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A different kind of Mother's Day

By Sally Lane

Mother's Day has always been my favorite holiday. My mother was born on Mother's Day in the 1920s, the first child of my grandmother. For the rest of their lives that second Sunday

in May was always incredibly special to them. It was time for the good china, goblets and a birthday cake. When I joined "The Motherhood" the birthday/Mother's Day venue transferred to our house. I had inherited the china and goblets, so the tradition continued. Even though those older relatives are gone, the Mother's Day tradition continues ...with timely updates. Translate that to mean, dishes that can go in the dishwasher, and no goblets. Things are a little more casual, and they are about to change even more.

But this editorial isn't about soft, fuzzy sentiment this year. Unless the "stay home" "practice social distancing" orders and the concept of "essential businesses" changes by May 10, Mother's Day may end up being take-out and a "virtual" gathering. The word ZOOM means something completely different when applied to technology. We probably will not be able to go to the actual church and more than likely won't get dressed up. Our yearly

photograph will be separate photos shared on cell phones and Facebook.

Who knew that the year 2020 would be so different? In a matter of days one or both parents were out of work, schools closed, businesses closed, and the kids were home. There were shortages of toilet paper, hand sanitizers, cleaning solutions, surgical masks. Many other parents were called into emergency work - nurses, doctors, essential businesses. We have heard the word "essential" a lot.

We may be "all in this together," but the "this" is so different for so many people. Families with children struggle with child care if they are working through this crisis. Also, the concept of home schooling is difficult for some parents and children. Thanks to the dedication of our school system's teachers, our schools have done a fantastic job of communicating with their students. They have put in many, many hours making sure that lessons are sent. Families that are not working have

many worries and concerns besides struggling with home schooling.

Grandparents often feel helpless. Many are in the over 65 group considered high risk, causing them to hesitate to help with child care. Getting to, or even scheduling, doctor's appointments and home health care can be a problem. It can be a lonely time for them.

Our graduating seniors are rightfully disappointed in how their last year in high school or college has played out. Senior athletes missed their last season. No prom, no scholarship presentation luncheon. The band didn't have a last concert of the year. Frustrating and disappointing are the main adjectives.

There is one plus for several people. This is the group that is retired, has a regular income, and is relatively healthy. No children at home. They know how to run a

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Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION
Second Monday of each month
Monday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
Read the minutes from
Cortland City Council meetings at
www.cityofcortland.org under City
Council Minutes.

PLANNING & ZONING
Second Monday of each month
Monday, May 11, 7 p.m.

Meetings and agenda of Council and
Planning meetings area available at
www.cityofcortland.org

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NOW ON TV

Cortland City Council Meetings are now posted on YouTube. The videos are usually posted no later than the next day after the meeting and can be accessed via a link on the city website or by visiting www.youtube.com and searching "City of Cortland, Ohio"

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Our Next Issue May 23, 2020

Our theme will be High School Graduation

Article Deadline by May 8 • Display Advertising Deadline is May 13
Email articles to 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.

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

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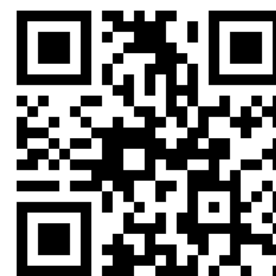
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Community Events

Event Calendar May 2 – May 23

The Cortland News is offering an abbreviated calendar due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hoping a full calendar of events will resume shortly.

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 18

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

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

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Once again for this issue of the "Business News & Notes," we asked every business to tell us how they are handling business in light of COVID-19. Here are the updated responses. We recommend that you contact a business by phone or email to see what they are doing before heading there.

Roman Supply (formerly Buckeye Bulk) is offering pick up or delivery. We are making every effort to maintain social distancing and we have hand sanitizer on hand in the office if you need to come in. Feel free to browse all of the different material in the yard or you may pay over phone. Just mark on your property where you want the product left and our truck will dump it there. We take credit cards, checks and cash and are open 6 days a week.

Action Physical Therapy is here for you. We are still open for those who are in need for therapy and are taking all precautions to ensure your safety and the safety of our staff.

1. All staff and patients are screened at the door. We are asking if they have been exposed to anyone or a high-risk area or if anyone in their home has any upper respiratory or flu like symptoms in their home.

2. All staff and patients are then moved to a triage area where temperatures are taken.

3. All staff and patients must wash hands before treatment begins. Proper hand washing techniques are posted in every location.

4. All equipment is disinfected immediately after use. Please call with any questions or concerns you may have.

Attorney Martin Nosich is meeting clients by appointment only. Call the office for more information.

Brookside Greenhouse is now open. We are offering drive up service and phone in orders only, due to social distancing guidelines. Call Annette at 330-727-8683 for questions and information or check out our Facebook page. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. We are open Mother's Day.

Auntie V's Pizzeria is using ONLY the drive thru window for orders. Delivery is available Wednesday through Saturdays.

Totally Dog - the groomer, dog training and doggy day care are closed until further notice. The store is open with restrictions. They offer pick up and limited delivery. Please phone your orders to help expedite the process. You can find more information on our FB page or by calling and leaving a message.

Gessner & Platt Co., L.P.A. is now open for appointments only. Please call 330-637-3906. Masks appreciated.

Mark Thomas Ford is now open. If you are interested in buying a vehicle, we can bring it to your home with the paperwork. Please call and leave a message, we will do our best to accommodate you safely.

M.D. Denna Heating and Cooling is open as usual for heating and cooling repairs. We offer 24 emergency service. Please call the office for more information.

Vasilios's is open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. for curbside pickup only. We do offer limited local delivery with a \$20 minimum order. Our full menu is available online. We are limiting the number of people in the lobby at one time.

Reese Driveway Services is currently doing estimates for driveway and parking lot sealing and services. The estimate will be left on your front door. We are booking jobs for a later time.

Daffron Auto Body Shop is doing estimates and scheduling a limited number of jobs. Due to the inability to get parts from dealers and other vendors we are limited to do what we can. This changes continually. We can do estimates via email if you send us the pictures. Call the office and leave a message - we will return the call quickly.

Campbell Carpet will reopen on May 4 for sales and installations. Please call the shop and leave a message for more information.

Centerra is open using the drive thru only. Please phone your orders in and we will shop the store for you. We will then put the items in your trunk and check you out at the drive thru.

Cortland Mower is operating with restrictions. Please call 330-637-4976 and discuss how to get parts, service and new equipment. Our new motto is ADAPT and OVERCOME! We wish everyone continued health and safety!

Cortland Playroom is operating under a special pandemic license. We are only taking the children of essential workers and there is state mandated pecking order. Healthcare workers are at the top of the list. (Editor's note: as of the publishing date they only had two openings left)

Cortland Pediatrics, Dr. Lynn Johnson is seeing well check patients in the morning and ill patients in the afternoon. Please call for an appointment before coming in. We are maintaining our regular hours.

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Face Shields that Say Thanks!

Connecting people with people in a time of crisis

Advanced Methods in Innovation (AMI), a non-profit located in the Youngstown Business Incubator, has unveiled its "Face Shields that Say Thanks" initiative on GoFundMe Charity.

