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Cuyahoga Heights Redskins advance to regional finals



The Cuyahoga Heights Redskins had another decisive win Saturday in Ravenna in the Division VII Region 25 state football regional semifinals as they defeated Warren John F. Kennedy by a score of 33-14.

Cuyahoga Heights (10-1) will play Lucas (10-2) at Canal Fulton Northwest Don Schalmo Field at Dr. Martin Smilek Stadium this Saturday, November 23, at 7 p.m. in the state regional finals game.

All regional final playoff sites will feature presale online ticketing at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, as participating schools keep a portion of presale ticket revenue.

Go Redskins!!

Cuy. Heights Council notes

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council met last Wednesday, November 13, and passed the following legislation:

- Memorial resolutions for Lorelie E. Borowy and Donald Duszynski;
- Authorizing an agreement with Charles E. Harris & Associates for preparation of certain financial statements and a contract with Zarney Creative for marketing services.
- Declaring the intent to appropriate property interests for the Nicky Boulevard Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Improvements Project;
- Authorizing a change order and change of scope with Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Inc. for the Canal Road Pavement Reconstruction Project;
- Authorizing change orders with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. for the Nicky Boulevard Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Improvements Project - Phases 1 and 2.
- Authorizing a change of scope with Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Inc. for the Tri-Community Canal Road Pavement Reconstruction Project;

A moral claim filed by Adam D. Jackson for \$300 for two new tires flattened on Grant Avenue from an unmarked pot hole on Oct. 24, 2019, at 10 p.m. in front of Integrity Energy was not passed by council. Jackson had said there were no cones or warning signs for the public to see the hazard.

St. Monica Craft Fair set

All are invited to the St. Monica Christmas Craft Fair at St. Benedict's School, 13633 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, on Saturday, November 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Browse over 100 tables of unique hand-crafted items, plus your favorite business vendors. Try your luck at the 50/50 and craft raffles, and enjoy delicious food in the Cafe. A limited number of tables are still available. Call Regina at 216-581-4122 for more details.

Shooting at bar in Maple Heights

Last Sunday shortly before 1 a.m., Maple Hts. police responded to Vivid Lounge, 16939 Broadway Ave., on a report of a shooting. Police said the male victim had been involved in a fight when an unknown suspect fired at least four shots, striking the victim in the side. He was transported to the hospital where he is currently in critical but stable condition.

The Maple Heights Police Department asks that anyone with information related to this case contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives @mhp-dohio.com

As always, information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

Nicholson sentenced to death in murder of G.H. brother, sister

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced last week that Matthew Nicholson, 30, has been sentenced to death for the murders of 17-year-old Manuel Lopez and 19-year-old Giselle Lopez.

"There can be no greater form of abuse than killing someone's children in front of them," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "Matthew Nicholson is a monster for his barbaric actions and received the sentence he rightly deserved. He was unremorseful to the very end."



Nicholson

On Oct. 11, 2019, a jury found Nicholson guilty of the aggravated murder of the two teenagers and attempted felonious assault on their mother. The jury's guilty verdict of aggravated murder included Course of Conduct specifications, indicating that the crime was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing of two or more persons. This specification is one of the qualifying aggravating factors for the death penalty. On Oct. 18, the jury found that the aggravating factors outweighed the mitigating factors and recommended that the death penalty be imposed.

On Sept. 5, 2018, Nicholson got off work and drove to a house owned by his girlfriend, Americo Polanco, 44, near E. 86th St. and Garfield Blvd. in Garfield Heights. Nicholson argued with her about a previous relationship and attacked her in a bedroom, strangling her and striking her in the face multiple times. The victim's 17-year-old son intervened to stop the attack and a struggle ensued between him and Nicholson. After his mother separated them, the son called police while Nicholson got a handgun.

The mother's 19-year-old daughter had returned home from work and entered the house. When the victim instructed her children to run outside, Nicholson fired 13 shots at them. Both suffered multiple gunshot wounds in the back. The mother ran to a neighbor's house and Garfield Heights Police arrived on scene. The 17-year-old boy died at the scene and his 19-year-old sister was transported to the hospital, where she underwent emergency surgery and was pronounced deceased shortly thereafter. Nicholson was arrested after a four-hour standoff with the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Swat Team. The investigation was conducted by Garfield Heights Police, the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Councilpersons sworn into office at Garfield meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

With the November election over, swearing-in ceremonies were held for new and returning members of Garfield Heights Council at last week's meeting on Tuesday, November 12, since Monday was Veterans Day.

