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## Garfield's Post 304 honors Wade Park vets

By Ellen Psenicka

Veterans organizations and residents from all over the Cleveland area converged on Garfield Heights last Wednesday, May 10th, to honor vets from Wade Park Hospital with dinner and entertainment sponsored and hosted by American Legion Post 304 on Broadway Avenue, which picked them up by bus with two Garfield Heights police cruisers as escorts blocking traffic with lights and sirens as well as a 75-member motorcycle escort by the American Legion Riders of Ohio, the Rolling Thunder and other cyclists down Broadway.

"It made the veterans from Wade Park feel like real heroes," said Post 304's Carl Shortridge of Post 304.

A delicious baked chicken dinner was served to each veteran by members of Post 304's Junior Auxiliary, the children's division, and the vets dug in with gusto to the hearty homemade meal.

The fun continued after dinner with musical entertainment and a photo booth by the Rockin' Bluze Brothers out of



Each veteran was given a pillow made with material from their branch of the service, homemade by the Post 304 Junior Auxiliary, who also handed them out to the appreciative vets.

Streetsboro, Ohio. Vets were able to take photos of themselves and friends back to Wade Park as keepsakes of the special evening.

As the evening's festivities came to an end veterans prepared to leave the post for the bus ride back to Wade Park. As they left they were each given a pillow made by the Junior Auxiliary kids in cloth representing

each vet's branch of the service - Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, etc.

The youngsters had held a fundraiser weeks before the event to earn money to buy the material for the pillows and also to give each vet a bag of goodies as they left containing books, toiletries, new slippers and more.

Organizers want to give a special thanks to the Garfield Heights Police Department, Mike Ricchino of Midwest Crane Rental on Broadway for letting his property serve as the staging area for the escort, the Rockin' Bluze Brothers and all those who worked so hard to make the night a special one for the veterans of Wade Park.



Two GHPD cruisers and 75 motorcyclists provided an escort for the bus with the Wade Park veterans, the entourage shown here entering the American Legion Post 304 grounds last Wednesday.

## Dirt bike track discussed at St. Hyacinth meeting

The city of Cleveland plans to build a dirt bike track at Marion Motley Park in the city's Kinsman/Garden Valley neighborhood, adjacent to the Francis Avenue area of Slavic Village.

A St. Hyacinth's meeting was held last Thursday evening at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., at which neighbors expressed their concerns over the proposed track and questioned the wisdom of having it so close to residential areas of the city. Estimated cost of the complex would be \$2,344,230.42.

City officials were at the meeting to present the proposals for the park and answer questions from the public. They said along with an area for dirt bikes, there would be areas for peddle bikes, a garage where youngsters could learn small engine repair, a BMX (Olympic) track, and ones for skateboarders and roller skaters and a practice track for mountain bikes. They said the city is also developing a strategy to deal with illegal riders in the streets.

Another St. Hyacinth's meeting is scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, May 17, at 6 p.m., also at Elizabeth Baptist Church. Discussions will continue on the dirt bike track and the zoning hearing for Midtown Trucking. For more information contact John Robinson at Slavic Village Development, 216-315-4593.



City of Cleveland officials presented plans for a dirt bike track and more in the Kinsman/Garden Valley area of Cleveland at a meeting last week at Elizabeth Baptist Church on Francis Avenue. Photo by Michael Psenicka

## Changes in store for your favorite newspaper!!!

Look for exciting changes coming to the style and content of The Neighborhood News, starting with our June 7th, 2017 issue - the same newspaper you know and love but with a new look!!

## SE Kiwanis breakfast this Sunday!

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland will host its all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holy Name Church's Haren Hall, 8328 Broadway Ave., near Harvard.

On the menu will be pancakes, French toast, sausage, beverages and assorted toppings.

There will be lots of raffles, too, including a chance to win a brand new portable sewing machine donated by Globe Sewing Machine Co.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$7 for adults; \$4 for children under 12; free to those under age 5. Tickets will be available at the door.

## Cuyahoga Hts. Council notes



Miss Poppy, Bells Rose Kicielinski, with Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Jack Bacci

position of administrative accounting assistant.

•Authorizing the issuance of notes not to exceed \$3,585,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for improvements to various municipal facilities, road and sidewalk improvements, and constructing, furnishing and equipping a police facility and otherwise improving police facilities and their sites.

•Authorizing change orders with Great Northern Fence in the amount of \$10,821 in connection with the Bacci Park baseball field fence improvements project.

•Purchase and sale agreement for real property known as Permanent Parcel 522-23-046 in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.

•Certification of the Village's cost of nuisance abatement for Permanent Parcel 522-25-011 as a special assessment for placement on the tax duplicate for collection. A total of \$11,665 will be assessed tax for sewer/water hookup charges.

•A resolution authorizing the transfer of \$35,000 to the Cuyahoga Heights Community Improvement Corporation for five-year company incentive.

