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Congratulations Graduates

## Congratulations Graduates!

By Sally Lane

Life is full of graduations. Some are big, some are small, but any part

of your life that is important, permanent, and moves you in a positive direction is a "graduation," most often without a diploma to mark it, but it all adds up. You graduated from pedaling tricycles to zooming on two-wheelers, to driving cars. You graduated from pre-school to kindergarten, and from elementary school to middle school and middle school to high school. Somewhere along the way, most of you played on a sports team, played in the band or choir, took dance, music, or gymnastic lessons, and learned school subjects remotely - all important, all permanently part of your life, and all in positive directions.

However, there is one large difference between your high school graduation and all the previous smaller celebratory ones in the lower grades. This time you walk across the stage and are presented with a real, permanent, well-earned diploma. That document is a key that opens an invisible door into

your new adult life. With that tucked into your "keep forever" file, you are free to pursue more education, join the military, vote, get married, find a job, and make even more plans. That diploma is the first magic key to your adult future. It is up to you to use it well.

Our community is proud of our graduates. The last two graduating classes, 2020 and now 2021, have had to deal with unprecedented problems. "Virtual" became the new reality. Teachers, parents, students - and almost everyone else - had to become highly creative to make learning experiences real in a "look, Ma, no hands" world. We ARE beginning to see benefits in some of the new ways of teaching, but most of us will be glad to get back to a more traditional hands-on teaching and learning while we incorporate the new methods that we used. It took a sense of responsibility from all concerned to make this type of learning work. Your

experiences and those of the teachers will change education forever.

The Lakeview High School Class of 2021 held its graduation ceremony May 16, 2021, at the high school in Don Richards Stadium. There were 131 students graduating. There are 12 valedictorians and two salutatorians. You can find the list of graduates on page 6.

Results of the Awards Brunch will be reported in the June 12 issue of the Cortland News. We look forward to covering this event every year. Information was unavailable for this issue.

We congratulate the Class of 2021 and wish that all of you will build a wonderful future. This has been a gifted class and we are proud of you! Congratulations!

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## MEETINGS

### CITY COUNCIL

First and Third Monday of each month  
 Monday, June 7, 7 p.m.  
 Monday, June 21, 7 p.m.

### CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

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, June 14, 5:30 p.m.

### PLANNING & ZONING

Second Monday of each month  
 Monday, June 14, 7 p.m.

Meetings and agenda of Council and  
 Planning meetings area available at  
[www.cityofcortland.org](http://www.cityofcortland.org)

### CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NOW ON ZOOM

A link to each meeting will be posted on the city website [www.cityofcortland.org](http://www.cityofcortland.org)

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Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 7 p.m.

A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings held via ZOOM. Visit [www.bazettatwp.org](http://www.bazettatwp.org)

### LAKEVIEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.  
 in the Lakeview High School Media Center, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, June 14, 6 p.m.

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

## Our Next Issue ... June 12, 2021

Our theme will be Summer Vacation

Article Deadline by May 28 • Display Advertising Deadline is June 2

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.

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.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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## Community Events Event Calendar May 22 – June 12

**Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules.** See pg. 2 and 15

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

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

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

### MAY

**22 Youth Trout Fishing Day**, hosted by Trumbull County Rod & Reel Club, registration 8-9 a.m., fishing 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 6565 Phillips Rice Road, Cortland. For more information contact Jeff Murray, 330-442-1314, [latemodele1@yahoo.com](mailto:latemodele1@yahoo.com).

**26 Cortland United Methodist Church ham dinner** to benefit missions, 330-637-2571, pickups 4:30-6:30 p.m., 155 N High St., Cortland.

**26 OSU Trumbull County Master Gardeners Wednesdays in the Garden**, "Growing Succulents," 6 p.m., Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland, free, no registration required.

**30 American Legion Post 540 of Cortland Memorial Day observance**, 2 p.m., Veterans Memorial, Point Park, Cortland. See pg. 3

**31 Memorial Day**

### JUNE

**5 Charity Pancake Breakfast** to benefit the Lavonda McCafferty Yager cancer recovery fund, 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). See pg. 3

**11-13 Second Annual Cortland Area Garage Sale**, register your garage sale with the city by calling 330-637-3916.

**12 Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Trumbull County Bunks Across America Build Day**, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Cortland Lanes, 3684 Warren-Meadville Road, Cortland.

## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

You should see the beautiful full hanging baskets I bought at **Brookside Greenhouse!** And for a lot less than other places charge. I can't grow anything but thank goodness they can! LARGE full baskets that make my home beautiful!

Can you identify the location of the building in **Greenwood Insurance's** ad? If you can, you will be entered in a drawing to win a Sparkle Gift Card!

**Auntie V's Pizzeria** is closed Memorial Day but that means you can get their great pizza every other day! Use the pickup window or have it delivered.

**Cortland Playroom** is now accepting registrations for their summer programs. Hurry - they fill up very fast. They also have some openings for the fall 2021- 2022 school year. Be sure your child gets a great preschool education and not just some place that babysits them!

**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. They are maintaining regular hours.

**Music101Ohio.com** is proud to welcome three new professional private music instructors, Andrew Karkosiak,

Brandon Park and Audrey Jobe to the team of dedicated private music instructors! These young professionals are accepting new guitar, piano, violin, cello and percussion students at [Music101Ohio.com](http://Music101Ohio.com) for in-person instruction, and/or online.

**Belleria Pizza** has a buy one Entrée get one Entree free coupon in this issue. Great food and now half of it is FREE!

It's fishing season again and that means it's time to go to **Lakeside Sport Shop** for all of your fishing needs. And did you see the large selection of beer and wines they have?

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Did you see all of the used cars that **Mark Thomas Ford** has for sale? Used vehicles are difficult to find right now. And they have one of the nation's premier, award winning dealers right here in our area! People you can trust.

**Petrosky Brothers Construction** tells me that they are accepting jobs for this summer. But you better call quick. A company this good with a reputation that great books up fast.

## City of Cortland Strategic Plan Survey reminder

JUST A REMINDER! You should have received your City of Cortland Strategic Plan Survey in the last edition of the Cortland News. We look forward to publishing the results of the survey in a future edition of the Cortland News. In the meantime, if you have not filled out your survey or perhaps have misplaced it, you can still complete a survey through the City's enews and on the city website at [cityofcortland.org](http://cityofcortland.org). The completed survey can be mailed to City Hall at no additional cost to you.

