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Labor Day!

By Sally Lane

Most holidays, regardless of their original purpose, have an element of fun. We honor moms and dads, remember our war heroes, celebrate our country's independence, and feel uplifted on religious holidays

and gather together on Thanksgiving. Most events involve family dinners, picnics, and gifts or flowers. However, there is one nationwide holiday that was created to celebrate most of us - the workers who build and maintain this country's industries and businesses. Picnics - yes; flowers - no.

The first Labor Day observance was September 5, 1882, when a parade to celebrate workers was planned to exhibit to the public, "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations." After the parade there was to be a festival for the workers and their families. No speeches were included in the plans at that time... just fun.

What actually happened on that day in New York City is one of the most amusing examples of a good idea but a lack of attention to details - in my humble opinion! The following is a summary of "Labor Daze - Pride, Chaos and Kegs on Labor's First Day" published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

"On the morning of September 5, 1882, a crowd of spectators filled the sidewalks of lower Manhattan near

city hall and along Broadway. They had come early, well before the Labor Day parade marchers, to claim the best vantage points from which to view the first Labor Day parade. A newspaper account of the day described "...men on horseback, men wearing regalia, men with society aprons, and men with flags, musical instruments, badges, and all the other paraphernalia of a procession."

The marchers were lined up and ready to go when they discovered that there was no band - no music! "Just as spectators began to suggest that Grand Marshal of the parade should give up on the idea of parading, Mathew Maguire of the Central Labor Union of New York ran across the lawn and announced that 200 marchers from the Jewelers Union of Newark Two had just crossed the ferry - and they had a band!"

The band was escorted to the front of the parade, followed by the dignitaries. Spectators joined the parade. Final reports of the total number of marchers ranged from 10,000 to 20,000 men and women. By noon the parade had arrived at Reservoir Park,

the termination point of the parade, where there was a huge picnic, "an abundance of cigars and Lager beer kegs, mounted in every conceivable place." The picnic lasted until 9 p.m. where "nearly 25,000 union members and their families filled the park and celebrated the very first, and almost entirely disastrous, Labor Day."

Labor Day celebrations continued to gain popularity around the country. By 1894, 30 states had created a Labor Day holiday, so Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday for entire country. The day is now a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

At some point Labor Day became the official end of summer vacation for schools. Even though many schools now open a week or two before Labor Day, the holiday still serves as a "back to school" goalpost. It is the whistle at the end of recess. Time to line up and get busy!

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Event Calendar September 5 – September 26

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 6

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

SEPTEMBER

7 Labor Day

7 Cortland City Offices Closed

12 Charity Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street), to benefit the Rainbow Girls of West Farmington. See pg. 14

17 Jewish Community Center of Youngstown Suzi Solomon Golf Classic, Squaw Creek-Avalon Golf and Country Club, 761 Youngstown Kingsville Road SE, Vienna Center. jccyoungstown.org.

19 Autism Society of the Mahoning Valley Family Portrait Session, 9 a.m.-noon, Kinsman House, 303 Mahoning Court NW, Warren. See pg. 14

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Cortland Playroom will have a class available for those students whose parents choose to do virtual learning with them instead of in-person learning. Children attending kindergarten to 4th grade will be eligible. Space is limited so call quickly, 330-637-2296.

Roman Supply (formerly Buckeye Bulk) reminds you that it is time for fall garden prep. They have aged garden compost and leaf humus now available. If you want to combine it, they can layer it and deliver it in one truck to help mix it. They still have a full inventory of landscape materials including #3 River Stone both Gray and Brown "Straw" Screened Top Soil.

Vasilios is open for dine-in, carry-out or on their patio. Definitely my favorite Italian restaurant. Check them out before or after the game.

Did you see that **Brookside Greenhouse** is open again and has hundreds of locally grown garden mums? Nine inch mums, tri-color mums, patio mums, mum hangers. But get there quick because you know how fast they sell!

Cortland Lanes is taking registration for all leagues. Kids start Sept. 17. They have completely sanitized the facility and continue to sanitize and disinfect. Masks are required in compliance with state of Ohio regulations. Disinfectant is available throughout the facility, tables are spread out for social distancing, Plexiglas has been installed at the counter and the bar. All bowling balls will be sanitized before reuse. They are doing everything they can to keep you safe and comfortable. Don't forget

that **COSMIC BOWLING** is available Fridays after 9 p.m. and Saturdays starting at 5 p.m.

Girts Music 101.com brought back that unbelievable deal on instrument rentals again this year. Nothing like it anywhere. If you or your child are thinking about learning an instrument check them out-- AND they offer virtual lessons as well as in-person lessons.

Are you thinking about putting your home in a trust fund for estate planning? Do you know how that affects your home owners insurance? Check out **Greenwood Insurance's** ad and then give them call. You always get the best advice from a local professional agent.

