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Spring's Promise

By Sally Lane

About the time every year, when we are totally weary of heavy

coats and cold weather, a cardinal's spring song greets us, adding a new "spring" in our step. The robin that builds a nest in the tree beside our deck is back. Crocuses and daffodils begin to "spring" up through the landscaping areas to add delicate color to a black and white background. If ever we needed a change of season - most of us would agree - this is the time.

It has been just over a year since most of us began to experience an upside-down world. Spring came last year also, but troubles, cancellations, and fear blocked our usual enjoyment of the season. This year holds a little more hope for us as we adjust to a new normal. We are hopefully a little wiser, a little more cautious, a little more wary - and more optimistic. We have helped each other with food, money and more ways than I can count. I would like to give a big shout-out to the neighbors who kept driveways clear and checked

on each other when making trips to the grocery stores, etc. It certainly made life easier and warmed hearts.

That being said, I am going to turn the rest of this editorial over to my sister Kathryn Snowball of Wilmington, Ohio. She has never written for publication, but we have shared each other's musings over the years. I loved her essay about spring: Here it is:

Spring, glorious spring. But wait! It is spring, but we are still in the midst of a pandemic and I am sure no one wants to think any more about THAT. However, it is spring and this year it means so much more than other years.

Spring, the time of renewal and hope. Remember spring doesn't just come in an instant, but it comes in spurts. It may seem warm and wonderful one day and cold and icy the next. It is like life, good times and bad. Spring may seem to take a while to get here, but it is coming.

We have weathered a lot of bad things in the past year, and it started just as spring arrived in 2020. However, this year spring can come in all its splendor and hopefulness. With people getting the COVID -19 vaccine, we are getting better and the future looks promising once again.

So, let's talk about spring and hope. I am looking forward to the forsythia blooming along with the crocuses and tulips. Don't forget the daffodils (that name makes me smile). Say it out loud, DAFFODILS. Isn't that a little daffy? And it tickles my senses.

The other day, I heard the birds singing and I could swear it was a spring song. Sounded like it to me. Sing birds sing.

I am also looking forward to festivals, all kinds of festivals and

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Community Events

Event Calendar March 20 – April 10

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 12

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.

American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

Trumbull County Master Gardeners Wednesday in the Garden series of free garden programs, various topics & dates. See pg. 11

SCOPE Senior Services March activities, various dates. See pg. 7

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks

MARCH

- 20 **Official First Day of Spring**
- 20 **Trumbull County Republican Party monthly breakfast**, 9 a.m., Buckeye Club, 366 N. Park, Warren. See pg. 11
- 20 **Drive-thru spaghetti dinner** with proceeds benefiting missions, 4-6:30 p.m., Greene Nazarene Church, 8916 State Route 46. See pg. 7
- 21 **Trumbull Co. Tourism & Historical Society webinar**, noon-1:30 p.m. See pg. 3

APRIL

- 2 **City Offices Closed**
- 3 **Charity Pancake Breakfast** to benefit Cub Scout Pack 4050 of Cortland. 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). See pg. 3
- 3 **Men of Faith Saturday Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m., 3217 Surrey Road, Warren. See pg. 7
- 4 **Easter**
- 10, 11 **Lifeguard certification courses**, The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit jccyoungstown.org to register. See pg. 14

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Spring is officially here and that means we need to head to **Centerra** for the 4-step program for our lawns. They have it all in stock. And this is the good stuff made for our area - not the generic "one size fits all" that the big box stores sell.

Cortland Lanes is starting its 9 PIN NO TAP LEAGUE on April 28. Kids at 4:30 and adults at 6:30. Call 330-637-2961 for details.

Do you have a dog? Have you been to **Totally Dog** on Main Street? Your dog wants you to go there! They have high quality food at reasonable prices. While you are there ask about **Elite K9 Training & Doggydaycare**. Listen to your dog and get there!

Since spring is here that means it is time to call **M.D. Denna Heating and Cooling** to get your air conditioner ready for the summer. Don't fall for the gimmicks - get a real professional who offers great service at a FAIR price.

Roman Landscape Supply formerly Buckeye Bulk, is open and has driveway slag available. Is your gravel drive showing the effects of winter? Call the experts to get the right material for your drive.

Champion Tax Service reminds you that April 15 is almost here. See the local professionals who are here all year long to serve you. Don't get in trouble with Uncle Sam.

Petrosky Brothers Construction is taking jobs for this summer. But you better call quickly because they are so

good their schedule fills up fast. Serving the area for over 25 years!

Like to fish? Be sure to stop at **Lakeside Sport Shop** for all your bait and fishing needs. Play the Lotto while you are there - they had a big winner last year. Maybe you are next!

Brookside Gardens will be opening any day now. Buy local and get fresh, locally grown plants at the best prices from the best in the business.

Cortland Mower has expanded its line of ECHO Power Equipment yard tools. There is now heavy duty Wheeled String Trimmers, one with tilt capability. There is an electric Pressure washer. The Generator has bluetooth capability so it can be monitored on your phone. Stop in today to check out the entire line.

Girls Music 101's Rent-to-Own Instrument Special is back! Starts as low as \$8.95. They have in-person and online lessons also.

Mayflower Wollam Insurance has been insuring our residents for almost 100 years! Your grandparents went there - so should you.

Psst listen up ... **Jody Sova** tells us that houses are selling quickly and interest rates are terrific. Get that new home now ... Call Jody!

