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## VIP Day at TES

Timmons Elementary School hosted "First Grade VIP Day" in April. Very Important People (VIP) Day provides students with the opportunity to share with their special guests about their school day. First Grade student Laniah Johnson is pictured with VIP Guest Clefondrus Ashford. During this event, students go over writing pieces from the school year, play math games that reinforce math skills, and read poems that feature their developing phonics and reading skills. Kenston Schools Photo.

## Springtime in Ohio

Oooh! The glorious hues and scents of springtime tickle our senses.

We are blasted from our cold weather ennui,  
and immerse ourselves in the  
loveliness of plant stores,  
which kindly indulge us.

Harsh winds on 50-degree days are followed  
by 80-degree temps.  
We shrug and quip,  
"We skipped spring again" as  
we head into summer weather.

We change clothes three times a day as the  
temperatures fluctuate wildly.  
(And we are grateful that we can do that.)

We simply cannot resist the urge to plant,  
and then rush to cover the tender flowers  
when temps drop...again...

Given all that, we wouldn't trade this  
fabulous season for anything, would we?

Anne E. North  
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## Raves for The Hunchback of Notre Dame Musical

Kenston Center Stage amazed viewers again this year with their musical talent and skill in this year's production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Whether it was the amazing singing and dancing or the emotions portrayed through acting, the students under the direction of Mrs. Shannon Wirthwein, Mrs. Julia Green and Mr. Jeff Link delivered a performance full of show-stopping acts that left audiences raving. Kenston Schools Photo.



## Kenston Hosts NE Ohio Bus Driver Road-E-O

Kenston Schools hosted the Northeast Region 2024 School Bus Driver Safety Regional Road-E-O. The School Bus Driver Safety Road-E-O is a friendly competition between school bus drivers that includes a driving course with a railroad crossing, a one-way road, maneuverability, and other occurrences that may occur while they are driving. Each participant must also complete a written test. These tests are designed to increase their operational and safety skills. Additionally, participants who score 80 percent or higher in total points may use this event for their recertification. Kenston Schools Photo.

**Our next issue will be delivered May 24  
and will include our Memorial Day Salute to Heroes as well as  
our final Spring Home & Garden Guide of 2024.**

**Editorial Deadline is May 10.**

**Advertising Deadline is May 15.**

**For more information, call us at 440-478-2950.**

## Inside this Spirit...

- We have had such overwhelming response to our Spring Home & Garden Guides that we are offering yet one more in the May 24 edition. Yes, there is always something to do around the domicile this time of year!
- And it a busy season! Graduations and First Communions are highlighted in this edition of the Spirit!





### Lord of Life Youth Group

It is almost summertime! The church believes ministry to youth is vital for the life of the church and even more important to the life of the youth. At Lord of Life, we believe that our youth need to be reminded that the church is a safe place to come, talk about the challenges and joys of life, and be reminded of God's unending love for them! Lord of Life offers many opportunities for the youth. Middle School, grades 6-8th, and High School, grades 9-12, meet throughout the year on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Teen Youth Life Center. At 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Middle School youth can join in worship and serve in ways throughout the congregation.

Our Middle School youth meet on the fourth Sunday of the month for a youth group afternoon at 3 p.m. This is a time for fellowship, fun, and learning. Three times a month the High Schoolers have opportunities to enjoy company together, build relationships, and learn together. All the youth have many opportunities throughout the year to learn to live out their faith not only in the church but out into the community.

For more information regarding the youth group or any other ministry of Lord of Life, contact the Church Office at 440-543-5505 or visit their website, loloh.org. Lord of Life is located at 17989 Chillicothe Rd. (just north of Rt. 422) in Bainbridge.



## Bainbridge Branch Updates

Connect and engage with your community and local library by attending one of Geauga County Public Library's programs. Visit our website, [GeaugaLibrary.net](http://GeaugaLibrary.net), and click on "Programs" to see a full calendar of our upcoming programs. Please include your email and phone number when registering for programs to receive updates about all our programs, as well as what is happening at your local libraries.

