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Summer Fun??

Retro-fun for this different kind of summer

By Sally Lane

No doubt about it - the summer of 2020 is different. Oh, the weather is the same - hot, humid, with spectacular sunsets, thunderstorms,

tornado threats and beautiful rainbows. What is different is us. After more than five months of living through this pandemic, summer without all the usual outings and entertainment has left many of us with an empty feeling. The usual activities and events are either cancelled or limited. While thinking about how parents can help to create summer fun with their children while keeping social distance and their sanity, I looked back at my own childhood and summers with my children.

When my kids were growing up, "I'm bored," or "There's nothing to do" was like waving a red flag at me. It drove me over the edge more than once. Now that my children are parents, they understand... and I'm glad to share some of the boredom busters that worked. They work particularly well this year. These grandkids are between ages 7 and 11. Teenagers are a different story. As long as they can sleep in, they usually don't need a lot of management.

This good old Granny grew up in the '50s and '60s. Summer was the best time of year. We usually took a week's family vacation to Canada where we camped. I went to church camp for another week. It was the best time of the entire summer. Yes, I was one of those kids who played baseball, stayed outside until the streetlights came on and drank water from a hose. Those were the days!

As a parent, I realized that the key to having a great time in the summer with my own children was to have a flexible schedule, kind of like at camp, but with enough free time to play with friends. Truthfully, it didn't work all the time, but it helped cure the "I'm bored!" remarks. I did let them sleep in, hoping to grab a cup of coffee in peace. But once they were up, they had certain housekeeping chores to do. After that, the neighbor kids were welcome to come play, or they could visit them. And they did. These now-

grown kids are still friends. Often the mothers would meet and caravan to "Farmer Jim's" for swimming in the afternoons. Summer was fun.

This summer is different when it comes to socializing, but we also have different ways to make social distancing work with children. Keep hand sanitizer nearby. Kids can learn to wash their hands more frequently, they can play games that put distance between themselves, like badminton. Families can visit the Cleveland Zoo, or other places that practice social distancing.

Do we miss the fairs and concerts? Of course. Should we make sure masks are worn? Yes. Can this summer be as much fun as other summers? Maybe it will be even more fun as families walk together, ride bikes and play games together. Maybe, just maybe, this summer will bring us closer together while keeping a healthy distance. Have fun!

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 Monday, August 17, 7 p.m.

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www.cityofcortland.org under City
 Council Minutes.

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 Second Monday of each month
 Monday, August 10, 5:30 p.m.

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 Second Monday of each month
 Monday, August 10, 7 p.m.

Meetings and agenda of Council and
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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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Please contact the Cortland News if you would like your organization listed here.

Our Next Issue ... August 15, 2020

Our theme will be **Back to School**

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

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

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Community Events

Event Calendar July 25 – August 15

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 6

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

AUGUST

3-6 JoMarie's School of Dance & Gymnastics fall registration, 5-8 p.m., 80 Erie St., Cortland. See pg. 3

6-8 All Saints Church "Trash & Treasure" sale, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 4530 state Route 46, Cortland. See pg. 8

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Cortland Pediatrics, Dr. Lynn Johnson reminds you to schedule your child for back to school immunizations and a checkup.

Does your dog need trained? Check out **Elite K9 Training & Doggy Daycare**. They are located in Totally Dog on W. Main Street. **Totally Dog** has all your dog's needs. They offer a full line of high-quality dog food.

In the market for a new car? **Mark Thomas Ford** has a few great deals - check out their ad.

If your child wants to learn how to play an instrument there is no better place than **Girt's Cortland Music 101**, www.music101ohio.com. Right now, they have an unbelievable deal on instrument rentals. Also they offer online and in person lessons during the summer.

Did you suffer an injury? No better place to get physical therapy than **Action Physical Therapy**. They can help you recover quickly - and they accept most insurances.

It isn't too late to make your home the showcase of the neighborhood. **The Roman Supply Co.** (formerly Buckeye Bulk) still has plenty of landscaping supplies - they are a year 'round supplier and have some of the best

prices anywhere.

