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## What a difference a day makes...

By Sally Lane

It only took a day after our newspaper deadline to realize that my usual front page editorial was not going to work. It was a light-hearted commentary about spring cleaning and planned events in the next few weeks around town. The children were in school, there was lots of

toilet paper at the grocery stores. The news about COVID19 seemed far away. The day after our deadline, President Trump declared a national emergency. Life as we knew it suddenly changed ... and it keeps changing.

As school, meetings, parties and sports events were cancelled we became more aware of what this pandemic would mean to not just us, but the whole world. There are those who have taken advantage of the situation - like fake COVID19 test kits and \$500 or more for a box of medical masks - but there has also been an outpouring of caring as well as trying to adjust and adapt to the circumstances.

"Take-out" has become a reality for many of the churches and restaurants that provide this Lenten season's fish fries. Many people look forward to this time every year. Schools, food banks and organizations have jumped into action to make sure everyone has food. Cleaning and sanitizing have become a huge issue. Just wiping down the table or bathroom isn't enough. People do understand this as disinfectants have disappeared from stores as fast as they are stocked. The words "spring

cleaning" have new meaning for most of us.

"Social distancing" is a new phrase to describe our relationships with groups of people. It has led to more space between us and an awareness of passing germs by shaking hands and hugs. That is tough for some of us who are compulsive huggers.

In a weird way, perhaps, those of us who remember the 1950s can relate to when we weren't quite as busy as we are now. There weren't so many sports televised, and often our entertainment was an evening of family games around a table or playing badminton in the backyard. It might be time to try that again. Our grandchildren look forward to those activities when they visit.

While reflecting on this pandemic, it is only natural for some people to start looking at the past as a reference of what happened centuries ago. We have all heard about the "Black Plague" in the 13th century. It certainly was a dark time in history, BUT that experience led to the end of the feudal age and led to the Renaissance. Charities began, advances in medicine and a shift in the world view occurred.

How does that relate to today? Well, perhaps we will see an increase in people being able to work from home. Online classes will help students who otherwise cannot attend school for whatever reason. There will be better ways to clean our environment. Some good will come out of this pandemic.

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 Monday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.

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## Our Next Issue .... April 11, 2020

Our theme will be Home & Garden

Article Deadline by March 27 • Display Advertising Deadline is April 1

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### Event Calendar March 21 - April 11

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Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 16

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.

Lakeview Elementary kindergarten registration, various dates. See pg. 17

Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon, 5922 Warren Road, Cortland.

Howland Community Church fish fry every Friday during Lent through April 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 198 Niles Cortland Road, Howland.

"Mustang vs. Camaro – Battle for Supremacy" exhibit, through April 15, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

20th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Exhibit, "Two Wheels at the County Fair" through May 16, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

SCOPE Senior Services/AARP Foundation free tax preparation and assistance. See pg. 8

Warren SCOPE Senior Center Help Heal Veterans art creativity classes, Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Warren Senior Citizen Center at YWCA, 375 North Park Ave., Warren.

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

#### MARCH

- 21 CHOW's "Just for Fun Quiz Night," 6:30 p.m., St. Robert Parish Hall, [chowohio@gmail.com](mailto:chowohio@gmail.com). See pg. 15
- 21 The 7th Annual Warren Relay for Life fund raiser "Run for the Roses" Night at the Races, 5:30 p.m., Hippodrome Banquet Center, 150 High St NE, Warren.
- 28 Opal Chapter #181-OES A spaghetti dinner, 4-6:30 p.m., Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3262 Everett Hull Road, Cortland. See pg. 8
- 29 National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day
- 29 Hamilton Road Quartet performance at Bazetta Christian Church, 9:30 a.m., 4131 Hoagland-Blackstub Road in Cortland. See pg. 15
- 29 The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley 7th Annual Caring Bunny: An Inclusive Easter celebration, 9-11 a.m. Eastwood Mall concourse. See pg. 13

#### APRIL

- 4 Men of Faith monthly breakfast, 9 a.m., the Restaurant in the Airport, Vienna. See pg. 15
- 4 Fine Arts Council art show opening reception, 6-8 p.m., 180 N. Park Ave., Warren.
- 8 Trumbull County Master Gardeners In the Garden Series, "Growing Blueberries, Raspberries, etc.," 6 p.m., Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland, free.
- 10 City Offices Closed

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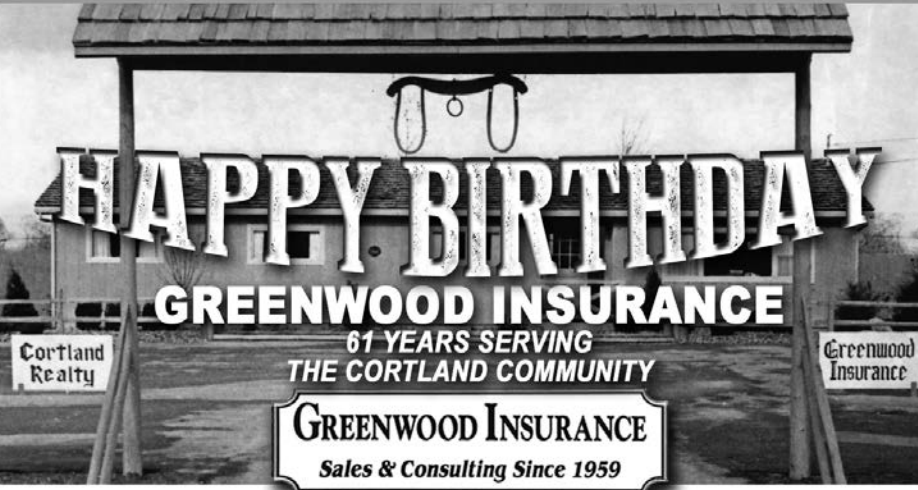


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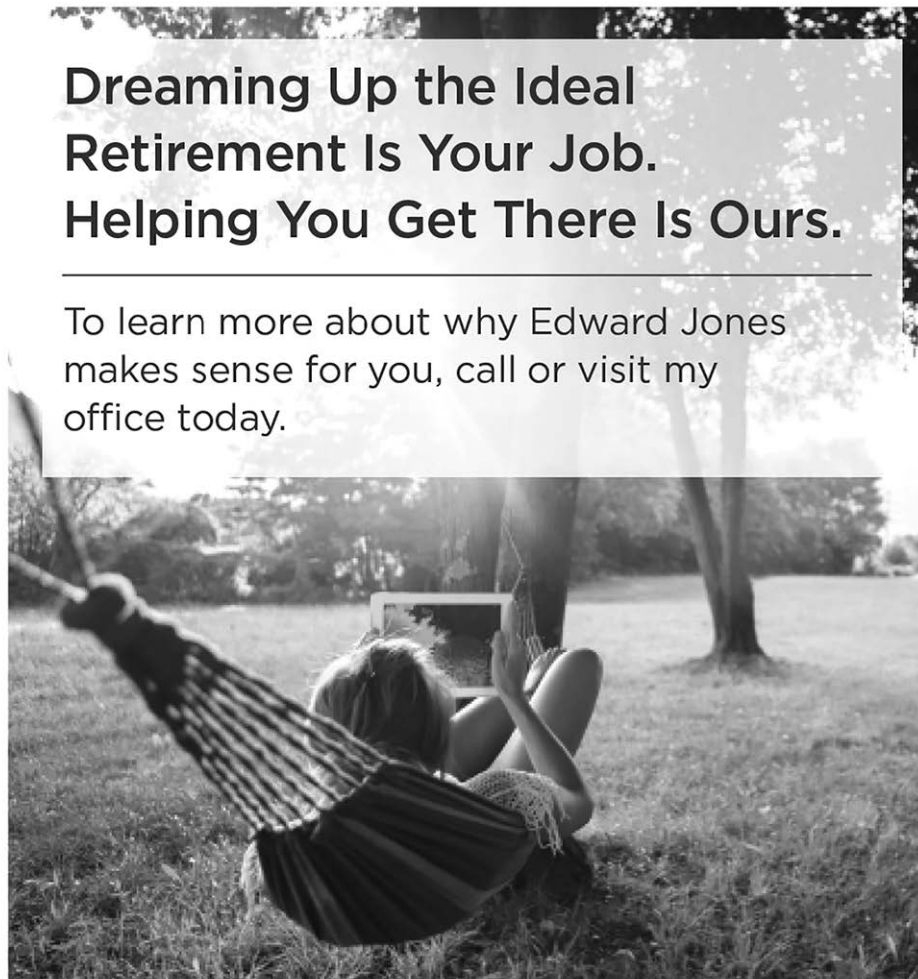
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**Business News & Notes**

