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FREE

Garfield's own Marcus Johnson named All-Ohio Division I 'Player of Year'

The Division I and II boys basketball All-Ohio teams were announced Thursday by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

Marcus Johnson of Garfield Heights High School was named Player of the Year in the 2024 Division I Boys Basketball All-Ohio Teams. The 6'1" sophomore was also named to the All-Ohio First Team.

Named to the All-Ohio Second Team in Division I was Deandre Jones, a 6'9" senior from Garfield Heights High. Special Mention was earned by C.J. Little, a 6'2" senior from Garfield Heights High.

Earning Special Mention in Division I were Terrell Pollard, a 6'4" junior at Bedford High School and King Young, a 5'8" freshman at Maple Height High.

County awards local grants to improve public service

Cuyahoga County is allocating more than \$2.2 million to support community development and infrastructure projects in 16 municipalities across the county. The grants, from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant Program, will help to improve roads, bolster public safety and enhance city services.

The following localities in the NN readership area have been named beneficiaries of the grants:

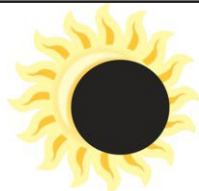
- The city of Bedford will receive up to \$150,000 for Bedford Police Department vehicles.
- The city of Maple Heights will receive up to \$150,000 for the Maple Heights Senior Center Emergency Generator Project.
- The Village of Newburgh Heights will receive up to \$150,000 for the resurfacing of Bridgeview Ave.

"We are proud to invest in our municipalities and support projects that strengthen our communities," said Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne. "The funding will enable local governments to address critical needs that will improve the quality of life for our residents. Together we are working towards building stronger, more resilient communities."

Cuyahoga County Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution authorizing Ronayne to execute the agreements at the March 26 meeting.

Closed for resurfacing

ODOT reports that Antenucci Blvd., in Garfield Heights, is scheduled to be resurfaced between Transportation Blvd. and Turney Rd. To facilitate the resurfacing, Conte Dr. at Carol Jean Blvd., will be closed on Tuesday, April 9, through late April. The estimated completion date for the project is September 2024.



Total Solar Eclipse set for Monday; events set in several southeast communities

Solar eclipse 'Watch Party' in Bedford

The city of Bedford, along with the rest of Northeast Ohio, is getting ready for the solar eclipse taking place on Monday, April 8, with a special "Watch Party" to be held at the Ellenwood Recreation Center that afternoon.

Bedford's Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the free outdoor watch party at the rec center, located at 124 Ellenwood Ave., between Broadway Ave. and Center Rd., from 2-4:30 p.m. There will be first come, first served lawn seating and parking, according to the city's website.

"Bring your blanket and your chair and you'll be able to set up in the grassy area behind Ellenwood," City Manager Mike Mallis said, adding that VIP indoor seating reservations are available, also on a first come, first serve basis.

The VIP seating will be inside the Ellenwood Rec gym, where the rare total solar eclipse will be broadcast on a screen, and participants will also have access to exit to the backyard for outdoor viewing. Fee for the indoor seating is free to Bedford Senior Club members and \$10 for nonmembers. Mallis said residents could go to bedfordoh.myrec.com for more information.

According to the website timeanddate.com, the April 8 eclipse will begin in Bedford at 1:59 p.m. Totality (when the moon entirely covers the sun) is expected to start at 3:15 p.m., and will last a little under four minutes. Duration of the entire event will be two hours and 30 minutes, ending at 4:29 p.m.

Eclipse party in Garfield Hts.

The city of Garfield Heights will present a Viewing Party for the Great American Eclipse on Monday, April 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 5672 Transportation Blvd. Free eclipse glasses to the first 400 people. Bring your own chair.

Slavic Village ready for Solar Eclipse

As the faithful filed out of the Shrine Church of St Stanislaus after Easter Sunday services, they were given eclipse safety viewers printed with the logo of the parish's 150th anniversary. It was the idea of parishioner, retired science teacher, and avid astronomer Bob Sledz, who still recalls his family's experience of a total solar eclipse in Europe in the late 1990s.

