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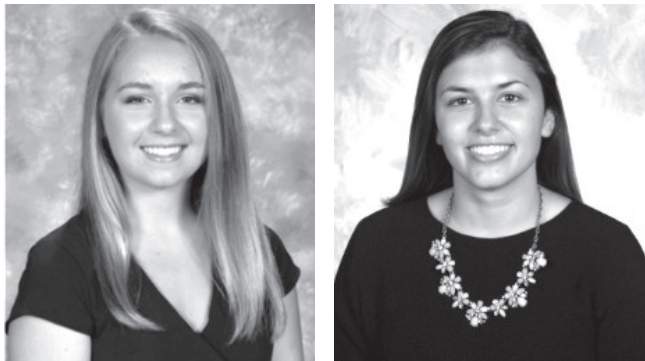
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CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS CO-VALEDICTORIANS



Lauren Adamo, at left, and Megan Pech, at right, were named co-valedictorians at Cuyahoga Heights High School. Congratulations to Lauren and Megan and all CHHS graduates!

21-year-old dead after shooting at dice game

On Sunday, May 26, at about 11:35 p.m., Cleveland officers responded to 7815 New York Ave., off Warner Road, for shots fired and a male shot, according to public information officer Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia.

Upon arrival, officers and medics administered first aid and EMS conveyed the victim to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

On scene it was learned that witnesses observed what appeared to be a dice game at the property/abandoned house and heard shots fired. No arrests have been made at this time and the matter remains under investigation, Ciaccia said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464.

I-490 to be closed between E. 55th and I-77 starting today *Closure set for two years*

Today, May 29, starting at approximately 7 p.m., construction crews working on Section 3 of the Opportunity Corridor Project will begin setting the closure of I-490 between East 55th Street and I-77. I-490 will remain closed for approximately two years. Traffic will be detoured via Woodland or Carnegie avenues to access East 55th Street. Specific detours are as follows:

I-77 northbound detour to East 55th Street northbound:

- Exit at East 22nd Street/East 14th Street
- Keep left onto East 14th Street
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- Turn right on Carnegie Avenue to East 55th Street

I-77 northbound detour to East 55th Street southbound:

- Exit at Woodland Avenue/East 30th Street
- Keep right onto Woodland Avenue to East 55th Street

I-77 southbound detour to East 55th Street:

- Exit at Woodland Avenue/East 30th Street
- Keep left onto Woodland Avenue to East 55th Street

East 55th Street detour to I-490 westbound:

- West on Woodland Ave to East 30th Street
- Keep left and merge onto Orange Avenue
- Keep right, merge onto I-77 southbound

N.H. mayor takes issue with Channel 19 report

By Danielle Toth

Newburgh Heights held its regular village council meeting May 21, where Mayor Trevor Elkins addressed a recent Channel 19 story by reporter Paul Orlousky and online posting regarding the new island on Harvard Avenue that will contain landscaping and a "Welcome to Newburgh Heights" sign and is meant to slow traffic. Elkins called the majority of the information contained in the story "flat out disingenuous and false."

Specifically, Elkins pointed out that contrary to the Channel 19 report, he never said the money for the island came from speeding ticket revenue and that he did respond to an email about making Harvard more bicycle-friendly.

He also stated that, contrary to the report, motorists leaving the Arconic Forgings & Extrusions aluminum plant on Harvard Avenue do not need to make a dangerous U-turn onto Harvard to head west. While this would be true of the secondary entrance/exit, there is an entrance/exit 300 feet away that allows motorists to turn both east and west, Elkins said. He also posted a video on the village's Facebook page addressing these concerns.

"When the press reports on things that our blatantly false, it makes our job a lot more difficult," he said. "It erodes the public's trust in us."

Engineer Jim Sickels said landscaping on the island and the "Welcome to Newburgh Heights" sign should be coming in the next two to three weeks.

Riverside School student Olivia Bahr, 5, was in attendance at the council meeting as Miss Poppy 2019 through American Legion Post 627. Bahr sold poppies to council members, village representatives and meeting attendees.