## Semi breaks power lines, utility poles on Lee Rd. in Maple Hts.

The southbound lane of Lee Road in Maple Heights was closed for a short time last Tuesday morning until the utility company arrived after a semi truck took down power lines and broke two utility poles while turning around in a parking lot, according to Maple Heights police.

Lt. Donald Grossmyer with MHPD said the driver of the tractor trailer was going to Peck Foods on Rockside Road in Maple Heights around 7:55 a.m. last Tuesday to make a delivery. He missed his turn, so he turned south onto Lee Road and drove into a parking lot to turn around.

As the truck was going through the parking lot, the trailer made contact with the overhead lines. The lines were then pulled down and the utility poles the wires were attached to were broken, said Grossmyer.

## Ward 6 Councilwoman Mitchell resigns; Blaine Griffin sworn in to council



Pictured above is newly installed Ward 6 Councilman Blaine Griffin (center) with some of his new council colleagues at a reception in his honor. Photo by Lawrence The Picture Man Craft Photography & Design

Ward 6 Councilwoman Mamie Mitchell, who represents parts of the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood, resigned from Cleveland City Council last weekend and Blaine Griffin was sworn in as the new councilman for that ward on Monday.

Blaine Griffin most recently served as Mayor Frank Jackson's director of the Community Relations Board, which promotes cooperation between police and residents through training, neighborhood meetings, block and street club development and court watches.

He has spent most of his career working in the community in social services and community organizing as well as mentoring young children. He is married with three children and has lived in the Larchmere neighborhood for over 20 years; prior to that he lived in the Broadway-Slavic Village community.

"I want to thank former Councilwoman Mamie Mitchell for all her years of service to the city and welcome Councilman Blaine Griffin," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "He has a tremendous record of serving our city during some very tough times as well as through some incredible successes."

"He is passionate in his work and in providing opportunities for young children," Brancatelli continued. "His experience throughout the city will be welcomed at council and I look forward to working with Councilman Griffin as we strive to improve the quality of life in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood."

## VIGIL FOR SLAIN MOM



A vigil service was held last Thursday evening at the Orme Road home of Lavora (Allen) Woodley, 38, of Garfield Heights, who was found dead by relatives on Monday, May 1st, lying face down at the bottom of her basement steps.

The medical examiner's office said the death was ruled a homicide with the cause of death as cervical compression.

At the Thursday vigil, Black on Black Crime activist Art McCoy led the group in chanting for justice for the slain woman. Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne said no arrests have yet been made in the murder as the investigation continues.

## Literacy Through The Arts Summer Academy is moving!

Due to construction at Holy Name Elementary School, the highly-acclaimed Literacy Through the Arts Summer Academy is moving to Cleveland Central Catholic High School, 6550 Baxter Ave. in Slavic Village, for the 2017 six-week program.

Children entering grades one through eight are invited to a full morning (Monday-Friday) of music, visual arts and dance. All children will learn to play percussion instruments and violin. Fifth through eighth grade students can learn to play band instruments.

Art classes will be offered each day along with soccer, creative writing, and movement and dance. A \$10 registration fee is required for each child. Insurance information and social security number are also required.

Signups will be held at Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, on the following days: Wednesday, May 24, 4-7 p.m.; Sunday, May 28, 1-6 p.m.; Sunday, June 4, 1-6 p.m.; Monday, June 5, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 7, 4-7 p.m.

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# Community calendar

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

## Wednesday, May 17

### GHCC Lunch Meeting Canceled

The Garfield Hts. Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, has been cancelled. If you have prepaid, your registration fee will transfer to another meeting.

### St. Hyacinth Meeting

A neighborhood meeting for residents of the St. Hyacinth area in Cleveland will be held Wednesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church,

6114 Francis Ave. Continue the discussion on the proposed dirt bike track and zoning hearing for Midtown Trucking. For more info contact John Robinson at Slavic Village Development, 216-315-4593 or johnr@slavicvillage.org.

### Ward 12 Dems Meet

The 12th Ward Democratic Club will meet Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Scorcher's, 3662 E. 65 St., Cleveland. Refreshments served. New members welcome.

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## Friday, May 19

### Mobile Food Pantry

The North Broadway Mobile Food Pantry will be open Friday, May 19, at 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the former Broadway United Methodist Church, 5246 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, and is a program of the Cleveland Food Bank. All are welcome.

### Concert To Benefit BSMA

"Bach, Beethoven and Blues," a Chamber Music concert to benefit Broadway School of Music and the Arts' operations and student financial aid fund, will be held Friday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Polish American Cultural Center (PACC), 6501 Lansing Ave. in Slavic Village. The concert will feature members of the Cleveland Orchestra. The museum and gallery at PACC will be open before the performance and a reception with the musicians will follow the performance featuring traditional Polish food. Tickets, \$70; call 216-641-0630 or visit [www.broadwayschool.org](http://www.broadwayschool.org).

## Saturday, May 20

### Bedford Shred Day, Food Drive

The city of Bedford will host a Shred Day and Food Drive on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. The shred truck will be in the parking lot of Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Rd. This free event will provide community members a safe and secure resource to shred confidential documents. Nonperishable food items will also be collected for the city's food commodities program. 440-232-1600.

