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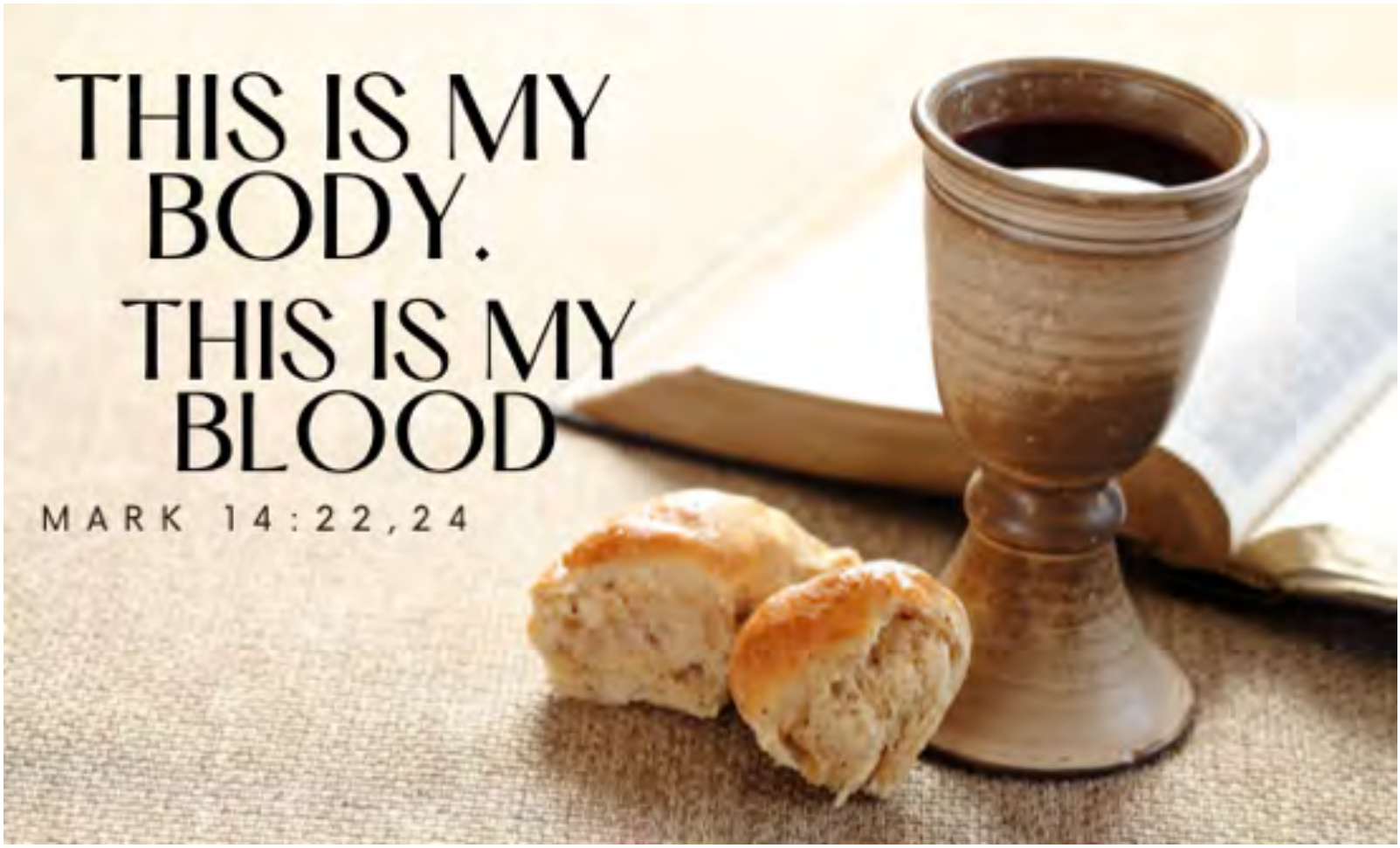

FINAL BULLETIN OFTHE SCHOOL YEAR

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Cardinal Mooney President, Thomas Maj

WE GAINED STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY

Dear parents, alumni, and friends:

On May 30, we held our 63rd commencement at Stambaugh Auditorium. It concluded a week of Mooney ceremonial traditions — Honors Convocation, Top 15 percent, Senior Banquet, and Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend David Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown. Our graduates gathered with their loved ones to share the monumental undertaking of graduating under a pandemic. It was a commencement unlike any other because each member of the Class of '21 demonstrated the utmost resiliency and versatility during our challenging year to get to their graduation. A lifetime of rewards awaits them for their monumental ability to adapt to in-person and remote classes, masking up following every guideline set before them, and so much more. The faculty and staff are proud of their enduring perseverance.