#### Discussion Groups

Monday, May 13 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. *Friends, Lovers, & the Big Terrible Thing* by Matthew Perry

Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. *Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

#### New Passport Fair

Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. In need of a passport? You're in luck! We've partnered with the Geauga County Clerk of Courts to provide you with a one-stop shopping experience to get you your next passport. Visit [GeaugaLibrary.Libcal.com](http://GeaugaLibrary.Libcal.com) for more info!

#### May the Fourth Be with You: Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m. Join your favorite librarians for a day of force-filled fun, crafts and games any Jedi would enjoy! Family program. Registration required.

#### Stop Dog Leash Pulling

Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. Listen as Johanna Teresi of Four Legged Scholars LLC discusses how to have more peaceful walks with your dog by teaching them to stop pulling. Registration required.

#### Look & Learn Library Databases: Rosetta Stone & Mango Languages

Friday, May 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. Stop by for our first program in our Look & Learn Library Databases series and learn how to learn a new language with the library's language learning databases, Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages. Registration required.

#### Pioneering Geauga County

Thursday, May 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. What was Geauga like before the pioneers? What peoples lived here? Who were the first to settle here and what were their experiences? Come learn the answers to these questions and more. Registration required.

## Bainbridge Memorial Day Parade, Service May 26

This year Bainbridge Township Memorial Day Parade and Service will be on Sunday, May 26. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. and proceed from Bainbridge Commons to Restland Cemetery for the service.

This year's speaker will be Army veteran, Linda Nutter, who is retiring this year from teaching second grade at Kenston Timmons Elementary School. Other participants will include Bainbridge Trustees and Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Police and Fire Departments, Bainbridge Civic Club, the Bainbridge Historical Society, area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and representatives from Kenston High School band and choir.



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### Reading Recommendations from a Casual Reader

Mary Swift, the previous author of this column, passed away this week. We bonded over a love of books, often texting ideas to add to our TBR (To Be Read) piles. When the libraries shut down during the early days of the pandemic, we traded physical books instead, a lifeline during those dark days. When she was ready to retire from writing this column she asked me to take it over. Despite my lack of journalism and writing background, she believed in me and I have always striven to continue her legacy and to make her proud. I will miss miss her.

Two-time National Book Award winner Jesse Ward's novel *Let Us Descend* is a masterful work as well as an Oprah Book Club pick. The title refers to Dante's epic poem, *Inferno*, in which a man descends the levels of hell. Annis, a young slave girl, does just that, enduring tragedy after tragedy, each more degrading and devastating than the last. Her connection to the natural world and her ancestors provide moments of love and ultimately guide her towards deliverance. This work drives home the endless horrors of slavery and will stay with you long after you turn the last page.

*Daybreak: A Novel* from former soldier Matt Gallagher is a timely narrative on soldiering, purpose, privilege and love. Luke "Pax" Paxton has been drifting since he left the military, carrying a tremendous psychological burden from a day in Afghanistan that went terribly wrong. He joins an old friend from his unit, Lee, to travel to the Ukraine after the Russian invasion. Lee goes on to join the fight, while Pax is left behind, looking for an old love who now lives in the city of Lviv. This novel has a lot to say about war and its effects on humanity, as well as what perpetuates the seemingly endless cycle of global conflicts.

My son and I have been listening to *The Secret Garden* audiobook and I am besotted with its beautiful descriptions of the natural world and the spring awaking of a walled garden, coinciding with a boy's journey back to health. Young Colin is a spoiled and pampered "raja," having been treated with kid gloves ever since the death of his mother when he was an infant. With the help of his cousin, Mary, newly arrived from India after the death of her own parents and equally spoiled herself, Colin finds the "magic" inside of himself to be courageous and strong enough to fully step into life.

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By Anne E. North

This is perhaps my favorite column of the year. I mean, who doesn't love doling out unsolicited advice? And I think it's telling that the people I usually hear from about my annual grad column are the grandparents! Really! One grandmother told us she taped the advice to her grandson's bathroom mirror. A classic: "You should have told them not to burp or fart in public!" Consider that chore accomplished, folks.