By Thom Foley

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**Cortland Lanes** is starting its 9 PIN NO TAP LEAGUE. Call 330-637-2961 for details.

**Girts Music 101's** Rent-to-Own Instrument Special is back!

Do you have a dog? Have you been to **Totally Dog** on Main Street? Your dog wants you to go there!

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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.

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**Sparkle Retiree -  
 Lynn Johnson**

By Sally Lane

When Lynn Johnson retired from working at Sparkle Market at the end of February, he had more than 50 years in the grocery business, almost all of them at the Cortland Sparkle Market. During his last few days on the job he reminisced, "I started helping out at Sparkle when I was 13 years old and Howard Mease owned the store. I stayed here 16 years. Then I went to different stores for a while before I met Chris Klingemier." Klingemier had opened several Sparkle Markets in the area. "I worked with Chris when he opened a store in Middlefield, then I came back to Cortland when Chris bought Mease's Sparkle and have been here ever since," explained Johnson during



his last week at the store. He was the bakery technician keeping the kitchen equipment in shape and worked in the produce department as well as other jobs in the store. "I helped do some of the building and fixing that needed to be done," he said.

While Johnson is looking forward to some time to relax, he won't be going very far. His wife, Gayle, owns "The Galleria of Arts and Antiques" just across the parking lot from Sparkle, and his daughter assists her mother. "I will be working for my wife now, and doing maintenance there," he said. He also looks forward to spending time with their daughter, son and five grandchildren... and going fishing. Sounds like a plan. We wish him lots of good times.

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## March 29 is National Mom & Pop Business Day

By Thom Foley

Source: U.S. Small Business Association

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Did you know that there are about 200 small businesses in Cortland and Bazetta? Everything from pizza shops to auto dealers, doctors, lawyers, insurance offices, lawn mowers, grocery stores ... the list goes on and on. If you want them to stay here you need to patronize them.

Small businesses give back to the community. For every dollar you spend at a "Big Box" store only about 40 percent of it finds its way back to the community. When you shop at a locally owned store about 62 percent of the money makes its way back to the community. This means more money for police, fire, schools, little league teams - how many BIG BOX stores sponsor a kid's program? You are also helping a child take dance lessons, learn a musical instrument, learn to read, etc. Closer to home, these local businesses bring you all of the community news via your Cortland News every three weeks. We would not exist without them. So when you read the stories about local events be sure to thank the sponsors of the paper.

Every major company was once a small business. Consider the garage days for the founders of Microsoft and Apple. "You need a lot of passion for what you're doing because it's so hard," Steve Jobs once said. "Without passion, any rational person would give up." After all, bootstrapping a startup is one of the quintessential elements of the American dream. A small business is defined broadly, but it varies by industry. Chances are you -- and most people you know -- work for one.

Here are just a few of the stories about some of our local businesses. Be sure to help support them.

**JOLLY STORE Crafts** - We are new to Cortland, JOLLY STORE Crafts started out in 1999. It was a stay at home dad's idea to make some extra money. Owner Rick Jolly and his wife Megan started out selling handmade crafts at craft shows and online. After many inquiries about where to find items for crafting they started selling supplies for popular crafts through the years. The beading niche became the focus of their business. After some years of growing, the business had to leave home. JOLLY STORE Crafts located to downtown Warren for a few years then moved to Newton Falls. In 2019 they decided a retail store was something they wanted to give a try so both could work full time for the business. After looking for a good location, they spotted an ad online for their present location. After researching the area, they decided Cortland would be a great place to set up shop. JOLLY STORE Crafts opened the doors to their new retail business in February 2020. Located at 3539 state Route 5, next to Belleria Pizza.

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The "Russell S. Girt Memorial Scholarship Fund," C.S.F./Cincinnati Conservatory of Music is a legacy scholarship that has been set up at Russell S. Girts Alma Mater in his name, memory and honor provides a college music scholarship to a qualifying student each year. Information regarding the scholarship, including how apply or contribute can be found at [www.music101ohio.com](http://www.music101ohio.com). If you are in need of an affordable quality instrument, private music lessons, print music, school band materials, music accessories or other music services call us.

**Totally Dog** - October 2018 was the start of our "wild adventure." We bought an enormous building and rented some space to a close friend for her Doggie Daycare. Still being left with a lot of space to fill, we decided to stick with the dog theme and **Totally Dog** was

born! Our store sells human grade food, high quality treats, supplements, toys, medical/holistic treatments and more for your dog or cat. Need to know your dog's family tree? We have Wisdom Panel for that. Sensitivity issues? Pet Wellness Sensitivity Scan for that! There is an excellent trainer in the building, Karen Lutz, with Elite k9 and Doggie Daycare who recommends the best training equipment to us to carry. We have 4Legs4Pets raised beds, great for place training with many color combos to pick from. You'll find leashes, collars, coats and even boots. Pet Releaf CBD oils and treats to help your pet with pain, stress, separation anxiety and more. As our loved pet gets older, they often need a little help to feel comfortable. There are two groomers in the same location, (entrance in the rear) who are waiting to pamper your pet, too. I should mention that skunk season is here, and Cortland

seems to be very popular with them. If Fido finds a striped friend, you can find several remedies in our store. We try our best to be competitively priced and are proud to say we are lower in price than Chewy.com on many items. Great business hours, too!

**Auntie V's Pizzeria** has been in business since February of 2008. We started in Kinsman and people came from all over the area. Seven years later in August of 2015 we acquired the building on the corner of Elm Road and state Route 305 in Bazetta and remodeled it into our new home. We are proud to be very active in the community and help with many nonprofit causes. If you are looking for a fund raiser there is nothing better than our pepperoni rolls. We offer four sizes of pizza and all are made daily with fresh homemade dough. Our different salads are extremely popular. We have a large variety of sub sandwiches on our homemade buns. You should call early to get our famous Strombolis. No matter how many we make we seem to run out every day. Have you tried our unique dessert Strombolis? There is nothing like it around. Finally, we are well known for our homemade cookies. Several different varieties but Chocolate Chip is the most popular. If you have had them, you know why!

