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## Home, garden and 'going green'

By Sally Lane

**M**y grandmother graduated high school in 1913. During her school years, one of her classes was Botany.

Assignments included traipsing through fields and woods to find and identify plants and wildflowers. That course must have been her favorite because, 40-some years later, my fondest memories of my grandma were the hikes we took every spring. We gathered bouquets of violets, and learned to identify trillium, adder's tongue, bloodroot and mayapples with their umbrella-like leaves. We listened to spring peepers in the evening and watched for the return of the bluebirds in March.

As wonderful and influential those hiking memories are, Grandma's garden deserves a whole chapter in my memory book. She grew vegetables of course - almost everyone did - and canned them for the winter. But, the joys of her life were the flowers she grew - coreopsis, bleeding heart, sweet pea, iris, tulips, daffodils, climbing roses and many more. Her garden bloomed from early spring to fall. Her house had a front and

back porch with swings where my sister and I enjoyed many glasses of milk and Lorna Doone cookies while watching butterflies and hummingbirds. We never forgot those times or the lessons, while unspoken, made both of us love nature and to pass it on to our children.

In my high school years, I read Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," and became very much aware of our impact on the environment. Combine that awareness with a love of nature, and many of our generation, and our children's generation, began to follow at least some of the guidelines of "reduce, re-use and recycle." We are more aware of the chemicals we use and proper disposal of them and other waste. I'm proud that Cortland partners with the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District to provide ways for us to help our city "go green." Efforts ramp up as winter ends and people are spring cleaning, cleaning out

files, organizing and cleaning up our yards. The following are upcoming events that help all of us make our homes and our city cleaner and healthier:

The city of Cortland has received a grant from the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and will provide a **scrap tire collection program** on weekdays from April 8 to May 3, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The city will accept tires at the City Service Garage, 184 Willow Drive. There is a limit of eight passenger tires per vehicle on or off the rim. Truck or tractor tires will not be accepted. Please drop in the designated location.

**Brush Chipping:** The city of Cortland Service Department will be conducting branch and limb pick up service along city streets, for the See **Home** on page 8

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## Jay Logan celebrates 25 years at Cortland Mower



Jay Logan is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> year repairing equipment at Cortland Mower. He has several engine certifications from various manufacturers including ECHO and Kohler. Jay is a 1966 graduate of Ohio State, a retired dairy farmer and lives in Gustavus with his wife Kathy. He is also a proud Veteran who served as a lieutenant in Vietnam with the 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade. For expert repair and maintenance on your outdoor equipment stop in at Cortland Mower.

## Jody Sova receives national recognition

Jody Sova of Berkshire Northwood Realty received the Leading Edge Society award that represents the top 8 percent of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices agents nationwide. The local Howland office was named seventh in the Company Network, which boasts over 300 other companies with nearly 1,400 offices. Jody earned the distinction competing with over 48,000 agents in the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network.

"It is an incredible honor to see one of our agents receive national-level recognition," said Jim Saxon, president and chief operating officer of the company. Jody lives in Cortland with her husband Mick and they are the parents of two grown children and four grandchildren. "I am proud that I am not just your Realtor, but also your



neighbor," she said. Have Real Estate questions? Call Jody.

## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Are you worried about Cyber Liability? Check out the great advice in **Greenwood Insurance's** ad this issue.

**Cortland Mower** has ECHO days on April 27 - save 15% on most ECHO products. There will be test drives, refreshments and prizes. While you are there get your picture taken in the TORO with "My Drive" suspension and have a chance to win it or another TORO mower.

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**Cody's Landscaping** is going to clean up my yard and refresh the flower beds. They do excellent landscaping work and are very affordable.

**Auntie V's Pizza** is closed Easter so be sure to get there before then. Use their coupon in this issue and save up to \$5!

**Cortland Playroom** tells us that they are now accepting registration for their Summer Camp program. Also, they have some openings left for the 2019-2020 school year program, but hurry - they usually fill up. Don't get turned away.

**Brookside Greenhouse** is going to be opening soon. I can't wait! They have the biggest and best baskets around and for less than the big box stores sell them for.

**Buckeye Bulk** is the place to go if you want the highest quality landscape materials at the fairest price. And they deliver, too!

Have you seen the new floors at **Campbell Carpet & Flooring**? I am going to have the waterproof wood style flooring in my office installed later this year.

**Eagle Eye Lawns** is taking new mowing customers for the 2019 season. They also do landscape work, mulching, spring yard cleanup and leaf removal.

**Vasilios Restaurant** will be closed Easter but they are taking reservations for Mother's Day. Take Mom where she really wants to go this year.

If you have gone past my house you may have noticed the new brick walkway and the beautiful new brick patio in the back. **Progressive Landscape LLC** installed it and they can do a great home improvement for your home also. It changed the value of my home a lot!

I went to **Centerra** for my 4-step lawn program and saved. They have so much there for your home. See the largest selection of wild bird feed anywhere around.

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## Rainbow Girls hosts pancake breakfast

An all you can eat pancakes and sausage breakfast, to benefit Rainbow Girls Emerald Assembly, will be held at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street) on Saturday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 per person, \$5 for children age 6 to 10, and free for any children age 5 and under. The proceeds will help the Rainbow Girls plan their activities and events. The public is invited to enjoy a Saturday family breakfast and assist this charity fund raiser. For details call Ernie Stewart at 321-514-8350.

# Community Events

## Event Calendar April 6-April 27

**Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules.** See pg. 2 and 5  
**Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules** visit [www.lakeviewlocal.org](http://www.lakeviewlocal.org).  
**American Red Cross blood donations**, various dates. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-733-2767.  
**"Corvettes of the Valley,"** National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, through April 14.  
**19th Vintage Motorcycle Exhibit**, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, through May 18.  
**Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals** Monday through Friday at noon.  
**SCOPE Senior Services free tax preparation** and assistance. See pg. 4  
**Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League** schedule, visit [www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks](http://www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks)

### APRIL

- 6 Trumbull County Rod and Gun Club's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Gobbler Gathering youth event, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. See pg. 5
- 6 Legacy Dog Rescue's 3rd Annual Reverse Raffle, 5 p.m., Avion on the Water, Canfield, [www.ldrofohio.org](http://www.ldrofohio.org).
- 6 Rainbow Girls Emerald Assembly pancakes and sausage breakfast benefit, 8 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). See pg. 2
- 6 St. Robert Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-noon, parish hall, state Route 46, Cortland. See pg. 30
- 6,7 Trumbull Senior Production Company presents annual musical revue, April 6 at 7 p.m. and April 7 at 2 p.m., Champion High School.
- 7 Autism Society of Mahoning Valley Special Bunny: An Inclusive Easter celebration, 9-11 a.m., Eastwood Mall.
- 7 The Maple Museum of Geauga County open house, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Century Village Museum, southeast corner of Burton Square. GPS, 14653 East Park St., Burton, Ohio 44021.
- 7 The Geauga County Historical Society pancake breakfast, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Century Village Museum, southeast corner of Burton Square. GPS, 14653 East Park St., Burton, Ohio 44021.
- 7 Warren Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Concert, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 256 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.
- 7 Good Deeds Day. See pg. 31
- 7-9 Trumbull County Travel Club motor coach mini vacation to Holland, Mich., 330-856-5398.
- 9 Trumbull County Genealogical Society presents historian Ray Rubrake, 10:15 a.m., Thomas Meeting Room, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. See pg. 24
- 9 Trumbull Retired Teachers Association meeting, noon, Ciminero's Banquet Centre, Niles. See pg. 9
- 10 OSU Trumbull County Master Gardener's program "Growing Loofah Sponges," 6 p.m., Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
- 13 Western Reserve Masonic Lodge spaghetti and meatball dinner, 4-6 p.m. at the Lodge, 216 East Main St./state Route 88, West Farmington. See pg. 28
- 13 Legacy Dog Rescue and F5RS - Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, & Feathered Friends picture with a rescue bunny event, noon-4 p.m., Family Video, 4385 Kirk Road, Austintown. See pg. 9
- 18 Bazetta Christian Church reenactment service of Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., corner of Bazetta and Everett Hall roads near the fairgrounds. See pg. 31
- 19 City of Cortland Administration Office Closed
- 21 Easter
- 22 League of Women Voters meeting with speaker Brett Rodstrom, 6 p.m., Howland Library.
- 23 Estate Planning Seminar, attorney John Grundy and financial advisor Tom Shortreed (Guidelight Financial Group), 7 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church. See pg. 4
- 24,25 Southington United Methodist Church rummage sale/bake sale, April 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bag Day April 25, 9-11 a.m., state Routes 305 and 534, Southington. See pg. 30
- 27 Trumbull County Republican Women's Club annual Spring Card Party, 11 a.m., Cortland Christian Church, 130 Grove St., Cortland. See pg. 6