And when you get that new home call **Campbell Carpet and Flooring**. Ask about the new Vinyl Plank flooring. It will be going in my office later this year!

Trumbull County Tourism and Historical Society partner to present webinar

As government leaders continue their efforts to improve the visibility and promotability of the Route 7 Corridor in east Trumbull County, an idea surfaced to bring the historical societies together to provide up-to-date information on how to expand their efforts and improve historic preservation. Gary Lees, Brookfield Township Trustee and

Route 7 Corridor member, reached out to Trumbull County Tourism to see if they could help.

"I truly believe that preserving our history is a way to better economic development. I want to be able to share our story with others both here locally and with more people outside

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Charity pancake breakfast Saturday, April 3

The public is invited to enjoy another Saturday family breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on April 3, at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) to benefit Cub Scout Pack 4050 of Cortland.

The "all you can eat" charity breakfast is held monthly at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, and the proceeds are

donated to a local charity.

The breakfast cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for youth ages 6 to 10 and free for children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. You may elect to have a "take out" breakfast or you can use the limited indoor seating.

Community rallies to support Rachel Elliott Fundraiser


By Thom Foley

Once again the Lakeview Community rallied to help support one of its own. Rachel Elliott is a Lakeview mother of three who is battling breast cancer. Lakeview Elementary School spearheaded a spaghetti dinner fundraiser recently to help offset the huge costs the family is encountering

while fighting this disease.

Laura DePizzo, Elementary School secretary said "I think we can call it a success. There were no hiccups along the way. We were lucky to have tons of great help. It took a team to pull this off. We sold over 850 dinners and got plenty

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Hillside Auxiliary donates \$25,000 to KSU nursing program



Pictured from left are Dean Daniel Palmer; Joan Guido; Kathy Dwinells, Associate Professor/Nursing Coordinator; Dave Smith, director of Philanthropy; Patti Augustine and Debbie Gold.

The Auxiliary at Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital recently donated \$25,000 to Kent State University at Trumbull's Nursing program. The gift will establish a new scholarship endowment that will provide support to nursing students from Trumbull and Mahoning counties. The volunteer organization was established in 2017 and supports health and wellness initiatives within the local community. Proceeds from The Gift Shop at Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital made the donation possible.

"Scholarships are so critical to student success," Dave Smith, director of Philanthropy at the Trumbull Campus said. "The need is greater now than ever as students continue to face unforeseen

financial challenges associated with the current pandemic. This generous gift will provide much-needed assistance to future nurses that will work in our local hospitals and healthcare facilities."

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree can be completed in its entirety at Kent State Trumbull. For more information about the Nursing program or for ways to support the campus, visit <https://www.kent.edu/trumbull>.

The Gift Shop at Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital, currently closed due to COVID, operates with the help of volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should call Joan Guido at 330-637-0805.

Jo Marie's Dance Competition Team starts season at Eastwood Event Center

Students from Jo Marie's School of Dance and Gymnastic Center started their 2021 competition season at the Eastwood Event Center in Niles. Their teachers, Jo Marie Ferradino, Hannah Hall and Brittany Arcuri were delighted

with their outstanding performances.

The team received specialty awards such as two judges' choice awards, a costume award, and all routines placed with a platinum score. Congratulations team members!



Team members include: Layla Alakash, Rylee Barnot, Elaina Burnett, Hope Conley, Malena Crosby, Cecelia DeToro, Lexi Dye, Julianna Gomez, Lydia Kopey, Mallory Kurtz, Becca Landis, Claire Marble, Olivia Norris, Hailey Piersant, Ayanna Provitt, Alexis Rodgers, Hannah Shea, Ashley Solis, Cassandra Ursu and Chloe Wagner.

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Ford Fund distributes over 1 million face masks to communities across Ohio

Mark Thomas Ford and other Ohio Ford Dealers helped distribute over a million face masks in neighborhoods and suburbs across Ohio on Tuesday, March 9. Residents were invited to stop by any distribution site to pick up 20 disposable face masks while supplies lasted. The Mask Donation Day is part of Ford's #FinishStrong initiative - a public call to action encouraging Americans to pull together, protect each other and help save lives in the months ahead until COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available.

The event took place at nearly 100 Ohio Ford dealerships.

Ford has been a leader in COVID-19 mitigation efforts since April 2020 and one of the first manufacturers to pivot toward making personal protective equipment (PPE). The company,

in partnership with the UAW, has produced tens of millions of pieces of PPE to meet the strong demand. These include 70 million face masks, 20 million face shields, 50,000 patient ventilators, more than 32,000 powered air-purifying respirators in collaboration with 3M, and 1.6 million washable isolation gowns.

Since August 2020, Ford and Ford Fund, the company's philanthropic arm, have delivered more than 70 million masks to nonprofit organizations, state and local officials, first responders, schools, community groups and Ford dealerships in all 50 states. Ford will hit its goal of producing 120 million medical-grade masks for donation to at-risk communities by mid-2021. Mark Thomas Ford will donate any remaining mask to local schools.




As Cathy Fish of Bristolville picked up her new Ford Bronco, she received a complimentary pack of face masks as part of the Ford Motor Company and Mark Thomas Ford campaign to distribute over 1 million face masks to communities across Ohio. From left are Sales Manager Steve Bott, Cathy Fish, salesman Don Creed and LT Levak.