It was a great celebration, yet one that caused me to remember another group of graduates — the Class of 2020. Following their springtime of missed milestones, celebrations, and traditions, they have overcome adversity through courage, perseverance, and compassion as they began a new chapter. I look forward to welcoming them back soon to Cardinal Mooney.

This has been a year of disruption. Certainly, a year of losses for too many but not a lost year. Through all the moments of challenge, Cardinal Mooney's faculty, staff, students, and parents persisted.

My first year at Mooney has been one of the greatest experiences in my thirty-one-year career in education. My wife Jennifer and I are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this community and look forward to even better days ahead. I want to share with you many of the accomplishments from this year. They are a powerful reminder of the good things we are doing and can do.

QUESTIONS AND UNCERTAINTY

I arrived under a global pandemic and the overbearing question on the mind of the entire country: Would schools even be permitted to open. Additionally, in Jan. 2020, the Diocese addressed an unfolding financial concern.

Briefly, there are many reasons why schools get into financial trouble, but the consequences are the same for all: There is not enough revenue coming in to support the costs that are being incurred. While the administration developed and implemented plans for cost reductions during the year, its plans were limited in scope by the collective bargaining agreement in place, year-over-year decline in the aggregate demand for Catholic education, and the effects of COVID on jobs and cash.

The restructuring would require significant changes and sufficient equity capital to help reposition the school. Overcoming these substantial hurdles for Cardinal Mooney would be an important accomplishment. For the same reasons, failure would have far-reaching consequences. The Diocese in partnership with the Board of Directors would play a leading role in promoting structural changes that would set Mooney on the path toward stability. Then the global pandemic hit. Schools throughout the country had transitioned to on-line remote learning and closed their physical plants. COVID protocols and shelter-in-place orders provided Mooney with time to restructure. Mooney had also received a PPP that provided necessary capital to continue operating. Most importantly, last summer Cardinal Mooney received a major and transformative gift that would ensure our operational viability.

The results have been significant to Mooney's vitality. Administration spent the summer with health care officials and workers planning for a reopening of school and in-person classes. On Aug. 25th we opened and provided in-person teaching and learning for all but eleven days of remote instruction. Credit for that is owed to our parents for encouraging us to open; to the courage of our faculty to meet students at school; and to our students who met the challenges with comity and resilience.

We made hard decisions and began returning to a culture of excellence. And we reaped great rewards in a short amount of time.

With the support of a Mooney alum's major gift, we launched the Mooney Scholars Scholarship that recognizes top performing students. We are proud to welcome this inaugural group of scholars next fall who join an incoming freshmen class of over sixty students to date. Each day we add more wanting to join the "Long Red and Gold Line" of Mooney students and alumni.

The gift also enabled us to add leadership capacity to accelerate our progress.

Dr. Mary Anne Beiting, Matt Monter, and Janet Cadman guided us through the choppy waters of COVID toward completing the year on campus and to graduation for our seniors.

Carl Pelini and Jim Jablonski led an athletic department that competed at the highest levels of state competition, most notably our State Runner-Up men's soccer team. We celebrated a new scoring record set by **Michael Pelini** as he and his teammates won a district men's basketball title. **Alyssa Rapp** returned to state golf competition for the third consecutive year. Our women athletes excelled in soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and track. Across all sports our student-athletes also performed in their classrooms maintaining academic achievement that would meet once Academic All-State standards. Our athletic department serves as a marketing arm of the school and is directly responsible for building enthusiasm for Mooney academics and athletics.