Donors can create their personalized message that is 3D printed on the visor of an FDA-approved face shield. Donors can choose the recipient organization or AMI will donate the face shields to essential organizations.

Through the power of 3D printing, donors can send messages of appreciation, encouragement, and hope on a protective face shield for people on the front line of the fight against the Coronavirus. The face shield is hand-crafted from high-quality, crystal-clear polymer attached to a 3D printed FDA-approved visor design being used by thousands throughout the country. The heavy-duty face shield is easy to sanitize and re-use.

"Our focus is on the human aspect of this current crisis. These are the people that go to work every day to provide critical and essential services," says Jack Scott, chairman of AMI. "We all owe them a debt of gratitude. We want to provide an opportunity for each of us to say 'thanks' to these American heroes."

Face shields are a critical component of personal protection that can reduce the spread of the coronavirus as well as protect the wearer's eyes and face when in proximity to an infected individual. Face shields are needed by nursing homes, homecare givers, first responders, medical facilities, essential factory and service workers. However, the supply is not adequate to meet the current needs.

"This is one way to visibly show appreciation to these workers, to ensure that they have the protective equipment they - and their families - need to stay safe as they work to serve the public," states Julie Michael Smith, executive director, AMI.

Donors have designated organizations such as nursing homes, hospice care providers, VA hospitals and home health care providers as recipients.


For each \$25 tax-deductible qualified contribution, AMI will provide four personalized face shields to critical organizations. Donors can be individuals, service clubs or organizations seeking a volunteer activity, or companies that want to provide face shields to their own employees.

Visit <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/face-shields-that-say-thanks> or contact Julie Michael Smith at jmsmith@inventorcloud.net for more information.

"The general public and non-essential businesses are also expressing a need for face shield protection," adds Smith. Those interested in purchasing directly can contact Smith at jmsmith@inventorcloud.net.

"In this time of crisis, AMI has been working with leaders in the 3D printing community including the Youngstown Business Incubator, America Makes, the Federal laboratory for additive manufacturing and other federal and state agencies to respond to needs across the nation," says Scott. "This is an unprecedented time which calls for unprecedented collaboration and call to action."

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Greene Alumni Banquet postponed

The 118th Greene Alumni Banquet that was scheduled for May 23 has been postponed and rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend). This decision was made based on the current COVID-19 restrictions and possible extensions to the stay-at-home and social distancing into May. Invitations will be mailed in mid-July for the Sept. 5 function.

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Greenwood Insurance is open regular hours. Our lobby is closed but we do have a payment window in the front. We can service you via phone, email and online. Please be safe.

Iron House Bar & Grill is open Mother's Day for carry out only. Buy one entrée, get one free and Mom's get a special free dessert. (steak excluded). They are open 7 days a week at 11 a.m. for carry out only; we have curbside pick-up. Please call ahead. Menu is on Facebook. Limited delivery available. Beer, wine and liquor available for delivery.

JoMarie's School of Dance & Gymnastics To my Jo Marie's Dance, Gymnastics, Ninja Warrior Family and Cortland residents: Wishing you peace and patience during these difficult days of unknowing. Sending my love to all the young hearts I miss tremendously. Feeling the hope that we will all be together again soon

Progressive Landscape is doing business as usual. We are making sure to maintain social distancing to stay outside. We are doing work as conditions allow due to the wet weather. But you can schedule your jobs now and we will complete them in order as the restrictions allow. Following all recommended safety and health recommendations for everyone's benefit.

Lakeside Sport Shop is open - the drive thru is best for beer, cigarettes, etc. The lobby is open for bait and other items. The floor is taped 6 feet apart, so please use social distancing. We have hand sanitizer available to use on the counters. We are constantly wiping and sanitizing the store. Please be safe.

Vlad Pediatrics - Since we have been deemed by Gov. DeWine as an essential business, Vlad Pediatrics remains open and in compliance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines. We are scheduling and keeping appointments for well patient visits age 0-24 months. All other appointments are seen by our providers

through Telemedicine. To schedule an appointment, please contact our office at 330-841-7337 for further details. We also have 24 hour on-call coverage. You may call our office at any time to get guidance on any health concerns regarding your children. It is our pleasure to continue to serve you.

Jody Sova Realtor - We are adapting and doing business as safely and efficiently as the guidelines allow. We are utilizing the available technology for your safety and ours. Most paperwork can be done through using the internet. All precautions are taken to see that everyone is safe.

Petrosky Brothers Construction - We are taking all the necessary precautions to keep our workers and customers safe during this time. We have installed an automatic sanitizer and deodorizer in all of our vehicles. It immediately disinfects the worker and the vehicle. We are allowed to do emergency repairs and maintenance and are working on schools and businesses that are shut down. We are also preparing summer homes for when the snow birds return to Ohio. Your safety is always our first concern.

Jolly Store Crafts, located at 3539 state Route 5, Cortland is currently operating as an online retailer only. We have a large colorful variety of beads and supplies for hours of fun at home. We offer pick up for local customers. Use code "PICKUP" on our website so you won't be charged for shipping. Our goal is to remain operational, so that everyone can shop safely online at www.jollystorecrafts.com. Stay encouraged and stay safe!

Guidelight Financial Services Our team continues to serve clients and community during this time via phone or through online capabilities. Please call or email us with any questions you may have so that we can provide support virtually. We remain committed to serving you and will continue to be available to provide guidance during these unprecedented times. Thank you!

Music101Ohio.com – Music 101 & Girt's Cortland Music 101

By Candice Girt-Stojkov

What can our two small music stores do to help our community "spring" into action during COVID-19?

More than you might think! Because we were never just "local music stores!" So we pivoted and utilized exciting options to keep our small music business running and keep our valued customers and students healthy. Here's a little known secret:

We have been doing some minimal online teaching within the studios of Music 101 and Girt's Cortland Music 101 since 2018. This started when we had some unique situations and out-of-state customers, and/or shut-ins or other limited mobility circumstances. We offered this little-known, limited option only to those customers who required such a unique type of lesson however - our little secret.

Well, that was then—and this is now! Our secret is not a secret anymore. We found ourselves uniquely positioned when the pandemic came. We like to believe that maybe we inspired some others. Maybe we started a trend!

There are a lot of children's privacy issues to consider however, and we do. We take privacy and children's safety very seriously. This is why, when we first started Music101Ohio.com Distance Learning Online Music

Lesson Academy we were certain to develop into our operations security features to keep music lessons a safe option in a completely secured online environment.

When our wonderful Music101Ohio.com teachers enter into the virtual lesson with your children, they do so in a supervised secure setting with lessons sponsored and monitored in the Music101 studios. In other words, your children's lessons are supervised, so you never need to worry about security or intrusions from the internet. Music101Ohio.com online music lessons are easy, safe and fun!

Immediately, when we had to close our Girt's Cortland Music 101 location, we migrated all of our online teachers to the eight individual private studios at our Fowler Center original Music 101 location. We continued to do all basic operations there online. We also added curbside delivery from our Music 101 store in Fowler, including drop-off and pick-up of repairs.

