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## Everything I learned about motherhood...

By Sally Lane

**M**y son turned 40 this year. My daughter is right behind him next year. Everything I learned about motherhood

I learned on the job or from my mother and grandmother. I'm still learning, but this time 21<sup>st</sup> century hints come from my daughter and son (and their spouses).

One thing I've learned is true: a mother's work is never done. Thank goodness I have kept a journal all these years. It keeps life in perspective. The headings in my personal motherhood journals have changed from "Early Childhood" to "Dealing with Teenagers," to more advanced joys and worries. "Grandmotherhood" is my present journal focus. A peek into the future probably requires the help of the de-cluttering and organizing maven, Marie Kondo, for the "downsizing" chapter. When I look through boxes of old baby clothes, they all give me "joy," What a job that is going to be!

Back to "perspective." My entries about bringing our children home from the hospital after they were born tells of the magic my husband and I felt as we

rocked our babies. About six weeks later, after so many sleep-deprived nights with child number one, my entry told of sitting on the edge of the bed sobbing as we let our son cry. We had been told by more experienced mothers to let him cry for 20 minutes before picking him up - if he hadn't fallen asleep. At 19 and a half minutes, he stopped crying and went to sleep. It was a tough-love lesson for both of us. We didn't have to do that with child number two. She learned a lot from her brother.

My early motherhood journals have lots of notes written on the pages. They reflect the happiness I felt as a mother, as well as my overwhelmed feelings. One note says, "All I want is to get through one meal without something being spilled!"

Thank goodness for MY mother! She and my dad were my kids' first babysitters. It was wonderful to go out for supper with my husband for the first time in a long time. It was a strange

experience to eat a hot meal and take two bites in a row.

Somehow my husband and I made it through "Parenthood 101." He soared through his fatherhood chapters with flying colors. Teamwork really is a plus while the kids are growing up. Together we taught them how to ride bikes, play baseball, shoot baskets and make things. We went on day trips all around northeast Ohio, took vacations and included their friends. We sang silly songs. Later we sat through high school football games to watch them - lots of times while holding a cup of coffee to keep our fingers from freezing.

Now, as a "grammy," I'm still learning about motherhood. I have learned from experience to offer time with my grandchildren, so that their parents can enjoy some time to themselves. Not only do the

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Monday, May 13, 5 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning** – second Monday of each month  
Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.

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# Community Events

## Event Calendar April 27-May 18

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 2 and 7*

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.

Cortland Branch Library events. *See pg. 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.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit [www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks](http://www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks)

## APRIL

- 27 Trumbull County Republican Women's Club annual Spring Card Party, 11 a.m., Cortland Christian Church, 130 Grove St., Cortland.
- 27 Ladies Brunch benefit for food banks, 11 a.m., Wayne Town Hall, corner of state Routes 193 and 322, Wayne Twp. *See pg. 13*
- 29 Lakeview High School Senior Beta Club "Dine to Donate" fund raiser, 5 to 10 p.m., Quaker Steak & Lube, Cortland.

## MAY

- 1 The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Strimbu BBQ as part of a fund raising effort for the Strimbu Memorial Fund, 5 p.m., Yankee Lake Ballroom, Brookfield. *See pg. 5*
- 1 Southington United Methodist Church chicken dinner, 3:30-6 p.m., state Routes 305 and 534. *See pg. 22*
- 2-4 All Saints Community Church Trash 'n Treasure Sale, May 2-May 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4530 state Route 46, Cortland. *See pg. 20*
- 3-4 Cortland UMC Women Rummage Sale, May 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. *See pg. 20*
- 4 Equine Science Horse Show, 9 a.m., Trumbull Career & Technical Center, 528 Educational Highway. *See pg. 6*
- 4 Pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit Boy Scout Troop 50 of Bazetta, 8 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.). *See pg. 11*
- 4 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. 10*
- 4 Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild 17th annual Spring Extravaganza Style and Creativity Show, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., A La Carte Catering, Canfield, 330-550-1215.
- 5 Irish tenor Emmet Cahill, 7:30 p.m., St. Columba Cathedral, 59 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown. *See pg. 20*
- 7,8 The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital "Books are Fun" sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Warren Room. *See pg. 22*
- 8 Wile E. Trumbull County Coyote presentation, 6:30 p.m., Bristol Public Library. *See pg. 14*
- 11 The NE Ohio Lyme Foundation 3rd annual multidisciplinary Lyme disease Symposium, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., VMPAC, 5571 U.S. Route 6, Andover, <https://neohiolyme.eventbrite.com>.
- 14 Trumbull County Genealogical Society meeting and presentation, 10:15 a.m., Thomas Meeting Room, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. *See pg. 11*
- 14 The Guardian Angels of Trumbull County meeting, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. *See pg. 17*
- 17,18 Lions Club Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Lions Building, 197 W. Main St., Cortland. *See pg. 10*
- 18 The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Mountain Dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Cortland United Methodist Church. *See pg. 20*
- 18 Holburn Herb Growers Guild's annual 2019 Herb & Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Vegetable Building, Canfield Fairgrounds, state Route 46 Columbiana Canfield Road Gate 5. *See pg. 13*

## Mosquito Lake 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary marked in June

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has announced that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mosquito Creek Lake will be held on June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. From 9 to 10 a.m. there will be free, guided dam tours, with a ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m., with a tree planting dedication, time capsule dedication and information booths. The anniversary ceremony will take place at the Army Corps office just down the street from the dam, 2961 Warren Meadville Road, across from the Bazetta Fire Station. Parking will be at the fire station and nearby Lakeview Recreation. A shuttle bus will be available.

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## Joni Comport named vice president, Human Resources Operations

Home Savings is pleased to announce the promotion of Joni Comport to vice president of Human Resources Operations. Comport joined Home Savings in 2001 as Assistant Director, Human Resources. In her new role, she will be responsible for overseeing the daily HR operations of payroll, benefits, employment and recruitment.

Comport, who earned a Master of Arts in Industrial and Labor Relations, as well as her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is an active member of the community. She is member of the national and local chapters of the Society for Human Resources Management. In addition, she serves as the Vice President of the Canfield Band Parents and a member of the Canfield High School Soccer Boosters. She currently resides in Canfield with her husband and son.

## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

**Cortland Mower** is celebrating its semi-annual ECHO DAYS Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Save 15% on most ECHO products. There are drawings and prizes along with refreshments.

Have you seen the new car dealer in town? **Maximum Auto Sales** is right next to Circle K. Thirty years' experience and they have financing available for everyone.

Mom called me and said to let you know that she wants you to take her to **Vasilio's Restaurant** for Mother's Day.

Do you have a graduate this year? **Mackenzie Catering at Gardenbrook** can handle all of needs. Have it there or at your place. Nobody better!

Looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer? Check out **Cortland Playroom's** Summer Camp. They are also taking registration for the fall programs.

**Girt's Cortland Music 101** is offering one-on-one "youth percussion lessons" for spring! Perfect for ages 4-12. 330-637-4478.

**Jeannette's School of Dance** Annual Recital is Friday, May 24 at Lakeview High School's Raidel Auditorium. Curtain at 5 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

**Auntie V's Pizzeria** has some money savings coupons in their ad. If you've been looking for "a reason to stop in that place at the corner of Elm Road and 305," this is it! They are closed Mother's Day.

**Buckeye Bulk** is the place to go for all of your landscaping needs. They have a large inventory of mulch, topsoil, sand, slag and different landscape stones. Delivery is available also.

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If your child is going to play sports this summer be sure to call **Vlad Pediatrics** first to schedule a physical.

If you have a dog then you should check out the most complete dog store around ... **Totally Dog**. They have high quality dog food, grooming and offer dog sitting and dog training.

Are you renting a house this summer for vacation? Do you need insurance for it? Find out the answer in **Greenwood Insurance's** ad.

**Cortland Lanes** is starting their short season NO TAP spring league on May 1. Kids at 4:30 p.m. and adults at 6:30. Ask about their \$30 special and Cosmic Bowling also.

Summer is here and that means it is fishing season! Be sure to stop at **Lakeside Drive thru & Sports Shop** for all of your fishing and beverage needs.

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## UCFC announces strong earnings for the first quarter

United Community Financial Corp. (Company) (NASDAQ: UCFC), parent company of Home Savings Bank (Home Savings), announced net income of \$8.7 million, or \$0.176 per diluted common share ("EPS") for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$0.171 EPS, or \$8.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

First quarter 2019 highlights:

- ROA of 1.22%, ROE of 10.99% and ROTE of 11.90%
- Net loan growth of 7.1%, annualized on a linked quarter basis
- Average customer deposit growth of 6.1% comparing first quarter 2019 to first quarter 2018
- Net interest margin of 3.38%
- Noninterest income growth of 4.4% comparing first quarter 2019 to first quarter 2018, 13.1% when adjusted for a change in mortgage servicing rights valuation
- Repurchase of 328,000 shares, or approximately 0.7% of outstanding shares

Gary M. Small, president and chief executive officer of the Company commented, "We are pleased with Q1 performance as our loan and deposit growth came in right on target, margin met expectations during an unpredictable interest rate environment, and our residential mortgage, wealth and insurance business units experienced strong revenue growth."

