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Amelia Earhart series continues

The fifth in a series of articles continues here about a group of Garfield Heights men who traveled to Saipan in the '60's in search of what really happened to Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, and the answers they brought back!

By Ellen Psenicka

(In last week's Earhart installment, the Kothera group returned home to Cleveland from its second trip to Saipan with the bones and dental bridgework they had found. They turned them over to a noted anthropologist from Ohio State University and the Ohio State Museum for analysis. The men also interviewed two former Marine privates, Everett Henson and Billy Burks, who said they had been ordered by Marine Captain Tracy Griswold, while stationed on Saipan in 1944, to dig up a grave and retrieve the bones they found there. The interviews convinced the Kothera group that Burks and Henson had dug at the same gravesite they had some 24 years later.)

The Kothera group waited weeks to hear from the famous anthropologist and learn his findings, but to no avail. Finally, on August 25, during a cookie and coffee session at Kothera's home in Garfield Heights, they called Dr. Baby (pronounced "Bobby") to see if he had forgotten about them. He assured them he had not and had already been to Cleveland to consult with Professor William H. Sassaman on one foot bone and the actual position of the bridge work in the mouth.

Dr. Baby had told them the bridge was part of the cremated body so they surmised it had to be Amelia's. Florence Kothera was appointed to find Earhart's former dentist, who might have records proving the bridgework was hers. Florence tracked down Dr. Horace Cartee, who had extracted an upper right molar from Amelia when she landed in Miami to begin again the round-the-world flight. But he did not remember if she had bridge work in the area he worked on and promised to try and locate her dental records. None were found.

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Anthropologist Dr. Raymond Baby (center) explains his findings to John Gacek and Don Kothera after analyzing the bones and bridgework they had brought him from Saipan.

Photos by Marty Fiorillo

September 10th primary elections set for Garfield, Maple

There will be two nonpartisan primary elections in the Neighborhood News readership area on Tuesday, September 10:

Garfield Heights Ward 2 Councilperson

- Charles Donahue, Jr.
- Joseph LaMalfa (incumbent)
- Tenisha Mack

Maple Heights Mayor

- Annette Blackwell (incumbent)
- Frank Rives
- Cornelius Sandford, Sr.

The top two candidates in each race will then face off in the Nov. 5 general election.

Early voting for these elections has begun. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections also started mailing ballots to voters who have submitted vote-by-mail applications.

The board of elections is open for early voting weekdays through Aug. 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekdays Sept. 2 to Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Monday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland.

Fugitive of the Week in custody

Jamie Wilson, the Fugitive of the Week who was wanted by the Garfield Heights Police Department for aggravated robbery, was taken into custody Aug. 19, according to Garfield Heights police.

He is charged with aggravated robbery and kidnapping and currently being held on a \$250,000 bond.

It is alleged that on July 10, near the intersection of East 126th Street and Granger Road, Wilson robbed a victim at gunpoint.

The victim was allegedly attempting to sell Wilson a smartphone.

Woman dies following disturbance at M.H. bar

Maple Heights Police Department officers responded to a call of a female laying in the middle of Libby Road near Paine Avenue at about 2:40 a.m. Aug. 17.

First responders determined 37-year-old Sheree Kirby suffered a gunshot wound. She was transported to the emergency room at MetroHealth Hospital, where she died.

Witnesses observed a small, white, four-door Kia or Hyundai with a broken-out rear window speeding away from the scene. At this time, the license plate of the vehicle is unknown.

Police later learned that a disturbance had taken place in the parking lot of the Tonight II Lounge located at 16000 Libby Road.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. People can also contact Crime Stoppers.

OSHP investigating crash that killed G.H. youngster

Troopers from the Ravenna Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol are investigating a fatal traffic crash that killed a 4-year-old Garfield Heights boy. The crash occurred Aug. 17 at about 12:25 a.m. on US-224, just east of the Deerfield circle, according to the OSHP.

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Multi-home fire in N.H. under investigation



Ten local fire departments responded to a fire in Newburgh Heights Monday that began at about 3:45 p.m., according to Newburgh Heights Police Chief John Majoy. The fire engulfed two homes and two vehicles on Pearse Avenue and one home on McGregor Avenue. First responders evacuated nearby homes. One homeowner suffered an asthma attack related to the fire, but she was treated and released. The fire was extinguished around 8 p.m. and is currently under investigation.

AMELIA EARHART

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Marty then went with the bridge to see Dr. John Clark of the Western Reserve Dental School. He confirmed it was the kind of dentistry done in the 1930's and was now outdated.