Council discussed Ordinance 2019-26, which was on first reading. The ordinance adopts "Saniyah's Law" by enacting Codified Ordinance Section 1355.07 entitled "Identification of High Crime Areas." The law refers to

Saniyah Nicholson, a 9-year-old girl who was fatally shot as she waited inside her mother's car outside a gym on Lee Road in 2018. Her mother was picking up Saniyah's brother when a gunfight occurred and Saniyah was hit by a stray bullet. Elkins spoke with the Black Women Commission of Cuyahoga County about the legislation, which would require the village to post signage identifying an area as "high crime" if three or more violent crimes occur within a year.

Council will most likely alter the language of the ordinance before its next reading at the June 5 council meeting to further define its parameters, including what crimes are considered "high crime" and the definition of an area.

Both Elkins and Police Chief John Majoy said they did not anticipate the village ever needing to post such signage and that passing the ordinance is more a symbolic gesture that might bring other communities on board.

One resident brought up the fact that "Saniyah's Law" is also associated with holding parents responsible for their children's actions. Three of the people involved in the Saniyah Nicholson shooting were under the age of 18, and some laws seek to place responsibility on the parents of juvenile criminals.

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Unveiling of baseball complex at Bedford High

The unveiling of the Robert Loeffler Varsity Baseball Complex will take place at Bedford High School on Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. All former varsity baseball players who played for Coach Loeffler are invited to attend. In case of rain it will be held in the auxiliary gym at the high school.

Two dead in M.H. shooting

Two people died in an early morning shooting last week in the 18000 block of Raymond Street in Maple Heights.

Police received a 911 call from the residence at about 12:24 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, reporting that shots had been fired. Upon arrival, they found 38-year-old Mahogany Sudberry dead on the floor in the kitchen.

The officers checked the rest of the residence and discovered Robert Williams, 43, in the basement of the residence with a gunshot wound. Medics provided first aid and transported Williams to Marymount Hospital, where he died. They also located the juvenile caller, who was unharmed.

The Maple Heights Police Department is conducting the investigation with assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Anyone with information on this case should contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhp-dohio.com or Crime Stoppers

N. H. mayor takes issue

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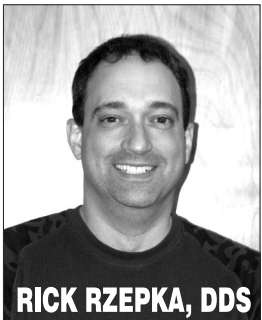
Newburgh Heights' ordinance is strictly concerned with signage and does not include any regulation regarding juvenile criminals, both Elkins and Village Solicitor Luke McConville said.

Council passed the following legislation:

- Authorizing the mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with P. Andrew Baker for services as a prosecuting attorney to prosecute criminal and housing court cases. This provides for additional services outside of court attendance such as research and consulting.

- Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for prisoner housing services with the city of Strongsville.

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CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING A CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, notice is hereby given for a change in the **2019 Public Meeting Schedule for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio**. The Regular Meetings of Council of the City of Maple Heights have been changed for the summer months. Regular Meetings of Council will be held on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019, Wednesday, July 3, 2019 and Wednesday, August 7, 2019**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio with Caucus Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Special Meetings of Council may be held as needed, with proper notice of time and place.

Leonette Cicirella
Clerk of Council
City of Maple Heights

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This is for jail overflow.

- Authorizing the mayor to place certain specific items of village property up for sale on the GovDeals auction website. Right now the village is auctioning a 1997 John Deere Gator, and 2000 GMC one-ton dump truck and a Master portable gas generator.

- Supporting the passage of Saniyah's Law by the communities of Cuyahoga County. This means the village encourages and supports other communities to pass similar legislation.

Village council also approved rehiring Canaan Lorek as a firefighter/paramedic for the Newburgh Heights Fire Department, a quote from Mathews Ford Sandusky for the purchase of two 2020 Ford Police Interceptors at a cost of \$32,814 each and a quote from Hall Public Safety for equipment and outfitting for the new vehicles at a cost of \$14,401 each.

Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham reported that the fire department received grant money for new self-contained breathing apparatus devices. These devices will use air bottles containing 45 minutes of air rather than the previous 30-minute bottles, allowing firefighters to remain inside burning structures for a longer time. The bottles have a 15-year life span.

A grant through ArcelorMittal also allowed the fire department to purchase a new hose.

Newburgh Hts. to flush hydrants on June 3rd

The Newburgh Heights Fire Department will flush fire hydrants on Monday, June 3. This cleans water lines and ensure hydrants are working properly.

The goal this year is to flush all of the hydrants in one day to minimize rusty water complaints in the village. The fire department will post signs the day before flushing. In the event of rain, Newburgh Heights will

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flush hydrants on Tuesday, June 4.

The village asks residents to avoid running water for laundry and other appliances for one to two hours after hydrant flushing is completed. If water is discolored, run cold water from whatever faucet is closest to where the water supply enters the home, typically the basement, for about 15 minutes or until water clears up.

Former Bedford Water Dept. employee indicted

By Judith Goldsworth

After a nearly three-year investigation, a former employee of the city of Bedford Water Department was indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury last week on several felony and misdemeanor charges in connection with allegedly embezzling more than \$60,000 in funds.

Former Water Department senior billing clerk Lynda Yarish could have allegedly taken the funds to finance a gambling problem that was uncovered during the course of the investigation, prosecutors stated.

Yarish, 60, of Macedonia, was indicted last Friday by the grand jury on two third-degree felony counts of theft in office, one third-degree felony count of tampering with records and one first-degree misdemeanor count of falsification, according to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court docket.

This was also confirmed by Bedford City Manager Mike Mallis, who released a statement yesterday on the county indictment.

Mallis stated that in October 2016, the city administration and the Bedford police conducted an internal investigation "that led to a criminal investigation involving an internal theft."

After the city's uncovering of the evidence of theft, the information was quickly turned over to the state auditor's office, and Yarish was terminated in December, 2016.

Over the course of the next two and a half years, the state auditor's office continued with its investigation and presented the findings of a detailed audit to the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office, Mallis said.

Prosecutors stated in the indictment that from January 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016, Yarish embezzled more than \$10,000 while collecting fees for water supply, shut-offs and permits, and also embezzled all or part of other fees that amounted to more than \$50,000. The money is still missing.

Prosecutors also stated in the indictment documents that Yarish made false statements in November 2016 while meeting with city officials about the missing funds. The money was stolen through several methods, including falsifying payment records in the billing system and cash receipt system, prosecutors stated.

Yarish is scheduled to be arraigned at the Justice Center in downtown Cleveland on Monday, June 10.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application:

2019-PZ-13 An application from Gregory Love requesting approval of a Variance to install a digital LED moving script sign in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5196 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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

Leonette Cicirella
Clerk of Council
City of Maple Heights

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Company moving into old Bedford Wal-Mart store

By Judith Goldsworth

A new business will be locating in the former Wal-Mart Supercenter at the Meadowbrook shopping center in the Northfield and Rockside roads area of Bedford, it was announced at the council meeting last week.

Innovest Global, based in Chesterland, and described on its website as a "diversified industrials company," will open a 193,000-square-foot industrial operations center to centralize its manufacture of curtain walls, a type of exterior building feature, substantially expanding its warehousing and manufacturing capacity in the former Wal-Mart, located at 22209 Rockside Rd., officials stated earlier this month.

Councilman Donald Saunders made the announcement while serving as council president pro tem at the meeting, in the absence of both Mayor Stan Koci and Councilwoman Paula Mizesak, who normally serves as pro tem in the absence of the mayor.

The Bedford lease is pending final zoning approval, Innovest founder, chairman and CEO Dan Martin explained, "which we expect to receive in advance of our new center opening in late summer."

