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## Back to school! Music to our ears!

By Sally Lane

Back in the good ol' days – say 2019 – on the first day of school parents waved to their children on the big yellow school bus. Depending on the age of the child, parents

experienced either tears or cheers and had a coffee klatch with friends. Parents of car driving high school teens would wave, often with lumps in their throats as they were reminded of how the school years seem to fly by. Then it was time to head to work. Having kids is expensive. Little did anyone realize or suspect that in a few short months our whole world would be turned upside down. But that is what happened to the school year 2019- 2020.

At first in March, we thought that maybe the kids would be back to school soon. It was kind of like an extended Spring Break, but with worries. Things did not get better. You all know as much as I do on that issue. It has been a wild five-plus months for all of us, and the saga continues. Our “new normal” continues to evolve.

As we look forward to the 2020-2021 school year, we will usher in even more changes. This summer has NOT been restful or ordinary for parents and children. It has been full of ups

and downs: open schools, don't open schools; sports, no sports; teachers, custodial staff, and administrators have worked all summer to plan schedules and prepare the school, lessons, and details for the new year, including virtual learning. Parents are wondering when this summer will ever end.

In an interview at Lakeview High School, superintendent Mrs. Velina Jo Taylor said, “Yes, we plan to open August 17.” There will be virtual learning, in school classes and some split days on the elementary level while the middle school and high school are arranging schedules. Parents have been informed of the plans. She also confirmed there were still plans to have a football season. “Most of the area high schools will be playing football, although we may not play every game depending on their school situation.” Communications have been ongoing. Stay tuned for any changes.

Nathan Sensabaugh, the high school band director, has been holding marching

band practices on the field behind the high school for upcoming band nights. More than a few Cortland residents said the sounds of drums and tunes from the stadium have been “music to our ears!” Rehearsals take place in the band shell where members are carefully spaced for social distancing. Then they practice marching on the field. Social distancing outside is not a problem for marching bands. “I am proud of the way our chaperones and students manage all of the safety protocols for rehearsals,” he said.

To many of us, after this long break, the words “back to school” sound wonderful. There is a new appreciation for the work our teachers do. Let us hope that this school year proceeds on schedule. One thing is for sure: 2020 will go down in the history books as bringing about the biggest changes in education since one-room school houses. Good things often come from overcoming difficulties. Here's to a wonderful, exciting school year!

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 Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

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Our theme will be Labor Day

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## Community Events Event Calendar July 25 – August 15

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

Four Seasons Garden Club annual mum pre-sale until Aug. 17, [cortlandfourseasons@gmail.com](mailto:cortlandfourseasons@gmail.com). See pg. 14

Cortland Branch Library events. See pg. 18

Upton House events. See pg. 5

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)

### AUGUST

**18 Backyard Birds**, Join Stephanie Hughes to learn about feeding and caring for birds and identifying the different kinds of birds in your own backyard, 11 a.m., Zoom videoconference, register at [go.osu.edu/8-18-2020](http://go.osu.edu/8-18-2020). For more information, 330-533-5538.

**26 Women's Equality Day Committee display "Valiant Women of the Vote,"** Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave, Warren. See pg. 8

**31 Lakeview Band Night**, 7:30 p.m. See pg. 7



## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

We at **Cortland Lanes** want to welcome back all our amazing customers. We will be opening Friday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. for cosmic bowling. At this time reservations are essential as we transition into our new guidelines. Our goal is to keep our customers and employees safe while still enjoying time out with family and friends. We will be practicing social distancing and the mandates set forth by the state of Ohio. These are different times and we hope we can all work through this together.

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**Cortland Playroom** is staying at the lower ratio of 9-1 children/teacher for your child's safety. All kindergarteners and older must wear a face mask. We are at maximum enrollment right now. Afternoon Preschool and Pre-K classes have some limited availability. Call

quickly as they will fill up fast.

**Auntie V's Pizzeria** is open for the drive thru only. They do deliver Wednesday through Sunday. They will be closed Labor Day.

Back to school means back to sports... don't let an injury sideline your athlete!! Keep them in the game by getting them back into action with **Action Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation!**

**JoMarie's School of Dance & Gymnastics** is taking registrations for both the fall dance classes and their extremely popular NINJA WARRIOR program. If you don't know about it, you need to call them. Your kids will have fun exercising and beg to do it more often.

Have you been to **Totally Dog** yet? They have an experienced dog groomer, dog training and dog sitting by **Elite K9 Training & Doggy Daycare** and the best dog food anywhere. Right on Main Street in downtown Cortland.

**Cortland Pediatrics & Dr. Johnson** remind you that school is back in session. Please drive safely. Have you scheduled your child's back to school physical yet?

**Jolly Store Crafts** is back open at its Cortland location. If you use beads for anything, this is the place to get them. Plus, so many more craft items. You can also visit them online.



## Warren Civic Music Association cancels 2020-2021 concert season

Due to the uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and government regulations pertaining to public gatherings, the Warren Civic Music will not be going forward with its 2020-2021 concert season. The organization held out as long as they could hoping things would change for the better, yet restrictions for indoor entertainment still prevail. This will be the first time in the 80-year history of Warren Civic Music there will not be a concert series.

The plan is to reschedule the same artists they were going to have in 2020-

2021 and move the dates to the 2021-2022 season. The pandemic upended the two remaining shows of the 2019-2020 season and affected plans for the upcoming 80th anniversary season.

As previously announced, the two concerts from 2019-20 are rescheduled as follows:

Divas3 - March 23, 2021 (originally March 26, 2020)

The Gatlin Brothers - April 20, 2021 (originally April 28, 2020)

Tickets purchased for the original dates will be honored for the new dates.

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# Agents play a pivotal part in helping those who have lost health insurance

By Jillian Froment, Director of the Ohio Department of Insurance

Insurance agents play a pivotal part in communities across the state making sure Ohioans are matched with adequate insurance protection. Right now, there may never be a more urgent need for the guidance of agents to identify coverage options, especially for those who have lost their health insurance during the pandemic.

In the United States, an estimated 21.9 million workers lost their jobs or left the labor force between February and May, according to a recent report from Families USA. An estimated 5.4 million people became uninsured as a result. This increase in the number of people without health insurance is 39 percent higher than any annual increase ever recorded in our country. The report estimates that 139,000 more Ohioans became uninsured.

I encourage all Ohioans who have lost their health insurance or are facing that possibility to tap into the expertise of an agent for help identifying insurance possibilities and securing coverage. To the agent community, your good work does not go unnoticed and I appreciate your effort supporting Ohioans during the pandemic. As you assist members of your community, I have included health insurance options information here that you can consider using during your interactions. If you are not a health insurance expert, I ask you to encourage your clients to reach out to the Ohio Department of Insurance for additional information on the following options.

### Special enrollment into a spouse's plan

Losing coverage qualifies a person (and their family) for an opportunity to

enroll in many employer plans.

### Other special enrollment opportunities

Beyond a spouse's group health plan, these opportunities include any individual health insurance plan already available in the market, enrolling through the federal government's health insurance marketplace at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov), or COBRA plans.

### Federal Marketplace

Special enrollment into a Marketplace plan may be a possibility. During the application process, the applicant will learn if they are eligible for income-based savings on their monthly premiums and out-of-pocket health care costs.

