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NN to publish holiday issues; new deadlines set

The Neighborhood News will publish newspapersfor Christmasweek and New Year'sweek, but will deliver on Thursdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, instead of its usual Wednesday deliveries.

For both those weeks, news and advertising deadlines will be Mondays at 12 noon. The NN offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, and Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Maple Heights Council authorizes added \$125K for sewer repair project

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council authorized a resolution for a change order for Fabrizi Trucking at its meeting last week to increase the amount of the contract by \$125,000 for repairing sewers in the northeast quadrant of the city, at the recommendation of City Engineer Ed Hren.

After several pieces of legislation were passed over the pleasure of Law Director Tim Riley. last few years to prepare for the work in September of this year, council passed a resolution for Fabrizi to begin Phase I of the project. It will include repairing storm and sanitary sewers on various streets including Hansen, Watson, Raymond, Franklin, Hillgrove, Clare and Gardenview streets in the city, at a cost not to exceed \$667,700, according to the legislation.

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Every vote counts!!

After official results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections were certified November 26th. Julie Ann Mayne Jakubczak was declared awinner by one vote in the Valley View Council race. She will ioin Matthew March, Daniel Westfall, David Wingenfeld and Jeffrey Wyatt on the five-member council.

In unofficial results. Brad Borowy and Jakubczak had been tied for the fifth spot on council with 355 votes each. The official count of votes had 357 for Jakubczak and 356 for Borowy.

Charged in M.H. laundromat murder

A suspect in the Monday, Dec. 2, murder of a laundromat worker in Maple Heights, Carl V. Sanders, is behind bars and charged with aggravated murder and having a weapon under disability, Police Chief Todd Hansen said in a press release last Wednesday. Sanders appeared in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court yesterday and was assigned an attorney, with bond set at \$1 million.

Maple Heights police were notified of shots fired at the Wash-N-Dry Laundromat on Broadway Avenue on Dec. 2. Officers responded and found 73-year-old David C. Brown had been shot and killed there. Brown was an employee of the laundromat.

not injured, likely due to the intervention of Brown, Hansen said.

Sanders MHPD detectives said their investigation revealed that Sanders, 31, initiated an assault on some women at the laundromat with a weapon. Police said Brown was working as an attendant at the laundromat and intervened to stop the assault by Sanders. An altercation ensued between Sanders and Brown resulting in Brown being shot twice and dying at the scene, Hansen's press release noted. The others that were assaulted were

Sanders was apprehended later the same morning by MHPD officers. He is currently in the Cuyahoga County Jail where more charges may be issued in this incident

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to CrimeStoppers.

G.H. Council okays new chief police prosecutor

By Ellen Psenicka

A resolution was passed by Garfield Heights Council Monday night ratifying the appointment by the law director of Jeffrey M. Jerome to act as the chief police prosecutor/assistant director of law for the city of Garfield Heights, beginning January 1, 2020, to serve at the

The city's former chief police prosecutor and assistant law director, Patrick Cooney, resigned his position after being elected mayor of Fairview Park in the November election.

The vacant position was filled from within the ranks as Jerome has been an attorney with the Garfield Heights ending December 31, 2019; Law Department for the last 10 years.

of the year, as members passed a motion to cancel the one ending December 31, 2020.

scheduled for Dec. 23. A special meeting can always be called should the need arise, Council President Matt Burkenoted.

Also passed at Monday night's council meeting were the following emergency ordinances:

•Amending the city's plan of classification and compensation of nonunion employees to create the positions of Community Affairs Coordinator, Chief Police Prosecutor/Assistant Director of Law, and Paralegal.

 Making final appropriations for current expenditures for the city of Garfield Heights during the fiscal year

Making final appropriations for current expenditures Monday's council meeting was the last regular meeting for the city of Garfield Heights during the fiscal year



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Organizations honored by Bedford officials

By Judith Goldsworth

Keeping the upcoming holidays in mind, it was a night of recognition and honors for the Southeast Clergy Meals to residents, commented that often the volunteer's visit on Wheels organization in the city, and also the "Christmas in Bedford Falls" committee at the Bedford Council meeting last week.