JoMarie's School of Dance & Gymnastics is holding registration for its fall programs on Aug. 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 5-8 p.m. Check out all their great dance and gymnastic programs including the unique and popular **NINJA WARRIOR** for ages 3 and up.

Centerra has several new lines of premium dog food at GREAT prices! Lots of variety. If you love your pet, check it out!

I had lunch from **Auntie V's Pizzeria** the other day. LOVE THOSE PEPPERONI ROLLS!

Do you have a drone? Do you need insurance for it? Check out the **Greenwood Insurance Corner** ad to get the answer.

Did you know that **Mayflower Wollam Insurance** has been servicing the area for almost 100 years? And they are owned by a family that was born and raised in Cortland. Now that is dedication.

Dr. Vlad reminds you to schedule your child's physical before going back to school. Schedule early - they fill up fast.

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Mark Thomas Ford to carry all-new 2021 Bronco



Thomas Levak, owner of Mark Thomas Ford announced that they will be carrying the all-new 2021 Bronco two-door and first-ever four-door models when they are released next spring. The Ford Motor Co. recently unveiled the 2021 Bronco - including a classic two-door and first-ever four-door - the flagship of an all-new family of rugged off-road vehicles.

The all-4x4 Bronco brand is Built Wild™ and ready to deliver thrilling

experiences with its heritage-inspired style, engineering and smart off-road technology, plus innovative features to help outdoor enthusiasts create adventures in the most remote corners of the world.

"We are excited to be carrying the new Ford Bronco and offering it to all of Trumbull County," said Levak.

"We created the Bronco family to elevate every aspect of off-road adventure and equipped them with class-leading chassis hardware and exclusive technologies to raise the bar in the rugged 4x4 segment and take people further into the wild," said Jim Farley, Ford chief operating officer. "They're built with the toughness of an F-Series truck and performance spirit of a Mustang - and come wrapped in one of the most stunning and functional off-road designs that's true to the original Bronco design DNA."

The all-new Bronco re-enters the scene with an all-4x4 lineup with production beginning in early 2021 and first models arriving in Ford dealerships next spring. Bronco owners can choose from an extensive lineup of more than 200 factory-backed accessories for maximum personalization, enabling dealers to provide outfitting-on-demand for each customer's individual adventure needs.

Built Wild 4x4 confidence

Just like the first-generation Bronco, nicknamed G.O.A.T., the mission of the all-new 2021 Bronco is to deliver maximum 4x4 go-anywhere, anytime capability and confidence. Bronco incorporates off-road mapping and drive technologies to give novice adventurers as much fun as hard-core off-road experts, while its Built Wild durability makes for lasting performance in the harshest of conditions for generations to come.

"Bronco's advanced four-wheel-drive technology is at the core of its off-road capabilities, and at the heart of it all is Bronco's exclusive Terrain Management System™ with G.O.A.T. Modes™ that is designed to help drivers better navigate any type of terrain," said Mark Grueber, Bronco consumer marketing manager.

Up to seven driver-selectable

modes are offered including Normal, Eco, Sport, Slippery and Sand, with Baja, Mud/Ruts and Rock Crawl for off-road driving.

Two 4x4 systems are offered on all Bronco models, a base setup and advanced 4x4. The base system utilizes a two-speed electronic shift-on-the-fly transfer case, while the optional advanced system features a two-speed electromechanical transfer case that adds an auto mode for on-demand engagement to select between 2H and 4H. Power is distributed to a Dana™ 44 AdvanTEK® solid rear axle and Dana AdvanTEK independent front differential unit - both with available Spicer® Performa-TraK™ electronic locking differentials for improved traction over rough terrain.

Available segment-first Trail Toolbox gives Bronco owners a suite of exclusive technologies to elevate their off-road experience. This includes Trail Control™ - cruise control for low-speed trail driving, while Trail Turn Assist tightens off-road turning radiuses through torque vectoring, and the innovative Trail One-Pedal Drive acceleration/braking control makes for more precise and confident slow-mode rock crawling.