### COBRA

A person may be eligible for COBRA continuation coverage. Under COBRA, a federal law, a person can pay to stay on their employer's health insurance plan, after employment ends, for about 18 months.

### Medicaid

If a person lost their job or had a reduction in work hours, the sudden income change might make them Medicaid eligible. Visit [Medicaid.ohio.gov](http://Medicaid.ohio.gov) for more information.

Many complexities are involved when evaluating health insurance. The staff at the Ohio Department of Insurance can be of assistance to both consumers and agents during this process. Please consider reaching out to us at 1-800-686-1526 or [consumer.complaint@insurance.ohio.gov](mailto:consumer.complaint@insurance.ohio.gov). We also have educational insurance information available at [www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov).

# Greenwood Insurance donates to Cortland City Fire Department

By Capt. Todd Price

The Cortland City Fire Department (CCFD) received a generous donation from Greenwood Insurance of Cortland. It was through a grant by Progressive Insurance that Greenwood was able to decide who received it.

The CCFD has received federal, state and local grant funds over the years for equipment to enhance fire and EMS service. By diligently prioritizing needs of the department, the CCFD has been able to maximize levied funds over the last several decades. Grant funding has allowed the department to replace old and obsolete equipment including air packs, structural turnout gear, fire hose/nozzles, and radios.

The \$1,000 donation from Greenwood Insurance will go toward an additional LUCAS Chest Compression Device for our second ambulance. This battery-operated device provides chest compressions for a cardiac arrest patient, allowing other caregivers to

manage the airway and administer medications. This state-of-the-art device has become the standard of care during treatment of the cardiac arrest patient.

Costing approximately \$15,000, our department currently has one LUCAS device that was donated by University Hospitals of Cleveland years ago. An additional device would allow the CCFD to provide the same level of care in either of the department's ambulances.

"We wanted the money to go towards something that would benefit the entire community. Having had personal interactions between my family and the CCFD, this was as easy choice. We are thrilled to help the citizens of Cortland," said Bob Greenwood, owner of Greenwood Insurance.

Chief David Rea and the members of the CCFD would like to extend a sincere thanks to Bob Greenwood for this financial contribution.



From left are: Collin Dales, paramedic and firefighter; Chief David Rea and Bob Greenwood of Greenwood Insurance holding the LUCAS Chest Compression Machine; and Cody Smith, firefighter and paramedic.



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

By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

### Keep Wipes Out of Pipes

The city is experiencing an increase in lift station pump malfunctions. All wipes and disposable cleaning products belong in the trash, not the toilet. Many items labeled "flushable" or "disposable" do not break down after being flushed. Those "disposable" wipes may be labeled flushable, but they can clog the sewer system, contributing to costly cleanups and/or sewer backups for homeowners. Other than the obvious, the only item that should be flushed is toilet tissue.

### Annual Asphalt Resurfacing

The annual street resurfacing is planned to begin the first week of September. The streets on this year's schedule are Huntington Trail, Leckrone Way, Ruby Lane and Terre Hill Drive. Portions of: Bayview Drive (Delbert Street to eastern city limits), Deer Creek Trail (Fawn Lane to cul-de-sac), Turquoise Drive (Diamond Way to Ruby Lane), Wae Trail (Lakeview Drive to Terre Hill Drive), Whitetail Run (Fawn Lane to cul-de-sac), Aspen Place, Beechwood Drive (small portion), Brookview Drive, Greenbriar Drive (Gemwae Drive to Aspen Place), Oakdale Place, Spring Creek Drive (small portion), Thornhill Drive and Vinetree Place. See the city website for project updates.

### North Mecca Waterline Replacement

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

### Fall Cleanup

Dates for Fall Cleanup have been set for Oct. 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 are automatically enrolled, you would have to Opt-out to be excluded. Energy Harbor 1-866-636-3749

### Dates to Remember

- August 17 - City Council - 7 p.m.
- September 8 - City Council - 7 p.m.
- September 14 - Parks Board - 5:30 p.m.
- September 14 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.

## Upton House Update

The Upton House in Warren is open again. Here is a list of upcoming events. Masks will be required to visit.

**Yard Sale Rescheduled.** The new date is now Saturday, Aug. 22. It will be a one day sale held outside in the garden and the garage.

**Women's Equality Day.** Wednesday Aug. 26, noon, Women's Park. The Upton Association will join the festivities beginning with a parade in costume to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. The program will honor Harriet Taylor Upton. There will be no reception following the program.

**Brick Replacement.** All of the 8"x8" bricks in the Women's Park are being replaced at no cost to the original purchasers. Since 2003 the original bricks have become difficult to read and a new more durable brick is being engraved to duplicate the originals. Several hundred have already been

done. When that is done, the 12"x12" bricks will also be replaced. This labor of love has been undertaken by Ken and Elaine Conklin and the brick committee.

**Rentals Resume.** The Upton House is now available for hosting your special event again. Please contact Kathleen Lepro at 330-392-4202.



## JCC of Youngstown Annual Golf Classic Sept. 17

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown will hold its Annual Suzi Solomon Golf Classic Sept. 17 at Squaw Creek-Avalon Golf and Country Club, 761 Youngstown Kingsville Road SE, Vienna Center.

Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. Tee time is 1 p.m. The cost is \$150 per person. To register, visit [jccyoungstown.org](http://jccyoungstown.org). Proper safety protocols will be followed as recommended by the state of Ohio.

Suzi Solomon was an avid golfer and skier, as well as an active member of the Youngstown Jewish community.

Through the generosity of the Suzi Solomon Philanthropic Fund of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, the JCC pays tribute to Suzi by hosting the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown Suzi Solomon Golf Classic. Honorary chairpeople for the event are Martin Solomon and Jeff Solomon. Melissa Bateman, Rachel Kay, and Sarah Wilschek are chairpersons for the event. Bruce Tamarkin and Jeff Kay are chairing the golf tournament.

For more information, visit [jccyoungstown.org](http://jccyoungstown.org).

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### ODA asks Ohioans to send in unsolicited seeds

*The public should report the seeds and submit the packages to USDA*

After increasing reports of Ohio citizens receiving packages of unsolicited seeds in the mail, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is again urging the public to report and submit any unsolicited seed packets to ODA. In partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine Office, ODA is working to investigate the number of seed packets sent to Ohio, what type of seeds they are, and where they were mailed from.

The USDA-APHIS and ODA are asking Ohioans who have received these unsolicited packages not to open, plant, or throw them away. Instead, citizens should report receiving seeds here and then submit the packages to USDA using one of the following methods:

If possible, place the materials including the seeds, original packaging material and your contact information in a resealable plastic bag and mail them to USDA-APHIS at the following address:

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-or-

Place the materials including the seeds, original packaging material and your contact information in a resealable plastic bag and drop them off at your county's OSU Extension Office during business hours. You can find the nearest extension office here: <https://extension.osu.edu/lao>. Please note that extension facilities may have COVID-19 specific signage detailing procedures such as wearing a facial covering that must be followed.

Unsolicited seeds could be invasive species, contain noxious weeds, could introduce diseases to local plants, or could be harmful to livestock. Invasive species and noxious weeds can displace native plants and increase costs of food production. All foreign seeds shipped to the United States should have a phytosanitary certificate which guarantees the seeds meet important requirements.