Johnston Senior Center makes blankets for local facilities

Johnston Senior Center is ready to start delivery of wheelchair blankets. The center chose four local facilities - the Legacy, Cortland Health Care and two Concord Care Centers. Volunteers at the center used donated yarn to make these beautiful blankets for use in winter cold or summer air conditioning. Nursing home residents have been hardest hit by the isolation of the pandemic. The center is very hopeful that this small gesture can make a big difference. Johnston Senior Center is located at 5922 Warren Road, Cortland.





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Tobacco cessation help for veterans

By Teresa Merrick, R.N., PHN - Trumbull County Combined Health District

The public view of smoking has changed in the last decade, but veterans are still at risk of developing an addiction to nicotine, according to recoveryfirst.org.

Statistics showed that reasons veterans smoked were due to stress (47.7%), boredom (25.1%) and nicotine addiction (22.7%). "Younger veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts did not seem to be at a higher or lower risk for dependence compared to veterans of other combat scenarios, including Vietnam." Over one third of service

members start using tobacco after they enter military service.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) increases chances the veteran will use nicotine products to help them reduce stress. Stressors on our military, post deployment, also include no health insurance (1%), living in poverty (7%) and less than a high school diploma (9%), for just a few examples. Male veterans smoked 12.6 times every day and female veterans smoked 10.3 times every day on average.

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of donations to help the family. We had staff members from all buildings that bought dinners and worked that night. We all know that cancer really takes a toll in so many ways. We are hoping this can take away a small part of that sting."

A huge thank you goes out to Delucia's for being great to work with and to all those that bought dinners, donated, and/or worked that night to make things run smoothly! We are sure the family appreciates the support that comes their way in whatever the form. Anyone who would like to donate can send a check to Laura DePizzo at the Elementary School and she will be sure to pass it along to the family. Please make the check out to Rachel Elliott. The school will see that she gets it. There were staff members from all buildings that bought dinners and worked that night.

By the way not only was this a great cause to donate to but the dinner was yummy!



Lakeview Elementary School Principal Scott Taylor delivers a meal to a family.

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Navigating your Insurance Needs

Presented by Jill Freeman,
Ann M Wiley Insurance Services



What are the different parts of Medicare insurance?

Medicare is health insurance for people 65 and older, along with those that have been receiving Social Security or Railroad Disability for 24 months and those with End-Stage Renal Disease. There are different parts to Medicare insurance that cover specific services.

Medicare Part A covers inpatient services such as hospitalization, skilled nursing facilities, hospice, and some home health care. For most people, Part A has no cost if you or your spouse worked and paid into Medicare for enough time. You can pick up Part A at age 65 even if you are still working and covered under employer insurance. If you do not qualify for premium free Part A, you can buy the coverage for a monthly premium as long as you also choose to enroll in Part B and pay that premium.

Medicare Part B is medical insurance that covers most outpatient services such as doctors' services, tests, lab services, preventative services, ambulance services, and medical supplies. In specific circumstances Part B will also cover some prescription drugs including injections and infusions that you cannot administer to yourself and are received under the supervision of a doctor or other trained personnel. Part B of Medicare insurance has a monthly premium based on income. Most people will pay \$148.50 per month this year however, those with low income and limited resources may qualify for reduced premiums and those with a higher household income may pay an extra charge.

Medicare Part D is prescription drug coverage including many shots and vaccines. Part D is not included with the standard Parts A&B and requires a separate Prescription Drug Plan or policy. You are not required to pick up separate drug coverage, however if you do not have coverage within 63 days of starting Medicare or losing credible

employer coverage, there will be a penalty imposed on the premium when you do apply for coverage. Once again, there are programs to help people with the costs of Part D premiums and the cost of medications if you qualify.

While Medicare Insurance covers many things there are co-pays and costs that the individual is responsible for when seeking care. These costs can add up quickly, therefore most people will pick up either Medicare Supplement Insurance or a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) to fill in the gaps. Part C of Medicare is also referred to as a Medicare Advantage Plan. These plans include Parts A, B and D of Medicare and they also have extra benefits including vision, dental, hearing, and other services depending on the plan that is chosen. Typically Advantage plan premiums are low or no cost but have copays for services. Medicare Supplement Insurance plans work as a secondary insurance to original Medicare Insurance and help to cover the costs that Medicare does not. Medicare Advantage plans include prescription coverage, Medicare Supplement plans do not. Therefore, a separate plan needs to be purchased.

There are several different choices when applying for Medicare and choosing the option that works best for your specific situation. It can be very confusing and overwhelming. Most local agents available to explain your options and help you navigate through the process of setting up your insurance at no charge. When you choose a local agent over the agent you may call on the "800" number, they are also available to help after you have received coverage and answers any questions you may have.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Ann M Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Road, Cortland and can be reached at 234-244-4014

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London is ready to meet her new family and leave shelter life behind. This rambunctious 4-year old girl loves to play and go on adventures. She does well with other dogs of similar energy levels that can play all day. London loves people and would most likely do well with kids, but she is a little too energetic for cats. She was originally surrendered to the shelter in January for being too active. London is the opposite of a couch potato and is looking for an active family to call her own. Contact the Animal Welfare League's adoption team at adoptions@awltrumbull.com for more information.