The surveys will be held at the Cortland Post office for the remaining postage due to be paid by the City. Surveys may also be dropped off at Cortland Sparkle Market, the Cortland Library, or returned to Cortland City Hall via the mail slot at the front of the building or the drop box at the north end of the building. Please return the surveys by Monday, May 31. Your input is important as we plan for the City of Cortland's future!

## Memorial Day observance planned at Veterans Memorial

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

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

and a face mask.

Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee will handle the set-up and help direct parking. Cortland Masonic Lodge will provide the sound system. Engraved pavers continue to be made and placed at the memorial to honor any veterans whether they are from Cortland or beyond. You can request an order form by emailing [Rmclain@embarqmail.com](mailto:Rmclain@embarqmail.com).



## Cortland Welcome Bags

Dear Cortland Business Owner and/or Organization,

For several years, the City of Cortland has personally delivered "Cortland Welcome Bags" to new residents moving into the city. The bags include a welcome letter from the Mayor, a list of important phone numbers, a map of the city, as well as numerous donations from local businesses and organizations such as pens/pencils, magnets, notepads, and coupons, tape measures, sewing kits, water bottles, and dog dishes to name a few. Every year, the welcome bags contain new and different gifts highlighting the city's businesses and organizations. The city wishes to continue this tradition with your

support. If you are one of the many contributors to the "Cortland Welcome Bags" over the years, we would like to thank you for your continued support and generous donations. If not, please consider participating. It is a unique way to advertise your organization, while welcoming new residents to the City of Cortland.

If you would like to participate, please drop off 100 items at City Hall, 400 North High Street, no later than Wednesday, June 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Horn at 330-638-0142 or email [rhorn@cityofcortland.org](mailto:rhorn@cityofcortland.org).

Thank you in advance for your support.  
Cortland City Council

## Charity pancake breakfast Saturday, June 5

The public is invited to enjoy another Saturday family breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on June 5, at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) to benefit the Lavonda McCafferty Yager cancer recovery fund. The "all you can eat" charity breakfast is held monthly at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, and 100 percent of the proceeds are donated to a local charity thanks to

a lodge member who sponsors the full cost of the supplies needed.

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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## 7 17 Credit Union announces new hire and promotion



Paul Bush

Paul Bush recently joined 7 17 Credit Union as the collections and recovery manager. Bush attended Baldwin Wallace College and comes to 7 17 from BFG Federal Credit Union. In his new position, Bush will oversee effective collection of delinquent amounts while minimizing losses to the credit union. Bush will also manage the recovery activities on all charged-off loans and shares in accordance with established policies, procedures, and legal requirements.



Kim Wiery

Kim Wiery has been promoted to assistant loan servicing manager and has been with 7 17 for 20 years. Wiery's primary role is to assist the loan servicing manager in overseeing all activity related to the servicing of loans after approval.

Anyone who lives or works in Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage, Summit, or central Stark counties is eligible to open accounts with 7 17 Credit Union.

## League of Women Voters prepare for Flag Day

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County recently held its Annual and Reorganization Meeting at the Warren Women's Club. In organizing its calendar of events, members voted to honor Flag Day held in June. The club asks that you mark June 14 on your calendar and fly the American flag.

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on that

day states: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day. On Aug. 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Although not an official federal holiday, citizens are asked to fly their flags at their discretion where all can see Old Glory fly in the free winds of America.



Pictured is the Flag of Honor, which honors all who perished on 9/11. It will be flown Sept. 11, 2021 by the club. From left on the first row are: Kimberly Ford, Peggy Boyd, president; Meribeth Feher; Mary Hoke; Dorothy Sideropolis; Pam Hallett. Shown on the steps from top to bottom are: Jennifer McCloskey, Rosemary Grayson, Pam Vines, Joanne Siembieda, Sue Smith, Esther Gartland and Donna Beatty.



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## TC Republican Women's Club holds installation of officers



Front row from left: Linda Chos, Marleah Campbell, President Gail Drushel, Gerry Fusselman, Janet King. Back row: Ken Kline, Trumbull County GOP chairman.

The Trumbull County Republican's Women Club held its May meeting with the installation of the club's officers for the 2021-2022 year.

Gail Drushel thanked her out going officers for their efforts during the pandemic year and the membership at large for their support. Trumbull County GOP Chairman Ken Kline officiated the installation of officers and spoke briefly on the GOP and the headquarters and upcoming GOP breakfasts.

The Trumbull County Republican Women Club is part of the state-wide organization and is an affiliate of the National Party. Their philosophy is that it is a right of the individual to achieve the best that is within her, as long as she respects the rights of others, this is a source of our nation's strength.

Membership in the club can be obtained by contacting Chairman Barbara Rosier-Tryon at 330-550-1215.

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There are some distinct differences between VA coverage and TRICARE For Life. It is important to understand these differences to receive all the benefits that you are entitled to and find the best coverage for each specific situation.

Those with VA coverage are not required, but are encouraged, to sign up for Medicare Insurance. If care or prescriptions are needed outside of the VA system, you will be able to go to other providers and facilities to receive the care you need. Part A of Medicare Insurance (hospital insurance) is provided premium-free to those who qualify. With Part B of Medicare Insurance (outpatient services), if you delay signing up you may pay a penalty when you do sign up as the VA is not considered credible coverage for Part B of Medicare. According to the VA website, funding for services is provided by Congress and funding for future years is uncertain. The VA

has priority groups, if you are in one of the lower groups you could lose your VA benefits in the future. For more specific information visit their website at: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/va-health-care-and-other-insurance>.

The VA and Medicare Insurance are two separate entities. With a few exceptions, care is either provided at VA facilities and by VA providers or from Medicare approved providers and facilities. If services are provided by the VA, they fall under VA Insurance. If services are provided outside the VA system, they are not covered unless Medicare or some other type of insurance is in place. There are several Medicare approved Advantage Part C plans available at little or no cost to cover the gaps in Medicare Insurance when services are provided outside the VA system. This provides individuals the ability and peace of mind to see the doctors they prefer, and fill prescriptions locally or seek outside care when specific services are not covered under the VA system. Contact your local Medicare Insurance agent with questions or to review your options.

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

## Cortland Playroom Preschool holds graduation

The Cortland Playroom Preschool held its annual graduation recently. The class of 2021 had 24 graduates from the Green, Yellow & Orange rooms. More than just a daycare, the school is a licensed preschool where education

is interwoven with fun. Because of the small class sizes student are afforded the opportunity for individual learning and group learning as they are being prepared for kindergarten. Congratulations to the class of 2021!