**DO NOT OPEN, PLANT OR THROW AWAY**

### SCOPE offers free Medicare benefit reviews during virus

SCOPE Senior Services still offers free consultations during this COVID-19 crisis to have questions answered and to review changes to retirement health insurance.

A representative from SCOPE can meet at a person's home or at the Warren office following COVID-19 protocol. If you are turning 65 in late 2020 or 2021 now is the time to get a free consultation on options even if you are still working. For issues or questions dealing with Medicare and hospitalization benefits, please call Marge Haley at the SCOPE Senior Center at 330-399-8846, ext. 208. For prescription assistance call Debbie Zador at extension 202.



### 4 home improvement ideas

(Family Features) Whether you're thinking about a bathroom update, kitchen overhaul or any other type of home improvement project, these tips from the experts at the National Association of the Remodeling Industry and eLivingtoday.com can help you get started.

#### Create a Plan

Improving your home can be one of the most exciting projects to undertake. Start by setting realistic expectations, determining your goals and needs, finding inspiration and, perhaps most importantly, setting a budget.

#### Renovate the Bathroom

You can improve your home's usability and increase its value with bathroom updates or a full renovation. Before you get started, think about these factors: the amount of space and storage you need, features that are important to you, sustainability concerns and accessibility considerations.

#### Update the Kitchen

The kitchen serves as command-central for most homes, and you can get the most enjoyment out of yours by making purposeful changes, reconsidering the physical space, re-evaluating your shopping style and choosing appliances with care.

#### Start a Remodel

If it's time for a serious undertaking, a full-blown remodel may be necessary (or simply desired). Remodeling typically calls for hiring a professional contractor, a process you can go about by gathering local recommendations, asking for licensing and insurance, checking references and comparing bids.

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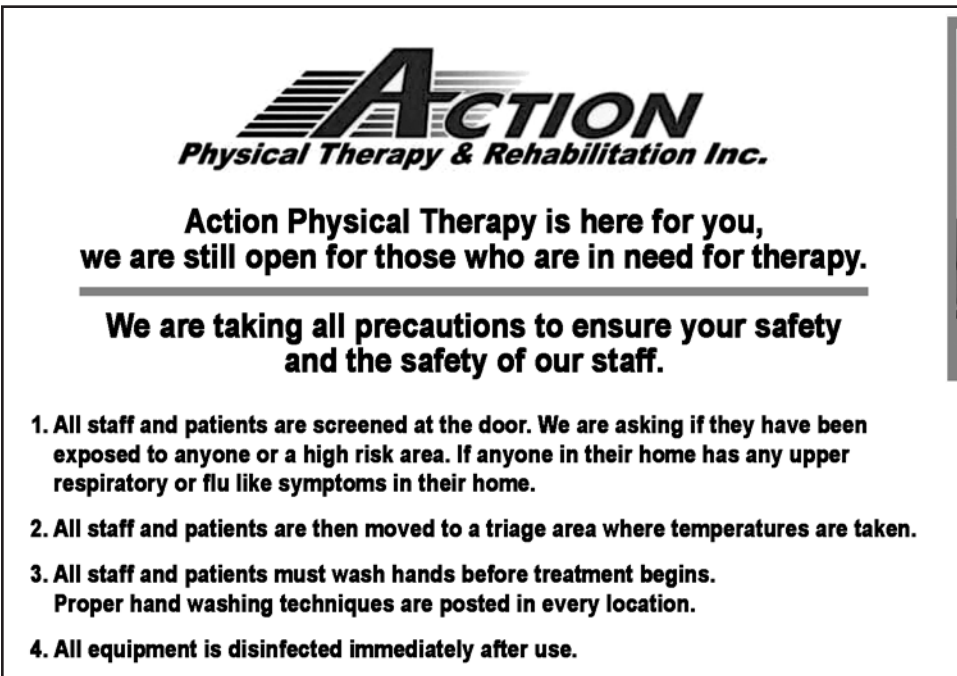
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## Back to school is a tradition A Bazetta Cortland educational timeline

By Sally Lane

“Readin’, writin’ and ‘rithmetic” were so important to our country that provisions were made for education from the very first settlement. These settlers knew that being able to read is crucial for those who will grow up in a quickly changing world, and learning mathematics is critical for building, finances and commerce. Writing allows timeless preservation of information between people.

When Edward Scofield and three others entered what would be named Bazetta Township, the area had just been divided into lots. They had heard of a fast-running creek in the northern corner of the township that would support a mill. Mills were important for settlers for processing corn, wheat as well as for sawing wood for buildings. After locating that creek, Walnut Run, a mill was built and by 1810 about ten families had settled in. It was time for a school.

In 1813 a log building was constructed on Walnut Run, in a valley west of the mill. Windows held greased paper instead of glass. Wooden pegs around the inside perimeter held boards as desks. Students sat on log benches. Charlotte Bell was hired as the first teacher. The “back to school” tradition began!

As the township’s population grew, several one-room schoolhouses were built. Bazetta had four one-room schools on the west side of Mosquito Creek and two or three more on the east side (my research is unclear about how many on the east side). The buildings on the east side were not used after the first high school in Cortland opened in 1877.

In Cortland, before 1877, there were at least two one room schools – one about where Sparkle is today, and one at the “point” where Speedway is located.

The schoolhouse from the point was moved and became a residence at 243 S. High Street. When the Bice’s converted it to a store, Quilting B’s, they found walls that covered slate blackboards. It is now a private residence.

The Bazetta Academy was a high school that was built around 1859 near where the Cortland Christian Church is. Students from the northern part of the county as well as township students paid to attend this school. Some local histories say that the building was moved to southeast corner of Mecca and Pearl Streets after the Cortland Union School was constructed.

In 1877, Cortland Union School was built the corner of Pearl and School Street (name later changed to Park Avenue). That was the end of one room school houses in Cortland. Several photos of the building and classes are in the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society’s memorabilia collection. They show students from grades one through 12.

By 1924, the school needed to be enlarged, so a new school, was built around the first floor of old one. Traces of the old school lived on as the gymnasium and the basement. Our readers who attended that building will remember the “skinny” hallway on the first floor. The building was enlarged in 1950 when kindergarten was added, and again in 1954 to accommodate a music room, library, more classrooms, a kindergarten, and a cafeteria.

Meanwhile, the four one room schoolhouses on the west side of Mosquito Creek (no lake at that time) continued to be used until 1929. At that time, after much debate, Bazetta School was built and opened. It remained a grade one to 12 school (also kindergarten after 1950) for Bazetta students until 1956 when the Cortland and Bazetta

schools consolidated. Lakeview High School was built after the consolidation and opened for all township high school students in the 1960-61 school year.

The two former school buildings became elementary schools and children on both sides of Mosquito Lake spent their elementary years in separate schools until 1978 when the Lakeview Middle School was built during a population surge. Students from Bazetta and Cortland now met at school in fifth grade instead of at the high school. Changes completely combined the students from the Bazetta and Cortland buildings as they split grade levels between the two buildings for a short time. In 2009, when the Cortland Elementary building closed, Bazetta became the district’s sole elementary building. In 2018 the new Pre-K-8 building on Wakefield Drive opened after demolition of the former Middle School. Shortly after that new school opened, the Bazetta school was demolished. The former Cortland Elementary building was sold. The Lakeview School District now has two large buildings, a Pre-K to grade 8 building and the high school.

