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The BP gas station at 4901 Harvard Ave., Newburgh Heights, fell victim to an ATM smash and grab last weekend, Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli reports. "I am still working on legislation in Cleveland to help regulate these ATMs," Brancatelli said. "I have also started working with State Representative Martin Sweeney in looking at state legislation that would help all municipalities, not just Cleveland."

FBI announces poster contest on effects of heroin/opiate addiction

The Cleveland Division of the FBI, along with the Cleveland Division of the DEA, the Northern District of Ohio United States Attorney's Office, Robby's Voice, FBI Cleveland Citizens Academy Foundation and the FBI Future Agents in Training announce a poster contest for area 7th through 12th graders regarding heroin and opiate addiction.

The FBI and DEA have collaborated and produced a documentary entitled "Chasing the Dragon: the Life of an Opiate Addict." This documentary was created to help individuals gain a deeper understanding of the dangers of opioid addiction. The documentary can be viewed at www.fbi.gov/ChasingtheDragon.

Heroin use and the misuse of prescription opioids are increasing in pandemic proportions everywhere, including here in Northeast Ohio. Overdose deaths in our area are among the highest in the country. Recent statistics show that the average age of the first-time heroin user is between the ages of 12 and 17.

Teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited to create and submit a poster that focuses on the consequences of using heroin and/or misuse of prescription opioids. Posters should be 24" x 36" and should be submitted, via mail or in person, to the FBI, Cleveland Division Field Office, 1501 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114, by 5 p.m. April 30th, 2017.

Over 400 superintendents/school principals in the area received informational packets regarding the "Chasing the Dragon" poster contest in an effort to help spread the word.

Alumni of the FBI Future Agents in Training program will judge the submitted posters and announce the winners. Prize money is being provided by the FBI Cleveland Citizens Academy Foundation. Winning posters are likely to be displayed in public venues upon the conclusion of the contest.

Students wishing to create and submit a poster may contact FBI Community Outreach Specialist Tamara Larkin at tamara.larkin@ic.fbi.gov for additional information.

Trinity High senior wins Hoops for Hope Contest



Trinity students are shown at Quicken Loans Arena, from left: Leroi Forte, Matt Sienkiewicz, Ryan Ribinskas and Tyler Borders with their teacher, Erin Barrett.

Students in Trinity's Advanced Physical Education class recently held a fundraiser and qualifying event for Hoops for Hope, a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the Cleveland Cavaliers. The friendly free throw competition is meant to raise funds and create awareness in the fight against cancer.

Senior Ryan Ribinskas moved on from Trinity's qualifying event to the regional competition, which was held in February at Quicken Loans Arena. Ribinskas, a senior varsity bas-

ketball player, won the shooting contest in his age bracket, taking home a trophy and tickets to a Cavs game. Forty schools and over 500 students participated in the event.

Ryan said the support from his family, friends and classmates, and his teacher, Ms. Erin Barrett, helped him remain relaxed and focused on the contest, leading to his win.

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Lenten Fish Frys begin

The Lenten season begins today and local restaurants, churches and organizations are offering delicious fish fry dinners! See the Fish Fry ads on Page 3 of this newspaper for details on Ash Wednesday and meatless Friday specials.

Parma man dies five days after G.H. shooting

Alan Talbert, 21, of Parma, died on February 22nd after being shot on February 17th on Grand Division Boulevard in Garfield Heights, according to Cleveland police.

Officers were called to the 8100 block of Grand Division on February 17th, around 8 p.m., and found Talbert laying in a front yard with one gunshot wound to his stomach and one to his hip, according to a Cleveland police report. He was briefly treated at the scene, then taken to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Nearby residents told police they heard four to five gun shots and saw a man wearing dark clothing get into the passenger seat of a white SUV after the shooting speeding northbound on Warner Road. Officers were able to view security camera footage and saw Talbert walking on Grand Division and the white SUV in question, according to the report.

At the hospital, police spoke to Talbert's girlfriend who said she was with him at her mother's house on Garfield Boulevard around 5:30 p.m. the day of the shooting and he looked at his phone and stated he had to meet someone. She said she gave him \$10 and he left.

