badges through begin Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 10 Change You: Take Charge of a.m. This session only is held at Your Health!" This includes your mind, body and spirit.

Job Fair Preparation Clinics The program will be held evwill be held February 27 and ery Thursday, from February March 6, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 16th through March 16th, from p.m. Those looking for resume 10 a.m. to noon at St. Monica tips, soft skills and interview Church, 13623 Rockside Rd. in practice, or tips on how to make Garfield Heights. Registration the best first impression, are is required by contacting Jeff Jameyson at jameysj@ccf.org or 216-312-5640.

Participants will be introduced quired by contacting Sandra to various exercises and relax-Buckner, NEO Skills Corps Pro- ation techniques. Dress com-

Rep. Anielski presents local Eagle Scout with Ohio House commendation offers volunteer education series



Nicholas Mroczynski was recently presented an Ohio House commendation for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 297. In the photo above, from left, is Nicholas' father Mark Mroczynski, State Representative Marlene Anielski, Nicholas and his mother, Maureen Mroczynski.

State Representative Marlene old landscaping surrounding Mroczynski of Independence, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 297.

A junior at Independence Independence United Methodist Church. His project ben-Church, where he removed the model to people of all ages."

Anielski (R-Walton Hills) re- the St. Francis Center and recently presented an Ohio House placed it with new plants and commendation to Nicholas shrubs, as well as mulching the area.

> "I was honored to present a commendation to Nicholas in recognition of his great achievement," Anielski said.

"Through his selfless acts of service to his community, he is efited St. Michael Catholic atremendous example and role

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settings.

The next series of volunteer Heights, 44128, on Saturdays, April 1 and 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Non-clinical volunvolunteers attend all classes. Preregistration is required.

Hospice of the Western Re- Opportunities to serve are diserve is seeking volunteers to verse: Visit patients and famiassist in private residences, nurs- lies to provide companionship; ing homes, assisted living com- help with legacy work, transmunities, its three Hospice portation and light housework; House locations and hospital run errands; make phone calls and more.

Volunteers with specialized proclasses will be held at Hospice fessional qualifications are also of the Western Reserve, 4670 needed: attorneys, licensed hair Richmond Road, Warrensville dressers, massotherapists, pet therapy dogs and their handlers.

For more information or to register, call 216-255-9090. It teers attend only the first four is required to wait 12 months hours on April 1, while most other after experiencing a significant loss before volunteering directly with patients.





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I Love You and I Always will, no matter what. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mom

We love you Luke, Becky, Harley and Jacob. Love, mom and dad.

Peter Pan, Let's fly away together to Neverland. Thank you for everything you are doing for me. Happy Valentine's Day! Love you, Brown-



Every minute on my mind; Forever in my heart. Always, Freida 🤝

Dearest Peanut, I treasure all the love we share, honey! I love you! You

Ta-Ta, I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. "Love" Auntie Mindy

David, Jamie, Taylor, John, Brooke, Josh, Camden, Brantley, Owen, Ella, Jonas - Happy Valentine's! Love, Granny.

Myles and Addie. Mommy loves you to the moon and back!

You Know Who You Are

Keep a green tree alive in your heart and a songbird may come to sing there.

Happy Valentine's Love and God Bless Mike, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! Love, Jenny.

Happy Valentine's Day and 97th Birthday, mom, Betty (B.J.)! We love you! You're the best! Beth, Frank, Joey and Bernie.

Thank you for being my support this past year... Happy Valentine's Day Bayba! Love, Shotgun.

Mindzy, it was love at first sight for us. Love, the wife.

Jesus, you're the King of my Heart. Lots of Love, from Mary

Happy Valentine's Day, Arlene, with love. You make my life so happy With love, Gary.

Daniel, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you so much! XOXO Love, Mom.



Here I am again in the good old year of 2017... To all of you who make my life a blessed and happy one -- I am 99 years young with Parkinson's disease. If it weren't for my family and friends, my life would be meaningless.

I want to thank my sons Butch, Dan and Karl, and my daughter, Sally. My dear sister Eva and Walter and her beloved family. The Blatnik Family: Chuck, Mary Lou, Tommy, Larry and Paula and Vanessa, Kim and Anthony. My grandson Stephen and Great-grandson Anthony. My Grandson Karlton and Melissa and my Great-grandchildren, the amazing and beautiful twins, Aiden, Joseph and Madeline Francis. Roseanne and

Also my dear friends Bobby Hill, Paul Suhay, Carol, Genevieve, the wonderful staff of the Villa St. Joseph, Spencer Keech and Jen Sunday and not to forget the Broadview Multi-Care Center.

Special acknowledgment to Father Dominick, Father Jenne, Father Rebol. Also Dr. Lango-Mader, Dr. Itin, Dr. Charles LoPresti, Dr. Michael LoPresti and

May God Bless each of you with Peace, Health and Happiness. I Love You All!! FRANCES WEISKOPF

Miranda, wish you were here. We miss you so much. Love, Mom, Dad,

Mom (Crystal), Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for everything you do I love you. Love, (your son), Freddie

Steven B., I love you love bug, You mean the world to me. Happy

Mike, no better man for me than you. Love you forever. Happy Valentine's

Cody, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you to the moon and back. ${\tt XOXOXLove},$ Mom.

Happy Valentine's! Rich, Ronae, Lisa, Daniel, Michael. Love, Mom

Nicky, I love you, big sis! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mindy.

To my hubby Steve and son Dave, you'll always be in my heart. Bug Mon.



Jim, glad you're my husband and future, my best friend. All my love

Happy Valentine's Day Kelly and Alexis! Love you up to the stars. Mom

Happy Valentine's Day Angelo M, Isabella, Antonio, Tina, Shyan, Ryan Mom, Austin, AJ, lover, bestfriend, JP

Dot, Dee, Cody, Jacee, Jossie, Jojo, Lenore, Jimmy, Juggie, Velma, Shari,

Robert. Love y'all, Mz. T.

Happy Valentine's Day, Armani. You're the best girlfriend anyone car wish for. I love you. Love, Cody.