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Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21

It's a long trip in heavy traffic. Drinks, snacks, conversation and Classic Rock help us pass the time. Today is Kara's 18th birthday. Grandpa made her one of his special cards. I hear steak and shrimp tacos are on the menu. Dairy Queen ice cream cake for dessert. Can't wait! Didn't know it at the time, but there is an unexpected surprise waiting for Grandpa.

Beanie's the name - cutie-pie's the game - and I do mean some serious "cutie-pie." Theresa, my son's fiancé, brought Beanie along to introduce her to the rest of the family. The little sweetie spent the rest of the day in my arms. We became fast friends.

Life is generously seasoned by simple pleasures. Do you see them? Are you taking advantage? A child's birthday party; a long trip; time with family; and yes, a little fur-ball full of love. A day filled with joy, laughter, and memories.

Loving God, You have surrounded me with good things. At every turn I experience blessings beyond measure. Thank you, Father, for simple pleasures. Amen.



Annual Bishop's Appeal underway for Diocese of Youngstown

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, is asking Catholics in the six-county diocese to join him this year by participating in the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal.

The diocesan goal for the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal is \$4 million. Bishop Bonnar is asking for support from diocesan households to help Catholic Charities and our diocesan ministries continue their important ministries to our brothers and sisters in need. With this level of commitment to the appeal, over 50,000 individuals throughout the six-county diocese will benefit from services and ministries ranging from assistance with food, utilities, and housing, to faith formation, education, evangelization, and social services. The Diocese of Youngstown encompasses Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning, Portage, Stark and Trumbull counties.

The majority of the funds generated through the Annual Bishop's Appeal directly benefit the services provided by Catholic Charities. For every dollar raised for Catholic Charities through the Bishop's Appeal, an additional two dollars is leveraged through other grants, contracts and other revenue sources. While the vast majority of

Bishop's Appeal dollars are donated by Catholic households, Catholic Charities serves all qualifying individuals as resources allow, regardless of their religious affiliation.

Other diocesan ministries supported by the Annual Bishop's Appeal include the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown (CTNY); Office of Catholic Schools; Office of Religious Education and Evangelization; Office of Pro-Life, Marriage, and Family Ministry; seminarian formation and Office of Vocations; Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Office of Campus Ministry; and Office of Vowed Religious. These ministries ensure all Catholics in the diocese have access to spiritual and faith formation resources through the ministries themselves and at all of our parishes and Catholic schools.

The Bishop's Appeal will continue throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons, concluding on Pentecost, Sunday, May 23.

For more information, visit doy.org or contact Luke Politsky, director of Development and Stewardship, at 330-744-8451 ext. 298 or lpolitsky@youngstowndiocese.org.



Drive-thru dinner at Greene Nazarene Church

There will be a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 20 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Greene Nazarene Church, 8916 state Route 46. Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs,

salad, rolls and homemade brownies. Cost of the dinner is donation only with proceeds benefiting missions. For a specific pick-up time call 330-583-2174.

Men of Faith breakfast April 3

Men of Faith first Saturday breakfast is back on April 3 starting at 8:30 a.m. at a new location, 3217 Surrey Road, Warren. Every male, young, senior, or in-between, are welcome to come enjoy eggs, home-fries, bacon, sausage, toast with coffee and juice for a donation of \$5.

Australian-born singer and musician, Martin Dunham, will present

his life story through a musical journey. Teen Challenge men will testify how the Lord has rescued them. Don't miss the miracle of God's grace hearing about these men's lives going from the darkness of sin to the light of salvation. That is the reason Christ died on the cross this Easter weekend!

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Trumbull County Tourism ...continued from page 3

of the area." Beth Kotwis Carmichael, executive director of Trumbull County Tourism, added, "Gary approached me last fall to see if we could help them build on their economic development focus along Route 7. We are assisting with this webinar and helping the group grow the Route 7 Garage Sale event that was started by Market Square in Kinsman."

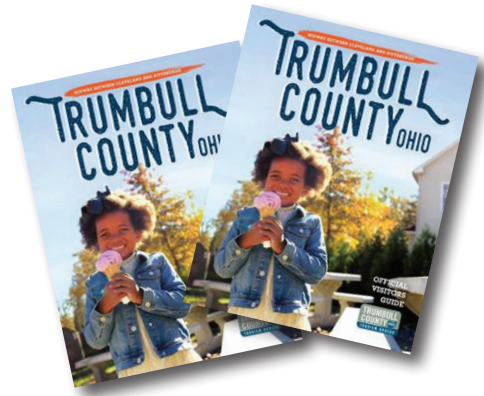
Carmichael continued, "Tourism is a strong economic driver for growth in the region, and the Tourism Bureau remains committed to leading our community and stakeholders to invest in travel and tourism as a key economic driver to the county's towns and townships." Carmichael enlisted the help of Trumbull County Historical Society and the Ohio History

Connection out of Columbus to present a well-rounded list of topics regarding historic and cultural tourism.

Sessions include "Protecting Your Historic Resources," "Funding Historic Projects" and "Your Historic Site and Tourism: A Practical Guide."

"Sometimes history can be overlooked as an economic driver. We hope that the informational sessions will provide local historical societies and passionate individuals with practical solutions to organize projects locally and develop their regions as great places to live, learn, work and play," said Meghan Reed, executive director of Trumbull County Historical Society. This free webinar will be held Sunday, March 21 from noon until 1:30 p.m. via Zoom and is open to anyone interested in

learning more about these topics. Please contact Trumbull County Tourism at Info@ExploreTrumbullCounty.com or call 330-675-3081 to register; you will then be emailed Zoom connection information.



