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St. Benedict 7th grader takes first place in statewide MLK, Jr. essay contest



Shown above is 7th grade essay contest winner Aamiah Marcano Hatcher, at right, with her language arts teacher, Mrs. Donna Przybojewski, of St. Benedict School.

Last Thursday the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) recognized the winners of the OCRC 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay & Multimedia Contest. The contest is open to all Ohio students in grades 6-12, and from the hundreds of entries received from across the state, Aamiah Marcano Hatcher of St. Benedict Catholic School in Garfield Heights, was chosen as the first place winner in the 7th Grade Essay category.

Aamiah's language arts teacher, Mrs. Donna Przybojewski, attended the OCRC program in Columbus, which recognized all the winners. Aamiah read her essay at the celebration.

This year's contest theme asked students to submit entries about how they have worked or will work to promote equality and justice in their own way. The following are excerpts from Aamiah's first place essay:

"There are many powerful things Martin Luther King said; many of his quotes are still remembered today. One of the most inspirational and wisest quotes he has said is: "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

"I believe this quote means if it isn't possible to do something big, do your best at achieving something smaller. I believe no matter how small of a situation or task it is, we should do our best. It takes time to achieve big things so taking time to do small things will eventually lead up to big things in great ways. Things in everyday life can be greater than the big things we strive to achieve. We, as a people, can do many great things, and Martin Luther King has taught us that. That's why we can start by doing small things great.

"I believe that it is very important to promote justice and equality. I believe this because without it, there would be no balance or good in the world. Small things are important to make a change and to promote justice and equality. Small things in a great way can make a big difference because it can influence others to do the same. If I am to do something good or kind to promote equality and justice, I don't want to do it for fame or recognition. I think it's about the feeling I get when I do something good for someone. Promoting justice and equality isn't always about advertisement; it's about influencing others to do the right thing. That's why it is important to influence and promote equality and justice."

Bedford has plan to deal with train derailments

By Judith Goldsworth

Referring to the catastrophic Norfolk Southern train derailment and subsequent release of toxic chemicals in the eastern Ohio community of East Palestine in early February, City Manager Mike Mallis said at Monday night's council meeting that Bedford does have a plan in place to deal with any potential train derailments in Bedford.

Bedford also has a Norfolk Southern line bisecting the city. Mallis said the safety plan for Bedford was made in conjunction with the police and fire chiefs in the city as well as the office of Emergency Management.

Mallis said that since the last council meeting, the Northeast Ohio Association of Mayors and City Managers has been talking about this topic. "We've actually, as an association, drafted correspondence that went to the Federal Railroad Administration," he said.

The correspondence detailing concerns with toxic chemicals being transported via railways through populated communities was also sent to both U.S. Senators from

Ohio, Sherrod Brown and J.D. Vance, Mallis said.

In the correspondence to the railroad it was noted that the association thinks municipalities should be notified when the rail lines are carrying toxic chemicals through their communities, what those chemicals are and how often are they coming through.

Mallis credited both Brown and Vance for acting quickly to introduce a bipartisan bill that would tighten federal oversight of the rail lines, specifically when it deals with shipping of hazardous materials.

He explained the bill would also introduce a number of safety requirements for the trains, including requirements of train lengths, train weights, what the route is, analysis of all the routes, speed restrictions and eliminating the blocked crossings from train delays and train stoppages.

Backyard chickens addressed again

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks spoke on citizen requests made at a previous meeting on whether council would

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**SPRING
FORWARD
SUNDAY**

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead one hour when going to bed Saturday!

Arrested in car-jacking in Garfield

On Sunday, March 5, 21-year old Nakiya White of East Cleveland was arrested for her involvement in the car-jacking that took place at Jennings Center in Garfield Heights on Jan. 28, according to the GHPD posting on Facebook. White is charged with robbery and receiving stolen property and is being held on a \$100,000 bond.

The Facebook posting extends thanks to GHPD detectives, officers and cooperative Garfield Heights citizens for working diligently on this case!

Maple Hts. police chief reports to city council on historic bust on Forest Ave.