Three new members, Ward 2 Councilman Charles Donahue, Ward 4 Councilwoman Shayla Davis and Ward 5 Councilman Jason Blake, joined incumbents Michael Dudley, Mike Nenadovich, Matt Burke and Tom Vaughn for this council's term of office.

Family, friends and officials were invited to a reception for council members following the meeting.

Legislation passed at the meeting included:

- Authorizing the sale of

one vehicle from the Service Department and one from the Police Department no longer needed by the city;

- Entering into a two-year motor vehicle registration audit agreement for 2019 and 2020 with Dalene M.

Pride, governmental affairs consultant, to conduct audits of certain Ohio Bureau (Continued on Page 2)



Shown above are the newly sworn in members of Garfield Heights Council at the November 12th meeting. From left are: Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr., Ward 2 Councilman Charles Donahue, Ward 3 Councilman Michael Nenadovich, Ward 4 Councilwoman Shayla Davis, Ward 5 Councilman Jason Blake, Ward 6 Councilman and Council President Matthew Burke, Ward 7 Councilman Thomas Vaughn, Clerk of Council Barbara Molin and Mayor Vic Collova.

Photo by Michael Psenicka

Residents attend meeting on Wargo Farm property

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Ward 6 Councilman Matt Burke held his monthly Community Awareness meeting last Wednesday evening at the Civic Center. The meeting was devoted to discussion of the old Wargo Farm property at the southern tip of Garfield Heights behind Garfield Commons on the other side of Hathaway Road.

The city purchased the 46-acre parcel from the Wargos in 1988 and the house next door that was razed, for an investment that totaled \$425,000, Ward 7 Councilman Tom Vaughn told the 40-some people attending the meeting. The Wargo property is located in Vaughn's ward.

He said the original plans for the property included building of a recreation center, baseball diamond and tennis courts but the city never was in a financial position to move forward with it. Then, he said, the 2008 crash happened and the city was forced into state receivership.

According to Vaughn, Mayor Vic Collova said there have been businessmen recently coming to the city inquiring about the property, and the city is still trying to figure out what the property is actually worth in today's market.

Vaughn said the county has appraised the property for tax purposes at \$600,000. He explained that the property as owned by the city is zoned U8, which allows a park, hospital or city use. If the property is sold, he said, it would revert back to U1, which is residential use.

Only 23 acres of the 46-acre parcel is buildable, Vaughn said, noting that a developer would probably turn over the unusable acreage for a city park or to the Cleveland

Metroparks.

He said any sale of the property would be up to Garfield Heights City Council, which could open it up to a citywide vote.

Kate Abarbanell, a resident whose property abuts the Wargo property, was at last week's meeting and said she talked with the head of acquisitions at the Metroparks, who told her they were very interested in acquiring the property.

Vaughn said if developers or the Metroparks wants to buy the property, it would go to the highest bidder, but city council would have a say in what the acreage would be used for.

"There would be public meetings and everything would be out in the open," he said.

Councilpersons sworn

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of Motor Vehicles records to insure the city obtains its correct share of vehicle registration funds from the State;

- Entering into an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency to accept grant funding for the Antenucci Boulevard Rehabilitation Project. Under the agreement, the city will receive funding in the amount of \$500,000, which will cover 80% of the cost of the project;

- Directing the execution of the Collective Bargaining

Agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. for safety dispatchers.

- Directing the execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the FOP, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. for jailers and records clerks.

The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for Monday, November 25.

Surviving the Holidays

Faith Fellowship Church, 10277 Valley View Rd., Macedonia, will present a Surviving the Holidays seminar for those grieving the death of a loved one on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

The seminar provides help to participants in dealing with emotions, tips for surviving the holidays and social events and how to find hope for the future.

A \$5 registration fee includes the Survival Guide. Call 330-467-1234 to register or for more information.

Bedford to hold Tree Lighting Ceremonies

The city of Bedford's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bedford Commons will be held on Wednesday, November 27, promptly at 6 p.m. The Bedford Firefighters Local 1683 will again be providing refreshments, and Santa Claus will stop by to help celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. All are invited!