Many other Slavic Villagers are anticipating the once-in-a-lifetime celestial phenomenon, which will start with a slow dimming, then unfold into a dramatic, four-minute, mid-afternoon near-blackout beginning at 3:13 p.m., on Monday, April 8, travelling across the United States as the day progresses on a 130-mile-wide path of totality, southwest to northeast.

Early forecasts call for sun. But whatever the weather, the sky will be epic and the animals may react in peculiar ways. Street lights will flip on. Many schools and places of employment will be closed for the natural phenomenon. Scientists say the next one won't occur in northern Ohio until after everyone alive today is long dead, in

2444. The last one occurred in 1806, when "Slavic Village" was Newburg Township and barely populated farmland.

Polish American Cultural Center Eclipse Presentation

On Sunday, April 7, a Solar Eclipse presentation by Don Himes, will be held at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, at 1 p.m. Admission free.

An Eclipse Observation Celebration will be held at PACC on Monday, April 8, at noon, with food, beverages and music. The eclipse celebration is free; food and drink available for purchase.

Eclipse presentation in Maple Heights

Mayor Annette Blackwell has announced that Meteorologist Bryan Shaw, the son of a Maple Heights Senior

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Fleet Bunny Hop prevails



Diehard bunnies showed up (at least one on horseback!) in Slavic Village last Saturday despite rain threats to celebrate Easter and the start of spring at the 4th annual Fleet Bunny Hop.

Tagging along for the fun were Stinky Noodlz petting skunks from The Sanctuary and a horse from WOVU radio station for kids to ride on. Event producers the Community Yahoos gave special thanks to WOVU for their generous donation of bikes, electric scooters, soccer balls and games. Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer handed out goodie bags, coloring books and crayons.

LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in April 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.

Teen Tuesday, April 9, 3:30 p.m. Join us after school for a fun activity each month!
Paint a Pot Sustainability Craft -Grades K-5. Tuesday, April 9, 4 p.m. Join us to paint a terra-cotta pot. While the paint is drying, Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners will present about sustainability. Then each

child will plant seeds in their pot to take home and see how they grow! Registration is encouraged to ensure adequate supplies, but not required.

Navigate Wellness Online -Adults. Wednesday, April 10, 11 a.m. No one should be at a disadvantage in achieving good health if we can prevent it. University Hospitals is committed to ensuring that all community members can access and utilize the internet and digital health tools to manage their well-being. The goal is to empower patients to lead healthy, fulfilling lives and thrive in their communities. Tanaya Williams, Digital Health Coordinator at UH, will cover the MyChart application, offering support for activation and navigation, provide details about the UH On Demand Virtual Care program, and information on the Affordable Connectivity program. Digital health tools are key to delivering top-notch patient-centered treatment and a fair chance for everyone to receive quality care.

Ellenwood Book Discussion -Adults. Wednesday, April 10, 2 p.m. Attend our monthly book discussion at Ellenwood Community Cen-

ter. This month we're reading and discussing "Moonrise Over New Jessup" by Jamila Minnick. Copies of the book will be available at the Bedford Branch and at the Ellenwood Center one month before the date of the discussion. Based on the history of the many Black towns and settlements established across the country, Jamila Minnick's heart-felt and riveting debut is both a celebration of Black joy and a timely examination of the opposing viewpoints that attended desegregation in America.

Kids Cook! -Grades 3-6. Thursday, April 11, 4 p.m. Expand your cooking skills with quick, simple, and delicious recipes. This program may include activities that could be considered harmful. In order for your child to participate you must sign the Release and Hold Harmless form and return it to the program location at least one week prior to the program's start date. To access the form and learn more about parent options, please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed to capture this program's effectiveness. **MUST REGISTER**

Tuesday, April 16, 6-7 p.m.