**Cortland Mowers Sales** has been in business since 1977. Bob Wollam opened the store at its location on Walnut Street. Mike Wollam, who worked alongside his father, owns the store now and is currently staffed with over 85 years of sales and service experience. It is managed by Sam Boyd and the assistant manager is Heidi Keller. We are proud to serve Cortland and surrounding communities for over 40 years. Being a locally owned shop with local ties to community is big for us. Providing years of quality products to friends and family and watching customers become that very same thing is what keeps us going. We have sold Cub Cadet since day one. We have added other brands during the years. We sell Cub Cadet, Toro and Echo equipment and recently added DeWalt unlike the box stores. We are proud to service everything we sell and most other major brands. You won't get better service or better products anywhere else.

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**Jo Marie Ferradino of Jo Marie's School of Dance, Gymnastics Center, and Ninja Warrior Room** started her business in Warren in September of 1973 as a dance school. She relocated her business to Cortland on West Main Street in 1991 and expanded the curriculum into the gymnastics genre. She ventured into further expansion in 2007. It was a renovation of the warehouse located on Erie Street in the Inner Office Building. The dance school offered a recreational and competition program. The competition team has won many prestigious awards as well as many regional and national titles. The gymnastic center offers classes on basic to advanced floor skills as well as apparatus training. In 2016, the construction of the Ninja Room began. The concept for this new endeavor was to create a challenging obstacle course for children that would be fun as well as building strength, coordination, and endurance. New obstacles continually are being created for the course. Jo Marie and her staff enjoy instructing their students with a friendly and confident attitude. Their motto is positive is powerful attitude is everything, and if you believe it, you can achieve it.

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## AWL Adopt A Pet

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Rocky is one good boy! He found his way back to the Animal Welfare League in June 2019 when his previous owner could no longer care for him and his furry companions. Rocky is such a gentle soul that he has been able to cohabitate with kids, other dogs, cats and even bunnies! This older Chow mix just graduated from our Caring Companions Program. The CCP is an 8-week training course where Rocky perfected his obedience and house training skills. Come meet this sweet boy at the Animal Welfare League to see if he is the perfect match for you!

Harley is a chunky boy that gives great cuddles. This handsome orange tabby arrived at the Animal Welfare League in February 2020 after his previous owner could no longer care for him. Harley is an older kitty at 10-years old, but he still loves to play and hunt his toys when he is not too busy warming up your lap getting ear scratches. For more information on how you can adopt Harley or one of his feline friends, call the Animal Welfare League.

Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Adoptions end 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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## Special Keepsake Eggs

By Sally Lane

Pastel colored eggs, chicks and bunnies are all part of our spring memories. Many of us, parents and grandparents and elementary teachers, look forward to sharing the fun of decorating eggs for the season with our children. However, one woman has taken the art of egg decoration to a completely new level. It is above the skill level of young children but satisfying to those who enjoy using grown up skills to create something beautiful and lasting.

Ruth Jennings, owner of Alcraft Egg Artistry in Brookfield, started out almost 40 years ago teaching a variety of crafts at her store when a visitor suggested that she try decorating eggs. "I never looked back after starting to work with eggs," she said. It was then she added "Egg Artistry" to the store's name, which is the only store of its kind in the eastern United States.

Even though she still teaches traditional crafts, her classes in decorating eggs of all sizes in the Faberge-style have been her passion. "Most of the classes have five or six people, but I've had up to a dozen," she said.

When Jennings is not teaching, she creates pieces for sale. Over 350 samples of her specially crafted eggs celebrating many different occasions such as weddings, graduations, and holidays are displayed throughout the store. The eggs come from all over the country and vary in size from small finch eggs to chicken, duck and ostrich eggs. Tiny saws and drills (mostly tools used by dentists, she said) help her craft the many styles of eggs. There are eggs that open to reveal moving parts like carousels, ballerinas, or a 3-D scene like winter scenes with houses that light up. Many of the eggs have Swarovski jewels. She sells these, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$1,000.

Jennings conducts classes at her shop. Fees include supplies.

Alcraft is located at 1370 Custer-Orangeville Road near Yankee Lake. It is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Friday and open on Saturday. Call 330-448-1573 for more information.



## Get happy

By Ian Michael Kundus

Though this season is a time many spring into action cleaning, renovating, and making better homes and gardens, why not use it as an opportunity to get your house in order another way?

After months spent in cold, dark isolation, it may take more than longer days and slightly warmer weather to clear away the SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder): Those winter blues that often get even staunch snow lovers like myself down. After all, your home is more than just the place you live. It's you, mind and body. So here's some practices for a happier spring:

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## Beta Chi Chapter supports Hillside fundraiser



Beta Chi Chapter members of Delta Kappa Gamma volunteer at Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital packing jelly beans for the hospital's fundraiser. Pictured from left are Mary Bumstead, Eileen Hazel, Wendy Spoerr, Linda Cowen and Roz Gadd. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society for outstanding educators with many volunteer projects on the local and international level. Photo by Roselyn Gadd.

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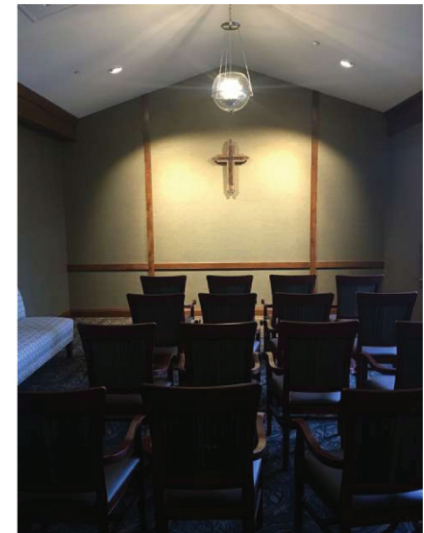
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**Ohio Tobacco 21 Law**

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

Tobacco use is the largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Preventing tobacco product use among youth is critical to ending this tobacco epidemic.

Since 2017, Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) has been working with the youth in Trumbull County to reduce tobacco use in youth. TCCHD has partnered with different schools throughout the county to develop campaigns that promote tobacco prevention and cessation; and have worked with schools to develop tobacco free policies. TCCHD has also worked with many communities throughout the county to develop

policies that limit tobacco sales to minors and restrict the sale of tobacco near schools.

Raising the minimum age of sale for tobacco products to 21 years has emerged as a strategy for reducing the burden of tobacco use in youth. Ohio passed the Tobacco 21 Law (ORC 2927.02) and as of October 17, 2019 it is illegal to give, sell or otherwise distribute cigarettes, tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping products to any person under the age of 21.

TCCHD is working with communities to educate them about the new law and assist with training and signage resources.

**Opal Chapter spaghetti dinner**

A spaghetti dinner sponsored by Opal Chapter #181-OES is planned for Saturday, March 28 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3262 Everett Hull Road, Cortland. The dinner also includes a salad bar, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, children under 12, \$3 and under age 5, free (all you can eat spaghetti only). Carry outs are available by calling 330-638-4110 before 4 p.m.