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- Warren SCOPE Senior Center, YWCA building, 375 North Park Ave., Warren, every day Mondays - Fridays from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are also evening hours on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 330-399-9946 for reservations.
- Howland Township Building, located in Trustees Hearing Room, 205 Niles-Cortland Road, Howland next to the fire department on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.
- Lordstown SCOPE Senior Center is located at back door of elementary school, 1776 Salt Springs Road in Lordstown on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.
- The Niles SCOPE Senior Center is located across from the fire station, 14 East State St. on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are required by calling Niles Senior Center direct at 330-544-3676.

Please bring photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), last year's return, income information, Affordable Care Act Forms 1095 or proof of hospitalization insurance. If you plan to have direct deposit of your refund, then bring a copy of one of your checks with you. Both taxpayer and spouse should be at the appointment.

Tax preparation is free for low to moderate income families and all seniors. Free transportation can also be provided by calling a week in advance of the appointment to SCOPE at 330-399-8846.

## Lakeview grad wins World Pasty Championship

By Sally Lane



Pure Pasty of Vienna, Virginia, owner Michael Burgess and Chef Stuart Moll display their World Championship trophy. Photo courtesy of Connections Newspapers, Vienna, Virginia.

The British, most notably those from Cornwall, are famous for pasties, a portable folded pie usually filled with meat, potatoes and a choice of vegetables. Cornish men carried them to eat at lunch time in the mines where they worked. As many immigrated to the upper peninsula of Michigan in the 1800s, they brought this traditional lunch with them. Since then the popularity has spread around the country.

In March, the British owner of The Pure Pasty in Vienna, Virginia, and Chef Stuart Moll, a 1993 graduate of Lakeview High School, returned to the Eden Project for the World Pasty Championships in Cornwall, UK. This would be the second year running that they would win the Open Savoury Company category for their company.

Last year's prizewinner by Pure Pasty was a BBQ Chicken that brought much publicity because of the pineapple introduced to the recipe. This year, they entered pasties inspired by classic American meals such as the Reuben and a Santa Fe Southwestern Veggie and were joined by British favorites such as Chicken Marsala, Pork and Apple and Lamb Jalfrezi. But it was their turkey, sage and cranberry pasty, inspired by the traditional American Thanksgiving meal that won the top prize.

After high school, Stuart, the son of Curt and Gerri Moll, graduated from the Pittsburgh Art Institute and worked as a graphics artist for a time before following his love of creating wonderful looking and tasting food. He and the owner plan to return to Cornwall in 2020 with a fresh load of ideas.

## Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney: What will you leave behind?

Having trouble taking the first steps in your estate plan? Maybe you're feeling lost, or indecisive, or that you need more information to get started. You've spent your entire life accumulating assets, so it makes sense that you should have control of where those assets go when you're gone; however, how many of us actually have something in writing, or even know where to start? We all know we need a clear plan to help others carry out our wishes.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church of Cortland is hosting an educational seminar about estate planning that

is open to the community. The free gathering will take place in the all-purpose room (please use the parking lot behind the building) on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

Information will be presented from both the legal and financial planning aspects of estate planning by Cortland guest speakers attorney John Grundy (Law Office of John C. Grundy) and financial advisor Tom Shortreed (Guidelight Financial Group).

Topics will include basic estate documents, power of attorney for health and finance, titling assets and other layers of protection, reviewing beneficiaries and avoiding probate, qualified charitable distributions, and more. A short question and answer session will follow. This seminar is important and relevant for all audiences and age groups, and is free to the public.

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By Christine Dorma, administrative assistant

### Brush Chipping

The first brush chipping of the year will begin on April 22. Be sure to follow the rules that are listed on [cityofcortland.org](http://cityofcortland.org). Only one pass per street will be made; be sure to get those limbs out in time.

### Scrap Tire Drop off at Willow Park

The city of Cortland has received a grant from the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and will provide a scrap tire collection program. The city will accept tires at the City Service Garage, 184 Willow Drive, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays from April 8 to May 3. There will be a limit of eight passenger tires per vehicle on or off the rim. Truck or tractor tires will not be accepted.

Call 330-637-3011 with questions.

### Spring Clean-Up

Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for May 2 and 3. Items will be picked up with your regular trash. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services within the city of Cortland.

### Dates to Remember

April 8 - Parks Board - 5 p.m.

April 8 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.

April 15 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

May 6 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

The City Administration Office will be closed on Friday, April 19.

## Veterans Memorial: Update and announcements

The Cortland Veterans Memorial committee is planning a special ceremony for Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., marking the combined observance of Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day at the new Veterans Memorial site. The public is invited, and all active duty military personnel as well as all veterans will be recognized. Families and friends and all veterans groups are welcome. This will mark the first public observance to be held at the new Cortland Veterans Memorial following its dedication that took place last November.

Ian McAleer, the committee chairman, also indicated that the public can continue to place orders for engraved pavers to be added to the memorial. Order forms are available at Cortland City Hall and online at the memorial website [CortlandVeteransMem.org](http://CortlandVeteransMem.org) under the "Paver Orders" tab. Additional engraved pavers will be made and placed in the memorial at various times during 2019 and beyond.

McAleer announced that the committee plans to continue fund raising in order to complete the observation deck, which was part of the original design. Anyone interested in supporting this final phase of the memorial project are invited to make their donation checks payable to the Cortland Community Foundation and mail them to 400 N. High St., Cortland, OH 44410. The tentative construction schedule for the observation deck is early this fall in time for Veterans Day in November.

The future observation deck that will be added to the Veterans Memorial at Point Park is tentatively planned for this fall. The deck will be utilized as a stage platform when special observances are held at the memorial, and it will serve as a scenic overlook of Walnut Run -- adding another inspirational element for visitors to the memorial.



## Cortland Bank celebrates grand opening of 14<sup>th</sup> branch

Cortland Bank hosted a series of special events on March 25 to celebrate the grand opening of its newest branch in Strongsville. The branch, located at 14357 Pearl Road in Strongsville, opened its doors to the public on Feb. 4.

The Strongsville branch is the third new branch to be opened by Cortland Bank in the past four years and represents its farthest west location. The bank now has locations in Summit, Trumbull, Mahoning, Portage and Ashtabula counties.

