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Historic Stearns carriage house moves to new home

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMSTED

A classic piece of North Olmsted history has moved into a rapidly developing new neighborhood.

Members of the Olmsted Historic Society, state workers, city employees and workers from AA House Movers in Cleveland were able to move the old Stearns family carriage house from the Lorain Road area to the society's museum campus in the Frostville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks April 19 without problems.

"It went extremely well," said Society Vice President Paul Schumann. "We were able to get it out of its old area and onto the road without major problems. Then it got through the traffic a little easier than the (old Barton Road) church was able to last year since the carriage house is a little smaller. So we were able to get it to the museum campus where we've got it waiting to go into its permanent site there."

Society members last year moved the historic church from its old location at Barton and Lorain Roads to the museum campus on Cedar Point Road in the Metroparks. Society officials have initiated a series of building



MOVING OUT: Workers guide the old Stearns home on the roadway during its April 19 move to the Olmsted Historical Society's museum campus in the Metroparks. (Photo by Larry Bennet)

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City asks, Dinah, won't you stow your horn?

By Jennifer Mitchell

ROCKY RIVER

Can't you hear that whistle blowing? Chances are that many Rocky River residents can't block it out. The 4.5-square-mile city has anywhere from one to three-and-a-half trains running through it daily, with federal law

requiring locomotives to sound their horns as they approach street-level crossings.

A total of four publicly accessible crossings means the horn's blare is constant while trains rumble down city tracks, Ward 3 Councilman Frank Gollinger said.

Last year, city officials began

exploring the option of "quiet zones" and recently tested some of the technology at Wagar Road that would enable residents to finally get some peace and quiet.

Such areas give communities opportunities to turn down the railroad sound while keeping drivers and pedestrians safe.

To create a quiet zone, communities must either show that the lack of a train horn poses no risk or put in safety measures to reduce excess risk associated with the absence of a horn.

Rocky River still must determine how many cars are crossing daily at

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Apparent murder-suicide probed

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMSTED

A Lakewood man upset over a recent breakup apparently shot and killed his ex-girlfriend before turning his .357 Magnum on himself and committing suicide at her home, officials indicated Monday.

Investigators said preliminary indications are Philip Logan, 47, of Lakewood, sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning went to

the condominium of Debra Fox, 53 on Clareshire Drive fired multiple shots into her before firing a single shot into his own head. Officers found the two by her kitchen after police had forced their way into the home when no one responded to their attempts to contact the townhouse's occupants.

Sgt. Mike Kilbane of the North Olmsted Police Department said the department was called about the situation Monday morning by Logan's nephew.

"His last contact with his uncle had been on Sunday night, so when he didn't come to work Monday morning his nephew became concerned," Kilbane said. "He indicated his uncle was upset over the recent breakup with his girlfriend."

When he found neither his uncle or Fox was at work, the nephew became concerned and contacted police, Kilbane said.

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NASA: Aeronautics programs at Glenn still viable

By Kevin Kelley

WESTSHORE

While NASA has drastically reduced its aeronautics budget to fund future space exploration, many aeronautics programs at the Glenn Research Center are still relevant to the agency, a top official said last week. Glenn officials also appeared to show more flexibility in working with Fairview Park to allevi-

ate that city's financial loss from Glenn's pending closure of two buildings on Brookpark Road.

Lisa Porter, associate administrator of NASA's aeronautics research mission directorate, toured Glenn and met with its employees April 19. She said NASA intends to pursue long-term, cutting-edge research in aeronautics which will benefit the broad aeronautics community.

"This center is going to be critical in that pursuit," she said. "The capabilities that exist at Glenn are world-class. They are highly regarded throughout the world for the cutting-edge research that they are capable of. And in the reshaping of the program, there will be a renewed focus on that type of high quality, cutting edge research."

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