This year's column is addressed to our neighbor, Layla, who is completing her high school career and currently looking at colleges. I asked her mom, Sarah, what she plans to major in, and I was pleasantly surprised by the answer: "She wants to open her own bakery, so she is going to major in business!" No pie-in-the-sky (pun intended!) pipe dreams for this young woman! She knows that crafting confections is only one side of her future dream; she needs the business tools to be successful. And maybe she needs to hear my friendly advice, too! (And, like me, her parents are huge Dave Matthews Band fans, so the quote at the end is for them—and her!)

- The watermark of your graduating class, of course, was the pandemic.** That may define you in many ways, but don't let that event defeat you. If you need help with your mental health, seek it! Please!
- Even if you choose a career path you love, there will be days you are exhausted, in debt and frustrated.** Don't give up on your dream! Step back, re-group, cry, get some rest, maybe make a pro/con list and then carry on.
- Having a hobby is such a great way to "turn off" from work.** Whether you love to read or enjoy a sport or craft, find time to pursue your hobbies.
- Keep learning.** Beyond the high school or college classroom, learn just for the sheer enjoyment of it. Scout out a nearby museum, take an art class. Learning continues until you are old—if you are lucky!
- Find your moral compass.** Stay true to yourself and your beliefs. You have to face yourself in a mirror every day and sleep with your conscience every night.
- Make survival skills part of your learning.** Learn to cook, because you won't always be able to afford to eat out, and even prepared foods can be costly. Make your own cookbook of family recipes. Sharing food you have created with friends is a wonderful thing. Also, build a cache of good quality hand tools. You won't believe how often you will need them in your dorm room, first apartment, for life! Trust me on this.
- Find space in your life for a companion pet.** They are truly soulmates. If your circumstances don't allow it at some point, volunteer at a shelter. I've written numerous times that rescues and senior pets are worthy companions; they somehow know they have been given a second chance.
- Don't feel like you have to go to college.** It's not for everyone. We recently met a young man who has been an electrician for five years. It is evident that he loves his job. There will always be a need for the trades. (That being said, I would advise you to treat people in all walks of life with respect. Even if you earn a college degree, that does not make you "better" than the person who repairs your car or collects your trash. Remember that.)
- Travel.** There is nothing quite as exhilarating as traveling and meeting new people. You begin to see that we are all alike more than we are different. Maintain a travel fund, and throw a few dollars into it on a regular basis. One of my favorite quotes is Mark Twain's about travel: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts." Yes, we are one race—the human race.
- Likewise, find art or music you love and make that a part of your life.**
- Cultivate multi-generational friendships.** There is much to be learned from children and the elderly alike.
- Savor nature.** Whether you hike in a nearby park or plant a vegetable in a container, nothing "grounds" you as nature does. (And, please, pick up litter when you can. Mother Earth needs all the help you can muster!)
- Vote.** Keep up with current events and the state of the world. Your opinions matter. Write a Letter to the Editor. I am shocked when I hear young people say they are not interested in politics. Politics (and the politicians we elect) affect our everyday lives!
- Thank your mentors and parents.** Today. Take five minutes and write them a note of appreciation. Your thoughtfulness will be cherished.
- Be on time...for work, for appointments, and yes, for your friends.** It is the considerate thing to do.
- And speaking of being considerate, know when to put your phone down.** Life is not a spectator sport, people!
- Learn the value of bargain shopping—even at the grocery!** (That money you save can go into your Travel Fund!)
- Make kindness a habit.** Hold a door open for someone else. Lend a hand when you see your fellow human in need. Just do it.
- Know the value of a firm handshake.** I gave this advice to my niece as she was entering her career in banking 20 years ago. She has thanked me several times. Small things matter.
- Be safe.** Have your adventures—after all, it's been said that living the same life every year for 75 years cannot be called living—but err on the side of caution. There are people who would be devastated if something happens to you.
- ...learning continues until you are old—if you are lucky!*
- ...we are all more alike than we are different.*

Now go out into the world and change our planet for the better. We as a community gave you a great education. Soar with it!