"We are continuing to expand our geographic footprint throughout Northeast Ohio," said James Gasior, president and CEO of Cortland Bank. "This type of controlled growth is part of our overall strategic plan through which we are identifying locations that could especially benefit from having a

community bank."

According to Gasior, the key to the bank's success is its local roots. In Northeast Ohio, where the financial services industry is characterized by many large regional and national banks, Cortland Bank stands apart as a community bank with local decision-making authority and community-based officers.

These grand opening celebrations follow two other major announcements made by Cortland Bank earlier this year. In January, the bank announced it was issuing a special dividend for stockholders as a result of finishing 2018 with record earnings. In early March, the bank announced its stock would now trade on NASDAQ. Cortland Bancorp stock trades on NASDAQ under the symbol of CLDB.

## Gobbler Gathering youth event April 6

The Trumbull County Rod and Gun Club is hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Gobbler Gathering youth event on Saturday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth up to 17 years of age are invited to attend this event which includes skeet shooting, shotgun shooting, archery shooting, 22 caliber rifle and pistol shooting and air rifle shooting. A free lunch will be offered for all participants. Certified instructors will be available to assist the youth and all equipment will be provided by the Trumbull County Rod & Gun Club. The Gobbler Gathering event is free and open to the public.

The Division of Wildlife will conduct a free drawing for youth turkey permits after lunch, for the Mosquito Creek Wildlife area starting at 12 noon. All youth hunters who plan to participate in the permit drawing are required to have a valid Ohio hunting license or apprentice license, which can be purchased through the division of wildlife website at [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov).

This grant funded event is sponsored by Ohio Division of Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Trumbull County Rod & Gun Club. For more information and to register contact Tom Stith, grant coordinator for Trumbull County Rod & Gun Club, at 330-637-5614 or email at [tsith@kent.edu](mailto:tsith@kent.edu).



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## Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley receives donation from Home Savings



Home Savings recently donated a check for \$5,000 to Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley. The funds were used for the 2019 JA Titan Business Challenge. Home Savings was the title sponsor of the 2019 JA Titan Business Challenge.

"This is a free competition that was held at YSU's Williamson College of Business on March 14. Seventy-seven juniors and seniors from high schools in Mahoning, Trumbull, Ashtabula and Columbiana counties competed to demonstrate their understanding of running a business in a competitive, high-tech marketplace," explained Michele Merkel, president, Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley. "Each team acts as the senior management of their company and is responsible for developing business strategies and making decisions quarter by quarter."

First place went to a team from Lordstown High School, mentored by Bob Aducci of IlluminateEducation. Each winner received a \$500 scholarship. "We're very proud to be able to support Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley," said Trish Gelsomino, Home Savings. "The group does so much to inspire and prepare young people on a daily basis to succeed in a global economy."

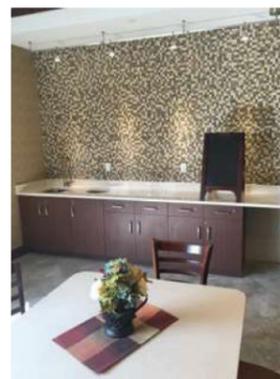
Pictured from left are Michele Merkel, president, Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley; Lordstown 1 team members: Mary Harvey, Blaze Miller and Marty Neider and Jim Sebastian, Branch manager, Home Savings Poland Office.

# Armstrong Memory Care Assisted Living



Trumbull County's only memory care assisted living, **Windsor House at Armstrong Memory Care Assisted Living**, is Now Open. Located off Mahoning Ave. and Champion Ave., residents will enjoy the privacy of their own apartment, daily recreational and social activities, 3 fresh meals, assistance with activities of daily living, companionship of staff members and other residents, a secured outdoor courtyard and much more.

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## Spring Card Party planned

The annual Spring Card Party, complete with its famous diverse salad and dessert table, will be on Saturday, April 27. Sponsored by the Trumbull County Republican Women's Club, the event will be held at the Cortland Christian Church, 130 Grove St., Cortland. Doors will open at 11 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Featured will be door prizes, a 50/50 and a basket raffle. All playing cards and pencils are furnished by the club. Board game players are welcome as well as those who just want to have lunch and a good afternoon with friends in a spring atmosphere. The cost is \$8 per person. For ticket information call Gail Drushel at 330-847-6488. Tickets are also available at the door the day of the event.

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Spring is finally in the air. We're noticing the days are getting longer, birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the sun is actually shining. These are signs that it is getting warmer outside and the outdoor activities are about to begin. Some of you will likely start this spring off with the long awaited clean up, followed by new outdoor projects, planning for a summer vacation, or just relaxing and enjoying the nice weather with family and friends.

There are a lot of positive aspects of the upcoming warmer weather, but with it comes one inevitable negative, and that's criminal activity. It's a fact that people are more active during the warmer months and that includes the criminal population. The good news is there are always precautions you can take to substantially lower your chances of becoming victims of either property or violent crime. An easy place to start is in your own driveway. Locking your vehicles is probably the easiest way to prevent a thief from entering your car and taking your belongings. Thieves are looking for easy targets, something they can get in and out of quietly without causing a scene. If your car doors are locked, chances are the intruder will leave yours alone and move on.

The same can be said about the outbuildings on your property. Thieves will generally steal whatever they can sell on the streets, and power equipment is always in demand. A simple lock on shed doors will usually do the trick. Lighting is a great way to deter unwanted night time visitors. "Dusk to dawn" lights or motion activated exterior lights work well because criminals don't want to risk being caught or seen. There is probably an easier target down the street. Dusk to dawn lights work well on barns, garages or sheds away from your house because they are on all night and may shine into your windows if they are too close. Motion activated lights are good for around the home and work very well to alert you to activity on your property.

However you choose to protect your property, remember being vigilant and aware of your surroundings can go a long way. If you see something suspicious call either 911 or the Trumbull County Dispatch non-emergency number 330-675-2730 and an officer will respond. Stay safe and enjoy the weather.

*Authorship of this column alternates between the Cortland and Bazetta Police Departments.*

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The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is responsible for implementing a solid waste plan designed to achieve goals determined by the Ohio EPA. They provide programs and services that included household hazardous waste collection, scrap tie collection, appliance recycling and recycling drop-off sites.

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to noon, there will be a **Document Shredding** event at the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District, 5138 Enterprise Blvd., Warren. Limit of four banker boxes per vehicle.

The Tribune Chronicle is also holding a shredding event in its parking lot in Warren on April 22, 9 a.m. to noon. This event collects magazines as well as books and encyclopedias.

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## Class of '69 reunion May 18

By Jeff Cline

Lakeview's Class of 1969 is excited to have its 50th reunion on Saturday, May 18 at Enzo's Restaurant and Banquet Center starting at 5 p.m. With many reservations coming in from different parts of the country there will never be another time as this!

Classmates are traveling hundreds of miles to reunite with all of us that live here, so come share your story, "This is Us."

You will not want to miss the social time before enjoying the buffet with the master of ceremonies, Larry Sanfrey, spicing up the evening with his humor. There will be a remembrance of classmates no longer with us along with accomplishments of united and out-of-state classmates. If you are a member of the Class of 1969 we encourage you to mail your reservation in before the deadline of April 15. Any questions, please contact Dan at danschultz@hotmail.com or Jeff at jcline3699@gmail.com or call 330-638-3699.