Small further commented, "The year began a bit softer than normal as clients seemed to strike a cautious stance while evaluating the impact of Q4 market uncertainty. Activity levels picked up over the course of the quarter, the residential mortgage business began to benefit from the lower rate environment, and we enter Q2 in a good position."

## Plans underway for 30th Annual Strimbu Memorial BBQ

*Date set for May 1*

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Strimbu BBQ is planned for Wednesday, May 1 at the Yankee Lake Ballroom in Brookfield as part of a fund raising effort for the Strimbu Memorial Fund. The event is sponsored by First National Bank and Steel Dynamics.

Since its inception in 1990, the Strimbu Memorial Fund has provided over \$3.5 million to support academic scholarships, local economic development groups, non-profits, and other charitable organizations.

"The Strimbu Memorial Fund was created to perpetuate the work of the late Nick Strimbu Jr., who had a passion for leading individuals and economic development agencies in order to attract, assist and retain the industrial base of the valley," said Board President Jim Grasso. "In addition, when the Strimbu Memorial Fund awards scholarships to area students, we are investing in the life of a person – and that is worth millions."

This year, the fund will award leadership college scholarships at the annual event in the amount of \$2,000 each to qualified high school seniors in 12 local school districts, with an additional student winning a \$10,000 college scholarship awarded to the overall leader.

The BBQ will once again get in full swing with doors opening at 5 p.m. The food, catered by Jeffrey Chrystal Catering, will be endless and reminiscent of a full-scale Texas bar-b-que with a multitude of appetizers, plus blackened catfish, BBQ ribs, roast leg of domestic lamb, pork loin and more.

Dinner will be served until 9 p.m., then at 9:30 p.m., a late night offering of wood-fired pizzas will be served until 11 p.m.

This year entertainment will feature country-rock star Chris Higbee. His extraordinary fiddle playing became widely known and he was asked to play fiddle alongside music icon Charlie Daniels.

In addition, the night will feature both silent and live auctions, with many unique items such as utility vehicles,

travel packages, Lake Erie perch fishing trips, sporting event tickets and loges, furniture, dinner packages and assorted jewelry items, just to name a few.

Tickets are \$90 and are available online at [www.stribumemorialfund.org](http://www.stribumemorialfund.org), from any board member or by calling Pam at 330-448-4046, ext.134.



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By Sally Lane



Promptly at noon in Cortland the sound of a siren is heard. When my husband and I first moved here, his hometown, I asked him what it was. "Oh, that's just the noon whistle," he answered. "It's from the fire department." Since then I have found that the "noon whistle" was, much more.

Over the years, the town siren has called firefighters to the station, alerted us of dangerous weather, and taught our children to pay attention when they hear it. Most of the time, though, when we hear it, a glance at the time confirms that it is noon, and all is well. We have learned that on the first Saturday of the month the tornado siren is tested. That siren is NOT connected to the noon whistle, even though the monthly tests occur at noon. When I was a teacher,

we had "tornado drills" at least once a year where the students crouched in the hallways covering their heads until the siren stopped.

While it hasn't been determined exactly *when* the siren first arrived in Cortland (if you know please let me know), historical records point to when Cortland purchased its first fire truck in 1937, or shortly after that. The first mention of the siren in our historical records was May 30, 1939, when several buildings on the south side of Main Street were destroyed by fire. Mary Case wrote about this incident in her book, "Cortland-Bazetta Remembered: Person Reflections of Yesterday," published in 1995. The account was submitted by Dolores Fredericka. Later, Fredericka would be active in local government, but in 1939 she worked at the telephone company, which was located next to the fire department on Lattin Street. When a call came in, Fredericka said, "The operators on duty were to sound the siren - calling firemen to the station, tell the first one who answered the location of the fire, and then lean out the window and give them the key to the fire truck." Operators on duty that day with Fredericka were Alice Hall Patrick and Loucille Thompson Rogers.

Richard Stahl, former fire chief, who has done some research on the siren, wrote that his wife also worked at the telephone company. When a call came in, she would call the station and give the information to the firefighter who answered the phone. Then the siren would be activated by a button. He also wrote that Ralph McCord, who lived just east of the station, remembers his wife and mother who also worked at the telephone company monitoring the "button" at night that set off the siren to call the firefighters. Stahl said, "As a child I remember that the



siren would blow once at noon, twice for practice on Monday nights, three times for a fire and four or five times for other emergencies. Someone had to press and hold the button for the siren to ring the correct number of times to alert firefighters of an emergency."

Technology has improved communications immensely. Firefighters soon had monitors, then pagers, etc., and now portable radios that instantly allow personnel, EMTs and firefighters, to react to emergency situations.

In more recent years Trumbull County 911 took over the responsibility of sounding severe weather warnings. Although operated by TC911, Cortland purchased and installed sirens in three areas of the city. The most recent warning event (by our publication date) were the tornado warnings on April 14. Now you only hear the noon whistle at noon AND at 6 p.m. on the day of the annual Street Fair parade. Until that becomes only a memory, it is still an audible connection to our hometown, telling us all is well.

## TCTC's Annual Equine Science Horse Show event

The community is invited to attend and take part in the annual Equine Science Horse Show. This is an educational and fun event that will take place at Trumbull Career & Technical

Center, 528 Educational Highway, on Saturday, May 4. Demonstrations, classes, raffles and a food concession will be available. The event begins at 9 a.m. and is free to the public with large paved parking lots and easy access to both indoor and outdoor sand arenas.

Both arenas will be open for practice starting at 6:30 a.m. Throughout the day the equine program will be offering multiple event classes for people to participate in, each for a nominal fee. Some classes scheduled are Western Pleasure, Ranch and Drill Team classes and Horsemanship. Many other classes will also be available: Drill Color Guard, Youth Showmanship, Egg and Spoon, Command and Ride, Ranch Halter and many more.

Fees are as follows: \$5 office fee, \$5 per class, \$10 Open/Drill Class Entry. Participants ride at their own risk. Show will take place rain or shine. For more information please contact lisa.street@tctchome.com. Come join in the activities and learn something new.



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## What's "news" in the City of Cortland

By Christine Dorna, administrative assistant

### Scrap Tire Drop off at Willow Park

Tires will be accepted at the City Service Garage, 184 Willow Drive, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays through 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.

### Brush Pick Up

The scheduled dates are the fourth Monday of each month, April through October. Remember to have your limbs out early; the city will make only one pass per street.

### Mosquito Spraying

Wednesday, May 15 is the first scheduled date for mosquito spraying of 2019. 7 p.m. to Midnight:

May 15	June 26	Aug. 7
May 29	July 10	Aug. 21
June 12	July 24	Sept. 4

### Zoning Permits

Spring is here! Are you planning to install a pool or fence? Remember to first obtain a permit. This ensures that you are in compliance with the city's zoning regulations. You can find a permit application, rules and regulations at [cityofcortland.org](http://cityofcortland.org)

### Dates to Remember

May 6 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.  
May 13 - Parks Board - 5 p.m.  
May 13 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.  
May 20 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.



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## SCOPE Senior Services offers free Medicare and PERS benefit reviews

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For issues or questions dealing with Social Security, Medicare prescriptions and hospitalization benefits, call Debbie Zador to make an appointment at the Warren Senior Center at 330-399-8846, extension 202. She is also handling those with governmental plans such as PERS and SERS where retirees must review their benefits on a yearly basis.

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FROM the Garden

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

A very peaceful and fulfilling spring season to all. If you went on vacation for "spring break," hope it was a great one. We are already one third of the way through this spring.

Save this date! The master gardener's yearly perennial plant and vintage garden items sale is May 18. Unlike other area plant sales, this one features perennial plants, herbs, vegetable plants and gently used items for the home garden.

A perennial plant is one that lives more than two years. A herbaceous perennial is a plant that dies back to the ground in fall and sends up fresh growth in the spring. Some perennials retain their foliage all year; these are evergreen perennials.

Perennials are easy, dependable and enjoyable. These are the simple

reasons perennials are so popular, plant once and enjoy the blooms year after year. And because different perennials bloom at different times, you can have long lasting color in a unique one-of-a-kind garden.

When planning a herb garden, knowing which herbs are perennial can be very helpful for the gardener. Sage, thyme, lavender, chives and mint are herbs that do not need to be replanted every year. Annuals like basil and cilantro will not survive an Ohio winter. There are also many perennial crops including these common ones: raspberries, blueberries, asparagus, rhubarb, horseradish, chives and alfalfa. Trees and shrubs can also be considered perennial.