**Free tax-aid locations and times at SCOPE**

Again this year SCOPE Senior Services will partner with the AARP Foundation to offer free tax preparation and assistance.

Warren SCOPE Senior Center is at the YWCA Building 375 North Park Ave., Warren, Mondays - Fridays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are also evening hours on Tuesdays from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.

Howland Township Building is located in Trustees Hearing Room at 205 Niles- Cortland Road in Howland next to the fire department on Tuesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.

Assistance is also available at the Liberty Township Administration Building on Churchill on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Appointments are required by calling 330-399-8846.

Lordstown SCOPE Senior Center is located at back door of elementary school at 1776 Salt Springs Road in Lordstown on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 pm. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.

The Niles SCOPE Senior Center is located across from the fire station at 14 East State St. on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are required by calling Niles Senior Center direct at 330-544-3676.

Please call ahead to set an appointment for any of the SCOPE locations during tax season. Bring a photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), last year's return, income information, and if you receive an Affordable Care Act Forms 1095, bring that also with proof of hospitalization insurance. If you plan to have direct deposit of your refund, then bring a copy of one of your checks with you. For joint filing both taxpayers should be at the appointment.

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does Mike oversee the business to ensure all services meet his quality standards, he also continues to work in the field to keep his finger on the pulse of the ever-changing industry. The one thing that we are most proud of is the longevity of our business. We understand that people have options and we have been able to stay in business by meeting the needs of our customers. We operate with a strong business ethic and pride ourselves on 100 percent transparency in our diagnostic of every system we service. You will never overpay with MD Denna Heating and Cooling. So, don't let your furnace flat line, call MD Denna Heating and Cooling today!

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**Tracy Omerzo Design, Graphic Designer/Artist.** I began as a graphic designer in a Mom and Pop Print Shop after graduating with a BA from YSU in 1997. After three years, I took another design position, in Middlefield, with another Mom and Pop Printer. I learned a lot on the job and gained a lot of life experiences. That business was purchased by a franchise and I stayed on as their designer while I was pregnant with my first son. I continued part-time until they offered to use me as a subcontractor. This allowed me to stay home to work while enjoying precious time with my two sons.

I begin to gain my own clients through work-of-mouth and developed a great clientele that returned frequently

for my artistic talents. As the business became more digitally based, I had to learn on the job and teach myself newer versions of software and the ever-changing printing techniques. I listen intently to my clients and try to create exactly what they have envisioned, giving them a design they are proud of. I work closely with local printers to get my clients the best prices on printing and production.

I have been blessed with a wonderful family and time to spend making lasting memories with them. My sons, now 18 and 15, have been the reason I work so hard. They make me proud every day and I hope that my work ethic, honesty and ability to communicate with people will be a positive example to guide them toward their bright futures.

**Progressive Landscape** started in 2011 as a small lawn care business, which later expanded into landscaping, hardscaping and landscape construction. Locally owned by Kaleb Yoho, who was inspired to create this venture, through his innate entrepreneur spirit and excitement of constructing new creative projects for satisfied customers.

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**Campbell Carpet & Flooring** was established in 1955 by Lance and Vivian Campbell in a small showroom off the back of their residence located at 246 North High St., Cortland. In the same location today, the shop is owned and operated by the third generation (grandson) John L. Dunn Jr. John started as the warehouse man in the late 1970s and worked himself up to sole owner learning from his late grandfather. The Campbell's granddaughter, Becky Eloph has been with the company since 1991 as the sales/office manager.

John and Becky invite you to check out their shop, which includes flooring to fit any budget. Some of the latest styles of carpet, waterproof vinyl plank and tile, highly scratch and waterproof laminates, and vinyl sheet goods are all on display. Campbell's recently expanded by adding another warehouse and two new showrooms that have a large selection of hard surface flooring. We feature in stock carpet and waterproof vinyl plank floors that we buy rolls, pallets, and in bulk, that are highly competitively priced and ready for installation.

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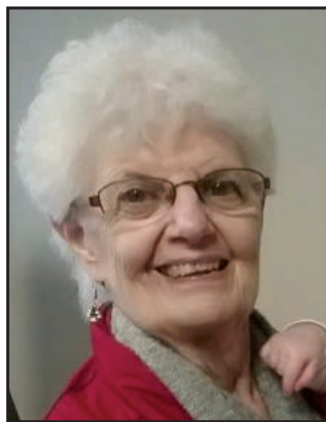
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## Jean Bolinger... an inspiration to all



Jean Ann Gravesmill Bolinger, 82, died peacefully Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Born Aug. 11, 1937, in Akron, to Karl and Helen Gravesmill, Jean graduated at age 16 from Buchtel High School, where she proudly served as the head majorette. Four years later, she graduated from The University of Akron with a degree in education (home economics).

In Akron; Oshkosh, Wis.; Coshocton; Cortland; and the other communities in which she lived, Jean was a tireless volunteer. In 2007, she was named one of the Community Stars in Trumbull County, awarded to "ordinary people who make life better through extraordinary caring."

Some examples of Jean's "extraordinary caring" included organizing a church team to adopt a refugee family from Laos; encouraging her small church family to make over 2,000 quilts for Lutheran World Relief; co-owning and managing the Book Nook in Warren for 20 years, where Jean and her husband donated over \$50,000 in books to local schools; coordinating an Adopt-A-Foot campaign in Cortland that provided sturdy athletic footwear to hundreds of children; packing mobile meals and leading Rise Against Hunger events, both of which fed thousands of people; and organizing groups to volunteer at the Church World Service / Lutheran World Relief headquarters in New Windsor, Md.

When she was not volunteering to improve the lives of others, Jean enjoyed vacationing with her family for 40-plus years on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and dancing with Trumbull Senior Productions.

Jean is survived by her husband of 63 years, Clyde; four children, Merrilee (Ken) Jacobson, Anjalee Wagers, Lorelee (Duane) Daily and Chris (Libby) Bolinger; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A service was held on March 8 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cortland. The family requests donations to Lutheran World Relief or the charity of your choice.



### In honor of Jean Bolinger

By Sally Lane

More than anything Jean Bollinger wanted to make a difference. It was more than a slogan - it was a priority for her entire life. She was blessed with seemingly boundless energy, determination, and a desire to help people, all people. She also had the skills necessary to accomplish her goals, whether it was running a successful book store, packing mobile meals or leading events. You can read a sample of her caring projects that affected thousands of people locally and around the world in her obituary below.

Jean was a regular contributor of articles to our "Cortland News" from the very first issue 15 years ago. She tirelessly wrote book reviews, project information, meeting dates and event announcements. In fact, on the Sunday before she passed, while in the hospital, she made sure that she texted a reminder to our editor to re-run the notice for the CHOW Family Quiz Night, which is March 21, the date of this issue.

More than anything, Jean Bolinger wanted to make a difference. Mission accomplished! Rest in peace knowing that generations of family and friends will not forget you and your good works live on.



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This spring I get to start buying perennials again. For the past few years I've been eliminating the unwanted plants and shrubs from my garden and I've promised myself to return to my list of much loved favorites. I don't want to experiment anymore with the new introductions that flood the market place every spring. This year I'm shopping for the old reliable names, that I know will be around next year.

