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Courtney Leonard, left, of Jefferson, donates masks to Bella Care Hospice in Austinburg. Leonard sews the masks from a pattern she found online. Vicki Titman, right, of Geneva, also sews masks at her home. Both women donate the masks they make to healthcare workers to help keep them safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

Area women sewing for the greater good

BY SHELLEY TERRY
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Two Ashtabula County women are putting their sewing skills to good use by making face masks, which are in short supply because of the coronavirus.

Jefferson resident Courtney Leonard, 27, has been sewing since she was a little

girl.

A stay-at-home mother of two children, she makes dresses, costumes and children's clothes, and for the past two weeks, face masks.

"I've been staying up until sometimes 2 a.m., sewing while my family is asleep," Leonard said. "I read an article about a hospital in a different state asking for

anyone who could sew to sew cloth face masks for them. I knew I could sew them easily."

Leonard researched online for patterns before making her first mask.

"At the time, I wasn't sure if my area needed masks, so I posted on Facebook asking if anyone was in need of the masks, and that I would

donate them," she said. "Within minutes, I received an overwhelming amount of requests for masks. At that point I realized that I no longer just want to make these for the community, I needed to make them."

Cancer survivor Vicki Titman, 62, of Geneva, said she feels the same way.

"I am doing this for many

reasons; mostly because I feel I should do it because I can do it," she said. "The staff at Hillcrest Hospital used many masks and gloves while giving me chemotherapy. The staff in all hospitals are under such stress, yet they keep working, saving lives."

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WOMEN: Ashtabula County duo sew masks for the greater good

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Titman said some healthcare workers are using one mask for an entire day, and worse yet, many have run out. “I just brought a mask to a girl on Tuesday who works in a nursing home and had no mask at all,” she said. “One nurse asked me for 15 for her staff to wear under the one mask they have. They can wash this mask and re-use it the next day.”

Despite battling breast cancer twice in the past 16 years, she is undergoing a double mastectomy and suffering with neuropathy,

‘One nurse asked me for 15 for her staff to wear under the one mask they have. They can wash this mask and re-use it the next day.’

Vicki Titman
Geneva resident

Titman is sewing about 25 masks per day, with help from her husband. She started by making only 10 masks a day because her fingers are numb from the neuropathy.

“It’s going quicker now that I have recruit-

ed my husband to turn them right side out after I sew them,” Titman said. “The neuropathy makes the sewing slower than it would be because my fingers go numb quickly.”

Leonard said she’s donating masks to nurses, hospice workers, nursing and rehabilitation centers, the jail, veterans, local families, a pediatric office, truck drivers and others.

“At the moment I am out of elastic to make the masks and waiting on a shipment to arrive the beginning of next week,” she said. “I ordered enough elastic to make over 2,500

masks.”

She gets her fabric, elastic and thread from people who donate the materials. Her mother helps cut the fabric.

“I will continue to make and donate masks as long as there is a need for them,” Leonard said. “I’m just doing what I can to help in this critical time.”

Titman said the same but with an added benefit — sewing masks is good therapy.

“This project is definitely helping me recover from the cancer and all that I’ve been through,” she said. “Rather than asking, ‘Why me?’ I am sewing.”

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Courtney Leonard
Jefferson resident

Titman recalled recent a doctor visit.

“Dr. Goel is a surgeon who operates on a lot of breast cancer patients and he was in my office one day,” she said. “He said to me, ‘So, what great thing happened out of this?’

Titman was amazed at that statement and replied, “Something great?”

The doctor said he has seen cancer patients for a long time and he’s found something great happens to each of them.

“Well, for one, my marriage is better,” she said. “So now I think, ‘What great thing will come out of the coronavirus pandemic?’”

Titman can think of at least one.

“Communities are pulling together to help each other out, doing whatever we can to help,” she said. “Together we are doing it.”

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AACS increases lunch pick-up sites for kids

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ASHTABULA — Ashtabula Area City Schools recently increased the number of lunch distribution sites, providing more places for children to pick up a free brown bag lunch while school is closed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

“With assistance from school district personnel and Ashtabula County Transportation System, the district is serving upwards of 2,500 lunches per day at the designated sites,” said Mark Astorino, AACS treasurer and chief financial officer.