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sewing machine and have contributed countless homemade cloth masks. They volunteer at food banks, load cars with food at grocery giveaways. To be honest some of this group are younger, not retired, but home and can help ... so they do.

Many are finding the gift of time. Fewer meetings and obligations mean that they are cleaning out garages and basements. They look forward to garage

sale season yet, if and when social distancing is lifted.

What does this have to do with Mother's Day 2020? The message may be "Thank God for mothers!" It takes a lot to make mothers panic. In every situation, mothers adapt. They know how to stretch a meal, comfort a child and keep things together amid unbelievable chaos. Never underestimate the power of a mother. Happy Mother's Day!



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910th Medical Squadron storms front line in pandemic fight, in uniform and out

By Eric M. White, 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Three members of the 910th Medical Squadron are adding to the front line fight against COVID-19 by deploying to Lincoln Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. At least 14 more are expected to soon follow suit.

The members include Maj. Douglas Shaffer, nurse anesthetist and officer in charge of unit safety and the fit-to-fight program, Capt. Jamila Thomas, clinical nurse and continuous process improvement lead, and Capt. Jennifer Denton, clinical nurse and officer in charge of immunizations.

New York is the epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States. Military members deploying as care providers seamlessly integrate with civilian care providers to bolster capacity for dealing with radically increased medical needs related to the virus. Servicemembers' arrival at hospitals relieves civilian medical professionals who are working overtime to help tackle the surge of patients in need of intensive care.

Using their respective care provider capacities and skills, Shaffer, Thomas and Denton are all providing essential hands-on care in Intensive Care Units at Lincoln Medical Center. They are helping to save lives and provide comfort to those who cannot be saved.

The 910th Medical Squadron's primary mission is to ensure the health and fitness for deployment of the 910th Airlift Wing's Reserve Citizen Airmen. The unit's functions normally include performing physicals, flight physicals and other health assessments and overseeing aspects of the Air Force's physical fitness test. Many of the unit's members work in the medical field in their civilian capacity and are already serving on the front

To the Cortland & Bazetta Community,

First, THANK YOU to all who have expressed support about Brielle and to those who have bought t-shirts for the fund raiser. We appreciate it so much. Brielle is tolerating her chemo; she is 3 months into her second round of chemo and it's been one year since she's been diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. We did have a scare a few weeks ago when she got a fever but it subsided thank goodness.

This global pandemic that we're all in couldn't have come at a worse time for us, like all immune compromised individuals and like Brielle they are even more susceptible to the coronavirus because in Brielle's case, her chemo lowers her immune system and it would be even more deadly to her if she got it. Also Brielle has already been quarantined since March 2 when we found out her white blood cells were too low for her to receive her scheduled chemo, so it got delayed a week to allow her white blood cells to return to a level that would allow her to receive her chemo without getting too sick. So all-in-all she's hanging in there and is doing as good as could be expected under the circumstances and will continue to receive her monthly chemo infusion and chemo shots until she is L.C.H. free. She will remain in quarantine though as it would be seriously life threatening to her if she were to get sick. We would again like to thank the community for their outpour of love and support and invite all to follow Brielle's journey and join her group on Facebook at Brielle's Journey with L.C.H. and visit her GoFundMe account under Help for Brielle. Thank you too so much for your support! We still have t-shirts available if you wish to support that way.



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lines against COVID-19 in Emergency Rooms, civilian hospitals, VA hospitals and ICUs across the country. Included among them is 910th Medical Squadron Commander Col. Colleen Kelley.

While providing leadership of the 910th MDS, Col. Kelley is also caring for a dramatically increased ER patient illness level as Dr. Kelley in her hometown emergency department.

"I'm extraordinarily proud of them," said Kelley. "When the tasking order has come in, every one of them has stood up and said, 'I'm in.' They're taking care of themselves and taking care of each other, ready to perform their skills to save Americans."

Kelley explained that because this is a wide-spread disease, leadership has to consider whether a service member is performing a critical function in their civilian capacity before deciding whether that person should deploy in military status to another location.

"Some of them feel quite badly that they are unable to meet the military need," said Kelley, "but the work they're doing in their home community is equally important. The number of people who have volunteered who are not already in a critical role at home is, quite frankly, astonishing."

The 910th Airlift Wing's mission statement is: Combat ready NOW... for tomorrow's fight!

910th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Casey Dodds sees the Airmen under his command exemplifying that mission statement by supporting fellow Americans against the pandemic.

"Last summer, if you asked what tomorrow's fight would be, most likely it would have been thoughts of violent extremist organizations establishing a foothold in a far off land," said Dodds.

"The reality is quite different from how we've organized, trained and equipped. Now, we are tailoring our capabilities to provide the best possible support to the civilian agencies on the front line of today's fight. I could not be more proud of our Citizen Airmen and their families. Fight's On!"

Whether that fight is an international conflict, humanitarian crisis, cyber battle or, as the nation is facing now, a pandemic, the 910th's personnel maintain readiness in their respective functions.

Chief Master Sgt. Chris Williams, the 910th Airlift Wing's command chief, helps ensure the wing's enlisted force is constantly ready to deploy and execute the mission.

"Our Citizen Airmen have clearly demonstrated the impressive ability to pack their bags, hug their families and board an aircraft within 24 hours of notification," said Williams. "COVID-19 Support has compelled us to re-think our readiness model. As such, the American public and even the world at large gets one more demonstration that the United States of America possesses the most lethal and best trained Reserve forces. As your leaders, we stand in awe of what you have demonstrated to us, the American people and the world."

The 910th Medical Squadron has a battle cry that is familiar to most personnel at Youngstown Air Reserve Station. It's best communicated by the squadron shouting it in unison, but according to the unit's commander, requires specific punctuation to write effectively.

"It's 'MDS...yes! Yes!! YES!!!" said Kelley. "It is an honor to be their commander."

Cortland and Bazetta 'hunt' for local Easter activities

Residents from Cortland and Bazetta searched for decorated poster board Easter eggs located around the



community on Easter, April 12, as part of a social distancing egg hunt activity. The egg posters were located on buildings and in the windows and doors of several local businesses and organizations. A list of clues leading to the eggs was posted on the Facebook event on Saturday night. People participating were asked to stay in their cars and avoid stopping on the street while they searched.

"This is a tough time for people stuck at home. But it's also difficult for our local businesses who are either shut down or who have had a drop off in sales," said Cortland-Bazetta Egg Hunt organizer Catena Shortreed.

"I was hoping this would not only provide a fun activity for families as a way of celebrating Easter together, but also a show of support for these local businesses and organizations who are very important to our community."

There were a total of 19 participants: Guidelight Financial Group, State Farm rep. Todd Hufstetler, Iron House Bar & Grill, Top Notch Diner, Vasilio's Restaurant & Pizzeria, Progressive Dentistry, Dr. John Rohrbaugh Dentistry, Heritage Florist, Summer Dreams Tanning, Girl's Cortland Music 101, Sparkle, Brother's Pizza & Restaurant, Cooper's Cycle & Fitness, Shafer-Winan's, Funeral Chapel, Cortland Fire Department, Just Pizzelles, Walgreens, Wollam Chevrolet and Seams Right. Several Cortland and Bazetta community members also participated by decorating their own eggs and hanging them in the windows of their homes.