*“Change the world/Start with one step.  
However small/First step is hardest of all.”*

—Dave Matthews Band  
"You Might Die Tryin'"



**OBITUARIES**

**Andrea J. White**

Andrea J. White (nee Horvath), age 71, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024. Wife of Philip H. White (deceased); loving mother of Christopher White; dear sister of Alan Horvath (deceased) and Anita Kranz (Vic); and loving aunt to Chelsea Kranz (fiance Brian Bower). She was preceded in death by her parents, Jean Hannes and Al Horvath.

Andrea worked in Chagrin Falls at Curtiss Clinic and Lake Hospital Systems in medical records. She loved her Solon High School classmates and remained friends with them until the very end. Andrea loved arts and crafts, card games, a good joke, guacamole and her second family at Ohman Family Living in Newbury, where she resided for the past 15 years.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Holly Hill for providing excellent care, both physically and spiritually for Andrea and a special thank you to the nurses and aides on the north wing. She loved you all! She is now free of her body and is flying in Heaven!!

In lieu of flowers donations in Andrea's honor can be made to the National MS Society, 900 South Broadway, 2nd Floor, Denver CO 80209 <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/> or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were handled by St. John Funeral Home, Bainbridge Twp. Burial was in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Chagrin Falls.

**Mary Louise Swift**

Mary Louise Swift, née Bunnell, of Estero, Florida, passed away on April 12, 2024. Born November 15, 1956 in Dayton, Ohio, to Gertrude and Walter Bunnell, she grew up in Sidney, Ohio, before attending Lehman High School, Sinclair Community College and The Ohio State University, where she graduated with a B.A. in journalism in 1978. She married her high school sweetheart, Christopher J. Swift, of Piqua in 1978, settling in Shaker Heights.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Chris; her three children, Jim (Mary), Betsy Porter (Rob), and Ali; grandchildren Bridget, Claire, Madeleine and Teddy; brother, Jeff Bunnell (Gerri); and in-laws Donald Swift (Anne), Mary Ann Hilgendorf (Dick, deceased), and David Swift (Karen). Dear aunt, great-aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Over her career, Mary was a journalist for the *Lake County News Herald*, following a collegiate career at OSU's *The Lantern*. She was a paralegal at Wuliger, Fadel, and Beyer, a legal assistant at Cochran & Cochran, and the much loved librarian at Saint Dominic School in Shaker Heights.

An avid musician, Mary played the church organ at Holy Angels in Sidney and was known for her ability to play the piano by ear. She was also a "Contest Mom," using her fast typing skills to enter, and win, many contests. Among major prizes: A Hummer 3 and many trips at home and abroad, including a trip to the ESPYs.

In the Shaker community she was an uber-volunteer, leading the FEA, the guild, and Boo Bazaar, a den mother and Cub Scout Pack 1's "Pop Colonel." Mary was known for her love of books (and her multiple book clubs), and Rick Steves-inspired travel. In retirement, she wrote "A Swift Look at Books" in *Spirit of Bainbridge*.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Mary Swift Memorial Fund at the Saint Dominic School Library or the Parkinson's Voice Project.

Arrangements were handled by Brown-Forward Funeral Home, Shaker Heights.

**Richard C. Diedrich**

Richard "Dick" Diedrich, age 90, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2024. Born on Jan. 31, 1934, to Frederick and Emily Diedrich, Dick was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and attended Beloit College. There he became a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and met his wife, Pat Zelenka. Dick and Pat married on July 20, 1957, and were fortunate to have spent 62 years together.

For 35 years, Dick worked as a district sales manager for Dun & Bradstreet. The company would later transfer Dick to Cleveland in 1971 where he and Pat settled in South Russell and lived happily for almost 50 years. He would go on to make many long-lasting friendships with his neighbors on Maple Hill Drive. He was one of the founding members of the Chagrin Athletic Association and long-time member of the Lions Club. After retirement he worked at Punderson State Park Golf Course. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports, tending to his yard, playing golf and reading books. Dick had a great sense of humor and was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all.

