MHHS names valedictorian

Amari Sledge was named Maple Heights High School’s 2019 valedictorian at commencement exercises held May 30th.

Congratulations to Amari and all MHHS graduates!

Slavic Village salutes America’s 243rd birthday

All residents and friends of Slavic Village are invited to join the Iron Ward Festival in honoring the Fourth of July just a little early, at its 15th annual Old Fashioned Independence Day Spectacular on Wednesday evening, July 3rd, beginning at 7 p.m. at Dan Kane Park on East 65th Street near Broadway Avenue. There will be no concert on Monday.

The Iron Ward Festival site will be festooned in red, white-and-blue, combining classic American patriotism with down-home community fun. Organizers hope for sunny skies and summery temperatures.

The evening starts with the singing of the National Anthem and the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The celebration will then kick into high gear, with live music by Freddie Pollard’s Old Skool Band. There will be games and entertainment for kids of all ages plus a coloring contest with a patriotic theme, face-painting, red-white-and-blue balloons and glow-in-dark necklaces handed out.

All visitors will be treated to freshly grilled hot dogs and ice cream, a 50/50 raffle and tons of door prizes. Grand prize will be a Char-Broil grill including accessories, grill cover and propane tank, donated by Shannon Landscaping and Snowplowing.

Admission is free. The event is made possible through the generosity of Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli, Slavic Village Development, Neighborhood Connections and many resident volunteers.

For the Independence Day celebration visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and cameras as well as their friends, family and neighbors. For more information, call 216-469-4806.

Reward offered

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is offering a reward for information that would lead to the capture of fugitive Jalen Smith. Smith is wanted by the United States Marshal’s Service and Maple Heights Police Department on two counts of aggravated murder.

If you have any information in reference to Jalen Smith, please contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED or text keyword WANTED and your tip to 847411 (TIP411). Tipsters can remain anonymous.

Cuyahoga County relocating Garfield Heights auto title bureau to Bedford

Cuyahoga County is relocating one of its five automobile title bureaus from Garfield Heights to Bedford. The temporary auto title bureau location at 14000 Broadway Ave., Garfield Heights, was permanently closed yesterday at the close of business. The license plate and driver’s license services in Garfield Heights ceased being a business there several weeks ago. The auto title bureau will reopen at its new location at 22121 Rockside Rd., Bedford, this Monday, July 1.

The new auto title office will be located next to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles deputy registrar and driver’s examination station. This will enable residents and dealerships within the county to have “one-stop-shopping” for all their vehicle titling, operating and registration needs.

The hours of operation for the new Bedford auto title location will be: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays – closed; Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Other Cuyahoga County Title Bureau locations include: Automobile Title, 1585 Golden Gate Plaza, Mayfield Heights; Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office, Auto Title Division, 2079 E. 9th St., 3rd floor, Cleveland; Automobile Title, 12100 Snow Rd., Suite #15, Parma; Automobile Title, 27029 Brookpark Rd. Extension, North Olmsted.

For questions or additional information please call the Cuyahoga County Automobile Title Main Branch at 216-443-8900.

Woman shoots Slavic Village man who made her feel 'uncomfortable'

Police arrested a 24-year-old woman for allegedly shooting a 45-year-old Slavic Village man on June 24.

The victim said he met the woman at the gas station on the corner of East 71st Street and Fleet Avenue. He invited her to his residence in the 4000 block of East 78th Street, where she went into the bathroom. When the woman exited, she fired two rounds, hitting the man in the stomach and leg, and left the house. Police found two 9mm spent casings and one slug on the living room floor.

Police located the suspect on Jones Road, who confirmed that she had met the man at the gas station and went to his house. However, she stated the man propositioned her for $50 and grabbed her buttocks, making her feel uncomfortable. She said she walked into the bathroom, loaded her gun and shot the man. She told police she had made no attempt to leave the house before the shooting. She also admitted to having a bag of suspected marijuana in her bra.

The woman was arrested for felonious assault and drug abuse. The victim was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center. The incident is under investigation.

GED classes at library

GED/HSE classes are available on Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 79 Columbus Rd., Bedford.

Aspire Greater Cleveland provides free GED/HSE classes at Cuyahoga County Public Library branches. Students must attend a three-day orientation series before beginning classes. For orientation and class information, call 833-ASPIRE2 (833-277-4732) or visit aspiregreatercleveland.org. Registration is a must.

I-77 north and soundbound, Transportation Blvd. entrance and exit ramps closed Friday to Monday

I-77 north and soundbound between I-480 and I-490, as well as the Harvard Avenue ramp to I-77 south, will close from Friday, June 28, at 8 p.m. through Monday, July 1, at 5 a.m. for structural steel erection work. Motorists will detour via SR 176 for the I-77 closing and via East 49th Street to Grant Avenue for the Harvard Avenue ramp closing.

