Message from Mayor Cyril Kleem

Moody’s Financial Service has again given Berea an Aa2 bond rating. That translates as excellent. It means the City can obtain very favorable interest rates.

Moody’s reported that Berea is in “a robust financial position.”

Proof is the fiscal year 2019 budget approved by City Council recently. The budget shows a projected year end balance in the general fund of more than $2.179 million. The general fund is the fund that pays for the day-to-day operations of the City. The beginning balance for the year was $2.170 million so the ending balance will be slightly higher.

Estimated revenue from income taxes shows a slight uptick from $10.43 million in 2018 to an estimated $10.48 in 2019, primarily due to the new businesses moving into our City. Property tax revenue also is estimated to increase.

We have managed to keep water rates steady with no increases and we have not reduced city services. Grants and low-interest loans have enabled us to complete some major construction projects as you will read in the two-page spread on upcoming and past programs in this issue of The Berean.

We continue to closely monitor expenditures. The City has no plans to borrow funds in 2019. We continue to closely monitor expenditures.

Concerns about the environment and her children’s safety spurred Georgianna “Georgie” Rohde to join protests against the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant in 1970. As a young mother with two small children, Rohde said she was motivated by the late community activist Mary Ashbrook, who later became Berea City Council president, to get involved with SAGE (Southwest Action Group on Environment). The group presented a legal petition to protest the power plant. It also worked for the Clean Water Act to remove phosphate from lakes, rivers and streams.

Ashbrook, who died in 2013, “was an amazing woman,” Rohde said. “She was very honest and said what she felt needed to be heard.”

“That was my first experience in Berea,” Rohde said. That led to volunteerism with Berea PTA, Meals on Wheels, St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Berea Arts Fest. And to the Berea Chamber of Commerce’s Grindstone Award as an outstanding citizen.

Rohde received 13 nominations for the prestigious award.

“The pride we have in Berea today is a direct result of the past efforts of Georgie — and others like her — who share a common drive — What can I do to help?” one nominator wrote.

Rohde is proud of her busy volunteer life but said she was “in total disbelief” when told she would receive the Grindstone. “I never planned all this,” she said. “Things would just happen.

As a youngster, Georgie and her family lived in what was called “the projects,” — post World War II temporary housing near the airport. She graduated from Berea High School in 1955 and moved briefly to Cleveland. After her marriage to Ralph Rohde in 1959, the couple moved to Berea and bought their first house.

As their children, Monica and Ron, entered the Berea Schools, Georgie joined PTA. She was PTA Council president. She also worked on school levy campaigns and other school issues.

For three years, she worked for the Berea School District planning adult education programs. She also co-owned Tabor’s Thyme — a small café on Park Street that specialized in healthy menus. She was a member of Berea Business & Professional Women.

For more than 40 years, she was a board member of Southwest Meals on Wheels, which operated out of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She became involved with Berea Arts Fest in 1992 as treasurer and served as president 2009-2012 and again in 2018 to the present. She also was treasurer of the Southwest Arts Council, a consortium of interested arts-oriented groups from Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville and Columbia Station, from its inception in 2001 until it ended in 2005.

Georgie helped develop the payroll system for the North End Foundation and Berea Youth Works and has been treasurer of St. Paul Early Education Center since 2002. She was a member of the Charter Review Commission under Mayor John Whipple and again for Mayor Cyril Kleem. She also has worked on many political campaigns — local, state and national — for the past 58 years.

Husband Ralph has adjusted well to her busy schedule, she said. “He learned that I’m happiest when I’m doing a lot,” she said. Ralph, who retired from the GM plant in Parma 12 years ago, volunteers with her at the Berea Arts Fest.

Daughter Monica and son Ron are both graduates of Berea High. Monica has followed in her mother’s footsteps. A graduate of Kent State, she has been active with environmental causes. She lives in Virginia and has two children, Emma and Colin. Ron graduated from Berklee School of Music in Boston and lives in Berea. The hardest part of so much up-front public involvement was learning to speak up, she said. “PTA helped with that. With PTA Council, you’re involved with everything that’s going on,” she said.

The most joy comes from meeting people, she added. “Most people don’t realize that the greatest part of being a volunteer is you meet so many wonderful people.”