## Maple Hts. Shred Day

The city of Maple Hts. will hold a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. The "InfoStore" truck will be at Stafford Park, 5400 Mayville Ave., Maple Hts., for Maple Hts. residents only; participants will receive a free magnet. Paper items only; no limit. Questions: 216-587-5481.

### G.H. Plant Sale

The Garfield Hts. Historical Society will host its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. behind the Historical Museum, 5405 Turney Rd. Come early! Inexpensive plants for sale have been donated by members including a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers and hanging plants. The museum will also host a Nearly New Sale of a variety of items and books available for a donation.

### Rolling Thunder Flag Raising

On May 20, at 1 p.m., a local military veteran's organization, Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Ohio, will be having a POW/MIA flag raising ceremony in front of the Bedford Fire Department, 165 Center Rd. The public is invited to attend.

### CityMusic Performance

CityMusic Cleveland will present an evening of classical music on Saturday, May 20, at 8 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, 3649 E. 65 St., Slavic Village. The free program will feature works by Mozart (clarinet concerto with Dan Gilbert) and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7; conductor, Paul Watkins.

## Sunday, May 21

### Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland will host its all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holy Name Church's Haren Hall, 8328 Broadway Ave. Menu: pancakes, French toast, sausage, beverages and assorted toppings. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$4 for children under 12; free to those under 5; available at the door. There will be lots of raffles, including a chance to win a brand new sewing machine from Globe Sewing Machine Co.

Submit Community events to NN via Email: [nnews1923@aol.com](mailto:nnews1923@aol.com)

## Thursday, May 25

### Special Community Meal

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant/Hope United Methodist Church/Faith Walk Fellowship will host a Free Community Meal, sponsored by Maple Hts. City Council, on Thursday, May 25, beginning at 5 p.m. at Lutheran Church's parish hall, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Hts. Join council members and neighbors for a specially prepared pre-Memorial Day hot meal. All are welcome; no restrictions. Entrance is handicapped accessible. 216-662-0370.

## Sunday, May 28

### Sokol Sunday Dinner

Sokol Greater Cleveland will host its monthly ethnic dinner on Sunday, May 28, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the lower level dining room at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. Enjoy pork schnitzel, potato salad and vegetable. Reservations required by Wednesday, May 24, by calling 216-447-0264.

## Tuesday, May 30

### 'Stomp Out Strokes'

Join the Marymount Hospital Stroke Team for a casual walk outside the Marymount Campus, 12300 McCracken Rd., Garfield Hts., to "Stomp Out Strokes" on Tuesday, May 30, from 4-6 p.m. Learn the signs and symptoms of stroke, individualized stroke risk factors and how to prevent stroke. Event is free. Meet at the main entrance. Enjoy healthy refreshments in the Main Lobby after the walk. Complementary blood pressure and stroke risk assessment will be performed. With questions, call 216-312-5640.

## Saturday, June 3

### Summer Wellness Expo

A Summer Wellness Expo and Open House will be held Saturday, June 3, at Lourexis and Alexia Manor, 5125 Hector Ave., Cleveland, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event includes health screenings, medical providers and info on health care, transportation and medical insurance providers. Raffles, music and more. Darnell Brewer, 216-883-6989 or [dbrewer@millenniahousing.com](mailto:dbrewer@millenniahousing.com).

## 'Murders And Mayhem In G.H.'

The Garfield Hts. Historical Society will host "Murders and Mayhem in Garfield Hts.," with speaker and historian Steve Sanducci, on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. at the museum, 5405 Turney Rd. The presentation will be followed by refreshments and an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. New: Learn how to use a real quill pen; open to children and adults. Free parking behind the museum. 216-475-3050 or [info@ghhist.org](mailto:info@ghhist.org).

## Sunday, June 11

### S.V. Pierogi Dash

Slavic Village Development will sponsor its annual Pierogi Dash on Sunday, June 11, beginning at 9 a.m., on the Morgana Run Trail. Hundreds of runners and walkers will begin at Aetna Rd. and E. 75 St., then wind through Slavic Village (often dressed as pierogis) towards the finish line. Be rewarded with pierogis, smokies and a beverage. Sign up at [https://events.com/r/en\\_US/registration/slavic-village-pierogi-dash-cleveland-june-28560](https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/slavic-village-pierogi-dash-cleveland-june-28560).

## Wednesday, June 21

### 'Tee Off Fore The Chamber'

The Garfield Hts. and Southeast Region Chambers of Commerce will present a "Tee Off Fore the Chamber" golf outing at Grantwood Golf Course, 38855 Aurora Rd. in Solon, on Wednesday, June 21. Registration, 8 a.m.; shotgun start, 10 a.m.; dinner, raffle and awards, 2:30 p.m. Cost per golfer, \$125; dinner only, \$35. To register or for more info contact the Garfield Hts. Chamber, 216-475-7775 or [www.garfieldchamber.com](http://www.garfieldchamber.com); or the Southeast Region Chamber, call 440-232-0115 or visit [www.southeastchamber.org](http://www.southeastchamber.org).

