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Making a Difference



Giving for good

Make an impact in your community

(Family Features) Inspiration to give back to your community can come from any number of places, from a personal desire to make a difference to fulfilling a graduation

requirement for community service hours. No matter the reason or the origin, chances are strong that you can make an impact.

Giving back may be as simple as writing a check to an organization that works to further a mission you care deeply about. Or it may mean lending a hand to put on a fundraising event in your community. Perhaps you have a skill or talent you can share with others in the name of a good cause.

If you're committed to contributing to your community in a meaningful way, consider one of these ideas to improve the lives of those around you:

Spend Time with the Elderly

Seniors often hold wisdom, knowledge and experience that younger generations have yet to accumulate. Yet, as they age, a community's oldest residents are often left alone. These days it's less common for family members to live near one another, so "adopting" an elderly resident down the street or at the

local senior housing center is a way to help monitor his or her well-being and ensure personal ties to the community are maintained. Not only can this provide a valuable service for an elderly person and his or her family, it may bring you great personal satisfaction as you learn about the community's history through the eyes of someone who saw it evolve firsthand.

Donate to Nonprofits

If you're concerned your budget doesn't stretch far enough to make a meaningful cash contribution, there are plenty of other ways you can donate to nonprofit organizations in your community. Volunteer hours or even gently used items like office furniture or supplies are often in high demand. You can even donate by helping your favorite nonprofit uncover new funding opportunities. For example, the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, provides farmers an opportunity

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Be a Mentor

Much as you can gain valuable wisdom from elderly residents, you also likely have your own knowledge that can benefit others in your community. Consider the areas where you excel and explore how your community can benefit. You might put your athletic talents to use coaching a youth sports team, teach scouts a skill for advancement

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Meetings

City Council - first and third Monday of each month
 Monday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Read the minutes from Cortland City Council meetings at <http://www.cityofcortland.org/> under City Council Minutes.

All meetings are held at City Hall and are open to the public

Cortland City Council Meetings are now on TV

Cortland City Council Meetings are now posted on YouTube. The videos are usually posted no later than the next day after the meeting and can be accessed via a link on the city website or by visiting www.youtube.com and searching "City of Cortland, Ohio"

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Tuesday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.
 Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building unless noted

Lakeview Board of Education Meetings

Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lakeview High School Media Center, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. - Lakeview High School Media Center (rescheduled from Oct. 8)

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Please contact the Cortland News if you would like your organization listed here.

Our Next Issue....Nov. 3, 2018

Our theme will be Preparing for the holidays

Article Deadline by Oct. 19 • Display Advertising Deadline is Oct. 24

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The mission of the Cortland News is to focus on the positive aspects and events of our community. Our goal is to inspire pride and bring the residents of our community closer to one another by providing accurate, timely and useful information. We hold ourselves to high standards of journalism and strive to be a source of trust for our readers.

Based on the policy of the Cortland News to print positive news about our community, we reserve the right to reject contributed material considered inappropriate. We reserve the right to edit information accepted for publication for accuracy, style, length, spelling, grammar, and clarity.

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

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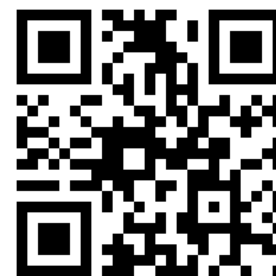
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Community Events

Event Calendar October 13-November 3

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 2 and 7*
 Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
 American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.
 "Corvettes of the Valley," National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, through April 14, 2019. *See pg. 10*
 "Christmas in Cortland," community concert singer rehearsals, various dates. *See pg. 11*
 "Maniacs in the Woods" Haunted Trail, every Friday/Saturday during October, Bazetta/Cortland Optimist Club, 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Road, Warren, benefiting Boy Scout Troop 54, dusk-11 p.m. *See pg. 17*
 Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon.
 OhioCAN Blessing Bags project for homeless population, items dropped off at city hall.
 Free guided tours of Geauga County's buildings and grounds on Saturdays, through Oct. 27 by Geauga County Historical Society.
 Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks

OCTOBER

- 13 Make A Difference Day. *See pg. 6*
- 13 Western Reserve Masonic Lodge spaghetti and meatball dinner, 216 East Main St./Rt. 88, West Farmington, 4-6 p.m. *See pg. 12*
- 14 W.D. Packard Concert Band 63rd Anniversary Concert, Packard Music Hall, 3 p.m.
- 16 Mahoning County Mental Health Board to host "Autism Interaction Training" Four Mile Run Christian Church, 701 N. Four Mile Run Road, Youngstown, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 330-333-9609 or www.autismmv.org
- 18 Cortland Christian's Soup and Sandwich Lunch, Fellowship Hall, 153 Grove Drive, Cortland, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. *See pg. 12*
- 18 Sweetest Day Dance with Big Band Sound of Packard, Packard Music Hall, Warren, 7-9 p.m.
- 19 St. John Orthodox Church fish fry dinners, 2220 Reeves Road NE, Warren, 4-7 p.m.
- 20 Cortland United Methodist Church annual turkey dinner, 155 North High St., 4:30-6:30 p.m. *See pg. 22*
- 20 Fall Quiz Night, sponsored by CHOW, Cortland Christian Church, Grove Street, 6:30 p.m. *See pg. 20*
- 20 West Mecca Bible Methodist Church one-year anniversary pig roast and chili cook-off, church grounds, 1215 Greenville Road NE (Ohio Route 88), West Mecca, noon-7:30 p.m. *See pg. 22*
- 20 The Youngstown Nighthawks tryouts beginning Oct. 20, Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, 2971 Niles Cortland Road, Cortland. *See pg. 18*
- 20 "Battle for Packard's Estate Part II," National Packard Museum, Warren, 12 p.m.
- 21 Arts on Atlantic: James Shiell, organ, with brass and percussion, Christ Episcopal Church, Warren, 4 p.m.
- 23 National Day of Service sponsored by Guidelight Financial Group. *See pg.*
- 24 Teacher's pre-retirement workshop, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Warren, 5-7:30 p.m. *See pg. 16*
- 25 Lakeview High School Marching Band Annual Halloween Parade, begins at Lakeview Middle School, 6 p.m. *See pg. 14*
- 27 Coopers Cycle and Fitness health fair, 134 N. High St., Cortland, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 27 Bazetta Christian Church Trunk or Treat event, 6-8 p.m., corner of Bazetta Road and Everett-Hull Road. *See pg. 21*
- 27 Dark on Park exhibition at Art on Park, Warren, 7-9:30 p.m.
- 27,28 Lakeview High School Drama Dept. presents two one act plays, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 28, 3 p.m., Richard T. Raidel Auditorium, 300 Hillman Drive, Cortland. *See pg. 17*
- 28 "Secrets & Treasures," Warren Philharmonic Orchestra with Susan Davenny Wyner, conductor, Christ Episcopal Church, Warren, 3 p.m.
- 31 City of Cortland Trick or Treat, 6-8 p.m.

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- 3 Trumbull Mobile Meals annual gala benefit, St. Demetrios Community Center, Warren, 6 p.m.

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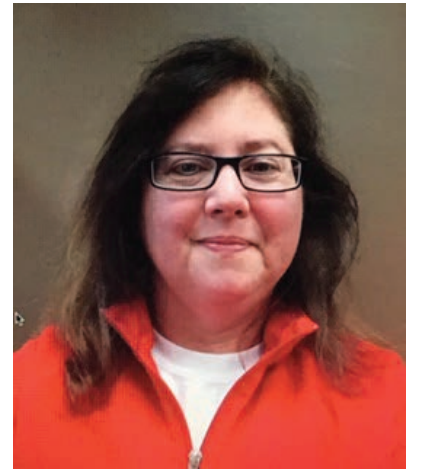
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W. T. Schrader Insurance and Champion Tax Service announce two new employees

Bill Schrader, president of W. T. Schrader Insurance and Champion Tax Service announced that two experienced tax preparers have joined the firm.

Barbara Cibella of Bristolville, has an associate's degree in accounting and business management. Barbara has worked in the accounting field for more than 20 years and has been doing taxes professionally for 18 years. Two years ago Barbara became an Enrolled Agent, which allows her to represent tax clients in U.S. Tax Court. With her recent change in employers, Barbara is actively taking new clients. She also works with clients in need of tax resolution with the IRS and state of Ohio. She recently became a licensed



Barbara Cibella

insurance agent.

She has been married for 33 years to Timothy Cibella and has two boys, both of whom have recently graduated from college.

Jane Eaton has a bachelor's degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and an associate's degree from Kent State. She has resided in Cortland for over two decades and has worked as a tax professional for the last 14 years. Jane and her husband Arthur owned a recycling business in Pennsylvania for 17 years. In her down time Jane enjoys traveling, gardening and cooking. She is a licensed insurance agent as well as a registered IRS tax professional. She is available to quote home and auto insurance. She is available year round to assist with any tax issues.



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National Day of Service

By Hannah Flesch



Guidelight Financial Group, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, is pleased to announce its 9th Annual National Day of Service. Thanks to the gracious efforts of Howland and Lakeview schools, we've collectively donated over \$88,166, provided nearly 67,639 food items and logged over 289 hours of service for our community through this event over the years. We look forward to working with Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley again this year and will focus our efforts on the Mobile Pantry Program.

Senior Beta Club members from Lakeview High School will be Trick-or-Treating for canned food in Cortland neighborhoods. They will be going door-to-door on Tuesday, Oct. 23 between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Junior Beta Club members will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for Cortland Area Cares food pantry. The raffle will be for one \$100 gift card to the Eastwood Mall.