Citizen scientist census finds 707 bald eagle nests in Ohio

Thanks to thousands of reports from citizen scientists during February and March, 706 bald eagle nests have been confirmed in Ohio, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

The bald eagle is one of Ohio's greatest wildlife success stories. The nest census was the first undertaking to discover all such sites for the first time in eight years. The results show an increase of 151 percent from the 2012 census, when 281 nests were recorded in Ohio. The high number of nests represents the hard work and dedication put forth for Ohio's wildlife.

"The bald eagle is a symbol of American strength and resilience," said Gov. Mike DeWine. "The eagle's comeback in Ohio and across the country proves that we can overcome any challenge when we work together." "We are grateful to every Ohioan who contributed to this effort and thank those who support conservation of high-quality habitat that kept eagles nesting in Ohio," said Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker.

The Division of Wildlife received approximately 2,500 reports from the public for the 2020 census. Wildlife staff, including wildlife officers and biologists, verified nest locations in 85 counties.

Counties along or near Lake Erie have the highest number of bald eagle nests. Bald eagles thrive near Lake Erie because of the abundance of food and nesting habitat. The 12 counties with the highest number of eagle nests include:

Ottawa (90), Sandusky (50), Erie (32), Trumbull (26), Seneca (24), Wyandot (19), Lucas (18), Licking (17), Ashtabula (16), Knox (16), Mercer (16) and Wood (16).

The bald eagle was once an endangered species, with only four nesting pairs in Ohio in 1979. However, thanks to partnerships between the Division of Wildlife, Ohio zoos, wildlife rehabilitation facilities, concerned landowners, and sportsmen and women its population increased. After much hard work and continued conservation, the bald eagle was removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species in 2007 and from Ohio's list in 2012.

Excellent viewing opportunities can be found at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area (Lucas and Ottawa counties), Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area (Sandusky County), Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (Lucas and Ottawa counties), Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area (Trumbull County) and Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (Wyandot and Marion counties). In southern Ohio, eagle nests are found near major rivers such as the Muskingum, Hocking, Scioto and Great Miami.

Bald eagles in Ohio typically lay eggs and incubate in February and March. Young eagles leave the nest about three months later, usually in June. The birds nest in large trees such as sycamores, oaks, and cottonwoods near large bodies of water. Fish and carrion are preferred foods.

Remember that bald eagles are

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Lasher brothers help change the look of the city

By Thom Foley

When 11-year-old Hudson Lasher and his 10-year-old brother Bryce adopted the space around the directional sign for Willow Park at the corner of Willow Avenue and East Main Street, their objective was to keep it neat and clean as part of the Cortland Beautification Associations Program. They had no idea of the adventure it would lead to. At first, along with their parents Melissa and Brian, it was routine maintenance work. A family



discussion ensued on how to they could make it look even better. The boys came up with the idea of new, brighter sign that would stand out and be more appealing.

As they set about learning how to change the sign, they discovered that it was a government process and there were several steps they would need to traverse. The first was to get permission from the Cortland Parks & Recreation Board. Last May they met with Chairman Dave Christner, board members Cara DeToro, Sonya Picuri, Tammy Angus and Dick McClain. At that meeting it was suggested the boys develop a few possible designs, determine what type of structure it would be, analyze cost factors and so on. While most young people, and many adults, would just walk away, the boys took it as a challenge and set about making a difference in the city. First, they needed a design, so they enlisted the help of Mark Brown, owner

of Mark's Signs in Cortland. He helped them come up with a few different options, gave them cost estimates and let them design the signs.

Then they decided they wanted to pay for the sign themselves, so they partnered with Texas Roadhouse to sell peanuts. Throughout the summer and fall they sold peanuts to everyone and anyone they could until they raised the \$300 for the cost of the sign. Then it was back to the Parks Board to get approval for the design. They had a few options, but the brothers really liked one design ... and they liked it A LOT! They came prepared for the presentation with notes, information and visual aids. The visual aids featured the design they liked, while the other ones were downplayed. Talk about slanting the odds in your favor!

"It was very hard not to want to do this because of the enthusiasm the boys showed and all the work they put into it," said Christner. "They were an inspiration to all of us."

Once they got approval from the board it was back to Mark Brown where they helped build the sign. Former Service Director Don Wittman had the city build the frame and they installed the sign.

"We appreciated what the boys did so much that we ordered a second sign for the corner of Russell Drive and Fowler Street," said Christner. The city also installed a similar sign for Pearl Park. "The boys took their idea, came up with a solution and followed the entire process through to the finish. We are lucky to have such fine young men as members of our community."

Kris Majcher, who lives on the corner of Willow Avenue and East Main Street said "I am thrilled with the new sign and the wonderful job they do maintaining the spot. It is very impressive the work they did."

On behalf of the community we would like to join the Parks Board and Ms. Majcher in congratulating and thanking Hudson and Bryce for a job well done. We will all enjoy seeing your sign for years to come.

Veterans Memorial Committee plans Memorial Day observance

On Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m., the American Legion Honor Guard will perform a flag ceremony, the national anthem and a rifle salute at the Cortland Veterans Memorial, located at Point Park in front of Cortland Mower. The brief observance will honor the military veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending the United States and in preserving the liberty and freedoms that we so gratefully appreciate.

In compliance with the guidelines and orders regarding public gatherings, no special program is being planned, and no public assembly is being organized. The Veterans Memorial Committee is encouraging everyone to pause, at 2 p.m. on that Sunday afternoon, wherever they may be, and silently give thanks for our honored veterans.



Doctors urging patients to check pharmacies first

By Chuck Wright
President, Medical Office Resources (MOROF)

As medical offices reopen and elective procedures resume across the country and at a time when the healthcare system and public are stressed beyond belief, there has become another "new normal" when it comes to local pharmacies running out of some of the most commonly used prescriptions.

Medical offices that routinely send electronic prescriptions to a patient's pharmacy of choice are getting overwhelmed with patients calling them back to say their pharmacy is temporarily out of their prescriptions. This is stressing the system and the patient even more, so doctors are going back to basics and using compliant paper prescriptions where they can.

Medical providers are now recommending that patients take the paper prescription with them and check with the local pharmacies to see if it can be filled. They are also finding that patients who have multiple prescriptions may need to go to one or more pharmacies.

Patients are now requesting two written prescriptions for drugs so they can use one for local pharmacies for a small supply and a second for a 90-day supply, including the fills that can be submitted to a mail order pharmacy.

For more information visit: www.linkedin.com/pulse/doctors-urging-patients-check-pharmacies-first-chuck-wright/

20 minutes under the Stadium Lights

By Sally Lane

Lakeview sports, the athletes who play them, and all the hometown fans have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in ways that were not even thought of until February. Our seniors will never forget their graduation year and what might have been. While graduation plans are being finalized it was decided to honor our senior athletes. Athletic Director Ron DeJulio prepared a program to honor the senior spring athletes on April 24.