## Class reunion

### Chanel/Lumen Cordium

The St. Peter Chanel/Lumen Cordium alumni will host an "All" Class Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. on the Nautica Queen! Meet, 1153 Main Ave., Cleveland, 44113. All Chanel Firebirds and Lumen Lancers welcome.

The cruise will board at 2 p.m., depart at 2:30 p.m. and return by 5 p.m. Alumni will have exclusive use of the boat, a DJ and unlimited buffet.

The first 50 to register will be entered into a drawing to receive a Royal Caribbean Cruise package for two! For more information and tickets, contact Angela Kane at 216-744-8687 or [agkane1@aol.com](mailto:agkane1@aol.com).

## Families Anon. no longer meeting in G.H.

Due to lack of participants, the Garfield Heights Families Anonymous meetings for families of those struggling with addiction will no longer meet on Tuesday evenings.

If you or a loved one is struggling with addiction you are encouraged to contact Ruth Pollack, manager of the Family Resource Center in Garfield Heights, at 216-475-1103. Help is available!

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## GHWC GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS



The Garfield Heights Woman's Club awarded three \$500 scholarships to graduating Garfield Heights High School seniors at a recent awards ceremony. Shown above, from left, is recipient Leanne Koening, recipient Ashley Perry, GHWC member Carol Stolarski, GHWC member Pat Chesney, recipient and active member with the GHWC Emily Kondash, and club president Debra Sarnowski.

## Free self defense class in G.H.

The Garfield Heights Family Resource Center manager, Ruth Pollack, will host a free Self Defense Class on Wednesday, June 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights.

Christopher Ritondaro will be the instructor for the evening. Ritondaro is a patrol supervisor and training instructor for NASA Protective Services Training Academy.

Below are some of the topics that will be taught and demonstrated.

**Personal Defense-** What to do if approached and how to protect yourself while walking.

**Home Defense-** Ritondaro will go over layers of security you can have for your home.

**Basic Strike-** A variety of punches and kicks will be taught, as well as how to use your hands, knees, feet and elbows to defend yourself.

**Awareness-** Your physical body will change; heart rate, adrenaline, blood circulation, breathing and metabolism.

**Behavior Detention-** Learn how to look for certain clues given by people that may indicate harmful intent.

All these topics and more will be covered. Participants must be 18 years and over. Registration is not necessary. With questions contact Ruth Pollack at 216-475-1103.

## Hydrant flushing scheduled locally

The following suburbs will begin flushing fire hydrants. Some residents may experience rusty water, which is normal. Residents are encouraged to check to see if their water is rusty before drinking, doing laundry or using it to cook.

If it is rusty, do not use any water, including flushing toilets for one hour. After an hour, start at the lowest level of the home (laundry tub) and turn on cold water until it runs clear. Turn water off and proceed to the next level of the home and follow the same steps until each level flows clear.

In the event that clothes were laundered and are discolored, do not dry them, rewash them immediately after your water is clear, using a heavy duty detergent. Do not use chlorine bleach. If the rust has not been removed, a commercial rust remover should do the trick.

### Bedford

Beginning this week, the Bedford Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the city.

"Temporarily discolored, rusty water will occur in the vicinity of flushing," fire officials stated, adding, "You may also experience low or no water pressure. Please allow time for the water to be moved through the system."

Signs will be posted at the entrances to the city to notify residents when hydrants in the area will be flushed.

### Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights Fire Department will begin the annual flushing and inspection of the 1,300 fire hydrants in the city beginning Monday, May 22.

The work will be performed Mondays through Fridays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., weather

permitting. It should take about eight weeks to complete. The work will begin in Ward 1 and end in Ward 7.

Those with questions should call Sandy at the Garfield Heights Fire Department, 216-475-4053.

### Maple Heights

The Maple Heights Fire Department will also flush fire hydrants throughout the city in the month of May. The schedule will be Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. This will continue until all hydrants have been completed.

## Church news

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Cleveland, will ordain seven men for the diocese to the priesthood in the solemn ritual of the Catholic Church on Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in downtown Cleveland.

Among those to be ordained is Deacon James Cosgrove, 31, who was a member of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Maple Heights, and is a graduate of Trinity High School in Garfield Heights and The University of Dayton. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Christopher Parish in Rocky River.

### News from Stella Walsh

The following programs will be offered at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7245 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. For more information call 216-664-4658.

**Floor Aerobics** will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Step Aerobics** will be held for one hour Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

**Senior Bingo** will be played on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. with prizes.

## Thomas the Tank Engine to visit CVSR

Thomas the Tank Engine invites little engineers to join him for a day of friendship and family fun at "Day Out with Thomas: The Friendship Tour 2017." Children can spend the day with their friend Thomas when the #1 Engine pulls into Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, 7100 Riverview Rd., Peninsula, on May 20-21 and May 26-28, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Day Out with Thomas: The Friendship Tour 2017" is presented by Mattel.