IT TAKES A FAMILY

Carl Pelini led an initiative to remodel The Armory at Cardinal Mooney. Though its purpose is to train, condition, strengthen, and provide a lifetime of healthy habits for our students, it also welcomed back alumni — who donated time, treasure,

and talents. They also continue to make contributions to the Mooney story and strengthen our reputation with the model of their lives.

Facilities Manager, **Rich Schwab**, achieved operational and financial efficiencies. Our utility costs were lower this year at 100% usage versus at 75% last year and many more times lower than years before COVID. Being good stewards of the resources given us continues to be our top priority.

Vince Taddei led our communication efforts and is solely responsible for getting Mooney back out in the marketplace. I want to acknowledge that so many of you noticed and appreciated his and the efforts of others.

Our benefactors, donors, friends, and alumni supported Cardinal Mooney with charitable giving to the tune of $1.255 million. From coast to coast, Mooney alumni and friends continue to invest in their school which contributed to us finishing the fiscal year in the black and with a strong cash position to begin next year.

Their investments enabled us to add programming and make improvements to campus. We added programming in e-Sports, and we returned Italian to our foreign language curriculum. And most importantly, when we needed our Mooney family the most, they answered the call and have kept our beacon of hope and promise bright in the Mahoning Valley.

Additionally, we received $450k from the Diocese, Trusts, and the Foundation.

We received the following grants: a Broadband grant that extends WiFi; Diocesan grant to update our PA system; State of Ohio safety and a student assistance and wellness grants; Federal Esser funds for COVID expenses.

The State of Ohio continues to support private education, making it accessible, affordable, and provides funding for auxiliary services.

Mooney's faculty continue to improve our academic vitality by participating in professional development. The following were chosen to participate in Notre Dame's AP Teacher Investment Program: Science Dept. Chair **Jennifer Policy**, English instructor **Joy Huber**, and math instructor **Pete Smith**. Social Studies Dept. Chair, **Jim Jablonski and Cadman** are attending another AP training program.

UPON THIS ROCK

We will also welcome a part-time campus chaplain next fall, thanks to Bishop Bonnar who is assigning priests to each of his high schools.

Contrary to any rumors you have heard, Cardinal Mooney is alive and well. Here I give credit to our Diocese for its continued support of Catholic education and to our Board of Directors whose affirmative intention and fiscal responsibility have strengthened our financial position.

While we were able to reinstate some prior reductions and became more efficient there remains a lot of work to be done to bring Cardinal Mooney into the educational 21st. century.

Youngstown and The Valley's future prosperity is directly tied to improving our academic program, and we will commit to working tirelessly to continue to build the region's assets through well-educated graduates.

Every day, in every aspect of our work, we are standing up for Sanctity, Scholarship, and Discipline.

We have academic, financial, faith, artistic, and athletic objectives that we want to achieve yet recognize that change doesn't come easily in education. It is often fraught with missteps, miscommunication, and misunderstandings. We continue to face barriers placed by those who prefer complacency to courage.

We must think with an entrepreneurial mindset. Build collaborations versus siloes. Create innovation versus stagnation. Charge ahead with courage versus standing by cautiously.

We must continue to live up to our covenant with our children and our future children. We must continue to introduce them to faith, to the arts, the written word, and to truths ... to inspire their soul to seek answers and understanding. And we must work purposefully to breathe vigor into the words of our alma mater: "We unfurl your banner, Alma Mater, Red and Gold, aflame against the blue. Now as one we loyal sons and daughters Lift our voices praising you!"

In this last bulletin for the year, I have shared many accomplishments of which we should all be proud. And in closing I want to share one last thought on what we must overcome if we are to be truly successful in our quest.

We must overcome the fear of failure. I have learned with every introduction to Mooney alums that Mooney is not programmed to fail.

Though we have made real, measurable progress over the past year, we still have much to do.

It is important to invest in scholarships, facilities, and student life programs. But none of those things will help our students succeed if we lack Mooney's greatest resource --- talented people to teach, mentor and guide our students. We must hire and retain the very best --- well trained and inspiring faculty to walk alongside our students. We must trust them to do their jobs effectively and compensate them accordingly.