Florence, still pursuing any dental records of Amelia's, contacted Amelia's sister, Mrs. Muriel Morrissey, in Medford, Massachusetts. Marty and Don Kothera had been to see Mrs. Morrissey some time earlier to explain their mission to Saipan, the bones they had found and what they believed had happened to her sister.

Florence called Mrs. Morrissey to see if she knew if Amelia had had any gold bridgework done. Mrs. Morrissey didn't know, but said she did remember Amelia coming home one day with some dental work of which she was particularly proud. In her research Florence had come up with a \$1000 dental bill that Amelia had paid, which was a lot of money during the Depression era of the 1930's.



Don Kothera talks with Amelia Earhart's sister, Mrs. Muriel Morrissey, at her Medford, Massachusetts home.

Florence also tracked down several other dentists who had done work for Earhart, but with all leads exhausted and no closer to any definitive information on the bridge work, she and the rest of the Kothera group were eager to shift their attention to the conclusions Dr. Baby had reached on who those bones they had given him belonged to!

DR. BABY'S REPORT

The Kothera group set off for Columbus on October 26, 1968, to meet with Dr. Baby in his office and get his report on the 188 cremated human bone fragments, 1 "normal" human bone fragment, 1 gold dental bridge and 1 amalgam dental filling they had given him. With Marty filming and Gacek recording, Dr. Baby explained to the men his conclusions and how he had reached them. Baby mailed a more detailed report to Kothera on November 12, 1968.

The following is taken from Dr. Baby's report:

"It is our opinion that the cremated remains are those of a female, probably white individual between the anatomical ages of 40-42 years.

Since the age changes are slight, an age of 40 years is probably more correct. A single unburnt bone is not a part of or associated with cremated remains, but the remains of a second individual, a male."

Raymond S. Baby, D.Sc.
Curator of Archaeology
Associate Professor of Anthropology
The Ohio Historical Society - The Ohio State University and
Martha A. Potter, M.A.
Associate Curator of Archaeology
The Ohio Historical Society

After listening to Dr. Baby's report, Don Kothera, Ken Matonis, John Gacek, Marty Fiorillo and Jack Geschke were all convinced that the remains they had excavated from a grave outside a cemetery in the jungles of Saipan, as pointed out by a woman who had witnessed a white man beheaded and kicked into that grave, were indeed those of the missing female aviator and her navigator.

SOMEONE TO TELL THE STORY

John Gacek was enlisted by the Kothera group to find an author who could tell their story to the world in book form, while they continued to investigate and chronicle their findings. Just as photographer Marty Fiorillo had been found in a Turney Road barber shop at the right time and place, so an author would also seemingly "fall into the laps" of these Cleveland area adventurers.

On one of Gacek's days off from the Garfield PD he stopped in for lunch at Joe Dranek's Astorhurst restaurant on the left bank of Tinker's Creek and asked Dranek, who seemed to know everyone who walked through his doors, if he knew any writers who could get their exploits down on paper.

While Dranek was thinking about this, in walked Dr. Joe Davidson, a retired veterinarian who had written a series of books about horses and had recently written one titled "All Horse Races are Fixed." Dranek introduced him to Gacek, who said he had read the "Horse Races" book and enjoyed it immensely.

Dranek and Gacek explained to Davidson the mission of the Kothera group that had brought them to Saipan, the quest for Amelia Earhart's plane, and the bones, dental bridgework and airplane parts that had been collected on the two excursions, all pointing to one inescapable conclusion. They were now were searching for a writer to tell their story.

When Gacek asked him if he would be willing to write their book, Dr. Davidson explained that this was out of his line of expertise, but Gacek said again he had read his previous "Horse Races" book and was sure he was up to the task.

By the time lunch was over, Davidson had agreed to meet with the rest of the group at the Gaslite Inn on Broadway in Bedford.

"In less than an hour, I was convinced that those fellows were sincere and had a real adventure story to tell," Davidson noted in the book he eventually wrote for them called "Amelia Earhart Returns from Saipan." "Further, they had come up with tangible evidence to solve the Amelia Earhart mystery, where everyone else had failed."

Davidson agreed to write the book and set about listening to all the recordings of the group's Saipan interviews, viewing their tapes and pictures and talking to the men themselves. He also wanted to interview those who had figured prominently in the Kothera group's findings, which meant a trip to Columbus on March 2, 1969, to see Dr. Baby.

After meeting with the noted anthropologist, Davidson was convinced more than ever that the Garfield Heights crew (plus one from Parma) had found the cremated remains of Amelia Earhart as well as a bone belonging to Fred Noonan. It now became of the utmost importance for the men to find the rest of his remains, which meant another meeting with Tracy Griswold.