First up is a very late winter/early spring blooming perennial, Lenten rose. What exactly is a Lenten rose? Definitely not a rose but a member of the buttercup family. *Helleborus x hybridus* was Perennial Plant of the Year for 2005. A lot of breeding has been done over the years resulting in more choices of color, flower style and plant size.

There are around 15 species of *Helleborus* with only four common ones and they are, *Helleborus niger* (Christmas rose), *Helleborus orientalis* (Lenten rose) *Helleborus foetidus*, (stinking Hellebore) and *Helleborus arquifolius Corsican Hellebore*. Most Lenten roses on the market today are hybrids of the original Lenten rose, *Helleborus orientalis*. Thus they are named, *Helleborus x hybridus*. This is a GOOD perennial to own.

The Lenten rose is also referred to as a hellebore from its genus name *Helleborus*. Hellebores can be grown from seed; I prefer to plant potted plants from a garden center in the spring. They like partial shade, rich, well-drained soil and can tolerate competition from tree roots. Mature plants form clumps about 18 to 24 inches tall and 24 to 30 inches wide. They are hardy to growing zones 4 and 5. Check the information on the nursery stock ticket as to the growing zone.

Throughout most of North America, hellebores wait until the worst of winter weather is over to begin blooming. They begin their bloom season late February into March. Why do I want such an early blooming plant? Because the Lenten rose is one of the loveliest and longest blooming perennial I can grow. There will still be flowers in May, though a bit faded and the evergreen foliage will stay sturdy and full until winter acting as a great filler and background for other flowering plants. The thick rough leaves also adds texture to the shade garden.

These long lasting blooms come in many colors and in single and double forms. They also have some great names. Flower colors come in pure white to dark plum, shades of pink, cream, yellow and green. Semi and double flower forms can have a contrasting picotee edging. Flowers often have a layer of freckles sprinkled across the petals. There is Ivory Prince, Anna's Red, Penny's Pink, and the newer series introductions: The Winter Jewel series with names like, "Amethyst Gem," "Rose Quartz" and "Picotee Pearl." The Wedding Party Series has names like "Shotgun Wedding," "Flower Girl" and "Mother of the Bride." I just like names, they add another dimension to gardening.

Hellebore can be slow to get established, but once growing care is minimal. They are deer and vole

resistant and not prone for disease; water during dry spells. Though the foliage is evergreen, adverse winter conditions can leave the plants looking tattered by spring. Cut off the old leaves to the ground so the flowers and new leaves look their best.

Established clumps often produce lots of seedlings. If you want more plants, move the seedlings to a new location, otherwise the large leaves will smother the seedlings. Young seedlings take 2 to 3 years to reach blooming size and don't be surprised if they flower a different color from their parents, since cross-pollination by insects usually results in each seedling being unique. Mature clumps can be divided in spring or fall, but the divisions will be slow to recover. It may take a few years before they flower well again. I personally prefer the lighter shades for the flowers. Some of the flowers nod down and others face up. I can see the lighter colors from a distance.

The Lenten rose is a great hellebore for beginning gardeners. It has an easy care nature and long blooming flowers. It thrives in low light, great as an under planting with trees and shrubs and a great companion plant to spring bulbs and hostas. What's not to love?

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

## Mary Chesney Chapter learns about Women's Suffrage

Mary Chesney Chapter NSDAR met at the historic Harriet Taylor Upton House on March 6. Saundra Sarsany, Upton Association curator, presented an interesting program on the history of Women's Suffrage. The next meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, April 4 at noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Warren. Good Citizen's Scholarship awards will be presented. For more information please contact Registrar Diane Thomas at 330-373-0797.





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## Gig workers, know your tax responsibilities

Let's say you drive for a ride-sharing app, deliver groceries ordered online or perform freelance home repairs booked via a mobile device. If you do one of these jobs or myriad others, you're a gig worker — part of a growing segment of the economy.

In fact, a 2019 IRS report found that the share of the workforce with income from alternative, nonemployee work arrangements grew by 1.9 percentage points from 2000 to 2016. (That's a big increase.) And, over 50 percent of this rise occurred during the period 2013 to 2016, almost entirely because of gigs set up online.

### A different way

No matter what the job or app, all gig workers have one thing in common: taxes. But the way you'll pay taxes differs from the way you would as an employee.

To start, you're typically considered self-employed. As a result, and because an employer isn't withholding money from your paycheck to cover your tax obligations, you're responsible for making federal income tax payments. Depending on where you live, you also may have to pay state income tax.

### Quarterly tax payments

The U.S. tax system is considered "pay as you go." Self-employed individuals typically pay both federal income tax and self-employment taxes four times during the year: generally on April 15, June 15, and September 15 of the current year, and January 15 of the following year.

If you don't pay enough over these four installments to cover the required amount for the year, you may be subject to penalties. To minimize the risk of penalties, you must generally pay either 90% of the tax you'll owe for the current year or the same amount you paid the previous year.

### The 1099

You may have encountered the term "the 1099 economy" or been called

a "1099 worker." This is because, as a self-employed person, you won't get a W-2 from an employer. You may, however, receive a Form 1099-MISC from any client or customer that paid you at least \$600 throughout the year. The client sends the same form to the IRS, so it pays to monitor the 1099s you receive and verify that the amounts match your records.

If a client (say, a ride-sharing app) uses a third-party payment system, you might receive a Form 1099-K. Even if you didn't earn enough from a client to receive a 1099, or you're not sent a 1099-K, you're still responsible for reporting the income you were paid. Keep in mind that typically you're taxed on income when received, not when you send a request for payment.

### Good record keeping

As a gig worker, you need to keep accurate, timely records of your revenue and expenses so you pay the taxes you owe — but no more. Our firm can help you set up a good record keeping system, file your taxes and stay updated on new developments in the gig economy.

### Sidebar: Expense deductions

By definition, gig workers are self-employed. So, your taxes are based on the profits left after you deduct business-related expenses from your revenue. Expenses can include payment processing fees, your investment in office equipment and specific costs required to provide your service. Remember, if you use a portion of your home as a work space, you may be able to deduct the pro rata share of some home-related expenses.

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## Add a 'To-Do' to your spring-cleaning list: Your finances

When the warm weather finally hits, most of us get bit by the spring-cleaning bug. Our to-do lists often include cleaning out our garages, basements and closets. But this year, it might be time to add another section to the list: finances.

Whether you just need to reorganize or do a thorough cleansing, this to-do list will help you tidy up your financial house.

- **De-clutter your credit cards — and your wallet:** If your wallet is bulging with plastic, look at all your credit cards and trim down to the ones you really need on a regular basis. Evaluate your cards based on benefits such as cash back or airline miles and prioritize the ones with the greatest offerings. Store unneeded cards in a safe place or cancel the ones you don't use. But, of course, take into consideration whether canceling a card will negatively affect your credit rating before doing so.

- **Cancel unused memberships:** If a new at-home exercise routine has replaced your trips to the health club or gym, or if you're rarely playing golf at a course you belong to, consider canceling your membership. Even if you have to pay a fee, you may quickly recoup your financial losses.

- **Negotiate better deals with your service providers:** Whether it's your cable, internet or waste removal company, chances are you can negotiate a better rate. Simply take time to get quotes from competitors. If they are offering lower rates for the same services, go back to your service provider to see if they will price match to keep your business. If not, switch to

someone new.