By Judith Goldsworth

In his report at last week's meeting of Maple Heights Council, Police Chief Todd Hansen spoke on a "historic" bust on Forest Ave. on Sunday, Feb. 26, that resulted in the seizure of a large amount of drugs and more than a third of a million dollars in cash.

He said that on that Sunday, about 2:30 a.m., police received a call for a burglary in progress inside a home on Forest Ave., on the upper west side of the city. It was reported to police that two people had broken in the back door of the home and had gotten inside.

Hansen said officers arrived on scene and found evidence inside the house of drug trafficking. They then secured the house and got a search warrant.

After obtaining the search warrant, Hansen explained, officers went back into the house and found over eight kilos of cocaine, four pounds of marijuana, a rifle and \$370,000 in cash.

"That's the largest drug bust in Maple Heights patrol history," Hansen said, to the applause of city officials and the audience at the council meeting. He said the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Narcotics Unit was now involved with the ongoing investigation.

Also, less than a week prior to the Forest Ave. bust, Hansen said Maple Heights officers conducted another bust on Beech Ave., with the narcotics team confiscating \$8500 in cash and 14 pounds of marijuana from a residence on that street.

The chief added, "The one on Beech came from a citizen's complaint, that's what originated it. So I encourage people to call in if they see something. We do follow up with it."

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Boys Basketball Regional Tournaments begin this week

The Ohio High School Athletic Association will conduct four state tournaments this week, along with the regional tournaments in boys basketball.

Local teams competing in the Boys Basketball Regional Tournaments include:

• Division I, Region 1: Garfield Heights (22-3) vs. Cleveland St. Ignatius (19-7) at Kent State University's MAC Center, Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Regional Final at KSU's MAC Center Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m.

• Division III, Region 9: Cuyahoga Heights (22-3) vs. Beachwood (17-8) at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse, Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. Regional Final at Canton Memorial Fieldhouse on Saturday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

All Tournament tickets are available at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>

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In response to a question from Council President Ron Jackson on whether the city would receive any of the confiscated money in the busts, Hansen said it would receive some of the funds as the cases make their way through the court system. "It takes a while, but we will get it," Hansen stated.

Resolution passed

The only piece of legislation on last week's agenda that was passed by council was a resolution "strongly urging" Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund distributed to Maple Heights to pre-recession levels. Reductions in the past decade or so have cost the city approximately \$11 million in lost revenue, the legislation states.

During former Governor John Kasich's administration, in 2011, the Local Government Fund was reduced by 50%, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66%, the resolution stated. Past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years, the resolution continued, in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax.

The revenue loss "has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure and bolster public safety services... When municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the state of Ohio reaps the benefits as well. A reinvestment

in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease their local tax burden," according to the resolution.

Blackwell said the Cuyahoga County City Managers and Mayors Association is lobbying the governor to raise the Local Government Fund to 2%. Receiving the additional funds would significantly enhance the city's finances, Blackwell said.

Announcements

Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy announced that on Monday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Traffic Calming Forum at the Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Ln., off Libby Rd. The city is working with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency on the presentation, along with representatives from City Engineer Ed Hren's office at Chagrin Valley Engineering and Police Chief Hansen.

Blackwell said of the forum, "Since ODOT is in charge of placement of guardrails, stop signs and speed bumps in the state, professionals with that agency will be at the meeting and available to answer residents' questions," she stated. "This is very, very important; we will get to ask the experts."

Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas announced that the fire department's 2002 Sutphen Engine was back in service after undergoing a substantial refurbishment. The cost to the city was just under \$200,000. "We saved \$400,000 versus buying a new truck," the fire chief said.

During his report to council, Kavaliunas also stated that his department and Blackwell were partnering with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health in training emergency response personnel to assist new parents, in the city's ongoing effort to reduce and eliminate infant mortality rates in Maple Heights. As part of that goal, earlier that evening, the fire department helped in the delivery of a baby at a home on Libby Rd., the chief said. "Kudos to the guys in Station #1."

Human Services Director Linda Vopat announced that with the recent reduction in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits, residents in need were welcome to come to the Maple Heights Food Pantry, 17100 Broadway Ave., to receive grocery items. She thanked the Bedford Eagles for a donation of \$1000 towards the food pantry.