Police processed a possible suspect vehicle and had it towed. Fourth District detectives were requested to follow up.

Local Applebee's restaurants collecting donations to send children to MDA camp; continues fight against muscular dystrophy

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar locations in Northeast Ohio invite guests to join them in making a difference in the lives of local children faced with the challenges of muscle-debilitating diseases.

Starting this past Monday and running through Sunday, March 19, all 37 Applebee's locations owned and operated by Apple American Group, including the Applebee's on Vista Way in Garfield Heights, Northfield Road in Bedford, and Rockside Road in Independence, will participate in the nation's largest St. Patrick's Day fundraising program.

Customers are invited to visit Applebee's for the opportunity to purchase MDA Shamrock pinups for \$1.00, \$5.00, or a larger donation. Patrons that donate \$5.00 or more will receive an Applebee's voucher with \$8.00 in restaurant savings.

Each shamrock is signed by the customer and is prominently displayed in the restaurant, symbolizing strength, independence and life for Muscular Dystrophy Association families in the community. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated directly towards sponsoring a local child's trip to MDA camp this summer at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville.

Collova announces retirement of building commissioner at Monday's council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

At Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council, Mayor Vic Collova announced that Building Commissioner Bill Wervey will be retiring March 27th. He said the city has hired an interim commissioner to work with Wervey before he retires and learn the ropes of the position before taking it on full force at the end of this month.

Collova said he will introduce the new commissioner at the next city council meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 13. The mayor said the new hire is presently building commissioner for another city in the area and comes with a wealth of experience.

He also noted that six of the 50 security cameras purchased for surveillance throughout the city are up and running in the area of Fire Station #1 on Turney Road.

Council Monday night passed two emergency ordinances giving a lump sum payment of one percent of the base salary for all sworn police officers and all firefighters.

Also passed was legislation to enter into an agreement with The Fire House for the purchase of eight sets of fire gear with a total cost not to exceed \$22,000.

An emergency ordinance was okayed to amend a section of the codified ordinances of the city of Garfield Heights to make an exception for domestic violence being considered a criminal activity nuisance.

When asked to explain the intent of this legislation, staff attorney Jeff Jerome told The Neighborhood News that if police are continually called to a house, the residents can be sighted under the city's nuisance laws.

In explaining the amendment

to exclude domestic violence as a nuisance activity, he said: "We just want to make sure victims of domestic violence can call police as many times as they need to without fear of breaking the law."

Also approved by council was an ordinance to increase the number of patrolman positions permitted in the Garfield Heights Police Department.

Another emergency ordinance which outlaws the use of plywood boarding on vacant and abandoned houses was

passed to comply with recently passed House Bill 463.

The legislation noted that clearboarding is an acceptable material.

Council also passed legislation to apply for a grant to purchase a multi-user body worn camera system for the Garfield Heights Police Department, and a resolution to participate in a joint grant application on behalf of five communities in the First Suburbs Consortium for grant funding from The Cleveland Foundation.

GHHS Music Express named grand champion at recent competition



Shown above are Ben Glowik and Tamia Cook (in foreground), and other members of the Garfield Heights High School's show choir Music Express, performing at the Walsh Jesuit Great Lakes Invitational. The group was named "Grand Champion" at the competition.

Garfield Heights High School's widely acclaimed show choir student group Music Express recently took home "Grand Champion" honors at the Walsh Jesuit Great Lakes Invitational.

Competing against 11 other high school teams from Northeast Ohio, Music Express not only won first place, but earned honors for Best Costume, Best Show Concept, Best Male Vo-

calist, Best Choreography and Best Choral Sound.

Music Express features more than 30 male and female participants from Garfield Heights High School who specialize in singing, dancing, instrumentals or who are crew members for the team's set designs.

The group, which participates in a total of six competitions throughout the school year, will travel to Solon on March 4 and Fairfield High School on March 11 for their final two competitions of the year.