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## Youngstown Area Jewish Federation accepting applications for nurse scholarship

The Youngstown Area Jewish Foundation is accepting applications for its Mildred Engel Nurse Scholarship.

The scholarship provides financial assistance to individuals needing funds to secure an associate or baccalaureate degree in nursing. If a full time position is available, recipients must commit to work at Heritage Manor Rehabilitation & Retirement Community following graduation from nursing school for a period of one year for scholarship awards less than \$8,000 and for two years for scholarship awards of \$8,000 or more. Interested individuals may be considered in a provisional manner with

scholarship award dependent on official final acceptance into an approved RN program. Recipients must reside within a 75 mile radius of the Youngstown area.

To apply, individuals should submit a copy of their Pell grant acceptance or a resume and letter summarizing their goals and financial need by June 1 of each year. An application is available at [heritagemanor.org](http://heritagemanor.org).

The application and supporting materials should be submitted to: Nurse Scholarship Committee, c/o Eric Murray, Executive Director of Senior Care and Services, 517 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44504.





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## Rose Luncheon to be held June 30



From left are Sue Smith, Ruth Ann Capito, Peggy Boyd, Theresa Salcone and Kay James, president.

The Warren Women's Club will host its annual Rose Luncheon on Wednesday, June 30 at DiLucia's Banquet Center, 2610 Elm Road in Warren. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

The Rose Luncheon, once famous for the beautiful tea pot centerpieces, will again display these floral creations to be the focal point on all tables. The luncheon will boast over 70 baskets to win and door prizes given out throughout the afternoon.

Raffle prizes will be a Keurig Basket, Rachel Ray Cookware and Cookbook, \$200 restaurant gift card board, \$150 money topiary tree and Panera Bread for a year gift certificate. Tickets for this prize table can be ordered through Sue Smith at 330-780-5842. Tickets are 6 for \$5 and can be purchased the day of the event.

Tickets for the Rose Luncheon are \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling Terri Crabbs at 330-719-9345.

## Donated handcrafts benefit oncology patients

The women at the Johnston Senior Center have been working their fingers to the bone. They have donated over 50 wheelchair blankets to nearby nursing facilities. The latest donation was hats and scarves for oncology patients at the Hope Center in Howland. Whether they are needed to keep body heat in or sun off tender skin, these hats will be used well. These hats were made single handedly by Barb Waganek of Johnston. Everything was made with donated yarn from all corners of Trumbull County. The generosity of the community and the needleworkers has been overwhelmingly amazing.



Barb Waganek sits next to hats she created for oncology patients.

## Garden Club holds successful fundraiser

The Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland recently held a pancake breakfast and basket raffle at the Cortland Masonic Lodge. The money raised will be used toward several club projects this year.

The Garden Club expresses its thanks to everyone who attended, and they are especially grateful to the Masonic Lodge for having them as the beneficiary for one of its monthly charity pancake breakfasts.

This year, the Four Seasons Garden Club plans to keep replacing the flags on the bridge over state Route 11 at Kings-Grave Road and at the Cortland Veterans Memorial, planting the flower barrels along West Main Street this summer and maintenance of the Christmas wreaths and snowflakes.

Since the Masonic Lodge started its monthly charity pancake breakfasts over a year ago, they have raised and donated over \$8,000 to help several different organizations. Each month a different charity is designated as the beneficiary for that month. They currently have scheduled various charities through April of next year.



Pictured from left are Club President Elaine Larocca, Nancy Findlay, Linda Wurthner and Cheryl Zurawick.



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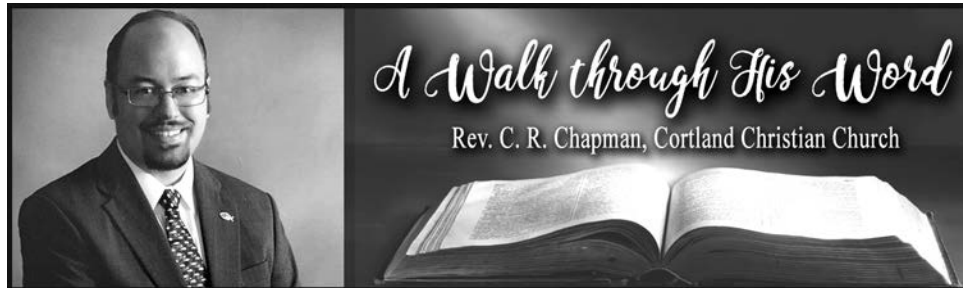
## Former band director reminisces at birthday celebration

Former Lakeview Band Director A. Sam Core celebrated his 84th birthday last week and was very moved by everyone who wished him a happy birthday with a video or who made comments about their time in the band. Because of the stories shared and the many kind words, his birthday was full of laughter and fond memories of his teaching career.

Mr. Core had this to say: "I really enjoyed hearing from the many former members of the Lakeview Bulldogs Band after so many years of retirement. Even now, I reminisce on working with so many fine students who gave it their all and always gave their absolute best. What pride! I think about the dedication, hard work, and commitment that band members had, and it was great to see how those things have carried through to the rest of your lives and to hear about where you are and what you are doing now. I also had an opportunity on my birthday to watch some of the old marching band halftime shows and band night performances by Lakeview, and to listen to some of the contest performances from the 70s, 80s and early 90s. Thank you for so many great memories and for your commitment to

excellence. You have no idea how much I appreciated hearing from each of you and how special it made my birthday, and I am very touched that you took the time to make videos or comments and share those with me.

"I remember very fondly working with the other close friends of the band like majorette instructor Jeannette Callahan, announcer Carl Saylor, the school administration, backdrops and band videographer Mitch Callahan, the Cortland Lion's Club, band officers, and band boosters and parents, who all worked hard to make the band look good and supported our musical endeavors. I also had the honor of working with the directors of years ago such as Mr. Bill Leon, Mr. Chester Hughes, and - who could forget - Mr. Robert Fleming. I would like to congratulate Mr. Ken Young and Mr. Nate Sensabaugh on the many achievements and honors they've led the band to attain over the years. I have attended some of the musical contests and performances after retirement, and it is evident to me that these fine directors have carried on many traditions and that pride and musical excellence endures with the Lakeview band. Go Lakeview Bulldogs!"