Segment-leading levels of off-road capability are possible thanks to Bronco's available best-in-class 11.6-inch ground clearance, maximum 29-degree breakover angle and 37.2-degree departure angle, plus best-in-class water fording capability of up to 33.5 inches. Off-road capability is further reinforced by exposed tow hooks in the front and rear and available heavy-duty modular steel bumpers with integrated Ford Performance accessory winch mount.

Bronco's strategically placed steel shields protect critical hardware. Higher-capability models get an available front bash plate, plus shields for the engine, transmission, transfer case and fuel tank. For those taking on the roughest rocky terrain, Bronco's available side rock rails are strong enough to support the weight of each side of the vehicle.

"Bronco two- and four-door models leverage the company's Built Ford Tough durability and performance testing and take it even further off-road with Built Wild Extreme Durability Testing in the harshest possible environments, including the brutal trails of the King of the Hammers off-road competition," said Dave Pericak, director, Ford enterprise product line management, Icons.

Cortland High School Class of 1961 meetings go virtual

Due to the coronavirus, the Cortland High School class of 1961 monthly breakfasts at Eat & Park have been suspended. The class now has gone virtual as they are meeting and keeping in touch with one another by using Zoom. The class will soon start planning for next year's 60th class reunion. This class was the last senior class of 84 students that graduated from the old Cortland High School located on Park Avenue before the new Lakeview High School was built on Hillman Drive.

Adopt A Pet

Ralph is a 6-year-old, male pitbull and mastiff mix. Ralph has been at AWL since March and would really love to find his forever home with an experienced dog owner. He loves to play ball and takes treats with all his manners. This true gentle giant would do best in a home without dogs or small children as he can be a bit sassy. However, this handsome guy is ready to bring a lot of joy to the right home.

Chubby is a 4-year-old, male, retriever/lab mix. Chubby loves to play ball more than anything! He is a very active guy. When not playing ball he enjoys swims in the pool as well. Chubby needs to go to a home without other animals as he really likes to be the center of attention.

For more information on Ralph or Chubby or other adoptable animals at the AWL, contact the shelter at 330-539-5300 Tuesdays-Saturdays between noon-6 p.m. Adoptions are by appointment only at this time. AWL shelter is located at 812 Youngstown Kingsville Road SE in Vienna, across the street from Avalon at Squaw Creek.

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High School	21%	17%	15%	18%	71%

* Percentages may not add up exactly to any source due to rounding. SOURCE: National Youth Tobacco Survey 2014.



Special Education Teacher Mini Grant Program announced

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley announces its call for applications for its Autism Teacher Mini Grant Program. Awards will be given in three denominations, \$500, \$250 and \$100 to applicants from public and private schools in Mahoning, Trumbull or Columbiana counties. Online applications are being accepted at their website, AutismMV.org through July 31, 2020.

ASMV holds this annual program to show appreciation and support for the great special needs teachers in the Valley who help children on the autism spectrum and other challenges. The ASMV Board, a group consisting of community members and parents, will review the applications and selected the winners in early August 2020.



Trumbull Regional and Steward Medical Group welcome Dr. Shyam Bhakta

Trumbull Regional Medical Center and Steward Medical Group welcome Dr. Shyam Bhakta, Interventional and Nuclear Cardiologist, to Steward Heart and Vascular located at 1353 E. Market St., Suite 301, Warren.

Bhakta is board-certified in both interventional and nuclear cardiology and has clinical interest in cardiovascular disease, coronary angiography, angioplasty and stent placement, as well as medical management of cardiovascular disease.

He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Mich., and completed an internal medicine residency at University Hospitals in Cleveland. He then completed a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at University Hospitals and a fellowship in interventional cardiology at University of Colorado Affiliated Hospitals in Denver, Colo.



Appointments can be made by calling the practice at 330-841-9020 or online at <https://providers.steward.org/search>.