Meals on Wheels, which serves thousands of midday meals throughout the year to seniors and disabled residents in Bedford and neighboring communities, was honored with a presentation by Mayor Stan Koci, as well as a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the city's employees, who raised the money through "dress down days" on Fridays.

"As everybody knows, we certainly support Meals on Wheels here, and they do such a great job for the people around town," said Koci, who with his wife, Marilyn,

Exclusively Skin opens in Garfield Heights

Dr. Tracy Ringo is pleased to announce that Exclusively Skin, specializing in the treatment of skin diseases, has opened up in Garfield Heights at 9565 Midwest Ave., Suite C.

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Common issues treated include abscess/boils, acne, cellulitis, dark spots/blemishes, dry skin and scalp, eczema, hair loss, mole removals, psoriasis, skin cancer screenings, wart removal and many more.

Dr. Ringo is a Cleveland native who graduated from male to reach the rank of Bedford High School and was inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

She is in the Ohio Army www.exclusively-skin.com.



Dr. Tracy Ringo

National Guard and is the first African American fe-Colonel. She celebrates 30 years of service this year.

Contact Exclusively Skin at 216-508-6500 or visit website: helps deliver meals to residents.

Councilman Vic Fluharty, who also helps deliver meals with the recipient might be the only social interaction that resident has with another person all day, and noted that was an important part of the program as well.

Members of the Bedford Firefighters, Local 1683, also presented a donation of \$500 towards the Meals on Wheels program at last week's meeting, raised through the firefighters' union dues and other fundraising efforts.

'Christmas in Bedford Falls' Committee honored

This Saturday, Dec. 14, from noon to 4 p.m., the city of Bedford, Ohio, will be transformed into its fictional "sister," the community of Bedford Falls, New York, as seen in Frank Capra's 1946 holiday movie classic "It's A Wonderful Life." All are invited to come and participate in the free festivities.

Presented by the city of Bedford, the celebration will feature a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, puppet shows, Holiday Story Time, Lolly the Trolley, carolers and music and giveaways and other activities along Broadway Avenue, a nonperishable food drive by Boy Scout Troop 447, a pet food and supplies drive by the Girl Scouts, Pixie Shoppe and Children's Crafts, and other "free, fun and festive activities for the entire family," according to the city's website.

Koci noted that the Christmas in Bedford Falls Committee was celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, and presented a proclamation at the meeting to Chairperson Dot Schwende.

Continuing the thanks for generosity during the season, Koci said the Eagles Club, which gives to many organizations and events throughout the year, had given City Manager Mike Mallis a \$2,000 donation for the Bedford Historical Society.

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks thanked the Eagles for their donation, mentioning that the Historical Society would be giving a special presentation on "Christmas in the 1800s" at the Dunham House during the "Christmas in Bedford Falls" event.

An audience member reminded residents of the annual "Lights Out For Hunger" campaign, to take place in Bedford, Oakwood and Walton Hills the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 18. During this event, the city, businesses and residents are encouraged to turn off their holiday lighting displays as a tangible reminder of the need to help those less fortunate, and donate what they would have spent on that night's electrical bill to local hunger centers.

2020 Budget passed

The city's \$38,331,870 budget for 2020 was passed at last week's meeting, after the ordinance had been on the agenda and subsequently tabled at previous meetings.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated of the budget, This year we have included in there \$600,000 for road improvements, and we do have police cars that we have budgeted... Our General Fund will be around \$17.4 million, and our overall funds will be about \$38.3 million.

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Organizations honored

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Placed on first reading at last week's meeting were two ordinances: one to establish rental rules, regulations and fees at the Archibald Willard Park Pavilion (the gazebo at Ellenwood Recreation Center); the other to amend existing legislation entitled "Fees, Deposits and Charges" regarding the city's recreation centers.

"Just to be clear, we're not changing any fees, we're just changing some language on how things are handled down there," Koci said of the recreation fees ordinance, which will be discussed further before passage.

