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## Home & Garden

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### Home, garden and 'going green'

By Sally Lane

My grandmother graduated high school in 1913. During her school years, one of her classes was Botany. Assignments included traipsing through fields and woods to find and identify plants and wildflowers. That course must have been her favorite because, 40-some years later,

my fondest memories of my grandma were the hikes we took every spring. We gathered bouquets of violets, and learned to identify trillium, adder's tongue, bloodroot and mayapples with their umbrella-like leaves. We listened to spring peepers in the evening and watched for the return of the bluebirds in March.

As wonderful and influential those hiking memories are, Grandma's garden deserves a whole chapter in my memory book. She grew vegetables of course - almost everyone did - and canned them for the winter. But, the joys of her life were the flowers she grew - coreopsis, bleeding heart, sweet pea, iris, tulips, daffodils, climbing roses and many more. Her garden bloomed from early spring to fall. Her house had a front and back porch with swings where my sister and I enjoyed many glasses of milk and Lorna Doone cookies while watching butterflies and hummingbirds. We never forgot those times or the lessons, while unspoken, made both of us love nature and to pass it on to our children.

In my high school years, I read Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," and became very much aware of our impact on the environment. Combine

that awareness with a love of nature, and many of our generation, and our children's generation, began to follow at least some of the guidelines of "reduce, re-use and recycle." We are more aware of the chemicals we use and proper disposal of them and other waste. I'm proud that Cortland partners with the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District to provide ways for us to help our city "go green." Efforts ramp up as winter ends and people are spring cleaning, cleaning up files, organizing and cleaning up our yards. The following are upcoming events that help all of us make our homes and our city cleaner and healthier.

The city of Cortland has received a grant from the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and will provide a scrap tire collection program now to April 30, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a limit of 8 passenger tires per vehicle on or off the rim. Truck or tractor tires will not be accepted.

Brush Pick Up: The city of Cortland Service Department will be conducting branch and limb pick up service along city streets, for the entire city, the fourth Monday of each month starting April 26 and running through October. For

more information see "News from City Hall" on page 17.

City Spring Clean-up: One of our most popular events is April 29 and 30, depending on your trash day pickup. It is a chance to get all the unwanted stuff out on the curb. What is "junk" to someone, may just be a "treasure" to someone else, judging from the number of people stopping to look through the stuff. At any rate, it is a good way to get it GONE.

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

Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m. to noon, there will be a Document Shredding event at the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District, 5138 Enterprise Blvd., Warren. Limit of four boxes/bags per household.

Enjoy our Home and Garden issue. It contains lots of ideas for spiffing up our yards and houses. Go green!

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 Monday, April 19, 7 p.m..  
 Monday, May 3, 7 p.m.

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 Read the minutes from  
 Cortland City Council meetings at  
[www.cityofcortland.org](http://www.cityofcortland.org) under City  
 Council Minutes.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
 Second Monday of each month  
 Monday, April 12, 5:30 p.m.

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 Monday, April 12, 7 p.m.  
 Meetings and agenda of Council and  
 Planning meetings area available at  
[www.cityofcortland.org](http://www.cityofcortland.org)

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Please contact the Cortland News if you would like your organization listed here.

### Our Next Issue .... May 1, 2021

Our theme will be Mother's Day

Article Deadline by April 16 • Display Advertising Deadline is April 21  
Email articles to [editor@cortlandnews.net](mailto:editor@cortlandnews.net)

The mission of the Cortland News is to focus on the positive aspects and events of our community. Our goal is to inspire pride and bring the residents of our community closer to one another by providing accurate, timely and useful information. We hold ourselves to high standards of journalism and strive to be a source of trust for our readers.

Based on the policy of the Cortland News to print positive news about our community, we reserve the right to reject contributed material considered inappropriate. We reserve the right to edit information accepted for publication for accuracy, style, length, spelling, grammar, and clarity.

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While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newspaper, the Cortland News cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions.

#### CORRECTION:

In the March 20, 2021 issue of the Cortland News there was a misspelling in the caption that accompanied a story regarding "Ford Fund distributes over 1 million face masks to communities across Ohio." The caption should have read: "As Cathy Kish 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."

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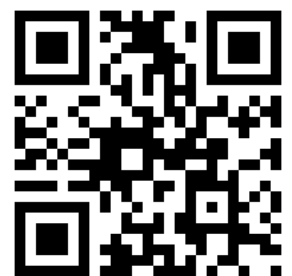
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## Community Events Event Calendar April 10 – May 1

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 17

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit [www.lakeviewlocal.org](http://www.lakeviewlocal.org).

OSU Trumbull County Extension Gardening events via Zoom, various dates. See pg. 10

American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-733-2767.

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

### APRIL

- 10 Spaghetti dinner sponsored by Opal Chapter, 4-6:30 p.m., Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett Hull Road. See pg. 17
- 10,11 Lifeguard certification courses, The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., [jccyoungstown.org](http://jccyoungstown.org) for registration.
- 12-5/21 Spring Stroke Clinic, Jewish Community Center of Youngstown [jccyoungstown.org](http://jccyoungstown.org) for registration.
- 13 Trumbull County Genealogical Society meeting, 10 a.m., Warren SCOPE Center, 375 North Park Ave., Warren. See pg. 18
- 13 Warren-Trumbull County Public Library free online identity theft program, 2 p.m. See pg. 18
- 15 OSU Master Gardener Volunteer Annual Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 520 W. Main St., Cortland, See pg. 10
- 22 Earth Day
- 30 National Arbor Day

### MAY

- 1 Charity Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland, 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). See pg. 15

## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

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**Jolly Craft Store's** retail location is NOW OPEN AGAIN! And of course you can find them online 24/7. Check out the special offer they have in their ad!

**Champion Income Tax Service** reminds us that the filing deadline has been extended to May 17. AND if you haven't gotten your stimulus check yet, they can help you file for it.

**Progressive Landscape** is taking orders for your spring and summer projects. Check out the great brick patio and walkways they put in at my home. They will be adding plants to it this year.

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Did you see everything that **Centerra** has on sale? Too much to mention here. Everything you need for your garden and pets!

**Totally Dog** now has a special product offering for the month - DOG ROCKS! Tired of pet urine stains on your lawn? Try Grass Saver Biscuits or Dog Rocks. Keep it green! If you have a dog

you need to check this out.