In arranging another meeting with Griswold, who Everett Henson and Billy Burks had identified as the Marine captain who in 1944 had ordered them to dig up a grave on Saipan and remove bones found there, the Kothera group wanted to approach him differently this time. He had already told them he did not remember the grave digging incident, so they wanted to consider the fact that he might have been ordered not to remember or had been sworn to secrecy.

A meeting between Griswold, Kothera, Gacek and Dr. Davidson was then arranged at the Aviation Club in Erie, Pa. Griswold came to the luncheon with an attorney friend and reiterated the fact that he remembered nothing about a grave digging detail on Saipan. He said at the time he was in charge of operations on the island and could have been at the grave with Burks and Henson and simply not remembered. He did ask the men, however, "Have you checked the National Morgue? You might be surprised what you would find there."

Florence Kothera volunteered to go to Washington, D.C. to visit the National Morgue and see what she could find out. Before she left she tried finding out exactly where the National Morgue was located but came up empty because, presumably, it didn't exist. She called Griswold for more information, and he told her to check the National Archives.

Before leaving for D.C., Florence also wrote her congressman, Charles Vanik, seeking any help his office could give her. Bill Vaughn, in Vanik's office, got her an appointment with Harry Swartz at the National Archives. She met with Swartz and asked him for information on Amelia Earhart's last flight and its aftermath compiled in the Archives. He showed Florence a massive file but she could find no mention of "disinterment" in any of the correspondence and was referred to a Captain Loomis at the Office of Naval History. Loomis told her he had no information and sent her to see Dr. Dean Allard in the Navy Yards, but he had nothing on the Griswold excavation in Saipan.

Still determined to find out something, she visited the Japanese Embassy in Washington, but the young man there said he had no information on Earhart and referred her to the U.S. State Department Bureau of Pacific and Asian Affairs. There Florence talked to Richard Finn, who told her they had a file on Amelia but that it was classified. She told him she would write a letter letting him know of the Kothera group's excavation of the grave site in Saipan and requesting declassification of the files on Earhart.

Her last stop was to the office of the Chief of Naval Intelligence, with more referrals and more dead ends. And so Dr. Davidson's book ends. But there's a lot more to this story that's happened since the 1969 publication of "Amelia Earhart Returns from Saipan."

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Post 309 fundraiser

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser which is open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 24, serving from 2 to 7 p.m.

Donation is \$8 with tickets sold at the door. Dine-in or carryout dinners available, as well as sideboards, raffle and a Chinese auction. For more details, call 216-662-7768.

Dave's Turneytown to host Euclid Beach Rocket Car rides

Dave's Market Turneytown, 4948 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, is hosting Euclid Beach Rocket Car rides Thursday, Aug. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. Rides cost \$2 for children ages 10 and younger and \$3 for adults and children ages 11 and older.

Proceeds go toward helping Essence, a 9-year-old Cleveland girl, attend Disney World in conjunction with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The company sponsors a Make-A-Wish child each year and will hold similar

events at its other stores, according to Magan Torres, human resources manager for Dave's Markets.

Tickets will only be sold at the time of the event on a first-come, first-served basis. Cash only. Purchases can be made at the customer

service booth of the store.

All Dave's Markets locations will be accepting donations of \$1 or more toward Essence's Disney World dream trip through the end of August.

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The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win.

The most recent giveaway is for two tickets to Sokol Greater Cleveland's Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 14, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m. Deadline to enter is Friday, September 6.

Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawings!

G.H. Ward 7 block watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will meet Thursday, August 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Monica Church's pavilion off Rockside Road. Trial size toiletry items for the troops would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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W.B.

Cuyahoga Hts. Council passes several pieces of legislation

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council held its regular meeting last Wednesday, August 14, and passed the following legislation:

- Memorial resolution for Marilyn Janelle Guilfoyle
- Purchasing a 2019 Ford Ranger Supercab 4x4 pickup truck from Valley Ford Truck for use in the service department
- Accepting the bid of Miller Brothers Construction to build a garage extension and addition at 4603 East 49th Street as part of the Nicky Boulevard Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Improvements Project
- Confirming appointment of Kelli Jachym as a police officer in the village police department
- Authorizing changes in the scope of the Canal Road Pavement Improvements Project to allow for concrete

pavement instead of asphalt

- Allowing for health savings accounts for the Cuyahoga Heights Firefighters, IAFF Local 702, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 67 and for certain employees of the village

- Accepting Medical Mutual of Ohio's insurance renewal rate and Delta Dental's renewal rate both effective September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020

