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## GE Foundation awards grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland

The GE Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (BGCC) in support of BGCC programs that help youth get ready for college, build character and become better citizens.

The grant will help fund BGCC's Diplomas to Degrees, a college-readiness program that engages teenage Club members in a series of workshops focused on planning for their post-secondary education, and two signature character and citizenship programs, Torch Club and Keystone Club.

The Torch and Keystone clubs provide middle and high school-aged youth with opportunities designed to cultivate character and leadership skills in a supportive, small-group context.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland provides safe, fun places for kids after school. BGCC serves more than 8,600 youths annually at 15 sites in Cleveland, East Cleveland, Cleveland Heights and Garfield Heights.

"We are grateful for the GE Foundation's commitment to our kids," said Ron Soeder, BGCC's president and CEO.

"This grant supports important programs that help youth prepare for college and become better citizens. We serve the kids who need us most – those who live at or below the poverty line – and we could not do our work without the support of partners like the GE Foundation," Soeder continued.

In the 2014-15 school year, 92 percent of local high school seniors who regularly participated in BGCC activities graduated from high school, and 64 percent of teens aspired to complete post-secondary education.

Diplomas to Degrees workshop topics include career and higher education options, understanding the college application and financial aid processes and staying on course during the transition from high school to college. Throughout their participation in Diplomas to Degrees, youth are engaged in discussions and activities that help them to better understand what it means to be "college ready," what steps make up the college application and acceptance process, and how to develop a college plan that synthesizes their academic interests, personal strengths and career goals.

Such transitional support is crucial for the youth population served by BGCC, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college.

In addition to guiding Club youth through important academic milestones, BGCC is committed to preparing youth to be leaders in their communities. Two signature character and citizenship programs, Torch Club and Keystone Club, provide middle- and high school-aged youth with opportunities designed to cultivate character and leadership skills in a supportive, small-group context.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland has been serving youth ages 6-18 in Cleveland since 1954. BGCC's mission is "to inspire and enable young people who need us most to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring adults." Clubs offer programs for athletics, academics, music, art, urban farming and more.

The GE Foundation, the philanthropic organization of GE, is committed to building a world that works better. It empowers people by helping them build the skills they need to succeed in a global economy. It equips communities with the technology and capacity to improve access to better health and education and it elevates ideas that are tackling the world's toughest challenges to advance economic development and improve lives.

The GE Foundation is powered by the generosity and talent of its employees who have a strong commitment to their communities. Follow the GE Foundation at [www.gefoundation.com](http://www.gefoundation.com) and on Twitter at @GE\_Foundation.

## Four arrested in M.H. carjacking

Bedford Heights police arrested four individuals believed to be involved in a carjacking and shooting in Maple Heights last week.

On Friday, Feb. 17, Maple Heights police officers were called to the 19300 block of Raymond Street for a report of a carjacking and a male shot. According to a press release, officers found one male had been shot in the thigh and a female had been pistol whipped. The suspects were two black males who were both armed with handguns and the vehicle taken was a 2001 Nissan Altima.

The male victim was taken to Metro Hospital and was released Sunday night. Maple Heights Police Chief John Popielarczyk said he is recuperating from his injuries. "The female, who sustained minor injuries, was treated at the scene," Popielarczyk said.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, after Bedford Heights police officers observed the vehicle in their city, a pursuit occurred and four people were taken into custody; two female juveniles, one male juvenile and an adult male.

## G.H. bowlers advance to districts

Bowlers at Garfield Heights High School have advanced to the district competition being held this Sunday, Feb. 26, at AMF Hall of Fame Lanes, 5155 W. Tuscarawas St. in Canton.

Brianna Martinez, as an individual, rolled a 455 series in the sectional competition February 20.

The varsity boys bowling team took second place at sectionals with a 3829 total pin count and will advance to districts. Team members include Zakary Aughinbaugh, Thomas Routt, Justin Ksiazka, Paul Newrones, Nathan Marek, Tyler Michaelis, Jeremy Krul and Kurt Mariolla.



Brianna

## Tisler leaving Neighborhood Housing Services

Lou Tisler, executive director of Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, announced via email last week that he has submitted his resignation, effective March 17, 2017, to pursue a new challenge with the national HUD intermediary, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, as the director of the Housing Counseling Network.

"I am eager to affect positive change on a greater level and to have the opportunity to work with community leaders, policymakers and financial institutions to champion fairness in banking, housing and business development across the nation," he said.