## 'To Mom & Dad'

Johnny Horton, famed singer who died in 1960, wrote a song called "All Grown Up." In this song a father reflects upon his baby daughter who is now an adult. The musical number starts out with the immediate realization of a dad who has gazed upon his daughter realizing that she is not a kid anymore. The song progresses and proclaims the awe that every parent must feel as they come to this realization that their child is no longer a child.

And now, we celebrate our graduates. I cannot help but think of those who are "all grown up" getting ready to step foot into this vast world on their own. Some are entering the military, some are traveling away to university, and others are looking for apprenticeships and will soon purchase their first home to start a family of their own. Cortland, our kiddos are "all grown up."

To the parent who has come to this realization. From ancient times, since the foundations of the earth, offspring have gone out in their adulthood to begin their lives. Some will start their families young, and according to Ephesians 5:31 will leave their parents to join with their spouse. Others will leave home to follow the call that Christ has put on their lives, and there are many more who will leave for another

reason. The important thing for you, mom and dad, is to entrust your son or daughter to the Lord. Their Heavenly Father will always go with them as they follow Christ. Not everything will be easy, but in those difficult times they will develop their own character and life experiences. Do not be afraid to let your child find their way. Sometimes this may not happen as you would like it to, just as in the case of the prodigal son that Jesus told a parable of in the Bible, but that son's father never gave up on his son.

Prayer is the best gift that you can give your child daily as they begin their journey, especially if they depart down a path that is wide and not narrow. Live your life as a living testimony that they can look back upon and see. Trust in the Lord, and if you are now an empty nester - know that just as the Heavenly Father is with your child, He is also with you. You are not alone. You are never out of God's nest when you follow Him.

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## Johnstown Senior Center offering chair massages

The Johnston Senior Center, located at 5922 Warren Road, Cortland, is once again offering chair massages by appointment. The chair massages will be a Tuesday afternoon activity starting at 1 p.m. and are 10-15 minute massages. A fee of \$1 per minute will be paid to Martha from Living Wellness Holistic. To schedule an appointment call 330-924-0412, or stop by Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Johnston Senior Center is a COVID-compliant center so wearing a mask is a requirement. The Center is funded by the Trumbull County Senior Services Levy.

## JCC of Youngstown seeking senior camp counselors

Camp JCC at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is looking for staff members who like being outdoors and enjoy working with kids. Senior counselors must be high school graduates and age 18 or older. All staff members must undergo pre-employment background checks and drug screening, and be available to work eight out of the 10 weeks from June 7 to Aug. 13. Camp JCC is for children in grades kindergarten through 8. Multiple activities are offered throughout the day including arts and crafts, sports, cooking, swimming, and more. Specialty camps are available for various interests. Visit [jccyoungstown.org/careers](http://jccyoungstown.org/careers) to apply.

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# Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118: 24*

With two great bounds, she covers the distance from her pillowed-loft to my lap. One quick flip and she's on her back in my arms, deep-hazel eyes begging for her morning massage. I want to be like Pip! Not a care in the world - no regrets for yesterday - no fears or worries for tomorrow. Pip (short for pip-squeak) is the runt in a litter of five Chihuahuas and knows the plague of serious health issues, but that's all history. My Pip is fully engaged in the moment. It's going to be a good day. According to Walter Kelly: "Worry is faith in the negative, trust in the unpleasant, assurance of disaster and belief in defeat . . . worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles." Don't know what Pip has on her calendar - don't know

that she cares. Seems it's sufficient to have this moment and she is poised to make the most of it. How about you? Don't you want to be like Pip? What's stopping you?



## Maplewood High School Class of 2021

Taylor Ann Agardi  
Alayna Marie Baker  
Christian Robert Baker  
William Fay Barrow Jr.  
Brendan James Bockelman  
Deigan Michael Brenner  
Marissa Michelle Caldwell  
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Mannie Tyler Haun  
Skylar Dawn Hembree  
Bruce Lee Hoffstetter  
Tyler Matthew Johnson  
Liam Devrik Keeney  
Emilee Gail Lukehart  
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## Local CTNY receives Communicator Awards

Judging is complete for the 27th Annual Communicator Awards, and CTNY, the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown, has been selected by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts to be recognized for four 2021 Communicator Awards. CTNY received two Awards of Excellence and two Awards of Distinction. The Awards of Excellence are for "The Mass for Shut Ins," with Fr. Jim Korda, and "Spotlight," with host Fr. Jim Korda and guest Dr. James Kravec, on the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The two Awards of Distinction are for "Wineskins," with radio host,

Fr. Jim Korda, and "The Funeral Mass for Bishop George V. Murry, SJ." The mission of the Communicator Awards is to seek out and recognize outstanding work in marketing and communications.

The Communicator Award honors those who spread their message to the world. It is the leading international creative awards program of its kind. The prestigious award is handmade and customized by the craftsmen at RS Owens, the same firm that produces the Oscar and Emmy Awards. CTNY has received a total of 17 Communicator Awards.



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- National Honor Society Member (2 yrs)
- Varsity Girls Cross Country Co-Captain (4 yrs)
- Varsity Girls Track and Field (4 yrs)
- Indoor Track Team Member (3 yrs)
- Spanish Club Member (4 yrs)
- Pep Club Member (4 yrs)
- Member of Future Teachers of America (2 yrs)

**AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2020 Tribune Chronicle's Twenty Under 20 Award Recipient (Top 5)
- Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award
- Johnston Alumni Scholarship
- 2020 American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State Delegate
- Lettered in Academics (2 yrs)
- Lettered in Cross Country (2 yrs)
- Lettered in Track (2 yrs)
- NAC Honorable Mention Cross Country
- First Team All-NAC Cross Country
- NAC All-Academic Cross Country
- NAC All-Academic Track

- Honor Roll for all grading periods throughout high school

**INTEREST/ FUTURE PLANS**

Her other interests include running, traveling, swimming, and hanging out with friends. Riana has been accepted to The Ohio State University for Exercise Science on the Pre-Physical Therapy pathway.