BBB announces Lakeview recipient of Ethics & Integrity Scholarship

Mathew Miller of Lakeview High School was recently awarded a \$1,000 one-year, post-secondary 2020 Ethics & Integrity Scholarship. The affiliated accredited business is Chemical Bank. Applicants must be the child or grandchild of the owners or employees of a BBB Accredited Business.

The mission of the BBB's Educational Scholarship Program is to provide information and develop resources that promote and build awareness of ethical business practices and marketplace trust to consumers and businesses. Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC and Farmers Trust Company are the 2020 scholarship sponsors. The Ethics & Integrity Scholarship is a component fund of The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley.

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This project has begun and is expected to last a couple of months. The project will improve the delivery of water along North Mecca Street from Main Street to the northern corporation limits.

Mosquito Spraying

The schedule is set up for every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight, weather permitting. 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.

- August 5
- August 19
- September 2
- September 16

You can help control mosquitos by eliminating standing water. Drain anything that may hold water; empty garbage cans, plastic pools, flowerpots and old tires.

Brush Chipping

The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct free branch and limb pickup service along city streets through October. Brush should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to the week of collection. Only one pass per street will be made. Be sure to follow the rules that can be found on our website - cityofcortland.org

2020 Brush Chipping Schedule:

- Week of July 27
- Week of August 24
- Week of September 28
- Week of October 26

Fall Cleanup

Dates for Fall Cleanup have been set for October 1 and 2. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services within the city of Cortland. Items will be picked up with your regular trash.

Electric Rates

Electric Aggregate Rate for meter read dates March 2018 through July 2020 is 5.54¢ per kWh. Meter read dates for July 2020 through July 2023 will be 5.05¢ per kWh. You have to Opt-out to be excluded. Energy Harbor 1-866-636-3749

Dates to Remember

- August 3 - City Council - 7 p.m.
- August 10 - Parks Board - 5:30 p.m.
- August 10 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- August 17 - City Council - 7 p.m.



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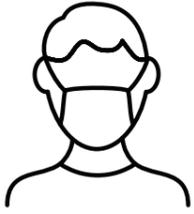
Cortland Lions collecting eyeglasses

The Cortland Lions Club collects eyeglasses for needy users in the U.S. and around the world. "We average about 9,000 pairs of donated glasses every year just from our club," said Basil Jarrett, coordinator of the program. "We collect them, sort them and take them to the Uniontown Ohio Lions Club. They then process thousands more of pairs to those in need. Eye doctors from all over volunteer their time to help fit people with the proper glasses."

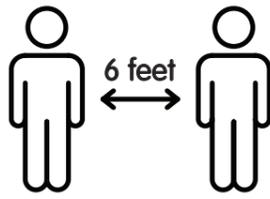
The donation box sits in front of the Lions Club on West Main Street. "We had several former library drop boxes. Jeff Payne of Payne Auto Body painted them all and we then distributed the boxes to other Lions Clubs," said Jarrett. "You can also drop off your old eyeglasses at Dr. Lindsey's Cortland Family Eye Care, Cortland Sparkle Market, Cortland Library and the Howland Library."



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Rotary President Dr. Lance Grahn noted that Cortland Bank has been a prime sponsor of the club's annual charity golf outing and plays a critical role in helping the club make a difference in the area as well as in impoverished areas of the world.



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By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

Hot enough for everyone yet? I know it is for me! A string of 90 degree days and I am ready to “shelter in place” for the central air. Since I am spending more time at home and more time in my garden, I’ve been experimenting with annuals. This summer I am into coleus. I’m finding that coleus is more than just a versatile container accent plant. These low maintenance high impact

Coleus like cool, evenly moist, well-drained soil. The watering should be done in direct proportion to the sun. Plants with darker leaf color generally tolerate more sun, provided they have enough moisture.

Coleus foliage and texture run from small and dainty scallops to large ruffled, serrated and quilted leaves. Coleus colors are a dazzling array, from



plants known for their colorfully patterned leaves are capable of filling large containers all on their own. The only complaint I have found concerning coleus is they can become lanky and sparse as the growing season progresses.