## Red Cross blood donation sites

During Trauma Awareness Month in May, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients with traumatic injuries and other serious medical needs by donating blood or platelets.

Blood and platelet donors of all types are currently needed. Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Local donation sites include:

**Independence:** May 17- Rolta Advix, 6450 Rockside Woods Blvd. South, Corporate Plaza I Building, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 22- Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr., 1-7 p.m.

A blood donor card or 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 are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Platelets may also be needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding. Because platelets must be transfused within five days of donation, there is a constant - often critical - need to keep up with hospital demand.

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**JEANNE A. SKAPURA** (nee Lisoski), 81, of Garfield Heights, died suddenly on May 6th.

She was the beloved wife of the late Andrew; loving mother of Ted C. Skapura (wife, Maria); devoted grandmother of Matthew and Benjamin.

Arrangements were handled by Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home. Private family services were held. Interment in All Saints Cemetery. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.GDFH.net](http://www.GDFH.net). Donations can be made in memory of Jeanne to St. Herman House, P.O. Box 932612, Cleveland, OH 44193.

**CAROL A. YAKOPOVICH**, 69, of Bedford, passed away on May 9th.

She was the beloved wife of the late Jack; loving mother of Theresa Varacky; devoted grandmother of Kevin Varacky (Katrina); dear great-grandmother of Evelyn Varacky; dearest sister, aunt and great-aunt.

Private services were held. Arrangements by Ferfolia Funeral Home.

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## Literacy

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Breakfast for all children will begin at 7:30 a.m. in Cleveland Central Catholic's Ironman Center. Peer tutoring will begin at 8 a.m. Fifth through eighth grade students will be transported to the Boys and Girls Club after breakfast each day. Lunch will conclude the day at noon. After care will be provided by the Boys and Girls Club.

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# Community police reports



By Amber Weisbarth

## CLEVELAND

### Aggravated Robbery

Police were called to the Family Dollar at 8003 Broadway Ave. on May 11th, around 9:05 p.m., and spoke to employees who said a man armed with a gun ran into the store wearing all black clothing and a black mask covering the bottom of his face. The man shot the gun one time into the air then pointed it at employees behind the counter and said, "Give it up." While at gunpoint, two of the employees filled bags with money as the man demanded they "hurry up." He then snatched the bags and fled northbound on Broadway Ave. One of the employees said the man looked similar to someone that had been in the store 5-10 minutes prior to the robbery.

After watching surveillance video and finding no bullet holes, police said the suspect may have been carrying an air gun. Police continue to investigate.

### Felonious Assault

On May 10, around 12:20 a.m., police were dispatched to the area of E. 57th St. and Gertrude Ave. for shots fired. When police arrived they were unable to locate the caller, but were flagged down by a woman in the 6300 block of Gertrude who had been shot in the back. EMS

arrived and took the woman, 29, to MetroHealth Medical Center. Police found a shell casing in the street and two bullet holes in the side of a house.

At the hospital, the victim said she had just gotten home from the grocery store and was walking up her driveway when she saw a red car drive slowly in front of her house. The man in the driver's seat then stuck a gun out the window and started shooting at her. She did not recognize the driver or the vehicle.

A 27-year-old pregnant woman said she was "jumped" by two women on May 10th, around 10 p.m.; she was taken to the Cleveland Clinic where hospital staff determined the 15-week fetus did not have a heartbeat.

The victim said she was walking home from a store at E. 65th St. and Fleet Ave. when she was attacked. She said one of the women punched her in the face multiple times, knocking her to the ground, strangled her, then kicked her in the side. She said the second woman watched the attack and did nothing to stop it. The victim told police she had never seen the women before and had no history with them.

The fetus will be sent to the medical examiner's office to determine cause of death.

On May 14th, around 12:35 p.m., police were called to the area of E. 72nd St. and Union Ave. for a report of a male shot. Officers saw the victim, 55, had collapsed in the street in front of a home in the 7100 block of Union Ave. He told police he had been shot and EMS took him to MetroHealth Medical Center.

A witness said she heard two gun shots but didn't see anyone other than the victim walking northbound on E. 71st St. towards Union. Police found one shell casing north of the Morgana Run Trail and collected it as evidence.

At the hospital, the victim told police he was sitting on a concrete barrier on E. 71st St. when a tall, unknown man approached him. He

said the man was 10-20 feet away from him when he began shooting and then he quickly fled the scene in an unknown direction.

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Aggravated Robbery

An 18-year-old Shaker Heights resident told police he left the BP gas station at Turney and Granger rds. on May 9th, around 1:15 p.m., and was walking eastbound on Granger when a maroon Nissan Altima pulled into a nearby driveway. Three males wearing black ski masks got out of the car, grabbed him and put him in the back seat; one of them was armed. The victim said the males put the gun into his mouth and told him to give them his belongings. They removed his jacket and put it over his face, then took his cell phone, tennis shoes, belt and jacket. They drove the victim to E. 113th St. and Plymouth Ave. where they dropped him off.