Mark Thomas Ford is back open and selling cars like never before! Business is great probably because of their reputation as one of the most trusted dealers anywhere.

Auntie V's Pizzeria has a great deal for those school lunches. 20 Pepperonis Rolls for only \$20. SAVE 20%. Call at least 24 hours in advance.

Vlad Pediatrics reminds you that school is back in session - PLEASE drive carefully.

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!**

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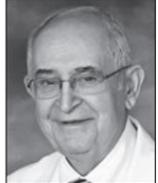
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'American Pickers' to film in Ohio

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Ohio! They plan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout the area in October.

We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at "American Pickers" are taking the

pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and CDC. While we plan to be in Ohio in October, we will continue to re-schedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking!



Frank and Mike from "American Pickers"

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on the History channel. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or

two about America's past along the way. Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick

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Packard Museum receives donation from Corvette Club

The Mahoning Valley Corvette Club donated \$1,654 to the National Packard Museum—the proceeds of the Corvette and Steel Car Caravan held on July 25 at the museum.

Due to the coronavirus, car shows and large gathering were halted, and museum operating funds typically generated by those events disappeared as well. In an effort to support the

museum and help to restore some of those funds, the Mahoning Valley Corvette Club came up with the idea of hosting the Caravan. Any make, model or year vehicle was welcome to participate if they paid the \$25 registration fee. A 50/50 drawing was also held. All proceeds of the event were for the benefit of the National Packard Museum. More than 80 vehicles



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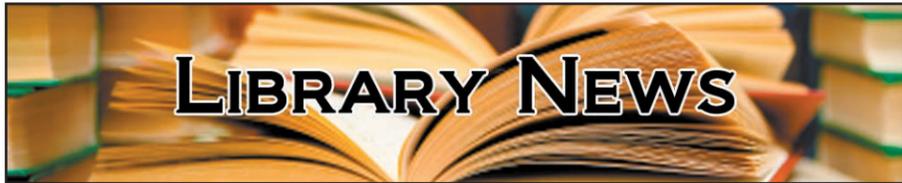
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participated from a wide geographic area and everyone observed social distancing and safety protocols.

The National Packard Museum and the Mahoning Valley Corvette Club thanks the Warren Police Dept. for their extraordinary support of the event. They also thank the Warren City Health Commissioner and the city operations department for their assistance with the event.

The Mahoning Valley Corvette Club was formed to "encourage interest in Corvettes and promote driving safety and good driving habits." The club and the museum have collaborated on several events over the past few years and next year they will again team up to bring guests to Warren from the National Council of Corvette Clubs 2021 Convention hosted in Cleveland.



Warren-Trumbull County Public Library announces arrival of new Bookmobile



The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) announces the arrival of a new Bookmobile to serve Trumbull County residents.

The new bus replaces the library system's current aging Bookmobile, which has been in service since 2007. The library Board of Trustees set aside funds every year since that vehicle was purchased so that money would be available when it became necessary to replace it. When mechanical and structural issues last year led to the decision to order a new vehicle, the library had the money saved for the purchase. Total cost of the new Bookmobile is about \$319,000.

"We are extremely pleased to offer residents this option to borrow materials from the library by bringing the library on wheels to their communities," said W-TCPL Director Jim Wilkins.

The custom Bookmobile took one year to build and was completed in August of 2020.

Summit Bodyworks Specialty Vehicles of Fort Lupton, Colo., a leading builder of bookmobile and community outreach vehicles, built the new W-TCPL Bookmobile. The library worked closely with the company to design storage and shelving features, with an emphasis on customer comfort, convenience, and safety.

The Bookmobile overall is 34 feet 4 inches long. The cab is a 2020 Freightliner M2, with a 24-foot box that holds the Bookmobile's collection of about 3,500 items.

Customers will be able to browse library materials placed on custom shelving along the interior of the bus, and both the front and rear checkout desks are equipped with Plexiglas.

The passenger side has an exterior

awning, and there are two solar panels on top of the vehicle.

The outside graphics on the bus represent the many materials library cardholders can borrow from the Bookmobile, including books, movies, and music. The opening musical notes of Ohio's official Rock Song, "Hang on Sloopy," are depicted along the top of the bus. Drawings of books along the sides represent different areas or highlights in Trumbull County, with titles such as "Along the Mahoning River," "Recipes from Vienna," "The Packard Family," and more.

In order to address safety concerns brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, an adjustment to the previous Bookmobile schedule was necessary. The new Bookmobile will be making stops in Bloomfield, Greene, Farmington, Fowler, Mesopotamia, McDonald, Mineral Ridge and Southington.

The Bookmobile will be in service three days per week, with two stops of 2.5 hours each day. This new schedule will allow staff to sanitize and re-stock the Bookmobile between stops.