The simple solution is to pinch or cut back coleus often to encourage the plant to grow new branches and produce a bushy fuller shape. Pinching just under the flower buds stops the plant from producing flowers and seeds. The colorful leaves lose their beauty and vigor when the plant starts producing flowers and seeds. Around mid-summer coleus should be pruned regardless. If not groomed, coleus can become top heavy and the branches can snap from the excess weight.

Coleus was a favorite of those garden crazed Victorians. They were used to brighten up shady garden nooks and crannies, used in bouquets and as houseplants. Even today, coleus can be used as a houseplant, planted directly into the garden and in window boxes, hanging baskets, or in containers. Cuttings can be taken at the end of the growing season to root indoors to use next year.

To start from stem cuttings, snip a 2 to 4 inch length of stem, remove the lowest pair of leaves and insert the stem in water or moist potting soil mix so those leaf nodes sit below the surface. Roots will grow from them. Placing the container in a plastic bag can help keep the cuttings from drying out while they root.

Coleus is a member of the mint family; check out their square stems. Coleus plants grow in three ways, upright, mounding and trailing and like a soil pH of 6.0 to 7.0, slightly acidic. Known primarily as shade loving plants, some modern coleus varieties handle full sun. Most will flourish with dappled shade or morning sun. When planting coleus in an area with little sun available be careful not to overwater.

lime green, fuchsia or purple to deep shades of chocolate, burgundy, red, rust and yellow in endless patterns, combinations and stunning solids. I’ve read that coleus names often give clues to leaf color and features. Let’s play. Inferno coleus is red-orange with serrated foliage, 14 to 28” high, spread 14 to 24”. Apple Brandy has yellow-edged red leaves and Velvetreen combines hot pink, maroon with a touch of lime green. These two are upright varieties. Burgundy Wedding Train is a small leaved trailing type, with maroon leaves trimmed with chartreuse. Coleus Trusty Rusty is bright copper with scalloped edging trimmed in light gold. I like Redhead and Ruby Slippers and Cherry Splash with a personal must have Wasabi (lime green)... get the picture?

Great names, great solid colors along with great color combinations. Add a colorful container to the mix and experiment! Fun in the garden while sheltering in place.

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

SCOPE, TNP and Mercy Health provides produce boxes to seniors

SCOPE Senior Services, Trumbull Neighborhood Partners and the Mercy Health Foundation have partnered to provide free fruits and vegetables to the elderly who are mostly homebound. The Fresh Produce Box program is funded through Mercy Health Foundation of Mahoning Valley in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program originally intended to provide participants in the 2020 Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRxP) early access to fruits and vegetables. The FVRxP is a program available through Mercy Health primary care physicians that provides 400 patients with vouchers to shop at local farmers markets. As this crisis continues it was decided to contact SCOPE Senior Services that already delivers the most food in Trumbull County.

SCOPE has been operating a “Traveling Pantry” free grocery food delivery program along with Second Harvest Food Bank since July of 2015. In the summer SCOPE has partnered with Trumbull Neighborhood Partners (TNP) and Trumbull County Combined Health District to pick up produce at farmer’s markets to be delivered.

“Since the SCOPE delivers free groceries four days a week to over 100 citizens every week, it was ideal for the organizations to team up to provide this service to our homebound elderly citizens,” said Mike Wilson, director of SCOPE Senior Services. “The bulk of those served live in a food desert as outlined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, so to receive fresh produce from Mercy Health is vital. That designation accounts for half of



SCOPE mini bus is packed with produce to be delivered in Trumbull County.

the city of Warren and many rural areas within Trumbull County that are not in close proximity to a full service grocery store. Food deserts have been studied with surveys and farmers market programming planned by Trumbull Neighborhood Partners for the past five years,” Wilson explained.

The Mercy Health FVRxP program will run through the fresh market season ending in October. Contact your primary care physician for an application to receive the free produce monthly.



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Returning to work during the COVID-19 pandemic

By David Truman
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Whether you've been working from home or laid off during the coronavirus pandemic, the decision of whether to return to the workplace pushes on the need for regular income and pulls at fears of the pandemic.