**Brooke Smith, Valedictorian~Maplewood HS**

**AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- National Honors Society (2 years)
- Senior Year- Treasurer
- Spanish Club (4 years)
- Senior Year- Secretary
- Saturday Night Live Performances (All four years)
- Future Teachers of America (2 years)
- Lettered in Soccer (4 years)
- Senior Year- Captain

- All-Academic (10th through 12th Grades)
- 2020- 2nd Team District and 1st Team Conference
- 2019- Honorable Mention County and 1st Team Conference
- 2018- 1st Team County
- Lettered in Basketball (4 years)
- Senior Year- Captain
- All-Academic (10th and 12th grades)
- 2021- TCCA Player of the Year Nominee
- 9th and 10th Grade Class Representative
- 11th Grade Class Vice President
- 12th Grade Student Council Member
- iBelieve Leadership Program Member (3 years)
- Johnson Alumni Scholarship
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**INTEREST/ FUTURE PLANS**

Brooke's other interests include music, reading and coin collecting. Her future plans are to attend Marietta College to major in Psychology while playing collegiate soccer.




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**Ryan Dancison, Valedictorian ~Maplewood HS~**

- NHS member (2 years)
- NHS Historian
- MHS First Chair for Trumpet
- Buckeye Boys State recipient
- Boy Scout, Eagle Rank (July 2021)

**AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Fall Sport All Star NAC First Team (2018, 2019)
- Fall Sport All Star NAC- Honorable Mention (2020)
- NAC All Academic Team
- Lettered in Cross Country (4 yrs)
- Lettered in Track (4 yrs)
- OHSAA State Cross Country Championships (2018, 2020)
- OHSAA State Championship (4X800M - 2018)
- Individually qualified for Regional Track (800M - 2019)
- Qualified for Regional Track (4X400M - 2018)

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2021 Salutatorians are Keira Reid and Caleb Carlson.

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**2021 LAKEVIEW GRADUATE**

**Nicholas DeMonica**

Baseball / Golf  
Valedictorian

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**Julie Cleer, Valedictorian**  
 ~Maplewood HS~

- National Honors Society Member (2yrs)
- Senior year President
- Band Vice President (1 yr)
- Band Secretary (1 yr)
- Fresh man, Junior, and Senior Class Treasurer
- Spanish Club Treasurer (1 yr)
- Perfect Attendance (6 yrs)
- Academic Honor Roll (13 yrs)

**AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- John Phillips Sousa Award for Musical Excellence
- First Place Community Fund Scholarship
- Lettered in Academics: Sophomore Year
- Lettered in Band: Sophomore Year
- Honorable Mention in the Candace Gay
- Memorial Essay Contest for the YSU
- English Festival : Freshman Year

**INTEREST/ FUTURE PLANS**

Her interests include digital art, psychology, and doing her nails. Julie's interest in art and design has led to an interest in UX Design. Julie has been accepted to La Roche University and will begin classes in the fall as an Information Technology major with a minor in psychology.



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**The Wise Investors**  
By Guidelight Financial Group

### Ready to play defense with your retirement savings?

For most investors, it's no surprise that markets are subject to up-and-down fluctuations over time. And if you are investing with a long-term perspective, it's pretty common for your portfolio to experience temporary declines in value. Given enough time, markets generally have shown an ability to overcome losses and help investors continue to accumulate wealth.

However, managing market declines is different if you are nearing or in retirement. Chances are your 401(k), 403(b) or other type of workplace savings plan represents one of your largest financial assets. You want to make sure a sudden market downturn doesn't put you in a difficult position.

**It takes time to recover from losses**

While much of our focus tends to be on news about stock markets performing well, the fact is that for investors, avoiding large losses can make a real difference. This is why many investors focus on determining their risk tolerance level and building a well-diversified mix of assets that reflects their risk preferences. As you grow older, you likely may want to reevaluate your investment risk. That's because negative markets can be a lot more difficult to overcome if you are almost retired or you are already tapping your savings to meet current income needs.

Consider these examples that show what happens if there's a market decline at the same time you are withdrawing five percent of the portfolio's principal to meet retirement income needs:

- If your portfolio sustains a loss of 20 percent from a combination of investment declines and portfolio withdrawals, your portfolio will need

to earn a 33 percent return to overcome that loss in the following year.

- The challenge intensifies with a larger loss. If your portfolio loses 35 percent in total, it would take a 67 percent return in the next year to regain that lost ground.

This points to the importance of modifying risk in your workplace savings plan later in life, as you close in on the time when you need to count on that pool of money for income.

**What to do before or during retirement**

If you don't have time on your side - i.e., you are within five years of retirement or already retired and drawing down your assets, make a priority of reviewing the level of risk in your portfolio. That may mean reducing your holdings of equities within your broader asset mix.

Yet stocks may still need to play a role. Given the realities that your retirement may extend for two-to-three decades or longer, you need to put your portfolio in a position to grow, even modestly, to help meet income needs over that span of time. Depending on your views on risk, the stock component may represent 50 percent or less of your asset mix. You'll likely want to consider increasing your holdings of fixed income, alternative investments, and cash to help mitigate the impact of short-term stock market swings.

The reality for most is that investing gets more complicated later in life. Talk to your financial advisor about how best to position your 401(k) or 403(b) portfolio to protect your long-term financial security.

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### Helping Ohioans navigate their insurance benefits for mental health care treatment

*May is Mental Health Awareness Month*

By Judith L. French, Director

Each year, close to 2.3 million Ohioans experience a mental health condition. A crisis affecting 20 percent of the state's population, and their families, ultimately led to Governor DeWine's creation of the RecoveryOhio Initiative - his first official act in office. The Ohio Department of Insurance, along with other state agencies, is deeply engaged in this initiative that prioritizes more effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services outcomes for Ohioans with mental health and substance use disorder challenges.

As a consumer protection agency, we are partnering with mental health advocacy groups and other stakeholders to educate Ohioans about the role insurance plays in the mental health and substance use disorder services space. We want to ensure that insurance complexities do not hinder mental health care - Ohioans can come to us and count on us as an insurance resource.

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We are proud to be part of Governor DeWine's RecoveryOhio Initiative and to have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of Ohioans. You can count on us for assistance navigating mental health and substance use disorder treatment insurance benefits. We are here to help.





By Jennifer J. Slywczak

### 3 things to know after filing your tax return

Given that it's after April 15, normally most people would have filed their income tax return by now. But with the deadline for filing 2020 individual returns pushed out to May 17, you might not have filed yours quite yet. Or you might be taking advantage of extending your return to Oct. 15. Whenever you file, here are three important things to keep in mind afterwards:

1. You can check on your refund. The IRS has an online tool that can tell you the status of your refund. Go to [irs.gov](https://irs.gov) and click on "Get Your Refund Status." You'll need your Social Security number, filing status and the exact refund amount.