His speech has been shortened because of space limitations (this paper was all ready to go to press, but we felt that we needed to publish this tribute at this time. Thank you to our graphics coordinator Tracy Omerzo for making that happen).

"Welcome this evening to Lakeview High School, and Don Richards Stadium, on a beautiful Friday evening, and a rather different version of Friday Night Lights. Tonight we welcome you to "20 Minutes under the Stadium Lights," as we honor the 2020 spring

sports athletes who represent Lakeview High School.

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Cortland Community recognizes Lakeview Class of 2020

By Sebastian Nutter, Reporter for the Lakeview Bulldog Bulletin

With the closing of schools, end of the year traditions that every graduating class has enjoyed for decades are being missed by the class of 2020, Lakeview's included. Other area schools have begun honoring their seniors with yard signs and now Lakeview is no exception, thanks to our great community, parents, and school staff.

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Sydney Whipkey, a senior at Lakeview High School, is shown with her class of 2020 yard sign.

Easter at the Playroom

The Cortland Playroom has been receiving children that have parents that are first responders or have essential jobs.

The staff tries to make the day as normal as possible for the children. The school-age children have been working on their homework with Miss Mackenzie. She does crafts and games with them every day. Mrs. Sutton has been working with her children and doing a lot of science experiments. From planting celery to flowers, and to watching alligators grow, these children are having a fun time exploring. Miss Mary Ann and Miss Lacina are having fun making crafts, making volcanoes and letting the children explore the outside.

The classrooms did have a small Easter party. Each class did their own Easter egg hunt, Easter crafts, colored eggs and games and of course food. The downside was that they could only have their parties within their own classrooms and no parents could attend. But the teachers made it fun!

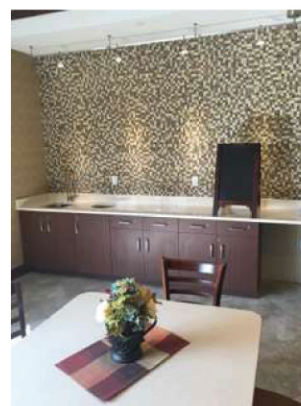


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Celebrating Earth Day at the Playroom

Keeping the children safe is always first at the Cortland Playroom, but it doesn't mean they can't have fun. And, that's exactly what they did while celebrating Earth Day although in the pandemic license. The older children used their imaginations to come up with a craft using used items. Children in Mrs. Sutton's class celebrated Earth Day by making a bird feeder. Even though the Cortland Playroom is limited to essential workers' children, the teachers definitely made it fun for them.



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Citizen scientist census finds

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protected under both state law and the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. It is illegal to disturb bald eagles. When viewing these majestic birds, remember to respect the bird's space and stay at least 100 yards away from the bird or nest. Disturbing bald eagles at the nest site could lead the pair to abandon the eggs.

As with many of Ohio's native wildlife species, bald eagles require specific habitat conditions to thrive. Bald eagle habitat protection and research is funded by the sale of bald eagle conservation license plates, income tax check-off donations to the Endangered Species and Wildlife Diversity Fund and sales of the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. Learn how to support Ohio's magnificent wildlife like the bald eagle at wildohio.gov/support.

By County: Verified Bald Eagle Nests in Ohio

Verified active bald eagle nests in 2020 are shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the number of nests for 2020, with the 2012 number in parentheses. These numbers are raw data and subject to change.

Statewide nest totals for 2020: 707; 2012 totals: (281).

Adams: 1 (0); Allen: 5 (0); Ashland: 9 (2); Ashtabula: 16 (9); Athens: 1

(0); Auglaize: 4 (0); Belmont: 4 (1); Brown: 4 (1); Butler: 8 (0); Carroll: 1 (0); Champaign: 2 (0); Clark: 5 (0); Clermont: 4 (0); Clinton: 2 (0); Columbiana: 4 (1); Coshocton: 14 (6); Crawford: 6 (3); Cuyahoga: 3 (2); Darke: 1 (0); Defiance: 8 (2); Delaware: 13 (7); Erie: 32 (17); Fairfield: 2 (0); Fayette: 3 (0); Franklin: 5 (3); Fulton: 3 (0); Gallia: 1 (0); Geauga: 7 (6); Greene: 4 (0); Guernsey: 2 (1); Hamilton: 3 (1); Hancock: 12 (4); Hardin: 9 (1); Harrison: 1 (1); Henry: 6 (0); Highland: 4 (1); Hocking: 1 (1); Holmes: 5 (1); Huron: 15 (5) Jackson: 0 (0); Jefferson: 2 (1); Knox: 16 (7); Lake: 7 (4); Lawrence: 0 (0); Licking: 17 (3); Logan: 8 (1); Lorain: 10 (3); Lucas: 18 (8); Madison: 2 (0); Mahoning: 7 (5); Marion: 11 (6); Medina: 5 (1); Meigs: 0 (0); Mercer: 16 (3); Miami: 5 (0); Monroe: 4 (1); Montgomery: 3 (1); Morgan: 1 (1); Morrow: 5 (2); Muskingum: 6 (2); Noble: 1 (1); Ottawa: 90 (46); Paulding: 3 (0); Perry: 2 (0); Pickaway: 9 (3); Pike: 4 (2); Portage: 8 (5); Preble: 3 (0); Putnam: 8 (2); Richland: 14 (5); Ross: 7 (4); Sandusky: 50 (33); Scioto: 2 (2); Seneca: 24 (7); Shelby: 3 (0); Stark: 4 (1); Summit: 5 (2); Trumbull: 26 (9); Tuscarawas: 9 (6); Union: 8 (4); Van Wert: 2 (0); Vinton: 1 (0); Warren: 4 (2); Washington: 1 (1); Wayne: 7 (2); Williams: 4 (0); Wood: 16 (7); Wyandot: 19 (12).

Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Cortland Community Recognizes

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Allison McGregor, mother of 2020 Senior Sebastian Nutter, alongside LHS principal Lawrence Herrholtz made sure Lakeview's Class of 2020 did not go unnoticed.

McGregor said she didn't come up with the idea on her own but was willing to make it happen. "Another parent sent me a picture of signs from another local school for their seniors," McGregor said. "I told her I loved the idea and would make a few calls."

That next day McGregor called Principal Herrholtz and the ball was rolling.

McGregor said there weren't any hurdles that she came across. "The process was amazing," she said. "I called about pricing on Monday. Tuesday, we had an email about the pricing and two different designs. Wednesday, Mr. Herrholtz picked the design, and Friday I got an email that the signs were done and could be picked up. I was never expecting the process to be so quick. Printer's Edge made the signs for us. They make a lot of signs for Lakeview

athletic groups."

McGregor said that design for the signs came about very quickly and easily. "George Rogers (father of Lakeview graduate Zach Rogers) with Printer's Edge used ideas from both myself and Mr. Herrholtz to design two different custom designs. Both the principal and I wanted to make sure the 'L Star' was on the sign. Mr. Herrholtz made the final decision on the design." The signs are double sided, and of great quality, but who paid for these signs?