## TRTA meeting April 9



The next Trumbull Retired Teachers Association general meeting is April 9 at noon at Cimineró's Banquet Centre, 123 N. Main St., Niles. Becky Miller, resource development director for Second Harvest Food will speak to the group. Anyone who wishes to join the group for lunch must make a reservation with Dee Sullivan, 1125 Townsend Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505-1267 or call Dee at 330-360-2243 for more information or visit <https://trumbullrta.wixsite.com/trta/>

Marje Ford, Vicki Graora, Janet Vitko and Pat DeMarco, members of Trumbull Retired Teachers Association, are in charge of collecting cancelled stamps, cell phones, yarn, hearing aids, eyeglasses that members bring to the meetings. Photo by Roselyn Gadd

## Get your photo with a rescue bunny

Legacy Dog Rescue and F5RS - Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, & Feathered Friends are hosting a picture with a rescue bunny event at Family Video, 4385 Kirk Road, Austintown, on Saturday, April 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 to have your picture taken with a real therapy bunny or two and the 4" x 6" photo will be printed onsite to take home.

There will also be baked goods

available for purchase to help continue the lifesaving efforts of both groups. Bakers are needed - message 330-719-5569 if you can help. No dogs please due to the real bunnies. Come meet these wonderful bunnies, you never know, you just may want to adopt one.

For more information on LDR visit [www.ldrofohio.org](http://www.ldrofohio.org) or F5RS [www.f5rs.org](http://www.f5rs.org)

## Kennel Club donates to local animal welfare organizations

Since its inception, the Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club has strived to give back to the canine community whenever possible. The MSKC membership has donated time, materials and monies to local agencies, breed-specific rescue agencies and to victims of natural disasters throughout the U.S.

Funds are donated monthly to local and regional animal charities. Also,

annually, it donates from funds raised at its dog show in August, and raffles at the holiday party in December.

This year three local organizations were chosen for its annual donations. Each of these organizations received \$700. They include Friends of Fido (for Mahoning County Dog Pound), Austintown Police Law Enforcement Trust Fund toward a K-9 officer, and the Trumbull County Dog Warden.

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# FROM the Garden

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

It's time for Maple Madness. When families drive long distances in inclement weather, stand in long lines on a Sunday morning at fire stations, in school cafeterias or historical buildings to eat pancakes topped with real Ohio maple syrup. My family has enjoyed this tradition for years, going to Burton, Parkman, Jefferson or Chardon, and places in between. We've traipsed through various sugarbushes and learned various facts about this liquid gold.

According to Ohio maple producers, some of the finest pure maple syrup is produced in Ohio. "Similar to fine wines" pure maple syrup gets its flavor from the geographic region. Maple syrup from northern Ohio has a different flavor than syrup produced in southern Ohio. Sounds about right. While at the hardware store in Burton recently, I was told of a visitor from Vermont who purchased 50 gallons of maple syrup last fall and planned to re-package it for sale back home. He preferred the taste. Who knew? Maple syrup production is unique to North America, specifically from Minnesota to Kentucky to the eastern Canadian providences in the north. In 1899 Ohio ranked first in maple syrup production. Today Ohio ranks between fourth and fifth among the top 12 maple product producing states by producing between 75,000 and 100,018 gallons annually. There are few forest products that are as sustainable as maple syrup as it is a renewable and 100 percent natural product. Sugar trees are one of the longest lived trees in the north east, capable of living three to four hundred years.

A maple tree is usually 30 years old and 12 inches in diameter when first tapped in late winter or early spring. The sap flow is temperature driven. A rise in temperature of the sapwood to above 32 degrees Fahrenheit causes a buildup of positive pressure inside the wood. When the internal pressure of the tree is greater than the atmospheric pressure, the sap will begin to rise. That daily change in temperature creates pressure that causes the sap to flow freely. Sap runs best when temperatures drop below freezing at night and rise into the 40s during the day.

So when do you pull the plug? When temperatures become more spring-like,

nights no longer fall below freezing and there is a lack of volume - empty buckets or lines. And spring buds, as soon as there are buds, it is time to stop. This sap will produce bitter syrup.

It takes approximately 43 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. It takes one gallon of maple syrup to produce eight pounds of maple candy or sugar. A gallon of maple syrup weighs 11 pounds and the sugar content of sap averages 2.5 percent; the sugar content of maple syrup is at least 66 percent. Pure maple syrup is made by boiling and concentrating the sap from maple trees. As it comes from the tree, the sap is clear with a sweet taste. The distinctive color and flavor are results of the processing.

While sap can be used from any maple tree, sugar and black maple are preferred because the sugar content in their sap is higher. Red and silver maples can also produce good syrup. Though the lower the content of sugar, the more gallons of sap it takes to produce one gallon of syrup.

Identifying and mapping maple trees in the summer or fall makes the tapping that much easier in the winter. Use a can of spray paint to mark the maple trees and also mark and number trees on a map. Maple trees are identified by their leaves, size and bark. Sugar maples leaves are 3-5" wide and have 5 lobes with a round base. The leaf edge will not have serrated teeth, and are bright green with light green undersides. Black maple leaves are similar but with three lobes and their leaves tend to droop. Red maple leaves are easily recognized in the fall by their bright red color. In summer the leaves are light green with whitish undersides and are 2-6" wide with three lobes. The leaf edges have small sharp teeth. Silver maple leaves are 5-7" wide with five lobes and the leaves have fine teeth. In summer the leaves are pale green/silver with white undersides.

Sugar maples can grow to 100 feet tall and have dark brown bark. In older trees, the bark can look like it is peeling off the tree. Black maples are similar though their bark is darker and the grooves are deeper. Red maples grow to 90 feet tall. The bark on a young red maple is smooth and gray. As the tree matures, the bark becomes darker and scaly. Silver maples grow 70 to 80 feet tall. A young silver maple will have gray bark with hints of red. As it matures, the bark is a reddish brown setting it apart from the darker bark of the others.

Approximately 70 percent of Ohio's maple syrup production is sold by the private producer at "home," at farmer's markets, craft shows and gift shops. The rest is sold through retailers. Some specialty items made with maple syrup are, maple tea, maple beef jerky, maple candy and maple spread. Whatever your selection, products made with natural maple syrup contain no high fructose corn syrup. Enjoy!

Kathleen Ferris is a Trumbull County Ohio State Extension Master Gardener and a Cortland resident.



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## Smokeless tobacco and teenagers

By Teresa Merrick, R.N., PHN  
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Smokeless tobacco is chewing tobacco, (also referred to as oral tobacco, spitting tobacco, dip, chew) and snuff. Chewing tobacco is usually sold as leaf tobacco, packaged in a pouch or plug tobacco, in a brick form, that is put between the cheek and gum. Users keep chewing tobacco in their mouths for several hours to get a continuous buzz from the nicotine in the tobacco.

Snuff is a powdered tobacco, usually sold in cans, that is put between the lower lip and gum. Just a pinch is all that is needed to release the nicotine, which is then swiftly absorbed into the bloodstream, resulting in a quick high.

Tobacco companies have used a variety of strategies to entice youth to use smokeless tobacco: sweet and kid-friendly flavors, sponsorships of events popular with youth, advertisement with youth-oriented messages and affordable prices. The tobacco companies market to young people through sporting events like auto racing and rodeos that are widely attended by kids, using price promotions to reduce the cost of using their products. Tobacco companies have marketed smokeless tobacco products as a way to use tobacco in places or situations when smoking is not allowed or is not socially acceptable.