The W-TCPL first instituted bookmobile service in 1938. Bookmobile service is free, and any W-TCPL library cardholder can check out and return materials. Last year 14,588 people were served by the Mobile Library Services Department, and they circulated 130,351 items, making it the second busiest W-TCPL service location.

Call the Mobile Library Services Department at 330-399-8807, ext. 203 for more information, or visit the library website at www.wtcpl.org for the current Bookmobile schedule and community stop locations.



Currie Elementary backpack giveaway

Abundant Grace Fellowship Church donated 155 backpacks to Currie Elementary for students in Grades K, 1 and 2. The backpacks were filled with the student's school supplies for the 2020-21 school year.

Members of the congregation met after church for a time of fellowship and food while filling the colorful backpacks.

The pastor of Abundant Grace Fellowship is Mike Nicholson. Besides Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Christian Leadership, Theology, and Divinity, he is a licensed and ordained minister. Mike is also currently serving part-time in the Ohio Army National Guard as a chaplain.

Abundant Grace Fellowship Church is meeting online during the pandemic. For more information visit AGF's Facebook page or www.agfministries.com/

All are welcome - Faith In Action.

Labor Day! ...continued from front page

Happy Labor Day! May this school year be one of progress into the new normal for education and all of us.

JoMarie's teaching safety procedures

JoMarie's School of Dance & Gymnastics is back teaching and working with the children of our community. They have put many safeguards in place including masks, temperatures being taken, and a sanitation station.

"Besides teaching dance, gymnastics, goal setting, camaraderie and self-discipline, we are teaching them the importance of sanitizing and taking care of each other," said owner JoMarie Ferrandino.



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What's "news" in the City of Cortland

By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

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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 final mosquito spraying of the year is scheduled for Sept. 16. It is set up for 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.

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 Sept. 28
Week of Oct. 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.

*Cortland has cardboard only recycling bins located at Willow Park.

Frequently Asked Questions
We receive many calls at City Hall regarding some of these questions. These answers, as well as others can be found on the city website.

Q: My streetlight is out, will you fix it?

A: The streetlights are maintained by Ohio Edison (with the exception of the decorative light posts on Main Street). Outages can be reported by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS or on their website www.firstenergycorp.com

Q: Can I get another recycling bin/garbage tote?

A: The city does not have these items. Republic Services 330-793-7676 is the company with whom we have a contract.

Q: Do I need a permit for a...?

A: Within residential districts, zoning permits are required for new dwellings, additions to dwellings, additions to attached garages, detached garages, sheds, fences, decks, patios, gazebos, above ground and below ground swimming pools. It is requested that property owners please contact the Service Director at 330-637-4637 prior to the start of any new construction project.

Splash Pad
The Pearl Park Splash Pad has been resurfaced. It will be ready for use next season!

Dates to Remember
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Trash collection will operate on a one-day delay that week.
Sept. 8 - City Council - 7 p.m.
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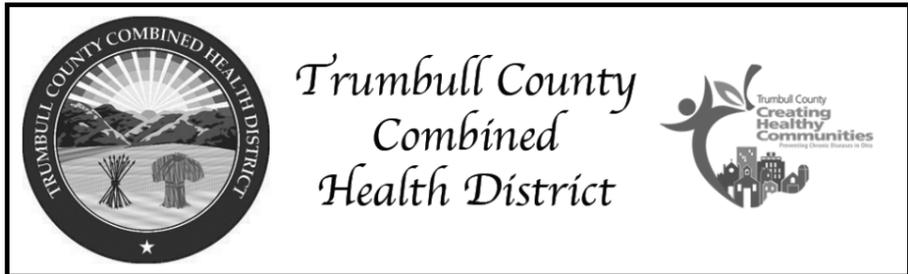
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Cessation help is available for all who wish to quit

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

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

The Ohio Tobacco Quit Line is confidential and free of charge. Call 1-800-784-8669 (1-800-QUIT NOW) or www.smokefree.gov. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, languages such as Spanish, Japanese, Thai-Loatian, Pujabi, Tagalog, Hmong, Hindi, Cambodian Korean, Vietnamese, French and TTY are available. Chinese, Mandarin Chinese-Cantonese Chinese (1-800-838-8917), Korean (1-800-556-5564), Vietnamese (1-800-778-8440).

Eligible recipients may receive up to eight weeks of their choice of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges sent directly to their homes.

A CDC funded cancer and tobacco disparity network called LGBT Health link is a community-driven network of experts and professionals enhancing LGBT health by reducing tobacco, cancer and other health disparities in our communities. They can be reached

by calling 954-765-6024 or HealthLink@Lgbtcenters.org.

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

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

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

For more information on Quitting smoking go to smokefree.gov.