The Berea Chamber of Commerce Presents: GRINDSTONE AWARD & COURTESY AWARDS BANQUET Rising Star Award 6 p.m., Thursday, April 18 Crowne Plaza Hotel 7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights Tickets: $39 www.bereaohio.com or (440) 243-8415

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
GRINDSTONE FESTIVAL JULY 4-6 COE LAKE PARK
FIREWORKS: JULY 4 PARADE & CONCERT: JULY 5 MOVIE: JULY 6

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www.cityofberea.org

Georgie Rohde named Grindstone winner

The Grindstone Award Banquet hosted by the Berea Chamber of Commerce on April 18 also honors the Courtesy Award winners — those employees of local businesses, non-profits or government agencies that have shown exceptional customer service.

This year’s Courtesy Award recipients are:

Paul Anzalone Service Director, City of Berea

Johnny Bollin Assistant Principal, Berea-Midpark Middle School

Emily Moes Brand Manager, Boss Chick’n Sibs & Boca Loca Burrito

Tom Monhollen G4S Secure Solutions

Natalie Stewart Office manager, Broad View Eye Center

Laura Upson Director of social services, Northwestern Healthcare Center

Also honored will be the Rising Star Award winners — Drs. Nicolle Scott and Josie Kosunick of Broad View Eye Center. The Rising Star Award is given to up-and-coming entrepreneurs.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Polaris culinary students win state titles**

Polaris Career Center students on the culinary and management teams won top honors at the Ohio ProStart Invitational competition in Columbus. For the ninth time in 10 years, Polaris won first in the culinary event and will represent Ohio at the national competition in Washington, D.C., in May. Team members are Jeffrey Paul & Cory Conroy, Berea-Midpark High School; Jordan Voraw, Fairview, Sam Schreiner, North Olmsted; and Sonya Kovach, Strongsville.

Polaris also placed first in the management event and will compete in Washington, D.C., in May. Team members are Berea-Midpark High School students Noah Rolland & Marilyn Morgan, who won the Top Ohio ProStart Management Award for her performance; and Courtney Blair of Brooklyn.

This is the fourth time, Polaris has swept the top spot in both events in the same year.

**Seniors place 3rd at Auto Show**

Two Polaris automotive technology students won third place in the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers’ Association competition at the 2019 Cleveland Auto Show. Michael Karpinski of Berea-Midpark High School and Jackson Luke of Olmsted Falls High School each won a $2,100 scholarship. The duo had to diagnose and fix vehicle problems. They were one of five teams from throughout north-east Ohio.

**Girls basketball coach steps down**

Kevin Braaten, coach of the championship Berea-Midpark High School girls’ basketball team for the past six seasons, will step down. Braaten amassed a 119-34 mark, including a 14-10 record this season. He was named Southwestern Conference Coach of the Year in 2014, 2017 and 2018 – the same years that the Lady Titans were crowned SWC champions. The duo had to diagnose and fix vehicle problems. They were one of five teams from throughout north-east Ohio.

**St. Adalbert students win at Science Fair**

Ten students who took part in the St. Adalbert Science Fair will be going on to the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair at Cleveland State University. The students are Lauren Rolda, Jaylen Morgan, Aiden Hahn, Daniel Anthony, Thomas Bender, Ryan Breudigam, Beckett Hahn, Joey Joseph, Christopher Scott and Kiley Kobie. Rolda, Aiden and Becktett Hahn, Anthony, Bender and Breudigam also will participate in the Ohio Academy of Science District 5 Science Day at the University of Akron.

**Cuyahoga County 4-H Animal Science Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. serving

Berea Masonic Temple

366 Eastland Rd

(next to St. Paul Lutheran Church)

100% of the proceeds support Cuyahoga County 4-H Animal programs

**Cost:**

Adults $6 · Youth (6-12) $5

(5 & under free!) · Seniors (55+) $5

Call (216) 429-8200 or email CCFJRFAR@YAHOO.COM for more information or to purchase tickets!
Dunkin’ to build in North End

Dunkin’, formerly known as Dunkin’ Donuts, will build a restaurant on Front Street in the North End of town on the former KFC site. The deal involved a land swap between the City and the developer, Hinckley Reserve Realty. Hinckley will buy the J&J Appliance site at 760 N. Rocky River and demolish the building. Hinckley then will exchange that property with the city-owned former KFC site at 789 Front St. The J&J property abuts the former Williams Ford site, which the City also owns, and the addition of the J&J property extends the properties owned by the City in that location, making the parcels more marketable.