NHS of Greater Cleveland has named Michael Pires, currently the deputy director of the organization, as the interim executive director effective March 17. Tisler also stated in his email.

He also noted that Pires is a graduate of Ohio State University and has held previous positions with NeighborWorks America and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency before joining NHS of Greater Cleveland in May, 2015.

## 'POWER OF THE PEN' WINNERS

Junior high students at St. Benedict Catholic School in Garfield Heights were recently awarded in the Power of the Pen Writing Competition held at Chardon Middle School. Xiao'en Ning (above, right) received a trophy for placing sixth among 70 seventh graders. Clara Orland (at left) also received a medal for placing 15th.

A total of 12 St. Benedict students competed in the writing tournament that requires seventh and eighth grade students from across Ohio to write responses to three prompts. The compositions are then evaluated and ranked by judges. The criteria for good writing includes creativity, originality, development and good grammar and usage. The 12 students have been working after school with Miss Ashley Yeaples and Mrs. Donna Przybojewski to prepare for the competition.



## Kindergarten registration in G.H.

The Garfield Heights City Schools will be hosting a "Little Bulldogs" kindergarten registration event on Wednesday, March 15, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria at Garfield Heights High School, 4900 Turney Rd.

The purpose of the event is two-fold: first, to begin the kindergarten registration process and schedule an appointment to complete the in-person portion of registration; and second, to provide information about the district's free summer transition to kindergarten program.

## Slavic Village Reads events

As part of the Slavic Village Reads initiative, kids are invited to "A Celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday," on Thursday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at MetroHealth Broadway Health Center, 6835 Broadway Ave.

Also on March 2, from 2-4 p.m., kids are invited to the Cleveland Public Library Fleet Branch, 7224 Broadway Ave., for "Seuss on the Loose," a birthday party for Dr. Seuss featuring storytime and crafts.

For more information contact Mahogany Graves, Literacy Coordinator at Slavic Village Development, at 216-957-1727 or [mahoganyg@slavicvillage.org](mailto:mahoganyg@slavicvillage.org).

## Huntington Bank on Turney robbed again

Huntington Bank at 4932 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, was robbed last Thursday afternoon and the suspect is still at large. The bank was also robbed on January 30th.

A Garfield Heights police report said the man came into the bank just before 12:40 p.m. February 16th and gave a note to a teller that said, "I need \$20,000 I do not want to hurt u, give me the money." The teller gave him an unknown amount of money, including a dye pack, and the suspect fled on foot.

A customer said she was making a deposit when the suspect nudged her out of the way to rob the teller helping her. She said the suspect also stole the cash she was depositing, according to the report.

A witness said he saw the suspect run towards David and Alexander rds. after the robbery and saw a cloud of red dust around him, indicating the dye pack had exploded, but police were unable to find the suspect, according to the report.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Garfield Heights Police Department, 216-475-5686; the Cleveland Division of the FBI, 216-522-1400; or Crimestoppers, 216-252-7463.

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



Suspect

## Drug program at G.H. library

A discussion on heroin, fentanyl and carfentanyl, sponsored by The Cleveland Clinic, will be held at the Garfield Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd., on Tuesday, March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration is required by emailing to: [www.clevelandclinic.org/garfieldtriplethreat](http://www.clevelandclinic.org/garfieldtriplethreat) or by calling Jeff Jameyson at 216-312-5640. The program is free; light refreshments will be served.

The program, titled "The Triple Threat on Our Doorstep," will be moderated by Garfield Heights City Schools Director of Pupil Services and Safety and Security Dr. Gordon Dupree. On the panel will be Vince Caraffi from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne; Cleveland Criminal Defense Attorney Bob Garrity; and Marymount Hospital Behavioral Health Specialist Dr. Justin Havemann.

## Area leaders

## host career presentation in Maple Heights

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell, along with Bedford Heights Mayor Fletcher Berger, Woodmere Mayor Charles Smith, and State Rep. John Barnes, will be hosting a career presentation by the CLC Stokes Consulting Group in Maple Heights tomorrow night.

The presentation "Opportunities in Construction Information Series," from the Construction Employees Association, will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Maple Heights Adult Activities Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 14775 Broadway Ave., Maple Hts. Catering by Mr. Wonderful's Chicken and Waffles and free parking available.

Individuals interested in making \$54,000 per year (the average salary for a construction worker in Ohio), with no college degree required, are welcome to the event, and the first 10 to arrive will receive a free career assessment, the event's organizers stated.

