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FIREWORKS

Suspects arrested in S.V., M.H. homicides

ABDUL LAKES

On June 26, members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NEOVFTF) arrested Abdul Lakes, 19, for homicide, NEOVFTF officials said.

On the evening of May 26, witnesses reported hearing multiple gunshots in the area of an abandoned home in the 7800 block of New York Avenue off Warner Road. Upon arrival officers and medics administered first aid to Nijil Bulger, 21, according to NEOVFTF. EMS conveyed him to MetroHealth Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

On scene police learned that witnesses observed what appeared to be a dice game at the property, according to Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia, public information officer for the Cleveland Division of Police.

The Cleveland Police Department issued a warrant for Lakes on June 12, and the case was turned over to the task force for investigation into Lakes' whereabouts on June 19. Officers learned that Lakes was staying with family on the west side of Cleveland. He was arrested without incident in the 3500 block of West 129th Street in Cleveland.

"Violence committed by young members of our society has been on the increase, and our task force will remain committed to keeping the community safe from such violence," U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott said.

JALEN SMITH

The state of Pennsylvania Attorney General's Task Force arrested a 19-year-old man wanted for murder last week, according to the Maple Heights Police Department.

Jalen Smith is a suspect in a double homicide and attempted murder that occurred March 16 in Maple Heights on Brunswick Avenue, police said. Smith has two warrants for the murders of Willie Ivey and Julius Moore and more charges to follow, police said.

The Pennsylvania Attorney General's Task Force was conducting a drug enforcement operation in western Pennsylvania unrelated to this case and apprehended Smith. He will be extradited back to Cleveland to stand trial for his criminal charges.

The investigation is still ongoing, and anyone with further information is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Tips can also be made using Crime Stoppers via their website, text or hotline at 216-252-7463.

The Maple Heights Police Department extends its thanks to the United States Marshals Service and the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Task Force for their cooperation and assistance in capturing Smith.

Send us your 'Gorgeous Grandma' photos to celebrate her day July 23

National Gorgeous Grandma Day is on Tuesday, July 23, so we're asking all those grandkids out there to email us a photo of your grandma along with a couple lines saying why you think she's so incredible!

We'll help Grandma celebrate her big day by printing her picture in the July 17th edition of The Neighborhood News, free of charge. Email us her high resolution jpeg photo, sent as an attachment, and include her name and yours in the email so you can get full credit for your amazing choice in grandmas.

Deadline for submission is Friday, July 12, at 5 p.m. Email to: nnews1923@aol.com.

Neighborhood News closed on July 4

Due to the Independence Day holiday tomorrow, July 4, the offices at The Neighborhood News will be closed and will reopen Friday, July 5, at 9 a.m. Normal deadlines will apply.

The NN management and staff wish all our readers and advertisers a safe and happy holiday weekend. We've got information on local parades and fireworks, safety tips and summertime recipes inside this issue to get your holiday off to a bang - enjoy!

Correction

Due to incorrect information submitted, an article on July GED classes at the Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 79 Columbus Rd., Bedford, was inaccurate. There are no GED classes on Mondays and Tuesdays in July. Contact the library at 440-439-4997 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for future GED classes.

St. Monica Summer Series presents Brian Papesh Band

The St. Monica Summer Series presents Party at the Pavilion on Thursday, July 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at St. Monica Parish, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights.

Admission is free with live entertainment by the Brian Papesh Band. There will be food, pop, beer, 50/50 raffle and fun for all!

Thanks are extended to the anonymous Series sponsor and Ferfolia Funeral Homes for being the event sponsor. Bring your lawn chairs and come for the evening!

In case of storms, the event will be held in the school cafeteria.

Death Notices

David A. Jurgens

David A. Jurgens, 60, born April 15, 1959, passed away peacefully on June 15 at the VA hospice in Cleveland.

Dave was the owner and operator of B-Safe Automotive on Garfield Boulevard in Garfield Heights for many years and his father before him.