The land swap was approved by Berea City Council.

Planning Commission OK’d variances for the 2,470-square-foot project, including parking. Ken Blum, the franchise owner, told Planning Commission that the bulk of traffic into Dunkin’ will be through the drive-thru so a large parking area would not be needed.

Planning Commission also approved the site plan with the condition that the developer communicate with the City Engineering Department and the Planning Commission also approved the site plan with the condition that the developer communicated with the City Engineering Department and the Planning Commission, stating that the developer communicate with the City Engineering Department.

Meet your police officers

The Officers you will meet in this monthly feature worked hard to get this opportunity to serve you. They continue to work every day to deserve the honor and responsibility you have given them.

Patrolman Joseph Frimel

Joseph Frimel grew up in Lakewood. He was the fourth of five children. Joseph attended Hayes Elementary School, Harding Middle School and Lakewood High School where he played rugby. Joseph’s father was a captain with the Lakewood Fire Department.

From a young age Joseph felt an overwhelming desire to help and protect others. At 22, he decided to put himself through the police academy. Joseph enrolled in the Lorain County Community College Police Academy in 2013 where he graduated and received the physical fitness award.

Children’s Organ Transplant Association

The Trusted Leader Supporting Families

Bingo Night for COTA

In honor of:

Jaina and Chesley Cormack

Local sisters, Jaina and Chesley, need life-saving kidney and liver transplants. Fundraising proceeds will benefit COTA in honor of the girls to assist with transplant-related expenses.

May 6, 2019

6 - 9 p.m.

Grindstone Tap House

826 Front St., Berea

Tickets: $10

Enjoy delicious food prepared by Grindstone Tap House while you play bingo cards!! Plenty of vendors will be on site to deliver great prizes and to help you get your perfect gift for Mother’s Day!

Purchase your tickets from any of our volunteers or at the door! For questions about the event, or to reserve your tickets, call Caitlin at (440) 724-8962 or email our volunteer team at COTAforTeamCormack@gmail.com

Find out more on how you can help!

www.COTAforTeamCormack.com

Berea City School District

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony & Dinner

May 30, 2019

Crowne Plaza

7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights

Tickets: $30

To download an invitation & reservation form, go to www.berea.k12.oh.us/alumni

Deadline for reservations, April 4

Inductees include:

Jenny Adkins, staff; Mark Calvey, BHS ’82;
Nicole Cuglewski Marcellino, MHS ’01;
Donald David, BHS ’70; Robert Grewé, staff;
Cyril Kleem, BHS ’92; Len Muni, staff;
Rev. Jonathan Schaeffer, MHS ’82.
MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Please note: On City projects, construction is permitted to take place Monday through Saturday. In order to complete the project faster and more efficiently, contractors will often choose to work four 10-hour days. Work may begin each morning as early as 7 a.m.

Kraft Street Reconstruction

Location: Kraft Street from Fournier to Edgewood Drive.
Budget: $3 million to be funded by grants and loans from the Ohio Public Works Commission.
Timeline: Sewer lining was done in 2018. Major construction will begin in April with completion by December 2019.
Description: Complete infrastructure improvements will include a new water line, sanitary sewer rehab, storm sewer rehab, new aprons and sidewalks and a new concrete road.
Impact: Traffic will be maintained using one lane westbound with a detour. Access to churches will be available at all times. Access to driveways will be prohibited at times.

Lindbergh/Abbayshire Resurfacing

Location: Lindbergh Boulevard within City corporation limits and Abbeyshire Drive.
Budget: $500,000 with a $170,000 grant from the County Local Resurfacing Program.
Timeline: Work to begin in April and be complete by July 2019.
Description: That portion of the roadway within the City of Berea will be resurfaced, including sidewalk repairs, drainage improvements, new ADA compliant ramps and a new berm.
Impact: Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times but expect delays.

Citywide Bicycle Facility Improvements

Location: Bike racks and stations throughout the City.
Budget: Funded by a $50,000 county grant.
Timeline: The project is scheduled to begin this summer.