2021 official Trumbull County guide now available

Highlights include outdoor adventures, area history and Italian food trail

Trumbull County Tourism announces the release of Trumbull County's 2021 Visitor Guide. The annual magazine-style publication is filled with timely information on how people live, learn, work, and play here in Trumbull County and will assist area residents when they have friends and family visiting.

While the main purpose is to promote all great experiences in the towns and townships of Trumbull County to visitors; it is also used for:

- People either considering a move or new residents to Trumbull County.
- It is a great publication to use when promoting new businesses,
- And, for existing businesses that are expanding and/or attracting talent.

This free, eye-catching guide serves as your roadmap and is packed with new ideas and tips to explore Trumbull County in 2021 including:

- 8 Great Ways to Explore the Outdoors.
- Highlighting some of our most memorable stories in the "Love History" section.

And tempting your taste buds with the Italian Food Trail feature that in 2021 is celebrating the release of the new digital mobile pass.

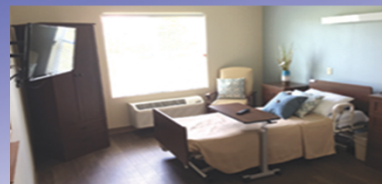
Produced annually by Trumbull County Tourism, 40,000 copies of the magazine have been printed and are distributed across the United States. A digital version of the guide can be viewed and downloaded at Request Trumbull County Information | Explore Trumbull (exploretrumbullcounty.com). You may request a mailed copy at www.ExploreTrumbullCounty.com or a copy can be picked up at the Tourism Office at 321 Mahoning Ave. NW, located in downtown Warren.

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WJWL delivers Valentine activity bags to LEAP members

Members of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League spent Valentine's Day weekend delivering Valentine activity bags to throughout Trumbull County to members of the Life Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP). Due to COVID-19, the Junior League is creating alternative ways to keep LEAP members engaged. Each gift bag included cookies with a decorating kit, candy and a Valentine card. From left are: LEAP member Justin Kotouc and WJWL Club President, Mary Lou Jarrett.



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Lakeview Boys Bowling Team places 5th at state tournament

The Lakeview boys bowling team ended up fifth at the State Tournament. The State started with 209 teams and the Lakeview boys played amazingly well and made it to the Final 8 in Division 21. Unfortunately, the team came up short, 3-2 in the first round of Bakers. Conner and Charles Pawlosky made the All

Ohio High School Team.

The Bulldogs' bowling team includes Conner Pawlosky, Evan Pirtz, Charles Pawlosky, Cade Cratsley, Sebastian Ruddy, Cooper Schiavone and Coach Marissa DeFrancesco. Way to go, Bulldogs!

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Tobacco cessation... continued from page 5

The Veterans Affairs office offers smoking cessation help for veterans by offering counseling and prescription medications, including nicotine patches, lozenges and gum.

Call the Quit Vet Quitline at 1-855-QUIT VET (855-784-8838) or go to veterans.smokefree.gov for free services if you receive healthcare through the VA. Trained counselors staff the call line and counseling is offered in English and Spanish. You will work with a counselor to create a personal plan that works for you. All calls are confidential and not entered in your VA electronic medical record.

The Ohio Tobacco Quit Line is confidential and free of charge. Call 1-800-784-8669 (1-800-QUIT NOW) or www.smokefree.gov. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and languages such as Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, French and TTY are available. Eligible recipients may receive up to eight weeks of their choice of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges sent directly to their home.

Mercy Health Regional Tobacco Treatment Center offers cessation services by calling 330-306-5010 X 101.

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By Guidelight Financial Group

What to know as you consider travel plans today

For so many people who love to travel, it's been a tough 12 months since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While vaccines give us hope that the crisis will ease, traveling today still requires careful planning.

COVID-19 is a factor in booking flights and making other travel arrangements. Here are some important considerations.

Check requirements to travel destinations

Currently, a number of countries and even selected states within the U.S. require that you can prove a negative COVID-19 test in the past 72 hours in order to enter. Importantly for those planning travel overseas, you will be required to get a COVID-19 test coming from most countries in order to return home.

To this point, being vaccinated generally does not alter the requirement to be tested first. If you've contracted COVID-19 within three months of your trip and are no longer symptomatic, you may not be required to get a test to re-enter the U.S. You'll want to take the time to explore all of the rules for your intended destination.

Take note of airline cancellation policies

The current environment increases the chance that you will have to alter your plans at the last minute or sooner. Many airlines today offer greater flexibility to deal with cancellations and changes than was the case prior to COVID-19. Be sure to check with your carrier to understand their rules. While you may not be able to collect a refund, many airlines will allow cancellations and apply the cost you paid toward re-booking a different flight at another

time or offer a voucher for future travel. As you make plans, consider your ability or willingness to fly again on the same airline in the future in order to take advantage of this flexibility.

Reservations for accommodations

Major hotel chains and even some services that allow you to reserve private rooms or properties may be more lenient these days when it comes to potential refunds. Again, it's important to check the terms of your reservation before you lock it in to know whether you face any costs if you are forced to cancel or cut your trip short.