The increase allowed

the district to expand its distribution sites, he said.

The AACS school lunch program for all students, including Building Bridges and Happy Hearts.

Lunch distribution hours will be 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. five days a week, unless otherwise noted.

Brown bag lunches consisting of a sandwich, fruit, juice or milk and a breakfast bar are available for take-home only. No on-site eating area is available.

Sites for distribution include:

- Lakeside High School — Please park in the Event Entrance parking lot and enter

through the Event Entrance, except on Tuesday, Election Day, park in the stadium parking lot and enter through the entrance marked E1.

- Huron Primary School — Park in any of the school parking lots including the bus loop, and enter through the cafeteria doors on the east side of the building.

- Plymouth Township Fire Hall parking lot — 1001 Plymouth Road.

- Ashtabula County YMCA rear parking lot - 263 West Prospect Rd.

- Peoples Baptist Church parking lot - 3837 West Ave.

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Shores woman pitching in and stitching masks

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ROAMING SHORES — A sewing machine is whirring away at Deann Wendell's home in Roaming Shores.

Wendell, a custodian for 21 years with Grand Valley Local Schools, is spending her days off work sewing face masks for friends, family and healthcare providers.

"My mother taught me to sew when I was 10 — that was over 50 years ago, so sewing is in my DNA," she said. "When I heard there was a dire need for surgical masks [because of the coronavirus], I thought, 'I have a sewing machine. I can sew masks.'"

Alone, Wendell can make about 18- 20 masks a day.

With the help of her Lakeshore Quilters Club and friends at Jefferson United Methodist Church, they've made more than 500 masks and have agreed to make 500 more.

"She's making oodles of them," said Darlene Erickson, a friend and co-worker. "She's not only volunteering her time, she's pooling together many others from her church to donate to local nursing homes."

Sue Mizer of Roaming Shores said Wendell's help is wonderful.

"She has such a gift and she's using it to help others," Mizer said.

Longtime friend, Penny Redmon of Jefferson, said, "Deann is a great seamstress and a lovely person, who has



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Deann Wendell of Roaming Shores shows her technique in making masks for area first responders, friends and family during this coronavirus pandemic.

done sewing for all of us."

Wendell said she's always sewed for people on the side for extra money, mostly alterations of clothing, such as hems, replacing zippers and wedding/formal dresses.

Most of her friends sew or make quilts, but they were all quick to volunteer to try their hand at making masks.

"I have made two different

kinds of masks," Wendell said. "The first ones were made of cotton fabric with a layer of iron on interfacing, pleats and elastic. They are not considered medical-grade, however they are better than no protection."

She would love to personalize some of the masks because that's what she really loves about sewing, the

creativity and individuality.

"Unfortunately, these masks are being created with great urgency," Wendell said.

The second round of masks have been pre-cut kits provided by GLI Pool Products in Youngstown. The pattern they are providing is for the medical profession. They

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Bevy of volunteers aid in produce distribution

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CONNEAUT — Three police officers assisted area residents through a long line of orange cones on Monday morning during the produce distribution at the Conneaut Human Resources Center.

Ryan Tattie, executive director of the CHRC, took two weeks to put a plan together for the normal monthly event. The need to have nobody leave their vehicles to get the produce provided a challenge. Tat-

trie hoped to keep the amount of volunteers to a minimum to reduce the potential of spreading the coronavirus.

Tattie said he purposefully had less volunteers than normal but added a few because of the potential huge demand. He said a representative of the food bank said there could be as many as 500 people, so volunteers were added to make sure they were adequately staffed.

During the early stages of the distribution, around 10 a.m., police officers blocked

Mill Street so people seeking food could enter the CHRC parking lot from the north and wind through the cones, receive food and exit the parking lot.

A line of more than 50 cars wound through the area and down a side street but by 10:30 the system was moving people smoothly through the process.

Tattie said people were able to receive potatoes, onions, apples, sweet potatoes and a variety of things that can be used in a salad.