McGregory said several groups and people stepped up to make this happen. "The signs were funded by Cortland Lions Club, Cortland residents Randy Antil and David Miller, the Vogt family, the Farr family, the Mauger family, the Totten family, Printer's Edge and also a generous donation from an anonymous donor, plus money from the senior class fund."

Seniors in the Lakeview Class of 2020 received their signs along with caps and gowns April 23.



*The eagle has no fear of adversity.
We need to be like the eagle and
have a fearless spirit of a conqueror.*

~ Joyce Meyer

Kent State offers in-state tuition for graduate programs to out-of-state residents

Out-of-state residents who have earned a bachelor's degree in Ohio will soon be able to save on tuition for graduate programs at Kent State University thanks to a new in-state tuition option offered by the university. This new in-state tuition option introduced by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner will allow anyone who has earned a bachelor's degree from an Ohio college or university to pay the in-state tuition rate to pursue a master's or doctoral degree at Kent State. This option will apply to those who received their bachelor's degree from any of the public and private institutions in Ohio. The governor's goal is to keep top talent in Ohio to conduct research and work in Ohio industry.

Kent State intends to offer the in-state tuition option for all of its graduate degree programs, with the exception of programs within the College of Podiatric Medicine, upon final approval from the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

"This offers an incredible value for those looking to continue their studies and further enhance their credentials for career growth," said Lana Whitehead, assistant dean of graduate studies and director of graduate admissions at Kent State. "We are pleased to offer in-state tuition to all who completed a prior bachelor's degree in Ohio."

Kent State's extensive offerings include 23 master's degrees in 108 majors and 146 concentrations and five doctoral degrees in 39 majors and 30 concentrations.

"We believe that individuals who

have completed a bachelor's degree in Ohio have contributed significantly to our state, and we hope that they will continue to live here and work in our communities," said Melody Tankersley, Kent State's interim senior vice president and provost. "Kent State offers world-class graduate degrees, and we want to make them available to those who have been our neighbors in a way that clearly recognizes their contribution to the state. Offering them the in-state tuition rate honors their commitment and connection to Ohio as, together, we make a difference in the world."

This in-state tuition option will be available to domestic students only, and it will waive the 12-month Ohio residency requirement usually applied to those receiving in-state tuition rates. By removing the out-of-state tuition surcharge on all graduate degree programs (except Podiatric Medicine), students will have more options and can consider Kent State for their graduate education. For a non-Ohio resident, Kent State's new in-state tuition option will cut the tuition rate for eligible full-time graduate students by nearly half (\$5,883 per semester for 2019-2020 full-time in-state graduate students compared to \$10,976 per semester for 2019-2020 full-time out-of-state graduate students).

For more information about graduate programs at Kent State, visit www.kent.edu/graduatestudies. For more information about the new in-state tuition option, email graduatestudies@kent.edu or call Michael Hollenbaugh, director of recruitment and retention in Kent State's Division of Graduate Studies, at 330-672-2180.



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FROM the Garden

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

While the most popular vegetables grown in the home garden are annuals, there are some great easy care perennial varieties, too. The most readily available are asparagus, rhubarb and horseradish. Once established, they will supply fresh produce for many years. These perennial vegetable plants have the same requirements as the more familiar home garden grown berries and vegetables; good drainage, full sun and mulch to conserve moisture during summer droughts. Good drainage is especially important for all long lived perennials as soggy/wet conditions in winter and spring will rot the crowns.



Growing your own asparagus allows you to enjoy the freshest and best tasting vegetable that is available only for a short time span. Asparagus roots and crowns are purchased dry from a local garden center or ordered from a catalog. Dig a 6 inch deep trench for the planting and put a good layer of compost on the bottom. Make little hills inside the trench for the individual crowns.

Place the roots and crowns at 1 ft. intervals on the hills with the crowns level with the ground and the roots spread around the hills. Carefully backfill the trench and put a layer of mulch over the area.

First year crowns should be left to grow without being harvested, and only a small harvest the second year with a full harvest in year three and yearly thereafter. To harvest, snap the stalks at the base instead of cutting with a knife. The fresh minutes-old asparagus will take only a minute or two to cook until tender. Enjoy!

An old fashioned garden plant, Rhubarb combines well with strawberries for that old-fashioned pie and the plant is trouble free in the garden. Most families only need three or four roots to get sufficient stalks for their needs.

Plant the roots and crowns in a sunny corner of the garden where it won't be disturbed. Remember, rhubarb is a perennial. Amend the area with compost, and plant the crowns level with the surface. Let the plant grow the first year; harvest the second year. After a few weeks of harvest, rhubarb sends up a flower stalk. For an extra harvest, the stalk can be cut off. But if left on, the 3 ft. tall flower is stunning.

And then there is horseradish. This hot, unattractive root crop can be a great addition to the garden. Horseradish is commonly used in sauces and for flavoring where a little goes a long way.

For most families one or two roots are enough to start.

Plant the pieces of root in good well-drained soil where the tap roots can grow straight and deep. The plant sends up coarse green leaves from each piece of root. As the season progresses, the roots develop and increase in heat. Harvest at the end of the growing season when the leaves have died back from frost. Carefully dig the roots, remove a couple and replant the rest. Wash the roots well to remove all soil residue and chop into smaller pieces. If you are sensitive, goggles and gloves may be needed for protection as the oils of the root are very strong. Horseradish grows from small pieces of root and you should always be careful not to slice or till the area spreading root pieces.

By adding a few perennial vegetables to your garden, you also add variety to meals and these crops continue to grow for years.

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

Because of the COVID-19 virus, the Master Gardener free gardening programs have been put on "hold" until July 6, 2020 and the Master Gardener plant sale has been cancelled for this May. The class for new Master Gardeners has also been cancelled until further notice.

WJWL supports Earth Day at Willow Park

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League members recently volunteered to Willow Park to show their support for Earth Day. The members planned to pick up litter but due to the previous evenings high winds there where many downed trees branches and debris covering the park. The plans turned into an even bigger clean-up project that included clearing the branches along with litter and other debris.



Pictured are GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League members Mary Lou Jarrett, president and Becky Bucco, 1st vice president.



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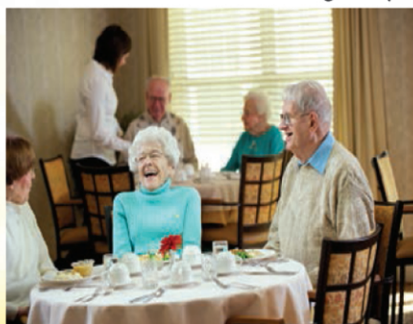
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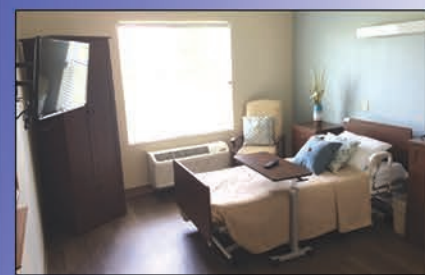
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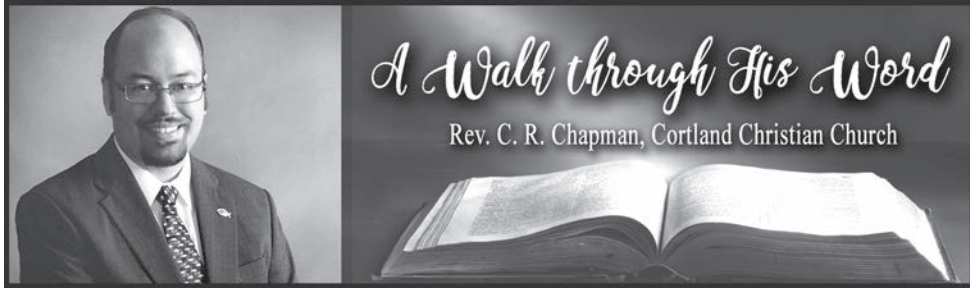
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"If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive." Mother Theresa

'Emotions of a Mother'

Tenderly and gently she rocked her newborn baby. She had never been a mother before. She was scared and excited at the same time. She handed her boy over to her husband while she drifted off to sleep.