Speaking of dogs, the groomer at **Totally Dog, Kym Stover of WagMore** (The Best little 'bark' shop in town!) tells us that they now have four groomers! Yep, business is booming. No wonder, with over 40 years' experience they know how to make Fido look his best!

**Belleria Pizza** has a "Buy one, Get one FREE on any entrée" coupon in their ad. It is dine-in only at their newly remodeled dining room. Hurry, it expires soon.

**Brookside Greenhouse**, my favorite place to buy flowers and plants, is open again! They have been the best place in the area since 2003. You won't get hanging baskets this big at this low of a price anywhere else. Go see why they are my favorite!

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Hospital Indemnity Insurance pays a benefit based on days in the hospital or services provided and can be customized to include additional coverage. For example, an accidental injury rider will pay a lump sum for injuries like a fracture or ligament tear; or a cancer rider will pay a lump sum

for different types of cancer diagnoses. Other possible coverages could include skilled nursing stays, outpatient surgery or ambulance services. The costs of these plans are based on age and are generally an affordable monthly fee.

There are many other types of policies to supplement medical insurance policies and help defray costs of life events. Policies can be geared toward specific conditions like cancer, heart attack or stroke. While others can be for specific services such as short-term home health care. You can also pick up supplemental dental or vision policies to cover gaps in coverage or to provide coverage if you do not have a policy.

If you are interested in any of these options, consult your local insurance agent. They can help you figure out what works best for your individual situation.

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By: Robert Steele

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 For One Last Rose

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 Will there be enough warmth and support  
 For One Last Rose

Green leaves are fading fast  
 Can the season last  
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Racing winters cold deep slumber  
 The time for growth is becoming short in number  
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One bright sunny day red petals show in full glory  
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Dark clouds gather and white flakes falling  
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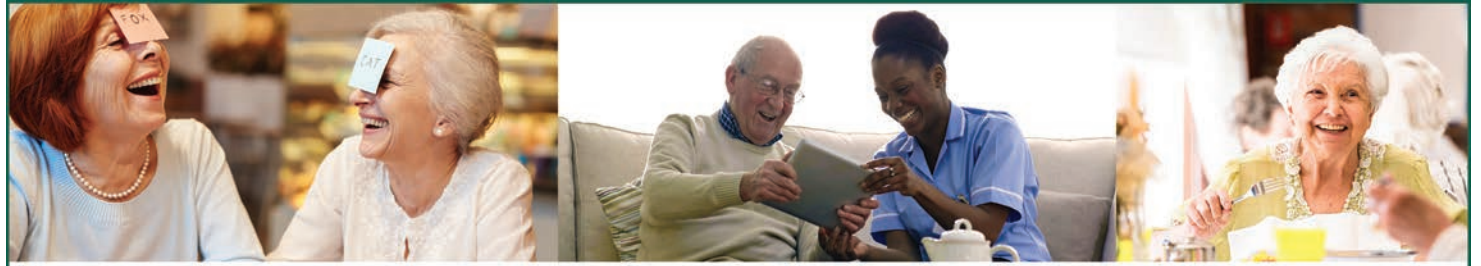
Petals gone and stem stiff and brittle  
 There's life left but little  
 For One Last Rose

Snow storms come more often and stay longer  
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 For One Last Rose

Now under winters white blanket of snow  
 One memory still warms me with its glow  
 One Last Rose

Inspired by a late fall bud on a Lincoln rose  
 Nov 2019

*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.*



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Edward F. Homrighouse celebrated his 100th birthday last February with several close friends and family members. He was born in Warren, Ohio in 1920 and attended the Warren City School system, graduating from Harding in 1937. A first generation college student, he hitchhiked to and from Columbus where he worked part-time as a dishwasher while attending and before graduating from The Ohio State University in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

He began his career at Packard Electric in the Production Control Department. Then came the draft. Just before going into the service, Ed became a member of the Old Erie Masonic Lodge No.3 F. & A.M. in Warren and has been a member for 80 years. He served 36 months in the Army, 33 overseas in the European Theater as a medical technician (circulating nurse) in the operating room of a field evacuation



hospital unit.

Shortly after his return, he entered Case Western University Law School, going full time and graduating in two years with a Juris Doctor degree, passing the state of Ohio bar exam six weeks later in 1948. He instilled the value of a good education to his two sons, and is proud that they, along with his two granddaughters, are also college graduates. Ed has no doubt that his two great grandsons will also be furthering their education in either a technical or higher educational field.

Ed never wanted to live in a large city, and accepted a position at a growing and locally owned company in Warren, Wean Engineering. He retired 35 years later in 1985, spending most of his career as Corporate Manager of Employee Benefits.

Ed met the love of his life, Donna, at a company Christmas party in 1945. They were married in 1947 and spent 71 wonderful years together, enjoying their family activities, travel, golf, bridge and music. Ed loves singing, and was a member of both the Warren Masonic Chorus and Cortland United Methodist Choir.

Ed moved his family to Cortland in 1961, and at that time only two other houses were on his street. He literally saw his neighborhood grow up and has always enjoyed the Cortland community. Having your doctors, banking, grocery, restaurants, post office and many more other necessities so close is a big advantage to living in Cortland, something he appreciates more as he has gotten older.

The Lakeview School system was an important consideration in moving to Cortland, something he never regretted. Ed and his family enjoyed many rounds of golf at Tamer Win, later mentoring Junior Golf, and became members of the Cortland United Methodist Church. Many friends were made along the way, and many good memories and laughs across from the bridge table. Ed enjoyed hearing his sons and their friends playing basketball in the driveway during their school years.

While his close friends have passed, Ed has made new friends through his son Randy, with whom he resides. Many have gone out of their way to call, stop by, bring over some homemade food, and even made him an OSU facial mask and lap blanket.

Ed has been back home now for over two years. When his wife entered a nursing home due to dementia, Ed decided to go with her so she wouldn't be alone. Upon her death, he returned home, and has been assisted with several excellent personal home health care aides and occasionally the Cortland Fire Department EMTs, who he tells everyone couldn't have treated him better if he was in their family.

Ed is happy to be at home again, and that his home is in Cortland.

Happy 101 Ed!