Cars arrived early and



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Chris Mucci places produce in the trunk of a car during the Conneaut Human Resources Center's monthly produce distribution on April 6.

one got into the parking lot well before the 10 a.m. time, Tattie said.

"We started letting them in around 9:30 a.m.," he said.

Volunteers checked in those who come for produce every month and those who were coming for the first time.

Jean Fields of Conneaut has been participating in the program for five years.

"It is really helpful to me because produce is expensive," she said.

The produce is rationed and used throughout the month, Fields said.

"I am a farm girl. I know how to cook," she said.

Pam Partridge, another regular recipient, said the food is especially helpful in this challenging time.

Dolly Sherman, one of four CHRC board members who assisted

on Monday, carried a lot of the boxes instead of using a shopping cart.

"Look at our pecs," she said flexing her arms.

Conneaut Police Department Detective Taylor Cleveland said he has been happy with how the community has reacted with few calls and people reaching out to each other.

"I am so impressed with everything. It is almost like 911, when everyone was greeting each other," he said.

Sherman, Ginger Hahn, Shelley Vendetti and Pete Furman were the board members who assisted. So did numerous Conneaut Area City Schools employees.

Tattie had asked those with names beginning with certain letters to come at varied times which, after the initial rush, seemed to make the process smoother. He said he may consider

continuing the process even after the pandemic lifts because it was efficient and didn't leave people standing outside waiting for their food.

Tattie said some numbers were still being tabulated late Monday afternoon but the volunteers distributed about 11,000 pounds of food to about 275 families with 60 of those being new recipients.

"I am really proud of the response from volunteers and the willingness to put themselves on the front lines to help people in need," he said. "We could not have done it without them. He said the families were served in less than two hours.

"It was just like I envisioned it being during the planning a week ago; and that doesn't happen very often. That's a car every less than 30 seconds."



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Local optometrist helps man in need

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Stan Bugansky of Richmond Township displays a box of free sample contact lenses Jefferson optometrist Dr. Henry Covetta was able to provide for him after his normal appointment was canceled with a Cortland optometrist due to the coronavirus outbreak.

“Dr. Covetta is wonderful,” Bugansky said. “No one else would help me. I even called Gov. Mike DeWine’s office, to no avail.”

Covetta didn’t want any publicity for his act of kindness, but Bugansky insisted.

“There needs to be a change in routines and procedures during this time,” Bugansky said. “We need to help each other, like Dr. Covetta helped me.”

The College of Optometrists recommends the following eye care during the coronavirus pandemic:

- If you wear contact lenses, switch to glasses

for a while.

- Wearing glasses may add a layer of protection.

- Stock up on eye medicine prescriptions if possible.

- Avoid rubbing your eyes.

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, anyone who feels an urge to itch or rub their eye or even to adjust your glasses, use a tissue instead of your fingers.

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ACMC staff grateful for donations

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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ASHTABULA — Ashtabula County businesses and residents are rallying around ACMC Healthcare System during the COVID-19 crisis.

As of March 31, hundreds of items of cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment have been donated to the hospital.

“On behalf of our caregivers, I’m so very grateful to the companies and individuals who have contacted us to find out how they can help. It’s been overwhelming — in a good way,” said Michael Habowski, ACMC president and chief executive officer.

“The show of support for our caregivers — who come to work every day on the front lines of fighting this pandemic — has been tremendous. It reminds me of the same support and generosity that resulted in ACMC being built 115 years ago.”

ACMC has received donations of cleaning and sanitizing supplies; face shields, goggles, masks and gloves; and protective clothing such as coveralls and gowns.

In addition, many local residents are collecting supplies or making masks for caregivers and patients to wear.

Local companies donating supplies to ACMC include

(as of March 31):

- A Louis Supply
- Aramark
- Arthur Louis Steel
- Ashtabula Area City Schools
- Ashta Chemicals
- A-Tech
- Chromaflo
- CJ Contractors
- Conneaut Schools
- Continental Structural Plastics
- Gabriel Performance Products
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- Vincent Homes

The donations began arriving at ACMC in mid-March and continue to increase at a time when items are becoming scarce from national suppliers, Habowski said.