Motions on agenda

Council voted to uphold the denial of an application of Dawn Smith, 348 Broadway Avenue, seeking a conditional use approval for a training and event center from the Planning Commission "due to a lack of prosecution and lack of pursuit on motion on the application," Law Director John Montello stated.

Council also voted to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission to deny Extreme Renovation, representing U-Haul, located at 19000 Rockside Road, seeking approval to install a truck return canopy and a liquid propane above ground dispenser tank, also "due to lack of prosecution.

Council did approve the Planning Commission's deci-representative Ebony Miller, sion to accept the site plan approval of Nancy Kennedy, architect, of Shaker Heights, representing VIWIPATH, LLC, of Bedford, proposing an exterior alteration to the exterior structure at 595 Broadway Avenue, the former Mr. Gee's property.

Koci introduced Mike Barrett, of the Barrett Benefits Group, an insurance business that will be relocating from Beachwood to the Bedford property.

Barrett said he benefited from the assistance of Mallis and Economic Development Director Jennifer Kuzma. "They led me through this, and we're just really grateful. I have a really good team, and we're excited to come to Bedford, and we want to be good citizens and make the property really attractive.'

Updates

In response to a question from Councilwoman Paula

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Mizsak, the Sunoco station on Lee and Turney roads is moving along, Mallis said. "We actually got a call in to our Building Department requesting an inspection this week, and they do have pumps on order... probably the earliest they're shooting for is mid-January to open, more realistically probably early February.²

Work on the Villa San Bernardo senior housing complex at the former Vincentian Sisters of Charity Motherhouse on Broadway continues to move along. Councilman Fluharty said that the Retreat House is opening soon and the other building will probably open in the spring.

Ostenson chosen as new Maple Heights District 3 council representative

By Judith Goldsworth

Current Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission member Christian Ostenson has been chosen to serve the unexpired term of former District 3 Council after council held a special meeting last month to fill the vacant seat, according to Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella and Council President Ron Jackson.

Council held a special in 2017, submitted her formeeting last Wednesday to mal resignation in writing choose a new council mem- to the city on Nov. 16. Law ber, and after interviewing Director Frank Consolo the candidates picked Ostenson, who lives on desire to pursue a job op-Stanley Avenue, according portunity as the reason for to the city's website.

Miller, who was elected to Photo courtesy of the City of her first term in 2015 and Maple Heights website

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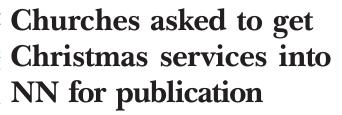
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Garfield Hts. announces **Residential Lighting Contest**

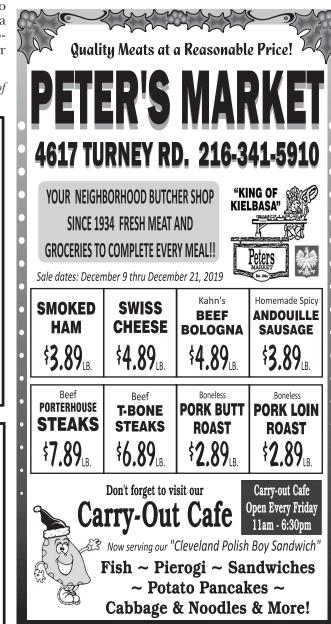
Nominate your favorite neighborhood holiday lighting display throughout the city of Garfield Heights. Awinner will be selected in each of the city's wards as well as a citywide winner.

Nomination deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. For a nomination form, visit www.garfieldhts.org or stop by the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road.

Fish fry at St. Andrew's Church in Maple Hts.

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 4-6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 13.

For more information or carryouts, call 216-475-9365.





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Of this project cost, The Ohio Public Works Commission will contribute funding for 58% of the construction costs, up to a maximum of \$349,950 for the repairs. Also, the NEORSD has awarded the city \$599,950, and the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works has committed to providing funding up to \$250,000, as the required local funding match for the storm and sanitary sewer improvement project, according to the resolution.



LEGAL NOTICE

Redi Storage, 4620 Northfield Road, North Randall, OH, 44128, 216-714-5869 is hosting the following auctions on www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit. Friday, December 27th, 2019. Cash only and each unit has a \$50 cleaning deposit.