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### Brielle's Story



last 655 days have been filled with so many ups and downs as it has for all of us. Not only were we faced with our youngest daughter going through grueling treatments but all while facing a worldwide pandemic. Brielle has had to quarantine since the beginning of March 2020 before the pandemic hit due to her white blood cells being too low even then for her to even receive her treatments on schedule.

So she has been very isolated for over a year now, only to be allowed to go to her doctor's appointments and home and not to be around anyone except her doctors and her immediate family that she lives with. It has been such a task to say the least to do everything possible within our power to help keep Brielle germ free, as she is extremely susceptible to getting sick very easily. Not only are her white blood cells extremely low constantly and will continue to be very low up to a few months after treatment, but from the time she was 7 months old she could not receive all of her required vaccinations during treatment. She will have to catch up on all those hopefully this summer. Our stress level has certainly hit a new high over this last year to say the least. It was hard enough

Our sweet little angel Brielle finally got to ring that victory bell! After completing 655 days of treatment at the very young age of 2 years old for Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (L.C.H.). She had a total of 29 chemo infusions at the hospital in her medi port and 48 chemo shots at home. The

trying to get through all this before without having a pandemic.

Someone once said to me "doesn't this feel like you're holding your breath through it all?" And that's exactly what it feels like! And now we feel like we can finally exhale and breathe a huge sigh of relief now that we are finally seeing the light at the end of this very long tunnel. Brielle will still have to see the doctor monthly and have her scans and have her medi port removed but we are hopeful that her treatment was a success. Much thanks goes to the Cortland News newspaper for all its wonderful support and to our wonderful community and our family and friends. We couldn't have gotten through this without you all!

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### Birthday wishes – but mum's the word!

By Catena Core Shortreed

Remember Lakeview Band Director (until 1992) A. Sam Core? Would you believe me if I told you he's turning 84 this May?

My name is Catena, and I'm A. Sam's youngest daughter. For his birthday this year, we're putting together a long video compilation with short videos from people who knew Mr. Core who want to say hello and wish him a happy birthday. If you have a memory or story involving Mr. Core, please consider making a short video (around two minutes or less) that can be included in the

final video that we will show him on his birthday.

To submit a video, email it to Catena. Core@gmail.com by May 7- I know A. Sam would love to hear from you. And remember, it's a surprise, so if you happen to see him before his birthday in May, "mum's the word!" Thank you!



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Rocket is a lovely girl looking to find a new family to love! When Rocket first arrived, we thought she was around 5-6 years old, but we ended up finding paperwork that proved she is about 12. Needless to say, she looks good for her age. Rocket has been at the AWL since last September after her previous owner unfortunately passed away. She enjoys being pet and let out soft purrs when she is enjoying her ear scratches. Rocket would make a wonderful companion for someone looking for a calm and quiet new friend. To meet Rocket or any of her feline friends, visit [www.awlrescueme.com](http://www.awlrescueme.com) to download and submit an adoption application.



Franklin is a very happy 3-year-old dog that was surrendered to the shelter earlier this month. From his short time here at the shelter, he has won the hearts of volunteers and staff. Franklin loves playing with the other dogs in playgroup, or running around outside with volunteers. He tested well with cats at the shelter and has a friendly history with cats per his previous owners. Franklin sometimes does not know his size, so he might be too much for some kids, but he does not seem to have an aggressive bone in his wiggly body. We think that he would make a perfect addition to an active family! For more information on adoption, please contact the Animal Welfare League at 330-539-5300.

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## Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

*Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.*

Psalm 139: 7-10

I have a friend named Lillie. Mind you, she's not just any friend. Lillie's extraordinary. Seems her life mission is to care for Dad. 24/7, 365 days a year, Dad is "Numero Uno" on her list of concerns. She is at my side when I wake in the morning. She snuggles me through the night hours. Whether I'm watching TV or working in the backyard, my dear friend is always at her post - a constant reminder of the depth and breadth of her wonderful love. Lillie's love is powerful, pure - and I am the grateful recipient of her affections. I give thanks for Lillie. I love her.

God's love is so far reaching that one finds it impossible to define or quantify. Consider Jesus's life and legacy - sinless, sacrificial, salvific, true - God's love understood in human terms is found in the person of Christ. Lillie might have my back, but God holds my life and being in the palm of His hand. I bear no regrets for yesterday and no fears for tomorrow. Security and peace - a comfortable and confident embrace of love "that will not let me go." I have been especially grateful for God's presence over the course of a challenging year. Consider the following anecdote, lengthy, but well worth the read:

The early American Indians had a unique practice of training young braves. On the night of a boy's thirteenth birthday, after

learning hunting, scouting, and fishing skills, he was put to one final test. He was placed in a dense forest to spend the entire night alone. Until then, he had never been away from the security of the family and the tribe. But on this night, he was blindfolded and taken several miles away. When he took off the blindfold, he was in the middle of a thick woods and he was terrified! Every time a twig snapped, he visualized a wild animal ready to pounce. After what seemed like an eternity, dawn broke and the first rays of sunlight entered the interior of the forest. Looking around, the boy saw flowers, trees, and the outline of the path. Then, to his utter astonishment, he beheld the figure of a man standing just a few feet away, armed with a bow and arrow. It was his father. He had been there all night long.

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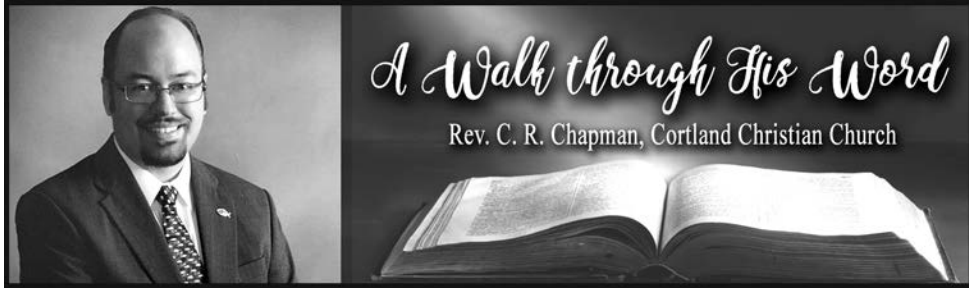
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In ancient Egypt, the Israelites received instruction. They were to put the blood of a male sheep on their door so that the Holy Spirit would pass over them and they would be spared from the tenth plague. This established that which we have just finished celebrating, the Passover. Passover looked forward to the ultimate sacrifice, Jesus the Son of God. When Jesus was crucified, that is when He was killed on the cross, His blood was spilt as the ultimate sacrifice. Today, His blood goes on the door of our body, our hearts, for it is what washes away sin. All anybody has to do is receive it by believing in Him.