- Executing a digital marquee sign agreement with the Cuyahoga Heights Schools

Among other council business was the passage of a motion to hire David Lewin Corporation to perform geotechnical analysis and slope stability analysis for the East 71st Street lower corridor in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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Any person who wishes to attend and requires special accommodations under the American Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for September 2019

Tuesday, September 3, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Wednesday, September 4, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Monday, September 16, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, September 17, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Tuesday, September 24, 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 the Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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CHANDREIA GORDON, 3697 EAST 154, CLEVELAND, OH 44120. UNIT#429, 10X15, ENDING @ 11:50AM, unit appears to contain household items, computer components, television, snow shovels, rake, shoe shelf, table, box fans, bins/totes/boxes/bags/misc items. \$50 Cleaning Deposit.

ISAIAH PENRO, 2990 RIPLEY RD., CLEVELAND OH 44120. UNIT#417, 5X10, ENDING @ 11:40AM, unit appears to contain office furniture: chairs, desks, mini fridge, tables, boxes, misc. Items. \$50 Cleaning Deposit.

JAMIE SHERMAN, 1607 CLARIUS CIRCLE, STREETSBORO, OH 44241. UNIT#409, 10X10, ENDING @ 11:35AM, unit appears to contain grill, chairs, misc furniture, kid's bike/toys, mini trampoline, small vacuum, small safe, tables, bins/totes, bags, boxes, misc. Items. \$50 Cleaning Deposit.

BONNIE TRUSNIK, 4407 WOOD AVE., PARMA, OH 44134. UNIT#612, 10x15, ENDING @ 11:30AM, unit appears to contain lamps, mattress/cot springs, vhs tapes, bins/totes/bags/boxes/misc items. \$50 Cleaning Deposit.

ALFRED WATKINS, 4786 ROCKWOOD ST., GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OH 44125. UNIT#617, 5X5, ENDING @ 11:25AM, unit appears to contain new couch set. \$50 Cleaning Deposit.

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By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 29th day of August, 2019 for the **"NORTHEAST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS PHASE 1"** in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

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Bedford City Council discusses road work updates , new fire dept. vehicles

By Judith Goldsworth

Ongoing road reconstruction, water main work and passing legislation for close to a million dollars worth in needed fire department vehicles were all topics at the Bedford Council meeting Aug. 5.

City Manager Mike Mallis gave an update on the work taking place throughout the city, including the reconstruction of Warrensville Center Road (known as Center Road in Bedford) by Cuyahoga County this year.

"The Center Road project is moving into Bedford," Mallis said, confirming that signage had been put up and traffic control would be put in place. "This is the county program; it's not our program. It started all the way at the highway, made its way through Maple Heights and is now going all the way, just before Five Points."

Mallis gave an update on the over \$1 million Union Street waterline replacement project, acknowledging, "It's kind of a mess, traffic-wise, so bear with us... as far as access, there's a portion of it closed right at Broadway, so if you can avoid the area that would be beneficial."

Mallis said the county had committed to resurfacing all of Union Street, from Broadway all the way down just across Northfield, which meant the water main project had to be done now. The county confirmed that it would do the resurfacing project in 2020, he said.

New vehicles for fire dept.

Council passed two ordinances at last week's meeting, one to purchase a new Quantum Pumper from Finley Fire Equipment Co. at a cost of \$658,469; the other to buy a Horton 623 Type I Emergency Vehicle from Horton Emergency Vehicles Co. for \$270,000.

Passage of the legislation means that the companies can now go forward with building the vehicles, which can take

up to a year to complete, Mallis said.

Mallis noted that the city did not have to pay for the vehicles until their arrival, and that the city administration, headed by Finance Director Frank Gambosi, had been looking at ways to pay for the equipment. He said the city would be looking at doing a short term note in December to cover the cost of the two vehicles.

Other legislation passed

Council also passed an ordinance for a contract with Terrace Construction Co., Inc. for the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park/Art of Beauty waterline replacement, at a cost of \$171,350.

An ordinance to enter into a contract with Arcadis U.S. Inc. to conduct a water rate study and cost of service evaluation was passed, at a cost not to exceed \$49,000. This is to ensure the rates are "fair and equitable," Gambosi stated.

Also approved was an ordinance for a contract with Simplex IT, for purchase and installation of 21 new computers, including software, at a cost of \$21,138. Gambosi said this will ensure the city is in compliance with new Microsoft Windows and Office deadlines.

Council passed legislation to prepare specifications and advertise for bids as recommended by Guide Studio, Inc., for the city's signage and wayfinding program. The city wants to update and improve its gateway and entry signage and other signs to help residents and visitors find public facilities and attractions. Bedford was awarded a \$50,000 Cuyahoga County grant to finance the program, Mallis said.