There are more than 195,000 construction jobs available in the state, and construction is projected to add 790,000 jobs by the year 2024, according to information from the CLC Stokes group. For more information, log on to [ceacisp.org](http://ceacisp.org).

## G.H. man shot by possible pellet rifle

An 18-year-old Garfield Heights resident was shot by what he said was a pellet rifle while walking northbound on East 93rd Street in Garfield Heights on February 9th, according to a Garfield Heights police report.

In the report, he stated he was walking on East 93rd around 11:30 p.m. and saw a black Jeep station wagon with four men inside driving northbound along side him. He stated he approached the car, assuming it was someone he knew, and a backseat passenger lowered the window. The 18-year-old then heard a "pop," felt numbness in his left arm, and the car sped off towards Grand Division, according to the report.

The teen said he ran to a friend's house on East 93rd and discovered he had been shot in the upper left shoulder. He was taken to Marymount Hospital where medical personnel could not determine if he was struck by a pellet rifle or a small caliber handgun, according to the report. He was later transferred to Cleveland Metro Hospital for further treatment.

Police searched the area for the suspect vehicle with negative results.

## Shoe collection in G.H. continues

The Shoes for H.O.P.E. collection in Garfield Heights, sponsored by the Garfield Heights Kiwanis Club, will continue until spring. Drop off unwanted shoes, any style and in any condition, even those without a match, in the box located in the Garfield Heights Civic Center lobby, 5407 Turney Rd. or at Boulevard Convenient, 8808 Garfield Blvd.

Your generous donation of new and used shoes can make a difference in the lives of people everywhere, and can possibly save lives. Shoes can be used to prevent the hardship and life-threatening symptoms caused by parasitic infection and soil transmitted helminths.

Some of the shoes collected will be given to people without shoes, and some will be repurposed and used in microenterprises around the world. The rest will be used to make other products, and in some cases, shoes!

## Bedford man to be inducted into Officials Hall of Fame

Tom Toohig of Bedford is among 13 individuals who have been selected for induction into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame.

The OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled for June 10 in Columbus.

Toohig and the other inductees are being honored for outstanding officiating careers and significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in Ohio.

"It is an honor to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best in Ohio are recognized for their outstanding careers and their dedication to officiating," said Beau Rugg, OHSAA assistant commissioner and a member of the Hall of Fame.

# 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.**

**Thursday, February 23**  
**Free Community Dinner**  
 Lutheran Church of the Covenant and Hope United Methodist Church will serve free hot meals on Thursday, Feb. 23, beginning at 5 p.m. at Lutheran Church's parish hall, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Hts. The church's new pastor, Bradley Ross, will attend. All are welcome; no restrictions. Handicapped accessible. The church serves free meals on the last Thursday of each month. 216-662-0370.

**Saturday, February 25**  
**Diabetes Workshop**  
 The Garfield Human Development Corporation will sponsor a free Diabetes Self-Management Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a free lunch at The Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Hts. Learn signs, symptoms and treatment regimens, as well as ways to prevent or reduce complications. Facilitated by Rushia Edwards, RN. No reservations required.

**Community Lunch**  
 Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, will serve free lunches on Saturday, Feb. 25, beginning at noon. The church serves free meals on the last Saturday of each month. All are welcome.

**Monday, February 27**  
**Bedford Ward Meeting**  
 The city of Bedford will host a Ward Meeting for residents in Wards 1 and 2 on Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in Bedford City Hall's Council Chambers, 165 Center Rd. Join the mayor, ward council representatives, city manager and directors of city departments. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to discussing the upcoming income tax increase proposed for the May 2, 2017 ballot.

**Mondays, Feb. 27, Mar. 6**  
**Job Fair Clinics**  
 University Settlement, 4800 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will host free Job Fair Preparation Clinics on Mondays, Feb. 27 and March 6, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Those looking for

resume tips, soft skills and interview practice, or tips on how to make the best first impression, are invited to attend. 216-456-0914.

**Wednesday, March 1**  
**'Drive Thru Ashes'**  
 On Ash Wednesday, March 1, Rev. Nestor Nazario of Hope United Methodist Church in Bedford will offer "Drive thru Ashes" from 9:30-11 a.m. at Hathaway United Methodist Church, 6060 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts., and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hope UMC, 79 Center Rd., Bedford.

**Thursday, March 2**  
**Bedford Lyceum Program**  
 Director Dana Best-Mizsak will give a presentation on "Heritage Under Fire" as part of the Bedford Historical Society's Lyceum Program on Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at The Old Church on the Square. Look at UNESCO World Heritage sites around the world and the National Register of Historic Places in the U.S. and in Bedford Township. Free.