Many of the plants sold at the master gardener's plant sale are divisions of perennials grown in our own gardens. There are always surprises and a one-of-a-kind brought in to be identified. These are healthy and hardy plants able to grow and thrive in our clay soil and our sometimes harsh winter climate.

The recent weather has been wonderful for working in the garden and I have been told many master gardeners are busy digging, dividing and potting up flowers, herbs and shrubs for the sale. Our plants are healthy and very competitively priced, many at \$5. The sale of gently used gardening items will continue. This will be the third year for our tent full of vintage garden ornaments and accessories. Come browse our cheap garden decor items, tools and containers.

Save the date and mark your calendar. May 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the O.S.U. Trumbull County Master Gardener Perennial Plant and Vintage Garden Items Sale, at 520 W. Main St. Cortland. Look for the white tents. Have gardening questions? Master gardeners will be available to answer.

Happy gardening!

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

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## Give mom the world this Mother's Day

(Family Features) This Mother's Day, you can honor the women in your life while also supporting mothers around the world.

Because healthy, empowered moms can give their children the best start possible, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) works to support mothers by providing vital neonatal care and ensuring they have what they need to help their children grow up healthy and happy.

These gifts-that-give-back help support the organization's lifesaving mission and can provide moms with a feel-good celebration.

### Give her the globe

These Peruvian, hand-painted glass coasters by artisan Marlene Guisgueta also provide 16 packets of lifesaving nourishment to children suffering from acute malnutrition. Purchasing gifts from UNICEF Market supports the artisans' families and local economies while funding lifesaving programs for mothers and children. Shop the curated selection of Mother's Day gifts at [unicefusa.org/mothers-gifts](http://unicefusa.org/mothers-gifts).

### Ensure all mothers and children thrive

A meaningful way to give back while honoring your mom, a UNICEF Inspired Gift, such as polio vaccines to protect 100 children, can be sent directly to those who need it most in the name of your loved one. Other essential items that can be delivered include mosquito nets, educational workbooks and more. For additional details, visit [unicefusa.org/mothers-inspired](http://unicefusa.org/mothers-inspired).

### Help her unwind

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### Fuel her inner superhero

Access to safe water means rights for women and girls. For many parts of the world, females are tasked with the long journey of collecting water, exposing them to danger. With support from partners like S'well, UNICEF has helped more than 500,000 people in Madagascar gain access to safe and sustainable water sources since 2015. Learn more at [swellbottle.com/unicef](http://swellbottle.com/unicef).

### Showcase her promise

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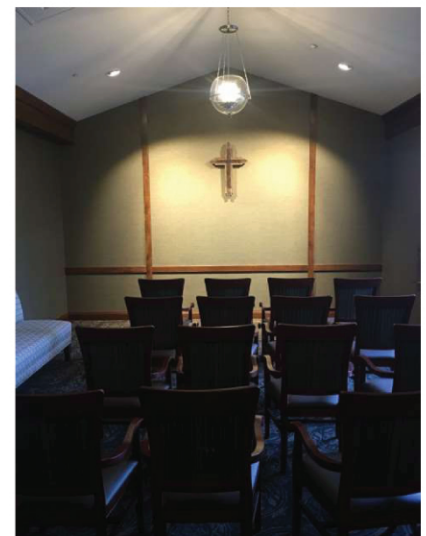
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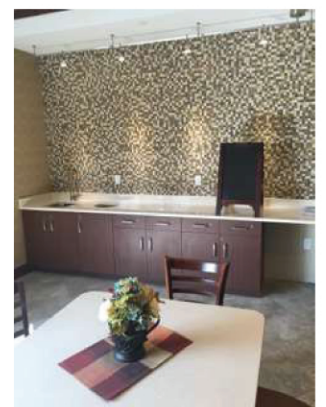

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## Motorcycle Safety Awareness

By Officer Julie Bevilacqua  
Cortland Police Department

Spring is here, meaning people are coming out of hibernation and pursuing more activities outdoors. As days grow longer and temperatures rise, there are more people on the roadways. That includes those traveling by motorcycle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, based on traffic crash fatality statistics from 2016, motorcycle accidents resulting in death happened 28 times more often than other vehicles. May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and there are things we as motorists and motorcyclists can do to make the road safe for everyone.

Cars are much larger than bikes, and come with a lot more safety features, but they also come with blind spots. Make sure to always check your blind spots before entering a lane. Likewise, motorcycles and other vehicles alike should be cognizant of their position on the roadway in relation to other cars and attempt to avoid sitting in these areas. Motorcycles can drop speed and stop quickly, so leave extra space when following a bike and do not follow too closely to allow for a reactionary gap. Motorcycles possess their entire lane, and they may move around to maneuver through debris and road conditions. However, they do not have to move over in their lane to allow room for vehicles to go around an obstacle on the roadway. Homeowners, be aware of the condition of the street in front of your residence because grass and leaves

can be slippery and present a potential hazard.

Most motorcycles do not have the benefit of airbags and the body of a vehicle to protect them in the event of a crash. Instead, they rely on proper riding gear to act as a kind of safeguard. Individuals operating a motorcycle and even passengers are required to wear a helmet for the first year of the operator possessing a motorcycle endorsement or until they are 18 years old. However, it is a good idea to always put on a helmet. While riding at night, wear reflective or more visible clothing. Ride within your comfort level and do not use excessive speed. Also, do not behave recklessly and attempt tricks or weaving in and out of traffic. It is important that nobody should drink and drive, but lack of safety precautions on a motorcycle in the event of a collision makes it all the more imperative to not ride while intoxicated. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports over a third of single-vehicle motorcycle fatalities in 2016 were operated by individuals who were under the influence of alcohol.

These are just a few tips, and more resources are available online for more information regarding motorcycle awareness and safety. Like always, feel free to contact the non-emergency dispatch number at 330-675-2730 for suspicious or reckless behavior. Or, in case of emergencies you can always dial 911.

## Lions Club rummage sale

The Cortland Lions Club is accepting items for its upcoming rummage sale. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to award five \$1,000 scholarships during Lakeview High School's scholarship event in May.

Drop off dates for items you wish to donate will be Saturday, April

27; Saturday, May 4; and Saturday, May 11 from 1-4 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the rear of the Lions Building, 197 W. Main St., Cortland. The sale will be held Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at the rear of the Lions Club building.

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## WR Masonic Lodge spaghetti dinner

The Western Reserve Masonic Lodge is having a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, May 4, the last one before summer, 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, pie, 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.



## Many changes coming to the Cortland Street Fair

*Looking for volunteers & vendors*

Spring is in the air. Flowers are starting to bloom, and everything is changing outside. Summer will soon be here. In making your summer plans, remember to write in the 2019 Cortland Lions Street Fair June 20, 21 and 22.

Just as we are witnessing changes outside, you will see some changes this year with the Cortland Street Fair. Many traditions will remain. The Miss Cortland and Little Miss Cortland will open the fair on Thursday night with a few changes in the age requirements so more young ladies can participate.

Nightly bands will remain as entertainment on the main stage and food vendors will line the streets to please everyone's taste buds. As usual, nightly music will be enjoyed in the Lion's Beer Pavilion and the grand street fair parade will highlight Saturday evening.

New this year will be a "Community Tent" to bring the Street

Fair atmosphere back to the home town. Demonstrations and displays changing nightly will include a quilt show, award winning first Robotic team and Lego demonstrations and much more.

Pop-up contests will be occurring right on Main Street. Who wants to be crowned the "Top Bulldog" winner of the first Cortland hot dog eating contest? If you are interested in representing your school or club in the contest give us a call.

The biggest change that may be noticed is a new ride and game company on the midway. Street Fair goers will see a climbing rock wall, youth mechanical bull, small rides and bouncy houses from Movin' and Groovin' Productions.

The Street Fair committee is looking for volunteers and vendors. If you have any questions, please call Basil Jarrett at 330-307-2876.

## Your home is your castle: how to protect it through the years

(StatePoint) For many people, owning a home is the American dream, and the single biggest financial investment they will ever make. With the stakes so high, in addition to picking out the perfect property, it's critical to have the right insurance.

While homeowners may start out with the right amount when they first purchase their home, over time, their policy can become outdated. Why? One big reason is inflation.

"Labor and building material costs go up over time, which means that if your home were destroyed by a fire or natural disaster, for example, and you had to rebuild it in today's dollars, it would very likely cost much more," said Bob Buckel, vice president and product manager, Erie Insurance. "That's why we recommend that all homeowners get 'guaranteed replacement cost' coverage."

In addition to making sure your insurance keeps up with inflation, experts also recommend homeowners reach out to their insurance agent when:

- You remodel: 2019 is expected to be a popular year for remodeling, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity. Whether it's putting on an addition or finishing the basement, be sure the extra square footage and finishes are listed on your policy. Why? If something were to happen (think: fire, water damage, etc.), you'll want your insurance policy to provide enough funds for everything to be repaired or replaced.