Times have changed, schools have changed, but the need for education increases. For over 200 years our township has celebrated the excitement of “Back to School.” This year may be one of the most unusual as education makes major changes in the way our children are taught. Our “back to school” finds all of us – parents and teachers – facing challenges that were unheard of less than 8 months ago. This year plans are for “remote learning,” which is a combination of home schooling and teacher schooling with the help of computers, OR classes at the buildings with “social distancing.”

Thank goodness for 21st century technology and the people who know how to use it. Now, if some of us can just get our 20th century brains caught up! It really is “Back to School” for all of us as we all deal with new situations. Have a great school year.



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Bazetta Elementary School



Cortland Elementary School

Cortland Elementary School and Bazetta Elementary School went on to be the two high schools before Lakeview was built.

## Strike up the band!

By Sally Lane

A few weeks ago, the sound of drums at Lakeview High School’s football field raised spirits all over town. It was music to our ears! A quick conversation with director Nathan Sensabaugh confirmed that, yes, there would be area Band Nights, and so far, football games are still good to go.

Lakeview High School’s Marching Band is preparing to perform in five area

Band Nights. Their first performance will be at the Champion Band Night on Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m., Harding High Schools’ Band Night is Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. Howland’s Band night is Aug. 22, 7 p.m. Our own Lakeview Band Night is Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. The last band night for Lakeview will be at Jackson (Massillon) Band night on Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.



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## Women's Equality Day-100 years later

The committee for Women's Equality Day recently met to finalize plans for the historic day that effects all women in the United States. On Wednesday, Aug. 26, women across the United States will celebrate and commemorate passage of the 19th Amendment, the Women's Suffrage Amendment, to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment gave women the right to vote in all elections.

The Trumbull County Committee for Women's Equality Day holds its celebration each year in the Women's Park in Warren. The theme they chose is "Valiant Women of the Vote 2020." This theme is honoring women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st Century women. Photos of these women can be seen in a display at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library's main hall. The committee is also honoring Harriet Taylor Upton and her accomplishments during her time as an activist.

Because the restrictions from the Health Department and the Corona Virus, the 100 year anniversary of 19th Amendment for women's right to vote has been rescheduled for Aug. 26, 2021. The celebration for 2021 will be at the Women's Park with a reception following at the Harriet Taylor Upton House, courtesy of the co-sponsors.

The event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, Harriet Taylor Upton Association, Warren Civic League, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League and GFWC Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Please mark your calendars for this year and for 2021. And on this day, wear a yellow ribbon to honor all who came before you. "Let us all don a yellow ribbon, and fling our banners to the breeze. By this sign let us be known, and more who wear it the greater our strength will be ..." 1887 Women's Suffrage.



From left are: Sandy Mahaffey, Marti Flint, Gloria Rogers, E. Carol Maxwell, Peggy Boyd, Danita Davis and Esther Gartland.



## Women's Equality display at W-TCPL

The date of Aug. 26 was selected in 1920 to commemorate the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

The observance of Women's Equality Day this Aug. 26, 2020 celebrates 100 years, but now even under the thumb of the coronavirus restrictions, it is a day still to be remembered and celebrated. In 1971, at the request of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), the U.S. Congress designated this calendar date as "Women's Equality Day." To call attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality, workplaces, libraries, organizations and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings and other events. The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library's front entrance hall displays history and the

"Valiant Women of the Vote." These women, Suffrage Leaders, activists and historians are pictured in the display and are being honored this year.

The Women's Equality Day Committee of Warren invites the public to the library to see the free display. Because of the Health Department rules and regulations, the committee will not be presenting a Women's Equality Day program this year in the Women's Park in Warren. The event is rescheduled for Aug. 26, 2021.





## SCOPE essential workers appreciation event

SCOPE Senior Services through its parent organization Family & Community Services provided an appreciation dinner at the Greene Eagle Winery to SCOPE's essential workers.

To date, SCOPE has provided over 4,000 deliveries of free groceries and supplies to homebound seniors and the disabled during the COVID-19 crisis. SCOPE had delivered over 33,000 pounds of food in four months from Second Harvest Food Bank. The food is

loaded at the Warren Salvation Army headquarters to send on delivery routes throughout Trumbull County.

SCOPE has also continued to provide supportive services throughout this pandemic by providing Medicare support, prescription assistance and by providing a representative payee program to support those who have trouble paying their bills and banking. For assistance contact SCOPE at 330-399-8846.



## Try a new way to travel

(Family Features) Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, families are still finding ways to make the most of unusual schedules to plan a getaway. With more flexible work and school arrangements, many families are embracing the idea of a "flexcation," an emerging travel trend where families rent vacation homes later in August, September and October, consider staying longer to mix work and play, and often get better value in high-demand locales.

"Though this year has been incredibly difficult for families, it's inspiring to see how they have become resilient and resourceful by choosing alternative ways and dates to take vacations," said Lish Kennedy, vice president of brand marketing at Vrbo. "More flexibility in our work and school schedules is allowing families to enjoy a welcome change in their surroundings and a relaxing break together."

If you missed out on your family's annual summer trip this year or just want to take advantage of more flexibility in your work and school routines, consider these reasons to take a flexcation.

**Save money and avoid crowds.** Prices for vacation rentals typically drop during shoulder season, the time period after Labor Day and before the holiday travel season. Families not tied to strict in-person school or work commitments can benefit from fewer crowds and lower prices by choosing later travel dates. For example, you can find drops of at least 20% in average nightly rates for vacation homes in popular destinations like Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Cape May, New Jersey; and Ocean City, Maryland, through October compared to prime summer travel dates.

**See familiar places in new ways.** Traveling during a different time of year lets you see favorite destinations from a different perspective. It's a chance to create new family experiences together, like seeing the leaves change colors or visiting the beach when temperatures are milder.

**Stay longer.** Travel data from Vrbo indicates families want to take longer vacations. With the ability to work remotely or complete online

assignments anywhere there's a Wi-Fi connection, there's no need to cut a weekend trip short to get back in time for class or punch the clock on Monday morning. If a full week isn't realistic, you might consider an extra-long weekend, extending your trip from Thursday-Monday instead of the more traditional Friday-Sunday.

**Enjoy a change of scenery.** According to a study from New York University, people feel happier when they have more variety in their daily routines, such as going to novel places

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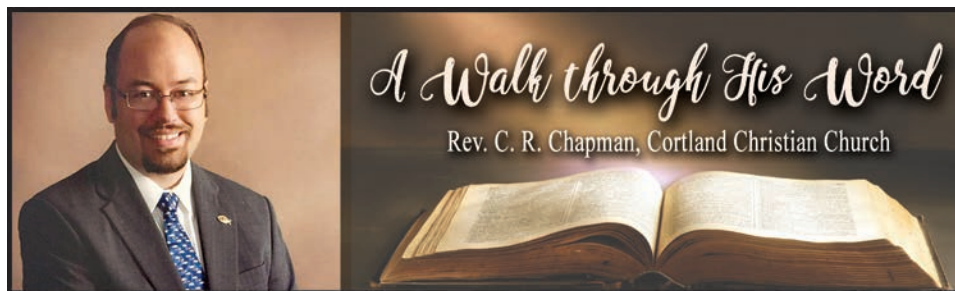
By Carole Wiley

A community Christmas concert this year is unlikely. That's the bad news. Here is the good news! As you may remember, Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) decided that proceeds from our free concert last December would be given to the Cortland and Bazetta Fire departments. The goal was to provide a solid amount to help them acquire protective vests. These are needed in order for the paramedics to begin to help the wounded at an earlier point in a dangerous situation.