Additionally, crews will close the Transportation Boulevard entrance and exit ramps to I-480 westbound from Wednesday, June 26, at 8 p.m. to Thursday, June 27, at 5 a.m. for paving work. Motorists who want to access Transportation Boulevard will detour via Broadway Avenue to Granger Road to Transportation Boulevard. Motorists who want to access I-480 west will detour via I-480 east to Granger Road to I-480 west.
**Pineapple Date Bars**

1/3 cup butter or margarine  
2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
egg  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1 1/3 cups drained crushed pineapple  
1 cup dates, cut fine  
1/2 cup walnuts  
2 cups sifted flour  
1 tsp. salt  

Cream butter or margarine. Gradually add sugars and egg. Blend well. In a large bowl, stir soda into crushed pineapple; add dates, nuts and flour sifted together with salt. Add butter-sugar-egg mixture and blend all thoroughly. Spread into greased 12- x 8-inch pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Cut into bars while warm.

**Jean Kaminsky, Garfield Heights, from “The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary Cookbook”**

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**Charlie’s Baked Ribs**

4 lbs. spareribs, cut into serving pieces  
1 can (12 oz.) beer  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
2 T. chili sauce  
2 T. ketchup  
2 T. lemon juice  
2 T. brown sugar  
2 tsp. chili powder  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
2 tsp. prepared mustard  
1 tsp salt  
Dash pepper  

Arrange spareribs in large roasting pan. Cover with heavy duty aluminum foil. Bake at 375 degrees for one hour. While ribs are cooking, combine beer, onion, chili sauce, ketchup, lemon juice, brown sugar, chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, salt and pepper. Simmer about 5 minutes. Pour drippings from roasting pan. Spoon half the sauce over partially cooked ribs. Bake one hour longer, brushing ribs often with remaining sauce. Turn ribs once or twice.

**Sharon Perk, Valley View, from “The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary Cookbook”**

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**Try these delicious summertime treats for your upcoming 4th of July picnic - or anytime!**

And don’t forget to email us your favorite warm weather recipes to nnews1923@aol.com to share with our readers in a upcoming issue.
Newburgh looks to perform flow testing on new sewer

By Danielle Toth

At its regular meeting June 18, Newburgh Heights Village Council approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) member community cost share program.

The village wants to perform flow testing on the newly constructed sewer on East 54th Street and Brow Avenue, and this program would help pay for the cost.

The testing is considered a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the NEORSD programs, according to the ordinance.

Council also approved an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a service agreement with WOW! for phone and Internet service.

Kathy Edwards Park will receive an upgrade as council approved the purchase of mulch from Midstates Recreation to restore the area under the playground equipment at a cost not to exceed $1,550. The village has already power-washed the playground equipment in preparation for the summer.

Council also approved granting Lt. Mike Marniella, who returned to the force, 80 vacation hours based on his previous service with the village, and hiring Daniel Peacock as a part-time patrol officer for the department.

Police Chief John Majoy reported that Newburgh Heights will be moving to Chagrin Valley Dispatch, the communication center for 16 municipalities in the Chagrin Valley and greater Cleveland area, in the next few weeks. Majoy said the department is ready and prepared for the move.

Majoy also said the police department’s new website is now live at https://newburgh-oh.gov/police-department.

Councilwoman Gigi Traore said she is celebrating her first full year on council.

She filled her first full year on council.

Gregory Watts gets life

Gregory Watts, 58, was sentenced to life in prison for the March 2018 murder of Tasha Kushner, according to court records. He will be eligible for parole after 25 years.

Kushner, 31, was found dead in her home in the 6100 block of Morton Avenue in the North Broadway neighborhood of Slavic Village. According to the Cuyahoga County medical examiner, Kushner died from blunt force injuries to the head and neck.

Watts was found guilty on two counts of murder, and one count each of aggravated murder, aggravated burglary, kidnapping and felonious assault.
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Theft

On June 22 at about 8:50 a.m., officers responded to a home in the 3400 block of East 70th Street for a report of several items missing. Officers arrived and observed that both doors had been kicked in. There were signs that squatters had been “hanging out” inside the home. The items taken include two toilets, 10 cabinets, 100 feet of copper pipe, one hot water tank, one boiler and two tubs. The reporting person had last been to the property on June 1.

Motor vehicle theft

• On June 20 at about 8:30 a.m., officers responded to the 6800 block of Park Avenue for a motor vehicle theft report. The complainant said that at about 8:15 a.m., she noticed a plant had been moved from the ground in front of her window and that the window was open. She also noticed her purse and car keys were missing. She then walked outside and discovered her vehicle was missing from her driveway. The woman found her purse in a nearby garbage can with miscellaneous items inside the purse.

• On June 19 at about 12:15 p.m., police responded to the 5300 block of Barkwill Avenue for a car trailer theft report. The complainant said he last saw his trailer on June 18 at about 4 p.m. when he closed up his shop. When he arrived at work in the morning, he noticed the fence was broken and his trailer was missing. Video surveillance footage shows a white van pull up, break the fence, then back up, attach the trailer and leave. The incident happened at about 9:20 p.m. The victim was advised to download the surveillance video and give it to detectives.

• On June 18 at about 12:45 p.m., officers responded to the 3500 block of East 59th Street for a motor vehicle theft report. The complainant said he woke up that morning to find his pickup truck missing from his driveway. The vehicle was taken without keys.