Julian Goolsby, 6306 Meadowbrook, Garfield Heights, OH 44125, Unit #2004,4x5, Unit appears to contain: A tote with clothing and misc items. 11:25AM auction end time.

Harlus Howard, 1912 Camp St. Apt. 2S, Sandusky, OH 44870, Unit #2804, 5x5, Unit appears to contain: Stereo speakers, dolly, floral quilt, boxes, bags, misc items. 11:35AM auction end time.

Houston J Jefferson III, 4878 Banbury Ct., Warrensville Heights, OH 44128, Unit #1026, 5x14, Unit appears to contain: Elephant statues, carpet cleaner, luggage, lamps, storage drawers, bedding, shoes, misc items. 11:40AM auction end time.

Micayla Stanley, 16754 Findlay St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023, Unit #1506, 10x15, Unit appears to contain: End table, love seat, crib/child's beds, mattresses, treadmill, child's desk, misc items. 11:55AM auction end time.

Jimmy L Tufts, 3700 Northfield Rd., Cleveland, OH 44122, Unit #1303, 10x10, Unit appears to contain: Record Albums, books, tool box, heater, chandelier, electronics, manual lawnmower, end tables, grill, pools, artificial trees, boxes, misc items. 12:00PM auction end time.

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CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE FOR OPEN POSITIONS

Applications for the **City of Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** will be available to qualified Maple Heights residents beginning **Monday, December 9, 2019** in the **Clerk of Council Office**, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137, to fill two (2) open positions for terms expiring **May 31, 2022** and **May 31, 2024**.

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of five (5) qualified electors of the City not holding any other official position in the Municipality, who have resided in the City not less than two (2) years prior to appointment, and who shall retain such residency during their appointed term.

Completed application forms are to be submitted only to the **Clerk of Council**, Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137. **The deadline for submission of said application is by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019.** For further information, call the Clerk's office at (216) 587-9000.

> Leonette Cicirella Clerk of Council City of Maple Heights

The Neighborhood News December 4, 2019 December 11, 2019 After an inspection and evaluation of the project, Hren has recommended that additional work be performed to repair newly identified sections of severely deteriorated sanitary and storm sewers on Hillgrove and Franklin east of Prayner. Hren has confirmed that the additional repair work can be paid for with the grant funds that are currently available, to supplement existing local and county funding.

2020 budget on second reading

An ordinance for next year's budget for the city, for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2020, was placed on second reading, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated.

"Council did not vote on the 2020 budget as of yet. It was on the agenda on second reading. We are hoping to get a vote from council by the end of the year," Maple Heights Finance Director Tinita Tillman confirmed early this week.

"The 2020 Appropriations Budget must be immediately adopted to insure the fiscal integrity of the city and presented to the County Fiscal Officer by December 31, 2019," according to the legislation.

Tillman said there was not yet a projected total amount of the budget for next year, stating, "I am still working on the budget as we speak." She noted that the next meeting of council was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 18, when the budget should be on third and final reading.

Two resolutions, also concerning the Finance Department's operations in the city, were placed on first reading at last week's meeting, Cicirella stated.

One of the resolutions authorizes Tillman, as finance director, to change the fiscal year 2018 "Advance of Monies" in the amount of \$30,544.57 from the General Fund to the Police Levy Fund, to a "Transfer of Monies" from the General Fund to the Police Levy Fund, "thereby requiring no reimbursement to the General Fund" before the end of this year, the legislation states.

The other resolution authorizes Tillman to correct the internal audit classifications of fiscal year 2018 expenditures in the amount of \$74,500 out of the General Fund to certain Special Revenue Funds, from advances to transfers, "thereby requiring no reimbursement to the General Fund before the end of 2019," according to the legislation.



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CLEVELAND POLICE

•On Monday, Dec. 9, at about 2:15 a.m., officers responded to a home in the 3600 block of E. 59 St. for a male victim of a gunshot wound. The victim was found down on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to his chest. The victim was taken to Metro, where he was pronounced dead. Members of the homicide squad came on scene for investigation. There were no arrests at the time of the report.