At 2 a.m. she awoke to her boy crying. She got up and checked on him. She took him to the corner rocking chair until her bundle of joy fell back into his dreams. She put him gently back into his crib wondering if every night would be like this. She was exhausted and went back to bed but could not sleep.

Watching her husband call him, she saw her baby boy walk for the first time. Joy filled her body and she was proud to be a mother. Later that night, she wondered what this new world would be like... a world where her baby boy was walking all on his own. She drifted off to sleep.

While washing dishes she gazed out of the kitchen window and watched her 10-year-old boy get off the bus. He was sobbing. He came in the back door and she asked her baby boy what was wrong. He shrugged and went to his room where she went and sat on the corner of his bed. She comforted her son as he told her that he wished his dad was here. He told his mommy of how his friend told him of his dad taking him to the baseball game over the weekend. A tear came to her eye as she thought of her husband who gave his life for his country. That night as she prepared herself for bed, she wondered what she could do for her son.

She called for her son from the kitchen door. They were running late for church. There appeared her 15 year-old boy. He was not dressed and did not

want to go, but in patience she loved her son. And kept instilling biblical values in his life. That night she knelt at her bedside and prayed for her baby boy.

One day, while cleaning, she walked up to her baby boy's room and opened the door. She sat on his neatly made bed and looked at all of his knickknacks on his dresser. She took his pillow and held it tightly in her arms. She wished her son had gone to college closer, but he had earned a scholarship to a school on the other side of the nation. She started to tear up but quickly got up and, after taking one more look around, walked out of her son's room closing the door behind her.

It was morning and the sun was shining through her bedroom door, but she did not arise. She had a bad cough, and her body ached all over. She laid there for some time until she finally arose and looked through her dresser mirror. She saw the wrinkles and gray hair. She wished her son was there, but he was on a business trip. He hadn't called her for some time. Sitting on the edge of her bed she opened her diary where each day she wrote a special prayer for her son.

Soon the day came where she drew her last breath, but just before looked at the door and saw her baby boy. All grown, successful, and handsome - her joy returned to her heart, and in the arms of her son she fell asleep one last time.

--- On this Mother's Day remember that your mom has feelings. She has done her best that she knew how to, and she has always thought of you. Call her today and tell her that you love her. Happy Mother's Day!

Someone forgave me yesterday. Such a wonderful feeling. The event unfolded in the following manner. I'm on my way home: Western Reserve Road to Rt. 680 north to 711 north. 711 - that's where it happened. I'm driving along minding my own business when brake lights "explode" in front of me. Slamming on the brakes, I immediately realize I don't have time to stop - my side mirror reveals oncoming traffic to my right - I have nowhere to go. Bam!!! I plow into the car ahead of me. Unbelievable!!! Sliding off to the birm, I exit my vehicle and saunter ashamedly to the other vehicle. A nice young lady leans out the window. "I'm sorry. My fault. I just couldn't get stopped. Are you OK?" "Yes. I'm fine. It wasn't your fault. It's this crazy construction and all the unexpected stops." "I'll put in a call to the police." Back at my vehicle, I make the call and wait for the officer to arrive. Ten minutes later, he pulls up behind me. He's polite, professional and understanding. "We've had countless fender-benders right at this location. Hold on. I'll be back." I hand him my license, registration and proof of insurance. I wait patiently as he speaks with the other driver.

My mind is swirling: damages, expense, insurance adjusters, fine, blot on my license. All coalesce into a perfect storm of upset. Here he comes. I know I'm in for it. He hands me a yellow sheet of paper: "This is her name, phone number and insurance information. You should call your insurance company as soon as possible and inform them that you have been in an accident. Have a good day," and he turns to walk away. "Wait a minute officer. No citation?"

"No citation." "What do you mean?" "It's called a civil agreement. She had to approve it. She said it wasn't really your fault. Just crazy set of circumstances." "Really?" "Yes, really my friend. You're forgiven. Make sure you call your insurance company. Have a good day." Forgiven - wow! How nice to be forgiven.

As is often the case, the wisdom of children offers the greatest of insights. Consider the following anecdote taken from "Bits and Pieces."

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

We all suffer no shortage of the latter - thanks be to God for the former. Forgive, forget, and move on.



Men of Faith Breakfast now June 6

The Men of Faith Breakfast scheduled for May 2 has been postponed until Saturday, June 6 at the new location in the Restaurant at the Youngstown-Warren Airport. The last breakfast in March was a blessing with 100 men from about 25 different churches coming together in fellowship. The Men of Faith presented all the pastors in attendance "God's

Army" hats for their faithful service. The Men's Rally in the Valley 2020 has also been postponed with the new date Saturday, Oct. 10, with the same Christian speakers along with recording artist J.J. Weeks, Victory Christian Praise band and testimonies from Teen Challenge men. mensrally.org (also on Facebook).

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Maplewood honors seniors

To honor an amazing group of resilient and brilliant Maplewood seniors, Guidance Counselor Stacey Best and the Maplewood Academic Boosters, headed by Jo May Yoder, organized a senior sign campaign that was carried out April 17. With the help of Jenna Pagano, Jo May Yoder, Stacey Best and Christen Clemson, each Maplewood 2020 senior received a sign on their front lawn that read: "Maplewood Loves Our Seniors." With the snow lightly falling and signs in the trunk, it felt a little like Christmas as these elves attempted to bring cheer to a group of fantastic young men and women who had been good all year.



Sydney Morris, a senior, poses with her special gift from Maplewood.

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6 ways the \$2 trillion stimulus package may help you

In response to the severe economic fallout stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, a record \$2 trillion fiscal stimulus package was enacted at the end of March. The wide-ranging CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act is designed to help ease the financial hardships many Americans are facing. You may be wondering what, if any, economic relief is available to you. Here are some possible ways you may qualify for support.