He is survived by his sons Tyler and Austin Jurgens, siblings Cathy Jurgens and Dale Jurgens (wife Barb), along with several nieces and nephews.

Dave was preceded in death by his wife Anna, son Rory, parents Pete and Sue, and sister Laurie.



Dave loved to make people laugh and enjoyed life. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

N.N. online

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The entire newspaper is available on the N.N. website every Wednesday morning and can be read in Adobe Acrobat. Just click on the front page to download the remaining pages. Archives and other features will be added as the website evolves.

Bacci scholarship winners named in Cuyahoga Hts.



Bernadette Menkhaus



Jordan Sturgill

The Bacci family has announced the winners of the two scholarships given to Cuyahoga Heights High seniors each year in honor of their parents, Louis and Lillian Bacci.

Winning the \$1000 scholarship was Bernadette "BeBe" Merkhaus, who will be attending Franciscan University at Steubenville. A \$750 scholarship was awarded to Jordan Sturgill, who will further her studies at Virginia Tech.

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ART OF BEAUTY WATERLINE EXTENSION

And will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full name or names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check on a solvent bank made payable to the order of the City of Bedford, the amount shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, drawn in favor of the Clerk of the City of Bedford, Ohio, or a Bid Guaranty/Bid Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford. These documents may only be obtained through the office of GPD Group by emailing Nick Fini nfini@gpdgroup.com and requesting a digital copy. Digital documents will be provided free of charge. Questions or inquiries should be directed to GPD Group at (216) 927-8658. **No questions will be answered after 12 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019.**

The bid check or bid bond, as the case may be, will be held as a guarantee that, if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into between the bidder and the City of Bedford, and the performance of such contract secured by said check or bond, and in default thereof said check or bond, and the amount represented thereby, shall be forfeited to the City of Bedford as liquidated damages.

The City of Bedford reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable to the City.

Michael S. Mallis, City Manager
City of Bedford, Ohio

N.N.: June 26, 2019
July 3, 2019

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Reader's CHOICE RECIPES

Here's more sure-to-please summertime recipes for your July 4th holiday weekend whether you're picnicking on the beach or having a backyard barbecue - crank up the grill and have a wonderful time!

(All recipes were submitted by NN readers and published in "The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary Cookbook.")

BARBECUED BEEF BRISKET WITH SAUCE

BRISKET:

1 1/2 T. seasoning salt	2 cups vegetable oil
1 1/2 T. pepper	2 cups cider vinegar
1 1/2 tsp. paprika	1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 6-lb. beef brisket	2 bay leaves, crumbled

SAUCE:

4 cups catsup	2 T. seasoning salt
1 cup cider vinegar	2 T. brown sugar
1 cup Worcestershire sauce	1 T. chili powder
1 medium onion, grated	1 T. pepper
1/2 cup butter or margarine	1 bay leaf

Combine salt, pepper and paprika, rub into brisket. Place brisket in shallow container. Combine oil, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, and bay leaves; pour over brisket. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours, turning occasionally. Place 2 pieces of oak, each the length of the grill, at front and back of grill. Place charcoal in middle. Start fire; let burn until coals are white. Remove brisket from marinade, reserving marinade. Rake coals to one end of grill; place brisket at opposite end. Cover with lid; cook over indirect

heat 3 1/2 to 4 hours or until tender, basting with marinade every 30 minutes. To make sauce, combine catsup, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, onion, butter, salt, sugar, chili powder, pepper and bay leaf in saucepan; bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Remove bay leaf. Coat both sides of brisket with sauce at beginning of last hour of cooking. Continue to cook until tender, basting only top of brisket with sauce. Serve brisket with sauce.

In memory of James V. Psenicka, The Neighborhood News

(For more recipes, see Page 4)

Join First Federal Lakewood on July 12th for

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The Board of Directors of Washington Park Community School



will conduct a Board Meeting
on Thursday, July 11th
at 5:30 p.m. at
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This meeting is open to the public.