Dora Lee Payne Park

Location: Dora Lee Payne Park off Riveredge Parkway.
Budget: $150,000 for parking lot improvements.
Timeline: The playground was renovated in 2018. Work on the parking lot is scheduled to begin in April and be complete in June.
Description: The parking lot will be resurfaced including drainage and landscaping improvements and sidewalk repairs. This is the final phase of improvements to the park, which was totally replaced with new playground equipment last year. The play area was almost doubled in size to 5,500 square feet. Cost of the playground was $170,000, which was partially funded by a $150,000 Community Development Block Grant.

Municipal Parking Lot

Location: Parking lot behind City Hall.
Budget: $800,000.
Timeline: Project started in 2018 and will be complete this spring before events scheduled this summer at Coe Lake.
Description: Approximately 240 spaces will be resurfaced. Safety upgrades will include handicap parking spaces, ADA ramps, dedicated cross walks, vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow improvements and improved decorative lighting. Landscaping also will be enhanced.

2019 Road Program

Budget: $600,000 for road and sidewalk repairs.
Timeline: Summer and Fall 2019.
Description: Each year, the City schedules streets for maintenance and repairs. That includes asphalt and concrete repairs and crack sealing. The final list will be formulated later and will depend on the costs of asphalt and concrete.
The City utilizes multiple contractors for the road program and allows flexibility in their scheduling. Work is typically being performed on multiple streets at the same time. As a result, there will be periods of time when no work is being done on a street. The contractor is responsible for leaving work sites safe, whether working there or not. This process improves work production and allows the City’s road repair funds to reach more streets each year.
Impact: Traffic will be maintained in at least one direction. Access to driveways may be temporarily disrupted.

Fair Street Reconstruction Project

Cost: $6 million with a grant and loan funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission.
Description: The project included complete infrastructure improvements. New water lines, new sanitary sewers, new aprons and sidewalks were installed. Storm sewers were rehabbed and a new concrete road was installed. Tree lawn trees were replaced.

Coe Lake Master Plan

Cost: $2.2 million with a $875,000 grant from the county.
Description: Revitalization of the Coe Lake Park entertainment area with a new pavilion, stage and amphitheater. Mucklo Playground was expanded and renovated. To be added - a greenway connector from the municipal campus to Coe Lake.

North End Sewer Rehabilitation

Cost: $1.25 million with a $735,000 grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.
Description: Rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewers including sewer capacity increase, lining of existing pipes, sealing of manholes and abandoning unused sewer. The improvements addressed infiltration and inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewers, which contributed to flooding issues. More than 1.5 miles of public sanitary sewer lines were rehabbed along 10 streets.
MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CONTINUED

North End Gateway & Streetscape

Cost: $150,000
Description: A new canopy and ornamental trees, decorative shrubs and flowers were installed at the Northern Gateway to the City. The two existing gate- way signs were combined into one prominent gate- way, matching the gateway signs installed at other City entrances in 2014.

Tressel Street Resurfacing
Cost: $225,000 paid for by a grant and loan from Baldwin Wallace University.
Description: The roadway was resurfaced with con- crete repairs and an asphalt overlay. Aprons, side- walks and ADA ramps were repaired as needed.

2018 Road Program
Cost: $650,000
Description: Roads were resurfaced and concrete repairs were made to Longfellow Drive, Race Street, Holly Drive, Louis Drive, Aaron Street, Shakespeare Drive, Fern Drive and Robin Drive.

Office of the Chief Wellness Officer

The newly refurbished meeting room at the Berea His- torical Society’s Mahler Museum, 118 E. Bridge St., is available for private events and meetings. The kitchen also has been redone and caterers are welcome to use the facilities. Call the Society at (440) 243-2541 to book an event.