Canva Basics Learn about Canva, a web-based program that makes graphic design easy, and how to create social media content, flyers and infographics with this free and intuitive website. Registration required. Monday, April 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Medicare 101 Come hear from an Ohio Department of Insurance representative to learn more about the ins and outs of Medicare. Wednesday, April 24, 6-7 p.m.

Innovation Center Hands-On Help Bring in a project you're working on and get help from a staff member. A previous Innovation Center orientation is required. Tuesday, April 30, 6-8 p.m.

Teens

Kitchen Skills Teens can come gain kitchen skills while preparing a simple and tasty dish! Registration required. Saturday, April 6, 2-3 p.m.

AV Club Teens can come and use the technology in the branch's Innovation Center to make a craft. Tuesday, April 9, 3:30-5 p.m.

Drop-In STEAM Teens can come do a fun maker or technology project using resources from the library's Innovation Center. Tuesday, April 16, 3-4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Solar Eclipse Patrons of all ages can come learn about the Solar Eclipse and how to safely view it! Eclipse glasses will be provided to attendees. Registration is required. Monday, April 8, 2-3 p.m.

Craft a Poozoa Children in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade can join us for various stations of games, arts and crafts! Registration required. Wednesday, April 17, 6-7 p.m.

Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered in April at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Dr., Independence. For more information or to register for any program, please call 216-447-0160.

Adults

Conquering America - The 60th Anniversary of the Beatles First American

Tour. Registration required. Experience the Beatles first American tour through photos, interviews and concert footage. This program will take place at the Independence Civic Center. Friday, April 5, 12:30 p.m.

Craft Swap and Exchange - Adult Craft. Registration required. Bring unwanted arts and crafts supplies you no longer want or need and exchange them for something new! Participants may arrive at 1 p.m. to unload and display their materials. Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.

Embracing Life in Your Garden. Registration required. Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will share techniques you can use to welcome pollinators and other beneficials to your vegetable garden and landscape. Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, April 17, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, April 18, 2:15 p.m.

Sondheim: A Retrospective - Adults. Registration required. Join us for a career retrospective of Stephen Sondheim, one of the greatest composers and lyricists of the 20th century. Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.

Larry Doby: A Baseball Pioneer - The First African American player in the American League. Registration required. Learn about the story behind this lesser-known, trailblazing local Cleveland athlete. Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Teens

Make a Bath Bomb! Registration required. Learn to make bath bombs at the library. Make them yourself or give them as a gift! This program is free and all materials will be provided. Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.



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Garfield Heights Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs available in April at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

Adults

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming sessions: Wednesday, April 10, 6-7 p.m.; Saturday, April 27, 3-4 p.m. Registration required.

A New Approach to Cybersecurity Join us to learn simple, practical ways to protect yourself and your family while navigating online. Presented by Kenneth Fanger. Thursday, April 11, 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "North Woods" by Daniel Mason.

Philomena's Bake Shop in S.V. gets JobsOhio grant

Philomena Bake Shop, located in the former Saucisson butcher shop at 5324 Fleet Ave., in Slavic Village, has been awarded a \$50,000 JobsOhio Inclusion Grant, as reported by Crain's Cleveland Business.

The women-owned Philomena's is a gluten-free, vegan, allergy-friendly bakery that will begin filling online orders at its new Fleet Ave. location on April 9, and is scheduled to open its retail storefront there in July.

The Jobs Ohio Inclusion Grant was developed to provide additional financial support for qualified projects in designated distressed communities and/or for businesses owned by underrepresented populations across the state.

Grant decisions are based on several project factors, including but not limited to company location, company ownership, jobs created and/or retained, and project fixed asset investment. Support is intended for small to medium-sized companies.

Businesses could be eligible for a JobsOhio Inclusion Grant if they meet at least one of the following two requirements:

1. At least 51% of the business is owned, managed and controlled by an underrepresented population as defined by JobsOhio. Underrepresented populations includes consideration of geographic location, race, ethnicity, gender, veterans, and disabled. Racial or ethnic makeup includes African American, Hispanic, Alaska Natives and Pacific Islanders. Women-owned, Veteran-owned and Disabled-owned business must be either certified as such or otherwise be able to verify.