Travel Insurance

Given the added flexibility to rebook flights and cancel hotel reservations, that aspect of travel insurance may be less important today than was the case prior to COVID-19. Yet some form of travel insurance may make sense, and medical coverage can be particularly important for overseas travel. Be aware that typical trip insurance won't include coronavirus as a "covered reason" for cancellation. That may require a "cancel for any reason" policy. Be sure to understand the terms of the policy before you go.

Staying stateside

Given the complications associated with airline and overseas travel, you might prefer car travel in the coming months. It can help limit your contact with larger groups of people and most large chain hotels put an emphasis on providing a safe environment. If you plan to vacation in the U.S. and have flexibility with time, going over-the-road may prove to be a simpler option.

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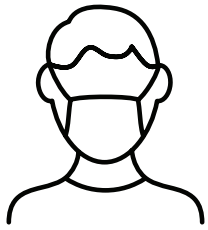


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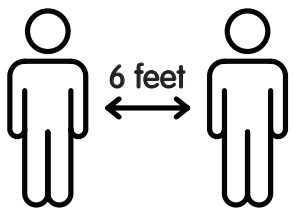
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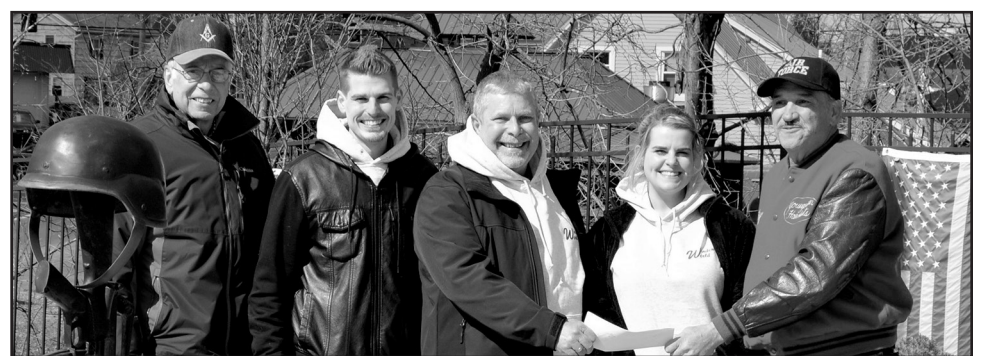
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Window World supports Cortland Veterans Memorial



Shown from left are Dick McClain of the Veterans Memorial Committee; Patrick, Pat and Mandi Moran, owners of Window World; and Russ Hippo, of the Memorial Committee.

The planning committee of the Veterans Memorial in Cortland is pleased to accept the support of Window World, with a major donation of \$10,000 to be used toward building the observation deck at the Memorial, 131 Walnut St., Cortland. Pat Moran, owner of Window World, along with his children, Patrick and Mandi, presented the check to the Memorial committee on March 5.

"We are very supportive of our community, especially of this Memorial, which so beautifully honors the men and women who served our country," said Pat Moran. "It ties in perfectly with the Window World Military Initiative, our company-wide commitment to honor America's veterans, active military and military families."

The initial phase of the memorial was constructed by Gilmore Designs in

2018. The observation deck, originally part of the original plans, was put on hold for a couple years, as Phase II. Dick McClain, planning committee member, said that last fall, the committee decided to move ahead and complete the project. They have now met the funding objective.

Gilmore Designs is planning to begin the deck construction in early July to be completed near the end of August with a dedication ceremony to be planned for September 2021.

Engraved pavers will continue to be made and placed at the Memorial to honor any veterans whether from Cortland or anywhere in the country. Order forms to purchase a paver are available by an email request to Dick McClain by emailing Rmclain@embarqmail.com.



By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

From the Garden

The Trumbull County Master Gardeners have announced the topics and dates for the Wednesday in the Garden series of free garden programs.

Most of the programs will be outdoors around the Ohio State Extension Gardens. At this time, masks must be worn, and social distancing guidelines will be followed. The programs will start at 6 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chair.

- 4/28—Straw bale gardening
- 5/12—Vegetable gardening for Beginners
- 5/26—Growing Succulents
- 6/9—Best Plants for Pollinators
- 6/23—Roses
- 7/7—Day Lilies
- 8/4—Coral Bells
- 8/18—When Should I Prune?
- 9/1—Growing Garlic
- 9/15—Evaluating Your Garden

- 9/29—Fall Planting
- 10/13—Geraniums
- 11/3—Holiday Decorating Using Garden Greens

The Extension Gardens are located at 520 W. Main St., Cortland. As of this writing, the OSU Master Gardener Hotline is open on Monday, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 330-637-3908, from April to October.

The Annual Volunteer Plant Sale is scheduled for May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an eclectic mix of herbs, perennials, annuals, and vegetable plants, priced very reasonably.

While spring hasn't sprung yet, plans are being made. Welcome Spring, 2021.

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



If I Were a Leaf

By Robert J. Adkins

If I had eyes I would see, what a beautiful thing God has made me.
I am marvelously birthed from a bud on a tree.
Feeling the warmth of the Spring sun on my being.
My year of life springs forth with the green you are seeing.
My goal for the summer is to support my master, the tree.
Through the summer I will grow as perfect as I can be.
While I am just hanging around I will play with the squirrel.
Perhaps he or she squirrel and I will give it a whirl.
Hanging around on high makes time go by so quickly.
My DNA is making me aware of my final destiny.
Some say my color will change to protect the sugar in my tree.
I think however, my God is displaying his glory in me.
"Weeeeh, this is fun" I'm fluttering to the ground to see.
Riding the breeze the people below wish they were me.
Tumbling to the ground my gold color is displayed.
I hear a mulching mower and I am dismayed.
I find myself finely divided and ground to golden powder.
Nourishing the grass like flavor in a clam chowder.
My life is now ended, I sleep in the grass.
A Saints grave may open below me; to our God we will pass.