At the Library

Let’s go fly a kite!
The Berea Branch Library will celebrate National Kite Month in April with a chance for students in grades 1-5 to make their own sled kites. The Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites will make sure everyone walks away with a kite they can fly. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Berea Branch Library. Registration is required. 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27.
Reservations are requested for all programs except weekly children’s story times. Visit cuyahogalibrary.org or call (440) 234-5475.
Other programs in April at the Berea Branch are:

FOR ADULTS
Seeking the Luminescent Light: Food Photography: Terry Martin discusses his photography exhibit, which runs through April 18. Learn about his methods, subjects and the signifi- cance of light in his work. Martin is an English professor at BW and a Berea resident. He is a member of the Cleveland Photographic Society and has won many awards for his work. 7 p.m., Monday, April 8.
Introduction to Finding Grants for Nonprofit Organiza- tions: Learn the 10 most important things you need to know about finding grants. This program is designed for nonprofit organizations (not for individuals) and includes 30 minutes of hands-on, guided research. It is advisable, but not necessary, to bring a laptop/tablet for the hands-on portion. Presented by the Foundation Center. Registration required. 2 p.m., Monday, April 8.
Success with Succulents: Cuyahoga County Master Gard- eners. Sponsored by the Friends of the Berea Branch Li- brary. 7 p.m., Monday, April 15.
Digital Learning Lab: Drop In. This learning lab is special- ly for beginners. Bring your own device or use one of the library’s. No registration is necessary. 2-4 p.m., Thursday, April 18.
Digital Learning Lab: Newspapers and Magazines. A hands-on training on free resources available from your li- brary card. Use our laptops or bring your own device. You’ll need your library card number. PINs and an email address. Registration required. 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18.
Brilliant Clarinetists: Clarinets of every shape and size, from the piccolo to the contrabass. Classical, modern, jazz-inspired selections presented by the Vennor Clarinet Choir, a profes- sional ensemble in Northeast Ohio. 7 p.m., Thursday, April 25.
FOR TWEENS and TEENS
Teen Leaders (Grades 6-12): The library is looking for teens interested in making the world a better place. Bring your great ideas! Every meeting will be planning for future projects and crafting for good. 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 10.
STEAM Team: Structures (Grades 4-8) Students in grades 4-8 will work together to build various structures out of cardboard. Registration required. 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 16.
Arduino Basics (Grades 6-12): Learn to build and code elec- tronic circuits using an Arduino Uno. All equipment will be provided. Registration required. 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 23.

For Children
Weekly Children’s Storytimes run throughout the month of April. Call (440) 234-5475 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for specific times and ages. Programs are available for chil- dren from birth through age 5 as well as children of school age. Registration is not required for weekly storytimes.
Young Explorers: Earth (Grades K-5 with caregiver) Discover how geology rocks our world every day. Hands-on ac- tivities. Registration required. 7-8 p.m., Thursday, April 4 or Friday, April 5.
Ivy + Beau the Musical (Ages 3-11 with caregiver) Discover how geography rocks our world every day. Hands-on ac- tivities. Registration required. 7-8 p.m., Thursday, April 4 or Friday, April 5.
The Cat in the Hat’s Interactive Mystery: An Escape Room Event (Ages 6-12) in this escape room inspired chal- lenge, children must work together to solve a series of clues that the Cat in the Hat left scattered around the room. Do your best thinking, work together, communicate and open the locks. Registration required. 2-3 p.m., Monday, April 22.
Superhero Training Academy: A Free Comic Book Day Event (Ages 2-5 and up with caregiver) Calling all superheroes fans! Families are invited to drop-in any- time to channel their inner superhero as they tackle fantastic feats, marvelous challenges and troublesome foes. 2-4 p.m., Saturday, May 4.
Summer Camp Registration: Registration for Cuyahoga County Public Library’s free Summer Camps begins on Wednesday, May 8 at 9 a.m. Space is limited. To view options visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

Clinic’s Dr. Roizen offers advice on living longer

“We can change your family history,” Dr. Michael Roizen told seniors during his second talk in the speaker series hosted by Berea Community Outreach.
Roizen, chief wellness officer for The Cleveland Clinic, kicked off the series last year. His topic this time was “How to Stay Thin and Keep Your Brain Young.” Key to that is controlling your genes, Roizen said. Genes are protein factories, he said. You can switch them off and on by controlling stress. “Stress management changes which genes are on,” Roizen said. “Mindset trumps all others.”
How long we can perform well and stay healthy de- pends on lifestyle. He recommended four changes: stop smoking, don’t eat fast food, walk 10,000 steps a day and manage stress. Meditation, even for short periods, is an excellent way to control stress, he said.
“If your family history predisposes you to cardiac arrest or cancer, you can control those genes,” Roizen said. “Life expectancy increases due to health improvements and child immunizations.”
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Monitoring these health factors helps, he said: Lower your blood pressure, watch your Body Mass Index, monitor your blood sugar, visit your doctor on a regu- lar basis and keep immunizations up to date.
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The public is welcome to all Ovation Festival events. Most have no charge, but some require tickets. To see a complete list with dates, times and locations, visit bw.edu/events/ovation.