How do you decide? The details matter, and every situation is different, but these factors are important to consider in virtually every case.

Losing Unemployment Eligibility
 Ohio unemployment eligibility depends in part on the worker being able and available for work. Under Ohio law, you will normally be denied unemployment if you refuse an offer to return to suitable work. What constitutes "suitable" work is determined on a case-by-case basis and depends heavily on the details. If you are called back to work in a similar position and doing similar duties as before the pandemic, then you will very likely have to return to work or lose your right to unemployment compensation.

However, there are exceptions. On June 16, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed an executive order stating that a refusal to return to work will not prevent eligibility for unemployment benefits under the following circumstances:

1. Your doctor recommended that you not return to work because you are in a high-risk category as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and there is no telework option.

2. You are 65 or older.
3. You have evidence of a health and safety violation by your employer that prevents you from social distancing or safe hygiene practices at work.

4. Your doctor ordered you to quarantine due to exposure to the virus.

5. You are staying home to care for a family member who has the virus or who is in quarantine under a healthcare professional's order.

Additionally, if the offer to return to work is sufficiently different from prior work (significant differences in wages, commute time, job duties, etc.), then the position might not be considered suitable, and you would have a right to refuse to return while continuing to receive unemployment benefits. The big but here is that you could be denied benefits initially and then have to appeal to try and get that determination reversed - a process that could take months with no benefits paid in the meantime.

If you think the job you've been offered might be unsuitable, you should consult with an employment lawyer for guidance before refusing the job.

Health Conditions and Returning to Work

If you have a health condition that makes you high risk in the event you contract coronavirus, unemployment might not be your only option. A number of state and federal laws apply here, and the analysis gets extremely fact-specific and personal. Again, consider consulting with an employment lawyer before making a decision that can't be undone.

Here are some things to consider.

1. If you have a serious health condition of the sort that makes you eligible for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), you might be able to buy time using that federal law without losing the right to return

to your job at the end of your leave. FMLA leave is good for up to 12 weeks but is usually unpaid. Your employer can require you to provide a doctor's certification of your need for leave.

2. If you have a legally recognizable disability, you might be able to seek temporary continued leave or work-from-home privileges as a reasonable accommodation. Again, your employer will likely require you to provide a doctor's note explaining your need to telework or stay home. Your employer can also offer a different accommodation of its choosing.

Be aware that if you are on FMLA leave, you will not be eligible for unemployment because you are not available for work. If you are unable to work due to a disability based on your doctor's order to stay home, you may still qualify for unemployment under certain circumstances.

It is also important to note that there is no real legal protection for you to stay home from work based on the risk that you could bring coronavirus home to a member of your household who is in a high-risk category. FMLA leave is not available based on someone being at risk either. However, if a person has a serious health condition and you need to stay at home to care for them, FMLA leave might be available.

If Daycare and Schools are Still Closed...

Primary caregivers who are unable to work or telework because of the need to care for children whose schools or daycare centers are closed due to the pandemic have a few options.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): If you truly cannot get work done at home because your child needs constant monitoring (for example, a very young child), then you are likely eligible for PUA unemployment.

Emergency FMLA (EFMLA): Parents may also qualify for EFMLA if they have been employed for at least 30 days, and their employer has between 50 and 500 employees. Employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt from this expanded FMLA if permitting the leave would jeopardize the company's viability. This limited expansion of FMLA applies through the end of 2020, and the leave of absence includes up to two-thirds pay after the first 10 days. EFMLA is good for up to 12 weeks of leave.

Emergency Paid Sick Leave: Parents in this situation may also qualify for emergency paid sick leave under a law effective through the end of 2020. Qualifying employees are entitled to two weeks' pay at two-thirds of their normal rate.

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So you're bringing home a furry friend. Here's what to know about the costs

Dog parks and cat cafes are likely to welcome many new furry friends in the coming months. As a way to combat loneliness and make the most of their additional time at home, many Americans have found this to be the opportune time to purchase or adopt a new companion.