- You make changes to outdoor space: The same is true with any remodeling to your outdoor space. The

addition of an in-ground pool or fence can add value to your home. There are also liability concerns associated with certain equipment, such as a swimming pool or trampoline. Unfortunately, at least 148 children drowned in swimming pools last summer and many more were injured, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. You'll want to make sure you're properly covered in the event of an accident.

- You install a security system: You may qualify for a discount on your insurance if you've recently installed a security system. One study by the Electronic Security Association (ESA) looked at the 10 largest insurance companies and found many offer worthwhile premium discounts.

- You start a home-based business: Whether you have a side hustle or draw a full-time income from a home-based business, you may not have the right coverage in place. For example, if you're selling LuLaRoe clothing and there's a fire, your merchandise might not be covered since typical policies don't always cover home-based businesses. You'll most likely need an incidental business endorsement. Coverage from Erie Insurance could cost about \$30 to \$70 per year.

- You acquire valuables: Homeowners insurance covers your belongings, but generally only up to a certain dollar amount per item. So, if you acquire an expensive item, such as an engagement ring, a fur or a valuable artwork, you should talk to your insurance agent about adding special coverage. You may also need to provide a receipt or appraisal.

## Trumbull County Tourism launches new website & visitors guide

The Trumbull County Tourism Bureau recently launched its new website, [www.ExploreTrumbullCounty.com](http://www.ExploreTrumbullCounty.com). The site highlights the wide array of attractions and activities in the county and paints a picture of the area while bringing its vibrancy to life through compelling photos and easy to navigate details. The site reflects Trumbull County, combining both the urban and rural experiences, which helps distinguish the county from others in Ohio. Visitors and residents alike can find details on lodging, things to do, area events and more.

The new website design has been developed with the latest destination marketing industry best practices. It also responds to the needs of its users and their devices and will reach visitors at all stages of trip planning. Users will find valuable tourism information and vivid photography to both highlight key components of the county and showcase Trumbull County in an authentic way.

On the new site, potential visitors can choose to receive communication from Trumbull County Tourism

through a variety of ways including the electronic newsletter, downloadable brochures, Facebook, Instagram and email.

"We want to provide a new level of ease that our visitors expect while adding attractive new features to enhance our site like our new Towns of Trumbull County section and information on the Italian Food Trail," says Beth Kotwis Carmichael, executive director of the bureau.

In addition to the website, the all new Trumbull County Visitors Guide is available, providing potential visitors with travel ideas along with listings of sites around the county.

"Trumbull County has a lot to offer visitors to our area. Whether its family adventure, relaxation, history or beer, wine and food, we offer affordable experiences that people of all ages can enjoy," said Carmichael. "Our guide this year is the best tool for visitors to use to begin planning their activities for spring, summer, fall and winter. We also encourage our residents to stop by and pick one up for those family and friends who plan on visiting this year."

## Pancake breakfast to benefit Boy Scout Troop 50

An all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast, to benefit Boy Scout Troop 50 of Bazetta, will be held at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 per person, \$6 for children ages 6 to

10 and free for any children age 5 and under. The proceeds will help Troop 50 plan its activities and events. The public is invited to enjoy a Saturday family breakfast and assist this charity fundraiser. For details, call Ernie Stewart at 321-514-8350.

## Genealogical Society to learn about Lincoln guard

The monthly meeting of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 10:15 a.m. in the Thomas Meeting Room at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. At the meeting, attendees will learn about a personal guard for

President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed in uniform, by Hugh Mullen Jr., of the Union Light Guard. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/trumbullcountyohiogenealogy> and [www.trumbullgenealogy.com](http://www.trumbullgenealogy.com) for more information.

## Memorial Day observance at Veterans Memorial

The Cortland Veterans Memorial committee is planning a special ceremony for Sunday afternoon, 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,

which took place last November.

Ian McAleer, committee chairman, 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.

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## Fire Prevention & Safety Tips



By David Rea, Fire Chief, Cortland Fire Department

If you have been watching our Facebook page then you have seen some of the current events at Cortland Fire Department. If you're not a Facebook person, then let me catch you up on what we have been up to.

At the end of last year we were awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). We were part of a regional grant that included the Weathersfield Fire Department, McDonald Fire Department, and Lordstown Fire Department. The total award was \$524,273. Of this we received \$115,350 worth of equipment. The terms of the grant require the awardee pay 10 percent of their award, so our match was \$11,535.



This money was used to replace aging self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs), masks, and spare SCBA bottles. For this we were able to get 18 SCBA packs, 37 bottles and 34 masks. These are used to supply firefighters with fresh air when entering hazardous environments (such as a house fire).

Just after the first of the year we were able to purchase a second power lift cot. This equipment automates the lifting of patients into the ambulance and reduces injuries from lifting. The total cost of this project was \$22,881. Funding for this came through two grants from Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (\$6,916.81), and

Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services (\$4,005).

The Cortland Fire also received donations from several community organizations including the Cortland Lions Club, Dennis Gartland, past president (in photo); Cafaro Foundation, Optimist Club of Bazetta-Cortland, Cortland Moose Lodge and Rotary Club of Cortland.

All of these organizations were gracious enough to donate towards this endeavor, and we are very appreciative of their continued support.

## Spring into fun at Johnston Senior Center



Come check out the Johnston Senior Center. The center has new crafts scheduled twice a month and free bingo with prizes from Concord Care. Mondays

offer instructed chair yoga classes, senior exercise on Wednesdays (light weights, bands, balls provided), and senior Pilates on Fridays (bring mat). There are also several social activities including coffee hour, newspapers, bingo, crafts, Uno cards and more. You can unwind at the center once a week with a 15 minute chair massage (by appointment). The center provides lunch Monday-Friday at noon through the TCOEA; please call two days in advance. The center is located at 5922 Warren Road, Cortland and is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 330-924-0412.

Pictured from left are Marlene Gracey, Flo Harvey, Bill Lehto, Barb Waganek, Bernice Thompson and George Shimko.

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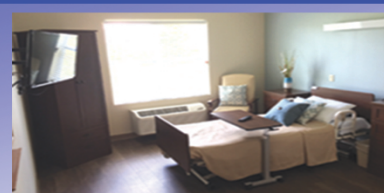
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## Garden Club hears about native plants

On March 7 the Four Seasons Garden Club heard from guest speaker Danita Davis, longtime Cortland resident, a former teacher and a Master Gardener. She spoke about native plants in the region and why it is important to keep this vegetation alive in the community. She said that some plants are still happy and alive, some are not here anymore and some have had new species introduced to their space by new growing technology.

Danita explained that back when the Europeans came, about 1491, they brought with them plants. These plants adapted themselves to the climates and became very beneficial to all insects here. These insects pollinated, which spread to areas for growth of new plants, in turn produced food for livestock and humans. Native plants to this area will produce strong and deep growing roots. This makes for good soil because it can prevent weeds from growing so quickly and also helps with erosion. Native plants take less care and are more adaptable to the area's climate. Pollinators like the honey bee are dwindling because they are not able to find the right plants to be able to produce their natural honey.

The question was asked, "What can we do and where can we find native plants in our area?" Danita supplied the group with good contacts and information, along with information on plants that are harmful to native plants and should be avoided.

### Reasons & ways to go native

- Cleveland Metro parks- cuyahogawc.org
- The Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership for Biodiversity Leapbio.org
- Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio
- Native Plant Finder-National wildlife Federation, nwf.org
- The Nature Conservancy, nature.org
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources, ohiodnr.gov
- Plant Native, plantnative.org
- Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District
- United States Department of Agriculture, plants, usda.gov
- Western Ohio Audubon Society, casohio.org



Master Gardener Danita Davis and Anita Shaw

## Barn Quilts project presented

Betty and Harold Babb of Kinsman hosted a program about the Lake to River Barn Quilt project at a recent meeting of the Cortland Bazetta Historical Society at the Opera House. They are involved in creating a trail from Lake Erie to the Ohio River of beautiful quilt squares. "Each quilt tells a story of the people who make them," said Harold. They are uniquely created patterns that are painted on special boards and registered with the Barn Quilt Trail project. Projects like this are around the country, and many people enjoy looking for them. "Once you are aware of the project you start seeing them all over," said Betty.



## Ladies Brunch benefits food banks

There will be a Ladies Brunch on Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m. at the Wayne Town Hall, corner of state Routes 193 and 322, Wayne Twp. There will be a brunch, Chinese auction, entertainment, fun, fellowship and

an Island theme. Proceeds benefit local food banks and missions and is sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Wayne, Ladies Missionary Society. Space is limited. Call for: Laurie 440-422-3662 or Janice 440-685-4388.