**Saturday, March 4**  
**Church Rummage Sale**  
 The 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, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. Topic: "Care & Handling for Your Treasures at Home," presented by Jennifer Souers Chevraux. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served. 216-524-3162.

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

**Wednesday, March 8**  
**Lupus Call-In Support**  
 The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host its monthly Call-In Support Group on Wednesday, March 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.

**Thursday, March 9**  
**Blood Drive**  
 Remington College Cleveland Campus, 14445 Broadway Ave.,

will host a 3 Lives Blood Drive for minority blood donors on Thursday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. While the focus of 3 Lives is to increase the number of minority donors, everyone is encouraged to donate. Donors must be 17 or older and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. For more info visit [www.3Lives.com](http://www.3Lives.com).

**Tuesday, March 14**  
**Stress Workshop**  
 Cleveland Clinic will present "Chronic Stress: Take Charge of Your Health" on Tuesday, March 14, from 6-7 p.m. at the Maple Hts. Library, 5225 Library Ln. This educational program will provide ways to get stress under control and health back on track. Event is free but registration is required by calling 216-575-5000 or visiting [www.clevelandclinic.org/communityevents](http://www.clevelandclinic.org/communityevents).

**Saturday, March 18**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
 First Baptist Church of Bedford, 445 Turney Rd., will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, from 9-11:30 a.m. The cost is a non-perishable food item. The event will benefit the Hunger Center.

**Tuesday, March 21**  
**Wellness Presentation**  
 Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic, will host a free Community Wellness Presentation on Tuesday, March 21, from 1-2 p.m. at CVCC, 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. Learn about commonly used methods to sleep and insights into alternative solutions to sleep more soundly through the night. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required by March 14 at <http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-3-21-17> or by emailing Marie Elias at [melias@cvccworks.edu](mailto:melias@cvccworks.edu).

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

## St. Michael Drama Club presents...

Enjoy the St. Michael School Drama Club's production of "OZ!" this Thursday, Feb. 23 and Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Independence Middle School, 6111 Archwood Rd.

The play is directed by Jarred Nichols, along with choreographer/teacher Judy Lasecki, music director/alumnus Gregory Paporizos and advisors/teachers Bob Clark and Adam Cottos.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. To purchase, call Kristen at 216-225-1106 or email [Drama.club@stmichaelschoolinfo.com](mailto:Drama.club@stmichaelschoolinfo.com).

## Golden Ager's Grapevine

**Liga Morska**  
 Liga Morska Golden Agers will meet Wednesday, March 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, March 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center on Baxter Ave. Members will enjoy a light lunch, games and raffle after the meeting.

**Bingo**  
 Seniors are invited to play Bingo on Wednesdays from 12:30 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.

## 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:

- Independence:** February 27- Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.
  - Garfield Heights:** February 28- Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Road, 1 to 6 p.m.
- For a complete list of donation drives visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

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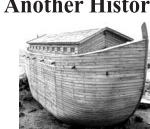

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## Fr. Dan Begin passes away

**FR. DANIEL LOUIS BEGIN**, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church and Our Lady of Hope in Bedford, passed away February 18, at the age of 68. Fr. Dan formerly served at several Cleveland area parishes.

He embraced life, sharing his boundless curiosity and sensitivity with everyone through his love for all of nature, travel and the fine arts, especially music. He has touched the lives of so many and he will always be remembered for his smile, compassion, patience and tireless willingness to serve.

He is survived by his chosen family, the children he parented: Derrick L. Phillips (Linda Washington), Donald C. Phillips (Alinda), Melanie Render (nee Woods), Timothy Render, six grandchildren, Taj, Emmanuel, Dalisha, Asa and Antoine, and Darryl Grubbs, Jr. He is also survived by his siblings, Rev. Robert Begin, Lenore Begin, Jerome Begin (Paulette), Laura Kuhn, Barbara Campbell (Jeff) and Madonna Tkachyk (Robert). He was preceded in death by his parents Leroy A. and Catherine Begin (nee Wuescher) and his siblings, Floyd C. Begin (Antoinette), Mary C. Handley (George), Leroy L. Begin (Patricia), James Begin, Eugene Begin (Marguerite) and Sheila Zimmerer (Walter).

The close bonds nurtured through these loving relationships enriched Fr. Dan's life. Vespers were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bedford, 300 Union St., on Tuesday.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m.; visitation before Mass from 9:30-10:45 a.m. H.M. Martin Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Burial will follow Mass at Bedford Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to The St. Mary's/Our Lady of Hope Hunger Center.