N.N.: 7-3-19

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Village of Newburgh Heights

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to attend a hearing to voice their opinions or to submit written opinions to the address below regarding the proposed Alternative Tax Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2020. A brief overview of the proposed Resolution will be given at the hearing which will be held on July 15th, 2019 at 5:45 pm in Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105. A copy of the proposed Resolution will also be available for review at Village Hall during regular village office hours. Please send written comments to Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski at the address listed above. Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

Cathleen Nagorski
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More summertime recipes

All are invited to enjoy an afternoon of music at St. Dominic's Fair being held at the Polish American Cultural Center, JPII Heritage Garden, corner of E. 65th Street and Hosmer Avenue, Slavic Village, on Sunday, Aug. 4, from noon to 6 p.m.

Free admission- food and drinks will be for sale and feel free to bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

MetroHealth public meeting

Join MetroHealth for a progress report on new hospital construction on Monday, July 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at MetroHealth Broadway Health Center, 6835 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, as well as information on how the hospital is working to support and strengthen the community. The event is free, but reservations are required in advance. Dinner will be provided.

Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli will also be attending. RSVP by July 5 at [MetroHealth8.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

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BEANS, BEANS AND MORE BEANS

- 1 med. can pork and beans
- 1 med. can hot chili beans
- 1 med. can lima beans, drained
- 1 med. can yellow string beans, drained
- 1 med. can green string beans, drained
- 1 med. can kidney beans, drained
- 1 1/2 lbs. Bob Evans sausage
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 can tomato soup
- 2 T. prepared mustard
- 1 cup brown sugar
- margarine

Brown sausage, drain. Saute onion and celery in margarine. Add to sausage. Add all beans to 5-qt. crock pot. Add sausage, onion and celery. Mix tomato soup with mustard and sugar and add to crock pot. Stir and cook on low for 8 hours. Note: use any kind of beans or substitute. If not putting in crock pot, cook on stove until beans are tender.

Denise Polasko, Garfield Heights

LAURA'S LEMONADE STAND TREAT

- 1 12-oz. can frozen pink or plain lemonade concentrate, partially thawed
- 1 pt. vanilla ice cream, softened
- 8-oz. whipped topping, thawed
- 1 prepared graham cracker crust, optional

Beat lemonade in large mixing bowl for 30 seconds, gradually adding and beating in ice cream. Gently stir in whipped topping until smooth. Spoon into small freezer dessert containers (or pie crust). Freeze 4 hours or overnight until firm.

Debi Schneider, Independence

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NEW AND ENLARGED CHAPELS AND SEATING

Stay safe this Independence Day by following laws and safety precautions

By Danielle Toth

Independence Day festivities are a fun reprieve from the summer heat. However, it is important to remain safe and legal while enjoying the holiday.

Cleveland Fire Lieutenant Mike Norman said July 4 is one of the busiest days for fire calls, and up to half of those are fireworks-related.

"They're dangerous," Norman said during a news conference July 1. "It's explosives that you're playing with there. Whether it be a heat injury or a burn injury that can result from those or something more catastrophic. We'll have a number of house fires that can be caused directly by fireworks. So it's a very dangerous thing to play with."

Section 3743.01 of the Ohio Revised Code states that only "novelty and trick" fireworks can be discharged by unlicensed individuals. This includes "devices that produce a small report intended to surprise the user, including, but not limited to, booby traps, cigarette loads, party poppers and snappers; snakes or glow worms; smoke devices; and trick matches."

Those using novelty and trick fireworks still need to be careful, though. Rich Koblin of the Garfield Heights Fire Department says to always have a sober, competent adult supervisor or ignite fireworks. This person should wear safety

glasses and keep their clothing well away from the flame source while lighting. He also reminds people to follow all directions regarding the firework and to never relight a firework, even if it malfunctions.