Each department's goal was to obtain four vests. LOAF's goal was to collect \$1,200 although we knew that it would not be enough to cover the entire cost. But the generosity of our community was profound!

Over \$3,000 was donated! And then, COVID-19 appeared and everything possible slowed to a snail's pace. From the beginning the fire departments hoped to receive some federal grants to supplement this project. And now, that has finally happened. Each department was recently able to purchase eight vests. The ambulances will carry vests but now, all fire trucks will too. Every one of those valued heroes will be better protected because of your supportive generosity. Well done, Cortland and Bazetta!

Bazetta Fire Chief Dennis Lewis and Cortland Fire Chief David Rea and their staff want to express their sincere thanks to our greater community.



## Make time to learn daily

Everyone is an expert in the Bible, at least, they claim to be. Over the years of pastoring I have heard many people claim to be an expert on certain biblical topics, yet these same people have not read their Bible for years. Their expertise is based on remembering a Bible verse or story from their childhood or hearing someone say something that sounded good about a biblical topic that interested them.

During one church function a gentleman approached me who I had never met before. He began asking me questions about my viewpoints on a couple hot button topics. I responded to this man with scripture. When my viewpoint, based on the scripture stood opposed to his, he turned red and claimed the Holy Spirit was not in me, only with a few more colorful words. He further accused me of reading from a false version of the Bible. I kindly invited him to walk 30 feet with me into my office where on my bookshelf were nearly every popular translation of the Bible and some that are not as well known.

Among these were the traditional translations such as The King James Version. I challenged the gentleman to look up the same verses that I quoted from any translation that he desired and to see if they said the same thing. He refused, called me a false pastor and stormed off. Yes... everyone is an expert to themselves.

I have been a pastor for nearly a decade. I have a degree in the Bible and several certificates. I have read it many times from cover to cover, but I am not an expert. I will always be learning. Let us not fool ourselves on thinking

that we know everything that God has to say. For the one who does not study the Word of God in a serious way fool themselves with ideas of knowledge, but they contain very little knowledge, and for the one who studies only a few verses and does not read the entirety of the Scripture, they fool themselves by proclaiming a narrow knowledge without knowing the context and how those verses really fit into God's Word. There is also the one who reads the Bible but does not know the author. The Apostle Paul was like this at one time.

The Apostle Paul, who was previously known as Saul, believed that he was an expert on the Scripture. According to the "Easton's Bible Dictionary," Paul was a student of Rabbi Gamaliel and spent many years in the study of the Scriptures. Yet, Saul did not understand the meaning of the Scriptures for He would persecute the church until he encountered Jesus the Christ on the road to Damascus as found in Acts 9. In Galatians 1:17-18 Paul, who was Saul, recounts of how after his encounter with Christ he went to the wilderness of Arabia for three years to pray, study the Scripture, and to be alone with the Lord. When Paul was Saul, he had a head knowledge of the Scripture, but when he met the risen Lord, he realized that he needed the Lord to gift him with the understanding of that knowledge.

Dear friends, do not assume that you know all God has for you. Study the Word of God sincerely, and also ask God to make clear His ways for you that you may understand what you study. Make time to learn daily.

## Trumbull Regional and Steward Medical Group welcome Gastroenterologist Dr. Amy Calderon

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Multispecialty Care, Trumbull located at 1353 E. Market St., Suite 301 in Warren and to Steward Gastroenterology, Elm Road located at 2658 Elm Road NE, Building C in Cortland.

Dr. Calderon is board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and has a clinical interest in liver disease. Dr. Calderon earned her medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, N.Y., and completed an Internal Medicine residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, N.Y., where she also served as Chief Resident. She then completed a fellowship in Gastroenterology at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland.

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# Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.*  
 Psalm 91: 1-4

I call it her "Safe Place." Amelia's a "rescue." Quite simply that means, she was living in a bad place and we saved her. She currently resides with Lorra and me and our little family. She has seven siblings: Lily, Tiny, Billy, Willy, Charlotte, Pip and Bleu. We have a loving home and all of our "children" are spoiled. I tell Lorra: "Children as loving, affectionate and loyal as ours ought to be spoiled. It's only fitting." Nonetheless, our dear Amelia is a little troubled by memories of her previous home. She needs a "safe place" and she has found one. Every evening, Amelia climbs up Lorra's blouse, does a nose dive down the collar, flips over and peaks out at the world. She's comfy and cozy - wrapped up in her mother's love. Sounds kinda' nice, doesn't it? Fact of

the matter is, we all need a "safe place" - a place where we can let go of fears and concerns associated with life in this world - a place where warmth and security reign.

Our God knows we need a "Safe Place." Following is a short list of significant terms captured in the first four verses of Psalm 91: shelter, refuge, fortress, cover, shield and buckler. We need not fear "snare" or "pestilence" - or anything else this world can throw at us. You know, Amelia is so comfortable, it makes me comfortable just looking at her. Ironically, that is exactly what God offers - comfort and peace for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

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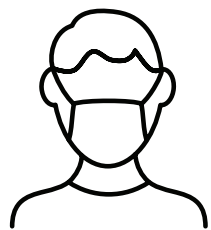
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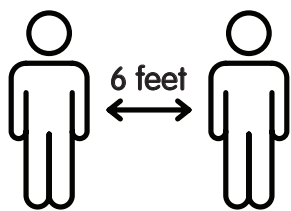
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**Online notarization: How to get your document notarized from a distance**

By C. Allen Nichols  
Executive Director, Ohio Notary Services and Executive Director, Akron Bar Association

Online notarization became legal in Ohio in September of 2019. The ability to manage a document online simplifies the entire process if you need a notarized signature – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any document you may need notarized can now be notarized online, with the help of a certified online notary and the technology necessary to connect to them.

**Background on Online Notarization**

When the Notary Public Modernization Act (SB263) took effect on Sept. 20, 2019, the process to become a notary changed and online notarization was allowed for the first time. The notary commission application process moved from local court systems to the Ohio Secretary of State, and new, uniform testing requirements and standard fees went into effect.

Online notaries must be commissioned as a “traditional” Ohio Notary Public, take two hours of online notary education approved by the Ohio Secretary of State’s office and pass with a test score of 80 or better. Non-attorneys who want to become notaries also have to submit a criminal records check during this process.

You should also know that attorneys are not automatically traditional or online notaries. They also must complete training that is approved by the Ohio Secretary of State’s office, though they do not need to pass a test to be certified.

In response to the Notary Public Modernization Act, Ohio Notary Services was formed by a partnership between the Ohio State Bar Association and five metropolitan bar associations, including Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton and Toledo. Ohio Notary Services provides notary education and testing services for Ohio notaries public. Right now, using Ohio Notary Services is the only way to be certified as an online notary in Ohio. They can help you find an authorized online notary public if you email [info@becomeanohionotary.com](mailto:info@becomeanohionotary.com).