Garfield Heights

Assist other departments

On June 20 at about 2:05 p.m., a crisis intervention officer responded to the area of Mill Creek and Warner Road to assist the Cuyahoga Heights and Newburgh Heights police departments with a naked man swimming in Mill Creek. When the officer arrived, the man was hanging onto a tree extended over the creek bank. The man had psychiatric issues and was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the report noted. After officers spoke to the man for about two hours, he accepted a rope and hanging onto a tree extended over the creek bank. The man had psychiatric issues and was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the report noted. After officers spoke to the man for about two hours, he accepted a rope and

Recovered stolen auto

On June 17 at about 5:35 p.m., police performed a random registration check on a vehicle traveling northbound on Turney Road near Antenucci Boulevard. The vehicle came back as stolen through Cleveland Heights.

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Community police reports (Continued from Page 4)

Officers followed the car and attempted a traffic stop on East 111th Street. The vehicle failed to stop and continued driving through Garfield Heights, finally stopping at the fence near the dead end of East 99th Street, where the occupants fled the vehicle. Officers were able to apprehend the driver, passenger and a rear-seat occupant. One or two occupants escaped capture. The car was released to Cleveland Heights police. The three apprehended juveniles were transported to city jail and booked. Charges pending through the youth bureau include no driver’s license, seat belt, stop signs and reckless operation. The juveniles were released to their parents.

Motor vehicle theft

• On June 20 at about 1:55 a.m., police responded to Speedway gas station at 5122 Turney Rd. for a report of a stolen vehicle. The victim said she went to the side window of the gas station to purchase some items and left the car’s engine running. When she noticed her vehicle moving backward, she went to the vehicle and saw a man in the driver’s seat trying to flee. She attempted to grab her purse from the car, but the man began punching her. She fell to the ground, and the man ran her over. She was transported to Marymount Hospital for treatment of injuries to her left arm. The Speedway employee said he did not see the man or the altercation. Video surveillance evidence was consistent with the victim’s account. About two hours later, Cleveland police contacted Garfield Heights police to say they had recovered the vehicle and the suspect during a traffic stop at East 93rd Street and Buckeye Road. The driver was charged with felony assault, aggravated robbery, theft of a motor vehicle and driving under suspension.

• On June 15 at about noon, a woman came to the station to report that her vehicle had been stolen from her driveway in the 4600 block of E. 94th Street. Between about 11:30 and 11:45 a.m., the woman left the car running while she went into the house. When she came out she discovered the vehicle missing. The vehicle was given to dispatch to enter into the system.

• On June 9 at about 10:40 p.m., officers responded to the 6000 block of Andover Boulevard for a report of a stolen vehicle. The owner said she parked her car on the street in front of her apartment building between 1 and 2 p.m. and left the residence in another car and returned at about 7 p.m. She then discovered the vehicle was missing.

She did not know if it was locked at the time of the incident. Police entered the vehicle into LEADS/NCIC as stolen and advised the woman to contact her insurance company.

Theft

On June 13 at about 4:05 p.m., police responded to Big Lots at 12588 Rockside Road for a theft complaint. Officers spoke with the manager, who said he investigated an employee for suspicious transactions related to his employee discount. The employee admitted to the transactions. The manager calculated the suspect had stolen about $1,085 in a six-month period. He also admitted to taking food and drink from the store without paying for it. The employee was arrested for felony theft.

Criminal mischief

On June 14 at about 10:20 a.m., police responded to the 11000 block of Langston Avenue for a report of vandalism. The complainant said that between 9 a.m. on June 11 and 10 a.m. on June 14 someone egged the house. He said he owns the property but does not currently reside there. He also said he believed the vandalism was caused by a former tenant who was evicted. The man said he would clean the house.
Maple Hts. seniors get new vans!

On Monday, June 24, Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell took delivery of two 10-passenger light transit vans for the Maple Heights Senior Center. They were awarded to the city through the grant process from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency’s 2018 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors And Individuals with Disabilities Program.

The Mayor surprised the seniors with her announcement that the new vans were waiting for their approval in the back of the Senior Center. She was met with big smiles, applause and gratitude.

Polish Heritage Garden welcomes visitors

All are invited to tour the Heritage Garden of the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Slavic Village, during “Garden Walk Cleveland” on Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Garden’s function is to provide a venue for concerts, a gathering place on holidays and for community activities.

The garden includes a circular historical walkway highlighting key events in Polish history and benches and gathering areas all situated in a luscious garden setting. A future outdoor stage is planned.

Blood donation opportunities listed

The American Red Cross urges donors of all blood types to give now to help prevent delays in medical care. During the summer months, especially around holidays like Independence Day, donations often don’t keep pace with patient needs. The Red Cross is thanking all those who donate July 1 to 6 with an exclusive Red Cross Missing Types T-shirt, while supplies last.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Donors can attend these upcoming blood donation opportunities:

- July 1: 1 to 7 p.m. Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive, Independence
- July 9: 2 to 7 p.m., Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood, Bedford
- July 10: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd., Independence