It is a great honor to lead your school, your Alma Mater. What makes me even more proud is the spirit of the Mooney family who want to do more, who want us to exceed expectation.

Thank you for your generous support of Cardinal Mooney.

A life dedicated to Cardinal Mooney

Patty Hughes retires, leaves extensive legacy with Mooney Family

Since 1988, Patty Hughes was probably the first person anyone saw when they walked through the doors of Cardinal Mooney High School, but her dedication to our school didn't start as a secretery.

Patty graduated from Cardinal Mooney in 1964, and by the time she took her position on 2545 Erie Street, she already had two of her four children enrolled.

Since the early 1960s, she showed more than just dedication to a school — something that inspired her to make it such a large part of her entire family's life.

"I love Cardinal Mooney," she said. "I went to school here, my kids went to school here … I know the history, I know how it works, and I know what's expected of the students, and I wanted to be a part of it."

Being that involved with Cardinal Mooney, Patty lived our meaning of the phrase Mooney Family. And since 2002, her closest family member was her co-worker, Patty Kalasky.

"I'm going to miss my time with Patty — especially our conversations," Hughes said.

“We shared our lives together for 20 years. There have been so many events in our lives that each of have been a part of, so it’s going to be very hard leaving her.”

“She’s not allowed to retire,” Kalasky said. “We think too much alike, we finish each other’s thoughts, and we can find each other’s work when the other is not here.”

With all of the hustle and bustle surround the office from bell to bell, it’s hard to imagine there being time for anything else besides the challenges of the job, but Patty always has time to get to know the faculty, staff, and students of our school.

“I will certainly miss my conversations with everybody,” Patty said. “Sean Butler comes down to the office early every day, and we had the best conversations. Those are moments I will never forget. I also have wonderful talks with Mark Rinehart and Mark Lyden (both English teachers) … they each have such a unique sense of humor.”

Upon deeper reflections, Patty made sure to list many items that she will miss the most. Among them are:

- Campus Minister Sue Trewella’s PA announcements and prayers
- Chocolate Chip cookies in the cafeteria
- “Goodies” brought by social studies/business teacher Sharon Bettura
- Sue Brandenstein’s energy and positivity
- Patty Kalasky’s attendance jokes
- Rich Mattiusi’s humor
- Sam Ronshak’s woodshop class
- Melissa Smith’s furniture restoration projects, and classroom updates
- Joy Huber’s “Bubbly nature”
- Math teacher Rob Rasetta’s helpful nature

There’s never a shortage of issues to discuss with Patty, who has so many interests. She loves films — especially ones from Hollywood’s Golden Age. Among her favorites are Gone With the Wind and The Quiet Man.

She is also a big music buff, who has just developed a new appreciation for the legendary classic rick band, Queen.

“I had young kids when they were popular, so I wasn’t too familiar with their music,” she said. “Then, I saw the film about them (Bohemian Rhapsody), and I couldn’t believe they were responsible for all of that music!”

Patty’s four children are Rick (’90), Anthony (’91), Nancy (’94), Michael (’96).

Last week at Cardinal Mooney, current and former faculty and staff gathered to celebrate the careers of Patty Hughes and Tony Congemi. Hughes is retiring this year after starting as a secretary in 1988. Congemi retired last year, but we were unable to celebrate him because of COVID school closures. A tribute written about him appeared in a prior newsletter, and can be found online here.

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For Cardinal Mooney students participating in athletics in grades nine through 12 for the 2021-22 school year, Mercy Health will sponsor FREE physicals on Monday, June 7 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Cardinal Mooney gymnasium and on Thursday, June 10, from 1-4 p.m. at the Boardman Medical Pavilion located at 8423 Market St., Boardman, 44512.
This is offered on a first come, first served, basis and time slots will be assigned in ten minute intervals. Any questions, contact Jim Jablonski at JJablonski@youngstowndiocese.org or by calling 330-788-5007, 122.
Sign up here by Sunday, June 6, 2021: Cardinal Mooney FREE Athletic Physical Sign Up
You MUST print out and complete prior to your physical appointment: OHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Exam Form
*If you have a known heart murmur, known current injury (i.e. in a cast, boot, sling, brace, using crutches, etc.) or under the care of a doctor that needs to medically clear you, you must see your PCP or treating doctor for clearance and cannot utilize this opportunity for your physical.