Man charged in Topicz shooting

Carlos Thomas, 20, of Horton Avenue in Garfield Heights, has been charged with attempted murder and felonious assault for a shooting at Topicz Sports Lounge on Broadway Avenue in Garfield Heights last week, according to a press release from the Garfield Heights Police Department.

The victim, 26, of North Randall, was shot in the lower abdomen outside the bar around 2:30 a.m. on February 19th.

Bond has been set at \$500,000 by Garfield Heights Municipal Court and the case has been bound over to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury.

New restaurant coming to old Champps in V.V.

Rodizio Grill, a Brazilian steakhouse with restaurants nationwide, has announced on its website that it will be opening soon at 5989 Canal Rd., in Valley View, the former Champps restaurant.

According to the website, Rodizio's offers "an unlimited and succulent variety of rotisserie grilled meats, glazed pineapple, a gourmet salad bar, authentic Brazilian sides and an experience like nowhere else."

Maple Hts. wrestlers win at Orange

The Maple Heights High School wrestling team topped a field of 11 teams to capture the championship of the 1st Annual Audrey Genovese Memorial Tournament held on February 18th at Orange High School.

The Mustangs finished with 206 points to easily outdistance

Drug program

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

Registration is required by emailing to: www.clevelandclinic.org/garfieldtriplethreat or by calling Jeff Jameyson at 216-312-5640.

runner-up Newbury with 152 points. Bedford was third with 149, host Orange was fourth with 129.5 points, followed by Independence with 95 points, Cardinal with 94 points, Ashtabula Lakeside with 85.5 points, Horizon Science Academy with 71 points, Columbus Academy with 52 points, Warrensville Heights with 42 points and Canton Central Catholic failed to score.

Giovanni Rasheed, Antoine Holloway, Skyler Muscenti and Theron Williams captured individual titles with Cahmaal Walker, Justin Primous and Dwayne Eggleton finishing runners-up in their weight classes. Other place winners for Jamie Milkovich's Mustangs were Justin Bencie, Trevion Ross, Chrisean Merritt and Tysean Weatherspoon.

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.

Sunday, March 5

Polish Parade Meeting

The Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration Committee will meet Sunday, March 5, at 1 p.m. at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland. Plans to return to Fleet Ave. in spring will be discussed. Info, 216-469-4806.

Monday, March 6

Job Fair Clinic

University Settlement, 4800 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will host a free Job Fair Preparation Clinic on Monday, 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.

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 Chevaux. 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 Door-

Monday, March 13

Slovak Easter Traditions

Mary Jo Mallchok will discuss Easter traditions in Slovakia and will demonstrate an Easter egg decoration technique developed by her mother on Monday, March 13, following the 6:30 p.m. Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities, Inc. meeting at the Garfield Hts. Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Attendees will color an egg and discuss family traditions. Free. All welcome, including children. 216-228-8179.

Tuesday, March 14

S.V. Garden Meeting

A Slavic Village Community Garden meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fleet Branch Library, 7224 Broadway Ave. Plots are available for all levels of gardening experience. A guest speaker will discuss the benefits and management of community gardening. All are welcome. 440-417-3939 for more details.

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.

Wednesday, March 15

G.H. Chamber Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 10806 Granger Rd. The Cleveland Metroparks will present an informative look back on its first 100 years. Cost, \$15. RSVP required at www.garfieldchamber.com or 216-475-7775. The GHCC annual Awards Dinner has been rescheduled for July 2017.

Thursday, March 2

Community Meeting

The Warner Turney Neighborhood Organization will meet Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Community Friends Church, 4509 Warner Rd. The Easter Egg Hunt and summer activities will be discussed; 50/50 raffle. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the church food pantry.

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.

Mobile Food Pantry

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

Cheerleading Sign Up

Resse's Pieces, one of Slavic Village's premier girls and young women's active living groups, will host a Cheerleading Sign Up and Meet and Greet event on Saturday, March 4, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7245 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. More info, 216-926-7611.

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step," 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.

Genealogy Society Meets

The Polish Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland will meet Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Polish National Church parish hall, 5375 Broadview Rd., Parma. David Matejczyk will give a presentation on the former Alliance College and its history and impact on Polonia.