Meadowbrook legislation

Also regarding the Meadowbrook shopping center and rezoning that would facilitate the Innovest development, three pieces of legislation to change zoning uses of areas of the city that had been placed on first reading and tabled at a previous meeting remained tabled at last week's meeting, as they were the focus of a Planning Commission public hearing, also held last week.

The legislation is now slated to appear on the agenda at the next council meeting on Monday, June 3.

No quorum

As there were not enough council members present at

last week's meeting to pass legislation, several pieces on the agenda were placed on second reading, including two ordinances and a resolution pertaining to street lighting in the city.

Also placed on second reading was legislation to approve the 2019 tax budget, request that the county auditor release to the city 75% of taxes already collected and levy assessments for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal in the city for tax year 2019 to be in 2020.

An ordinance authorizing City Manager Mike Mallis to enter into a contract with Senior Transportation Connection at a cost of \$40,000 for additional senior transportation services in the city was placed on first reading.

Mallis said that if the ordinance is passed Senior Transportation Connection could offer expanded services, including weekend and evening transportation.

Also placed on first reading was legislation for purchase of liquid ferric chloride on an as-needed basis from PVS Technologies for the city's Water Department and an ordinance to make additional appropriations for current expenditures of the city.

Announcements

The Rotary Club Rib Burnoff will be held this weekend, May 31-June 2, and the Strawberry Festival will be held the following weekend. Both events will be held in Bedford's Public Square area.

I-77 between I-480 and I-490 to close this weekend

I-77 north and southbound will close between I-480

and I-490 beginning Friday, May 31, at 8 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday, June 3, for bridge beam erection work on I-77 over I-490. Motorists will be directed to State Route 176 as an alternate route.

There will be limited local access.

Summer fun at St. Monica's

St. Monica Summer Series presents "Party at the Pavilion" on Thursday, June 13, 5 to 8 p.m., at 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, with free admission and free live entertainment provided by Rachel Brown and the Beatnik Playboys.

Bring your lawn chairs and settle in for the evening with food, beverages, 50/50 raffle and fun for all. Special thanks to an anonymous donor for being the series sponsor and Comfort Environmental Company for being the event sponsor. Rain location will be the school cafeteria.

Honoring deceased veterans

The following veterans were served by Komorowski Funeral Home in 2018 and 2019 from its 4105 E. 71 St., Cleveland, location: Donald Jordonek, Ronald Kaczmarek and Albert Radziewicz. "We recognize the service these veterans have rendered to their country and honor their memory," officials stated.

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List of Meetings for June 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m., Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00p.m.
Monday, June 17, 2019	Council Summer Session - No meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Tuesday, June 25, 2019	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00p.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 or call Lorree Villers, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

Lorree Villers
Clerk of Council

NN: 5-29-19

Community police reports

Bedford

Theft from vehicle

- On May 16 at about 9:05 a.m., a woman from the 200 block of John Street reported that someone had stolen a purse, work bag, electronics and money from her vehicle sometime overnight.
- On May 16 at about 11:20 a.m., a woman from the 100 block of Best Street reported a theft from her car sometime overnight.
- On May 16 at about 12:55 p.m., a woman from the 70 block of Best Street reported that her purse was stolen from her car sometime overnight.
- On May 16 at about 4:35, a woman from the 100 block of John Street reported that money and change were stolen from her car sometime overnight.

- On May 16 at about 6:30 p.m., a woman from the 40 block of Santin Circle reported that someone had stolen the temporary tag from her vehicle.

Cleveland

Motor vehicle theft

- On May 18 at about 7:30 a.m., police received a report of a motor vehicle theft. The victim said he parked his 2002 Chevy Silverado in a parking lot in the 5100 block of Hector Avenue at about 6 p.m. on May 17. When he came outside at about 6 a.m. on May 18, the truck was missing. The vehicle was taken without keys.
- On May 15 at about 4:20 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of E. 55th Street and Fleet Avenue for a report of a motor vehicle theft. The victim said that

while on E. 55th Street, he received a call from an acquaintance asking his location so they could talk about money the man believed he was owed. The man arrived and shoved the victim to the ground, then went through his pockets and took his wallet and car keys. He got into the truck and drove away.