• On Friday, Nov. 29, police responded to a home in the 8100 block of Dorver Ave. to assist bounty hunters on the scene. After conferring with the resident, a Consent to Search Form was signed and a search was completed yielding a marijuana grow operation within the home, with approximately 75 plants. Four individuals detained; bomb squad notified.

• On Saturday, Nov. 23, police responded to an East 71 St. home to find a male in his 60's with a stab wound to his chest. The victim was bleeding badly, hardly breathing and not very alert.

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On Wednesday, Dec. 4, police responded to a Richland Ave. home for a theft report. The female resident of the home told police that she parked her car on the street the night before. During the night, someone pried her front passenger window out and took a backpack with various items, including \$100 and her 40 caliber Smith & Wesson gun.

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G.H. Community Awareness meeting

Please join city leaders at the Garfield Heights Community Awareness meeting as they discuss issues going on in the city on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Please attend and ask questions. The Christmas/Holiday party will also be held.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch meeting

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting and Christmas Party will take place Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Attendees are asked to bring a gift-wrapped tree ornament and a side dish or goodies to share. All are welcome. For more information, contact Gail, 216-662-9213.



Cleveland man sentenced in two assault incidents

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced last week that Joseph Deluca, 54, was sentenced to three years in prison for assaulting a McDonald's employee, 48, and a coworker, 50, in two separate incidents.

"Deluca appears to have an inability to control his temper," said O'Malley. "Hopefully he uses the next three years to learn to correct that problem.

On February 19, 2019, Deluca ordered a hot coffee at a McDonald's restaurant located near Clark Ave. and W. 32nd Street. When Deluca pulled his vehicle up to the drive-thru window, the employee handed him two cups of coffee before realizing he had ordered only one cup. When she asked to see his receipt, Deluca got out of his vehicle, yelled obscenities at the victim and threw both cups at her before driving away.

The victim's coworkers called Cleveland police who responded to the scene and were able to confirm Deluca's identity and license plate through surveillance footage. The victim was transported to the hospital where she was treated for first degree burns to her face, neck and shoulder.

On June 25, 2019, Deluca struck a man with his vehicle near Broadway Ave. and E. 71st Street in Slavic Village. After striking the victim, Deluca got out of his vehicle and



call police. The investigation revealed that Deluca had targeted the victim, a co-worker of Deluca's, for reporting a prior altercation to their employer between Deluca and another employee.

Deluca pled guilty to felonious assault, a second-degree felony, for the February 19th incident and was sentenced to three years in prison. He pled guilty to aggravated assault, a fourth-degree felony, for the June 25th incident and was sentenced to 18 months in prison concurrent to the three-year sentence received on the previous case.

Death Notices

David A. Rolf, 76, of Slavic Village, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio, due to Parkinson's disease.

He was the beloved husband of Jane Rolf, (nee Hunt); loving son of Edward and Esther Rolf (both deceased); stepson of Frank Bendokas (deceased); David A. Rolf half brother of Frank Bendokas (de-

ceased), Ruth Paul and Peggy VanSickle; loving father of David, Daniel, Carl (deceased) and Jeffrey (deceased); stepfather of Richard Alachniewicz and Shelly Piros; loving grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, great-uncle and friend to many.

David was a retired Cleveland Police Officer 1969-1999, and served 30 years in the 5th District, receiving many awards for his service.

He was a member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club and loved camping at Clays Park. His nicknames were Big Foot, Flashlight and Mr. Pipe.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Slone & Co. Funeral Directors, 13115 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44111, where funeral services will begin

began kicking him before the victim was able to flee and at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for funeral expenses or a favorite charity.

Newburgh Hts. Council adopts 32-hour work week for full-time employees

At the regular session of Newburgh Heights Village Council on Tuesday, December 3rd, Mayor Trevor Elkins introduced legislation to reduce the standard work week of full-time employees to 32 hours per week without negatively impacting the employee's income compared to a 40-hour work week. Council adopted the policy unanimously.

The new policy is intended to provide personnel with an improved work-life balance, while also providing the village with a competitive recruiting and retention advantage, said Elkins.