(By Bob while mulching leaves Nov. 6, 2018)

Editor's Note: We invite other aspiring poets in the community to submit their poems for consideration. We are looking for poems that follow the guidelines of the Cortland News as the "Good News Newspaper," are inspirational and put a positive spin on our everyday lives. We cannot guarantee that each submission will be in an edition, given our guidelines and space availability. For those who would like to submit work under their names should email it to: editor@cortlandnews.net.

Memorial Day observance planned at Veterans Memorial

On Sunday afternoon, May 30 at 2 p.m., the American Legion Post 540 of Cortland will present a special program at the Veterans Memorial located at Point Park in Cortland.

The Memorial Day observance will open with a flag raising by Boy Scout Venture Crew 4025 followed by the American Legion presenting the "Four Chaplains" program and a rifle salute. The public is invited to attend, and everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair and a face mask.

Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee will handle the set-up and help direct parking. Cortland Masonic Lodge will provide the sound system.

Engraved pavers continue to be made and placed at the memorial to honor any veterans whether they are from Cortland or beyond. Orders received by April 30 will be placed in time for Memorial Day. Request an order form by emailing Rmclain@embarqmail.com.

TC Republican Party monthly breakfast

The Trumbull County Republican Party will hold its monthly breakfast at the Buckeye Club, 366 N. Park, Warren, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 20. Get acquainted with the new chairman, Ken Kline, in an informal setting. Featured speaker will be Jim Renacci, founder of Ohio's Future Foundation. There will be a full-course buffet breakfast. Cost: \$14. RSVPs are appreciated by calling 330-550-1215.

Street Fair planned for August

The Cortland Lions Club is pleased to announce the annual Cortland Lions Club Street Fair is scheduled for Aug. 12-14. The Street Fair will include the parade, Queens' contest, as well as other events. These dates are barring any further complications from COVID-19 and/or COVID directives. The dates for the Cortland Lions Club Street Fair had to be moved to August due to scheduling conflicts.

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SCOPE now conducting Chair Yoga and Line Dancing

SCOPE Senior Centers are now holding Chair Yoga and Line Dancing at some of its centers and are following the COVID-19 social distancing rules.

SCOPE has two of the best Chair Yoga instructors conducting classes. Kathy is holding her classes on Mondays at Howland Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. at Cortland Christian Church. Colleen is holding her Chair Yoga Tuesdays at 10:30 am at the Warren YWCA Center and on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Niles Senior Center.

Line dancing at the Niles Center with Norm Flavell is on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. Dori Yaz is holding her sessions at the Howland Senior Center on

Wednesday evening starting at 7 p.m. and at the Cortland Christian Church on Fridays at 1 p.m.

There is a small cost to participate in the yoga and line dancing classes.



By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

Spring is Here

It is time to get out of the house, sit on the porch or stand in the yard and enjoy the fresh, spring air. Happy spring!

Spring Clean Up

This year's Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 29 and April 30. Items will be picked up with your regular trash.

Vaccine

You can visit the website <https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov> for

information on when and where the vaccine is available.

Dates to Remember

April 2 - City Hall will be closed on Good Friday

April 4 - Easter Sunday

April 5 and April 19 - Council Meetings - 7 p.m.

April 12 - Parks Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

April 12 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.

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Quilt raffle winner drawn

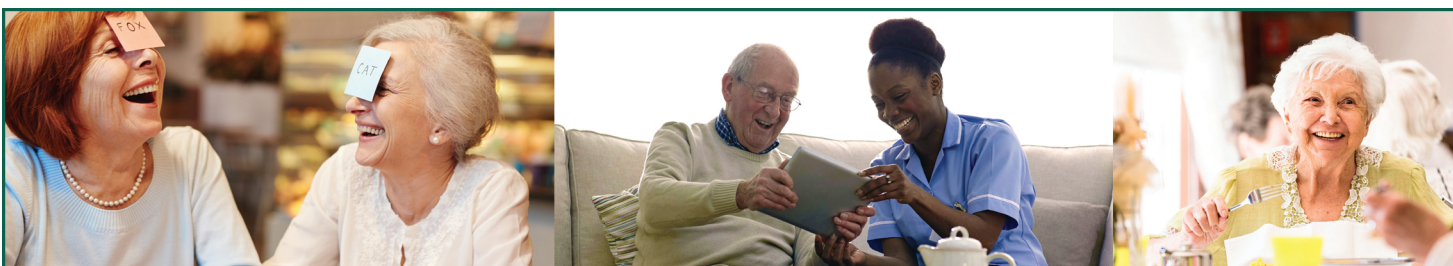
The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee has drawn the winner of the All-American Quilt created and donated by Quilter's Fancy of Cortland. The patriotic quilt was raffled to help raise funds for the completion of the final phase of the Veterans Memorial at Point Park. It was machine quilted by Renee Hoffstetter of Kinsman, who has been quilting for more than 20 years.