Wednesday, March 8

G.H. Woman's Club Meets

The Garfield Hts. Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. There will be a guest speaker from the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad.

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 to register and for 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. Donors must be 17 or older and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. For more info visit www.3Lives.com.

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S.V. Neighborhood Summit set for March 11th at Bohemian Hall

The 20th annual Slavic Village Neighborhood Summit, "Back to the Future," is set for Saturday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave.

All are welcome to fill the Slavic Village time capsule to be sealed

Music lessons offered at Broadway School

Broadway School of Music and the Arts, 5415 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village, invites new students of all ages to register for half-hour weekly instrumental music or voice lessons.

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Tuition financial aid is available to those in need. For more information call 216-641-0630 or visit broadwayschool.org.

Block watch

G.H. Ward 4

The Garfield Heights Ward 4 Block Watch meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker will be a juvenile detective. All wards welcome. Dan Baillie, 216-475-4810.

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 1-2:30 p.m. at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. Play for free; winners will receive prizes.

Zumba

The Garfield Heights Senior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., offers its Zumba for Seniors program on Thursdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Each class costs \$3. For more information call Annie at 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.

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Bedford Council defeats bill to pay more to promote tax increase

By Judith Goldsworth

An ordinance to pay the Impact Group an additional \$20,500 to continue to promote the need for an income tax increase in the city was defeated by Bedford Council at its meeting last week. Officials did, however, explain previous payments to the company.

The Impact Group, based in Hudson, is a firm that provides marketing and strategic services to promote all aspects of the city, according to the legislation. The city has used the Impact Group before for other purposes, City Manager Mike Mallis stated.

In October, council approved an ordinance authorizing a contract with the Impact Group for \$32,700 to provide various services, including conducting a phone survey of residents and presenting public forums to promote the need for a .75 percent increase in the city's income tax, which will appear on the May 2 ballot for voters to decide.

The contract approved by council in the fall covered Impact's work on presenting the need for the income tax increase over the past four months. Impact submitted an additional quote to the city to continue to

provide for public information services and video production in the additional amount of \$20,500.

Mallis stated, "There were some items on here that they recommended... as far as additional videos, things of that nature, that would help deliver the factual information to the public. I don't feel, we don't feel, that it is necessary to do that. It would be our recommendation at this time to vote no on this."

Mallis said that he, Mayor Stan Koci and Finance Director Frank Gambosi "would be more than happy" to give presentations on the need for the .75 percent increase and would speak to a group of any size to get the word out. Council members and other city officials and employees were also willing to volunteer their own time to promote the need for the increase, he added.

"The bulk of that is going to be carried by us," Koci affirmed, adding, "The Impact Group is just here to advise us of the best ways to do it. We are not professional fundraisers. They know how to do it and they tell us how to get the word out... The money is well spent from that."

Gambosi added, "We want to get everybody on the same path, and get the word out to the public, what they are interested in." The Impact Group's purpose "was to make it precise to what people want to hear."

In answer to a question by a resident, Mallis said that there would be three firefighter positions eliminated from the department if the tax increase failed, adding that the city was continuing to try to figure out ways to make up a \$1 million loss of revenue to the city. He stated that in 2014, the city applied for a grant to help with

staffing, adding, "The one department that is fully staffed right now is the fire department... and we want to keep it fully staffed."

Koci said that safety issues would not only be the ones affected if the income tax increase isn't passed but sewer call-outs as well, as those had already been reduced.

Another resident asked about the amount of money already expended by the city to pay Impact to gather and disseminate information on the need for the income tax increase.

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Community police reports



CLEVELAND

Drug Trafficking

On February 22nd, at 8:40 a.m., the Third District Vice Unit executed a Cuyahoga County search warrant at a home in the 6900 block of Hosmer Ave. in connection with drug sales. Police arrested a 41-year-old Cleveland man and an 18-year-old female resident of the Hosmer Ave. home for drug trafficking. A 44-year-old Middleburg Heights resident was also arrested for possession of drugs and a 36-year-old Cleveland woman was briefly detained for possession of drugs, though due to medical reasons, she was made a named suspect. A vehicle was also towed in connection with the incident.