## Holborn Herb Growers plant sale May 18

The Holburn Herb Growers Guild's annual 2019 Herb & Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vegetable Building in the Canfield Fairgrounds located on state Route 46 Columbiana Canfield Road Gate 5 (across from the Canfield State Highway Patrol post) entrance.



The Holborn Herb & Plant Sale will be featuring a large selection of herbs and beautiful perennials, succulents and fairy garden plants. In addition to these varieties, it will once again feature twice loved perennials. The members have lovingly garnered and nurtured these assorted plants for purchase. A twice loved book sale featuring gardening, herb and cookbooks will also be available for purchase. Guild members will be on hand to assist with purchasing, answering questions and sharing information.

The Guild will also feature for purchase the second printing of the Holborn Herb Growers Guild cookbook "Herbal Fare." This cookbook is filled with delicious, delectable and creative recipes, which will help utilize herbal purchases. The cookbook not only includes culinary ideas but a lot of practical ways to make the most of harvested herbs.

The Holborn Herb Growers Guild Herb and Plant Sale is open free to the public and will be held rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted. For questions regarding the herb sale, please contact co-chairs, Virginia 330-406-0364 or Carol 330-720-7142.

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## 4 simple hacks to beat seasonal allergies

(StatePoint) Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S. and more than 50 million Americans suffer from them each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When it comes to spring allergies, you don't need to anticipate the season with dread.

There are steps you can take to proactively dodge allergens and mitigate debilitating symptoms, according to the experts at AccuWeather.

### Change Your Routine

Are you a morning bather? Experts say that if you suffer from outdoor allergies, you would be wise to switch to evening showers. This will rid your hair and skin of pollen, so you don't bring it to bed with you. No matter what time of day you shampoo and scrub, you'll want to wash your linens in hot water, to remove as much pollen as possible.

### Stay in-the-Know

From dry winds blowing tree pollen into the air, to wet, rainy days causing dust mites and mold to thrive, weather has a huge impact on the spread of allergens and, subsequently, the way you feel, say experts.

"Spring allergies are driven by trees and grass pollen, and different people will have their own reactions. If you do suffer from spring allergens, a cold front passing through can bring some relief," says Alan Reppert, AccuWeather senior meteorologist. "But even when the weather seems quiet, allergens can be present and contribute to illness. For example, when rain begins and washes pollen out of the air, mold spores can climb and cause allergy problems."

Get relevant information about weather and allergies in the palm of your hand so you can avoid the worst of it, or make necessary preparations when you can't. One useful tool is AccuWeather's daily allergy index, which is available on AccuWeather.com and on the free AccuWeather app for iOS and Android. Stay in-the-know by frequently checking the app, which is also a good source of other weather-related tips, educational resources and information.

### Protect Indoor Air

Fresh air may sound appealing, but opening your car and home's windows is a fast-track to a high pollen count indoors. For a breeze, stick to air conditioning, as fans can kick up dust and pollen into the air.

### Consider Your Wardrobe

For those times when you must be out and about on high-pollen count days, wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses to protect yourself. A scarf or mask over your mouth and nose can be useful when symptoms are severe. When you get home, be sure to remove outerwear, including shoes, in your mud room or foyer so you don't track allergens throughout the house, particularly in areas where you sleep and spend the most time. You can make smart decisions about your wardrobe as well as the best time to venture outdoors by consulting digital apps like AccuWeather before leaving the house.

This spring, don't let sniffles, sneezing and wheezing get the best of you. For a more comfortable season, check the weather often and take proper precautions.

## Cortland Branch Library events in May

The following programs take place at the Cortland Branch Library, 578 Lakeview Drive, Cortland. For registration call 330-638-6335. All library events are free and open to the public. No reservations are required unless noted.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

### FOR CHILDREN

#### Babytime

**Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: May 1, May 8**

Laugh and learn with your baby! For infants 6 - 18 months old with a parent or caregiver. Short stories, fingerplays, and simple songs. Registration is required. Free.

#### Toddler Tales

**Wednesdays at 11 a.m.: May 1, May 8**

Storytime for toddlers 19 - 35 months old with a parent or caregiver. Registration is required. Free.

#### Preschool Storytime

**Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m.; Tuesday, May 7 at 11 a.m.**

Preschool Storytime features stories and a craft related to a weekly theme and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write, and mastering these skills now helps children grow up to be good readers! For children ages 3 - 5. Free.

#### Tea for Mom and Me

**Saturday, May 11 at 1 p.m.**

Celebrate someone special with a story, snacks, craft, and, of course, tea! Limited to two adults per child. For children in PreK - grade 3. Registration is required. Free.

#### Lib-ratory

**Friday, May 17 at 1 p.m.**

NEW! Early afternoon programs created with our homeschool community in mind! Themed activities

are designed to promote collaboration, literacy, and critical thinking. For children in grades K - 6. Registration is required. Free.

### LEGO Club

**Drop-in Saturday between 1 - 2:30 p.m.: May 25**

Let your imagination run wild and create with our collection of LEGO building bricks. All structures will remain at the library. For children in grades K - 6. Free.

### FOR TEENS

#### #TeenMidweek

**Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Different activities each week! For teens in grades 7-12. Free.

#### Teen Game Night

**Friday, May 3 from 3 - 5 p.m.**

Join us on the first Friday of each month for gaming of all varieties! For teens in grades 7 - 12. Free.

#### Teen Advisory Board

**Tuesday, May 7 at 3 p.m.**

Want to help your fellow teens? Need service hours? Have a great idea for a teen event? Come to a Teen Advisory Board meeting! For teens in grades 7 - 12. Free.

### FOR ADULTS

#### Henna by Nikki Rettman

**Tues., May 14 at 6 p.m.**

A short educational session about this temporary body art will be followed by the application of small designs for attendees. For ages 16 and up. Artist Nikki "Cricket" Rettman has been working with henna as an art medium for 18 years. Free.

## Wile E. Trumbull County Coyote program

The Wile E. Trumbull County Coyote, presented by Amy Reeher, Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District administrator/watershed coordinator, will be held at the Bristol Public Library on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. The coyote, while often misunderstood, is a fascinating Trumbull County inhabitant found in both urban and rural environments.

Reeher's presentation will be a conservation education program and will focus on the Ohio life history, habitats, and successful coexistence with humans of coyotes. This program is free and informational handouts will be available. Registration begins Monday, April 22 and is required due to limited space. Contact the library's circulation desk at 330-889-3651 to register.



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## How to make your empty nest an empowering new chapter

(StatePoint) Suddenly, the kids are all grown up and ready to flee the nest. It's the start of a new chapter -- for them, and for mom and dad, too. While this sudden change in family dynamic is bound to bring a mix of bittersweet emotions, there are plenty of ways to embrace the shift. An empty nest certainly doesn't mean an empty life.

Raising a family reaps many rewards and any parent knows that family time revolves around the children's wants and needs well into their teenage years. While in the thick of it, the prospect of a quiet, relaxing weekend with no parental responsibilities and the very concept of self-care can seem farfetched. But now with the kids leaving home, it's time to make the most of your new foot-loose and fancy-free lifestyle.

### Make more "Me Time"

Now that you have more time to do things that bring you joy, it's time rediscover who you are -- whether that's through traveling the world, learning a new skill or language, taking a yoga class, volunteering or simply doing more of what makes you feel good.

The newfound time in your day is an opportunity to discover new hobbies and build a social life that is entirely your own.

### Stay connected

Just because the kids have left home doesn't mean you can't stay connected. In fact, you may find yourself on the other end of the phone giving dating advice or having more meaningful life

chats than ever before. Family group text threads can replace dinner table conversations, so do make sure you stay up-to-date with technology to keep the entire family connected.

Choose a phone plan that lets you talk, video chat or text with your kids as much as you want, when you want, such as T-Mobile ONE Unlimited 55+, which gives you two lines for just \$35 per line with no surprise fees or taxes. A super affordable option designed just for customers 55 and older, it includes unlimited talk, text and data, in-flight texting, one hour of Gogo Wi-Fi on domestic flights, and texting and data when you travel abroad in 210 destinations.

And what's more, all the money you save on your phone plan can go straight into the self-care fund or to finance your next "adults only" fancy vacation. Win-win.

### Find a furry friend

If you're an animal lover, adopt a new pet, train a friend's dog, pet-sit, or become a foster pet-parent. This time, you won't be getting a pet just for the kids. Animals have a magical ability to lift the spirit and fill the void left from caring for your little ones for so many years.

Becoming an empty nester is surprisingly empowering, and can be a period of positive growth for you. Instill new routines and experiences in your life, stay connected to your kids, and the rest will surely follow.