- **Consolidate accounts:** Review all checking, savings, investment, retirement and credit card accounts and consider consolidating. Maintaining numerous accounts can increase the amount of time you spend opening mail, reconciling statements, keeping records and paying bills.

- **Update your financial records:** Make a list of your current financial accounts, contacts and passwords. Keep this information in a safe and secure place.

- **Update your beneficiary designations:** Your beneficiary designations override your will. So, if you've experienced a marriage, divorce, birth, adoption or death, make sure your beneficiary designations reflect your wishes.

- **Simplify your investments:** If tracking various investments stresses you out, consider asset allocation or managed accounts. Attempting to manage and track too many investment accounts can require a great deal of time and, if you're not on top of the details, can prevent you making the best investment choices for your portfolio. Consider working with a financial professional to help you organize your finances and help you determine what kinds of investments might work best for you.

Consult a financial advisor for more ideas and strategies on ways to get your finances in order.

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## SCOPE Centers host reduced senior lunches

The Trumbull County Commissioners recently approved four of the SCOPE Senior Citizen Centers to serve as locations of their senior lunch program for 2020. Cortland, Lordstown, Niles and Warren SCOPE Senior Citizen Centers continue to host the \$2.25 senior citizen nutritional lunch as coordinated by the Trumbull County Office of Elderly Affairs with a grant through Direction Home.

Lunches are also served at the Girard, Hubbard, Johnston and West Farmington Senior Centers.

The key to eating lunch at the senior centers is to remember the number "2" as in making a reservation by calling 330-675-2486 just two days before you plan to eat for only a \$2.25 donation for those over 60 years of age. The SCOPE Senior Centers serve the reduced lunch at 11:30 a.m. five days a week.

"The food tastes great and are very reasonably priced with Elderly Affairs staff serving our seniors," stated Mike Wilson, SCOPE's director. "We already have seen an increase in the total number of individuals eating lunch at the four SCOPE sites."

Menus are provided for the entire month to make it easier for reservations with alternate main entree options available every day. "Remember for only a \$2.25 donation seniors can eat a nutritious lunch by making a reservation two days before the day they plan to eat. Simply call 330-675-2486. There are no carry outs available," said Wilson.

The Office of Elderly Affairs also provides hot lunches delivered to those who are homebound and shut in by calling this same number.



## Utility bill assistance Warren office dates

Tuesday, March 31 will be the last day to apply for utility bill assistance at the TCAP Warren office only, to reconnect utility service that is off, to make payments on a disconnection notice, to apply for new service, to transfer service or if remaining supply of fuel oil, wood or coal is less than 25 percent. The office is located at 1230 Palmyra Road SW, Warren.

TCAP will see 25 clients as walk-ins from 6:45 to 11:30 a.m. Doors will be closed at noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. Doors reopen from 1 to 5 p.m.

You must have your photo ID, Social Security cards or birth certificates for everyone in the household, most recent gas and electric bill and proof of all money received in the home for the past 30 days. If you are self-employed or a seasonal worker, please provide 12 months of income. For additional questions call 330-393-2507, ext. 225.

This date does not apply to the satellite sites in Niles, Hubbard, Newton Falls, Tod's Crossing or the Buckeye Apartments.

For the duration of March, walk-ins are Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m.

## LWVTC and Census 2020

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County held its February meeting with United States Census Partnership Specialist, Pia Brady as guest speaker. She addressed the upcoming census and spoke on the safety factors of the 2020 census and the history of the census. She answered "Is it necessary?" and responded "Yes, as Ohio receives more than \$33 billion annually based on this every ten year cycle of collecting data." She spoke on the safety issues that all information collected cannot be shared with any person, organization, company or agency. For the first time, the census will be available to fill out online using computer, mobile phones or other devices in 12 languages. Ohio residents will receive a notice in the mail to complete beginning March 12, 2020. For questions, please contact Pia Brady at pia.brady@2020census.gov.



Pia Brady, Kirsten Burkey and Peggy Boyd

## Special Bunny provides morning of fun activities for children on the autism spectrum

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley has announced that registration is open for its 7th Annual Caring Bunny: An Inclusive Easter celebration. The morning of seasonal fun for families with special needs children will take place on Sunday, March 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Eastwood Mall concourse. In addition to the Bunny Photo Experience, participants will enjoy arts and crafts, train rides, a 1,000 Egg Hunt and F5RS Bunnies in Baskets-Therapy Rabbits. Families wishing to participate must preregister at www.autismmv.org. For more information call 330-333-9609 or email info@autismmv.org.

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## Veterans Memorial Committee honors Wollam Chevrolet and launches Phase II

A bronze plaque will be mounted at the Veterans Memorial, recognizing Wollam Chevrolet and the Chevy All Stars for their \$19,250 contribution to the memorial project.

Tom Fye, general manager at Wollam, designated two of its employees, Steve Cooper and Jeff Deehr, to be featured in the photo, as they are both retired military veterans. The photo also includes Frank Daugherty (left) and Dick McClain (right), members of the Veterans Memorial Committee.

This recognition coincides with the Phase II segment of the memorial project -- to build the observation deck that was part of the original plans, but initially delayed.

The deck has been designed, and will be built, by Gilmore Designs. It will be approximately 12' x 28', centered at the back of the memorial, and extend out over Walnut Run about six feet. The deck will be made with all-weather permanent decking, steel railings and with steel support. The

deck will conveniently serve as a stage or platform when any special programs or ceremonies are held at the memorial. The Phase II deck project will complete the Veterans Memorial, except for the engraved pavers, which will be continually added, at least two or three times each year, as pavers orders are received.

Contributions and donations toward the observation deck are tax deductible and can be made payable to the Cortland Community Foundation and sent to 400 N. High St., Cortland, OH 44410. The target schedule is to complete the fund raising by May 31, so that the deck can be constructed by this fall.



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## Trumbull County Republican Women's Club holds luncheon

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club held its first Valentine Brunch at the historic Warren Women's Club. This was a membership mixer and a fundraiser for members and guests to celebrate together. The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club is open to any women believing in the principals of the Republican Party and intending generally to support its candidates. The club meets on the first Thursday of the month at different locations in Trumbull County. Membership information can be obtained by contacting Barbara Rosier-Tryon at 330-550-1215.

The annual Spring Card Party is scheduled for April 25. Featuring a salad and dessert luncheon, it will be held at Cortland Christian Church, 130 Grove St. in Cortland. Doors open at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be reserved by contacting Peggy Boyd at 330-856-5398.



Pictured are front from left: Aleeta Hennen, Judy Dunn, Barbara Tryon, Lenore Antonelli and Cathy Lukasko. Back row: MaryLee Spain, Elaine Stredney, President Sarah Kovoov, Jo Anne Szczyglowski, Cathy Stocz, Kathi Creed, Danuta Allen and Martha Yoder.