**How Online Notarization Works**

As opposed to traveling to a bank or office of a “traditional” notary, all you need for online notarization is an authorized online notary and access to the platform they use to notarize documents. Any document that can be notarized by a traditional notary public can be notarized by a certified

online notary, like a deed, a mortgage or another contract.

Each online notary can pick what platform they use for online notarizations. Your notary should be able to talk you through the specifics of how it will work for you, but in every case, you will need technology to upload your document and audio/video (a webcam) to connect to the online notary.

When an online notary notarizes your document, they will provide you with a video recording of the entire process to prevent any questions or concerns. You can keep a digital-only record of the notarization by using secure cloud-based record keeping technology.

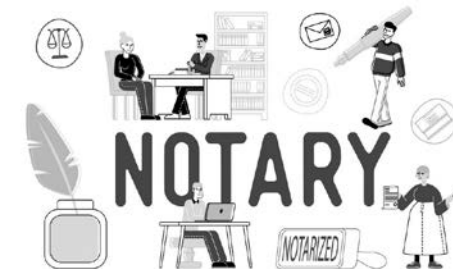
**Identity Proofing**

Ohio’s requirements for “identity proofing,” meaning proving who you are before a notary public will notarize your document, are very detailed. Even on an online platform, you will need to be prepared to present the notary with proof of your identity that can be authenticated, like your driver’s license, passport or state identification card. You will also need to respond to questions for which only you should know the answer. These are multiple choice questions and could relate to things like past addresses or automobiles that have been registered in your name.

*About the Author*

C. Allen Nichols is the executive director of both the Akron Bar Association and of Ohio Notary Services. He is a retired Ohio public library director, a high school soccer referee and an alumnus of the University of Akron, Kent State University and Mississippi State University.

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and having a wider array of experiences. After months of sheltering in place, a flexcation may be an ideal way to reestablish a healthy sense of balance.

Before you go, be sure to research how COVID-19 might affect your travel plans, including any travel restrictions, quarantine policies or changes in hours and access to popular attractions in the

area. It’s also a good idea to make sure you understand and verify details about your accommodations before you make reservations, such as enhanced cleaning procedures at the property and flexible cancellation policies.

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## Now may be the time for a financial reassessment

We're experiencing a period of upheaval in the world today, which has also had an impact on the economy and markets. Given the spike in volatility and uncertainty we're seeing in the broader economy, it may be time to step back and carefully review your financial life.

Take some time to assess where you stand and whether it may be appropriate to make any adjustments in your strategy. Here are four key questions to ask about your current financial circumstances.

### #1 - Do you have enough cash to meet short-term needs?

A healthy cash reserve is important in times like these. A general rule of thumb is to have enough cash on hand (held in readily accessible accounts) to meet three to six months' worth of expenses. But given today's economic uncertainties, it may make sense to set aside up to nine months' worth of cash.

### #2 - Are you comfortable with the level of risk in your portfolio?

Investment markets have been volatile since the start of 2020 and may continue to be for the coming months and maybe years. Unsettled markets can be a real test of whether you are comfortable with your investment strategy or if the level of risk in your portfolio is keeping you up at night. Given the disruption that's been occurring, a portfolio review makes sense.

### #3 - Do you have a solid protection strategy in place?

This is an opportune time to make sure that you and your family are adequately insured. Health insurance is a good place to start, particularly if your work situation has changed in recent months. The importance of adequate life insurance is more evident in times like these to protect the wellbeing of your family. Look at other protection options too, such as disability income insurance and long-term care coverage to meet specialized care needs, especially as you grow older.

### #4 - Is your financial plan still on track?

Finally, take a careful look at your overall financial plan. Are you still on track to achieve the key goals you initially established? Does your plan require adjustments based on circumstances that have changed? Given all of the events of recent months, this is the right time to review your plan to make sure you are still heading in the right direction.

Be sure to connect with your financial advisor to explore these questions in more detail and keep your financial life in order.

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## What taxpayers should do if they get a letter or notice from the IRS

Every year the IRS mails letters or notices to taxpayers for many different reasons

Here are some do's and don'ts for taxpayers who receive one:

- Don't ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. Each notice deals with a specific issue and includes specific instructions on what to do.

- Don't panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies do send letters by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the appropriate action.

- Don't reply unless instructed to do so. There is usually no need for a taxpayer to reply to a notice unless specifically instructed to do so. On the other hand, taxpayers who owe should reply with a payment. IRS.gov has information about payment options.

- Do take timely action. A notice may reference changes to a taxpayer's account, taxes owed, a payment request or a specific issue on a tax return. Acting timely could minimize additional interest and penalty charges.

- Do review the information. If a letter is about a changed or corrected tax return, the taxpayer should review the information and compare it with the original return. If the taxpayer agrees, they should make notes about the corrections on their personal copy of the tax return and keep it for their records.

- Do respond to a disputed notice. If a taxpayer doesn't agree with the IRS, they should mail a letter explaining why they dispute the notice. They should mail it to the address on the contact stub included with the notice. The taxpayer should include information and documents for the IRS to review when considering the dispute. People should allow at least 30 days for the IRS to respond.

- Do remember there is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer must contact the IRS by phone, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. The taxpayer should have a copy of their tax return and letter when calling the agency.

- Do avoid scams. The IRS will never contact a taxpayer using social media or text message. The first contact from the IRS usually comes in the mail. Taxpayers who are unsure if they owe money to the IRS can view their tax account information on IRS.gov.

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### Dr. Lance Grahn chosen new Cortland Rotary president

Dr. Lance Grahn, former Dean and Chief Administrative Officer of the Kent State University Trumbull campus, has been chosen president of the Cortland Rotary Club. He succeeds Dr. Thomas Montgomery, who completed his second term in the Rotary post.

Grahn and his wife, Dianne, moved to this area from Conway, Ark. in 2015 and he served the Trumbull campus for four years. During his leadership,

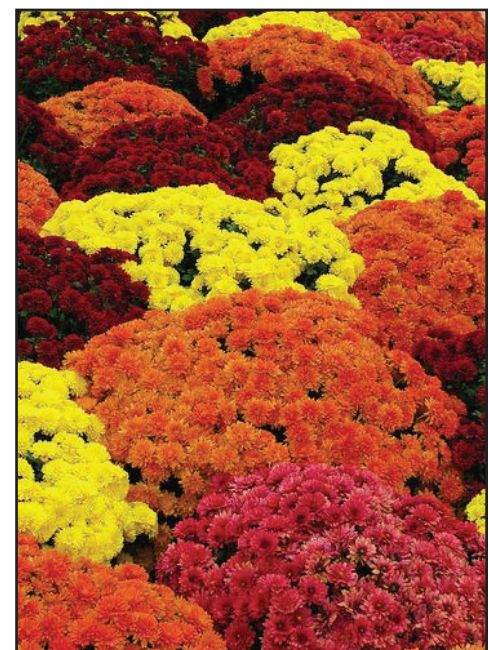
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### Cortland's Four Seasons Garden Club offers annual mum pre-sale

The Four Seasons Garden Club is holding its annual mum pre-sale until Aug. 17. There will be a variety of colors including white, yellow, dark red, pink/purple, orange and bronze. The mums come in 8" pots, at \$5 each, or 3 for \$14; 12" hanging baskets at \$17 each; and one-half bushel baskets, two at \$23.50 each.