Petty Theft

Police were called to the Save-A-Lot at 6502 Harvard Ave. on February 22nd, around 6:40 p.m., and spoke to the store security guard who said she saw a man concealing candy bars in his pants. He then walked past the registers and the security guard. She said she tried stopping him but was only able to grab onto his coat, which the man left behind along with the candy, and fled on foot westbound on Harvard Ave. Police searched for the man with negative results.

On February 23rd, around 12:40 p.m., a man and woman reportedly stole an electronic item and a pair of socks from the Dollar General at 6815 Broadway Ave. The store manager said she heard the pair set off the security alarm and watched them steal the items on security camera footage.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On February 17th, around 5:30 a.m., officers driving southbound on Broadway Ave. saw a gold-colored Ford driving closely behind a U-Haul truck. Police decided to continue to investigate, noting that there have been several breaking and entering cases involving a large truck breaking through a store wall and merchandise getting loaded into a smaller vehicle during early morning hours.

Officers followed the vehicles to the area of East 77th St. and Dorver Ave., where the driver of the U-Haul pulled into a driveway and fled on foot. Officers continued after the Ford, which they believe was touring the area in an attempt to pick up the driver of the U-Haul. Police pulled the Ford over and questioned the driver, 22, of Cleveland, who claimed he was picking up a co-worker to go to work. Police said he appeared nervous and was breathing heavily.

A few minutes later, a man who fit the U-Haul driver's description

approached police. He was identified as a 23-year-old Cleveland resident who claimed he was coming from a friend's house on Beman Ave. He was taken to the location of the U-Haul and police found the truck still running and the ignition punched. After questioning and an extensive investigation, police arrested the 23-year-old for theft of a motor vehicle. The 22-year-old was released.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Criminal Mischief

Police were dispatched to the Vista Park area on February 20th, around 5:40 p.m., and found two juveniles picking up leaves and adding them to small fire that was burning against a wooden barrier along the playground. Once the fire was extinguished, the boys, 15, said they had been "hanging out" and decided to "light a small amount of dead grass on fire," then decided to add sticks and leaves to the flames. One of the teens then gave police a lighter he said he used to start the fire. The teens were taken to their homes and criminal mischief charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

A resident of the 13100 block of Granger Rd. told police someone had hit his house with paint balls overnight between February 23rd and 24th, and two of his neighbors' homes were also struck.

A resident of the 8300 block of Garfield Blvd. also reported her home had been struck by paint balls overnight between the same dates. Two other homes in the 8300 block were also struck. Police continue to investigate.

Robbery

All Garfield Heights PD units were dispatched to the wooded area in the 4600 block of East 131st St. on February 23rd, around 12:10 p.m., for a report of two men in the area and shots fired. Police were given a description of the suspects and began searching.

An officer then saw a man dressed in all black clothing with dread locks sitting at the bus stop on East 131st St. He was identified as a 20-year-old Cleveland resident and told police he had just been robbed at gunpoint by two males in the woods. He told police one of the males told him to get on the ground, and when he refused, the suspect pulled out a gun and fired one round towards him. He said the males stole \$230 from him then fled northbound through the woods towards Alvin Ave.

A witness said she was in her apartment on East 131st St. and heard one gun shot coming from the wooded area near the building, then saw two males chasing after a man wearing all black. Officers searched the area for suspects with negative results. The victim was found to have an active warrant through Maple Heights. He was warned and released per Maple Heights.

Solicitor

On February 20th, around 7 p.m., police were called to Marc's on Rockside Rd. Officers watched as two women holding clipboards spoke to customers and saw a customer hand one of the women some cash. An officer then stood behind the women and listened to them tell customers they were collecting money for a homeless organization and a battered women's shelter. The officer asked them if they had a permit to solicit and they said they did not, but claimed to work for an organization. The officer then told the women he was going to contact the organization and they admitted they were not affiliated with it.

The women collected a total of over \$135 from people outside the store. They were issued a summons for soliciting.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On February 25th, around 5:30 p.m., police were called to the 4900 block of East 110th St. for a report of an auto theft that had just occurred.