Summer camps set

GRADES 2-6
9 AM — 1 PM
$60

June 23-25

GRADES 7-8
12 PM — 4 PM
$70

CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX
CONTACT HEAD FOOTBALL COACH CARL PELINI
PELINI@CARDINALMOONEY.COM

Speech & Debate

GRADES 5-8
9 AM — 1 PM, $40
12 PM - 4 PM
CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
CONTACT
HEAD SPEECH COACH VINCE TADDEI
VTADDEI@CARDINALMOONEY.COM

July 29 & 30

SOCCER

BOYS

WORK WITH HEAD COACH MATT BRITTON AND MEMBERS OF OUR STATE RUNNER-UP TEAM!
June 21 - 24
6 p.m. until 7:30
Grades 5 - 8, $40
Cardinal Mooney Athletic Complex
brittonm8490@gmail.com

GIRLS

June 28 - 30
6 p.m. until 7:30
Grades 5 - 8, $40
Cardinal Mooney Athletic Complex
Contact athletic director, Carl Pelini at pelini@cardinalmooney.com

CHEERLEADING

August 2-4
8:30 am until noon
Grades 5- 8, $50

August 2-4
9:30 am until 12:30
Grades k - 4, $40

BASKETBALL

BOYS

June 16 - 18
9 a.m. until noon
Students entering grades 5-8, $60.
Cardinal Mooney High School Gym
For information, contact head coach Carey Palermo at cpalermo@youngstowndiocese.org

GIRLS

June 23-25
9 a.m. until noon
Students entering grades 3-7, $50.
Cardinal Mooney High School Gym
For information, contact head coach Jason Baker at jbaker@youngstowndiocese.org

More camps are being organized at the time of publication. Please stay connected to Cardinal Mooney's social media outlets for information on more camps. Register for all camps here.

Admissions, scholarship reminders

The admissions process is open. If you have a new student who wants to attend Cardinal Mooney or know of someone who is interested in attending Cardinal Mooney, please go to our website, cardinalmooney.com, click on admissions tabs, then “apply now.” Follow the link for the application and complete it. If you need to stop in the office for an application, please see Patty Kalasky in the main office to apply or email her at pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org. If your student wants to spend some time at Cardinal Mooney, please contact Lori Radinsky at lradinsky@youngstowndiocese.org to schedule a date and time.

The Ron Stoops Memorial and Golden Cardinals (RSAP Foundation) Scholarships are renewable. Students who currently receive these scholarships will renew them as long as good academics, service work and extracurricular activities have been maintained.

SCHOOL NOTES

SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS: The school will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Please contact President Tom Maj if these times aren't convenient for your work/summer schedule.

REUNIONS AND EVENTS: Stay connected with all of Cardinal Mooney's reunions and events on our site.

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for our 2nd Virtual Career Fair with Youngstown State University's Division of Workforce Education and Innovation team!

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Registration is now open! Register for the Virtual Career Fair **HERE**, where virtual conversations lead to real opportunities! This one-day virtual event, on **June 16th from 10 am-4 pm**, connects you exclusively to leading industry professionals from the Mahoning Valley! You will have the opportunity to connect with regional employers and leading hiring managers in industries like healthcare, advanced manufacturing, business, and information technology (IT). In addition, many of our partners within the region will be live at the event to share information on training and support services available to help navigate your career exploration

REGISTER HERE

YSU Career Fair set

The Division of Workforce Education & Innovation at Youngstown State University is organizing a Virtual Career Fair on June 16. This career fair will open the eyes of students to the many career options that lie before them while also helping to connect them to a network of people who want to help them take advantage these opportunities.

For any further questions or inquiries please contact Rick Shepas- Director of Workforce Development by e-mail: Rmshepas@ysu.edu.

Happy Summer! I wish each and everyone of you a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer vacation! As you settle into summer, take some time to relax, play outside, go to the park, take a hike and enjoy the summer weather!