Officers searching the area found the vehicle, along with four males standing beside it, on Vineyard Ave. Three of the males fled on foot and the fourth male got back inside the car. The officer ordered him to stop, but as the suspect started the vehicle, an officer deployed his Taser and struck the driver in the back. The driver still sped off, later ditching the vehicle on Jeffries Ave. and running on foot. He was eventually found hiding under a porch on Covert Ave. and was arrested.

Officers from Garfield Heights, Cleveland and Cuyahoga Heights continued searching the area near Vineyard and chased after the other three males on foot into Cleveland. On Beman Ave. in Cleveland, police saw the males running along a creek bed towards the rail road tracks, then running up a large hill towards the Harvard/Covert area. An officer in a police cruiser also searching for suspects was then approached by a woman in the 7400 block of Clement Ave. who told police there were males hiding near her garage.

Several police officers, detectives and the K9 Unit approached the garage and found the three males laying down, hiding, between two houses on Clement. They were immediately arrested. The males, ages 17-20, from Cleveland and Garfield Heights, were held on investigation of receiving stolen property, aggravated robbery and kidnapping. The 17-year-old was held for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Inside the car on Jeffries, police found the victim's belongings. Police learned the vehicle had been stolen and had fictitious plates; it had been entered stolen by Cleveland Metroparks Rangers.

An employee at the Subway on E. 131st St. told police two men came into the store around 6:50 p.m. May 14th, wearing dark clothing and ski masks and holding weapons. The males tried stealing money from the register but it had already been emptied. The employee said the men fled quickly. Surveillance video showed the males fleeing northbound on Rexwood and behind a residence in the 4500 block of E. 131st St., where they jumped a fence.

### Breaking and Entering

On May 9th, around 8 a.m., police were dispatched to Garfield Wireless on Turney Rd., and found the glass had been smashed out of the front door. Police said it looked like entry was made; there were cell phone boxes on the floor. Detectives arrived to take photos and collect any evidence.

Around 6:15 a.m. on May 14th, police were dispatched to the Sunoco gas station at 4935 Turney Rd. due to a glass breakage and interior motion alarm at the business. Police watched security camera footage which showed three males breaking into the gas station. One of the males is seen loading multiple packs of cigarettes into a black garbage bag, but the bag had a hole in it. The camera then captures them fleeing the scene. Police were to check with other businesses in the area for more surveillance footage.

### Burglary

Police were called on May 8th, around 5 p.m., on a report of suspicious activity in the 9500 block of Plymouth Ave. A witness said she saw two males running from the backyard of a Plymouth Ave. home carrying several items. They got into a teal Olds Alero with a temporary license plate and fled the scene eastbound.

Officers searched the house and found a back window had been pried open. The homeowner arrived and told police all of his guns and ammunition had been stolen. Police searched the area for the suspects/vehicle with negative results.

### Shots Fired

Garfield Heights and Maple Heights police were called to the area of E. 141st St. and Bangor Ave. on May 10, around 12:30 p.m., for a report of shots fired. Dispatch said it was suspected two shots were fired, followed by a single shot moments later near Oak Park Blvd. Officers spoke with several residents who said the noises could have been gun shots or fireworks and it sounded like it was coming from the 13800 block of Wolf Ave. nearby. A resident in the 13300 block of Oak Park Blvd. recorded the noise which police confirmed were gunshots.

### Trespassing

Police were dispatched to the community center at 13455 Dressler Ave. on May 9th, around 7 p.m., on a report that 4-5 juveniles were standing on the roof of the building and were overheard talking about breaking into the building.

Police arrived and saw one male on the roof running towards the back of the building. As officers made their way to the back of the building, six juveniles were seen running from the area. One of the males fled towards Cooper Ct. and was unable to be apprehended. The others, ages 14-15, were arrested and taken to City Jail. The information was forwarded to the Youth Bureau.

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## 'Fugitive of the Week'



The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is offering a reward for information which would lead to the capture of fugitive Kayouinderne Hicks.

Hicks is wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service and the Cleveland Police Department. On September 16, 2015 a warrant was issued for Hicks for the alleged rape of a child under the age of six.

Hicks is a 29-year-old black male standing approximately 5'8" and weighing 225 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. Hicks is believed to be hiding in the Cleveland area and has ties to both the east and west sides.

Anyone with information in reference to Kayouinderne Hicks should contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED or text keyword WANTED and tip to 847411 (tip411). Tipsters can remain anonymous and reward money is available.

## White Dove Mattress Factory catches fire

The White Dove Mattress Factory at 3201 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights caught fire Sunday afternoon causing smoke damage in the main factory and offices.

Newburgh Heights Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham said the fire started in the foam material used to make mattresses but fire personnel were unable to determine what caused the fire.

Higginbotham said the Cuyahoga Heights police dispatch center received a "water flow alarm" for the factory just after 3 p.m. The Newburgh Heights Fire Department responded and found black smoke throughout the factory. N.H.F.D. called for assistance from Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights, Seven Hills, Independence, Valley View, Broadview Heights, Brecksville and Garfield Heights.