## Adopt A Pet



Meet Zara! She is an adorable, sweet and energetic young pup that believes she is a lap dog. Zara is a 1-year old Pitbull mix that came to Animal Welfare League in November 2018 after she was found as a stray. We are unsure of what happened to her left ear, but we think it just adds to her cuteness. Zara loves her people, but can be dog selective and would do best as a single pet. She loves to go for walks, but her favorite place to be is in your lap. You can meet Zara at Animal Welfare League. Her adoption fee is \$150 and includes her spay, vaccinations, heartworm testing, microchip with registration,

and more.

Blossom is a very social and affectionate kitty. She arrived at Animal Welfare League with her three kittens in March 2019 after their owner could no longer care for them. Blossom did a great job raising her kittens, and now it is time for her to find her forever home where she can be the one to get pampered. This sweet momma is a 4-year old Domestic Shorthair with adorable black and white markings. Her favorite activities include playing with crinkle balls, naps, and birdwatching. If Blossom sounds like a perfect partner for you, stop by Animal Welfare League. Her adoption fee is \$35 and includes her spay, vaccinations, FeLV/FIV testing, microchip with registration and more.



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. For more information call 330-539-5300 or visit [www.awlrescueme.com](http://www.awlrescueme.com).

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(StatePoint) The warmer weather means it's time to start thinking about home improvement projects. Whether you're getting your home in tip-top shape for your own enjoyment, or getting it ready to put on the market, not all home improvement projects are created equal when it comes to return on investment (ROI). Here are top areas on which to focus:

### Interiors

The kitchen is the heart of the home and it's one of the best areas to renovate in terms of ROI, according to Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report, which puts the price tag of the average minor kitchen remodel at \$22,507, with 80.5 percent of the cost recouped upon resale.

To give the kitchen an updated

appearance, replace the flooring, countertops, sink and faucet. A fresh coat of paint in a trendy shade, such as Living Coral, Pantone's Color of the Year, can add a vibrant pop of color to energize any kitchen. Not looking to go that bold? Consider an accent wall, or stick to a classic palate of gray and white in terms of cabinets and countertops. White on white is also a popular new style for kitchens and bathrooms.

Other features home buyers are paying close attention to are laundry rooms and such energy-saving elements as Energy Star appliances and windows, according to the survey "What Home Buyers Want in 2019" by the National Association of Home Builders.

### Curb appeal

The popularity of outdoor projects

remains strong and it's for a good reason. According to the Cost vs. Value Report, the biggest bang for your buck in 2019 will come from replacing a garage door. The report says the average price is \$3,611, and 97.5 percent of it is recouped when the house is sold.

Other outdoor projects with high ROI include adding manufactured stone veneer to the exterior (94.9 percent), adding a wood deck (75.6 percent) and replacing siding (75.6 percent). Looking for a simpler way to make an impact? Sprucing up the landscape by planting flowers or bushes or even just clearing the yard of debris will make a big statement.

No matter what updates you end up making, it's always a good idea to notify your insurance agent. "Certain upgrades may change the value of a house, so homeowners need to make sure they're properly covered," says Bob Buckel, vice president of product management, Erie Insurance. "There are a few things to look for. Ask your agent about guaranteed replacement cost policies that can cover the cost to rebuild a home in today's dollars following a covered loss."

Some upgrades may also make you eligible for discounts, Buckel adds, especially if they make the home more secure. "For example, Erie Insurance offers certain safety discounts such as for installing smoke alarms or an automatic sprinkler system."

Now you have a checklist of DIY projects to focus on this spring. But before you start, take a moment to assess which ones are worth your time and money.

## Get geared up for fishing season

(StatePoint) Whether you're a serious angler or you only dabble with the sport, the right gear can make your next fishing trip a success.

Here are some tools and accessories to consider bringing along with you on all your expeditions this season:

- **Space Savers:** If you're on a small watercraft or expecting a bit of a hike from your vehicle to the perfect fishing spot, you can save space and lighten your load with a folding cooler chair. This lightweight piece of gear double functions as a place to store lunch and keep drinks cool, while offering you a comfortable place to sit. Many online

retailers will also personalize this item for you with your name, initials or favorite fishing saying.

- **Wearable Tech:** Wearable tech can help you make sound judgments about where and when to fish. Among its many outdoor features, the durable, water-resistant Pro Trek Smart WSD-F30 watch comes with Fishbrain, the world's largest community-based fishing app, which allows you to join other anglers in the area and contribute to the world's smartest local fishing forecasts. With it, you can record where you caught fish on the map, which is helpful when you want to efficiently search for fishing spots in the future, estimate fish movements based on tide data, receive notifications on the best time to go fishing and confirm and share your fishing results. The timepiece also includes MyRadar, a real-time weather app that can help you better plan your trip.

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# Montgomery named Chiropractor of the Year



Dr. Thomas Montgomery received the honor award Chiropractic Physician of the Year from the Eastern Ohio Chiropractic Society. The organization consists of doctors from Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbia counties. Dr. Montgomery is currently a delegate for the American Chiropractic Association, and has been the past president and chairman of the board for the Ohio State Chiropractic Association. Dr. Montgomery has been very active with local charitable organizations and is currently president-elect of the Rotary Club of Cortland.

# Guardian Angels looking for volunteers

Come and see how rewarding volunteering can be. The Guardian Angels of Trumbull County, a volunteer program of the Trumbull County Probate Court, is looking for new volunteers. The trained angel volunteers reach out as friends to seniors who may need a friendly phone call, a visit in a nursing home, or a visit at home. Angels are also involved in planning special events for seniors. The next meeting will be on May 14 at 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. For further information contact 330-675-2521 or go to [www.trumbullprobate.org](http://www.trumbullprobate.org).

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parents like that, but we do, too. The grandkids love the special attention – besides exploring their mom’s or dad’s old toys. If it gets too boring, they know how to play games on their I-pads while Grammy puts her feet up.

Times have changed. Our children were the first generation to use computers, cell phones and the internet, but life lessons are the same: be caring, responsible and have fun with your children. They are only little for a short time. They *will* learn to eat something besides macaroni and cheese by the time they are about 8. Don’t make a big deal out of it. Make friends with other mothers and give each other breaks. Support your child’s responsibility to do schoolwork. Above all, love your children. Happy Mother’s Day.



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### What do the letters after a financial advisor's name mean?

Professionals in many industries tout their education and professional experience as a way to demonstrate their expertise and set themselves apart. The financial industry is a prime example, with almost 200 professional credentials advisors can obtain to sharpen their ability to serve clients well. If you are searching for a financial advisor and seeking clarity on what the acronyms after each professional's name means, below is a primer on eight of the most common designations.

**Accredited Estate Planner®** - Advisors seek the AEP® designation to learn more about designing an estate plan focused on the accumulation, conservation, preservation and transfer of an estate in a way that also helps individuals achieve their estate and wealth management goals.

**Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor<sup>SM</sup>** - Individuals who hold the APMA® designation have completed a course of study to learn more techniques to create and maintain portfolios for clients. The coursework includes client assessment and suitability, risk/return, investment objectives, bond and equity portfolios, modern portfolio theory and investor psychology.

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**Certified Divorce Financial Analyst®** - The CDFA® designation is growing in popularity because it helps financial and legal professionals support clients going through or managing assets after divorce. Those with this credential are trained to evaluate the tax implications of dividing property, settlement options for dividing pensions, marital property, awarding of child and spousal support and to help determine the financial needs and

outcomes for couples after divorce.

**CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) and Chartered Financial Consultant® (ChFC®)** - Advisors with either or both credentials have studied key financial planning topics in-depth - including risk management, tax planning, retirement and employee benefits, and estate planning, and insurance - to help develop well-balanced financial strategies for their clients.

**Certified Long-Term Care®** - The CLTC® program is independent of the insurance industry and is designed to provide financial service professionals with expertise and tools to address long-term care planning with their clients.

**Certified Retirement Planning Counselor<sup>SM</sup>** - A financial professional seeks the CRPC® credential to learn the finer points of helping clients implement financial strategies to cover pre-and post-retirement needs, asset management, estate planning. Coursework touches on the entire retirement planning process using models and techniques from real client situations.

As you evaluate the expertise of an advisor, keep in mind that not all designations are equally rigorous. Each credential requires a different amount of work to obtain and maintain. Many of the designations above require a combination of coursework, one or more exams, a commitment to ongoing education and/or a pledge to maintain ethical standards.

That being said, a designation alone does not mean an advisor is the right fit for you. A professional's education background is one factor to consider when deciding who has the right level of expertise and experience that matches what you're looking for. For more designation explanations, check out Finra's website at <http://www.finra.org/investors/professional-designations>. (Finra is a key regulator of the financial services industry.)

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By Jennifer J. Slywczak

## Business vs hobby: The tax rules have changed

If you generate income from a passion such as cooking, woodworking, raising animals — or anything else — beware of the tax implications. They'll vary depending on whether the activity is treated as a hobby or a business.