Despite Jesus's blood on our heart, we often forget to display it like we display our front doors to our homes. We are to display the door to our heart by demonstrating love to others. Jesus gave His life for you because He, the Son of God, loved you. Even more, with Easter now a week or so behind us we know of His resurrection and promise of eternal life. So how should the world know us? By our love. This is how we display Christ in our lives.

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### A Thank You from Rachel Elliott

I would like to start out by saying how truly amazed and touched I am by all of the love and support I have received since being diagnosed with breast cancer. A heartfelt, sincere thank you to my family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, businesses and even complete strangers for being there for me emotionally and financially. Your phone calls, texts and cards have given me the uplift and strength I needed at just the right time. This community has blessed me greatly through the Spaghetti Dinner Benefit, providing meals through Meal Train, and monetary GoFundMe donations. Your kindness and generosity will always be in my heart. I am proud to call the Lakeview community home!

I am especially appreciative of the hard work of the entire Lakeview K-8 staff and volunteers who helped ease our financial burden by having the Spaghetti Dinner! And thank you to DiLucia's for catering! The outreach among friends, neighbors and businesses was truly touching. Thank you for all the prayers and well-wishes!

There is so much good in this world, and I believe that most everyone who has been diagnosed with cancer has seen the goodness that comes from such loving people at a time when it is needed the most. If going through breast cancer is one of the toughest challenges that I have to go through in my life, all of you have made it that much easier to cope with. Through this trial I have learned that sometimes God's greatest blessings come by way of our most difficult times, and I'm thankful for the love everyone has shown my family and me!

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Info: 330-533-5538; register at <https://go.osu.edu/houseplant2021>

### Using Zoom

Until OSU Extension can resume face-to-face programming, events and classes will be virtual via the Zoom platform. Download the Zoom app or program by visiting the following link – <https://zoom.us/support/download>.

### Is It a Bird or Moth?

When: 10 a.m. April 13.  
What: Hummingbirds vs. hummingbird moths – what's the difference? We will explore facts, the life, legends and habitat of these very different creatures.

Info: 330-533-5538; register at <https://go.osu.edu/birdormoth>

### Amphibians: Toads, Frogs, Salamanders and More!

When: 11 a.m. April 14  
What: Herpetology is the study of creeping things. Delve into the lives of toads, frogs and salamanders. Study, examine and understand the life cycles and the benefits of these amazing animals.

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When: 6:30 p.m. April 21  
What: Learn how to select the best plants to benefit pollinators and other beneficial species when space is limited. Learn the Top 10 native perennials for hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and others.

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### Houseplant Success for 2021

When: 10 a.m., April 27  
What: Whether you struggle to keep plants alive, your plants need a little TLC or you live in a jungle this class fits. Join Jacqueline Kowalski for this discussion of how to care for our houseplants to have success in 2021.

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## DIY ideas to increase your home's value

(Family Features) Now as much as ever, your home may be a sanctuary for all kinds of expression, from thinking and dreaming to working and playing. Over the past year, homeowners began to consider the intersection of function and design in new ways.

Weekend warriors are dedicating themselves to creating more organized living spaces and making their homes better places for learning, working and living. If you're considering upgrades to your home, consider these DIY ideas from the experts at Royal Building Products that can increase beauty and resale value.

**Home Office:** Spending more time at home may mean storage space is at a premium, especially if you're relying on a makeshift home office. You can add a high-impact and functional element to your office with a built-in bookcase or workstation. Consider your materials carefully since they have a big impact on your final results. For example, a versatile alternative to wood is synthetic polyvinyl chloride (PVC) trim, which you don't need to sand or prime before painting, ultimately saving time, energy and money. While PVC is slightly more expensive than some wood options, it also requires less maintenance long-term.

**Bathroom:** By updating worn-out items, modernizing fixtures and creating a more functional space, you can expect to recoup up to 50% of a bathroom's remodel cost, according to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. If you're considering an on-trend look like shiplap, a practical solution like Royal prefinished PVC Shiplap can help create a clean, comfortable space. It's waterproof, mold resistant, flexible and works well in spaces with many slants and angles. Plus, it's lightweight and easy to install.

**Entryway:** A home's foyer offers the first impression of its interior, teasing the personality of architecture and decor found with each step deeper inside. Whether bold and dramatic, tranquil and serene, or something in-between, the entryway often sets the tone for a home's ambience. Details like decorative molding and lattice trim can create a striking entryway for almost any home style.

**Exterior:** Whether you're sprucing up an outdoor living space or simply want to boost curb appeal, subtle enhancements can make a big impact. For example, board and batten shutters offer an attractive, low-fuss way to highlight your home's windows. Painting the front door is another low-cost way to freshen up your exterior. Or invite a touch of nature by adding flower boxes to your front porch or windows.

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### 3 fresh trends to inspire your 2021 garden

(BPT) - Home gardening offers plentiful benefits that support mental and physical health, and many people have decided to begin or expand their gardens during the pandemic. Whether you're a new gardener looking to learn or a seasoned green thumb who has been growing plants for years, you want inspiration for the upcoming growing season.

Following expert-recommended top trends can help set you up for success and make your garden the envy of the neighborhood. The 2021 Burpee GardenCast forecast, found at [www.burpee.com/GardenCast](http://www.burpee.com/GardenCast), is an inspirational resource based on industry trends and cultural insights, combining expertise from Burpee horticulturalists, registered dietitian Marisa Moore and HGTV star and lifestyle expert Kelly Edwards.

The GardenCast trends for 2021 include:

#### Immunity Garden

Health is top of mind for people across the country. An abundant garden full of vibrant vegetables like winter squash, radishes and tomatoes can help you commit to a nutrient-rich diet that strengthens your immune system.