Ohio residents may purchase consumer or 1.4g fireworks from a licensed wholesaler or manufacturer in the state; however, they cannot discharge any consumer or 1.4g fireworks in Ohio, according to the code. Once purchased, residents must transport all fireworks purchased in Ohio out of the state within 48 hours of the purchase. As of 2015, those who purchase fireworks in Ohio do not need to sign a consumer statement confirming that they will be taking fireworks out of Ohio.

Large display fireworks, known as 1.3g fireworks, can only be discharged by a licensed exhibitor with a permit, according to the fire marshal's office. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives strictly regulates the use and storage of these fireworks. It is illegal for anyone to manufacture, possess, use or store 1.3g fireworks in Ohio without a license.

Ohio residents should report illegal fireworks or any fireworks incident that results in injuries or property damage to a fire code official immediately, according to the fire marshal's office. Call the Investigations Bureau at 614-752-7107 dur-

ing business hours or the emergency number at 800-589-2728 after hours.

"We encourage everyone to make smart decisions," said Chief John Majoy of the Newburgh Heights Police Department. "Fireworks bring about obvious dangers, and there are many public opportunities for viewing that will allow enjoyment without risking one's safety."

There are penalties for failing to follow Ohio's fireworks laws, said Chief Michael Kilbane of the Independence Police Department.

Most first-time violations are first-degree misdemeanors, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail, he said. Violations include failing to transport fireworks out of state within the specified time period and discharging fireworks. Illegal fireworks can be confiscated by law enforcement authorities.

Overall, the Cleveland Police Department said it is best to leave fireworks to the professionals.

"There are fireworks displays that are safe and professionally done and probably a lot better than what you're going to do at your own house," said Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia, public information officer for the Cleveland Division of Police, at the July 1 news conference. "So go ahead and go out and enjoy those instead."



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Bedford

Burglary

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Suspicion

On June 20 at about 10:25 a.m., a resident of the 30 block of Woodrow Avenue reported that someone broke into her car. The person left a package of socks and removed items from her glove compartment. The woman found some of the items on

the street in front of a Broadway Avenue tavern.

Cleveland

Assault

On June 30 at about 1:50 a.m., police responded to the 7000 block of Harvard Avenue for an assault report. The victim said she lives in the 3000 block of East 71st Street. Her landlord came home intoxicated and was unable to gain entry into his residence, so the victim said he could gain entry through her residence. The two then got into an argument. The victim said her landlord punched her

in the head and struck her with a wooden baseball bat several times. She fled the residence to call police. The victim had visible bruising, contusions and scratches. Police went to the residence and spoke to the landlord, who said he did not assault the victim. He appeared highly intoxicated and had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage. The victim was transported to Marymount Hospital's emergency room. The man was arrested for assault.

Garfield Heights

Theft from auto

On June 27 at about 3 p.m., police spoke to a resident of the 10600 block of Granger Road for a theft from auto complaint. The complainant said that some-

time between June 22 at 3 p.m. and June 25 at 3 p.m. someone removed the catalytic converter from her vehicle.

Assault

On June 23 at about 2 a.m., while working uniformed security at Marymount Hospital at 12300 McCracken Road, an officer inquired about a female drug overdose patient who had been disruptive during his previous shift. The nurse assigned to the patient said she became even more disruptive after the officer's shift was over. When the nurse attempted to start an IV in her arm, the patient tried to strike her. She also used offensive and improper language throughout her stay. When she was being discharged, she did not want to leave and threatened to both fight the nurse and kill her. The patient also threw a chair, nearly striking the nurse. She charged at the nurse and needed to be restrained by security staff and escorted from the property. The nurse provided a written statement and wished to press charges. Security footage shows the chair coming through the room's curtain and hitting an auxiliary officer in the shins.