## Bedford police arrest Garfield man after chase into SE Cleveland

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford police arrested a Garfield Heights man for fleeing and eluding officers and reckless operation after a lengthy chase from Bedford into southeast Cleveland the evening of Saturday, Feb. 18, officers reported.

The suspect, of Milo Road, was taken into custody at E. 111 St. and Buckeye Road after officers chased the Toyota Sienna van he was driving, from where they attempted to make a traffic stop for fictitious plates at Northfield Road and Avery Avenue at about 10:15 p.m., police said. The plates on the van listed to another vehicle.

The suspect did not stop for officers, and a 20-minute, 10-mile pursuit ensued. Spike strips were used, but the driver didn't stop until his van stalled at Buckeye and he tried to restart it, according to the report, which also stated that the officers used a Taser and pepper spray during the arrest.

He was taken to Bedford Jail, where he faced a number of charges, including failure to comply, driving under suspension, reckless operation and fictitious plates, according to the police report.

His bond was set at \$1500 for failure to comply, \$1500 for driving under suspension, and \$1000 for reckless operation. The city of Independence also placed a holder on the suspect for other charges, police stated.

## Memorial service for Gloria Price

All are welcome to celebrate the life of Gloria Price, an active member of the St. John Paul Ozanam Center at Holy Name Church and coordinator of the church's hot meal program, on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. Mass at Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village.

Gloria passed away on January 27th at the age of 67. Gloria Price (nee Bender) was the beloved wife of John; loving mother of Steve, Jennifer D'Aurelio (Anthony), and Kimberly; dear sister of Larry and Bill Bender; grandmother of Joey, Andrew and Danny; loving aunt.

Gloria loved serving her community and always put others first. She has touched the lives of many people in the community.

Arrangements were handled by Jardine Funeral Home in Strongsville and St. Joseph Church.

## 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. Call the Rec at 216-475-7272 or Commissioner Kevin Koelliker at 216-244-6077 if interested.

Managers are also needed for the Rec's co-ed t-ball program for kids ages 5-7 beginning in April, and the boys baseball league is also in need of managers. Those interested in the baseball league should call Bob

Marek at 216-990-8386.

Information regarding registrations and further details on all programs will soon be available at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org) and at the Rec.

## 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 ages enrolled in the Rec's figure skating program.

## Ash Wednesday Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 E. 53rd St. in Cleveland, will offer Ash Wednesday Masses on March 1st at noon, 5:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. (Spanish).

## AARP volunteers to help file taxes

AARP volunteers will be e-filing 2016 income taxes for residents of Maple Heights and Garfield Heights by appointment only.

Volunteers will be at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., every Monday, now through April 10. Call 216-587-5481 to schedule an appointment.

Volunteers will be at the Garfield Heights Senior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., every Friday, now through April 7. The center will take calls for appointments from 2 to 5 p.m. only, 216-475-3244.

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Make an appointment by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

A blood donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed to help those rely on blood products.

## Obituary

**ELIZABETH "JEAN" WERNER**, age 81, of Maple Heights, passed away on February 17th.

She was the beloved mother of Bill (Melissa), Lisa Cullinane (Michael) and the late David R.; loving grandmother of Erin and Ryan Cullinane; dear sister of John Szilvasi (the late Carol); former wife of Robert C.

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List of Meetings for March 2017

Monday, March 6, 2017	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting -- 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 7, 2017	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD, Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, March 8, 2017	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 16, 2017	Wards 3 & 4 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 20, 2017	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21, 2017	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Monday, March 27, 2017	Wards 5 & 6 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet as needed. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per Ordinance No. 8461-09.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146.  
For agendas please go to [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov)  
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**Garfield Hts. police news**



By Amber Weisbarth

**Attempted Burglary**

A resident of the 10200 block of Plymouth Ave. called police on February 18th, around 8:10 p.m., and said she was hiding in an upstairs closet because she heard someone walking around on the first floor. When police arrived they conducted a search with negative results. They did find debris on the floor of an entry way and the door jam had been cracked. It did not appear that anything was stolen. Police told the woman special attention would be given to the area.

**Breaking and Entering**

On February 14th, police were called to a home in the 4600 block of East 93rd St. for a breaking and entering report, and had already been in the area due to a breaking and entering report in the 9700 block of Sladden Ave. On East 93rd St., police saw the home's side door had been kicked in and was off the hinges. While investigating, an officer saw the suspect from the Sladden incident in the area of Turney Rd. and Bohning Ave., then found the male hiding behind the vacant Pizza Hut on Turney.