The bottom line: The income generated by your activity is taxable. But different rules apply to how income and related expenses are reported.

### Factors to consider

The IRS has identified several factors that should be considered when making the hobby vs. business distinction. The greater the extent to which these factors apply, the more likely your activity will be deemed a business.

For starters, in the event of an audit, the IRS will examine the time and effort you devote to the activity and whether you depend on income from the activity for your livelihood. Also, the IRS will likely view it as a business if any losses you've incurred are because of circumstances beyond your control, or they took place in what could be defined as the start-up phase of a company.

Profitability — past, present and future — is also important. If you change your operational methods to improve profitability, and you can expect future profits from the appreciation of assets used in the activity, the IRS is more likely to view it as a business. The agency may also consider whether you've previously made a profit in similar activities. Also, the intent to make a profit is a key factor.

The IRS always stresses that the final determination will be based on

all the relevant facts and circumstances related to your activity.

### Changes under the TCJA

Under previous tax law, if the activity was deemed a hobby, you could still generally deduct ordinary and necessary expenses associated with it. But you had to deduct hobby expenses as miscellaneous itemized deduction items, so they could be written off only to the extent they exceeded 2% of adjusted gross income (AGI).

All of this has changed under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Beginning with the 2018 tax year and running through 2025, the TCJA eliminates write-offs for miscellaneous itemized deduction items previously subject to the 2% of AGI threshold.

Thus, if the activity is a hobby, you won't be able to deduct expenses associated with it. However, you must still report all income from it. If, instead, the activity is considered a business, you can deduct the expenses associated with it. If the business activity results in a loss, you can deduct the loss from your other income in the same tax year, within certain limits.

### An issue to address

Worried the IRS might recharacterize your business as a hobby? Contact our firm. We can help you address this issue.

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## Jobs available to seniors through training program

SCOPE Senior Services Centers have been providing host job sites for the Vantage Aging Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). This program offers paid job training and placement to low income adults age 55 and older.

Participants work up to 20 hours per week and earn the current minimum wage. Because the goal is to get people hired into unsubsidized work outside of the program, participants receive individual job search assistance and frequent check ins from professional staff. According to the Older Americans Act Amendment of 2000, the wages do not count as income when determining eligibility for subsidized housing and/or food stamps.

The requirements to be enrolled are 55 years of age or older, unemployed and looking for a job. Participants can be assigned to non-profit community based or government agencies. Assignments are based on the current needs of the workforce and the participants skill set

and interests. Common assignments include administrative, retail, food service, driving, healthcare and cleaning.

"SCOPE would like to thank Vantage Aging for conducting this training job service for seniors in Trumbull County," stated Mike Wilson, SCOPE Senior Services director. "There are many benefits to participating seniors with upgrading their job skills, especially with computers all the while contributing to community service. I know that we at SCOPE are in need of drivers to deliver free groceries each week to the homebound in Trumbull County," Wilson concluded.

For additional information or to receive an application call Vantage Aging at 330-782-0978 or SCOPE Senior Services at 330-399-8846.

Vantage Aging is an equal employment opportunity and service provider. SCSEP is funded by the Department of Labor and the Ohio Department of Aging.

## 5 unique gift ideas for Mother's Day

(StatePoint) Flowers are always a classic selection on Mother's Day, but for gifts that will truly make Mom's day, consider the following ideas:

1. Self-care. Whether you bring the professionals to your home or plan a spa day, Mom deserves to be taken care of and treated well. A gift certificate is a great way to let her pick the services she wants à la carte, though many spas offer special package deals providing a greater value. Either send Mom alone for some deserved me-time, or make a day of it and join her so you can enjoy some quality time together.

2. Music. For musical moms with limited space, or moms looking to learn piano or hone their skills, consider gifting a keyboard with a slim profile. Weighing in at less than 25 pounds, the Casio's PX-S1000 boasts the Smart Scaled Hammer Action Keyboard with simulated ebony and ivory key textures, for a grand piano feel and a remarkable sound. And integrated Bluetooth technology lets you connect your device wirelessly. Complement this gift with a package of lessons or music to get her started.

3. Making a meal. Create memories together, and a new family tradition, by cooking one of Mom's favorite or most notable recipes together. Not only will you be creating a delicious Mother's Day meal, she can pass down the recipe to you while you spend quality time together.

4. Timepiece. Put a spin on the usual jewelry given on Mother's Day, with an accessory that's not only fashionable, but useful, too. For versatility that will complement simple, classic or retro glam looks, consider the Vintage Collection timepieces from Casio, which are offered in different metallic color combinations, such as gold and black, rose gold, silver, and even camo, and equipped with an LED-lit display face, a countdown timer and a 1/10th second stopwatch. They also feature a daily alarm, hourly time signal, and an auto-calendar, making them a necessity for anyone looking for fashion flare that keeps them on time.

5. Movie night. Is Mom a movie buff? Upgrade the cinematic experience by helping her create an affordable at-home theater.



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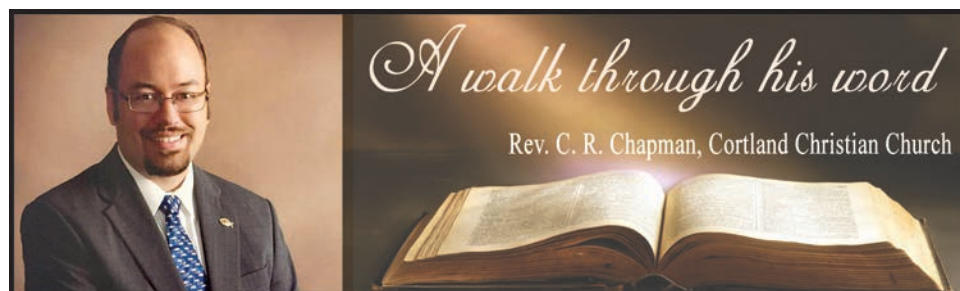
Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.  
3 John 1: 2

Fifteen pounds-a-piece. Couple of weeks ago, I had a wellness visit with my PCP. "You've gained eight pounds since your last visit (It was the ice cream binge last week. Don't tell anybody.) and your blood pressure is up." She didn't need to say more - I got the hint. Diet and exercise, diet and exercise, diet and exercise - folks tell me if you repeat something three times the words will have greater effect. Time will tell, but I do have a good start. When I get home, I laced up my walking shoes and "hit the pavement." Every morning, when the clock strikes 5 a.m., I trot to the basement for some weight training. Nothing too heavy, just a simple workout with a pair of fifteen pound dumbbells.

How are you faring in this arena - stewardship of the body? It's amazing how much our physical condition affects our outlook on life. We all know it, but sticking with a regimen aimed at fostering positive results can be daunting. Consider the following: according to stats compiled in the "Complete Harper's Index," the "percentage of Americans who own running shoes but don't run: 87 percent." In addition, "American Health" magazine, concludes that "regular exercise toughens the mind as well as the body. After working out three times a week for six months, one group was found to be 20 percent fitter. Bonus: they also scored 70 percent better in a test of complex decision-making." Benefits worth pursuing - just sayin'. I realize adopting a new healthy lifestyle can be a monumental undertaking. The following account memorialized in "Reader's Digest" offers such an example:

A retired couple decided that they should walk two miles a day to stay in shape. They chose to walk a mile out on a lonely country road so they would have no choice but to walk back. At the one-mile mark on their first venture, the man asked his wife, "Do you think you can make it back all right, or are you too tired?" "Oh, no," she said. "I'm not tired. I can make it fine." "Good," he replied. "I'll wait here. You go back, get the car and come get me."

Don't relent. Get with it - stick to it - and enjoy the benefits.



## 'Mother'

"Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing there, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (John 19:25-27, HCSB). Jesus cared for His mother. One of His last acts before His death at Calvary was to provide for His mother. He turned toward the Apostle John, whom many would say was Jesus' best friend, and told him to take care of His mother, Mary.

Too often are mothers neglected whether willfully or not. No one could possibly know what a mother goes through. From child birth to sleepless nights, from worry to extreme patience, from countless hours on their knees in prayer to countless tears shed, from extreme sacrifice of her very food to hearing the dreaded words "I hate you." Mothers go through more than anyone can know, unless they are a mother. Jesus taught how we honor our mothers. Imagine His mother, Mary watching her son's ministry blossom. Imagine this woman watching her son be plotted against. Imagine this woman seeing her dearest flesh and blood beaten and slain. Mary's son willingly died for people that she did not know. Jesus died for you, but in

the midst of His death He provided for His mother whom He loved. He made arrangements for her to be loved and cared for. Ought you not care for your mother?

Too many children do not recognize their parents. They take them for granted and turn against them. A mother is a great and precious gift. For those whom have lost their mother, they would give all their possessions for just one more day. One more long look into those loving eyes. One more embrace of warmth. One more sound of a soft voice across the ear. For those whose mother is still with them, cherish them. Love them. Learn from them.