Alcohol use has increased during pandemic

Alcohol consumption has increased dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic said the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board (TCMHRB). Recent statistics released by Nielsen, report that alcohol sales have increased by 55 percent (beer sales increased 42 percent; wine sales increased 66 percent; spirits sales such as tequila, gin, and pre-mixed cocktails increased 75 percent).

"The number of people seeking treatment for alcohol use disorders in Trumbull County has increased over the past two years," said Lauren Thorp, director of recovery and youth programs for the TCMHRB.

"Since COVID-19 was very identified in March of this year, we have seen almost a 25 percent increase in persons seeking treatment services who identify alcohol as their primary drug of choice," said Gary Seech, regional director of operations at Glenbeigh. "The volume of alcohol consumed has also been much higher. Patients have indicated that social isolation and the media's nominalization of drinking at all times of day and night, as contributing factors to their alcohol use."

An estimated 88,000 people die from alcohol-related causes annually, making alcohol the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States. The first is tobacco and the second is poor diet and physical inactivity, according to the National Institute on Alcohol abuse and Alcoholism (NIH).

Most significantly, alcohol has

proven to be even more deadly than illicit drugs, including opioids. In 2017, there were nearly 70,000 drug overdose deaths — about 2,300 fewer than deaths involving alcohol, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"If you find yourself sleeping too much or not enough, drinking alcohol to help you cope or engaging in other destructive behaviors, please contact one of our contract agencies," Thorp said. "Local substance abuse agencies are open and providing services. Please call 211 or visit www.trumbullmhrb.org to get the help you need."



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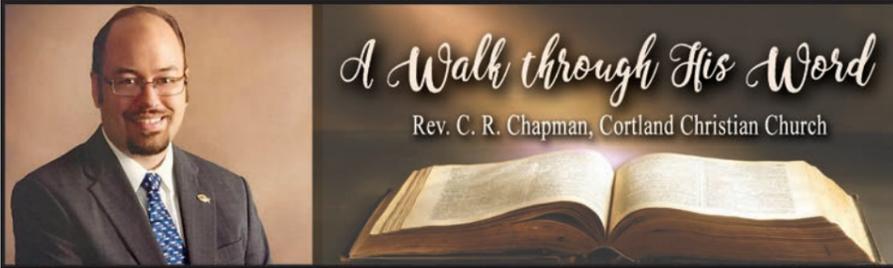


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"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."
Mark 6: 31



Wore out my rocking chair last week. Wasn't intentional - or maybe it was. Let me tell the story and you decide. Ten days off. Man, I have ten days off - in a row, that is! Head home on my last day worked - Lorra has our bags packed - and we "make tracks" to Paradise Lakes. Cross the "Dam Road" and make a left to our camp - unload bags - grab a "brew" - slouch back in my favorite rocking chair. Spent the next 10 days "a rockin'". A little "R&R" never hurt anybody and I was way past due. How about you? Do you have time for rest and relaxation penciled in on your calendar? Remember the adage: "All work and no play makes Johnny (or Susie) a dull boy (or girl)."

A couple weeks ago, I was heading north on Elm Road and passed a church just south of TMMG. The church wasn't remarkable, but the message on the church sign spoke volumes: "Jesus knows me - this I love." Jesus knows

me - knows me better than I know myself - knows what will do me good and what will do me harm. It's evident in the passage memorialized above. Let me give you some context. Jesus commissions and sends his disciples to be about ministry. Upon their return, the twelve are excited about all they have accomplished. They must have "chewed his ear" for a long minute. When their tongues finally cease a "waggin'", Jesus says: "Let's go away - take a vacation. Let's find a quiet place where the "noise" of this world will not impinge. We need to take time to recharge our batteries!" Quite simply, they took a vacation.

I have discovered that Jesus' call to the twelve applies pretty well in our crazy, hectic, confusing world. Seems we're always on the run, if not at work, surely at home. Adding to our dilemma is the unspoken rule that "busy-ness" is good and relaxation implies "slackerdom." Fact of the matter is a well-balanced life includes a generous dose of each. If this article speaks to you, what are you waiting for? If it doesn't speak to you, set down your calendar, your cell phone, log off your computer - and give another listen. Remember: Jesus always knows best.

Celebrating Labor Day, remember God's original purpose of work

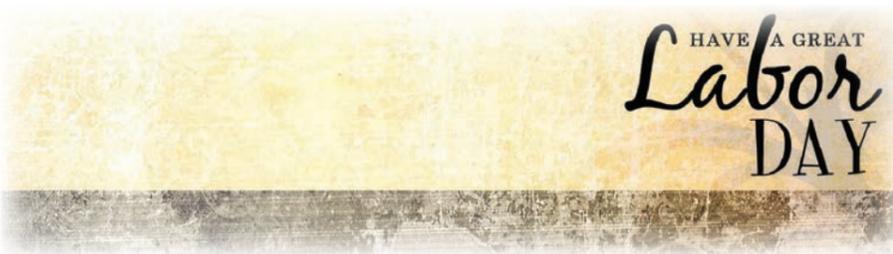
With Labor Day here many companies have given their employees a day off to celebrate the work that they have labored all year in doing. There is no doubt that the hard and diligent work of the worker should be celebrated, but let me present you with a different perspective that the worker should also be mindful of.