Vopat also stated that Blackwell was bringing back Easter Fest, which will take place this year on Saturday, April 1, from 12:30-3 p.m., at the Maple Heights Cafetorium, 1 Mustang Way (off Broadway). Children 12 and under in the city are welcome.

District 3 Councilman Timothy Tatum said that a St. Patrick's Day program open to all seniors in Maple Heights will be held on Friday, March 17, from 1-5 p.m., at the Village of Performing Arts and Cultural Center, 12680 Rockside Rd. Traditional Irish-American food will be served.

District 18 Town Hall Meeting

Join Ohio House District 18 State Rep. Darnell T. Brewer for a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, March 11, from 2-4 p.m., at the Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Ln. Share your concerns about housing, schools, jobs, etc., and meet your representative.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION, (Garfield Hts. Only)

Saturday, March 18,
10am-Noon, Inside

The Rock Community Church, (9403 Garfield Blvd.), will have a food pantry distribution for **Garfield Hts. residents only (income limits apply)** on Saturday, March 18, from 10am-Noon.

We will be inside the building with an expedited distribution with some choice of product. Numbers and sign-up sheets will be distributed at the parking lot entrance starting at 8:00 am.

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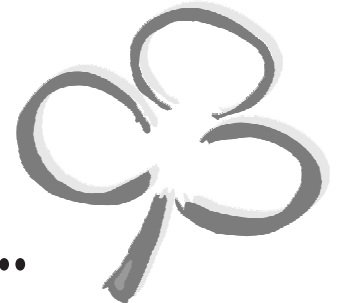
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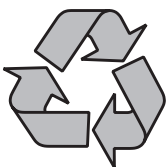
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GHUMC Lenten Study

Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., invites the community to join in a Lenten Study on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m., at the church or join in on Zoom. The Lenten Study will be held every Tuesday in March and on April 4.

The Lenten study book is entitled "Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It," written by Rev. Adam Hamilton. The series explores the life of John and Charles Wesley, and how they developed six spiritual practices that are still used today to become closer and more aware of God. The study time will include scripture references, a short video and discussion, and sharing about our spiritual journeys.

Rev. Daniel Drew will lead the worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., based upon the "practices" of the study. For more information call 216-641-4919.

Community Police reports

(All information is preliminary and subject to change pending investigation.)

Garfield Heights

Aggravated Robbery

On Feb. 28, at 1:45 p.m., police responded to the 4800 block of E. 85 St., for a report of a female robbed at gunpoint by two males. The caller said the males took off running and jumped over a fence near where the incident occurred. The victim told police she was outside her house going to her car when two masked men jumped her and took her purse, cell phone, wallet and car keys. She fell to the ground as one of the men punched her in the

face. As she stood back up, one of the men put a gun to her back but did not demand or say anything. The victim said she saw the weapon and described it as a handgun. A short time later she said both men ran from the scene westbound and hopped her neighbor's fence. The suspects took her Louis Vuitton purse, \$2000 in cash, birth certificate, driver's license and Social Security card. A K9 track of the suspects had negative results. Report referred to the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau for follow-up.

Traffic Offense - OVI

On March 2, at about 12:45 a.m., GHPD units were dispatched to the 13700 block of the Granger Rd. area for a car that had struck a pole and flipped over. When officers arrived they found a 2009 Nissan 4-door sedan on its side and a utility pole broken in two places causing wires to hang across the roadway low enough that cars would not be able to pass. CEI was called and when they arrived told police to block off the road from E. 138 St. to the Maple Heights border until later in the morning when the transformer could be repaired.

The female driver got out of the car and was looked at by paramedics and then driven to Marymount Hospital. An officer went to Marymount and spoke with the woman, who told him she was fine. The officer noted she had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage about her, with glassy eyes, slurred speech and sluggish movements. She was given the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and showed obvious signs of intoxication. She was issued a citation for OVI and reckless operation and placed on ALS suspension.