Dick is survived by his daughter Jill of St. Louis, MO and by his son Steve of Chagrin Falls; grandchildren Spencer (Megan) Diedrich, Nate Diedrich and Jillian Diedrich; great-grandson, Christopher Diedrich; niece Denise Close and nephew Rick Diedrich. He is preceded in death by his wife Pat, brother Fred Diedrich Jr., and sister-in-law Lotte Diedrich.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Hugh J. Morgan Sr.**

From the arms of his loving family to the arms of his loving God, Hugh J. Morgan Sr., age 93, entered eternal life on April 23, 2024. Hugh is the beloved husband of Doris Donovan Morgan (deceased), loving father of Patrick (Elaine), Hugh (Suzanne), Sheilah, Sister Gail, OP, Dennis (Eileen), Michael (deceased), and Brian; cherished grandfather of Eric (Renee), Kelly (Alan), Katie, Kristy (Nicolas), Alissa (Matt), Sean (Lauren), Tricia (Zachary), Colleen (Marshall), Bridget (Brandon), Jackie (Chris) and Sarah (John); great-grandfather of Abby, Emily, Anna, Caroline, Alex, Reagan, Emilie, Kennedy, Archie, Brienne and Quinn; son of the late Hugh J. and Catherine Moore Morgan; and brother of the late Kathleen, Charles, Eugene and Patrick.

Hugh is a proud alumnus of Saint Ignatius High School and John

Carroll University, earning a graduate degree in physics. He worked as an engineer for more than 30 years at Picker Corporation. Although Hugh was of pure Irish heritage, he was selected as the "Slovenian Man of the Year."

Funeral Mass was celebrated April 26 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Chagrin Falls, OH. Burial in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon Twp. Arrangements were handled by St. John Funeral Home, Bainbridge Twp.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hugh and Doris Morgan Scholarship at St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, Nashville, TN., or a charity of your choice.

**Albert F. Onchak**


Albert F. Onchak (April 16, 1933 – April 25, 2024), age 91, of Shalersville, Ohio.

Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Zitner), his high school sweetheart, for 68 years; loving father of Patti Frost (Mark Koehler), Darlene Reaves (late Scott), Barbi MacDowell (Douglas), Paulina Onchak (Shawn Patrick), Anthony Onchak (Jennifer), and the late Gregory Onchak; dearest grandfather of Colby MacDowell, Ming Wei Patrick, Adison Onchak, Natalie Onchak and Julia Onchak; brother of Martha Calvey (William), John Onchak (Marie), Joseph Onchak (Dolores), Matilda (Tia) Gilbert (Raymond), Loretta Dudas (Richard), all deceased.

Veteran, U.S. Army (1953-1955). Allie worked at US Steel for 28 years and retired from Gibraltar Strip Steel in 2004. His favorite place was his garden, on his tractor, growing vegetables and donating them to help feed the community.

Mass of Christian Burial at Church of the Holy Angels, Chagrin Falls, with burial in All Saints Cemetery, Northfield. Arrangements were handled by St. John Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to 4C's Food Cupboard, 4572 W. Prospect St., Mantua, OH 44255.



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Geauga Bar Association to Host Nationally Known  
Expert on Presidential Electoral College and  
Recognize Law Day Award Winners

Dr. Robert Alexander, professor of political science and the Founding Director of the Institute for Civics and Public Policy at Ohio Northern University, will give the keynote address at the Geauga County Bar Association’s Law Day luncheon at Guido’s Event Center in Chesterland on May 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Alexander’s pioneering work on presidential electors has positioned him as an expert on the Electoral College. His book, *Representation and the Electoral College*, received stellar reviews and was chosen as an outstanding title by *Choice Magazine* for 2019. His research on electors was cited during arguments before the Supreme Court in 2020, and he has appeared as an expert on the Electoral College in numerous venues, including a feature-length documentary on CNN, *Count on Controversy: Inside the Electoral College, 2020*. His talk will focus on this year’s Law Day theme, “Voices of Democracy,” which recognizes that in democracies, the people rule. For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law.

Chester Police Officers Anthony Insana and Steve Ettinger will receive the Law Enforcement Officers of the Year Award for their efforts in responding to an individual with a mental health emergency and preventing a so-called “suicide by cop” by subduing the man pointing a weapon at the officers, without the use of deadly force.