Genesis 2:15 says, "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it," (ESV). From the beginning humans have had their assigned work, but the work that was intended for us then is not the same as the work that we do now. The concept of working and keeping the Garden of Eden no doubt involved some physical work, but when one looks at the Hebrew verbs that are used here, a conclusion can be formulated that the work in the Garden of Eden involved spiritual service, that is worshiping and obeying God. Many people do not consider this aspect of work as they go about their

daily labor, but they should.

Laboring today is a rigorous task, but it was not supposed to be that way. It is because the first humans allowed sin to enter into this world that the labor of all mankind has increased. Because the first human, Adam, sinned against God his labor was increased to a hardship in Genesis 3:17-19. The original task of labor did not go away. The work of worshipping and obeying God did not cease, but a new kind of work was also established; the work that causes the sweat of the brow.

As people celebrate Labor Day may they indeed celebrate the work that they have accomplished, but may they also remember why their work is so toiling. It is because of the curse of sin, and in remembering this, may they also remember the original form of work that God wants from them above all else, spiritual service, that is worship and obedience. Happy Labor Day!



Cigarette smoking is down, but about **34 MILLION** American adults still smoke

Cigarette smoking remains high among certain groups

- Men
- Adults 25-64 years old
- Lower education
- Below poverty level
- Midwest and South
- Uninsured or Medicaid
- Disabled
- Serious psychological distress
- American Indians, Alaska Natives and Multiracial
- Lesbians, gays, and bisexuals

Strategies essential to continue reducing cigarette smoking overall

- Implement smoke-free laws
- Run mass media campaigns
- Raise tobacco prices
- Make quit help easy to access

CDC.gov/quit

DAR observes Equality Day

Five members of the Mary Chesney Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) participated in Equality Day, the day the 19th amendment was ratified. Although the program was cancelled, about 20 women walked from the Upton House to the Women's Park to commemorate this important day. From left are: Janet Schweitzer, Kim Welch, Diana Tripi, Bonnie Hood and Carol Olson.



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FROM the Garden

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

The phrase "Dog Days of Summer" always reminds me of growing up in the 1950s on South Street in Warren, Ohio. Especially memorable, those hot summer nights when houses lacked central air conditioning and cooling was done with a window fan or a box fan on the floor. Sometimes my older brother would sleep on the front porch and I camped in front of the screen door. I don't think our doors were ever locked at night.

In ancient Greece and Rome, the Dog Days were believed to be a time of drought, bad luck and unrest, when dogs and men would be driven mad by the extreme heat.

This period of sweltering weather coincides with the rising of the Dog Star, Sirius. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris, the "Greater Dog." Sirius is also the brightest star in the sky, second only to our Sun. The ancients believe the tandem rising of the two bright stars contributed/caused the extreme weather in mid to late summer. While I may not like hot, hot summer temperatures, there are plants that thrive with it.

After the explosion of color in the garden in early summer, it is not uncommon for perennial plants to look a bit tired and frazzled by mid-summer, but it doesn't mean they're done for the season. By giving them a good trim, cutting them back by about one-half their height after the first flowering is over, the plants will sprout new leaves and will re-bloom in late summer or in

fall. This works well on blanket flowers, catmints, coreopsis and salvias.

There are plenty of other perennials that can take the heat and keep their flowers colorful. Coneflowers, daylilies, bee balm, Phlox and rudbeckias are a few old favorites that can be depended upon to brighten the garden beds around your house through the summer months.

You don't need to live in the Tropics to enjoy huge hibiscus blooms. There are hardy hibiscus that grow in northern gardens, too. Heleniums, warm colored daisy-like flowers add strong form and color to the late summer garden along with the reliable tall garden sedums like "Autumn Joy."

Yes, the sweltering summer heat can be tough in the garden, but there are annuals like good old fashioned Marigolds with their cheerful orange and yellow flowers blooming their hearts out as other plants are groaning in the heat. Lantanas like it hot and humid, and are partial to afternoon sun. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love them. Tall and showy Cosmos can take heat, drought and poor soil. A lot of flower color with little maintenance. Geraniums, salvias, pentas, vinca and zinnia flowers also perform well in the late summer garden.

The Dog Days may have past, but the heat goes on.