Police checked the victim's garage and saw the main door was open and there were no vehicles inside. Police searched the area for the suspects and the victim's car with negative results. It was entered into LEADS. The residents requested special attention be given to the area.

Weapon Offense

Police were dispatched to the area of Thornhurst Dr. and Martin Luther King Blvd. for a shots fired complaint on February 21st, around 1:45 p.m. Several nearby residents said they heard multiple gun shots and saw two vehicles driving slowly on MLK towards Cleveland. Witnesses said the people in the vehicles may have been shooting at each other. Police found four spent casings on MLK at Thornhurst. Dispatch contacted area hospitals and noted there were no gunshot victims admitted within 90 minutes of the incident.

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• Word 401 - Accelerated Class, Saturday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. Adults will learn how to add tabs and tables, format complex documents and use lists of information to create letters and mailing labels through hands-on exercises. Prerequisite: Word 301. Registration required.

• Pen 2 Page Creative Writing Club, Saturday, March 4, 3:30 p.m., grades 4-10. Learn how to write creative stories to expand your writing toolbox and build better stories. Fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises will focus on different writing aspects each month. Registration requested.

• Lollipops Book Club, Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m., ages 7-9. The Lollipops Book Club is for kids who love to read and make new friends while talking about books. Fun activities and lollipops will also be enjoyed. Program may include activities that could be considered harmful. Release and Hold Harmless form must be completed and returned prior to the program start date. The form and more information can be found at www.cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options. Registration required.

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.

• Super Sleuth Readers, Fridays only, March 3-31, 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.

• Media Mondays, March 6 and 20, 4:30 p.m., all ages. Experiment with a variety of computer programs, software and 3D printing technology to create unique pictures, songs, art and more.

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.

• Excel 102 - Sorting and Filtering, Thursday, March 2, 10 a.m. to noon. Learn how to manage and manipulate large amounts of data in Microsoft Excel. Prerequisite: Excel 101.

• Excel 201 - Data Analysis, Thursday, March 2, 1-3 p.m. This class introduces the use of multiple worksheets and workbooks and reviews paste special options and inserting charts. Prerequisite: Excel 101.

• Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression, Thursday, March 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tribe fans will enjoy listening to local author Scott Longert as he talks about his new book: "No Money, No Beer, No Pennants." Longert will talk about the history of the Tribe through the turmoil of the Great Depression. A book sale and signing will follow.

• Escape from the Library! Saturday, March 4, 2-3 p.m. Find out if you have what it takes to solve the mystery and beat the library's escape room! Participants may be recorded or surveyed. Info: cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options.

• Excel 202 - Functions, Monday, March 6, 7-8:30 p.m. This class will introduce a variety of functions, including text functions, logical functions, and summary and conditional summary functions. Prerequisite: Excel 101.

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Library programs

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INDEPENDENCE

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• **Treasure in Your Attic: Antique Appraisals**, Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m. Enjoy an educational and entertaining afternoon learning about one of your treasures and its potential value as well as those of your friends and neighbors.

• **Creative Writing for Kids**, Wednesday, March 8, 4 p.m., grades 3-5. Writing ideas and exercises will be provided to get thoughts focused and encourage each person to express themselves through writing.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

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

• **Art Experiences**, Friday, March 3, 4 p.m., grades K-8. Examine the works of art masters and explore various mediums such as paint, pastels and clay.

• **Homeschool: Picturing America**, Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m., grades 1-5. This program for homeschoolers will combine art, history and hands-on creativity.

• **Spring Teen Tuesdays**, March 7, 4 p.m., grades 6-12. Hang with friends, play games and do crafts on the first Tuesday of each month.

• **How to Solve Any Dog Problem**, Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m. Experienced dog trainer Christy Paxton will demonstrate how to use positive, rewards-based training to fix problems with your dog.

Bedford Council

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Mallis responded, "When we first worked with them in 2008, we contracted with them and they helped provide informational pieces regarding that tax issue. Obviously, they are a marketing firm, and they are very involved with levy issues. They work with many different school districts and many different municipalities."