The Bar Association will also honor the winners of the essay contest for high school students at the event. Sponsored by the Petersen & Petersen law firm, the students submitted essays focused on the national Law Day theme. The winners are:

- First Place 2024 - Peter Tiber, 10th grade, Homeschooled; Kristen Tiber, Advisor
- Second Place 2024 - Grace Voudris, 9th grade, Kenston High School; Stephan Voudris, Faculty Advisor
- Third Place 2024 - Joshua Harold McDaniel, 11th Grade, Homeschooled; Steven McDaniel, Advisor

The Geauga County Bar Association annually celebrates Law Day, which was first declared by President Eisenhower in 1958 as “a special day of celebration by the people of the United States ...in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and with other countries.” Law Day programs are designed to help people understand how the law keeps us free and how our legal system strives to achieve justice.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

On motherhood:

Anita Brookner: *Incidents in the Rue Laugier* (1995): "I have reached the age when woman begins to perceive that she is growing into the person she least plans to resemble her mother."

George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans), English novelist, poet and journalist, *Adam Bede* (1859): "The mother's yearning, that completest type of life in another life which is the essence of real human love, feels the presence of the cherished even in the debased, degraded man."

Edwin Lutyens: *Clough Williams-Ellis Architect Errant* (1971): "Here's to the happiest years of our lives spent in the arms of other men's wives. Gentlemen!Our mothers!

Florida Scott-Maxwell: *Measure of My Days* (1968): "No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-age children for signs of improvement."

William Ross Wallace: *What Rules the World* (1865): "For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

Katherine White Horn: *Observations* (1970): "In our society mothers take the place elsewhere occupied by the Fates, the System, Negroes, Communism or Reactionary Imperialist Plots. Mothers go on getting blamed until they're 80, but shouldn't take it personally."

David Hancock  
Chesterland

Community Spirit

BTHS May Program: Amusement Parks

Ohio Amusement Parks will be the topic of the Bainbridge Township Historical Society's monthly program meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Bainbridge Library, 17222 Snyder Rd. Professor Gerry Nemeth, from Cuyahoga Community College, will talk about amusement parks of yesteryear that many of us have experienced. Take a trip back in time to days of exciting adventures at your favorite park. Free. All are welcome.

Women's Connection Luncheon May 15

Woman’s Connection Luncheon will be Wednesday May 15 from 12-1:45 p.m. with guest speaker Trina Oats, sharing her personal journey, and songstress Lori Scott, held at the Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls. Cost is \$16. RSVP cwcchagrin@gmail.com or call/text 440-708-8322 by May 10.

DTJ Chicken/Duck Dinner May 19

On Sunday May 19, DTJ Taborville is having a Chicken or Duck Dinner. Cost is \$16 for an adult dinner and \$8 for a children’s chicken dinner. A ½ duck dinner is \$22. Dinner includes dumplings, sauerkraut, homemade doughnut and coffee. Serving from 12-2 p.m. Dine in or take out. Music for your listening pleasure will be provided by Anthony Culkar from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Reservations are necessary. For reservations and more information about DTJ events call (440) 543-8494

DTJ Taborville is located at 9850 North Blvd., Auburn Township, Ohio 44023.

Bainbridge Memorial Day Parade,  
Service May 26

This year Bainbridge Township Memorial Day Parade and Service will be on Sunday, May 26. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. and proceed from Bainbridge Commons to Restland Cemetery for the service.

This year's speaker will be Army veteran, Linda Nutter, who is retiring this year from teaching second grade at Kenston Timmons Elementary School. Other participants will include Bainbridge Trustees and Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Police and Fire Departments, Bainbridge Civic Club, the Bainbridge Historical Society, area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and representatives from Kenston High School band and choir.

"Dewdrops" Gala June 8

Community Life Collaborative Garden Gala: Dancing on Dewdrops on Saturday, June 8 from 6-10 p.m. at the Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge. Join us for a delightful summer evening of dining, dancing to the music by Tweed, special drinks, lively games, unique raffle baskets, silent auction and fun.

Proceeds will support the CLC's mission: To raise awareness, amplify voices and inspire shared action toward a just and sustainable world. Together. For ticket and sponsorship information contact admin@communitylifecollaborative.org or call 440-708-1961 or go to our website communitylifecollaborative.org

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