A vegetable's color reflects the different phytonutrients and antioxidants inside, according to the Journal of Nutrition and Metabolism. Growing a rainbow of vegetables allows you to create multi-hued meals with health and disease-fighting benefits.

"Planting an Immunity Garden right in your own backyard will do a world of good," says Moore. "It offers unlimited access to nutrient-dense vegetables that help support your overall health and well-being. Tomatoes are a great example: they are rich in vitamin C, which plays a vital role in a healthy immune system."

#### Garden of Joy

Gardening helps you reduce stress, move your body and enjoy the outdoors. The psychological benefits of caring for plants can support the mental health of people at any age. That's why individuals as well as families are planting gardens of joy, with blooms that are as pleasant as the process of gardening itself.

The garden of joy is a flower bed full of bright "faces", including pansies

and violas, that are sure to inspire many smiles of pure happiness. Every time you tend to these happy blooms you will feel a little lift in your day, plus it brightens your outdoor landscape in a cheerful way.

#### World Herb Garden

Experiencing international flavors in food is an important part of traveling and with so many people pausing vacation plans, the associated explorational eating has paused as well. Your palate is ready for something new and you can experience a world of flavors from your own backyard when you grow a world herb garden - no passport needed.

Herbs like lemongrass, dill and cilantro are easy to grow and offer bright flavors to enhance your favorite recipes, no matter the cuisine. Whether you use them fresh, dry or in custom blends, you'll have a bounty of flavor at your fingertips to complement meats, vegetables, pasta and more.

"We want to inspire all gardeners in 2021, which is why we launched the GardenCast," says Burpee Owner George Ball. "Through these trends, we're providing inspiration and creative ideas paired with techniques and product tips to give gardeners of all levels the tools they need to grow with confidence this season."





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### Retirement readiness for women

Saving for retirement is never easy, but women in particular can face unique challenges. Statistics from a recent Morningstar special report on women and investing show why it's important they make retirement planning a personal priority—and start as early as possible.

- **The earnings gap is real.** Over a lifetime, whether they have a high school education, a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree, women earn, on average, significantly less than men with equivalent schooling. Consequently, many women have less income available to put toward their futures.

- **Earnings peak earlier.** On average, women's earnings peak at age 44, while men's earnings continue to climb until age 55. That means less income growth over a career lifetime for women.

- **Caregiving responsibilities lower women's lifetime earnings potential.** More women than men report having to reduce hours or quit working at some point during their careers to care for loved ones. Meanwhile, men keep earning.

- **Women live longer.** With a higher average life expectancy, women need to fund more years of retirement despite earning less during their working years.

- **Long-term care may be on the horizon.** It's estimated that 58 percent of women age 65 or older will need long-term care during their lifetimes. Assisted living and nursing home facilities can be quite expensive.

- **Women of color face the greatest income disparities.** As a result, one quarter of Black women over age 65 and 31 percent of Hispanic women over age 65 live in poverty.

With these uphill challenges, it's no wonder women are more likely than men to fall short of their retirement goals. And the pandemic hasn't helped matters either, considering most job losses in 2020 occurred among women. Here are steps you can take to change this concerning pattern and enhance your own retirement readiness:

1. **Put time on your side.** The sooner you prioritize retirement planning, the better. Grow your nest egg with consistent contributions. Automatic deposits make it easy; simply

identify the amount or percentage you want to save from every paycheck. Invested savings can grow over time through compound interest.

2. **Seek income equality.** Know your worth and advocate for fair compensation. Be willing to negotiate for salary increases. Consider moving into a higher-paying career if earnings are limited in your field.

3. **Maximize your retirement plan contributions.** Take advantage of the employer 401(k) contribution match if it's available to you. Whether it's a partial match or dollar-for-dollar match, those employer dollars boost your retirement savings account for free.

4. **Work longer.** Every year you remain in the workforce and continue to earn a paycheck is one less year you need to tap your savings. If you enjoy what you do, stay in your career. If you face a mandatory retirement age, find other work for the income it provides.

5. **Find a side gig.** Some women boost their retirement savings by generating income through the gig economy. Consulting, teaching and sales are just a few ways to produce income to increase your bottom line.

6. **Make sound decisions when choosing your government benefit options.** Claim your Social Security benefits at full retirement age (or later) to receive your maximum monthly benefit. Filing at an earlier age will result in a permanent reduction in benefits. Medicare is different: you must sign up during the limited enrollment window on either side of age 65 to avoid penalties. Since future medical needs and costs are so unpredictable, it's generally recommended to also purchase a Medicare Supplement insurance plan, which helps pay for out-of-pocket costs such as co-payments, coinsurance and deductibles under Original Medicare.

7. **Get financial planning advice.** Enlist a knowledgeable ally to help you improve your retirement outlook. A financial advisor can help you plan for retirement along with other important life goals.

*Source: Morningstar, "Women and Investing: 100 Must-Know Statistics About Women and Retirement"*

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### Cohen receives officer promotion

Premier Bank announces the recent officer promotion of James B. Cohen to executive vice president, Deputy Chief Credit Officer as approved by the board of directors.

Cohen joined Premier Bank in 2013 and has over 40 years of experience in the banking industry. His passion for the credit industry and experience in managing the bank's credit approval, administration, portfolio monitoring and policy have been great benefits to Premier Bank.

Cohen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History & Political Science at the University of Mount Union. He continued his education by attending the Wisconsin

School of Banking and the Oklahoma School of Commercial Banking. Cohen has been involved in many organizations throughout the years, including the East Palestine City Council, Nash Foundation, East Palestine School District Scholarship Foundation and the East Palestine Park and Recreation Board. He currently resides in East Palestine with his wife, Karen.




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## American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 individual tax changes summary by year

The following information is a simplified summary of some of the tax provisions that affect the majority of individual taxpayers, by tax year. This list is not all inclusive and is not intended to be used as official guidance. Instead it is intended as a preliminary reference to determine which of these specific individual tax-related provisions are effective for specific tax years. Unless otherwise specified, section references are to the applicable sections of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Tax Year 2020 - These provisions apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.**

- **Unemployment compensation** - Sec. 9042 allows an exclusion from gross income of up to \$10,200 in unemployment compensation, if the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is less than \$150,000.