All events are free unless indicated with ($). Tickets are available at the Box Office unless stated otherwise. For a complete listing of events, visit bw.edu/events or call (440) 826-2325.

Spahr Chair Annual Lecture on Ethics: Peter Wehner, senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., will present "In Praise of Democratic Virtues." Monday, April 1, 7 p.m., Center for Innovation & Growth, 340 Front St.

Symphonic Band & Symphonic Wind Ensemble: Brendan Caldwell, conductor. Friday, April 5, 7 p.m., Gable Auditorium, Kuulas Musical Arts Building, 96 Front St.

Faculty Recital: Steven Banks, saxophone, and Christine Fusco, piano. Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m., Gamble Auditorium, Kuulas Musical Arts Building, 96 Front St.

Percussion Ensemble: New and standard works for percussion and marimba ensemble. Saturday, April 6, 7 p.m., Gable Auditorium, Kuulas Musical Arts Building, 96 Front St.

Music Theatre Senior Showcase (Free ticket required): Musical theatre seniors showcase their work. The showcase will average 1 hour. Saturday, April 7, 1 & 4 p.m., Mainstage Theatre, Kleist Center for Art & Drama, 95 E. Bagley Rd.

Jazz Combos: New and standard works for jazz combos: Swing and Latin. Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m., Gable Auditorium, Kuulas Musical Arts Building, 96 Front St.

Music Theatre Lecture: Carlos Salazar from the University of Washington will present "Jose Rivera in Conversation with His Time." Tuesday, April 9, 8 p.m., Mainstage Theatre, Kleist Center for Art & Drama, 95 E. Bagley Rd.

"Marisol" ($): By Jose Rivera. Guardian angels enlist the aid of legions of homeless people in New York in a battle to save the universe from a God who has lost his mind. Parental Advisory:Excessive language. Wednesday, April 10-13, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m., Black Box Theatre, Kleist Center for Art & Drama, 95 E. Bagley Rd.

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Outreach office staffs information table
The Berea Veterans Outreach Office will staff an information table at the Berea Recreation Center, 451 Front St., from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, April 10 and on Wednesday, April 24. Information will be available on resources and benefits for veterans.

Monthly vet breakfast club canceled
Because of the for bulletin for all veterans and their families on Saturday, April 6, there will be no monthly veterans breakfast club in April. The breakfast club will resume in May.

Museum highlights women in the Army
U.S. Army Women's Museum on the base of Fort Lee, Va., exhibits an extensive collection of artifacts and an art gallery. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Admission, parking, tours, programs are free. For Army gate entry information, call (804) 734-5053. For more information, call (804) 734-4327 or go to www.awm.lee.army.mil.

Color guards can compete in Indianapolis
American Legion color guards are invited to compete at the Legion's convention in Indianapolis in August. The National Color Guard Contest will be 4 p.m., Aug. 23 at the Indiana Convention Center. There are four classes of competition: Advancing & Retiring, Military, Military-Open and Open. Applications are due at national headquarters by July 19. Go to www legion.org/ convention.

Apple offers online store for vets
Apple has opened an online store for current U.S. servicemembers, National Guard personnel, veterans and close family members. The Apple Veterans and Military Store provides a 10 percent discount. Verification of military service is required at checkout. Please visit www apple.com/shop/browse/home/ veterans_military.

Women vets invited to lunch
Medina County Women of the Military invites women veterans to a lunch at noon on Saturday, April 20 at Corkscrew Saloon, 811 W. Liberty St., Medina. For more information, go to MCWM at www.saintadalbertparish.org. Please visit www apple.com/shop/browse/home/ veterans_military.