Mothers are a gift from God. They are the flowers in our lives. They are the sweet delight to the heart. They are not perfect, but their hearts are pure. Treasure them like precious silver. Hold their teaching close to your heart; they will guard you.

Mothers, teach your children the ways of the Lord and may your children find joy and gladness and protection and salvation in them. Pray for them, even if they have gone astray. Wear out the carpet beside your bed, knelt in pray to Jesus our Lord. You are the prayer warriors of this age. You are spiritual soldiers for the Army of God. To the mother who needs to hear these words, hear them from the Lord in a soft spoken whisper against the ear... "I love you."

## Irish tenor to perform

Irish tenor Emmet Cahill will make a return appearance to St. Columba Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. May 5. Cahill is one of the lead singers of Celtic Thunder and he last played at St. Columba for a Christmas show in December 2017. He will perform a combination of Irish music and church hymns.

Tickets are \$35 to \$55 and can be

purchased at [www.emmetcahill.com](http://www.emmetcahill.com) or by calling the church rectory at 330-744-5233. The \$55 price includes a meet-and-greet with the singer and there are a limited number of tickets.

St. Columba is located at 159 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown. There is ample free parking with security and the church is handicap-accessible.

## Cortland UMC rummage sale

The Cortland United Methodist Women will hold its spring rummage sale on Friday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. There will be a bake sale on those days.

## Kentucky Mountain Dinner on May 18

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Mountain Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cortland United Methodist Church. The menu will consist of Sweet potato casserole, honey baked ham, Kentucky cornbread,

creamed chicken on a homemade biscuit, green beans, bean soup, cobbler or derby pie and a beverage. Adults are \$10 and \$5 for children. Proceeds will go for the mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Ky. in September.



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## All Saints to hold trash 'n treasure sale

All Saints Community Church is holding a Trash 'n Treasure Sale on Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 4530 state Route 46, Cortland. The large sale will include an estate pieces with furniture, glassware, household items, electronics and clothing. Something for everyone! Food will also be available.



# Agents remind parents and students of Ohio's Alcohol Law Ahead of Prom

Throughout the prom and graduation season, the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) encourages parents and students to refrain from participating in illegal and dangerous behavior, such as providing alcohol to minors and consuming underage.

"We know this is a momentous time for your family, but please celebrate responsibly," said Major Gary Allen, commander of OIU. "It is important to educate our youth while helping foster good choices. Parents and community members can do their part by understanding Ohio's underage drinking laws."

To help foster good choices, parents and teens need to understand Ohio's underage drinking laws.

- It is illegal to provide a place for your child and his/her friends to drink in a "safe" environment. In fact, parents may not provide alcohol to children who are under 21, who are not their own, even in their own home with the other parents' permission. Those convicted of providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age face a maximum sentence of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

- It is illegal to purchase alcohol for anyone under 21. Anyone who purchases, sells or gives alcoholic beverages to underage individuals faces a \$1,000 fine and/or up to six months in jail.

- If you are under 21 and are caught driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .02 percent or higher, a level that can be reached after just one or two drinks, you can be arrested. Punishment is suspension of your driver license for at least 90 days up to a maximum of two years, plus four points added to your driving record. Having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle is also illegal. Also, carry outs and drive-through establishments should be on alert for underage individuals attempting to purchase alcohol. Agents also recommend limo companies review policies with their drivers and ensure they know they may also be charged with permitting underage consumption.

Together, we must commit to making a safer Ohio, by stopping senseless tragedies associated with irresponsible and illegal underage alcohol consumption. If you have information about a bar, store or carryout selling beer and/or liquor to persons under the age of 21; or you have information of an underage house party, please notify the Ohio Investigative Unit by calling the #677 on your cell phone and your complaint will be investigated.



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# Children visit Cortland Library

The school year is coming to the end here very soon and the children of the Cortland Playroom had one more field trip into the season, and what better way is to go is to the Cortland Library. The staff read a story to the children and did a fun craft along with showing the children around the library. Thank you Cortland Library for taking the time to show our future little readers a great time.



# Playroom children and community raise fund for Relay for Life

The Cortland Playroom hosted a Chinese auction April 1-5. It is just one of many of the fundraisers that will help raise money for their part in the Warren Relay for Life in May. Please tell family and friends to come out and support the Cortland Playroom's team at the Warren Relay May 10 and 11. There will be raffles at the tent along with others for the weekend of events. What a wonderful way to teach our children a way of giving.



Winners of the auction included John Baker and Kenley Jerina.



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## New members welcomed



New members of Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Chi Chapter are from left: Rhonda Accordino, Andrea Barber, Joyce Blythe, Peggy Boyd, Toni Murray and Carrie Sinkele. Members must be key educators in the community and will join others who continue to volunteer through the local, state and national branches of Delta Kappa Gamma. Photo by Roselyn Gadd.

## Festive fiesta flavors

Serve up some spice with fun party dishes

(Family Features) Make your next fiesta one to remember with colorful decor, festive touches and, perhaps most importantly, unique and mouthwatering recipes that bring guests back for seconds.

To achieve the ideal flavors of a fiesta done right, try bringing something new to the table with recipes like these party-pleasing Tortilla Pizzas for a special main dish, crunchy and refreshing Coleslaw with Green Chile Dressing on the side and, for a decadently unique dessert, Jalapeno Brownies.

These party-perfect recipes can help you take flavors to new heights while adding a kick of spice when you incorporate quality ingredients like Rio Luna Organic Peppers. The peppers are cultivated by a company with more than three decades of experience. They manage the whole pepper process from annual seed selection to grower partnerships, cultivation and packing.

Available in four spicy varieties - Diced Jalapenos, Nacho Sliced Jalapenos, Diced Green Chiles and Large Chopped Green Chiles - you can add a pop of peppers to your next celebration. Because the peppers are organic certified, non-GMO, fat free, cholesterol free, low calorie and kosher, you'll be able to pack an extra punch of spice without serving up unnecessary ingredients.

To find more ways to spice up your fiestas as well as everyday recipes, visit [riolunapeppers.com/our-meals](http://riolunapeppers.com/our-meals), and find Rio Luna Organics on Facebook and Instagram.

### Tortilla Pizzas

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 4 flour tortillas (8 inches)
- 1 can (15 ounces) refried black beans
- 4 fresh plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 can (4 ounces) Rio Luna Organic Nacho Sliced Jalapenos, drained
- 1 1/3 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 chipotle-ranch dressing (optional)

Heat oven to 400 F.  
Bake tortillas directly on oven rack 2 minutes. Cool. Spread 1/4 cup beans onto each tortilla. Top evenly with tomatoes, jalapenos and cheese.  
Bake 8 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with cilantro just before serving.  
Tip: For added flavor, drizzle pizzas with chipotle-ranch dressing.

### Jalapeno Brownies

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 16

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (4 ounces) Rio Luna Organic Diced Jalapenos, pureed
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup, plus 3 tablespoons, all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- powdered sugar (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.  
In medium bowl, whisk oil, sugar, eggs, jalapenos and vanilla until blended.  
In separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt; add to egg mixture. Mix just until combined. Pour into greased 8-by-8-inch baking pan.  
Bake 15-20 minutes, or until brownies pull away from sides of pan easily. Cool in pan on wire rack.  
Tip: Dust with powdered sugar before serving for added flavor and enhanced presentation.

### Coleslaw with Green Chile Dressing

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup Rio Luna Organic Diced Green Chiles, drained
- 6 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce
- 2 tablespoons agave nectar
- 2 cups shredded napa cabbage
- 1 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced white onions
- 2 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt, plus additional, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste

In medium bowl, whisk mayonnaise, sour cream, chiles, apple cider vinegar, Dijon mustard, Sriracha and agave nectar until well blended.  
In large bowl, combine napa cabbage, red cabbage, carrots, onions, salt and pepper. Add mayonnaise mixture; toss until well coated. Season with additional salt and pepper, if desired, to taste.  
Tip: Coleslaw can be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated up to 1 day. Toss before serving.

## Southington UMC holding chicken dinner

The Southington United Methodist Church, state Routes 305 and 534, will be holding a chicken dinner, on Wednesday, May 1, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The menu includes: one fourth of a chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, homemade desserts and beverage. Price is adults \$9; children (ages 4-10)/chicken tenders dinner, \$4.50; and children 3 and under, free. Carry outs available. Call 330-898-2156.

## St. Joe's Auxiliary holding book sale

The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital is sponsoring a "Books are Fun" sale on Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8 in the Warren Room from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be novels, children books, cookbooks, greeting cards, games and a lot more goodies to purchase.

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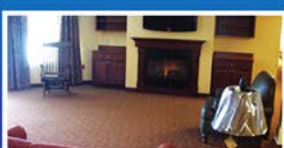
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