2. You can file an amended return if you forgot to report something. In general, you can file an amended tax return and claim a refund within three years after the date you filed your original return or within two years of the date you paid the tax, whichever is later. But if you filed before the deadline (without regard to extensions), you typically have until three years from the deadline to file an amended return.

There are a few opportunities when you have longer to file an amended return. For example, the statute of limitations for bad debts is longer than the usual three-year time limit for most items on your tax return. In general, you can amend your tax return to claim a bad debt for seven years from the due date of the tax return for the year that the debt became worthless.

3. You can throw out some old tax records. You should keep tax records related to your return for as long as the IRS can audit your return or

assess additional taxes. The statute of limitations is generally three years after you file your return.

That means you can probably dispose of most tax-related records for the 2017 tax year and earlier years. (If you filed an extension for your 2017 return, hold on to your records until at least three years from when you filed the extended return.) However, the statute of limitations extends to six years for taxpayers who understate their gross income by more than 25%.

You'll need to hang on to certain tax-related records longer. For example, keep actual tax returns indefinitely so you can prove to the IRS that you filed legitimately. (There's no statute of limitations for an audit if you didn't file a return or you filed a fraudulent one.)

Keep records associated with retirement accounts until you've depleted the account and reported the last withdrawal on your tax return, plus three (or six) years. And retain records related to real estate or investments for as long as you own the asset, plus at least three years after you sell it and report the sale on your tax return. (Keep these records for six years if you want to be extra safe.)

**Always available**

Contact us if you have further questions about your refund, filing an amended return or record retention. We're here all year!

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**Ryan Dancison**

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- MHS Band Award for Outstanding Performance and Musical Dedication (2 yrs)
- YSU Trustee Merit Scholarship
- YSU Honors College Awards
- MHS Music Booster Scholarship

**INTEREST/ FUTURE PLANS**

Ryan's other interests include outdoor activities, sports, and music. He has been accepted into YSU Honors College for STEM and will be majoring in Electrical Engineering.



### Pickleball Ladder League

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering a Pickleball Ladder League from May 24 to June 28 at the JCC outdoor pickleball courts, 505 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown. The League will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Players will be in groups of four or five and will compete to move up the ladder. There is a maximum of 20 players. The cost is \$15 for JCC members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Pickleball Open Play is available from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Open Play is free for JCC members. Passes are available for nonmembers. Private lessons are also offered.

Visit [jccyoungstown.org](http://jccyoungstown.org) to learn more or register.

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- Indoor Track and Field Athlete 2018-Present
- Cross Country Athlete 2017-Present
- Art Club 2017-2020
- Spanish Club 2017-2020
- Pep Club Member 2019-2020

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Ohio Track and Field State Qualifier 4x400 M Relay Team 2019
- Maplewood 4x400M Relay Team Regional Meet Qualifier 2018-19
- Academic All-Ohio State Track Meet 2019
- Maplewood Highschool 4x400M Relay Team School Record Holder
- NAC Conference 4x400M Relay Team Record Holder
- Maplewood Outstanding Sprinter Coach's Award 2019
- Academic Letter Winner Junior and Senior Year
- YSU English Festival Graphic Essay Contest Winner 2018
- Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Honorable Mention 2019
- Outstanding Art Student Award 2018
- American Legion Buckeye Girls State Delegate 2020
- Trumbull County Law Day Essay 3rd place Winner 2019
- Outstanding History Student Award 2019

**INTEREST/ FUTURE PLANS**

Mabel is the youngest child (losing by 2 minutes to her twin brother) of Bryan and Shane Crouch. Mabel enjoys writing and illustrating in her free time. When she is not creating, she likes to train and take boxing lessons. Along with her artistic pursuits, Mabel likes to critique movies with her family. Mabel plans to attend Youngstown State University in the fall to study Art and Business.



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**2021 MAPLEWOOD GRADUATE**

**EMMA OMERZO**

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**Trumbull County  
Combined  
Health District**

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



## Managing the challenges of quitting tobacco

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

Quitting the habit of using tobacco is challenging but if you can figure out why and when you crave nicotine, it can help you stay on track.

A trigger is something that makes you want to smoke. Feeling intense emotions such as sadness, anger and stress are a trigger for some, thinking smoking can help them cope. Unfortunately, smoking is not a long-term stress reliever. You add to this stressful feeling because your body begins to go through withdrawal.

It is important to find healthy ways to handle stress that don't involve smoking. Take a few deep breaths to help your body relax. Let your feelings out. It is OK to talk, laugh, cry, write down your feelings. Reach out to family, friends, counselors and loved ones for support.

Find activities to do with your family, friends and pets. Do activities outdoors such as walk, garden, bike ride, exercise. Learn a new hobby you are interested in, golf, swim, visit a homebound neighbor. Do something nice for others for a few minutes such as a family member, coworker or complete stranger. Focus your thoughts outward toward others.

Common triggers are drinking coffee or alcohol. Driving or sitting in front of a TV or lighting up after a meal, out of habit. Social triggers are going to a bar, concert or party that is held outdoors. Being with friends who smoke and seeing them smoke and smelling it can trigger cravings.

If you have been a long-time smoker, your body craves nicotine. Withdrawal triggers include craving the taste and smell of cigarettes. Needing to do something with your hands or mouth such as handling cigarettes or sucking on a vape pen. Ask your friends and family about not smoking around you until you get past the strong cravings. Prepare to cope with smelling smoke or seeing others smoke by bringing

hard sugar free candy, gum, mints or flavored toothpicks. Suck on a straw or squeeze a handball.

Help is available to ALL smokers wishing to quit, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation or financial status.

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

A CDC-funded cancer and tobacco disparity network called LGBT Health link is a community-driven network of experts and professionals enhancing LGBT health by reducing tobacco, cancer and other health disparities in our communities. They can be reached by calling 954-765-6024 or [HealthLink@Lgbtcenters.org](mailto:HealthLink@Lgbtcenters.org).

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

The American Lung Association is also a statewide valuable source by calling English: 1-800-586-4872. Spanish: 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-586-4872)

If you are a teenager, 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](http://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 for support to quit smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco.

For more information on Quitting smoking go to [smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov).



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

By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all graduating seniors! Good Luck in your future endeavors!

Cheers to the future!