Snus are small, teabag-like pouches containing tobacco and other flavorings that users place between their upper gum and lip. Because these products do not require spitting, their use can be easily concealed.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services research has shown that several program activities have been shown to reduce and prevent youth tobacco use when implemented together. They include increasing the cost of tobacco products, raising the minimum age of sale for tobacco products to 21 years. Form community programs to work towards reducing TV and radio commercials, posters, and other media messages targeted toward youth for tobacco products. Community programs, school, college policies and interventions that encourage tobacco-free environments and lifestyles are also important.

Encourage teenagers to openly discuss ways to refuse without feeling peer pressure. Support and encourage teenagers who want to quit. Discuss how the glamorization of tobacco products is a false image and to focus on positive role models, including athletes, who endorse a no-use policy of smokeless tobacco. Stress how much money can be saved by not using tobacco products. Remind the teenager that he is doing so much for his health by refusing tobacco products.



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## Beta Chi Chapter helps with jelly bean fundraiser



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## Warren Women's Club luncheon

The March meeting of the Warren Women's Club luncheon featured an installation ceremony of three local women of Trumbull County. A special day in the club's history, the newest members allows Warren Women's Club to expand its abilities to serve the community and add new friends into membership. Warren Women's Club look to their newest members for new ideas and inspiration so that members may learn from them as they learn from us.

The Warren Women's Club meets monthly September through June on the third Monday of the month at noon. The monthly meetings feature a luncheon prepared by our members, fellowship and an interesting speaker. The club events feature the Rose Luncheon in June, pecan sales in November and a Victorian Tea in February. Information on renting the historic club house may also be had by contacting the numbers listed below.

Women of the community that interested in attending a meeting may contact Sandy Mahaffey at 330-518-6927 or Kay James at 330-539-5708.



Paulette White, Roberta Shields and April Hochstetler.

## WJWL Teen Volunteer Banquet



The GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League recently recognized nine Trumbull County teenagers for their time, service and dedication to volunteer work during the league's 49th annual WJWL Teen Volunteer Awards Banquet. Applicants were judged by Esther Gartland, Jonnah Hetzel and Lynndy Sharisky on their dedication to volunteer services, extracurricular activities and their volunteer essay.

The top teen volunteer award and a \$500 prize went to Brenna Rimar of Bristol High School, \$300 and second-place winner was Taylor Pegg of Hubbard High School, third-place and a \$200 award won by Olivia Baker of

Badger High School. The remaining honorees received a \$25 check from WJWL, and all nine received a gift bag from Eastwood Mall.

Those attending the banquet were, seated from left, Missy Parker, chairman; WJWL President Sharon Drummond; Brenna Brimar; Taylor Pegg; Olivia Baker; GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Esther Gartland; and Jonnah Hetzel, chairman. Standing are Judge Lynndy Sharisky, Marisa Gray of John F. Kennedy High School, Athena Anastasiadis of Lakeview High School, Laura Sanman of Maplewood High School, Samantha Gilliam and Deborah Swegan both of Niles McKinley High School. Not pictured is Alexis Phillips of Lordstown High School.



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For more information go to [www.facebook.com/trumbullcountyohiogenealogy](http://www.facebook.com/trumbullcountyohiogenealogy) or [www.trumbullgenealogy.com](http://www.trumbullgenealogy.com).



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**Medical marijuana is now available for use in Ohio**

By Kevin E. Griffith & Julia R. Baxter

Signed on June 8, 2016 by former Governor John Kasich, as of January 2019 Ohio's legalized medical marijuana law is now operational in Ohio. What does this mean for Ohio's employers, job applicants and employees?

First, there is no Ohio law legalizing marijuana for recreational use. Rather, Ohio has only legalized the medical use of marijuana for a specified number of medical conditions. In addition, Ohio has established certain registration requirements for medical marijuana patients and caregivers. Finally, Ohio allows registered patients to use medical marijuana only in certain ways, and smoking a "joint" is not one of them.

**What the law allows**

Ohio's medical marijuana law allows patients suffering from one or more of approximately 20 qualifying medical conditions (including HIV/AIDS, epilepsy, cancer, PTSD, etc.) to use medical marijuana. The law only allows medical marijuana to be dispensed to patients or caregivers who are properly registered with the State of Ohio and who possess an Ohio-issued patient or caregiver identification card.

Ohio permits registered patients to use medical marijuana via oils, tinctures or extracts, plant material, edibles (food containing THC) and patches. Vaporization of medical marijuana also is permitted but smoking and other combustion of medical marijuana are not allowed. Any retailer who is dispensing medical marijuana must have obtained and paid for a license from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

**Marijuana and federal law**

While Ohio and many other states have legalized the possession and use of marijuana for certain medical conditions, marijuana itself remains a "Schedule I" controlled substance under the federal Controlled Substance Act. It also remains illegal for physicians to "prescribe" marijuana. Thus, all Ohioans who use medical marijuana have no protection against the consequences for violating federal criminal law, including possible fines and imprisonment. But since the Obama Administration, our federal government has purposely avoided enforcement of these types of "low level" violations as it has watched the legalized marijuana movement unfold at the state level.

**Medical marijuana and the workplace**

Under Ohio's medical marijuana law, employers need not accommodate a job applicant's or employee's use, possession, distribution, being under the influence of or testing positive for medical marijuana. Ohio employers can discharge, discipline, refuse to hire and take any other adverse employment action against an applicant or employee because of the applicant's or employee's use, possession, distribution, being under the influence of or testing positive for medical marijuana. Therefore, for Ohio employers who maintain a zero-tolerance policy, medical marijuana users will be faced with a choice of not using medical marijuana or working elsewhere.

On the other hand, as Ohio

employers begin to see more applicants and employees who are lawfully using medical marijuana, some employers may decide, as a practical business matter, to make an exception for specific off-the-job and off-premises use of medical marijuana. Ohio's law gives employers that flexibility.

This means that Ohio employers must decide whether to make an exception for medical marijuana use or not. For Ohio employers who wish to maintain a zero-tolerance policy, they should consider reviewing the company's drug-free workplace policy. The policy should clearly state that marijuana is an illegal drug under federal law and that the employer prohibits its applicants and employees from using any form of marijuana for any purpose, including for medical use, even as allowed under Ohio or any state's law. The policy should also prohibit illegal drug possession, use, distribution, being under the influence or testing positive regardless of where or when the use occurs, instead of simply prohibiting illegal drug possession, use, etc., "only at work," "during work hours" or "on the premises." Finally, the policy should define illegal drugs to include all drugs that are illegal under "federal, state or local law."

For Ohio employers who decide to make an exception for lawful and specified use of medical marijuana, these employers, too, need to review and revise their existing policy to include the exception. But there are various legal and practical issues that will still need to be weighed and decided. Therefore, it is recommended that the employer engage an attorney with legal and drafting experience in this developing area of the law.

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## Bazetta School demolished

By Sally Lane



For 90 years the Bazetta School was located at the intersection of Bazetta Road and Johnson Plank Road. In 1956 it became part of the newly named Lakeview School District, which consolidated the Cortland and Bazetta Schools. On March 14, the last of the building was torn down.