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Cuyahoga Arts & Culture announces over \$11.8 million in grants for 2020

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) will invest \$11,800,898 in 277 Cuyahoga County nonprofit organizations in 2020 through its General Operating Support and Project Support grant programs. CAC is one of the largest local public funders of arts and culture in the nation, granting more than \$193 million to more than 420 organizations since 2007.

Local nonprofits receiving CAC grants for 2020 include: Broadway School of Music & the Arts, \$19,553; Jennings Center for Older Adults, \$9119; Jones Road Family Development Corporation, \$13,225; Slavic Village Development, \$11,497; Union Miles Development Corporation, \$5,000.

All grants were approved by CAC's Board of Trustees during a public meeting on Wednesday, November 13, at the Children's Museum of Cleveland.

"Cuyahoga Arts & Culture could not be more excited to support these arts and culture organizations which demonstrate such a strong commitment to strengthening our county through their work," said Charna E. Sherman, president of CAC's Board of Trustees. "These organizations touch our residents in every corner of Cuyahoga County. We are grateful to our taxpayers for their belief the arts matter and their support of hundreds of local arts and culture organizations. We continue to be a shining example to the rest of the nation."

In 2020, CAC will also support a number of arts and culture projects led by residents in Cleveland and East Cleveland through a partnership with Neighborhood Connections, the small-grants and community-building program affiliated with the Cleveland Foundation.

Neighborhood Connections grants

Neighborhood Connections has approved \$180,979 in grants to support 65 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland neighborhoods. Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, the local public funder for arts and culture, will co-fund eight of the resident-led arts and culture projects through a partnership with Neighborhood Connections. Cleveland Climate Action Fund will fund five of the projects through a partnership with Neighborhood Connections.

Highlights of the grants to Slavic Village initiatives include:

- \$3,200 - Speak Into The Light will launch Don't Be Rude, an etiquette development program for children.

- \$4,728 - Creativity in Stella Walsh Rec Center is hosting an Introduction to Graphic Design course to help connect youth to art, computers and graphic design. They will help youth create flyers, create logos and do Photoshop.

- \$1,500 - Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy was funded for the A.B. Hart Community Garden and Learning Sanctuary. They will purchase a fence for the garden along with marketing supplies for the garden.

- \$1,500 - Diamond in the Rough is a mentoring program for young girls and women in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood.

- \$1,500 - The East 63rd Street Block Club will host their annual spring cleanup.

- \$1,000 - Ingenuity is offering Puppets for Peace, a transportable puppet show and workshop designed to bring awareness and encourage communication around social and community issues for children ages 5 to 12.

- \$1,500 - The Neighborhood Summit Planning Committee received funding to host its 2020 Neighborhood Summit, a celebration of the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood.

- \$2,000 - SV Arts Collective is organizing Art in the Garden. It will provide art for the Gertrude Gardens/community garden space in Slavic Village.

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There will be a drawing held on Thursday, December 19, to win the Grand Prize - 50" color television; 2nd Prize – IPAD; and 3rd Prize - \$100.00.

Fish fry at St. Andrew's

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Earhart series available

For The Neighborhood News readers who may have missed one or more of last summer's 7-part series of articles by Ellen Psenicka on the Kothera group's search for the remains of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, on Saipan in 1968, the entire series is available via email.

To request the complete Earhart story and its Garfield Heights connection, email to: nnews1923@aol.com.

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List of Meetings for December 2019

Monday, December 2, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 3, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Wednesday, December 11, 2019	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00p.m.
Monday, December 16, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 17, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 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.