### Strategic Plan Survey

The purpose of this survey is to gather input and ideas from residents and businesses - identifying what the public wants to see the community become in the future. An electronic version is available through the City's eNews and on the City website at [cityofcortland.org](http://cityofcortland.org). The completed survey can be mailed to City Hall at no additional cost to you. The surveys will be held at the Cortland Post office for the remaining postage due to be paid by the City. Surveys may also be dropped off at Cortland Sparkle Market, the Cortland Library, or returned to Cortland City Hall via the mail slot at the front of the building or the drop box at the north end of the building. Please return the surveys by Monday, May 31.

### Curbside Brush Pickup

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pickup 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 May 24
- Week of June 28
- Week of July 26
- Week of August 23
- Week of September 27
- Week of October 25

### Mosquito Spraying

For effective mosquito control, it must not be raining, the winds need to be between 5 to 10 miles per hour and the temperature above 50 degrees. If the proper conditions are not present, the spraying will be cancelled and a make-up date will be for the following evening. This year's schedule is below:

- May 26
- June 9
- June 23
- July 7
- July 21
- Aug. 4
- Aug. 18
- Sept. 1
- Sept. 15

### Dates to Remember:

- June 7 - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- June 14 - Parks Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

## Memorial Day - May 31st Remember & Honor



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**Meet Mr. Potts!**

Mr. Potts is a very handsome and independent 8-year old cat. He has been residing at the Animal Welfare League since early February after he was picked up as a stray. Mr. Potts can usually be found taking a nap in a box or cat tree, but he does enjoy quiet company with gentle chin rubs and ear scratches. He can be a shy cat, but once he is comfortable in his new environment, he will enjoy cuddling up with his favorite person. Mr. Potts would make a great companion for a homebody with other cats or laid-back dogs. Due to his bashful personality, Mr. Potts would thrive best with older, respectful kids. For more information, please contact our Adoption team at [adoptions@awltrumbull.com](mailto:adoptions@awltrumbull.com).



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## SCOPE recognizes John Grabowski as Volunteer of the Year

SCOPE Senior Services recognized John Grabowski of Champion as its Volunteer of the Year for 2020.

Grabowski along with his children helped deliver hundreds of grocery bags of food to homebound seniors and those who are disabled in the Champion community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grabowski received the honor along with his children, JT and Marissa from Mike Wilson, director of SCOPE Senior Services during a recent Champion School Board meeting. Grabowski is the superintendent of Champion Local Schools.

"John Grabowski and his fine staff at Champion Schools were already quite busy doing a lot of support work during the COVID-19 crisis for students and families. When John learned that SCOPE was in need of food delivery drivers he immediately stepped up to serve," stated Mike Wilson of SCOPE. "He even brought his children JT and Marissa along to help serve as a teaching lesson on the merits of volunteerism. He told

us it was something his mother taught him by volunteering at Relay for Life."

SCOPE thanks all of the volunteers who stepped up to support the senior citizens throughout the years. SCOPE Senior Services is an agency of Family & Community Services, Inc.



*SCOPE Volunteer of the Year John Grabowski with his children JT and Marissa.*

## No gardening space - no problem

*By Melinda Myers*

Brighten up your patio, deck or front entrance with containers. They're an excellent way to add color, fragrance and beauty where plantable space is limited or non-existent.

Set a few containers on the front or back steps, in the corner of your deck or other location where they can be enjoyed. Try stacking and planting several containers to create a display with greater vertical interest. Check the views when looking from inside the house out as well as when enjoying the space outdoors. Strategically place containers for the greatest viewing pleasure.

Save even more space by using railing planters. You can dress up the porch or deck by filling these planters with colorful flowers and edibles. Make sure they are sturdy and easy to install. Reduce time spent installing and maintaining with easy-to-install self-watering rail planters, like Viva balcony rail planters ([gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)).

Don't limit yourself to flowers. Mix in a few edibles and bring some homegrown flavor to your outdoor entertaining. You and your guests will enjoy plucking a few mint leaves to flavor beverages, basil to top a slice of pizza or sprig of dill to top grilled fish.

Herbs not only add flavor to your meals, but texture and fragrance to container gardens. And the many new dwarf vegetable varieties are suited to containers. Their small size makes them easy to include and many have colorful fruit that is not only pretty, but delicious.

Add a few edible flowers like

nasturtium and pansies. Dress up a plate of greens with edible flowers for a gourmet touch. Or freeze a few pansy flowers in ice cubes and add them to a glass of lemonade or sparkling water.

Include flowers like globe amaranth (*Gomphrena*), Lisianthus, and daisies that are great for cutting. You'll enjoy your garden inside and out throughout the season.

And don't forget to plant some flowers for the butterflies to enjoy. Zinnias, cosmos and marigolds are just a few that are sure to brighten any space, while attracting butterflies to your landscape. Salvia, penstemon and flowering tobacco will help bring hummingbirds in close, so you'll have a better view.

So make this the year you select a container or two that best fits your space and gardening style. Fill it with a well-drained potting mix and combination of beautiful ornamental and edible plants to enjoy all season long. The additions are sure to enhance your landscape and keep your guests coming back for more.

*Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com), offers gardening videos and tips.*

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**Tommy Constantine,  
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~Maplewood HS~**

- National Honor Society - Historian
- Vienna Cougars Rifle Team - co-captain
- Maplewood Academic Quiz Bowl Team
- Maplewood Track and Field - shot put and discus
- Maplewood High School Band - Lead Trombone Player
- Boy Scouts of America

**AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship - Civilian Marksmanship Program
- Vienna Cougars Rifle Team Athlete of the Year 2019-20 season
- Mahoning Quiz Bowl League JV All-Star
- Lettered in Band and Academics
- American History Award
- YSU English Festival, Jeremy Salvner Memorial Music Contest, Honorable Mention

**INTEREST/ FUTURE PLANS**

Tommy has been working at Panera Bread since 2019. His other interests include campaigning for local, state, and national political candidates. Tommy will be attending American University's School of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., where he will be majoring in Political Science.



**Do you have what it takes to be in the Peace Corps?**

(StatePoint) Are you an older adult looking for your next big adventure? The Peace Corps is encouraging U.S. adult citizens to volunteer their service abroad to promote world peace and friendship.