## Maplewood Varsity Prep Bowl Team

By Mrs. Angie Shelton, Maplewood Prep Bowl Coordinator



Maplewood Varsity Prep Bowl competed in the TCESC Tournament Championship. They battled Champion High School into a tie game going into the last question. Everyone attacked their buzzers, but Champion was a split second faster. Maplewood took second for the tournament, undefeated all day to the last buzzer. A truly well played tournament by some amazing and dedicated players. The team moved on to the State Championship Tournament on March 16. They narrowly missed the championship bracket, against the absolute best public and private small schools, but they remain as one of the top five small public-school teams in the state. Their next stop is the NAQT Small School National Championship Tournament in Chicago May 3-5. Congratulations and good luck to the Champion High School team and to Maplewood's Coach Joe Begley, Blaine Dahmen, Leanne Brown, Peyton Weaver, Oscar Douglas Garrett, Patrick Begley and Hunter Omerzo!

## Lakeview Beta Club holding 'Dine to Donate'

The Lakeview High School Senior Beta Club is holding a "Dine to Donate" fund raiser at Quaker Steak & Lube, Cortland, on Monday, April 29 from 5 to 10 p.m. The club will take a team of 17 members who will compete against students from across the nation at the National Beta convention in Oklahoma City. There will be a grand total of 20,000+ attendees at this convention. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle, sponsored by Growlin' Howland Browns' Backers. A printed flyer or a mobile device depicting it must be shown for credit.

Jeffrey Lee Jiang, a sophomore at the high school, who was elected as the Ohio Senior Beta President at the state convention, will be running for the title of National Senior Beta president.

## Father's night at the Cortland Playroom

Father's night is always a fun night for the Cortland Playroom and the dads and their children. The evening started off with taking pictures of dads and their children to keep as a memory for years to come. Dads were then shown what it's like to make crafts that they then got to take home as a keepsake. Finally they got to finish the night with nachos and cheese and some root beer.

Thank you to all of our dads, children and the fantastic teachers for making this another memorable father's night.



## Children visit Dr. Benton's office



All the classes at the Cortland Playroom got to go on a field trip to Dr. Dennis Benton's office recently. He showed them how to make a tooth with his machine. The staff showed the children the proper way to brush their teeth and showed them some of the instruments they use and of course they got to sit in the dentist's chair. Thank you Dr. Benton and your staff for a great field trip.

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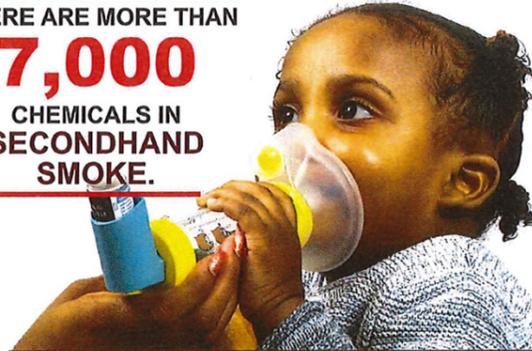
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**Retired? Here's what to do when the market swings**

For several years leading up to 2018, the stock market was abnormally calm. Stocks had some ups and downs, but generally continued to march higher without much disruption. Then, in the fall of last year, we started to see a spike in market volatility. More sizable drops in the prices of stocks - even when quickly erased by gains the next day - generated unease for investors who had become accustomed to smoother investing conditions.

Historically, of course, market volatility is more of the rule than the exception. But it can cause even the savviest stock investors to ask, "Do I need to take action?" And for investors

who are retired, an even bigger question may arise: "How will moves in the market impact the savings I am living on?" If you are asking either of these questions, know you are not alone. When you see the daily headlines about what might be to come, it's natural - and even prudent - to step back and ponder what you need to do next. Here are two steps to consider:

**1. Review your withdrawal strategy.**

Depending on how much money you have invested in stocks, your portfolio may lose value when the market dips. If market swings and the potential for a greater downturn make you nervous, revisit the amount of money you withdraw monthly to meet your expenses. As you review, the goal is to be assured that the amount you withdraw to meet the next year or two of expenses does not put your long-term financial security in jeopardy. If your base of assets is reduced, you may have to trim your withdrawal amount to assure you have a sustainable long-term income strategy.

**2. Don't take unnecessary chances in your stock exposure.**

For the long-term investor - which includes you as a retiree - volatility in equities can work in your favor. It's possible that you will spend one to three decades in retirement, giving you time to withstand some market moves. At the same time, it's important to preserve your base of savings and not be overexposed to stock risk. Review your exposure in the context of your full financial plan to evaluate if you are taking the right amount of risk. Additionally, focus your equity portfolio on higher quality stocks - primarily blue-chip companies that tend to demonstrate more stable performance. Stocks that pay competitive dividends may also be an effective choice to provide a source of reliable return on your investments.

These steps are a good starting point to test whether your investments are properly positioned to provide a secure retirement. If you want help determining what additional steps may be right for you, consult a financial advisor in your area.

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## WR Masonic Lodge spaghetti dinner

The Western Reserve Masonic Lodge is having a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, April 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lodge, 216 East Main St./state Route 88, West Farmington. The dinner will also include salad, bread, cake, coffee and juice. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for those aged 5-12 and free for those under 5. Carry-outs are available for \$7.50. The money raised is used for the Special Olympics and for local scholarships for youth in our communities.



## Are your withholdings adequate?

Finished with your 2018 tax return? If you are, and even if you are not, now might be a good time to check your tax withholding amount for this year, 2019, by doing a paycheck check-up now so you have the right amount of taxes withheld in your paycheck each week. No one likes surprises come tax time and this will hopefully eliminate the chance of any surprise.

### Why check it at all?

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act created a lot of changes for 2018 and for this year too. Some of those relate to tax rates, tax withholding rates, standard deduction amounts, removal of personal exemptions, and much more. One change directly affects the rate at which taxes are withheld from paychecks, for last year and again for this year, generally reducing the amount taken out. This change, combined with the other changes, likely will reduce the amount of an expected refund or may even cause an amount to be owed. Note: For more information on what other items changed or didn't change under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, visit our new Tax Reform Changes website.

### Who should check and when?

It is a good practice for everyone to do a paycheck check-up every year. The earlier in the year that you do this, the more accurate you can be when it comes time to file your tax return next year.

If you filed your 2018 tax return already, you may have noticed how the changes work. If you haven't filed yet, you may be in for a surprise.

Whether you filed yet or not, it only takes a few minutes to do a paycheck check-up now.

### How do you check your withholding?

Use the IRS Withholding Calculator on IRS.gov. This tool is designed to help you determine the right amount of tax withheld from your paycheck.

The Calculator works for most taxpayers; however, people with more complex tax situations should use the instructions in Publication 505, *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*. This includes taxpayers who owe self-employment tax, alternative minimum tax, the tax on unearned income of

dependents or certain other taxes, along with people with long-term capital gains or qualified dividends.

Plan ahead: Tips for using the Withholding Calculator

The Calculator will ask you to estimate your 2019 income, number of children you will claim for the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, and other items that will affect your 2019 taxes. So,

- Gather your most recent pay stubs, and
- Have your most recent income tax return handy.

Keep in mind that the Calculator's results will only be as accurate as the information you provide. If your circumstances change during the year, you should use the Calculator again to make sure that your withholding is still correct.

### How do you change your withholding?

If you think you need to make changes to the amount withheld, the calculator gives you the information you need to fill out a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. Because this form tells your employer how much you want them to withhold, submit the new W-4 to your employer as soon as possible to make the changes.

### What if I don't have enough withholding or none?

Since our federal income tax is a pay-as-you-go tax system, there are two ways to pay as you go, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. If the amount of income tax withheld from your salary or pension is not enough, if you don't have any at all, or if you receive income such as interest, dividends, alimony, self-employment income, capital gains, prizes and awards, or other income, you may have to make estimated tax payments. Also, if you are in business for yourself, you might need to make estimated tax payments.