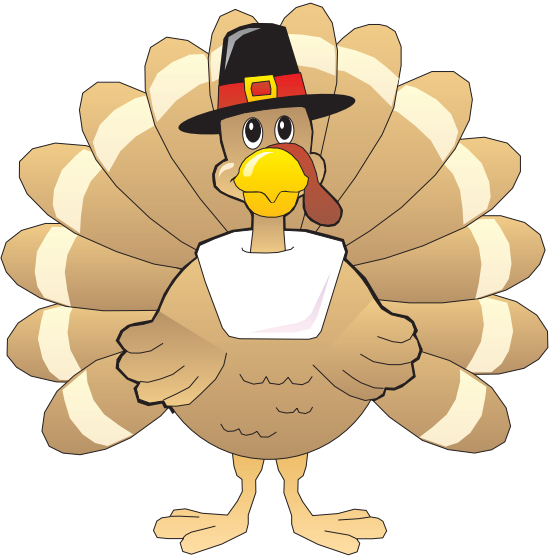
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Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

NN: 11-20-19

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Garfield Heights Councilwoman Shayla L. Davis, one of three new faces on Garfield Heights Council, ran unopposed for the council seat of incumbent Eugene Glenn in Ward 4, who chose not to run in the recent November 5 election. With Charles Donahue and Jason Blake, she joins incumbents Michael Dudley, Sr., Mike Nenadovich, Matt Burke and Tom Vaughn to make up the seven-member council.



Davis was born in Garfield's Ward 1, attended St. Timothy Catholic School and John F. Kennedy High, graduated from Cleveland State University, College of Urban Affairs, with degrees in nonprofit administration and public management, as well as being a law student at Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. She is the mother of Shayla, 27, and Anthony, 21, both graduates of Garfield Heights High, and grandmother of three-year-old RJ.

She has lived in Ward 4 since 2004, and has been employed with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, US Postal Service, Cleveland State University, City of Cleveland Public Health Department, Cleveland Municipal Court, Cuyahoga County Defender's Office and Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Davis currently owns and operates a mobile notary business throughout Greater Cleveland specializing in wills, powers of attorney, mortgage closings and other legal documents.

She said that as a councilwoman, her primary role is to advocate for the people of the city and act within the best

interests of the city.

"I believe the foundation of any thriving community should include the community voice, recreation, economic development, rising property values and safe neighborhoods," Davis said. "If we want to attract strong families back into our community, we must work to enhance and expand these categories."

She said she plans to host Ward 4 Meet-ups beginning next spring where residents can discuss concerns with her and find ways to impact the community. Davis said she currently offers one-on-one "Conversations with Councilwoman Davis" for residents and businesses.

"I look forward to working with all city departments and being a positive representative for Ward 4," Davis said.

G.H. high school student had handgun inside school

Last Thursday Garfield Heights Police received information that a student at Garfield Heights High School may be in possession of a gun. The student was confronted by the school resource officer and was indeed found to be in possession of a handgun.

The student was placed under arrest without incident and taken to the Garfield Heights City Jail for processing. The student remained in custody at the jail while the case is being reviewed by the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Prosecutor's Office. At no time did the student brandish the weapon or threaten to use it in any way, GHPD said.

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The fundraiser was a Battle of the Brunch Cocktail contest with Porco and The Spotted Owl there to see who pours the best brunch libation. The event raised \$5,000 for Neighborhood Pets, which was matched by Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley for a \$10,000 payout and a fun afternoon for all involved in helping a worthy cause.

Shown above at the check presentation are, at far left, Councilman Brancatelli and Council President Kelley with the "Lady Butchers," representatives from Neighborhood Pets and Marilyn Mosinski of Slavic Village Development. *Photo by Michael Psenicka*



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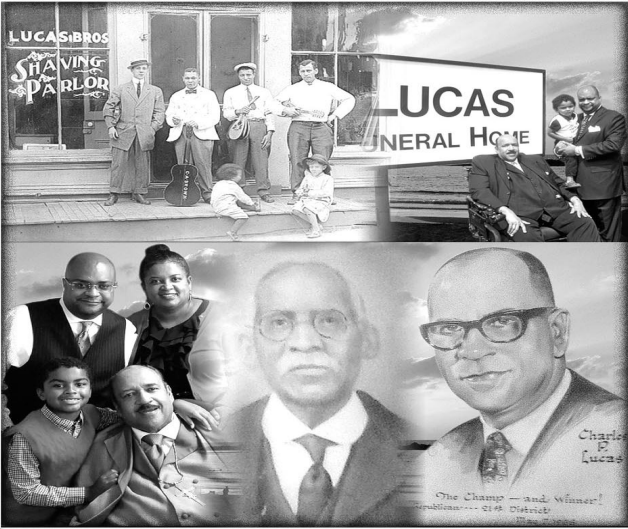
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