Weapon Offense

On March 2, at 2:38 p.m., police attempted to initiate a traffic stop at E. 126 St. and Thornhurst Ave. The vehicle was a white 2014 Chevy Impala, which fled from officers and crashed and flipped over in the 4300 block of MLK in a back alley near the park. One male was on the ground there, conscious and breathing with scraped up

knees, who fled on foot, pursued by officers. During the pursuit the suspect threw a 9mm handgun which was confirmed stolen with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. He was transported to Marymount Hospital and found to be in possession of 63 grams of suspected marijuana and 12.6 grams of suspected crack cocaine.

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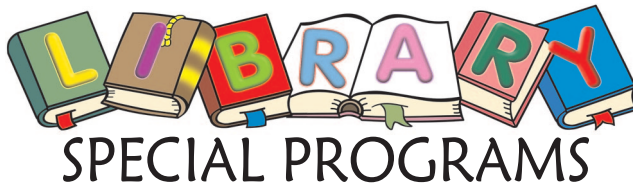
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Tinita Tillman
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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in March at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

PowerPoint 1 -Adults, Friday, March 10th, 10 a.m. The Library offers FREE tech training classes that cover digital literacy basics, Windows, Microsoft Office programs, digital imaging and cloud computing. Geared toward the beginner, this class offers an overview of Microsoft PowerPoint, a software program for designing creative presentations and slideshows. Create a simple presentation and learn how to add text, images and transitions to slides. Prerequisite: Word 1 or some experience using PowerPoint. **Earn a Northstar Digital Literacy Certificate for this class with the successful completion of an assessment.** MUST REGISTER

Beginning Crochet: Crochet Dishcloth - Adults, Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. Crocheting dishcloths are the ideal beginner project. They're small, simple and extremely useful, so you can make a bunch and your "practice" won't go to waste. Perfect for learning basic crochet skills. In this class, you will learn how to hold your yarn and hook, make a slip knot, chain and single crochet stitch. No experience is needed, and all materials will be supplied. MUST REGISTER

Chapter Book Champs, Wednesday, March 15th, 6:30 p.m. Whether you finished the book or not, join us for activities and a book discussion based on the following book: "Front Desk" by Kelly Yang. Registration will close

one week before the program. If you want to attend after registration closes, please call the Bedford Branch at 440-439-4997. MUST REGISTER

CCPL Adult Virtual Book Discussion "The Candy House," Wednesday, March 15th, 7 p.m. Join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of "The Candy House" by Jennifer Egan. Told through lives of multiple characters, this electrifying, deeply moving novel, spanning 10 years, follows "Own Your Unconscious," a new technology that allows access to every memory you've ever had, and to share every memory in exchange for success to the memories of others. MUST REGISTER

American Girl Adventures -2nd through 4th Graders, Saturday, March 18th, 2 p.m. Take a trip into history with the American Girl stories. Learn about one of the time periods with fun activities and crafts based on a different American Girl. Bring your doll for some added fun. Saturday, March 18th: - "Mary Ellen and the 1950s." MUST REGISTER

SAT Practice Test -Grades 6-12, Wednesday, March 22nd, 7 p.m. Sylvan Learning of Twinsburg is offering an SAT Diagnostic Test, allowing those taking the SAT in the near future to better understand what to focus on when prepping for the SAT. Students are required to bring a couple of pencils, calculator, and are encouraged to bring a water bottle for the practice test. MUST REGISTER

Scam BINGO -Adults, Thursday, March 23rd, 7 p.m. Learn about common consumer scams from a representative of the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs and have fun playing SCAMO (Scam Bingo). Join a representative from Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs to learn scam-fighting strategies to keep yourself safe, and have some fun in the process! MUST REGISTER

The African American Authors Book Group, In-Person or Virtual, Thursday, March 30th, 7 p.m. African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. All adults are welcome to discuss the book of the month. March Title: "It's Not All Downhill from Here: A Novel," by Terry McMillan. A group of friends, middle age African American women, help each other negotiate the second half of their lives.

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consider legislation allowing residents to keep chickens in their backyards, for eggs and as a potential food source, in response to rising grocery prices.

"I think farm animals belong on a farm, where they can have plenty of space, and can be healthy," Spinks said.