A resolution for the city to apply for and accept a Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant in the amount of \$40,000 was approved. The county has pledged more than \$5 million over the next five years to plant thousands of trees across the county's tree canopy, according to the legislation, and if the county okays the grant, it will fund the planting

of more trees in Bedford.

An ordinance to amend existing legislation to make additional budget appropriations for 2019 expenditures was approved, as were three ordinances to levy assessments on property owners for the following issues: false alarms response billing, city grass cutting on private lots and delinquent water bills.

Updates

In his report to council, Mallis stated that the sidewalk program will be starting in Ward 3 of the city, with sidewalks being changed out by Sirna Construction.

In the wake of the loss of K-9 Officer "Mike" in February, Mallis said the city was looking into getting a new dog for the police department's K-9 Unit.

Mallis also mentioned that city officials had the chance to speak to the new management company for the Colony Club apartment complex on Turney Road and that the company's new owners said they were planning to invest over \$3 million in the complex. They said they would be installing security cameras and eliminating one of the pools, which would be turned into a dog park for residents.

Announcements

Councilwoman Heather Rhoades announced that the Bedford Downtown Alliance, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department, will be hosting a presentation of the classic movie "The Wizard of Oz," along with chalk art and a sea chanty group, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6.

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks said that "Weekend of the Pooka," an annual celebration of arts in the city, will be held by the Bedford Historical Society in the Bedford Commons the weekend of Sept. 13-15.

Cleveland police news

Felonious assault

On Aug. 15 at about 3:10 a.m., officers responded to the 6100 block of Fullerton Avenue for a report of a gunshot victim. Upon arrival, officers observed the man laying on the ground at the base of the front steps

of a residence. He had gunshot wounds to his lower back and legs.

Police found three spent shell casings in the area. EMS arrived and transported the man to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Police learned the victim was at the home, possibly for a party, when he got into an altercation with another

man. The man pulled a gun and began to shoot. Parties on scene were highly uncooperative, according to police, who said they were unable to gather any other information.

At the hospital, police learned the victim sustained gunshot wounds to his right mid back, right flank, upper left thigh and upper and lower right leg. His condition was unknown.

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Ribbon-cutting held for new A.B. Hart School in S.V. OSHP investigating crash that killed G.H. boy

Students, teachers and staff, as well as parents, government officials and community members attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Albert Bushnell Hart School of Academics, 3900 E. 75th St., Cleveland, in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood.

The school is named for Albert Bushnell Hart, a historian and professor of government and history at Harvard University who was raised in Cleveland and attended

West High School. Students from Fullerton School moved to the new building, which was built on the site of the former A.B. Hart Junior High, in January. The school educates students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Principal Kevin Payton welcomed attendees to the new school, which was designed for 21st-century learning that transforms school culture, modernizes education and prepares students to succeed in high school and beyond.

Eric Gordon, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), was in attendance at the ceremony. He praised the new school, saying it will help usher in a new era for CMSD.

"It's always an exciting time when we dedicate a new facility," Gordon said. "No place in the country supports education like the Cleveland community."

Also in attendance were State Representative Stephanie Howse, Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli and Robert Heard, Sr., vice chair of the CMSD Board of Education. Howse presented the school with a commendation on behalf of the Ohio General Assembly.

The building better fits new instructional models that allow students to take more control of their learning, according to CMSD. It features large, interactive touch screens in every classroom and extended learning areas.



A. B. Hart students and officials cut the ribbon for the new school last Wednesday in Slavic Village.

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Melinda Ohler, 26, of Garfield Heights, parked her vehicle on the side of US-224 and was outside the vehicle with the child, the OSHP said. The boy entered the roadway and was struck by a passing 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer. He was transported to University Hospital Ravenna where he later died.

Edward Kufleitner, 71, of Columbiana, was the driver of the Trailblazer, according to the OSHP. Kufleitner was not injured in the crash and remained at the scene during the investigation.

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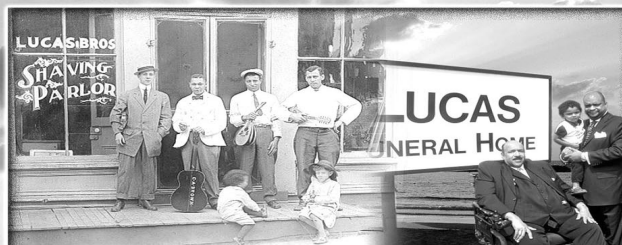
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