If you are looking for a beautiful way to decorate your home this fall and a way to support a local organization, contact [cortlandfourseasons@gmail.com](mailto:cortlandfourseasons@gmail.com) and send a name and phone number so club members can call you about your order. All pre-orders must be placed by Aug. 17. Mums will be available for pick up on Sept. 11.



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proceeds from this event will benefit the children served by the Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry and the Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten.

To be guaranteed a race t-shirt and finisher medal, registration must be received by Oct. 7. Also, back by popular demand is "Run for a Nun." Participants can sign up to run in honor of an Ursuline Sister. Online registration and sponsorship opportunities are available on the race website at [www.runsignup.com/nunrun](http://www.runsignup.com/nunrun). If you have any questions, please call 330-793-0434 or email [info@ursulinesistersaids.org](mailto:info@ursulinesistersaids.org).

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## Receive 10 free trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August

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The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Norway spruce trees truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "White flowering dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter."

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

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trees, join online at [arborday.org/august](http://arborday.org/august) or send a \$10 membership contribution by Aug. 31 to:

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## Dr. Lance Grahn...continued from page 14

the campus set four consecutive annual fundraising records, stabilized enrollment, improved retention, offered its own study abroad courses and reinstated collegiate athletics after a 20-year hiatus. He also formulated a strategic vision plan, accelerated community partnerships, earned official "Military Friendly" status, hired the campus' first full-time mental health counselor and started the construction of a new state-of-the-art nursing lab.

Grahn continues to participate in the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention and currently serves on the governing boards of the Ohio Humanities Council, the Trumbull County Historical Society, Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery

Board, Trumbull Regional Medical Center and St. John's Episcopal Church.

He served on the boards of the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber, the Eastern Ohio Education Partnership and the United Way of Trumbull County. In 2018 he was named a Community Star by the Warren Tribune Chronicle and Trumbull 100.

Grahn received his PhD in Latin American history from Duke University. He did research in several Latin American countries and taught in Brazil. While in Wisconsin, he received Marquette University's highest faculty award for Teaching Excellence.

Grahn and his wife reside in Bazetta, having chosen to retire in the Mahoning Valley.



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# FROM the Garden

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

Petunia hybrids are tremendously popular annuals used as bedding and container plants, needing a long growing season. The modern petunias are derived mostly from the crossing of two native Argentinian species.

A member of the Nightshade Family (Solanaceae), petunias are related to the potato, tobacco, tomatoes, peppers and eggplants. This summer I am using four different petunias in my garden. This spring I ordered two pink double wave hanging baskets and one flat of Dreams Red grandiflora petunias from the Four Seasons Garden Club flower sale. While I liked the hanging baskets, they were pretty, good color and full, I love, love, loved the red petunias.

Grandiflora petunias were developed in the 1950s for use in containers and hanging baskets. They have very large funnel shaped flowers. Dreams Red petunia is a large bright solid red flower measuring up to 4 inches across and has an even growing habit, meaning there is always bloom. It likes sun to part-sun, the growth habit

is upright to mounding, free flowering and fragrant. Dreams Red grows 10 to 14 inches tall. The color is gorgeous.

When I needed fresh flowers to fill five window-box type containers, to set on the walls around our patio, I decided to use Easy Wave Yellow petunias. This petunia is a mound forming spreading petunia with masses of soft yellow blooms. Fast growing, Easy Wave Yellow is dense and full and can cover a large area in the garden. It can also fill and drape gracefully from hanging baskets and containers. It is heat tolerant, needs to be this summer, and attracts hummingbirds. I am not using it with other flowers so nothing is detracting from the soft color.

The fourth petunia is another Wave planted directly in the garden to fill empty spaces. The Blue Wave petunia is like having a blue velvet carpet edging my garden. It is blending quite well with the soft purple of the geranium "Rozanne" and with the red of gomphrena "Strawberry Fields" across the way. This wave was bred

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## Cortland Rotary Club donates garden shed to Lakeview School

The Rotary Club of Cortland recently donated a garden shed to the new Lakeview Middle School for its rooftop garden. Donna Zuga, a member of the Lakeview School Board and Rotary board member, said the shed gift was supported in part through a District 6650 Rotary Foundation Grant. Velina "Jo" Taylor, Lakeview schools superintendent and a member of the Rotary club's Vocational Service committee, said the shed adds to the school's outdoors learning space and brings together the school and community. The shed will be used to house gardening materials.

"The rooftop garden learning space offers learners a chance to gain hands-on knowledge beyond four walls of the classroom," Taylor said. She said the school had earlier partnered on the program with the Four Seasons Gardening Club and the Ohio State Extension Service.

Lance Grahm, Cortland Rotary president, said the shed gift continues the club's financial and volunteer support for Lakeview Schools, including scholarships, training opportunities, food pantry, school music and theater programs, and more.



*From left are Donna Zuga, Rotary board member; Lance Grahm, Cortland Rotary president; and Jo Taylor, Lakeview school superintendent.*

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for garden performance, the vigorous stems can spread 3 to 4 feet during the season. It is easy to grow and flowers freely.

Wave petunias require no deadheading to keep them flowering freely. As the flowers wilt and dry up, they fall naturally from the plant and new blooms take their place. Deadheading only HAS to be done on regular petunias that form seeds. Deadheading is clipping the stem below the spent flower. You can't just pick off the wilted flower. You have to remove the seeds that are below the flower. If you use scissors to clip the stem below the flower, off come the seeds. The plant will continue to flower instead of making seeds.

All petunias will benefit from a pinching when the branches start to get long and you can see where all the previous flowers were along the stem. Time to cut back, refresh the plant and promote bushiness.

Why are petunias so sticky? I used to be one of those gardeners who avoided growing petunias because I didn't like the gooey sap getting on my fingers and scissors when I did routine pinching and deadheading to make the plants look nice. According to the Utah State University Extension, this goo is believed to be protection against thrips and aphids. Who knew? I just wash my hands more often.

Luckily, petunias are heat tolerant. Even so, since most of mine are in containers, I water daily and use a liquid fertilizer every 7 to 10 days that is low in phosphorus. Those planted in the ground are watered less often. When I water, I water the soil, not the flowers or the leaves, petunias are picky about wet flowers and leaves.

There are literally hundreds of named varieties of petunias. They are striped, veined, edged or solid in color. But there are only four categories and they are based on flower size and growth habit. GRANDIFLORA petunias have the largest flowers. MULTIFLORA petunias have the most flowers though somewhat smaller. MILLIFLORA petunias are miniature in plant size and flower size. SPREADING types are fast growers and can fill large spaces.

Some petunias are suited for containers others for the garden. Whether you like the old fashioned types or the fancier, newer varieties, there is a petunia for you.

Happy gardening!

*Kathleen Ferris is a Trumbull County Ohio State Extension Master Gardener and a Cortland resident.*



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## Richard E. Masters



Richard E. Masters, 95, peacefully passed in his sleep of natural causes on June 5, 2020. He was a longtime resident of Cortland, Ohio, and was living recently near family in Downers Grove, Ill. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Joyce Masters.