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



3 technologies to help you feel connected to far away loved ones

(StatePoint) When it's not possible to be near loved ones, being connected becomes more important.

Here are three technologies to feel closer to friends and family, wherever they may be:

Stream in Sync

Streaming services like Netflix are introducing new features allowing users to watch programming in sync with their friends. Whether it's the latest episode of your favorite reality game show or a movie you've all been excited to see, now you can host a virtual movie night or watch-party and share your reactions to the show in a real-time chat room.

Keep the Time

A globally-minded timepiece can help you feel more connected by displaying the time of where your friends and family are located. And the Casio Edifice EQB1000 is especially informative. The watch's main dial

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What you should know about crowdfunding

By Patrick Denier
 Investigative Unit of the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section.

Crowdfunding generally describes the funding of a project, business venture or charitable cause through a series of small contributions from a large number of people.

Although crowdfunding as a concept has been around much longer than the term, its use has expanded rapidly with the advent of the internet. For the unwary, the worldwide reach of the internet can be both a boon and a trap when it comes to crowdfunding.

Among the most popular crowdfunding websites are GoFundMe, Facebook, PayPal, Indiegogo, Kickstarter, CircleUp and Causes. Most of these platforms operate similarly by providing a simple and efficient way to raise money, sometimes in exchange for a percentage of each contribution.

When it comes to any online exchange of money, the opportunity for abuse is ever-present. What follows are some tips for navigating the crowdfunding scene. Though not exhaustive, the list serves as a solid place to start for those wishing to do good.

Pick Your Platform Wisely

You can limit your chances of falling prey to scam artists by choosing a reliable platform.

GoFundMe, for example, assures potential donors that it "carefully" reviews each campaign and takes "swift action" to address misleading campaigns.

Indiegogo employs a "trust and safety" team to conduct automated and manual reviews of campaigns in order to detect abuse. The platform also includes a link on every campaign page allowing donors to report anything that they find suspicious. Facebook and other crowdfunding platforms offer similar safeguards.

Do Your Homework

You should take time to research the person or organization that you are thinking about funding before you click the "donate" button. A few minutes on Google can save you the grief and pain of falling victim to scammers.

Resources such as the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Better Business Bureau, the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search, Charity Navigator, Candid and the Ohio Secretary of State are among the many places you can learn about a person or an organization asking for your money. You can also ask family and friends whether they know about a particular person or group.

For charities in particular, the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section compiles a list of all charities registered in the state of Ohio. Furthermore, any charity seeking donations in Ohio must first register before asking you to give.

Crowdfunding campaigns are not always for charitable organizations.

They can include individuals expressing a need (and that "need" can be anything) to a start-up company looking to launch its business. Don't be afraid to ask questions before you give money.

Find out where the money goes and whether your entire donation will be used for the campaign's purpose. The telemarketers of yesteryear are now using the internet to contact potential donors. Be aware that some professional solicitors are paid handsomely to raise funds on behalf of their clients and that much of what you think you are giving to a cause or charity actually pays the salaries and overhead of the company hired to contact you. Although the concept of crowdfunding seeks to avoid the paid solicitor by connecting with potential donors directly, the paid positions undoubtedly exist in some crowdfunding campaigns, too.

One final note: Ask, then confirm, that your donation is tax-deductible, especially if such a factor is important to whether, and to whom, you give.

Choose the Right Payment Method

The way you pay can afford you greater or less protection. Virtually every credit card and even some bank accounts offer protection from fraud. Contact your bank or credit card issuer before you give to learn what protections exist in the event that all is not what it seems with the person or organization you want to help.

Newer alternative payment methods may or may not provide fraud protection. PayPal, for example, specifically excludes donations made through crowdfunding platforms from its payment protection coverage. On the other hand, GoFundMe has the "GoFundMe Guarantee," which offers to refund your donation (up to a maximum of \$1,000) or provide other remedies. As with many guarantees, exclusions do apply.

How an Attorney Can Help

The best way to protect yourself is to do research on the organization, platform and payment method you use when donating to crowdfunding efforts. If you are the victim of a scam or fraud, an attorney can assist you in recovering your money.

About the Author

Patrick Denier is the supervising attorney of the Investigative Unit of the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section. To learn more about Ohio charities, or to file a complaint, please visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Business/Services-for-Charities.

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This may be the time for a Roth IRA conversion

Roth IRAs are generally considered among the most attractive retirement savings vehicles available to individual investors. They offer the unique potential to grow investment earnings without incurring any income tax liability, if qualifying distributions are made.

It's important to note that how much you can contribute to a Roth IRA depends on your tax filing status and modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). For a single filer in 2020, your income must be under \$139,000 (or \$206,000 if you're filing jointly) in order to contribute.