- o For those who received unemployment compensation last year and have already filed their 2020 tax return, the IRS anticipates that they will be able to assist unemployment recipient taxpayers to take advantage of the exclusion without additional action on the part of taxpayers.

- o For those who received unemployment compensation last year, follow the IRS instructions on the New Exclusion of up to \$10,200 of Unemployment Compensation page. Those who have already filed do not need to file an amended return; as the IRS instructions provide, the IRS will refigure the taxes to make the adjustment.

- **Premium Tax Credit** - Sec. 9662 removes the requirement that excess advance payments are treated as an additional tax liability on the individual's income tax return for the taxable year. The provision applies to taxpayers who file a 2020 income tax return and reconcile any advance payment of the credit.

**Tax Year 2021 - Except where provided, these provisions apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.**

- **2021 Recovery Rebate Credit** - Sec. 9601 provides a recovery rebate of \$1,400 (\$2,800 in the case of a joint return) for the 2021 taxable year, plus an additional \$1,400 per each dependent of the taxpayer, for all U.S. residents with adjusted gross income up to a phase-out threshold of \$75,000 (\$150,000 in the case of a joint return or a surviving spouse, and \$112,500 in the case of a head of household), who are not a dependent of another taxpayer and have a work eligible Social Security number (SSN). Married taxpayers filing jointly where one spouse has a work eligible SSN and one spouse does not are eligible for a payment of \$1,400, in addition to \$1,400 per child with an SSN. The rebate amount is phased out above certain income levels.

- **Child Tax Credit** - Sec. 9611 increases the child tax credit from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the 2021 taxable year only. In the case of a qualifying child who has not attained the age of 6 as of the close of the calendar year, the credit is increased to \$3,600. In addition, the term "qualifying child" is broadened to include a qualifying child who has not attained the age of 18. For the 2021 taxable year only, the child tax credit is made fully refundable for taxpayers with a principal place of abode in the United States for more than one half of the taxable year. The Secretary of the Treasury or her delegate is directed to establish a program to make periodic advance payments (of equal amounts) of

the child tax credit to eligible taxpayers. **Periodic advance payments are only to be made for months between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.**

- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** - Sec. 9621 temporarily expands EITC eligibility and increases the amount of the credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children. For the 2021 taxable year only, in the case of the credit for a taxpayer with no qualifying children, the minimum age is reduced from 25 to 19. However, if the individual is a specified student, the minimum age is reduced from 25 to 24.

The provision further reduces the minimum age to 18 for any qualified former foster youth or qualified homeless youth. The upper age limit on the credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children is temporarily removed for the 2021 taxable year only.

The provision increases for 2021 the amount of the credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children. The credit percentage and phaseout percentage are increased from 7.65% to 15.3%. In addition, the earned income amount is increased to \$9,820, and the beginning of the phaseout range for non-joint filers is increased to \$11,610 (\$17,550 if married filing jointly).

- **Dependent Care Assistance** - Sec. 9631 expands the child and dependent care tax credit for the 2021 taxable year only. The credit is refundable for a taxpayer who has a principal place of abode in the United States for more than one half of the taxable year. The maximum credit rate is increased to 50% and the amount at which the maximum credit rate begins to phase down is increased to \$125,000. The limitation on employment-related child and dependent care expenses is increased to \$8,000 in the case of one qualifying individual and to \$16,000 if there are two or more qualifying individuals. A two-part phaseout is applied to the 50% credit

- **Credits for Paid Sick and Family Leave:**
  - o Sec. 9642 provides eligible self-employed individuals with a credit equal to the qualified sick leave equivalent amount with respect to the individual, for up to 10 days occurring during the period beginning on April 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2021.

- o Sec. 9643 provides eligible self-employed individuals with a credit equal to 100% of the qualified family leave equivalent amount (up to \$200 per day, for up to 60 days) with respect to the individual. Only days occurring during the period beginning on April 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2021, may be taken into account.

- **Premium Tax Credit** - Sec. 9661 reduces or eliminates an individual's or family's share of premiums used in determining the amount of the premium assistance credit, for the 2021 and 2022 taxable years only. The provision also makes the premium assistance credit available to taxpayers with incomes above 400% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the applicable family size.

- **Student Loans** - Sec. 9675 excludes from gross income in taxable years 2021 through 2025 amounts related to the discharge of certain student loan debt, applicable to discharges of loans after December 31, 2020.

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### Camp JCC now accepting rising kindergarten students

Beginning this summer rising kindergarten students may participate in Camp JCC at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown. It is now open to youth in grades kindergarten through eight.

"We are excited to serve a new demographic of campers in a structured environment that will prepare them for kindergarten while providing a fun summer experience," said Hunter Thomas, director.

Campers participate in daily activities such as arts and crafts, music, sports, dancing, baking and swimming. Specialty camps for grades one through eight are available for various interests. A leader in training program is offered for teens entering grades nine and 10.

Camp JCC will run from June 7 through Aug. 13 and is open to everyone. Visit [jccyoungstown.org/camp](http://jccyoungstown.org/camp) to learn more and to register.

### Trumbull County Travel Club scheduling trips

Lancaster is on the calendar for the first mini-vacation for the Trumbull County Travel Club set for June 23-25 and leaving from Howland. Highlights include Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther," dinner at Mount Hope Estate & Winery, Dutch Apple Dinner Theater's "Beauty and the Beast," tour of Lititz pretzel and chocolate, Bird in Hand shopping and Kitchen Kettle Village.

Flyers and information can be obtained for this trip by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the secretary. Please call 330-856-5398 for name and address.

Trumbull County Travel Club is open to any person over the age of 21. There is no membership fee to belong. The members travel mostly by motor coach, but do use trains and fly when necessary. The club meets at least two times a year to discuss future travel plans.

A ten-day vacation is being planned for Sept. 19 through Sept. 28. Members will be traveling to Dallas, Texas, staying in Fort Worth's historic Stockyards, sightseeing in Waco, Texas and so much more. Pricing and reservations are being made and a flyer with full details will be ready for mailing soon.

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### Weather drills practiced

Not only do the children at the Playroom have fun, but they are also taught safety. On National Tornado Awareness Day, they had one of many tornado drills. The teachers explained what and why there are drills, but also assured them not to be afraid and that this was a practice. The following day the Playroom did a fire drill. Drills are held every month and now with the weather changes, tornado drills will be added as well.