You can use the worksheet in Form 1040-ES (PDF) to figure your estimated tax. Again, it's a good idea to do this each year, as early in the year as possible.

## Plan Ahead: Most homeowners, renters and business insurance policies don't cover flooding

Flooding is one of the most frequent and expensive natural disasters in the country, with Ohioans having experienced their fair share of destruction. Governor Mike DeWine and Department of Insurance Director Jillian Froment are urging Ohioans to evaluate what is an adequate level of insurance protection for their property and belongings.

"Severe weather can set in quickly and cause significant damage, so it's a good idea to check your insurance policy before you have a problem," Governor DeWine said. "If you have questions about insurance or need help, contact the Department of Insurance."

A recent national survey by the Insurance Information Institute found that only 12 percent of homeowners have flood insurance, meaning many people may be in a financially vulnerable position. Just one inch of water can cause \$25,000 of damage to a home, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Unfortunately, many consumers do not know that most homeowners, renters, and business insurance policies do not cover damage from flooding.

"Many people do not realize that flood insurance is typically a separate policy that has to be purchased," Director Froment said. "Flooding can pose a real and serious risk to Ohio homes, businesses, and personal belongings which is why we want Ohioans to talk to their agent and determine what coverage is most appropriate to their needs."

More than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside high-risk flood zones, according to the federal government.

### How do you get flood insurance?

The federal government's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides flood insurance and consumers can purchase it through an insurance company or agent. A 30-day waiting period typically applies before coverage begins.

### What water damage does a homeowners insurance policy cover?

It will generally pay for water damage within the house such as an overflowing bathtub or burst pipe, but it will not pay for damage caused by sewer or drain back up unless you purchase the specific coverage to add to your policy. It also will not pay for unusual or rapid accumulation or runoff of surface water. Damage from rising groundwater requires a flood insurance policy or flood insurance endorsement added to your homeowners insurance policy.

### What events does your insurance financially protect you against?

Damage caused by rain, hail, lightning, wind, and tornado are generally covered by a standard homeowners, renters, and commercial property insurance policy. An auto insurance policy's "comprehensive" or "other than collision" coverage, which is optional to purchase, would provide coverage to fix these perils as well.

### Should you keep an inventory of your possessions?

Listing possessions with photos and their values will prove worthwhile in a claim filing situation and help determine if you have adequate amounts of insurance. Download the free phone app myHOME Scr.APP.book or use a paper-home-inventory-checklist at [www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov).

### Let the professionals help you

Communicate with your insurance agent and review your policies to ensure you have suitable insurance protection. Visit the Ohio Department of Insurance severe weather preparation and recovery online toolkit and call 1-800-686-1526 with questions. If you have a problem or questions about flood insurance coverage, contact your agent or the NFIP at 1-800-427-4661 or [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). Severe weather safety information is available from the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness at [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov).

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## Call for vendors for Simply Slavic

In preparation for the 9th Annual Simply Slavic festival on Saturday, June 15 from noon to 12 a.m., organizers are seeking authentically Slavic retail, craft, fine art, and food vendors for its marketplace and food tents. The event will be held on Federal Plaza East, Youngstown.

Simply Slavic has vending space for 15 food vendors and 10 marketplace vendors who will provide a variety of Slavic merchandise and foods for patrons during the festival. Many of the regular vendors return each year, so anyone interested in becoming a vendor

may have to go on a waiting list until it is determined if there are openings. If there is an opening, it will be filled according to order of the requests received and the need to maintain a variety of offerings among the booths.

The confirmation deadline for previous vendors is April 1, 2019. Applications from new vendors will be accepted after this date, but questions are welcome at any time. For more information, contact Festival Vendor Coordinator Dave Slanina at 330-509-0754 or [dave@simplyslavic.org](mailto:dave@simplyslavic.org).

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## CHOW plans shipment to Guatemala this summer

By Jean Bolinger

CHOW (Cortland Humanitarian Outreach Worldwide) is excitedly preparing a large shipment of school desks, chairs, teacher desks, student and teacher supplies, and sporting equipment that will be sent to Guatemala this coming summer.

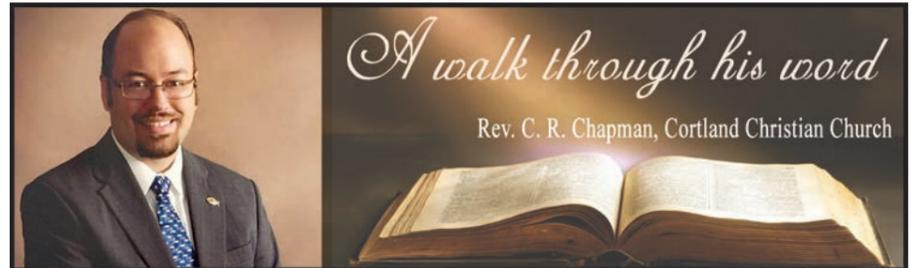
Over the years CHOW has sent almost 8,000 desks in 41 shipments to 14 countries. These are desks (and chairs and other equipment) that CHOW has been given or in a few cases purchased at auction when area school buildings (such as Cortland, Champion and Maplewood) have been closed. The "saved" equipment is given to schools built under the direction of South Com, which is in charge of U.S. military operations in Central and South America. By saving local desks from the landfill and sending them to communities that need them, CHOW is providing a ministry at both ends of the spectrum. CHOW also sends school supplies to accompany each desk and a box of teacher supplies for each classroom.

In a joint U.S. military and community exercise called Beyond the

Horizon, our military reserves partner with two countries every year to build schools and clinics. They work hand in hand with men of the communities where the construction takes place. Locals do the majority of the site preparations using their own funds. In one location in Guatemala, four new classrooms will provide Vocational Ed Tech to approximately 400 adult vo-ed students. In another community a new four-room vo-ed school will be used by the post high school population. In addition there will be five medical missions.

When our military completes the building projects they have a "closing ceremony" in which they turn the building(s) over to the community. CHOW leaders, Becky and Bill Costas, hope to go to Guatemala for this important and emotional event.

CHOW is still asking for donations of bicycles, soccer balls, baseball gloves, bats and balls and other sporting equipment for the schools. If you have such items to give you can call Becky Costas at 330-637-0219 to arrange for a pickup.



## 'In The Garden'

And so, the chapter of winter closes and the page turns to spring. Reflecting on this new chapter, people are busy planting flowers, starting tomato plants in pots to later transfer into their gardens, clearing fallen limbs and trees from the windy March weather, and cleaning out bird boxes for new birds to move in. People can at last be outside for extended periods of time without freezing, and soon, in May, all their hard work of tending to their gardens will pay off. Flowers will be in full bloom, vegetable plants will be sprouting and growing, and fields will begin to take shape, but for now we plant. We plant and allow the rain to come to water the seeds.

There is something special about spending time in a garden. Throughout my ministry I have heard time and time again people say that their favorite hymn is "In the Garden." It has been said throughout the ages that a person is no nearer to the heart of God than when they are in the garden. Something about flowers, fountains and birds draws our souls to ponder deeply about God. After all, the Bible says that He clothes the flowers of the fields and provides for the sparrows of

the sky. See the flowers in full blossom in your mind. Their many colors dance in the noon breeze. The light sound of chirping is heard as you peer past an old tree and see a bird poking its head out of a bush. Hear the sound of the trickling water from the fountain, and smell the sent of the multitude of flowers, all while the sun gently beats down warming your face.