Dispatch received a separate call for a suspicious truck parked in the 5000 block of Dalton Avenue matching the license plate of the stolen truck. Police recovered the vehicle.

Aggravated menacing

On May 20 at about 12:45 p.m., officers responded to McDonald's at 6332 Broadway Ave. for a report of a man threatening employees by saying he was going to come back and "shoot up the place" because his order was incorrect. The man, who gave officers false identifying information, said he never threatened anyone and doesn't like guns. He was arrested for aggravated

menacing, obstructing official business and falsification and ultimately identified. Officers discovered he had a warrant with Cleveland for burglary and breaking and entering, as well as a lengthy criminal history.

Garfield Heights

OVI

- On May 17 at about 1:10 a.m., an officer was traveling on Granger Road approaching the Turney Road intersection when he observed a silver sedan traveling in the opposite direction on Turney Road, also approaching the intersection. The sedan turned left onto Granger Road, traveling left of center and heading directly toward the marked police vehicle. The sedan swerved back into the westbound lane, narrowly avoiding an accident. The officer then observed the vehicle travel westbound, strike a curb and continue heading west while driving slowly.

The officer stopped the vehicle on Granger Road just east of E. 105th Street. After the officer knocked on the window, the female driver rolled it down with a confused look. The officer observed an odor of alcoholic beverage emanating on or about the driver and noticed that she had red, bloodshot and glassy eyes. When asked if she was okay, the

driver stated she was fine. The officer informed the woman that she had driven into oncoming traffic and almost struck his vehicle.

The officer conducted standard field sobriety tests, which the driver did not adequately complete. She was arrested for OVI.

- On May 17 at about 9:40 a.m., a woman arrived at the station to turn herself in on an active warrant with Maple Heights. As the warrant was being verified, the woman left the station, got into her car that was parked in the lot across from the police station, then turned left onto Turney Road.

An officer stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver, who stated she was getting something to drink. The officer observed a very strong odor of alcoholic beverage on her breath along with bloodshot and glassy eyes. She stated she had been drinking the previous night but just got home. The officer discovered the driver was driving under suspension and confirmed her warrant through Maple Heights, then placed her under arrest.

During an inventory of the vehicle, officers found a small plastic container with white powder inside. The driver stated the powder in the container was cocaine and that it was hers. She refused standard field sobriety tests. Upon arrival at the jail, however, she sub-

mitted to a breath test with a result of .165% BAC. The woman was charged with OVI, driving under suspension, weaving and attempted possession of drugs.

- On May 17 at about 11:50 p.m., officers responded to the area of Turney and Hathaway roads for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. Upon arrival, officers shut down the street because both vehicles blocked all lanes of traffic. They spoke to one of the drivers, who did not recall the crash. She said she believed she was in Bedford and was heading downtown to pick up a friend. The other driver said he was heading home when the woman drove into his lane, causing the crash. Officers could smell an odor of alcoholic beverages on her person. The woman admitted that she had been drinking and failed standard field sobriety tests. She was arrested and transported to the jail, where she gave a breath sample of .175% BAC. She was cited for OVI and lanes of travel.

- On May 18 at about 10 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Turney Road and Antennuci Boulevard for a motor vehicle accident. One of the drivers exited his vehicle and started walking out into the roadway toward moving traffic. He had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person. When asked if he had been drinking, he said no. His eyes were glassy and bloodshot, and he performed poorly on standard field sobriety tests.