#1 - Direct payments to many Americans

The CARES Act includes a provision to send most Americans direct payments of \$1,200, or \$2,400 for joint filers, plus \$500 for each child. The amount of the payments will be reduced for those with higher incomes. For individuals filing taxes as singles, the reduced amount begins at an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$75,000 per year and is completely phased out at \$99,000. For joint filers, the reduced amount begins at \$150,000 and payment is eliminated at \$198,000. Your AGI will be determined by your 2019 tax filing (or 2018, if 2019 is unavailable). These payments will primarily come via direct deposit within weeks, but when you actually receive the rebate may vary depending on your circumstances.

#2 - Enhanced unemployment compensation

For those collecting unemployment benefits, the federal government will bump up your weekly benefit by \$600 for up to four months. Laid off workers who file for unemployment would usually need to wait a week to receive benefits. However, the act now allows

for that week to be funded by the federal government. Benefits are also extended to self-employed individuals who often don't qualify for coverage.

#3 - Penalty-free distributions from retirement accounts

If today's circumstances require you to tap your workplace retirement plan or IRA to meet current financial needs, you may have more flexibility to do so. Affected, eligible participants in workplace retirement plans and IRA owners can take an aggregate distribution in 2020 of up to \$100,000 from all retirement accounts without incurring the usual 10% early withdrawal penalty. The affected participant or IRA owner (including a spouse or dependent) would need to either be diagnosed with COVID-19 or experiencing adverse financial consequences that meet a broad-set of COVID-19-related criteria.

Income taxes will still apply to the distribution but can be spread out over three years. You also have the option to refund your retirement accounts any or all of the distribution within three years of the initial withdrawal and adjust your tax liability accordingly.

#4 - No required minimum distributions in 2020

Those who are required to take minimum distributions (RMDs), can ignore RMD rules this year. RMDs for 2020 are suspended for certain defined contribution plans and IRAs to help retirement accounts try to recover from stock market losses. Check with your tax advisor about other options you may have related to RMDs.

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The Easter Bunny came to visit all of the children in Cortland on the Saturday before Easter. He was driven through most of the neighborhoods including Shepherd Hills, Greenbriar, Timbercreek, Heritage Heights and Southdale. He and the children waved to each other as parents took pictures. It was broadcast live on Facebook, where it had been advertised earlier. The event was sponsored by Peak Performance Physical Therapy in Windsor Place, Cortland. "We wanted to do something to bring some joy to the children during these trying times and to show our appreciation of the support the community has given us. We just wanted to do something nice for the children," said Joe Cvengros PT, DPT, CSCS of Peak Performance.



Pictured is Ella Bahen, daughter of Nicole and Jeremy Bahen of Cortland.

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#5 - Tax-deductible charitable contributions

As a result of the 2017 tax reform, the vast majority of taxpayers lost their ability to choose itemized deductions due to a dramatic increase in standardized deductions. That eliminated the ability for many to write off charitable contributions on their taxes. The new CARES Act allows for a \$300 above-the-line deduction for charitable contributions made to 501(c)(3) organizations for taxpayers who take the standard deduction or those who itemize. The deduction applies to cash contributions. The changes go into effect beginning in the 2020 tax year. The tax savings may be modest, but it helps.

#6 - A break for those with student loans

All federal student loan payments are deferred until September 30, 2020. However, you need to contact your loan provider and inform them that you plan to pause payments as allowed under the CARES Act. There are additional benefits for borrowers and grant recipients as well, so check with your loan provider or school administration for more information.

This is a time when you want to be sure to balance decisions that address your short-term financial obstacles with your long-term financial plan. Touch base with your financial advisor to discuss your situation and best strategies to cope with this challenging time.

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By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

Effective Immediately

Due to the coronavirus health emergency the city of Cortland is temporarily not accepting water payments via the lobby window. We encourage you to use the drop box that is to the right of the entrance door or you may pay through the Customer Portal. To access the customer portal please visit cortlandoh.authoritypay.com. If you have not signed up for the portal and would like to, you will need your account number and customer ID number (CID number). If you do not have your customer number or your CID number, please call the office at 330-637-3916.

If you will be having difficulty in making your water payment, please call 330-637-4263 to make payment arrangements at this time.

Brush Chipping

The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets through October. Be sure to have the limbs at the curb the evening before; only one pass per street will be made.

2020 Brush Chipping Schedule:

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

Spring Clean-Up

Spring Clean-Up has been postponed.

The revised dates will be posted once they become available. Please watch the city website/Republic Services for updates and changes.

2019 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

The city's annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report is now available. The Ohio EPA requires the city to make available to all water consumers by July 1 of every year the results of the previous year's testing. The CCR is mailed in the water bills and can also be accessed at our city website.

The EPA's schedule of compliance dictates the contaminants and frequency of testing. The city of Cortland receives its drinking water from seven wells. Four of these wells are located in Willow Park, two wells are located on the property behind City Hall, and the seventh well is off of Bradley Brownlee Road. Our water comes from a limestone aquifer, which is approximately 300 feet deep. The only treatment the city performs is fluoridation and chlorination.

Dates to Remember

- May 4 - City Council - 7 p.m.
- May 11 - Parks Board - 5:30 p.m.
- May 11 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- May 18 - City Council - 7 p.m.

Meetings are currently being held electronically via Zoom Video Conferencing.

*Please watch the city website for changes.

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"First we would like to take a moment to thank all of the front line and essential personnel in Cortland, Bazetta, Trumbull County and the state of Ohio. We appreciate what you do, and the risks you take each day to help ensure the availability of food and basic services that we all need in order to get through these difficult times. Thank you to each of you. Now we honor our 2020 Baseball, Softball, Boys Tennis, and Boys and Girls Track athletes.

"For four seasons, these young men and women have represented Lakeview High School, both in the classroom and in the athletic arena. Tonight, we honor them and say thank you for their time and hard work here as a Bulldog. We'd also like to recognize and thank our senior parents, the people most responsible for the success of these athletes - parents who have given years of moral support, provided transportation to countless practices and games, nursed injuries/aches, and pains, and endured many cold dinners in support of their sons and daughters. Parents, without you, none of these young men and women would be standing here this evening, and we thank you.

"To our athletes - this is not the way any of us could have envisio work on the off-season conditioning, to begin the practice sessions and strategy sessions, to ramp up the excitement of a final senior season, and then suddenly

have that door closed, is not the what anyone could have seen coming. We feel your pain...

"But these are not ordinary times - the fact that your final season as a Bulldog ended early in no way diminishes the important role you played over your career as a Lakeview Bulldog, and in no way diminishes the many memories you will carry with you throughout your life - you are, and always will be, a Lakeview Bulldog.

"We say thank you to each of these families for their support, and each of the athletes for their dedication, to Lakeview baseball, softball, tennis and track and tell them how proud we are to recognize them as special members of the Lakeview family, and wish each of the athletes nothing but the best in all of their future endeavors."

Spring Sports Seniors:

Baseball: Austin Vogt, Matt McRoberts, Colton Chadwick

Softball: Laura Garvin, Marissa Zoccali, Madison Stredney, Madison Harvey, Shelby Hunter

Boys Track: Liam Boivin, Ethan Lewis, Eddie Rygalski, Nathan Woolter, James Rae

Girls Track: Ashley Bowker, Courtney DelPiero, Bella Kakiou, Abby Langmeyer, Megan Zetterquist

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