Some residents who spoke during the Hearing of Citizens portion of the meeting also said they did not want backyard chickens in Bedford.

Another citizen also commented that Bedford's smaller residential yards would not be ideal for keeping chickens, adding that noisy roosters should definitely not be allowed in the city.

Legislation

Council passed a resolution authorizing Mallis to execute a purchase agreement with 890 Broadway, LLC to buy the property at 890 Broadway Ave., at a cost of \$90,000, "to spur economic development in the area." The city already owns the majority of the vacant property across the street from the parcel, at Broadway and Union, according to the resolution.

The parcel mentioned in the legislation is the former Pidala Building that was vacated when the medical practice was sold, Mallis said. "We will be able to control this for future development."

Also passed was an ordinance authorizing a contract with National Pump and Process Inc., for emergency repairs to the tower influent pump at the city's Waste Water Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$29,460. The repairs were needed to ensure compliance with EPA standards, the legislation stated.

And passed was an ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent city water and sewer bills on those property owners who had failed to pay for over 60 days. Finance Director Jennifer Howland said the total delinquent amount owed to Bedford by the property owners was \$25,946.31.

Placed on first reading were two ordinances to create Community Reinvestment Areas (CRAs) in connection with the ongoing development and future occupancy of two parcels at the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park. The two companies that are relocating to the commerce park, one from Cleveland and the other from elsewhere in Bedford, are applying for separate 10-year, 70% property tax abatements, both of which also have to be approved by the Bedford School Board, Mallis said.

Both companies are planning to expand their existing workforces within the next few years once their relocations are complete, Mallis said.

Announcements

Bedford and the city of Brooklyn will share the services of a new building inspector, Mike Greer, who is expected to start his new job by the end of this month, Mallis said. Greer is the former assistant building commissioner for the city of Fairview Park.

Bedford will pay Greer's salary and bill Brooklyn for the work he performs in that city. Mallis thanked former Brooklyn Mayor Katie Gallagher and current Brooklyn Mayor Ron Van Kirk for their cooperation in coming up with the innovative agreement, formulated in response to the scarcity of qualified municipal building inspectors in the Northeast Ohio area.

The city of Garfield Heights and the Fair Housing Center will present a Fair Housing Law Overview event on Tuesday, April 4, from 6-8 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

Participants will learn their rights and responsibilities under fair housing law. Topics covered in this free seminar will include: federal, state and local fair housing laws; protected classes; additional protections for people with disabilities; prohibited acts; emerging issues and goals for fair housing. To register for the seminar, visit: thehousingcenter.org/events

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Girls born in 2011-2014 who are interested in joining the Girls team can contact GHgirlshockey@gmail.com and stop in on Sunday March 12, at 1 p.m., to get more information - or just watch a scrimmage game.

Pictured below are the 2022-23 In-House Hockey Team Players – showing off their brand new Bulldog jerseys (home and away) donated by Dan & Shelby Bauman, who have a daughter on the team who plays goalie.

Team members are, in alphabetical order: Mia Arancibia, Cameron Bauman, Yash Bhavani, Leland & Tomlin Bohler, Hosea Cole, TJ Eschmann, Drew & Grace Glavan, Matthew Lunger, Caleb, Isiaiah & Josh Muklewicz, Henry & Wesley Nichols, Fay & Lochlaw Yuhnke.



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Happy Birthday, Marcy!

Happy birthday today, Wednesday, March 8, to Marcella Shannon, Slavic Village civic activist, community organizer, former Ward 12 officer and block club president.

Family and her many friends wish Marcy a big "Happy Birthday" and many more to come.



Water Drive for E. Palestine

A Water Drive to help the residents of East Palestine, Ohio in their time of need is currently being held in Garfield Heights, sponsored by Ward 5 Councilwoman Rachele Tonsing. A recent train derailment occurred there that released 11 cars of hazardous materials in the small city near the Ohio and Pennsylvania border that contaminated the surrounding soil and caused concerns about the safety of drinking water. Donations of cases of water can be dropped off at Garfield Heights Fire Station #1, 5115 Turney Rd., until March 17.

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