A witness positively identified the suspect. The suspect, 25, of Bedford, was arrested and held for investigation of breaking and entering. Witnesses from Sladden Ave. and Plymouth Ave. gave matching descriptions of the suspect.

**Found Property**

An employee at the Walgreens on Turney Rd. told police a vendor discovered two hypodermic needles on the north side of the building in the grassy area by the sidewalk on February 13th. One of the needles had a clear substance still inside. The needles were collected as evidence.

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**Motor Vehicle Accident**

• On February 17th, around 12:45 p.m., police were dispatched to the 4600 block of East 86th St. and saw that an SUV had driven into a pine tree. Witnesses said the male driver and female passenger fled the area on foot after the crash. Police noted the SUV had heavy front end damage and the airbags were deployed. Officers searched the area for the driver with negative results.

• An East 93rd St. resident told police she was driving home from working a double shift and struck a utility pole on Garfield Blvd. at East 97th St. on February 20th, around 7 a.m. She said she was not sure how the crash happened. She was taken to Marymount Hospital to be treated for possible injuries and was charged with failure to control.

**Overdose**

On February 18th, around 7:45 p.m., police were dispatched to Payless Shoes at Turney and Rockside rds. for a report of a male who overdosed and was sitting in a car in the parking lot. GHFD squad were dispatched and were rendering aid when police arrived. Police spoke to the driver who said he picked up his friend, 36, of Parma, to go out for the night. The driver said his friend wanted to stop at a laundromat on the west side to drop off some money to someone. After stopping at the laundromat and driving on, the driver observed his friend in the passenger seat snorting a white substance off his cell phone screen. A few moments later, he said his friend became unconscious so he pulled into the shoe store parking lot to call police. The 36-year-old was taken to Marymount Hospital for treatment. While at the scene, officers found the man's cell phone covered with suspected narcotics.

At Marymount, police spoke to the 36-year-old who said he normally does not use narcotics and believed he had purchased cocaine and was "extremely remorseful." He was issued a summons.

**Weapon Offense**

Police were called to the 13400 block of South Parkway Dr. on February 18th, around 1 a.m., for a report of shots fired. As police were searching for suspects, an officer found a loaded handgun in the bottom of a garbage can near a home in the 13400 block. Officers also found eight spent shell casings near the trash can and along the side of the house. After investigating, police arrested a 39-year-old man and cited him for discharging a firearm within city limits, weapons while intoxicated and weapons under disability. Police said officers had been at the house previously that evening for a domestic call. Officers were told the man had gone outside to calm down after having "family problems" and may have fired the gun to "let off some steam," according to the police report. Officers believe the man fired the gun into the air because there were no divots in the asphalt or dirt near where the casings were found.

**Man shot outside Broadway Ave. bar**

A 26-year-old North Randall resident was shot in the lower abdomen outside the bar at 11321 Broadway Ave., in Garfield Heights on February 19th.

Police arrived at the bar around 2:30 a.m. and found a large crowd of people and a man laying in the parking lot. According to a police report, the man said he was not sure who shot him. He was then taken to MetroHealth Medical Center.

At the scene, a friend and two relatives of the victim told police an unknown male and the victim got into a verbal argument and the unknown male reached towards his waistband, pulled out a gun and shot once, according to the report. Witnesses said the suspect and two others then got into an older model white Honda and fled the scene towards Cleveland.

Witnesses described the shooter as a light-skinned black male with short dreadlocks and a small beard. Officers were able to watch security camera footage from inside the bar and saw a man fitting that description escorted by two other men believed to be involved in the incident. Police noted the suspect also had a small tattoo under his right eye and a star-shaped tattoo on his right hand.

Officers found a single spent casing in the parking lot adjacent to where the 26-year-old was shot. The Detective Bureau continues to investigate the incident.

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**G2P Anime Gaming Club**, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., ages 11-18. Play video games, board games and Yu-Gi-Oh trading card duels. When available, the library will have iPads for Minecraft and other games.

**African-American Authors Book Club**, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7:15 p.m. All adults are welcome. February title: "If the Oceans Were Ink: An Unlikely Friendship and a Journey to the Heart of the Quran," by Carla Power.

## CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Public Library's 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](http://www.cpl.org).

**Kids Cafe**, Monday-Friday after school. Free, healthy, nu-

tritious bagged meals available for kids thanks to a partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank.