In addition to this policy, over the past several years Newburgh Heights has implemented a Family Leave plan, and a Student Loan Assistance Program geared toward positively impacting quality of life issues for residents and employees alike.

"We are always looking for ways to improve the lives of our residents. By implementing employee-friendly policies that help us recruit and retain talent in innovative ways, we are meeting that goal in a fiscally responsible manner," said Mayor Elkins.

Although there are a growing number of private enterprises utilizing the 32-hour work week, it is believed that Newburgh Heights may be the first community in the nation to implement the practice.

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Brancatelli welcomes new executive assistant



Pictured from left are: office assistant Debbie Heyink, Councilman Tony Brancatelli and his new executive assistant, Molly Farris.

Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli has announced the appointment of Molly Farris as his new executive assistant.

Farris graduated from Ohio University in 2011 with a degree in English and is currently attending Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs for her Master's in Public Administration. She lives in Cleveland, has worked as marketing coordinator for Phoenix Coffee, and looks forward to working with the residents of Ward 12 and The City of Cleveland.

"Congratulations to Marcelina Sladewska (the councilman's former assistant) for her new position as Special Projects Manager at the Cuyahoga County

Landbank. I want to thank Marcelina for her years of service to our community and welcome Molly to the Ward," Brancatelli said.

Maple Heights wrestlers within reach of 800 victories

Returning State qualifiers Kolin Howard and Chrisean Merritt and District place winner Justin Bencie will lead the 2019-20 Maple ${\rm \dot{H}eights}\,{\rm High}\,{\rm \ddot{S}chool}\,{\rm wrestling}\,{\rm team}$ into an historic season.

With 796 dual meet victories, the Mustangs will be looking for an unprecedented 800th win since the program's inception during the 1948-49 season. This remarkable accomplishment is believed to be an all-time record in the state of Ohio.

Lake Erie League champions Daniel Eggleton, Richard Gibson, Billy Flynn and Nikaleb Matthews will be joined by L.E.L. runners-up Jameel Smith and Christian Edge to provide leadership to a strong Mustang lineup.

Other returning letter winners include: Ihaleal Rasheed, Khaleal Rasheed, Aaron Alpaugh, Abijah Cummings-Byrd, Sam Lopez, Curtis Jenkins, Joseph Littlejohn, Michael Pace and Eric Dunn.

Jamie Milkovich enters his 39th season as head coach of his alma mater with a career mark of 498 dual meet victories, which is the most all-time among Ohio Division I coaches. He will once again be assisted by longtime cohort Rick LaScala and Andrew Wolf.

Maple Heights will travel to the West Geauga Triangular with Painesville Harvey (Dec. 12), the Hudson Holiday Viking Invitational (Jan. 25), the Lakewood Quad with Club members.

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John Marshall & Madison (Jan.31), Garfield Heights (Feb. 21), the Sectional Tournament (Feb. 29), the District Tournament (March 6&7) and the Ohio State Tournament (March 13-15).

The Mustangs will host the 4th annual Maple Heights Holiday Tournament (Dec. 28), Valley Forge (Jan. 4), the 10th annual Maroon & White Duals (Jan. 11), a Quad with Normandy, John F. Kennedy & John Marshall (Jan. 15), the Ohio State Regional Duals (Feb. 8) and the Lake Erie League Tournament (Feb. 15).

Named 'Bedford Citizen of the Year'

William "Bill" Astalos, Sr. of the Bedford Lions Club has been selected as the Community Council's 2019 Bedford Citizen of the Year.

Astalos was presented the coveted plaque on November 5th by Ŵarner Batten and the Community Council members and a congratulatory certificate from Bedford Lions Club President Anthony DePaulo, a proclamation from Mayor Stan Koci and a humorous



William Astalos, Sr.

but sincere presentation from Dinah Mouat, who represented Meals on Wheels.