Many important biblical events happened in a garden. In this month of Easter our minds are immediately called to Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus, when He was crucified was buried in a garden, and He rose from that garden; for, just as human's first lived in a garden called Eden, so, the Bible teaches that we who believe and follow Christ will one day return to Him in Paradise. While we spend this spring in our gardens, let us take some extra time to talk to our Lord and Savior. Let us meditate upon eternity with Him, looking all the more for that day. Let us follow Him obediently for the Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Let us love Christ, God in flesh who first loved us. Let us also love one another as ourselves.

## Southington UMC plans rummage/bake sale

Southington United Methodist Church will be holding a rummage sale/bake sale, on Wednesday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bag Day will be Thursday, April 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. Lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverage will be available for purchase on the April 24 only. Carry out is available. The church is located at state Routes 305 and 534 in Southington. Call 330-898-2156 for orders and more information.

## St. Robert holding rummage sale

St. Robert Parish will be hold continue its rummage sale on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the parish hall, state Route 46, north of Cortland. There will be clothes, shoes, dishes, toys, books and so much more. Lunch will be available. Saturday will be \$2 a bag day.

## Vacation Bible School help needed

By Carole Wiley

VBS! What an important event for our community's children! Before, during, and after this yearly event, come many happy stories from the kids about the fun things that took place, songs that were learned, stories that were told. They burst with excitement about these wonderful days. And the involved adults gain obvious joy from their experiences with many happy memories of their own to file away.

Our Vacation Bible School was started about 30 years by Cortland Christian Church. They continue to host this event but Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship now oversees it.

Brian Kovach has coordinated the event for the last 15 years. Due to some issues beyond his control, he needs to

give this project to someone else. Brian will work with this individual as long as necessary, but he does need to make a change. If you are reading this and are interested but rather tentative, maybe you have a friend who might be a willing partner with you. After all, two heads are better than one!

Please join Brian, me, and other LOAF members in praying about this. We just cannot lose Bible School! Please give this some serious thought. And thank you in advance for stepping up to help our community's kids.

For further information or any questions, please contact Brian at 330-423-5094 or bekovach@yahoo.com, or Carole Wiley at 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.

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## Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

### 'Thank you for this day'

Long before Jesus walked the planet, the psalmist rose from his bed, walked to the window, pulled back the blinds, and pronounced: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Not a bad way to greet a new day. Question: how do you meet a new sunrise? We live in a world of busy-ness and challenge. Outlook is everything. You might not have control over what this day brings, but you do have control over your attitude. Attitude is a choice - a personal choice. Several years ago, I was visiting with a patient in her home. The patient's daughter was the caregiver. The patient was unresponsive and totally dependent. Knowing that the daughter had cared for her mother for years, I asked how she managed to maintain such a positive attitude. Her response was illuminating: "I don't have control over much, but I do have control over my attitude. Only I can give myself a bad day." Consider the following story, author unknown:

The noted English architect Sir Christopher Wren was supervising the construction of a magnificent cathedral in London. A journalist thought it would be interesting to interview some of the workers, so he chose three and asked them this question, "What are you doing?" The first replied, "I'm cutting stone for 10 shillings a day." The next answered, "I'm putting in 10 hours a day on this job." But the third said, "I'm helping Sir Christopher Wren construct one of London's greatest cathedrals."

How are you doing today? The answer to that question is up to you.

## Maundy Thursday service April 18

The Bazetta Christian Church will have a reenactment service of Maundy Thursday on April 18 at 7 p.m. to make the Easter celebration more meaningful. The church is located at the corner of Bazetta and Everett Hall roads near the fairgrounds.

## Friends of Cortland Library donate funds to local branch



The Friends of Cortland Library donated a total of \$2,155 to the Cortland Branch Library in 2018. Funds are raised through their continuous book sale and membership dues. Membership forms to join FOCL are available at the library.

Pictured accepting the donation is Karen Murphy, branch manager. Friends of the Library members are from left: Mary Markovich; Patrick Finan, treasurer; and Sandra Vine.

## Celebrate Good Deeds Day

Good Deeds Day, a global celebration including over 100 countries, takes place once a year. The celebration unites people all over the world to do good deeds in their community, bettering each other and the planet. This year, a Good Deeds Day celebration will be held in Warren on Sunday, April 7 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., kicking off National Volunteer Week in the United States.

Participants can register to volunteer at one of the three gardens by clicking the Eventbrite link. Volunteers should meet at that garden location. There will be a celebration of your good deeds at Modern Methods at 5 p.m. with food provided by Cockeye Barbecue. Call Allison at 330-885-1716 or email her at Allison@tnpwarren.org if you have any questions.

## Sewing Guild Spring Extravaganza

The Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will be holding its 17th annual Spring Extravaganza Style and Creativity Show on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at A La Carte Catering in Canfield. In addition to the show, there will be a judged "Denim Recycling" sewing challenge for members. Cost is \$24 for members and \$27 for non-members and includes a full course lunch.



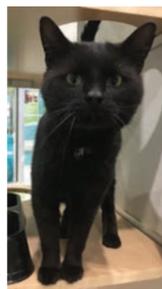
Reservation deadline is April 19. Contact Barb at 330-550-1215 to make menu choices and forward your check in advance.

Pictured are the winners from last year's show: Sandi Rosier, Best Quilt; Kathy Chamberlain, Best Garment; and Marilyn Cosier, Best Miscellaneous category.



## Adopt A Pet

Brier Rose is a sweet girl that will always greet you with a big smile. She was brought to Animal Welfare League in November 2018 after she was found as an injured stray. Brier Rose acquired injuries after being hit by a car, which resulted in the amputation of her front left leg. She has made a remarkable recovery and gets around just like a regular four-legged dog. Brier Rose loves to run around and play, but she also loves to be a lap dog or curl up at your feet to take a nap. This wonderful girl is a 6-year old Pit mix that needs to find her perfect home. Brier Rose is dog selective in the kennel environment, so a meet and greet is recommended. Her adoption fee is \$150 and includes her spay, vaccinations, heartworm testing, microchip and more.



If you find big, chunky cheeks adorable, then Malcolm is the cat for you! He is a laid-back 7-year old Domestic Shorthair that is searching for a home to call his own. Malcolm was found roaming a neighborhood as a stray and was brought to Animal Welfare League in November 2018. He is a gentle and easy going guy that loves snuggles and head scratches. Malcolm is a total love bug and would make a great best addition to any home looking for a new best friend. His adoption fee has been reduced to \$15 due to a generous donation to our Logan Fund and includes his neuter, vaccinations, FeLV/FIV testing, microchip with registration and more. If Malcolm seems like the cat for you, visit him at Animal Welfare League.

Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Adoptions close at 5:30 p.m. The shelter is closed on Sundays and Mondays. AWL shelter is located at 812 Youngstown Kingsville Road SE in Vienna, across the street from Avalon at Squaw Creek.

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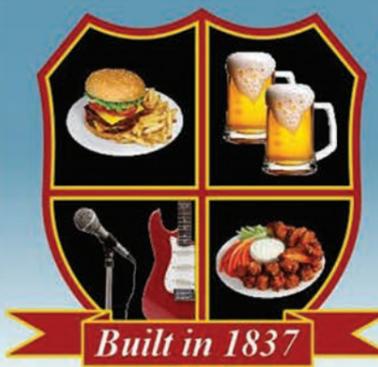
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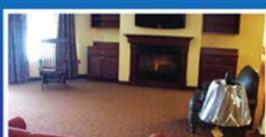
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