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He added that he was "very impressed by the way they (Impact) handled things, how they brought us all together, and how to bring the whole group together and get

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Other legislation on agenda

Placed on second reading was an ordinance to promote economic development in Bedford, to adopt a six-year job creation and retention program grant by the city to Data Basics, Inc. The company has announced plans to relocate from another community to the former Doty & Miller Architects building on Broadway Avenue.

Roughly 35 employees would be working at the new location and that number is expected to grow, resulting in additional revenue for the city, officials have stated. After more discussion, the legislation may be passed at a future meeting.

Council passed was an ordinance to award a three-year contract to

Cintas Corporation for uniform services to city employees.

Fr. Daniel Begin, pastor of St. Mary and Our Lady of Hope parishes in Bedford, who died on February 18th, was remembered by city officials at the meeting as not only a community and religious leader in the city but someone who had a deep love of Bedford and its people.

"It's obviously a tremendous loss; he was a great man," Mallis said.

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St. Michael CYO cheerleaders hold Cheer Clinic for Up Side of Downs girls



St. Michael CYO cheerleaders held a cheer clinic recently with several girls from The Up Side of Downs of Northeast Ohio in the gym at the school.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, St. Michael CYO cheerleaders held a cheer clinic with several girls from The Up Side of Downs of Northeast Ohio. The cheerleaders taught the girls various cheers and performed their competition routine for them.

At the beginning of the day several of the girls were shy and nervous to participate, but by the end they were smiling, jumping, cheering and laughing, said the cheerleaders.

"By the end of the event there wasn't a dry eye in the gym. All the girls were touched in some way and I don't think anyone

wanted it to end," said St. Michael CYO Cheer Coach Maureen Ressler. "The cheerleaders didn't know what to expect going into this and came out enlightened and moved."

One of the participant's mom's, Leslie, said, "This Cheer Clinic was a lot of fun. We were a last-minute attendee and the girls were so organized. The girls did such an awesome job with our kiddos. I know my daughter, Genevieve, would love to attend another clinic."

The event was a huge success and the cheerleaders are working on making this an annual collaboration.

The Up Side of Downs of Northeast Ohio (USOD) provides programs and services to

improve the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. The USOD serves more than 900 families caring for a loved one with Down syndrome in the Northeast Region of Ohio.

Rec Center news

The Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights, will offer the following spring programs. For more info visit garfieldhts.org or call 216-475-7272.

T-Ball

Registration for the Rec's T-Ball program, for any boy or girl age 5-7 on or before July 1, will be held now through March 31. Fee for residents, \$30; non-

residents, \$60. Season begins mid-April and will conclude late-June. All practices and games held at Garfield Park Reservation, Old Birch area.

Baseball League

Registration is now in progress for the Garfield Heights Boys Baseball League. Applications can be found on the city's website (link GHBBL) or can be picked up at the Rec. The program is for boys ages six and up.

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.

Requirements

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

Managers/Umpires

Managers and umpires are needed for the Rec's municipal girls softball program for kids ages 7-17, set to begin in May. Call the Rec 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 manag-

ers. Those interested in the baseball league should call Bob Marek at 216-990-8386.

Order bricks for Walkway

Create a memory that will last a lifetime by purchasing an engraved 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. Forms are available at the Civic

Center or online at www.garfieldhts.org. The walkway was installed in 2016 and additional bricks will be added this spring. Deadline to 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 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH, 44125, Attn: Mayor Vic Collova's office.

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

Obituary

JANET M. KURES (nee Monahan), 97, of Maple Heights, passed away on February 21st.

She was the loving wife of the late Donald Bott and John Kures; adored mother of Judy (Bob) Treacy; cherished grandmother of Jennifer Miller (Andy); treasured great-grandmother (Baba) of Maggie, Ben, Mia and Nate; sister of the late Jack Monahan (Alice, living); sister-in-law of Jean Cameratta (John); granddaughter of the late Louis and Barbara Picha; cherished aunt and friend of many.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. Interment in Crown Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in her name to Hope United Methodist Church, 79 Center Rd., Bedford, 44146.

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