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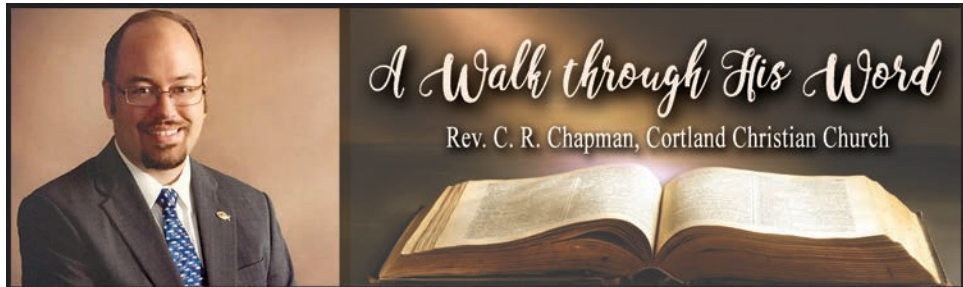

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### 'Meditating on the Motions'

As we begin spring in the midst of Lent you might find yourself going through the motions. It is in my opinion that many have lost the true meaning of Easter. Not because they do not care, not because they do not see this biblical season as important, but because they have been removed from the actual event by roughly 2,000 years.

They do not understand the seriousness of this season because society has painted it as a fable, deeming it to be as real as the Easter Bunny. The church has also stepped back from teaching the whole story of Easter and the meaning of the Lentil season perhaps thinking that the gory details might frighten some church goers or believing that everyone already knows the story that leads us into the Easter season. The truth of the matter is, is that both Lent and Easter are both a wonderful time of rejoicing and a somber reminder of suffering. As the Savior died, I am reminded of the winter season with the bare trees and brown grass, but life was coming, and that life reminds me of the spring as the flowers pop up and the

trees begin to bud. There are many traditions that surround Easter from Lent to communion to special services, I could go on. Each of these "motions" that we go through has significance, but do you know what it is?

Ultimately this holy season is only about the sacrifice of the Son of God for your sins. Does the church truly comprehend what Christ went through? In general, I think not. This is a time where we need not to be going through the motions of season but meditating on them. Too many people rely on the pastor to do all of the research when it comes to the things of the Bible, sum it up, and then give them the reader's digest version of it.

I am not going to do that today, because when I do, I take something away from you and allow you to simply go through the motions for another year. In each thing that we do this season let us meditate on it. Let us pray about it, and then we will have a deeper relationship with the Lamb Who Was Slain.

### Organize your team for CHOW's Quiz Night

By Jean Bolinger

It's time to organize your team of 5-8 members for CHOW's "Just for Fun Quiz Night," which will be held Saturday, March 21 in St. Robert Parish Hall. Put your heads together as a team to answer trivia questions in the following categories: entertainment, mathematics, sports, religion, science, history, current events, literature and pop culture. If you don't have 5-8 people to make a team, come anyway and teams will be formed so all can play.

Contribution is \$10 per person and includes soups, veggies, snacks, soft drinks, coffee and fun, which will be served at 6:30 p.m. The game will begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds will be used to continue CHOW's work delivering clothing, household goods, food and school supplies to Grahm School Community Center in Grahm, Ky. Plan to join us for a fun night of trivia with food, fellowship and laughs. For more information, email chowohio@gmail.com.

### Hamilton Road Quartet to perform at Bazetta Christian Church

Bazetta Christian Church's Music Ministry Leader, Candice Girt-Stojkov, invites the public to come experience the southern gospel sounds of Columbus area Christian recording artists "Hamilton Road Quartet." They will be performing March 29 at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 4131 Hoagland-Blackstubb Road in Cortland.

### Men of Faith breakfast April 4

On Saturday, April 4 at the Restaurant in the Airport, Eli Murphy will speak on "A Large Hand Took Me Through to the Light." Come hear Eli's powerful testimony. Eli has eight children and one on the way. Also, 15-year-old Croesus Brock will be singing with his father Christopher, who will accompany him on electric guitar. Men of Faith will be holding its breakfast the first Saturday of every month with open fellowship starting at 9 a.m. All men, young to seniors, from any church or background, are welcome to attend the breakfast buffet. There is a \$5 donation. Mark your calendars for the Men's Rally 2020 on Saturday, April 25. More at mensrally.org.



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

By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

**Brush Chipping**

The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April, continuing through October. The first will begin on Monday, April 27. Be sure to have the limbs at the curb early; only one pass per street will be made.

**2020 Brush Chipping Schedule:**

- Week of April 27
- Week of May 25
- Week of June 22
- Week of July 27
- Week of Aug. 24
- Week of Sept. 28
- Week of Oct. 26

**Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year will be on Wednesday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can go to [www.lakeviewlocal.org](http://www.lakeviewlocal.org) for more information.

**Spring Clean-Up**

Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for April 30 or May 1. Items will be picked up with your regular trash collection. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services within the city of Cortland.

**2020 Census**

Census results determine the amount of federal funds your area receives, the number of seats in the House of Representatives and much more. You can go to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) to learn why it is so important for everyone to be counted.

**Dates to Remember**

- April 6 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 10 - City Administration Offices will be closed
- April 13 - Parks Board - 5:30 p.m.
- April 13 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 20 - City Council - 7 p.m.

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**Get active**

Exercise doesn't have to be a grueling struggle for a CrossFit-trained beach body. Good exercise is any focused activity that gets your heart rate up and your muscles and joints moving. The key is to start where you are, and be consistent. Go for a jog in the morning, make use of a nearby gym, or take a 30-minute walk after dinner. Everyone starts and works from their own place at their own pace, and that's okay, as long as you keep on moving.

(Detailed resources for how to get active available at [HHS.gov](http://HHS.gov))

**Experience nature**

Between heat, pests, and allergies, in warm weather you'll usually find me shut up tight in my bug-free house with the AC blasting, but there's a valuable simplicity to nature that we often overlook. In our hectic rush to do, make, find, and achieve, we rarely take the time to just be the way that nature does. So whether you prefer to wander the woods, grow a garden or beach bathe, go outside and let nature remind you that it's okay to appreciate just being you every once in a while.

(For outdoor adventures consider local venues like Mill Creek Park, Nelson Ledges, and Mosquito Lake)

**Try Yoga/Meditation**

I was skeptical of the merits at first, thinking it was another holistic, new-age fad. But yoga and meditation are not just ancient practices, they're a great way to start and end your day, as a simple, effective check-in with yourself. It's often easy to neglect how we feel. We carry stress physically, as well as mentally and emotionally. Meditation and yoga can help us better connect those parts of ourselves together, and let go of that stress and pain.

(Local instruction options include Coopers Cycle & Fitness and Experience Yoga. For digital instruction I recommend [yogawithadriene.com](http://yogawithadriene.com))

**Visit your doctor**

Some pains and problems are too severe to meditate or stretch away, and require extra help. Going to the doctor may not be pleasant, but regular check-ups are important. Not just with your physician or dentist, but with a mental health professional, as well. Everyone has problems, whether they admit them or not. Though some are very skilled at coping with those issues, life isn't just about surviving, it's about thriving. Overcoming those issues rather than just enduring them is often key to becoming a better, happier person.

(If you need help finding a mental healthcare professional, or if you or someone you know is in trouble, please consult the National Institute of Mental Health for a list of free emergency services.)