While ACMC currently has an adequate supply of personal protective equipment on-hand, when patients who are COVID-19 positive begin to arrive, those supplies can go quickly.

All of the donated supplies are being stored securely so ACMC caregivers will have them available the moment they are needed.

In addition to supply

donations, numerous local restaurants have also donated food and gift cards.

“The Ashtabula County community is exceptionally generous,” Habowski said.

“Whether it is in raising money for events like the Heart Walk or Relay for Life, supporting United Way, or coming to the aid of a family who’s lost their home to a fire, there is one thing that is always evident: Ashtabula County cares.”

ACMC is still welcoming donations of supplies like the ones listed above.

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STITCHING: Woman makes masks

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have a small wire at the nose and an opening so they can slide a filter between the two layers of cotton.

“Once I mastered the pattern, I starting sewing assembly-style, which allows me to get about 10 masks done in two hours,” she said. “It would have been so much easier and a lot more fun if [the quilters and church friends] could have worked together, but social distancing prevented that.”

In five days, 14 women from Jefferson UMC completed 300 masks.

Recently, the quilters,

who meet twice a month at Jefferson UMC, had to cancel their meetings. So Wendell suggested they make masks at home.

The masks have been distributed to Country Neighbor, Bella Hospice Care and South Central Ambulance District.

“The phone continues to ring daily with requests for masks,” Wendell said. “I have personally made another 100 masks that I’ve donated to Sprenger Health Care in Olmstead Falls, where my mom resides, and friends and family who work at Giant Eagle, Glenbeigh, Geauga Hospital, to name a few.”

Wendell has become passionate about this project.

“Working at a school, I know first-hand how chaotic things can get and I have family members in the healthcare field,” she said. “My mother taught me to pay it forward, not to mention I have a lot of fabric, a large spool of elastic and the time to make a difference.”

When she’s not busy at her sewing machine, Wendell enjoys a book club in Roaming Shores, traveling with friends and visiting her children, Alicia and Shawn, and grandchildren, Jordyn, 6, Riddick 4, and Gracy, 2.

McEndree baking batches of smiles



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Debbie McEndree, owner of Debbie's Delights, displays her latest creation — a sugar cookie with a smiley face and surgical mask.

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ASHTABULA — An Ashtabula native is baking batches of cookies to thank health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

Debbie McEndree, owner of Debbie's Delights, makes sugar cookies with "smiley faces wearing surgical masks with a little red heart on them" with yellow, white and a dab of red frosting.

"I've always loved to bake, thanks to my mom," she said. "I mostly do cakes, cupcakes and cookies of all shapes and sizes, but I love to experiment with other baked goods, as well."

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Debbie McEndree
Owner, Debbie's Delights

She has made cookies shaped like Super Mario Brothers, bunnies, baby rattles, unicorns, four-leaf clovers and more.

McEndree's husband, Brian, and her sister, Pam Peck of

Ashtabula, are her biggest fans, she said.

"My sister Debbie has always been a thoughtful and giving person," Peck said. "Her baking is another way she can demonstrate her compassion and love for her friends and community."

McEndree said she has many dear friends who are nurses and she wanted a way to show her gratitude for the work they are doing during this trying time.

When she's not in the kitchen, McEndree enjoys visiting with her two children, or playing with her two granddaughters.

Order cookies via her Debbie's Delights Facebook page.

AACS: District increases lunch sites

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• Busy Beaver parking lot - 1144 West Prospect Rd.

• Richmond Transportation parking lot - 5456 Main Ave.

Newly added sites are as follows:

• Save-A-Lot parking lot — 822 Lake Ave.

• Harbor Ridge — 1917 Lambros Lane

• Across the street from Thomas Fence — Corner of Route 20 and Woodman Ave.

• G.O. Ministry — 3703 Station Ave.

In addition, ACTS will deliver lunches to Bonniewood (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), Bardmoor

(noon) and Glenwood (11:30 a.m.) neighborhoods in the same building where summer lunches are served.

Parents and guardians should look for the school bus in the parking lots. Lunches will be dispersed from the school bus.

School administrators and other school personnel will be at each site to assist parents and children.