Disorderly conduct

On June 26 at about 1:50 a.m., officers received a report of a disorderly female trying to fight patrons at Bonkers bar at 5147 Turney Road. The woman in question was uncooperative with officers and needed to be given several commands before she acknowledged them. Officers noted she had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage and bloodshot eyes. Bonkers staff said the woman had been a problem since her arrival. She came into the bar intoxicated and started arguments with several people. She threw her keys and drink at bar staff when asked to leave. Police gave the woman several opportunities to call for a ride, but she continued to scream and berate officers. She was arrested and charged with intoxication.

Weapon offense

On June 28 at about 8 a.m., officers responded to the 4800 block of Rockwood Road for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers saw several shell casings on the street and a vehicle that had damage from gunshots on the windshield and exterior of the roof. It also had a flat left rear tire. The victim exited a nearby residence and told police he was head-

ing toward the vehicle when a man told him not to move and began to shoot. The victim ducked behind the vehicle and then fled into the residence, where he instructed his daughter to call police.

Due to the direction of the shots, police suspect more than one firearm was involved in the incident. The victim performed a gun shot residue test. He was asked if he had any firearms and told officers his children's mother had a gun in the home. He voluntarily turned over the gun. Officers checked the man's record and found he is a convicted felon with drug trafficking offenses. He was placed under arrest for having weapons under disability.

OVI

On June 30 at about 4:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of East 139th Street and Eastwood Boulevard for a report of a man jumping up and down on his car in the middle of the street. Upon arrival, police saw a naked man lying in the middle of the street on his back with his eyes closed. Officer said it was obvious that he was high on some kind of drug, and he was handcuffed and cov-

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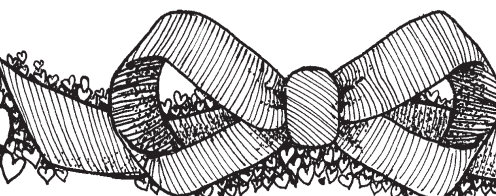
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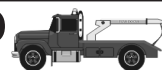
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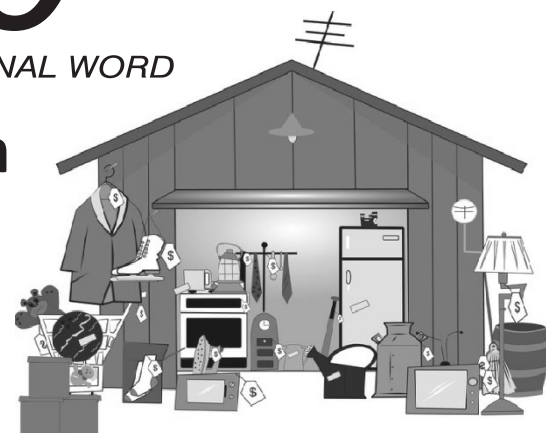
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ered with a blanket. He was transferred to the emergency room at Marymount Hospital, where he was unaware of what was happening. About 20 to 30 minutes later, he became more lucid. He said all that he remembered was that he pulled his car out of the garage so his girlfriend could hear how good it sounded. He said that while they were in the driveway, he turned on music and they danced. He said he had smoked marijuana with PCP in it and blanked out. He then woke up in the hospital. He

was cited for OVI, refusal, driving under suspension and improper display of plates. He was also issued a summons for possession of marijuana and public indecency.

Theft of a motor vehicle

On June 30 at about 11:15 p.m., police responded to the 4800 block of Henry Street for a stolen vehicle report. The victim said that at about 3 a.m., he parked his vehicle in the parking lot of his apartment complex and went inside with a woman he had just met. When he awoke around 11 a.m., the woman, as well as the vehicle and keys, were missing. The victim said he attempted to contact the woman multiple times, but she did not answer his calls.

However, the man called back later to say he had located the vehicle.

Intoxication

On June 30 at about 3:40 a.m., officers responded to East 117th Street and Granger Road to assist the rescue squad with a male lying on the sidewalk. Officers said he was apparently intoxicated because they observed an odor of alcohol and heavy snoring, and the man was unable to stand. After tapping and shaking the man, he briefly awakened. He was helped onto a stretcher and transported to Marymount Hospital. The man was later issued a summons for intoxication.