**Enjoy hobbies**

Whether your goal is to be creative, spend time with people, or just have fun, it's important to enjoy a regular activity that you do purely for the sake of enjoyment, the way we did as kids. I recall acting out endless stories with my superhero figures, not for any result, just the simple, enjoyable act of playing. So take the time, and try something new. If you like working with your hands, take up baking, woodworking, or painting. If you're looking to make friends you can join an online chat, a volunteer group, or a team. If you need to relax, you can take bubble baths, read a good book, or burn therapeutic incense. Whatever you fancy, take the time this season to take care of yourself, and practice something you enjoy.



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## Kindergarten registration for 2020-2021 school year

Lakeview Elementary has begun kindergarten registration. The district enrollment process (including kindergarten registration) is now done electronically and online. Your child must be 5 by Aug. 1, 2020 to enroll.

If you currently have a student enrolled in Lakeview Schools, please log in to your OneView account and simply select "Enroll New Student." If you do not have a child enrolled at Lakeview, follow these steps: To start your registration from home, use a PC (phones will not complete all tasks) that is connected to the internet. You will start by going to the website, [www.lakeviewlocal.org](http://www.lakeviewlocal.org). From there:

- Click on Forms and Link
- Click on Electronic Registration (under the Enrollment heading)
- Be sure to complete all three forms that are required

On the following dates the school district will provide access to a computer to register a child if you do not have access to a PC connected to the internet to complete the enrollment forms elsewhere. All parents/guardians should plan to bring their required documentation on Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regardless of where you complete your enrollment forms, you must bring in the required documentation outlined below on one of the dates above. The following items are REQUIRED to process your child's registration:

- Proof of residency - Two forms are required (mortgage statement, lease contract, pay stub, utility bill, etc. - must list your residential address).

- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Immunization record
- Custody documentation with court seal and judge's signature (if not living with both parents) or a statement from an attorney documenting process of a divorce.

- Parent/Guardian photo identification

The legal custodial parent/guardian must enroll the student. Incoming students do not need to attend the above dates. Screening information, which students will attend, is listed below.

If you do not have all of the above documentation submitted on one of the above dates, your registration will not be processed. Screening will be held at LES the week of May 26-29.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Laura DePizzo at 330-638-2145.



## Lakeview High School Pantry needs for March

Community members can donate to the Lakeview High School's food pantry any time by dropping off items at the main office or guidance office. Particularly needed this month are canned fruit, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce (not in glass please). Toiletries, and new or gently used clothing is also accepted.

## Kent State Trumbull offers Full-Tuition Scholarship

This year's graduating high school seniors with a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher will be able to attend Kent State Trumbull this fall, tuition-free. The campus has added the Full-Tuition Scholarship to its list of other automatic freshman scholarships.

The scholarship completely covers fees and yearly tuition, which is under \$6,500 this year. Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA to renew the scholarship for three additional years.

"We feel like this is a great time to offer this scholarship, which essentially covers all tuition costs for up to four years," said Dr. Daniel Palmer, interim dean and chief administrative officer, Kent State Trumbull. "We want to expand our role in educating, training, and ultimately retaining the Valley's brightest talent."

To qualify, students must be admitted by May 1 and have a 4.0 or greater cumulative high school GPA at the time of admission. These scholarships are only available to students who enroll full-time at Kent State Trumbull for the 2020-2021 academic year (12 or more credit hours per semester).

According to Palmer, the campus began offering automatic scholarships three years ago to reward local high-achieving students and their parents. "Our focus is to help students maximize their college experience while minimizing student debt."

Other Kent State Trumbull automatic freshman scholarships for graduating high school seniors admitted at Trumbull by May 1 with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher include:

- Dean's Scholarship (3.8 GPA or higher) \$4,000
- Gold Scholarship (3.6 GPA or higher) \$2,000
- Silver Scholarship (3.3 GPA or higher) \$1,500
- Bronze Scholarship (3.0 GPA or higher) \$1,000

All of the automatic freshman scholarships can be combined with other privately funded and Honors scholarships. However, automatic freshman scholarships cannot be combined with one another.

For more information about Kent State Trumbull and its scholarships, visit [kent.edu/trumbull](http://kent.edu/trumbull) or contact Nicolette Fenlock, assistant director, Student Services, at 330-675-8847 or [nmhall@kent.edu](mailto:nmhall@kent.edu).

## Girls Tennis Team in search of players

By Abbey Leonard  
Lakeview High School reporter

The Lakeview Girls' Tennis Team had a successful 2019 season. Facing the strongest programs in the area, the Bulldogs finished with eight wins at Sectionals.

The small team is graduating four seniors this year, making the already small team of only nine drop to five. To build back up to a necessary size, the varsity team is in search of at least two players for the 2020 fall tennis season. The team needs a minimum of seven players to be able to play a match without forfeiting.

The team will have two seniors next year, Abbey Leonard and Christine Innocenzi. These upcoming seniors have not been playing all through high school. Leonard joined the team during her sophomore year, and Innocenzi joined the team during her junior year, proving that players can join the team at



any time in their academic career.

Both upcoming seniors are excited about their senior seasons saying, "We are already planning team-building activities such as a scavenger hunt and team sleepovers." The seniors are excited to welcome any new teammates that come their way regardless of skill or ability.

Girls interested in joining the tennis team can contact Leonard, Innocenzi, or Girls Tennis coach Elisabeth Wilson, who is also a 7th grade English teacher at the Lakeview K-8 building.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Library System closes all locations and upcoming events

All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and Mobile Services to the public are now closed and will remain through Sunday, April 5, 2020, or as long as the COVID-19 state of emergency continues. This includes: Brookfield Library; Cortland Library; Howland Library; Liberty Library; Lordstown Library; Warren Library; the Bookmobile; and Outreach and Homebound Library Service. During this time, its online services will remain available for cardholders, including the collection of digital materials such as eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable audiobooks, and streaming movies, music, and television shows. The library also has online databases and learning tools accessible from home. All these digital resources are available free 24/7 at [www.wtclpl.org](http://www.wtclpl.org).

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Director Jim Wilkins said the decision was made as a precaution to help reduce community spread of the coronavirus.

"Our priority is the health and safety of our customers, our staff and our community," Wilkins said. "In view of the new COVID-19 information

coming from the Governor's office, we believe this is the right step to take."

All regular programming and special events scheduled at the library system's locations in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty, Lordstown, and Warren are canceled. Use of the libraries' public meeting rooms is also canceled. Organizations and individuals that have meeting room bookings will be notified of the cancellations.

Wilkins said the library system will continue to closely monitor the situation and will evaluate extending the event cancellations if necessary.

"We know our customers look forward to enjoying the variety of storytimes, classes, guest lectures, and other programs at the library," he said. "We will plan for a return to our full schedule as quickly as possible."

At this time, all six Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations are scheduled to remain open usual hours. Library cardholders can borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital music and movies online through the library website 24/7 at [www.wtclpl.org](http://www.wtclpl.org).

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## Spring lectures cancelled at Sutliff Museum

Due to the latest public health recommendations and following current Warren-Trumbull County Public Library guidelines, the Nurturing Pathways to Freedom spring lectures for March 21 and April 4 have been cancelled. The Sutliff Museum will still

be operating at its normal hours until further notice. Please be advised that further updates and changes may occur. For further information visit [www.sutliffmuseum.org](http://www.sutliffmuseum.org), call 330-395-6575, or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

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