It's important for parents and guardians to be prepared to provide the student's name and school.

More information is available on the district's website at www.aacs.net

or the Dragon Nation app.

Times and locations may be adjusted in the weeks to come depending on staffing and student needs, Superintendent Mark Potts said.

Any community partners, churches or businesses wishing to donate snacks for lunch bags may do so by contacting Potts at 440-992-1201.

Those with questions can call:

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Their rationale: I had double-pneumonia a couple months ago and if I go to the store on another fruitless search for toilet paper or maybe a loaf of bread (to eat, not to use in place of TP), I'll surely contract the coronavirus and expire like that container of strawberries that has been loitering in the back of the fridge for a while.

So how is the COVID-19 pandemic going for you?

Actually, other than having that health issue in January, I figured my chances of coming down with the coronavirus were somewhat remote.



ED PUSKAS ||

I've been practicing social distancing for as long as I can remember, even if it wasn't always my choice.

But you know what? I've sort of come to enjoy it. There are days when I prefer hanging out on the couch with Pepper — our black cat — or spending a few hours at a secluded fishing spot to immersing myself in a crowd.

And honestly, my daily routine lends itself to social distancing:

Wake up, shower, dress, navigate a significant portion

of the loneliest stretch of road in Ohio, park myself in my office, read some emails, edit some stories, write some headlines, get back on the road and watch a little TV before I fall asleep and do it all again the next day.

There are occasional deviations, but only for necessities like gas and groceries. I don't eat out often. Most often, lunch — if it is bought at a restaurant — is eaten at my desk. That's sort of the way it's done in newsrooms everywhere.

The point is that I'm mostly OK with keeping to myself, as this seems the best way to avoid becoming a coronavirus statistic.

It's the inconveniences I can do without.

No sports?

This won't be easy. March is typically when I start paying attention to basketball and going without the Madness was inconceivable until it became a reality.

And I'm as big a baseball nerd as you will find. I've been in the same fantasy baseball league since 1987 and it began right here in this newsroom. I'm still in denial that the MLB season will not begin as scheduled.

But you could see that and the other major sports cancellations coming once the seriousness of the pandemic began to come into focus. These are strange and unprecedented times and our health and wellbeing are more important than final scores.

So I guess I'll avoid crowds

as much as possible and figure out if there is anything on Netflix that I haven't already watched or maybe do more reading and writing. I'm also hoping for a warm spell so I can get myself to a lake. One of the best things about that lonely road I travel is that there are more than a few places to stop and cast a line.

But eventually, I'm going to have to deal with that other inconvenience, since I wasn't one of those people who bought every roll of toilet paper in sight early last week.

It won't be easy, but we can live without baseball and basketball. TP? Not so much.

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An unexpected, but enlightening visit to ER shines light on our caregivers

It has been just over a week since an attempt to do something good ... took an odd turn.

As more restrictions were added to public gatherings it became clear, through an announcement from the American Red Cross, that blood shortages could become likely as blood drives were cancelled at schools and other venues across the country.

So on Thursday, March 19 I walked into Ashtabula Towne Square to give blood, around 11:30 a.m., and immediately following my donation proceeded to have a quick apple juice and a few crackers before heading back to work.

That quick apple juice probably should have been at least



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three and I also should have had a few more crackers.

About five hours later I was working here at the Star Beacon when I apparently rolled my chair back from the desk and ... passed out.

At least that is what my co-workers told me when I moved back up into my chair after sliding to the floor.

They had already called 911 and a squad was on the way as I told them I was fine. Upon arrival the squad from Community Care asked me questions, did an EKG and

when I passed out again for a few seconds, decided to transport me on a stretcher to the Ashtabula County Medical Center emergency room.

The man and woman who gently took me out the front door of the Star Beacon were kind, humorous and chatted with me on my first official ride to a hospital in an ambulance.

Anxious thoughts entered my mind as I realized I had never been a patient in an emergency room, but had spent time there with my elderly mother.

The calm staff, several of whom knew me from newspaper work, were getting used to new equipment with the coronavirus in the forefront of everyone's thoughts.