2. The project is located in a distressed community as defined by the Economic Innovation Group, Distressed Communities zip code Index Map.

CLE City Council OKs bill for initial financing of Hopkins Airport renovation

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed legislation to take the first step towards the Cleveland Hopkins Airport Masterplan Renovation.

Council approved an ordinance authorizing the city to go out for \$175 million in revolving lines of credit and/or other short-term debt. This debt will be fully paid for by the airlines who agreed to fund the first phase of Hopkins International Airport's master plan. The initial \$175 million will be used for limited construction and more detailed planning on the master plan which will ultimately remake and renovate the airport.

Council also approved four pieces of legislation that allows the city to refinance bond debt the city had taken out that can be refinanced at a lower rate over the next three years.

Legislation was introduced, sponsored by Councilman Brian Kazy, directing the city's law director to fully enforce a state law passed in 1996 - after Browns owner Art Modell announced his team would be moving out of the city - that puts conditions and restrictions on sports team owners who use tax-supported facilities and receive financial support from the city.

The so-called "Art Modell" state law was sponsored by then-state senator Dennis Kucinich in response to the team moving to Baltimore. The Browns lease on the city-owned stadium is up in 2028.

There will be no Cleveland City Council meeting on April 8. It's Eclipse Day! The next meeting will be Monday, April 15.

Maple Hts. eclipse presentation (Continued from Page 1)

Center member, will give a special presentation on the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd. Shaw will discuss the mechanics of the solar eclipse, including the science involved, to get attendees ready for the eclipse which is expected to start at 3:13 p.m. on April 8 and last about four and a half minutes. The event is free and open to all. Those interested in attending are asked to call 216-587-5481 to reserve a place.

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Washington Park Community School

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The Washington Park Board of Directors will have a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

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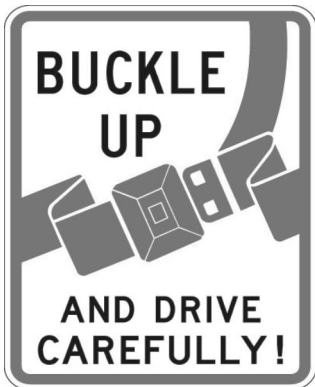
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PROBATE COURT OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO
KEVIN W. DUNN, JUDGE

IN RE: The Adoption of Maya Lou Bux
Case No. 2023-10-AD-0052

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION
Notice must be served not less than 20 days before the date of the hearing [R.C. 3107.11]

To: **Deja Banks**
Unknown

You are hereby notified that on 10/20/2023, **Elizabeth Marie Bux**, filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of **Damiyah Si'nae Banks**, a minor, whose date of birth is 08/06/2021, and for change of the name of the minor to **Maya Lou Bux**. This Court, located at 225 East Washington St, 4th Floor, Medina, OH 44256, will hear the petition on 5/22/2024 at 9:00 AM. It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of **Deja Banks** is not required due to the following:

X	That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
X	That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
	State other grounds under R.C. 3107.07 (includes putative father of the minor born prior to January 1, 1997). _____

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By: LeAnna Hernandez
Deputy Clerk

18.2 Notice of Hearing on Petition for Adoption NN: 4-3, 4-10, 4-17-24

From the Mayor's Desk



By Mayor Jack Bacci, Village of Cuyahoga Heights

Mayor gives overview of projects planned in C.H.

Dear Friends in the Cuyahoga Heights Business Community,

I trust that you are enjoying a happy and healthy 2024 and looking forward to the spring season as everything starts to turn green. Just like every year, the village has several important capital projects that have continued to move forward since we last updated our businesses and are in various stages of either planning, construction or on hold—waiting for other stakeholders to complete their work scope so we can proceed.