While the Peace Corps temporarily suspended volunteer operations at all posts in March 2020 due to COVID-19, the agency is working to return to service and is accepting applications. In time for Older Americans Month in May, a legacy of the John F. Kennedy presidential administration along with the Peace Corps itself, here's what to know:

**Experiences Vary Widely**

Partnering with communities abroad to develop sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges, the Peace Corps has served in 61 countries globally. Volunteers serve in such sectors as education, health, youth in development, agriculture, community, economic development, environment and Peace Corps response. Over 240,000 American citizens -- 13,898 of whom served over the age of 50 --

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have served in the Peace Corps since it was established 60 years ago in 1961.

Recent older American volunteer experiences have ranged from working closely with a women's business association in Moldova to help develop small enterprises, to working with the Ministry of Education in Fiji in establishing a solar-powered digital library system and revamping its textbook warehouse.



### Older Volunteers are Valued

According to Peace Corps officials and returned volunteers, not only are older Americans uniquely qualified to serve because of their perspectives and experiences, they are viewed and respected as an asset to their new communities.

They're also recognized back home. Indeed, now through May 23, the Peace Corps is accepting nominations for the Lillian Carter Award, which honors the contributions that older adults bring to service. Established in 1986, the award is named for former President Jimmy Carter's mother, Lillian Carter, who served as a health volunteer in India in 1966 at age 68. Awardees have demonstrated a commitment to civic engagement and service, advancing the PeaceCorps' mission of promoting world peace and friendship and strengthening Americans' understanding of the world and its people. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. EST on Zoom.

### Getting Started

There is no upper age limit to Peace Corps service and many volunteers have served into their 80s. Interested applicants can connect with a recruiter to learn more and get the application process started by visiting [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov).

While experiences in the Peace Corps are as unique as the individuals and communities involved, building friendships and working locally to address pressing challenges serves as a fulfilling second act for many older Americans, giving volunteers a way to embrace a new purpose in retirement or following other careers.



## Chippy the Chipmunk Poem

By Bob Adkins

Hey, I see you over "der "  
Nice little racing stripes.  
Grace your der ri ere.  
Don't give me any of your gripes!

I been watching you for years.  
You are quick and elusive.  
My Lady calls you my little dears.  
You hide in holes like a fugitive.

You invite your little cousins.  
Sometimes it appears by the dozens.  
You run around inside the fence.  
You've found hiding is the best defense

You join the sparrows.  
Lady Redbirds disturb your bed.  
Diving crazily over your head.  
To me, you are a gay little caballero.

Life goes on in The Black Forest.  
But, hardly anyone appreciates my poetry.

My Lady then tells me;  
Keep it to yourself, or read  
it to your Chippy  
By Bob June 13, 2020



## Is your roof strong enough to endure wicked summer weather?

(StatePoint) The summer months are often accompanied by rough weather that can do a number on a roof if it's not designed to withstand the elements. Experts say an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

"Having a roof that exceeds code and is made from strong, high-quality products can make all the difference when a big summer storm blows through," says Scott Lowe, sales manager, ProVia. "You are always better off taking preemptive steps to protect your home and family than making repairs and upgrades in the aftermath of a storm."

Here are a few key things to look out for in a roof:

- **Weather Performance:** Your roof should meet or exceed third-party testing so you never have to worry about the next bad storm. This includes defense against wind uplift and a barrier system to protect against hail and sheeting rain.

- **Durability:** The right roof will retain its structural integrity and appearance for years to come with little maintenance. To that end, be sure your new roof offers UV protection against chalking and weathering, as well as resistance to corrosion, mildew, algae and black streaks.

- **Cost Benefits:** While a new roof might seem like a big investment, the right choice can actually help you save money over the long run, with some models offering substantial energy savings and reduced insurance premiums.

- **Beauty:** A roof makes up 50-60 percent of a home's appearance, so while performance is essential, don't compromise on aesthetics. Updating a roof can add instant and dramatic curb appeal.

- **Resale Potential:** If you intend to relocate at any point, think about how your roof may factor into a home sale. A beautiful, well-manufactured roof with a transferrable lifetime warranty can be a major selling point.

- **Materials:** While traditional materials like asphalt, wood shakes and slate can present various issues like shorter life spans, damage concerns, maintenance issues and disposal problems, metal roofing can overcome these obstacles and provide significant advantages. Check out ProVia's distinctive metal shake and slate roofing panels, which are manufactured with 10 percent more galvanized steel than industry standards, yet are up to three times lighter than asphalt shingles. Available in wood shake and slate styles, the manufacturer's embossed metal roofing provides distinctive style and natural-looking details in a durable finish. Finally, ProVia metal roof systems are designed to ensure easy installation, and installers are trained and certified to ensure workmanship and maximum roof performance. To learn more, visit [provia.com](http://provia.com).

The decision to reroof your home is a big one. For easier maintenance and long-term performance through summer storms and all other kinds of extreme weather, be sure you understand all the aspects of the investment.

## Poppy Day honors military past and present

(NewsUSA) -Memorial Day is approaching, and this year there is something simple that everyone can do to honor past and present military personnel -- wear or display a red poppy.

The simple red poppy flower has symbolized military sacrifice since World War I, but National Poppy Day (the Friday before Memorial Day) got its start in 2017 by an act of Congress.

The choice of the poppy was inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields," written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front line in World War I in Europe. Since then, the poppy has become a symbol to raise awareness and recognize the sacrifices of military personnel and their families.

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization that includes nearly 2 million members worldwide, adopted the poppy as the official memorial flower in 1920, and began a national poppy distribution program associated with Memorial Day in 1924.

"National Poppy Day is a time to honor every member of the Armed Forces who died in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy," says James W. Oxford, national commander of The American Legion.

"Wearing this symbolic red flower shows your support of veterans for generations to come."

Everyone can participate in National Poppy Day. Wear a poppy or a poppy-themed item, such as a pin, t-shirt, bracelet or a poppy sticker, and tell people what it means. Share poppies with friends, family and colleagues. Accept a poppy and make a donation if you see members of The American Legion Family distributing poppies.

"Each year, members of the American Legion Family, led by the American Legion Auxiliary, distribute poppies with a request for a donation," says Nicole Clapp, national president of The American Legion Auxiliary.

"All donations received are then used by The American Legion Family to support the future of local veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs."

This year, National Poppy Day takes place on Friday, May 28.

For those on social media, share your military stories or poppy photos, and use the hashtag, #PoppyDay #LegionFamily.

Visit [poppydayusa.org](http://poppydayusa.org) for more information about National Poppy Day, to purchase poppy-themed items, or to donate to The American Legion.





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