### Playroom celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday

"Green Eggs and Ham," "Go Dog Go," "The Foot Book," "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish," "Oh the Places You'll Go," "Put Me in the Zoo" were just some of the books that were read to the children at the Playroom during the week to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday beginning March 2. The teachers even got dressed up to make the day even more special. Crafts and special snacks added to the fun!



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



### Teen vaping addictions are on the rise

Vaping is the inhaling of a vapor created by an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or other vaping device. E-Cigarettes are battery-driven heating devices that heats a glycerin-based liquid that often contains nicotine, flavorings or even illicit drugs. Vaping does not require a combustion reaction like cigarettes.

Flavored vape pens can cause debilitating lung disease. A lot of youth believe vaping is harmless and flavors lure them into trying more new flavors. Vaping liquids can be made to taste like candy, fruit, ice cream or other foods and drinks. Not only does the liquid contain nicotine, which is addicting, the flavorings put their health at risk. Diacetyl is a butter flavor linked to a respiratory disease call bronchiolitis obliterans, also referred to as "popcorn lung." This is a debilitating disease that damages lung tissue and causes chronic cough and shortness of breath and chronic pulmonary obstruction disorder (COPD). Daily use of e-cigarettes doubles the risk of heart attack, and when e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes are used concurrently, the risk is five-fold.

"Nicotine slows brain development in teens and affects memory, concentration, learning, self-control, attention and mood." E-cigarettes are sometimes used to vape marijuana, THC oil and other dangerous chemicals.

"The risks of vaping have been clearly identified in recent years. It is often associated with future nicotine and illicit drug use. Each JUUL cartridge

contains as much nicotine as one pack of 20 cigarettes." Some vape pens have been shown to contain heavy metals and chemicals that are associated with cancer.

Some of the signs to look for if you think your teen is vaping is increased thirst; vaping dehydrates the mouth and throat. "Vaper's tongue" is associated with a loss of flavor perception, so vapers often add extra salt or spices to food. Chronic cough because vaping is irritating to lung tissue and could lead to pneumonia. Sweet smells due to flavored vape liquid like "cotton candy," "crème brulee" and "tutti frutti." Irritability because vaping nicotine can quickly lead to dependence and addiction and withdrawal symptoms often present as irritability and mood swings.

If you are a teenager, or you want to help your teenager quit, the "My Life, My Quit" program is a free and confidential service developed by National Jewish Health and can be reached by online enrollment at the website mylifemyquit.com or calling toll free 1-855-891-9989 for real-time coaching. They offer five coaching sessions by phone, live texting or chat with a coach who will listen and help navigate social situations while finding healthy ways to cope with stress. Additional text messages are available for support to quit smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco.

References: *The Rise of Teen Vaping and Teen Vaping Addiction/The Recovery Village* <https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/teen-addiction/drug/teen-vaping/#gref>

### New Johnston Senior Center activities

The Johnston Senior Center is happy to announce the introduction of the two newest activities: dancing and ukulele lessons. According to Center representatives the continued expansion of wedding guest numbers allowed by the State has resulted in a renewed interest in dance and dance lessons, especially line dancing. The ever popular line dancing will be just one of the class's subjects.

The second new activity, ukulele lessons, has seen a resurgence in interest at senior centers across the nation. With

several local seniors already expressing an interest in the fun instrument as well as the availability of a local, expert instructor, the center will begin scheduling classes.

Seniors interested in participating in either of these classes are encouraged to contact the center for additional information at 330-924-0412, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is no charge for Trumbull County seniors aged 60 and over to attend any classes at the center.

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### Charity pancake breakfast Sat., May 1

The public is invited to enjoy another Saturday family breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on May 1, at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) to benefit the Four Seasons Garden Club 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.



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## Remembering Dorothy McGinnis



In January of this year, the city of Cortland lost Dorothy McGinnis, one of its longtime and most beloved residents. Dorothy was most known as the proprietor of the Village Antique and Lamp Shop at West Main and Park Avenue. What many may not realize is, that as early as the 1980s, Mrs. McGinnis enthusiastically promoted the use of flower-filled barrels to beautify the city. It didn't take long for this tradition to continue, and is still carried out by the Four Seasons Garden Club today.

Numerous friends and family members contributed to the Four Seasons Garden Club in memory of Mrs. McGinnis. Recently, Dorothy's son Harvey McGinnis presented a \$1,000 donation to garden club president Elaine LaRocca. A portion of these funds will be used for a tribute bench along West Main Street near the lake, thus cementing the memory of a wonderful woman who did much to grace the city.



*Harvey McGinnis presents a \$1,000 check to the Four Seasons Garden Club President Elaine LaRocca.*

## Revamped Warrior competition to hail Valley's Super Athlete

*Quadrathlon of competition is in addition to Autism family activities at annual fundraiser*

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is kicking off National Autism Acceptance Month by announcing they are expanding their Mahoning Valley Warrior event, which will be held on June 5 at the Canfield Fairgrounds. The first event will start at 9 am. The new "Mahoning Valley Warrior Competition" is already attracting CrossFit athletes

from around the tristate region. This unique quadrathlon will consist of a 5K, Individual People-Powered Tractor Pull and two Strongman events. Event sponsors and resource fair providers are now being accepted. Registration is open at [AutismWarriorMV.org](http://AutismWarriorMV.org). Additional event information is available there or by calling 330-333-9609.

## SCOPE recognizes National Volunteer Month

During the month of March, SCOPE's parent organization, Family & Community Services (F&CS) recognized the efforts of thousands of volunteers who support the over 40 programs under the F&CS umbrella.

Two of SCOPE Senior Services volunteers, Ray Beish of Warren and Krista Koloskee of Champion were recognized and asked to give a quote on what volunteering means to them.

Ray's quote is the following: "Some view volunteering as a sacrifice as I look at it as an opportunity. Not only does it help where needed, but to me it is a learning experience. Each day presents its own challenge. If I can help others and make a positive difference

to just one person, I have accomplished something."

Krista has been doing telephone call check-ups to our seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been the supportive voice and offered her listening skills to so many. "I really enjoy talking with our seniors and hearing their stories and concerns. Even though I am younger in my 40s, I can still understand their issues as I struggle through life myself."