Grant Avenue Repaving Project

This one is going to cause some headaches although this project is long overdue and it will ultimately test the patience of E. 71 St. residents and businesses patience. We have been notified that the project will commence in July of 2024 with ONE-WAY traffic being implemented both east and west away from I-77. This undertaking will mostly be funded by outside sources and is estimated to be substantially complete in the early winter of 2024 with final clean up and restoration in the spring of 2025. This curb-to-curb repaving will have Grant Avenue in excellent

condition for the next 12-15 years.

I-77 Project

ODOT's upcoming project is slated for 2025 which will replace the pavement and widen shoulders on I-77 from the Canal Road overpass to I-490 and will cost \$86 million. This is a 5-year project which includes the following improvements:

- Reconstructing the I-77 and ramp pavements, drainage system, lighting and signing.
- Widening the I-77 median shoulders.
- Building retaining walls.
- Replacing the right-of-way fencing along the entire corridor.
- Building a pedestrian underpass and extending Morgana Run Trail under I-77.
- Building the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Trail from E. 48 St. to Pershing Avenue.

ODOT/CSX Railroad Bridge Over I-77

ODOT in conjunction with CSX will be replacing the railroad bridge over I-77 located south of Grant Avenue. This new structure will no longer require a center pier and will make way for the I-77 reconstruction project from Brecksville Road to Broadway Avenue which is to commence in 2024-2028. The project consists of the removal of the existing bridge, drilled shaft foundations and new beam erections. The CSX bridge replacement is set to begin in June 2024 and be completed by October 2026.

NEORSD Southerly Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station Electrical Service Project

Beginning in March and around the area of NEORSD's Environmental & Maintenance Services Center, located at 4747 E. 49 St., the following project will begin and include the noted improvements: provide electrical power service from the Southerly WWTC to the Southerly Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station site and Southerly Tunnel and Consolidation project site; new buried duct banks, manholes, handholes; new 15 kV medium voltage cables; installation of two – 20-inch steel casing pipes by the jack-and-bore method under E. 49 St. to facilitate installation of the electrical ducts and cabling under the roadway.

All construction traffic is required to travel south along E. 49 St. Construction traffic traveling north on E. 49 St.

past the railroad overpass will be prohibited. There will be no weekend work hours without special approval. All work should be completed by June 1, 2024.

NEORSD Southerly Tunnel Work

In April 2024, NEORSD will start construction on the Southerly Tunnel & Consolidation Project, and in 2027 the construction of the Southerly Pump Station Project will be underway in Cuyahoga Heights. These two projects are part of Project Clean Lake, the Sewer District's program to protect Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga River and other waterbodies by reducing the volume of combined sewage overflowing into the environment during heavy rain events.

The tunnel is scheduled to be completed in late 2027, and the pump station construction will end in late 2029. The main tunnel construction site will be in an open lot located at 4700 E. 49 St., which is across the street from the Sewer District's Environmental & Maintenance Services Center. This site will be the permanent home of the pump station as well.

In closing, although many of these projects will cause us some form of heartburn during construction, upon their completion they will continue to keep our small community vibrant and visible to all those who live, work and visit here, as well as to those who may wish to do so in the future.

Garfield Hts. Council update

Garfield Heights Council met on Monday, March 25, in regular session and voted to participate in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District program for the reconstruction of catch basins in the city, including all applications, agreements and contracts as may be required by the NEORSD to secure the funds requested.

Also passed was an ordinance to amend a section of the codified ordinances of the city in regard to nepotism. The amended section aligns the language of the codified ordinances with Ohio Ethics Law and a chapter of the Ohio Revised Code and defines the word "relative" which was previously undefined.

The final ordinance on Monday's agenda was concerning fees at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center to reflect current competitive pricing. The legislation was sent for a second reading to ensure the language reflected all family structures (parent and/or guardian rather than father and/or mother).