Beyond making regular contributions to a Roth IRA, the other way to take advantage of this savings tool is to move money from a traditional IRA or workplace savings plan to a Roth IRA. These are referred to as Roth IRA conversions. Now may be an opportune time to give this idea a closer look. Here's what you should know:

A taxable transaction

The key factor affecting the decision to pursue a Roth IRA conversion is the tax impact. Remember that some or all of the distributions from traditional IRAs are taxed at ordinary income tax rates. If contributions were made on a pre-tax (tax-deductible) basis, the entire amount of the withdrawal is subject to tax. If after-tax contributions funded a traditional IRA, only the portion of the distribution attributable to investment earnings is taxable.

With a Roth IRA, all contributions occur on an after-tax basis. If holding period requirements are met, all distributions can be received on a tax-free basis.

Moving money from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA is a taxable event at the time of the conversion. Consider an example of converting a portion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. If all contributions to the traditional IRA were made on a pre-tax basis, the entire value of the converted amount is added to your ordinary income for the year and subject to tax at applicable rates.

Make tax-smart conversion decisions

If we assume this conversion totaled \$100,000 and an ordinary income tax rate of 24% applies to the converted amount that results in a tax liability of approximately \$24,000. It is often recommended that you pay the tax due from available resources in existing taxable accounts. This allows the entire amount converted to be shifted to the Roth IRA, maximizing the long-term tax benefits of the conversion.

You don't have to convert all of your IRA assets at one time. It can occur over a series of years to spread out the tax impact. Remember that income is taxed on a progressive scale across a range of tax brackets. You may want to convert an amount that will stay within your current tax bracket. For example, a married couple expecting to have a taxable income of \$100,000 for 2020 will be in the 22% federal income tax bracket. That bracket for married filing jointly continues to apply to taxable income up to \$171,050. Therefore, they could convert an additional \$71,050 without any of the converted amount slipping into a higher tax bracket.

The timing may be right

Another consideration relates to the future of tax rates in America. Current income tax rates are near their lowest levels in recent history. There is concern that due to skyrocketing federal debt (much of it spurred on by recent stimulus legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic), tax rates may rise in the future. By taking the tax hit at this time when you convert funds to a Roth IRA, you may ultimately pay less in tax on your IRA than if you waited to take distributions later, assuming tax rates are higher.

Roth conversions can be a very effective tool both in terms of tax management and in helping generate greater after-tax cash flow in retirement. But the process can be complex. Be sure to consult with your financial advisor and tax advisor for more guidance.

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Important things all extension filers should remember

October 15 is almost here. That's the last day to file for most people who requested an extension for their 2019 tax return. These taxpayers can file any time before Thursday, Oct. 15 if they have all their required tax documents. They can also pay part or all of their taxes anytime on IRS.gov.

Here are some key reminders for extension filers.

Use IRS Free File. Nearly everyone can e-file their tax return for free through IRS Free File. The program is available on IRS.gov now through Oct. 15. E-filing is easy, safe and the most accurate way for people to file their taxes. File to get a refund. Anyone due a refund should file as soon as possible and use direct deposit to get their tax refund electronically deposited for free into their financial account. There is no penalty for filing a late return for people who are due a refund.

Pay tax balance as soon as possible. The deadline to pay 2019 income taxes was July 15, 2020. Taxpayers can check their account balance or view payment options online. Those who owe and can't pay their balance in full should

pay as much as they can to reduce interest and penalties for late payment. Pay taxes online for free from a checking or savings account with IRS Direct Pay. File by the deadline to avoid penalties and interest. Taxpayers should file by Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 to avoid a failure-to-file penalty.

What taxpayers should do about a missed deadline. Anyone who did not request an extension by this year's July 15 deadline should file and pay as soon as possible. This will stop additional interest and penalties from adding up. More time for the military. Members of the military and others serving in a combat zone get more time to file. These taxpayers typically have until at least 180 days after they leave the combat zone to both file returns and pay any taxes due.

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Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital names new medical director

Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital is proud to announce that Brandon Weeks, MD, has been named medical director of the facility. Dr. Weeks is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and has been a physician at Hillside since October 2017.

Dr. Weeks earned his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) in Rootstown and completed a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. His clinical interests include acute inpatient rehabilitation, Electromyography (EMG) and conservative musculoskeletal care.

“I am excited about taking on this leadership role at Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital,” said Dr. Weeks. “Hillside has earned a reputation as a nationally recognized rehabilitation facility and has the most dedicated, committed and highly-skilled staff. We produce the highest-quality outcomes and we will continue to focus on patient safety, experience and quality measures.”



Brandon Weeks, MD

When do I sign up for Medicare?

By Jill Freeman
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If you are receiving Social Security payments, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B starting the month you turn 65. If you are not receiving Social Security, you will need to sign up for coverage and can start the process three months prior to your birthday month.