**Free Tutoring**, Monday-Thursday, 3-5 p.m. Students in grades K-8 will receive free one-on-one or group tutoring and homework help in math, science, history and language arts.

**Super Sleuth Readers**, Friday, Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m., ages 3-5. After reading fun stories, singing songs and rhymes, Super Sleuths will look further into their stories through play and crafts.

**Search the Web**, Friday, Feb. 24, 11:15 a.m. Learn to search for and find information online. Registration required; call 216-623-2980.

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

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

**Homework Center**, Monday-Thursday, 4-6:30 p.m. Students grades K-8 may register to attend the Homework Center. Applications are available at the library.

**Adult Craft Night: Dreamcatcher**, Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Create your very own dreamcatcher at Adult Craft Night! Perfect for ridding bad dreams and negative thoughts. Give it as a gift or keep it for yourself!

**Audio & Video Recording Studio Orientations**, Saturday, Feb. 25. Drop in studio orientations. Audio, 9:30-10 a.m. Video, 10-10:30 a.m.

**WeDo Robotix: Dancing Birds!** Saturday, Feb. 25, 2-4 p.m., ages 7-10. LEGO WeDo robot birds are ready to party, but they need you to show them how! Learn about gears, belts, pulleys and more as you build and program them to spin, dance and play. Registration required; spaces are limited. Parents encouraged to attend.

**Channeling Creativity: Thrive at CCPL**, Monday, Feb. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Find out how creativity intersects with happiness as you explore ways to spark new ideas. Put Austin Kleon's "10 Practices of Creative People" into practice. Explore how creativity can fit into the moments of your day and see what techniques fit for you.

**Ohio Means Jobs**, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 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.

**Innovation Center Orientation**, Wednesday, March 1, 6:30-

7:30 p.m., ages 18 and up. Design, create and invent in the recently opened Innovation Center. Orientation is required for future Innovation Center access.

## INDEPENDENCE

The Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., will offer the following programs. Call 216-447-0160 or visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.com](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.com) for more details or to register.

**School Readiness: Making Choices**, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., and Thursday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. Kids ages 3-5, with a caregiver, will build decision-making skills by exploring hands-on activity stations together.

**Meaningful Life and Work After Retirement**, Friday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m. Learn how to put your business acumen to work by becoming a mentor at SCORE, go back to school utilizing the 60+ programs colleges offer and more.

**Teen Mystery: Rock 'n' Roll Over Dead**, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m. Can the Battle of the Bands go on without the music librarian? Teen detectives will meet to investigate the crime scene and carefully examine the evidence in order to solve the crime.

**Teen Book Discussion**, Thursday, March 9, 3:30 p.m., grades 5-9. Enjoy food and fun and discuss a different book each month! Stop by the library

to pick up the March title.

**Wednesday and Thursday Book Discussion**, March 15, 7:15 p.m.; March 16, 2:15 p.m. A casual and lively book discussion of "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor.

## 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.

**Jabberwocky**, Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Discover the courage within yourself. Experience a family-friendly touring production with an anti-bullying message. Presented by Great Lakes Theatre.

**Picture Book Adventure**, Friday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m., ages 3-5 and caregivers. A fun exploration featuring the book "Noisy Nora," by Rosemary Wells.

**Mardi Gras in Maple Heights**, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m. A family Mardi Gras party with food, drinks, beads, masks, music and a parade!

**Jazz Music Icons**, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m., Week 3. Mark Russo from the Cleveland Jazz Revolution will perform live music of an iconic figure in jazz music history while sharing interesting facts about the artist and/or music industry. Week 3: Duke Ellington.

**Homeschool: STEAM**, Mon-

day, Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m., grades 1-5. Students will be inspired to use creative ingenuity to explore and experiment through a variety of hands-on activities.

**Messy Monday**, February 27, 7 p.m. Children ages birth to eight years, with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, songs and a fun activity. Share a creative playtime and leave the mess at the library.

**Power of Meditation**, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., final session. Meditation has been proven to strengthen memory, lower blood pressure, help with chronic pain, depression, anxiety and decrease stress. Learn meditation exercises facilitated by Kemper House. No experience necessary.

**Mini Masters**, Wednesday, March 1, 2:30 p.m., grades K-5. Learn about the life and work of Georgia O'Keeffe and create your own O'Keeffe-inspired masterpiece.

## 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.

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Training includes what to do when in a situation with an active shooter, treating cuts and broken bones, search and rescue techniques, how to assist first responders and more.