Mayor Matt Burke announced at council that he will be holding a Community Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 18, when he will present his State of the City Address to residents.

The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for Monday, April 8.

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- Pinzone's Market (6046 Broadview Rd.)
- Maple Hts. Catering (17330 Broadway Ave.)
- Buckeye Quality Meats (9356 OH-14)
- Fairfax Market (2190 E. 105 St., Cleveland)
- Vermilion Farm Market (2901 Liberty Ave.)

Ham winners named!

Due to the generosity of 36 local merchants, a total of 36 Easter Hams were given away in the annual Neighborhood News Ham Giveaway. The names of participating merchants and ham winners are listed below:

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Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life, 5349 Dolloff Rd. - Jesse Norris of Hosmer Ave.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 7422 Harvard Ave. - Felicia Greczanik of Clement Ave.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 4948 Turney Rd. - Kathy Cermak of Wynde Trail; **Dependable Electric**, 440-845-8661 - T. Smiley of Grand Division; **Mayor Trevor Elkins**, Village of Newburgh Heights - Agnes Lachman of Grace Ave.; **First Federal Lakewood**, 12648 Rockside Rd., Garfield Commons - Ann Kotowski of E. 135 St.; **Flava Catering**, 12540 Rockside Rd., Garfield Commons - Stan Faiken of Andover Blvd.; **Gas USA**, 7020 Harvard Ave. - Irvin Chase of Clement Ave.

Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Brecksville Rd. - Bob Danis of E. Schaaf Rd.; **It's A Must Cafe**, 9812 Garfield Blvd.; Charles Brynak of Orme Rd.; **Councilman Avery Johnson**, Garfield Hts. Ward 4 - Dolores Kubicek of E. 88 St.; **Maple Heights Hardware**, 16460 Broadway Ave.; Susan Scott of E. 135 St.; **Matrix III Income Tax Service**, 5258 Transportation Blvd., Frank Krajewski of Forman Ave.; **PNC Bank**, 7101 Broadway Ave. - Carol Gasiewski of E. 63 St.; **R & K Sausage and Catering**, 7700 Harvard Ave. - Linda Kish of Pleasant Hill; **Rad Air, Complete Car Care**, 5266 Turney Rd. - Char Konicki of Shady Way; **RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc.**, 5306 Transportation Blvd. - Nancy Fitch of Grannis; **Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon**, 8809 Garfield Blvd., Don Moracz of Independence.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft

On March 27, an officer spoke to a resident who lives in the 5100 block of E. 113 St., and he said that on March 18, he received an email from Blockchain Financial stating he owned Paypal \$571.99. He emailed them back and got a phone call stating he needed to purchase some gift cards to repay the debt. The complainant said he accidentally entered \$5,700 on his computer screen for the amount he owned. Someone from Blockchain Financial said they couldn't fix the error and he now had to pay that amount. They told him to buy \$5,700 worth of Sephora gift cards. The victim went to Giant Eagle on March 19, and bought the \$5,700 in gift cards and gave Blockchain all the gift card codes. After talking to his son, the victim realized he had been scammed. He was later contacted by Blockchain asking for \$1,000 more but he refused. The victim used his Huntington Bank Master Card to purchase the gift cards and the bank is working with him to resolve the issue.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On March 24, at about 8:15 p.m., police were dispatched to Boulevard Convenient, 8808 Garfield Blvd., for a report of a physical fight within the store between two males. Dispatch advised that the vehicle one of the parties was leaving in was a tan van. Officers spot-

ted the van at the intersection of Turney Rd. and Garfield Blvd., and attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the van took off east on Parkview Ave. The driver then pulled into a driveway of a home in the 9900 block of Parkview Ave. The driver got out of his car and, after ignoring commands by police, was taken to the ground and handcuffed. He told police, "The other guy started it," regarding the fight at the convenience store and was advised he had criminally trespassed. He was placed under arrest and charged with fleeing and eluding, driving under suspension and improper lane change.