They were extremely sympathetic and tried to keep me in touch with each test during a five-hour period of review of my condition. We talked about their children, sports and other events happening in the community.

An ER doctor said they found a slightly enlarged left ventricle and suggested a consultation with the cardiology department.

At the time it was unclear when that might happen, but an appointment was set for March 23 and the next step within the medical community amidst a pandemic was realized.

I reported to an appointment with cardiology nurse practitioner Ben Luoma who took another EKG and explained the ventricle was due

to my many years of running. He suggested a change in blood pressure medication, a reduction in sugar and said training for a marathon in October would be a positive choice.

Amidst the challenges potentially facing the medical staff at area hospitals, it was a wonderful experience to navigate the medical system with a group of committed professionals who keep their patients first.

May we keep them in our prayers during this difficult time.

And it is important to hydrate and eat well before and after giving blood.

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Boy Scouts' efforts result in pizza

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ACMC workers are in for a treat soon

ASHTABULA — Ashtabula County Medical Center workers will be getting some local pizza next week, courtesy of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Lake Erie Council hosted a virtual 5K race on March 29, raising over \$4,000, according to Kevin Wassie, an executive with the Lake Erie Council.

That money has been divided into \$500 segments, which will be used to purchase meals for people on the front lines fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Participants were encouraged to donate to the council's A Scout is Kind

charitable fund, which will be used to help various places around northern Ohio.

The money has been divided up and will go to providing meals to various people across northeast Ohio, including healthcare workers at ACMC. The Lake Erie Council is partnering with Purola's Bridge Street Pizza and the ACMC Foundation to provide a meal for ACMC staff next Tuesday, Wassie said.

The plan for the meal has not been finalized yet.

"It's kind of still in the early stages," Wassie said.

'The goal is that every couple of weeks we'll have a different event or activity, for kind of engaging donors.'

Kevin Wassie
Executive, Lake Erie Council
Boys Scouts of America

In the wake of the closings caused by the outbreak of coronavirus, the Council has been encouraging members to participate in events from home, including things like

the virtual 5K, Wassie said. That has taken the form of facebook livestreams, and events like the 5K.

The Lake Erie Council's Facebook post announcing the race was shared by the national Boy Scouts Facebook page.

The race included people from outside of the Council, Wassie said.

"The goal is that every couple weeks we'll have a different event or activity, for kind of engaging donors," Wassie said.

"So, for example, [today] we have 'A Scout is Rever-

ent' prayer service, where we'll be doing a facebook live and inviting scouts and their families to participate, and we'll be doing an online collection."

The council has yet to decide where the funds from today's event will go, Wassie said.

On Thursday, Marc Ryan, CEO of the Lake Erie Council, sent an email to the race participants, thanking them for taking part.

"This is a true testament to the Scouting spirit," Ryan said.

Ryan also encouraged people to take part in the "A Scout is Reverent" event. More details can be found at lecbasa.org.

Conneaut Easter car cruise planned

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CONNEAUT — The lives of residents of two group homes for developmentally disabled adults and a nursing home will be brightened if Stacie Bezon has anything to say about it.

Bezon delivers Meals on Wheels, but deliveries are down to one day a week and she thought it would be nice to reach out to those who can't get outside.

"A lot of them [the residents] are not seeing anyone," she said.

Bezon said she made contact with Lake Pointe Nursing and Rehabili-

tation Center and The Maples residences on Parish Road and in North Kingsville and asked them if it would be OK to have people drive by and wave from their cars on Easter.

"People have been sending in [pictures] of signs they have made for their cars," Bezon said.

She said 10-15 people who have committed to the event but she would like to see more vehicles involved.

"We are going to meet at Malek Park at noon," she said.

Bezon encouraged anyone interested to join the group at the

park at noon.

"I like the idea," said Robin Houston, the activities director at Lake Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She said she will try and figure out how to make the event the most visible for residents because there aren't a lot of windows facing where the cars would likely be driving.

"They would enjoy it," said Kathy Hughlett, the house coordinator at the Parish Road Maples facility.

She is thankful Bezon was interested in including them.

"It seems like it will be nice," Houston said.



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