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New memorial highway has Cortland connection

By Sally Lane

It has been 67 years since Patrolman James A. Fredericka was on duty while responding to an accident report. The road was wet and slippery, and his car slid off the road and crashed. Eight days later, April 30, 1953, he died from his wounds.

Patrolman Fredericka had married Dolores Pestalozzi of Cortland in April of 1950. They were the parents of two children at the time of his death and were expecting another. At that time, they lived in Niles.

Sympathy poured from the Niles and Cortland communities while Dolores's family supplied the needed support to sustain her through this rough time. After moving back to Cortland and the birth of her child, she was able to use her education from Cortland High School and Warren Business College to support her young family. For the next 40 years, Dolores

held many jobs around the Cortland area. She was a member and clerk of city council for several years. Dolores loved her hometown and was a working supportive member of several community organizations. Dolores died in July of 2002.

Dolores always kept the memory of her husband alive for her children by supporting the Ohio State Highway Patrol. She would have been pleased to know that the Patrolman James A. Fredericka Memorial Highway was dedicated Aug. 24, 2020. Their three children: Theresa Fredericka, James J. Fredericka, Frank Fredericka, and other close family members, including nephew Judge James Fredericka, attended the ceremony that proved to be an emotional event. The highway runs north of Route 82 in Brookfield to Route 305 in Hartford.

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and date display "Home Time" (the time and date in the current location), while an inset dial at 3 o'clock displays "World Time" (the current time in over 300 major cities) in a 12-hour format. Its operations are easily managed via a connected smartphone, and its "Phone Finder" feature causes your phone to sound a tone even if it's in silent mode.

Workout, Together

Have a gym buddy or workout partner who is suddenly remote? New tools can help you motivate one another and stay fit together, even if you are

far apart. Some of the latest stationary bikes and treadmills on the market now allow you to connect to classes and coaches in real-time and have features that allow you to enjoy realistic city and countryside scenery as you sweat. Join the same class as a friend and compete against each other, or take a virtual tour of a city together.

Thanks to new technologies, the world doesn't need to feel so big. Embrace the tools that let you feel close and connected.

SCOPE continues online fitness programs

SCOPE Senior Services is the largest organization of seniors in Trumbull County with multiple centers providing recreational, educational, socialization and fitness programming. Although all of its centers are closed due to the COVID-19 crisis, SCOPE is streaming fitness classes through Zoom Meetings technology.

Karen Rutan Fitness who is SCOPE's SilverSneakers FLEX instructor is conducting classes every day. Call or text Karen at 330-647-8124 in order to learn how to sign up for any of her classes. She makes it easy as Karen sends out an email with the class sign up code the morning of each class.

Fitness classes happen online on Mondays at 11 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m.,

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m.

Rich Schlue of Total Lifetime Care, as well as The Trumbull County Senior Levy and SCOPE Senior Services, are sponsoring the online fitness classes.

SCOPE is also a partner with Steve Pelton of HChoices's "We Thrive Together" social isolation and loneliness initiative, which for the past six months have been providing online educational and health classes to seniors in the Mahoning Valley. Visit WeThriveTogether.org for additional details and class schedule listings. All of the programming is free and can be accessed by computer, smart phone or even traditional telephone. You can call Alyssa for more information at 330-727-9452.

Autism Society sensory-friendly portrait sessions allow time, space for comfort

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley announces its annual Family Portrait Session event thanks to the generous donations of local supporters for all Mahoning Valley families living with a child with disabilities. Normally the harsh flashing and tightly controlled environment of typical studios combined with unprepared photographers is often impossible to overcome. This event creates a liberal, open setting where family mementos can be created and cherished for years to come.

The prescheduled sessions will take place on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at the historic Kinsman House just off the Square in downtown Warren, 303 Mahoning Court NW. Participants will have their choice of indoor or outdoor settings depending on the weather.

Charity pancake breakfast returns Sept. 12 as a 'drive-thru'

The public is invited to enjoy a Saturday family breakfast, from 9 a.m. to noon, on Sept. 12 at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street), to benefit the Rainbow Girls of West Farmington. The event will be "drive-thru."

The charity breakfast was being held once every month at the Cortland Masonic Lodge until they were temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. The proceeds from each monthly breakfast is donated to a local charity.

The breakfast cost is \$7 for adults, and \$6 for youth age 6 to 10, and free for any children age 5 and under. The "take out" breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. The meals will be served at the lodge front door, so you won't need to get out of your car. Following the most recent social distancing guidelines, there will be limited seating inside the dining room.



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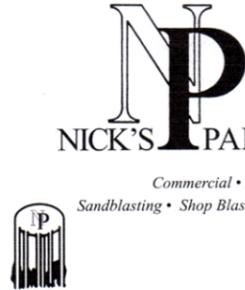
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