Dick was born in Elkton, Mich., and served in WW II in the U.S. Army Air Force. He worked for many years in the Chicago area as a sales representative for steel manufacturers. Dick moved to Ohio in 1970 as VP and National Sales Director of Niles Expanded Metals and subsequently Chandler Metals. He also worked as a principal for Vanetta Preheating Systems in Warren where he negotiated international contracts. Following his career in the steel business Dick served as a management consultant and worked in real estate with his son James Masters C.A.R.E. and was a Warren Area Board of Realtors member for 22 years.

Dick and his wife Joyce were co-owners of the Old Mill Gallery in Cortland from 1979-2018. Together they introduced several nationally known artists including David Armstrong, Pat Buckley Moss and Alan Maley. Dick and Joyce lovingly maintained the beautiful Cortland landmark on the waterfall and graciously invited hundreds of school children to tour the historic Old Mill throughout the years.

Richard is survived by the love of his life Joyce Masters, children Barbara Masters (Andy Packhem), Richard Masters Jr. (Patricia), Kathryn Morton (Samuel), James Masters (Carol) and Robert Masters (Sandra); and grandchildren, Dylan and Jameson Rehm, Joseph Packhem, Carl, Joel and David Masters, Nathan and Nigel Morton, Olivia (Masters) Sadie, Andrew and Jessie Masters (Chamberlain), 14 great-grandchildren and counting.

Richard Masters is interred in Union Cemetery in St. Charles, Ill. Arrangements were made through Ahlgrim Funeral Home in Elmhurst, Ill. Memorial gifts may be sent to Baker Memorial Methodist Church, St. Charles, Ill. or to Boy Scout Troop 14 at the church.

## Warren-Trumbull County Public Library to add hours and services at all locations

Libraries in the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) system has added more hours and additional services at all locations.

Following a two-and-a-half-month shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the six libraries in the system reopened June 1 with limited hours and services but are now able to offer more. Jim Wilkins, W-TCPL director, said now that social distancing guidelines and protocols are well established and cleaning and disinfecting supplies are more readily available, the libraries are able to resume some of their previous services.

"Balancing staff and patron safety with needed services is our overall goal," Wilkins said. "In addition to the books, videos and other materials customers borrow, the library plays an important role in making public computers and printing services available to the community.

"We know our customers are looking forward to being able to access more library services once again, and we are happy we can add these additional hours to make it even more convenient to visit the library," Wilkins said.

New evening hours and Saturday hours will be added. The first hour of each day continues to be reserved for library customers at higher risk for severe illness, including adults age 65+ and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions. For a complete list of new hours, visit the library website at [www.wtcpl.org](http://www.wtcpl.org).

To facilitate the additional hours and services, 28 W-TCPL staff members who were furloughed in May are being recalled.

The Adult Computer Area at the Warren Library will reopen with nine public computers available. Additional computers will be added for public use at each branch library. Library cardholders may use a computer at no charge for a one-hour session each day. Due to the limited number of available public computers, it is suggested that a reservation be made by calling any library location.

- Printing, copying, and FAXing will be available for a fee at all locations.
- Single-use tables will be placed in each library. Customers will be asked to limit visit time in the library to

no longer than 1 hour.

- Library cardholders will be able to borrow items through the Interlibrary Loan and the SearchOhio services, which are resuming.

- All books, DVDs, and other library materials that are borrowed and then returned will be quarantined for 72 hours and then cleaned and sanitized prior to being put back on W-TCPL shelves. Customers are asked to return all library materials in the drop boxes located outside each building.

- Bookmobile service remains suspended at this time, however, the Mobile Library Express service maintains three stops in northern Trumbull County.

- The Local History & Genealogy Center in the Warren Library will remain closed to visitors. Genealogy research requests may be submitted through the contact form found on the library website or by emailing the Center librarian at [glasgowe@wtcpl.org](mailto:glasgowe@wtcpl.org).

- No library meeting rooms will be available for public use through the end of the year.

Although no in-person programming or events will take place in the libraries, a variety of online events are being scheduled. Visit the library website at [www.wtcpl.org](http://www.wtcpl.org) for upcoming events.

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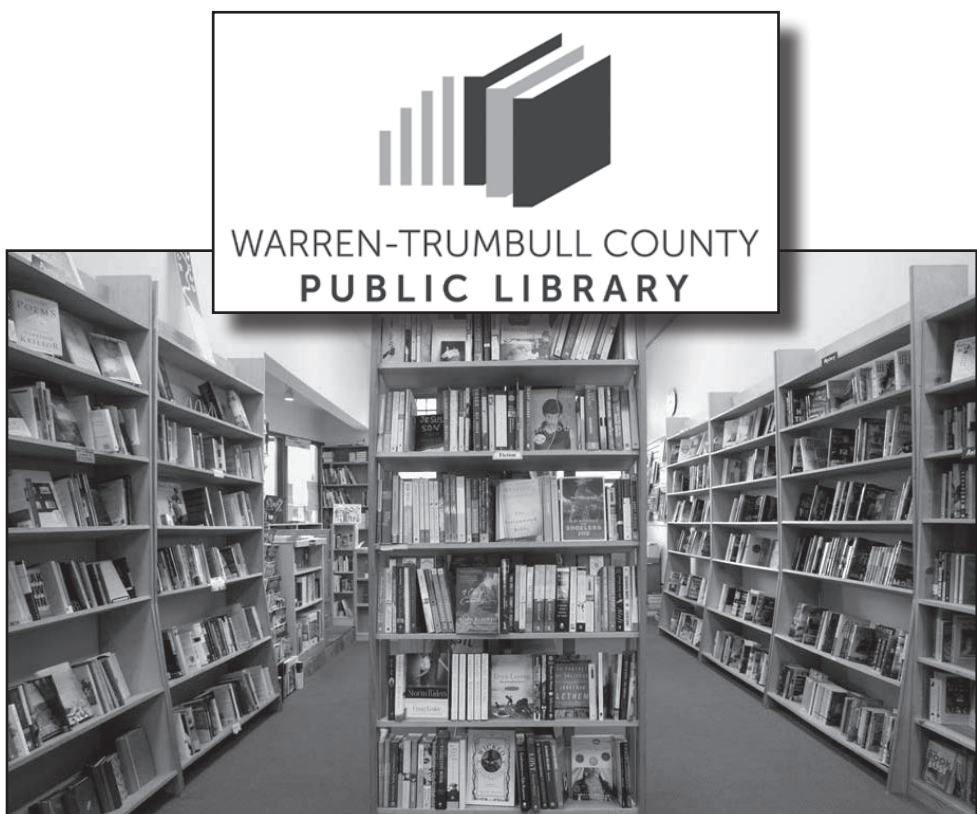
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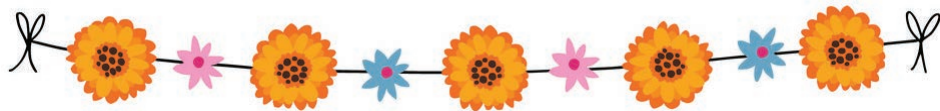
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