While many people have experience with pet ownership, it's easy for even a seasoned animal caregiver to overlook the costs involved. Although owning a pet likely won't derail your financial future, it's important to consider how the expenses can add up now and down the line. Here are a few financial aspects to consider if you're thinking about getting, or have already gotten, a new furry friend to help you budget accordingly.

Decide to buy or adopt

First, you will have to decide



whether to adopt a pet from an animal shelter, which is often less expensive, or buy from a licensed breeder or pet shop. Keep in mind that shelters frequently spay or neuter animals prior to adoption, which eliminates a cost that can be upwards of several hundred dollars. To help reduce medical bills later on, you may want to choose a breed that is less prone to health or genetic problems. At a minimum, be sure to carefully research your options so you can make informed decisions.

Consider ongoing costs

When it comes to the recurring costs of owning a pet, expect to budget for food, treats, toys, training, day care or a dog walker. In addition, pet owners are encouraged by veterinarians to invest regularly in heartworm, flea and tick prevention. Some animals may also have food sensitivities or medical

conditions that require special diets and medicine – both of which can be pricey.

Think about lifestyle

Providing a comfortable lifestyle is a top priority for any animal owner. When thinking about your pet's new environment, be sure to address any potential safety hazards. Preventing accidents may lessen unforeseen costs down the road, and more importantly, keep your pet out of harm's way. If you are a renter, check with your landlord to see if you'll need to pay more to have a pet. Homeowners should make sure they are compliant with city ordinances as some require fences for certain animals. You'll also want to consider whether a caretaker is needed for your pet during your workday. If you travel frequently or plan to in the future, you should be aware of the expenses associated with bringing your pet on vacation or having someone care for it while you're gone. Airline tickets and the price of a hotel or rental property will likely be higher if your pet is along for the trip.

Prepare for emergencies

Even with a tremendous amount of planning, accidents can happen. In an emergency,

pets may need medical attention and costs can accumulate quickly. Be sure to have money set aside for these instances or think about purchasing pet insurance to help offset the potential financial burden. Finally, consider who will look after your pet if you become unable to care for it. Some owners decide to incorporate pets into their wills.

Pets can be one of life's greatest sources of companionship and joy. While it may not be possible to put a price tag on the bond shared between owners and their animals, it's important consider the financial aspects of pet ownership. Doing so will help you avoid surprises down the road and ensure you're able to provide a happy and healthy life for you and your pet.

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Don't forget, Social Security benefits may be taxable

Taxpayers receiving Social Security benefits may have to pay federal income tax on a portion of those benefits.

Social Security benefits include monthly retirement, survivor and disability benefits. They don't include supplemental security income payments, which aren't taxable.

The portion of benefits that are taxable depends on the taxpayer's income and filing status.

To find out if their benefits are taxable, taxpayers should:

- Take one half of the Social Security money they collected during the year and add it to their other income. Other income includes pensions, wages, interest, dividends and capital gains.
 - o If they are single and that total comes to more than \$25,000, then part of their Social Security benefits may be taxable.
 - o If they are married filing jointly, they should take half of their Social Security, plus half of their spouse's Social Security, and add that to all their combined income. If that total is more than \$32,000, then part of their Social Security may be taxable.

Fifty percent of a taxpayer's benefits may be taxable if they are:

- Filing single, single, head of household or qualifying widow or widower with \$25,000 to \$34,000 income.

- Married filing separately and lived apart from their spouse for all of 2019 with \$25,000 to \$34,000 income.

- Married filing jointly with \$32,000 to \$44,000 income.

Up to 85% of a taxpayer's benefits may be taxable if they are:

- Filing single, head of household or qualifying widow or widower with more than \$34,000 income.

- Married filing jointly with more than \$44,000 income.

- Married filing separately and lived apart from their spouse for all of 2019 with more than \$34,000 income.

- Married filing separately and lived with their spouse at any time during 2019.

The Interactive Tax Assistant on IRS.gov can help taxpayers answer the question.