Garfield Heights man sentenced to 24 years for sexually assaulting young girls

Scott Brundage, 51, of Garfield Heights, was sentenced to 24 years in prison June 25 for sexually assaulting six young girls over several years, according to the Summit County prosecutor's office.

Brundage is also designated as a Tier III sex offender. When he is released from prison, he will need to register with the local sheriff's office every 90 days for the rest of his life.

"These young girls showed so much strength and courage throughout this ordeal," Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said. "Scott Brundage manipulated, groomed and took advantage of these girls.

What he did will impact their lives forever. I am pleased to know he will spend a significant time in prison. My hope is the survivors will feel safer knowing the defendant will be locked up for a long time."

On April 2, Brundage pled guilty to the following charges:

- One count of rape - a felony of the first degree
- Three counts of gross sexual imposition - felonies of the third degree
- Two counts of gross sexual imposition - felonies of the fourth degree

The incidents involved girls ages 9 to 14. Brundage knew the victims and assaulted them at his home in Stow.

On April 9, Brundage tried to withdraw his guilty plea, saying he was coerced by his attorneys into pleading guilty. However, on June 14, Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands denied the motion, saying, "On review, the record and evidence presented at the hearing on defendant's motion to withdraw his guilty plea reveal defendant understood the nature of the charges, potential penalties and the consequences of his plea. The court finds defendant's assertions that attorneys William Vasiliou and Jacob Will lied, coerced and induced him to plead guilty by making false promises unsupported by any evidence."

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Bedford Deputy Registrar License Agency pilots new virtual queuing system

By Danielle Toth

The Bedford Deputy Registrar License Agency at 22125 Rockside Road is one of 12 locations throughout the state to pilot a new, virtual queuing system for Bureau of Motor Vehicles services.

"Right now drivers can be subjected to significant wait times, which is inconvenient, inefficient and frustrating," Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said. "We believe the introduction of this new technology will save drivers valuable time and give the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and its deputy registrars better ability to provide exceptional customer service."

The new system, which went online June 17, allows customers to get in line and advance in the queue without physically waiting in the office. After checking in online, customers have a four-hour window to arrive at the deputy registrar location,

check in at one of two self-service kiosks and claim their spot in line.

"The feedback has been profoundly positive," Deputy Registrar David Lasky said. "In fact, most people found the program organically through our website. Our first users were just using their phones to look up the services they needed, and they found the queuing system."

It is important to note that checking into the queue is not the same as making an appointment. Once customers check in online, they also need to check in at the location within the given time frame. The queue will then place them third or fourth in line.

"Most people have told me that they've barely sat down and were already being called to the window," Lasky said. "It makes it much easier for customers to manage their time."

Drivers can access the queuing system by visiting www.bmv.ohio.gov. Services include vehicle registration, driver's license and ID card or reinstatement. Using the new system is optional, and walk-in customers are still welcome.

Bedford is the online Northeast Ohio location to pilot the program. Other locations include six Columbus deputy registrar offices, as well as offices in Centerville, Findlay, Grove City, Hilliard and Westerville. The Bedford location volunteered to participate in the pilot program, Lasky said.

"Because we're a new location, we thought participating in this pilot program would serve multiple purposes," Lasky said. "It would allow us to get to know the breadth of our customer base while also helping people find us and our services."

If the program is success-

ful, the system could expand to other deputy registrars in other parts of the state.

Through use of the new system, BMV will continually review wait and processing times to further manage efficiency and improve customer service.

"The BMV understands that time is valuable and therefore the most important aspect of customer service," Ohio BMV Registrar Charles Norman said. "We are dedicated to improving and enhancing the overall customer experience by providing our customers with access to innovative options that better meet their diverse needs."



Deputy Registrar David Lasky stands with one of the two self-service kiosks at the Bedford Deputy Registrar License Agency.

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