Crews used hose lines to fight the fire in the middle of the factory and on the west side of the building on the first floor and worked to vent the factory to remove the black smoke, according to Higginbotham.

Just before 4 p.m. the fire was brought under control and by 6 p.m. all mutual aid fire departments were sent back to their respective cities. The investigation was completed by Newburgh Heights by 12:30 p.m. Monday. Officials found five automatic fire

sprinkler heads were working, holding the fire in check until interior fire crews could put out the fire.

Higginbotham said N.H.F.D. and White Dove Mattress Factory are working together to determine the total cost in damages.

## Golden Ager's Grapevine

### Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club will meet Thursday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

### Bingo

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## Woodside seniors 'spring' into activities

Woodside Senior Living Activities Director Vicki Crayne reported that the residents have welcomed in the warmer spring weather with a wide variety of enjoyable programs.

In what has become a regular monthly event, Jamie Milkovich kicked off the month of March with an original, archival newspaper presentation which examined the lives of popular American presidents as reported on the pages of The Cleveland News, The Cleveland Plain Dealer and The Cleveland Press.

Weekly Bingo games, Tai Chi sessions and Crochet Club meetings added a fun feeling to the event schedule. Monthly birthday parties also brought a welcomed

measure of recognition and happiness to the recipients. The month of March ended with a Loom Knitting program provided by the Parma Adult Activities Center.

April featured an Easter egg hunt and an Easter program which was put together by resident Alphine Glenn. Later in the month, a jewelry party fundraiser for Alzheimer's research and live Saturday evening entertainment added excitement to the main dining room. Milkovich returned with an insightful newspaper presentation on noteworthy women in history to close out a busy month.

Upcoming events in May included a Kentucky Derby Party and a much anticipated fashion show.

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## Libraries plan special programs

All branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library will be closed in honor of Memorial Day from Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, May 30.

### BEDFORD

**•Erie Heights Brass Ensemble**, Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. The Ensemble is a brass sextet of professional musicians from Ashtabula County in Northeast Ohio. They perform a wide variety of music ranging from the baroque and classical to the contemporary and popular including jazz and swing.

**•African American Authors Group**, Tuesday, May 23, 7:15 p.m., adults. May title: "Hidden Figures: the American dream and the untold story of the black women mathematicians who helped win the space race," by Margot Lee Shetterly.

### CLEVELAND

**•Super Sleuth Readers**, Fridays, through May 26, 4 p.m., ages 3-5. After reading fun stories, singing songs and rhymes, Super Sleuths will look further into their stories through play

and crafts.

**•Making Music with the Syndicate for the New Arts: Electro-Acoustic Music**, Thursday, May 18, 4:45 p.m., ages 8 and up. Explore electronic music and MIDI controllers to see the shapes music makes! Then, make your own musical shapes and perform them using the computer-controlled "virtual" instrument.

**•Star Wars Day**, Monday, May 22, 4 p.m. Make your own lightsaber and discover which Star Wars character you are.

### GARFIELD HEIGHTS

**•Drop In & Download**, Thursday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn how to borrow free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eMovies and eMusic from the Digital Collection. Bring your device and passwords and staff will get you started.

**•Outlook 101**, Thursday, May 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Learn how to use Microsoft Outlook 2016 for personal or professional use. This class covers sending, receiving and organizing emails, maintaining a calendar and

adding contacts. Prerequisite: Word 101.

**•Perennial Exchange**, Monday, May 22, 7-8:45 p.m. Join the fun at the 16th annual Perennial Exchange! Bring extra plants from your yard to exchange for others. Meet fellow gardeners and swap plants and gardening ideas!

**•Ohio Means Jobs**, Tuesday, May 23, 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.

### INDEPENDENCE

**•Music Montage with violinist Mary Beth Ions**, Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m. Enjoy the music, stories and wit of local violinist Mary Beth Ions as she performs favorites from every musical genre and your requests!

**•Women and Children First: Stories of Titanic Survivors**, Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m. Hear about some of the most fascinating - yet lesser known - passengers and crew from the RMS Titanic. Robert Catalano will portray Second Officer C.H. Lightoller while sharing these stories with models, books and memorabilia, including an item

that was actually recovered from the debris left in Titanic's voyage to the bottom of the North Atlantic.

### MAPLE HEIGHTS

**•Job Applications Made Easy**, Monday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. Learn how to develop a job application profile and copy, paste and upload a resume. Also learn about job application requirements, potential red flags and job assessments. Prerequisites: Competency in computer and internet essentials.

**•Drop In & Download**, Tuesday, May 23, 5:45 p.m. Learn how to borrow free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eMovies and eMusic from the library's Digital Collection. Bring your device and passwords and staff will get you started.

**•Email 101**, Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. This class is geared toward those who are new to communicating electronically. Learn how to create, send and organize emails and attach files to messages. Prerequisite: Internet 101. Preferred: An existing email account.