Allana Bowman, on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Committee, expressed their deep appreciation for the quilt donation by Cindy Oravec and Renee Hoffstetter, and for the tremendous public support in the raffle. Nearly \$1,000 was raised towards the

construction of the observation deck that will be built by Gilmore Designs this summer at the memorial.



Drawing the raffle winner are from left Allana Bowman, of the Veterans Memorial Committee; Cindy Oravec, owner of Quilter's Fancy at 225 S. High St.; and Renee Hoffstetter, who has made several patriotic quilts for veterans as part of the nationwide Quilts of Valor program.



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especially festival food. Can we dare hope that we can have our festivals this year?

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Let's hope that this spring will be a time of renewal and healing. Let's not forget the victims of the pandemic but by celebrating the life we have we honor them.

SPRING, Glorious spring.

Bazetta Twp. Police thank American Legion Post 540



From left are: 1st Vice Dave Moore, Commander Earl Parthemer, Bazetta Police Chief Christopher Herlinger and Det. Patrick Swiger.

The Bazetta Township Police Dept. sends a huge “thank you” to the members of the American Legion Raymond L. Johnson Post 540 Cortland, Ohio, for its generous financial donation to the police department to be used towards the purchase of life-saving “PPE” personal protective equipment (ballistic helmets) for its officers. This equipment will be used by officers during the ever-changing times and situations they face each day while protecting and serving the communities they serve. The American Legion also donated to the Bazetta Fire Dept., Cortland Fire Dept. and the Cortland Police Dept. The donations will be used by all of the agencies to continue to serve and protect the communities each and every day.



City Federation of Women’s Club Scholarship offered

Warren City Federation of Women’s Club is seeking applicants for a \$500 scholarship to assist a non-traditional female student who is pursuing a college degree at an accredited, post-secondary university. The window to apply for the \$500 scholarship is open now until April 10, 2021.

The applicant must be in good academic standing, have a 3.0 GPA in their freshman and sophomore years. A transcript must be provided. The student must be 24 years or older, a resident of Trumbull County, female, in her junior or senior year of college, and be enrolled full/part time.

All applicants applying will be asked to submit an essay about herself stating career goals and why she is worthy of the scholarship. Each essay will include the applicant’s full name. The scholarship recipient will be notified on or before May 1, 2021.

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Warren Library to temporarily close until March 27

The Warren Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, will be closed to the public through March 27, 2021 while some sections of the library are rearranged in preparation for the upcoming expansion project.

The Children's Department book shelves, tables, computers, and desks; the adult public computers; and fiction and nonfiction book shelves will all be moved or shifted so that they may still be accessed while a one-story addition is built onto the south side of the library. Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) locations in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty and Lordstown will remain open usual hours during the Warren Library shutdown.

No Warren Library materials will be due during the closure. Customers may still return items to the book/media drops located on the outside of the building or to any W-TCPL location.

Materials that were placed on hold through the library's online catalog may be picked up in the Warren Library lobby between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

most weekdays during the closure. Customers will be notified if they have items available for pickup.

Construction is expected to begin this spring for the project to increase the Warren Library's size by about 25 percent. W-TCPL Director Jim Wilkins said the majority of the library's new space will be utilized for the Children's Department and the Teen Area to expand for enhanced programming and resources.

Sections of the current Warren Library building will also be renovated to better support the library's increasing technology needs and the need for more flexible spaces and meeting rooms. The library will increase its number of meeting spaces from two to 11, with various size rooms to accommodate from 2 to 120 people.

The entire project is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

For more information or to borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital downloadables, visit the library website at www.wtcpl.org.



New Library Pickup Lockers offer no-contact, 24/7 pickup of reserved materials

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library's Cortland and Liberty locations are debuting a new 24/7 automated pickup service.

Outdoor Pickup Lockers have been installed at the Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Drive, and the Liberty Library, 415 Churchill-Hubbard Road. Located outside each library, the lockers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Customers who are unable to get to the library during business hours can now choose to have their reserved materials placed in the Pickup Lockers for self-service after-hours pickup. The automated lockers can also be utilized by customers desiring a contactless library experience.

When customers place a request for an item through the library's online catalog, they will be prompted to select their pickup location. Customers who wish to use the Pickup Lockers should choose either the Cortland Pickup Locker or the Liberty Pickup Locker as their preferred location when requesting materials.

When the items are available, staff will check the items out to the customer,

place them in one of the locker bays, and notify the customer that their items are ready for pickup.

To open their locker, the customer will simply hold their library card's barcode under the scanner on the locker or enter the last four digits of the card number. The correct assigned locker door will open, and the checked-out materials can be easily removed.

Customers will have 72 hours to pick up items in the lockers before items are checked back in and returned to the shelves. Customers bringing back library materials should utilize the outdoor book and media returns and not put returns in the Pickup Lockers.

The lockers were purchased with funds received from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund: Public Library Assistance Program administered through the state of Ohio.

Both locker banks offer 20 bays each. The lockers were purchased from LEID Products and were made in the USA with weather-resistant 16-gauge galvanized steel.

To browse the library's online catalog, visit the website at www.WTCPL.org.

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The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering lifeguard certification courses from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 10 and 11. An online portion must be completed before the in-water classroom portion.

Participants will learn skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel can take over. Participants will receive an American Red Cross certificate valid for two years upon completion.

The cost is \$187 for JCC members and \$250 for nonmembers. Lifeguard re-certifications are also available upon request. Visit jccyoungstown.org to register.

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