The officer's accident investigation determined the

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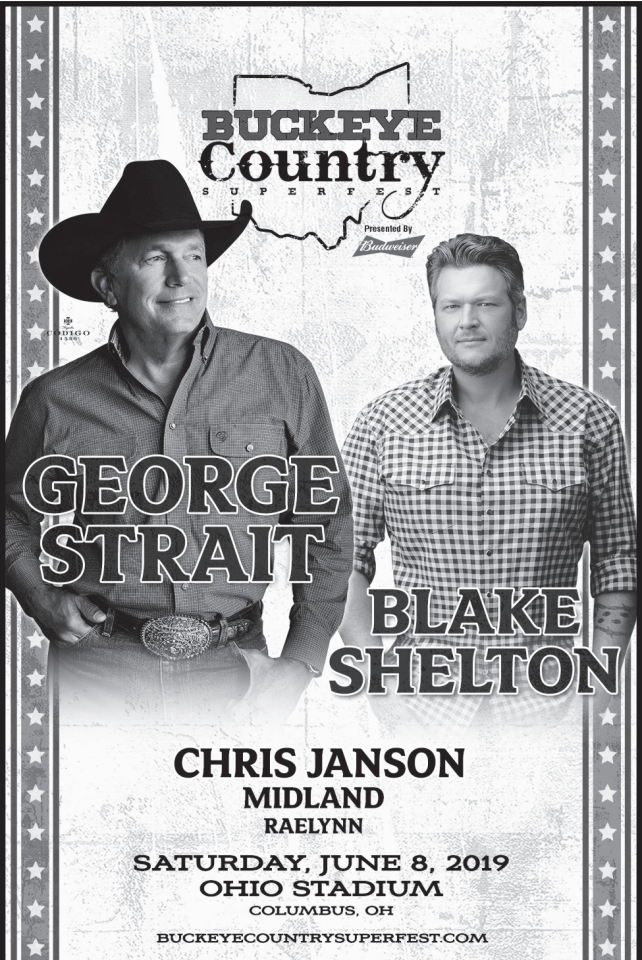
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man was at fault for the crash because he failed to yield while turning left. He was placed under arrest for OVI and provided a breath sample at the jail of .252% BAC. He was cited for OVI, testing over .17% BAC and failure to yield while turning left.

Shoplifting

On May 17 at about 1 p.m., officers responded to Giant Eagle at 5744 Transportation Boulevard for a theft report. Security said a man fled the store after taking three bottles of Jacob's Raw recover drink totaling \$11.97. Security confronted him outside the store and he fled on foot.

Officers located the man walking in the overgrown lot behind GetGo. He was compliant with all orders and detained. The items were not recovered. The man was issued a summons for theft.

Assault

• On May 17 at about 11:10 a.m., detectives responded to the 13000 block of Saybrook Avenue for juvenile who had an open admit warrant through the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center for felonious assault. Detectives surrounded the home as other officers approached the front door. They received permission from the boy's mother to check the home. As detectives entered, the boy exited from an upstairs porch and climbed on top of the home's roof. He began throwing items and making threats to officers on the ground. Detectives escorted family members from the home.

A crisis intervention officer tried to begin negotiations but saw a woman head toward the front door. The officer instructed the woman not to enter the home, but she did not follow orders, saying the officer wasn't going to tell her what to do in her house. During the course of the officer attempting to escort the woman from the home, she struck him in the right ear with her elbow.

She also attempted to pull the officer's taser and radio off his vest. With the assistance of other detectives, they escorted the woman from the home, where she continued her disorderly behavior by pushing, kicking and grabbing officers and kicking the cruiser door and punching the windows. Officers were eventually able to handcuff her and transfer her to jail.

Officers then tried to negotiate with the boy on the roof from about 11:20 a.m. until 2:05 p.m. SEALE SWAT arrived to assist. The boy eventually reentered the home, charging at and assaulting officers. He suffered a cut above his right eye and lip during the course of resisting arrest but was taken into custody.

Upon reaching the jail, the woman continued to resist officers, who used pepper spray to remove her from the vehicle. Inside the jail, she resisted the jewelry removal process, pushing and pulling jailers and yelling vulgarities. Officers again used pepper spray to get her to comply and eventually placed her in a holding cell.

A jailer needed to be treated for exposure to pepper spray, and an officer sustained minor abrasions on the right wrist.