While you are enjoying summer, take some time to read a book or two! Just a few reminders to keep in the back of your mind for next school year:

A few dresscode reminders for students and parents: **The only crew neck and hooded sweatshirts are permitted are Cardinal Mooney ones**. **During school, all hoods from sweatshirts are required to be down.** All jackets, including letterman jackets, are to be stored in the lockers. **Yoga pants/leggings are still not permitted to be worn at any time. Crocs are still not permitted.** The **only option for short sleeves are the Mooney polos**. Students please plan accordingly when you get dressed. If there are any dress code concerns, please contact Mrs. Cadman.

Reminder for the boys: *you must be clean shaven and your hair can not be longer than the length of the collar. Please make sure that you are following the guidelines that are in the student handbook.*

The warning bell is 7:55 a.m. and the tardy bell is at 8 a.m. After 8:20 AM any student arriving will be considered a ¼ absent.

Enjoy your summer! I look forward to seeing you all back in August (but - we don't want to rush it!) Smile and make a new friend everyday!

- Mrs. Cadman

JUST IN TIME FOR FATHER'S DAY

YOU CAN HELP CARDINAL MOONEY WHILE YOU SHOP FOR DAD

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School in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings' Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you!

Community resources

Mental Health

Covid careline: Help is available 24 hrs a day,7 days a week. 1-800-720-9616

Food Assistance

Free Food Program for children at Newport Library and Michael Kusalaba Libraries Monday through Saturday from 2-6 p.m.
Help Network Text Help Network to 898211. At the prompt, enter 1 for food pantries or 2 to learn about free meals near you.
Free box of food is available on Monday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Covenant Ministries, 1755 Shehy Street, Youngstown, 330-550-5028

YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOLS SUMMER CURBSIDE SERVICE: Pick up your FREE seven-day meal bags this summer. Curbside meals will be offered on Wednesdays to anyone 18 years of age and younger.
Pick up is on the following Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12 Noon:
June 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18, 25
Choffin Career and Technical Center
200 E Wood Street
(Enter off of Walnut Street and go to door # 2)

Home Assistance

MYCAP: Help with rent, security deposits and mortgage payments, and utility bills. Call 330-747-7921 ext.1177
HEAP Home Energy Assistance Program - Help with your heating bill.800-282-0888 or energyhelp.ohio.gov
YNDC: Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation-Accepting applications for emergency home repair. Call 330-480-0423 for more information.
Covid Renter Protection: Visit this site for more information.

Ohio Legal Help

The stimulus package that was signed into law on March 11 includes:
-Extended PUA and PEUC unemployment benefits through September 6, 2021;
-Third round of Stimulus checks arriving soon;
-Increased SNAP benefits by 15% from January 2021 until September 2021.

Job Opportunities

Schwebel's Baking Company is hiring. Please call 300-783-2860 Ext.6005 for information.
FedEx Freight is hiring part-time, apply here.
MVR is hiring! Please put in an application at the restaurant — 401 N. Walnut St. Youngstown
Summer Garden's Food Manufacturing is accepting applications on their website.
Glunt Industries is hiring CNC Machinists. Apply at glunt.com.
Garden Cafe at Fellows Riverside Gardens is hiring. Apply at Kravitz Deli 3135 Belmont Ave.
Mercy Health is Hiring for their long term care facilities in Austintown and North Lima. Send resumes to pyakaabo@mercy.com
Many local businesses are hiring and have signs out advertising jobs. Check them out!

Miscellaneous

WRTA: Free busing through June 2021
LaFrance: If you are unemployed and need an outfit cleaned for an interview, they will clean it for free.
Community Legal Aid Services offers free legal help with unemployment claims. Call 1-800-998-9454 for more information.
Upper Room Clothing Pantry is offering help on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of every month. It's located on 7 South Garland, Youngstown, from 4 until 6 p.m.
One Health Ohio has Covid Testing and Vaccination. Call 330-884-6122.
COVID 19 Funeral assistance is available. Please call 1-844-684-6333 for information.
Dress To Succeed: A clothing giveaway will be held on May 8 9 a.m. until noon at the Christian Revival Discipleship Church on 3300 Hudson Ave.