Cassandra Cotter, a Garfield Heights senior, and her brother Michael, who is currently in college, joined the Garfield Heights CERT with their mother, Dawn Cotter.

They recently earned the presidential volunteer service award recognition and received their pins at the November CERT meeting held at the Civic Center.

Those interested in learning more should contact CERT Director Shelia Roman at 216-581-0277.



Shown above, from left, is Garfield Heights CERT director Shelia Roman, GHFD inspector/fireman Joe Rody, and junior CERT member Cassandra Cotter, who recently earned the presidential volunteer service award and pin.

## Rep. Anielski to host Military Resource Fair in Independence

State Representative Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) is joining with the Cuyahoga County Public Library and the City of Independence's Community Service Department in hosting a Military Resource Fair on Monday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event, taking place at the Independence Civic Center and the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 6363 Selig Dr., will feature a variety of organizations geared towards helping those who have served our country, no matter what era, their spouses and families.

Throughout the day there will be agency representatives who can help military personnel or their families with benefit questions, employment opportunities and many other military-related areas. The event is completely free and open to the public. Free continental breakfast, haircuts, massages and additional offers will be available to those in attendance.

Bring DD 214 or NGB 22 discharge papers. If discharge papers are not available, bring the Social Security card of the military personnel.

"All of our military personnel have given personal sacrifices in leaving their loved ones to protect our freedoms," Rep. Anielski said.

"It is my intention to make sure that all those who have served no matter in what capacity and no matter what era are aware of the benefits and services available to them during the Military Resource Fair," she said.

RSVP required by emailing Rep06@ohiohouse.gov or MilitaryResourceFair@gmail.com, or by calling 614-644-6041.

## CARE receives Senior Center grant to launch new program

A collaborative effort of representatives from Cleveland Heights, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Maple Heights, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Solon and South Euclid has led to the development of the CARE Program (Communities Assisting Residential Elders).

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The program is designed to improve the safety of older adult residents from the eight communities by providing access to home maintenance services both inside and outside the home, minor home repairs, as well as home safety guidance.

The collaborative was selected as one of the two innovative collaborates awarded a second round of funding through the Senior Center Innovation Grant awarded by the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services through the Health & Human Services Levy, which provided the initial planning funds.

Residents of the eight participating communities will be able to apply for membership in this program, which emphasizes safety and independence for older adults within their home, slated to begin in 2017.

## CVSR volunteers contribute record number of hours in 2016

The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) has announced that its volunteers contributed a record number of hours this past year. In 2016, more than 1,740 volunteers recorded over 93,000 hours of service – which is the equivalent of approximately 45 full-time employees.

This record surpasses approximately 91,000 hours of service contributed in 2015.

Sherri Lemley, manager of trustee and volunteer relations, said that the value that the volunteers add to CVSR is immeasurable.

"They are an integral part of every aspect of our organization and their support and dedication allowed us to bring quality programs to more than 214,000 passengers in 2016," said Lemley.

In addition to providing quality service on regular train excursions and programs, CVSR volunteers go above and beyond by developing key safety initiatives and promoting CVSR and Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) at community events.

As a partner of the CVNP, CVSR submits volunteers' hours to the park. CVSR volunteers are considered to be National Park Service volunteers and receive all privileges that are available to any NPS volunteer.

For more information about volunteering at CVSR, visit [www.cvsnr.com/volunteer](http://www.cvsnr.com/volunteer).

## Enter Little Free Library 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 Mahoganig Graves at 216-957-1727 or email to: [mahoganig@slavicvillage.org](mailto:mahoganig@slavicvillage.org).

## CVCC offers free resume, interview workshop March 4

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, will host a Job Seekers Workshop on Saturday, March 4, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The focus of this workshop is to learn strategies for building

your resume and acing your interview. Participants will acquire simple ways to refresh their resume and cover letters as well as how to excel in different types of interview situations.

Ryan Mayer of Ryan Mayer Motivation will be the guest speaker at the workshop. Mayer has been a lead recruiter for a major northeast Ohio healthcare facility for over eight years. He is also a decorated professional, a Certified Professional Resume Writer, a Dale Carnegie Training Highest Achievement Award recipient, a Toastmasters International Advanced Communicator and a former TOP regional sales consultant.

CVCC's Job Seekers Workshop is free, but space is limited. Register online at [cvccworks.edu](http://cvccworks.edu). For additional information contact Martha Sluka, at [mssluka@cvccworks.edu](mailto:mssluka@cvccworks.edu) or 440-746-8260.

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