## Rooms To Let artwork set for this weekend!

Rooms To Let: CLE, a myriad of artwork created in vacant housing in Slavic Village, will take place this Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21, in the following locations: 6627 Lansing Ave., 6808 Gertrude Ave., and 5804 Hosmer Ave. The Polish American Cultural Center at 6501 Lansing Ave. will be the event hub.

View creative artwork in the vacant homes, along with food, beer, artisan market, live music and hands-on activities.

For more information, contact Slavic Village Development at slavicvillage.org.

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## SWAT CALLED TO E. 50 ST.

Cleveland SWAT responded to a home at 3665 E. 50th St. in Slavic Village Monday night to arrest a suspect in an aggravated robbery that occurred in the 2nd District, Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli told The Neighborhood News.

He said the suspect was arrested without incident. "I want to thank our Cleveland Police Department for apprehending the suspect and our SWAT unit for doing a good job on the arrest without any further incident," said Brancatelli.

## KIWANIS GOLF OUTING



The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland held its 2nd annual Golf Outing, a Par 3 Shootout, on May 6th, at the Metroparks' Washington Park Golf Course in Newburgh Heights. Despite the wet and windy weather, 45 golfers showed up to support the benefit, with all proceeds going for children's programming in Slavic Village. Shown above is event organizer Larry Goodwin, at right, thanking all for coming out and making the outing such a success.

Photo by Michael Psenicka

## JOHNSTON MILL RUN A CLEAN SWEEP!



Approximately 50 Garfield Heights High School students helped clean up Johnston Mill Run, a tributary to Mill Creek, during the 5th annual River Sweep sponsored by the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership with the assistance of Canalway Partners. The effort improves the local water sources and beautifies the neighborhood. Volunteers filled a large dumpster with trash collected from the area surrounding the stream in Garfield Heights Ward One and Cleveland Ward One.

## PYTHON WOWS SENIORS!



May is National Older American's Month, so the Garfield Heights Senior Center held a week-long celebration for their seniors that took place May 8-11. The theme this year was "jungle," so all of their activities and events followed a jungle theme. Last Wednesday, May 10, Jungle Terry came for a visit bringing several animals from around the world, including a hedgehog, scorpion, various turtles, a python and tree frog. The seniors were shocked when he brought out the python! If you are interested in the activities that the Senior Center offers, call 216-475-3244 for more information.

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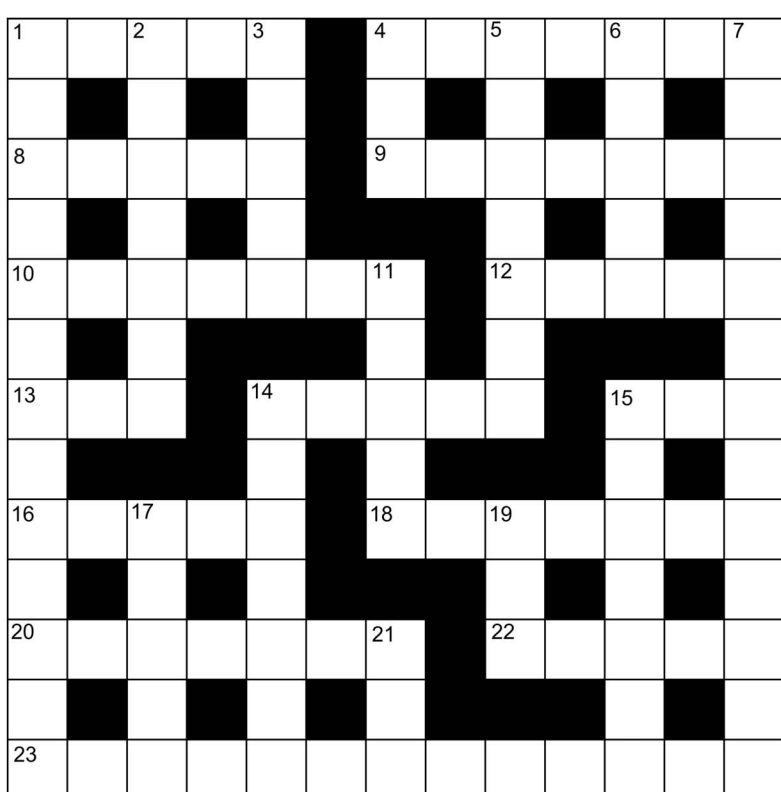
Clues ACROSS

- Run aground
- Unbelief
- Metrical feet. It.
- Seismic scale
- Many noises
- Japanese mushroom
- Teams association. abbr.
- Indian dresses
- A "dirty dog"
- Adjusts
- Musical movement
- Wind instrument
- Ship's deck
- Passes inspection

Clues down

- Wedding V.I.P.'s
- Commander of a fleet
- Japanese verse form
- Swiss river
- Unskilled persons
- Opening statement
- After 1 down
- Gulf in the Aegean
- Cowards
- Flower part
- Taken \_\_\_\_\_ (surprised)
- Health group. abbr.
- Express pleasure

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