Traffic Offense-Reckless

On March 30, about 3 p.m., an officer was stationary on I-480 at the Turney Rd. overpass turnaround,

monitoring westbound traffic for aggressive driving. He observed a white pickup truck to be speeding and clocked the vehicle at 84 mph. The officer followed the truck so he could conduct a traffic stop. The suspect driver improperly and recklessly changed lanes and crossed all four lanes without signaling or slowing down to yield right of way to other traffic and exited the freeway at Transportation Blvd. Police found the truck in a field just west of the I-480 west ramps at the Transportation Blvd. traffic lights. The vehicle had crashed there but both the driver and his female occupant assured the officer they were fine. The driver was checked through LEADS and was found to have no outstanding warrants but his driver's license had been suspended for noncompliance. The female passenger was confirmed to have an active warrant with Parma PD and one in Trumbull County. It was also found the pair had a history of drug abuse. Other officers arrived on scene with a K-9 unit, which was able to alert police for something suspicious in the driver's door. Police then


searched the truck and found drug paraphernalia used to smoke crack cocaine. Officers also searched outside the truck by the tree the driver had been standing beside when police initially arrived and found two used hypodermic syringes known for heroin use along with a glass pipe with burnt residue.

The suspect admitted he didn't want to get caught with fentanyl so he had swallowed a baggie with 3-4 grams of it inside. He was taken to Marymount Hospital for treatment and issued several traffic citations and a summons for possession of drug abuse instruments and given a court date.

Theft-Firearm

On March 28, a little after 1 p.m., police received a call from a woman who lives in the 8100 block of Garfield Blvd. She said some time between March 24, at 6 p.m., and March 25, at 1:11 p.m., someone stole her loaded handgun, a forest green Springfield Hellcat .9mm, from her kitchen table. Approximate value \$300. The weapon was entered into LEADS.

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Mayor swears in new Civil Service member in Bedford

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Mayor Stan Koci swore Chris Bulanda into a term as a new member of the city's Civil Service Commission at Monday's council meeting. Koci said the Commission does a "great job selecting and vetting out our prospects for the police and fire departments, and over the years it's been a great tradition of good, solid people that we've gotten into those roles."

Bulanda stated, "I'm honored to be appointed to this commission. I'm always looking for ways to serve the community, and I'm really looking forward to it."

On agenda

Council approved all of the ordinances on the agenda at Monday's meeting, including:

- Contract with Fallsway Equipment Co., Inc., to outfit two recently purchased 2024 Chevrolet Tahoes for the police department, at a total cost of \$33,455.18.

- Approving an insurance assessment through the Ohio Municipal Joint Self Insurance Pool to provide the city "coverage of open known and unknown claim liabilities" through the purchase of a reinsurance policy, at a cost of \$191,759 for a two-year period beginning Monday, April 1.

- Amending the city's budget for the year 2024, to make additional appropriations for current expenditures. Finance Director Jennifer Howland explained that the budget amendment was needed to include the appropriation for the insurance assessment, as well as appropriate funds left over from last year and include grant funding that came in during the year. The amendment will also include appropriating the 3% increases in pay for city employees after union agreements were recently approved.

- Adoption of new matter in the city's codified ordinances to "approve, adopt and enact" new replacement legislation to the codified ordinances, and to "repeal

certain ordinances in conflict therewith or deemed obsolete." The changes include sections and chapters of the city's Traffic Code and the General Offenses Code.

Announcements

Koci thanked everyone for their well wishes and prayers while he was undergoing recent medical care. "I'm all better, but I certainly appreciate all the calls and letters, and especially the prayers as they all worked. I feel great and I'm ready to keep going."

Mallis announced that the design of the Turney Road Resurfacing Project had been completed with construction to begin in June shortly after school lets out.

Ward 2 Councilman Steve Salvi noted there will be a special Ward 2 meeting held on Monday, May 13, and encouraged residents to attend.

Polish American Cultural Center presents...

Story of the Copernican Revolution

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