Astalos has been a good role model as a Navy man, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, mentor for students, church member and active worker in the Bedford community, as well as in the Lions Club. No Tournament (Dec. 20 & 21), the Holy Name Triangular matter how busy he is, he always makes time for his with Fairview (Jan. 23), The Villa Angela/St. Joseph country, family and friends, said Astalos' fellow Lions



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New online reporting form for imposter scam calls announced

Andrew Saul, commissioner of Social Security, and Gail S. Ennis, the inspector general for the Social Security Administration, announce the launch of a dedicated online form at https://oig.ssa.gov to receive reports from the public of Social Security-related scams.

These scams, in which fraudulent callers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments to avoid arrest for purported Social Security number problems, skyrocketed over the past year to become the #1 type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration.

To combat these scams, Social Security and the OIG will use the new online form to capture data that will be analyzed for trends and commonalities. The OIG will use the data to identify investigative leads, which could help identify criminal entities or individuals participating in or facilitating the scams. Ultimately, these efforts are expected to disrupt the scammers, help reduce this type of fraud and reduce the number of victims.

"We are taking action to raise awareness and prevent scammers from harming Americans," Commissioner Saul said. "I am deeply troubled that our country has not been able to stop these crooks from deceiving some of the most vulnerable members of our society."

Commissioner Saul and Inspector General Ennis en- agency. courage the public to use the new online form to report Social Security phone scams including robocalls and live callers, as well as email, text and in-person scams. The form allows people to create a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN), so if OIG contacts a person about their report, they will know the call is legitimate.

"Awareness is our best hope to thwart the scammers," said Inspector General Ennis. "Tell your friends and family about them and report them to us when you receive them, but most importantly, just hang up and ignore the calls.

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people ability to appeal the amount you owe. generally those who have ongoing business with the agency - by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the

Social Security will not:

•Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.

• Contact you to demand an immediate payment.

•Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

• Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card, a retail gift card or cash.

Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the

• Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it. The Social Security OIG will also continue to take reports of fraud, waste and abuse in Social Security's programs and operations. A separate online form for those reports remains available at their website.

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CARROT CAKE WITH ORANGE FROSTING

2 ¹/₂ cups sifted flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. fresh nutmeg, grated
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup butter
1 ¹/₂ cups sugar
4 eggs
1 ¹/₂ cups shredded carrots
2 tsp. orange peel, grated
1 cup buttermilk
¹/₂ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
¹/₂ cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 13x9x2" pan.

In a bowl combine first 6 dry ingredients. Cream butter. Add sugar; beat until smooth. Blend in eggs, one at a time. Mix all dry ingredients into this. Add carrots, orange peel and buttermilk. Stir in nuts and raisins. Fold mixture into pan. Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour until toothpick tests clean. Cool on wire rack. Frost with orange frosting.

ORANGE FROSTING

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened 4 tsp. cream 2 tsp. vanilla

1 lb. powdered sugar Peel of one orange, grated Combine cream cheese, cream and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Gradually add sugar and keep beating until light and fluffy. Fold in orange peel. Frost cake and enjoy.

Hint: To substitute buttermilk, add 1 Twhite vinegar to 1 cup warm milk. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Grandma Turtle, Maple Heights

BOHEMIAN BUTTER RINGS

1 cake yeast, crumbled
2 tsp. sugar
¹/₄ cup milk, scalded, then cooled to lukewarm
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
3 T sugar
¹/₂ cup butter
3 egg yolks, beaten
1 cup half & half
Melted butter
Thin powdered sugar icing
Chopped nuts, any kind you like

Dissolve yeast and 2 tsp. sugar into milk. Set aside until bubbly. In a mixing bowl, blend flour, salt and 3 T sugar. Cut in butter as for pie crust. Separately mix together egg yolks and half & half. Add this mixture to flour mixture and yeast mixture. Mix well. Cover and chill overnight in refrigerator. Divide dough into three parts. Cut each part in two, making six pieces. With floured hands, roll each into long strips 1-inch in diameter. Putting two together, twist and make a ring. You will have three rings when finished. Put each ring in greased 9-inch cake pan, cover and let rise for 2 hours. Bake in 350° oven for 25 minutes or until done. Frost with thin powdered sugar icing. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Jean Kaminsky, Garfield Heights

(Taken from "The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary Cookbook")

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