The woman was charged with assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest and obstruction of official business. The boy was charged with assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest and inducing panic, pending through the youth bureau. He was treated at University Hospitals Rainbows and Babies Hospital and then transported to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center for the warrant.

• On May 7 at about 12:50 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at Broadway Avenue and E. 131st Street. One of the drivers was transported to Marymount Hospital for a possible neck injury.

A passenger gave officers conflicting birth date information that did not match his given name, as well as a Social Security number that was not on file. Officers were eventually able to positively identify him and discovered he had a suspended driver's

license and an active warrant with North Randall. Officers advised the man that he was under arrest for his warrant and asked him to exit the vehicle. He refused and resisted when officers attempted to remove him. When he finally exited the vehicle, he went to put his arms behind his back but threw a punch at an officer instead. He was tackled by another officer and tased, then handcuffed and transported to jail. He later complained of a neck injury and was transported to Marymount Hospital for treatment. The man was charged with resisting arrest and assault.

Assist other departments

On May 8 at about 11:10 a.m., officers responded to the area of E. 98th Street and McCracken Road for a report of a vehicle occupied by four men that was involved in an aggravated robbery of an AT&T store in Brooklyn. When police arrived, they observed two men run through backyards toward Park Heights Avenue. Officers observed the men emerge from a backyard and

ordered them to stop. They fled, dropping a Ruger 380 semi-auto handgun with an extended magazine and a black ski mask. Officers tracked the suspects with a K9 and discovered them hiding in garbage cans. They were arrested and turned over to Brooklyn police. The other suspects in the robbery were located and arrested in Cleveland.

Maple Heights

Shooting

On May 23 at about 8:10 p.m., an officer patrolling in the area of Stafford Park at 5400 Mayville Ave. heard numerous gunshots coming from the park area. The officer located two 18-year-old males with gunshot wounds. They were transported to MetroHealth Medical Center. The Maple Heights Police Department is conducting the investigation with assistance from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau.

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And on Sunday, June 23, Bohemian National Hall will host its next Sunday Sokol Dinner of duck, dumplings and sauerkraut from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dinner is \$18 and includes coffee and dessert. Reservations are required. Call Olga at 216-447-0264.

Gold Plum owner launches plant stand

According to National Day Calendar, June 6 is National Gardening Exercise Day and June 13 is Weed Your Garden Day. However, you don't need to wait for these days if you need to spruce up your garden as the owner of the Gold Plum on Gertrude Avenue has organized a new plant stand to help Slavic Village gardeners.

The Garden Factory plant stand launched over the Memorial Day weekend to help people who may not be able to get to a garden center or cannot afford the luxury of buying flowers and plants for their yard.

The stand, which is open 24/7 during the summer, is located outside of the Gold

Plum at 6506 Gertrude Ave. and operated by the picture framing studio's owner, Anne Sherridon.

"The concept is similar to little free libraries but is all about plants and gardening," Sherridon said. "It will operate solely on donations of plants or gardening supplies from experienced gardeners who have extra plants or perennial divisions and want to share them with the community."

Anyone interested in sharing plants is encouraged to drop off their surplus of plants or supplies at the stand at any time. People can then take the items if they see something they like or want to try something

new. The stand serves as a garden exchange point operating on the honor system, Sherridon said. Recipients of free plants are asked to limit their take to no more than six plants at a time.

"We currently have donations of gardening gloves, trowels, weeders, annual flowers and vegetables, as well as a selection of perennials," Sherridon said. "Of course, the selection is random and will constantly change, so new gardeners are encouraged to stop back from time to time to see what is available."

For questions, contact Anne Sherridon at 216-441-0267.



The annual veterans appreciation dinner put on by American Legion Post 304 at its Broadway headquarters in Garfield Heights was held on Wednesday, May 15, for vets from the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. A motorcycle honor guard escorted the bus carrying the veterans from the staging area at Midwest Crane to the post, where they were treated to a delicious ham dinner, lots of gifts and handmade pillows made by children of the post members with their branch of service emblem embroidered. The vets enjoyed their evening out and look forward to a return visit!

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