Congratulations to the two SCOPE volunteers who were recognized as well as to all of the people who step up to support our senior citizens through their own volunteerism efforts.



Ray Beish



Krista Koloskee





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

By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

### 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.

### Curbside Brush Pickup

The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up is the week of the 4th Monday of each month. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to collection week to ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Place branches and limbs at the curb no later than the Sunday before collection week. Only one pass will be made on each street.
- Branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free). No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and up to 6" in diameter.
- Arrange in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.

- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household. Do not combine piles or place on your neighbor's property.

- Week of April 26
- Week of May 24
- Week of June 28
- Week of July 26
- Week of Aug. 23
- Week of Sept. 27
- Week of Oct. 25

### Scrap Tire Program

The city of Cortland has received a grant from the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and will provide a scrap tire collection program. The city will accept tires at the City Service Garage, 184 Willow Drive, on weekdays from April 5 to April 30. There will be a limit of 8 passenger tires per vehicle on or off the rim. Truck or tractor tires will not be accepted. Please drop in the designated location. Call 330-637-3011 with questions.

### 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 12 - Parks Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- April 12 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 19 - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

## Trumbull County communities receive grant funds for scrap tire collections

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District has awarded \$66,488 to 33 political subdivisions in Trumbull County to implement localized scrap tire collection programs. The purpose of the scrap tire grant program is to financially assist all the political subdivisions within the District so that they can implement scrap tire collection programs within their own community such as one-day collection programs, curbside collections, or illegally dumped roadside cleanups.

"Finding ways to improve and make the process easier for residents

to properly dispose of scrap tires in a more convenient manner is the goal of the District," said Lisa Smith, District administrator. "This eliminates travel to a centralized location point. Now residents do not have to drive outside of the specific community they live in to properly dispose of scrap tires."

Funds are available to all communities in Trumbull County. If you would like to see if your community received grant funding, you can visit [www.gottagreen.org](http://www.gottagreen.org) or like them on Facebook. Dates, times, locations and contact information is provided by county. If you have any questions contact the office at 1-800-707-2673 or 330-675-2673.

## Opal Chapter holding spaghetti dinner April 10

A spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Opal Chapter, has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett Hull Road. The original date was in 2020, but was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The dinner will be take-out only and will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, with a choice of Ranch or Italian dressing, bread and butter and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and free for those under 5. Call 330-442-7549 within the time frame of 4-6:30 p.m. that day to order dinner and indicate what time for pick-up. Tickets are available onsite and if you purchased tickets last year, they will be honored.



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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Library offering free online event about identity theft

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library is hosting a free online program about identity theft at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13. Learn about the major types of identity theft taking place in 2021, plus get tips for identity theft prevention and federal resources for reporting identity theft.

This event will take place online using the free Zoom video conferencing

service/app. Participants can join the event from a home computer, phone, or tablet.

Call the Warren Library Adult Services Department at 330-399-8807, ext. 200 to register and receive an email invitation link to the program.

This program is in partnership with the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) as part of Money Smart Week 2021.



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## Genealogical Society plans meeting

The monthly meeting of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Warren SCOPE Center, 375 North Park Ave., Warren. There will be no formal program, but instead the group will be getting reacquainted and discussing how everyone spent their quarantine. Bring your genealogy and brick wall questions. All meetings are free and open to the public. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/trumbullcountyohiogenealogy> and [www.trumbullgenealogy.com](http://www.trumbullgenealogy.com) for up-to-date information.

## Mobile Meals needs volunteers

Trumbull Mobile Meals, a community-based service agency dedicated to providing a home-delivered meal service to Trumbull County residents who are homebound, began delivering meals 5 days a week beginning April 5. They are currently in need of volunteer packers and volunteer drivers.

Volunteer cold packers help pack cold meals Monday-Friday, 8:15 to 11 a.m. and volunteer hot packers pack meals from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Volunteer drivers deliver between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is an urgent need for drivers throughout Trumbull County. If you have an hour or two to spare once a week or even just once a month TMM can use your help.

For further information call Christine Sanford at 330-394-2538, extension #101 or email at [tmmvolunteer@aol.com](mailto:tmmvolunteer@aol.com).



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## Johnston Senior Center resumes daily lunches

After a yearlong suspension of food service due to COVID-19, the Johnston Senior Center has been permitted to resume serving its popular daily hot lunches.

All county residents are eligible provided they request food at least two days in advance. Highlights of the service are: a monthly menu that never repeats, two main choices per day, two vegetables, dessert including a sugar free option, milk and bread. Coffee, tea and water are available.

There is no charge for the meals but participants are requested to make a non-mandatory donation. Meals are served at noon. Due to limitations on indoor seating, reserved meals may also be packaged for takeout or requested for takeout when ordered.

The center, located at 5922 Warren Meadville Road, Cortland, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers a wide variety of activities and programs for all county seniors. For information and reservations call 330-924-0412. The center is mask and distance compliant.

## Free document shredding event

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District has teamed up with Protect-n-Shred to conduct a Document Shredding event. This program will be held on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Trumbull Collection Facility, 5138 Enterprise Drive in Warren. There is a limit of up to four boxes or bags per vehicle. Due to COVID-19, empty boxes will not be returned; COVID-19 precautions will be in effect. This program is free and open only to residents of Geauga and Trumbull counties and will be held rain or shine.

Questions about this program should be directed to the Solid Waste District office at 330-675-2673 or 1-800-707-2673.

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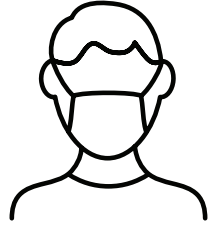
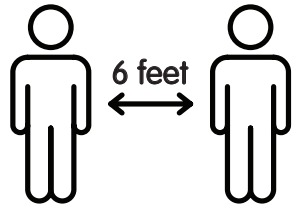

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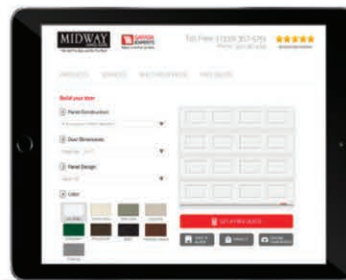
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