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Rod & Gun Club's Helping Hands Grocery program helps those in need

The Trumbull County Rod & Gun Club of Cortland recently developed a Helping Hands Grocery Gift Card program to assist area families in need. These families were invited to the club and given a \$250 grocery gift card plus additional \$10 gift certificates for the children of the families.

Donations were collected through the club's membership with the club treasury donating an additional \$1,000.

The grocery gift cards were purchased at Sparkle Markets and may be used at either the Champion or Cortland stores. Sparkle Markets donated an additional \$140 in gift cards to help with the program.

It's the goal of the gun club to continue this program throughout the year to help families affected by the either the COVID-19 virus, lost jobs or businesses that have been forced to shut

down due to the virus.

The club's next Helping Hands Grocery Gift Card distribution is scheduled for early November to assist families during the Thanksgiving

holiday. For more information visit the club's website at www.trumbullcountyrodandgun.com or contact Ted Brown at tabrown522@gmail.com.



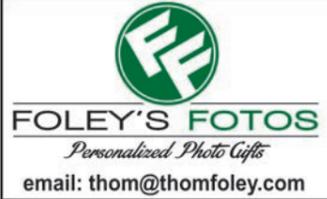
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Keep safe with home upgrades this summer

(Family Features) Extra time around the house this summer may be welcome for avid DIYers. With lists of upgrades and renovations to tackle, homeowners can rely on portable generators to power tools such as drills, circular saws and more when working outside.

"When used properly, a portable generator is a convenient and efficient power source for a wide range of home repair and restoration projects," said Susan Orega, executive director of the Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA). "However, when not used properly, portable generators may pose some safety risks that can be minimized through proper use and precautions."

Generators come in many varieties, from those designed with professional features such as the durability needed to endure the rigors of a job site to those more suited for at home DIY projects. Proper usage and selecting the right portable generator to power your construction project are important steps toward protecting your safety.

- Consider these safety tips:
- Calculate the necessary wattage. With use in a variety of situations, you should calculate the wattage needed to help determine the right size generator. For example, a hand drill typically requires 600 watts while circular saws and work lights may require twice that amount.
 - Run the required maintenance. Regularly check your generator to ensure it starts and operates properly.
 - Select generators designed to meet the ANSI/PGMA G300-2018 enhanced safety standard with carbon monoxide shut off detection.

One notable safety risk associated with portable generators is the carbon monoxide they produce while in use. If you'll be buying a new generator, you can find enhanced safety measures in models that comply with the ANSI/PGMA G300-2018 standard, which includes carbon monoxide sensors and shut-off features to address possible carbon monoxide buildup when misused.

To help further mitigate the carbon monoxide-related hazards related to portable generator misuse, rely on these tips from PGMA's Take It Outside campaign:

- Never run a portable generator indoors, including garages, basements, crawl spaces, breezeways, sheds or other partially enclosed spaces.
 - Always place a portable generator downwind and point the engine exhaust away from occupied spaces, such as where you're operating the power tool.
 - Know that you cannot smell, see or taste carbon monoxide so you may not be aware of a dangerous buildup.
 - If you feel sick, dizzy or weak while using your portable generator, get to fresh air immediately and call 911 for emergency medical attention, if needed.
 - Always refer to the generator's operator manual for further information about safe operation and potential hazards.
- For more information about portable generator safety, visit takeyourgeneratoroutside.com, and find more information about generators at pgmaonline.com.

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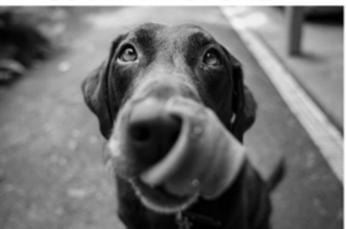
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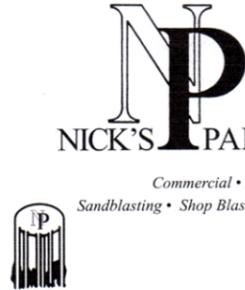
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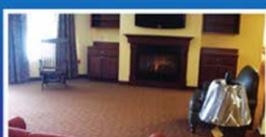
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