Women Veterans Roundtable with Chaplain Willie
City of Berea, Veterans Outreach Coordinator
Join us:
Saturday April 27, 2019
11-12:30 p.m.
Berea Rec Center: Senior Room
451 Front Street
A place for veterans to connect.
RSVP: Veterans Outreach Office (440) 973-4567
Light breakfast provided.
No Veteran Walks Alone

CANT WE TALK
Come join us, speak to others who have similar concerns.
Empty nest - housing concerns - veterans issues - family concerns - job loss - loss of pet or loved one - educational concerns
Meets every other Tuesday April 2, April 16, April 30 2-3 p.m.
Berea Recreation Center: Senior Room
Facilitated by: Chaplain Willie Springer
Let us guide you to find answers!
April 2: Can We Talk?: 2-3 p.m., Berea Recreation Center, Active Senior Network Room, 451 Front St.
April 4: Quarry Quilters. 6 p.m., Berea Branch Library.
April 4: Safe Passages Family Support Group. 6:30 p.m., Elks Hall, 626 N. Rocky River Drive.
April 6: Veterans Breakfast. 10 a.m. to Noon, Berea Recreation Center, 451 Front St. Free. For all veterans and families. Meet Browns Alumni. RSVP to (440) 243-2311.
April 6: Pasta Dinner for Children’s Organ Transplant Association. 5-7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 276 E. Bagley Road, in honor Jaina & Chesley Cormack, who are awaiting kidney and liver transplants. Tickets $12 adults, $5 children at the door. Basket raffles. (440) 724-8962 or COTAforTeam@comcast.net.
April 7: Order of the Eastern Star Craft & Vendor Fair. Noon to 4 p.m., 10200 Memphis Ave. (next to Kiddie Park). Proceeds benefit Ohio Eastern Star Charities including the Cleveland Dyslexic Learning Center.
April 7: St. Adalbert Parish Potluck. Following 11:30 a.m. Mass. Bring favorite main dish, side dish or dessert. Keller Center, 56 Adalbert St., (440) 234-5529 or www.saintadalbertparish.org.
April 10-12: United Methodist Women Garage Sale. United Methodist Church of Berea, 170 Seminary St.; April 10, evening pre-sale, $5, 6-7:30 p.m.; April 11, garage sale, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; April 12, Half-price Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
April 11: Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus Caucus – Berea. 7 p.m., Berea Branch Library meeting room.
April 16: Can We Talk?: 2-3 p.m., Berea Recreation Center, Active Senior Network Room, 451 Front St.
April 16: Grindstone Knitters’ Guild. 7 p.m., Mahler Museum, 118 E. Bridge St.
April 17: Millstream Quilters. 1 p.m., Berea Branch Library. Meets the third Wednesday of the month.
April 18: Grindstone Award Banquet. 6 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights. $39, www.bereaohio.com or (440) 243-8415.
April 18: Safe Passages Family Support Group. 6:30 p.m., Elks Hall, 626 N. Rocky River Drive.
April 19: Good Friday.
April 19: Passover Begins at Sundown.
April 21: Easter.
April 22: Earth Day.
April 24: Kindergarten Information Night. 7 p.m., Berea-Midpark Middle School, 7000 Paula Drive, Middleburg Heights. For parents only. For information, (216) 898-8500 ext. 6218 or www.berea.k12.oh.us/kindergarten.
April 25: Berea School District Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, Induction & Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel. $30. www.berea.k12.oh.us/alumni.
April 27: Berea Animal Rescue Friends Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Big Creek Elementary School, 7247 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights. Drop off items 5-9 p.m., April 26 at Berea Big Creek Elementary School. No large appliances or furniture, no TVs or old electronics, no pants, shirts or dresses. www.bereaanimalrescue.com.
April 27: Berea Historical Society Spring Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mahler Museum, 118 E. Bridge St. Donations can be dropped off the week before. (440) 243-2541.
April 27: Women Veterans Roundtable. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Berea Recreation Center, 451 Front St., light breakfast. RSVP to wspringer@cityofberaa.org or (440) 973-4567.
April 28: Orthodox Easter.
April 28: 4-H Pancake Breakfast. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Berea Masonic Temple, 366 Eastland Road. Adults, $6; Youth 6-12, $5; Seniors, $5. Bake Sale.
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Grindstone PTA and Grindstone All Pro Dad Present:

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**Fridays**

**June 28 - Aug. 2**

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