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Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

No need to go "south" to get all your grocery needs. **Sparkle Market** has been serving our community for over 50 years and they have a great selection.

If you are looking for a caterer for the holiday season there is nobody better than **Mackenzie Catering at Gardenbrook**. They provide tens of thousands of meals every year.

Auntie V's Pizza is offering 15% when you are watching your favorite team play – or-- get dinner before or after the Lakeview game. Just use the coupon in its ad to save money.

Is your lawn ready for winter? **Centerra** has Pelletized Lime, 4th Step Lawn Winterizer and Weed & Feed for winter.

Cortland Lanes tells us that it isn't too late to join a league. For some real family fun – or a great date night – check out its cosmic bowling. There is nothing like it in the area.

Girls Music 101 Ohio fall sessions will begin October through December 19 (enrolling now). Call 330-638-1101 or 330-637-4478.

Are you overwhelmed with all the new Medicare changes and have lots of questions? Call Barry Piper at **Greenwood Insurance** – he has the answers!

The best place to watch all the playoff games and regular season NFL and NBA games is **Beef 'O' Brady's**. They have over 30 big screen TVs, dozens of beers on tap and in bottle and the food is delicious!

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Action Physical Therapy can get you up and running after your injury or surgery. They have locations in Cortland, Kinsman and Hubbard.

Did you know that **Lakeside Sports Shop** has a huge selection of Ohio wines as well as dozens of different beers? And you can drive right thru!

Country Porch Winery is now taking bookings for your holiday party. Book early because they fill up fast.

Chrissy's Lake Tavern recently won three more awards at the Steel Valley Wing Challenge. They placed first in the Dry Rub category with their "Dan" sauce and first place in the BBQ category with "Mosquito." They also received first place in the Crowd Pleaser category with their new signature sauce "Slow Ride." Watch Facebook for their limited time only Slow Ride pulled pork sandwich.

Dr. Lynn Johnson teams up with Operation Gratitude

Dr. Lynn Johnson and Cortland Pediatrics are helping to support our troops with the "Halloween Candy Give-back." You can participate by bringing in individually wrapped and fun size candies to its office in the Vasilio's Plaza. You can include a handwritten thank you note for our service members also. Dr. Johnson will then ship the items to our troops. Last year Operation Gratitude shipped 533,891 pounds of candy to our troops. All donations must be received by Nov. 5.



Champion Rotary to hear about Guardian Angel program

The Champion Rotary Club will meet at the Wayside Restaurant at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Judge James A. Fredericka, Probate Judge, will speak about the Guardian Angel program.



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- Cortland Rotary Club will collect food for the Cortland Area Cares food pantry and winter clothing for the Warren Family Mission, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-noon, Lakeview High School;
- Fowler United Methodist Church is collecting paper towels, laundry, dish and bath soap, cleaning products and personal care items to supplement the Fowler-Vienna Food Bank. Donations can be dropped off anytime Oct. 13 at the church, 3250 Ridge Road, Fowler;
- 7 17 Credit Union is collecting non-perishable food and money for the Warren Family Mission at its Mahoning and Trumbull county branches. Donations can be brought into the lobby on Oct. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m.;
- Grace United Methodist Church in Warren is collecting cleaning supplies, kitchen products and personal hygiene products for Someplace Safe, Trumbull County's domestic violence shelter;
- The Northwest Neighborhood Association is collecting non-perishable food for Grace United's pantry 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 13;
- Blankets of Love at Domestic Sewing Center, 2011 Youngstown Road, Warren, is collecting blankets for children in local hospitals;
- Susan Helsel of Lordstown is collecting Veterans Day cards for local veterans. Cards can be taken to the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission on High Street in Warren.

Rotary Club of Cortland supports 'Adopt A Foot' program



The Rotary Club of Cortland recently presented a check in support of the Adopt A Foot program that supplies new shoes to needy students in grades K-8 in area schools. Donna Zuga presents the club's gift to Jean Bollinger of the Adopt A Shoe program. At right is Bev Hoagland, the club's service chair.

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. receives donation from Home Savings

Home Savings recently donated a check for \$15,000 to the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation. The funds will be used to renovate the organization's Glenwood Business Center on Glenwood Avenue for rent to multiple small businesses.




"This project is part of YNDC's comprehensive revitalization efforts along the Greater Glenwood Avenue Corridor," explained Tiffany Sokol, Housing director, YNDC. "Modernizing and returning this building to productive use will create quality rental options for small business owners, add needed neighborhood serving business activity to the corridor and provide job opportunities for city residents."

"We're proud to be able to support the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation in their mission to transform neighborhoods and change lives while improving the overall quality of life in the city of Youngstown," said Trish Gelsomino, Home Savings. "There are many people that benefit from their services within our communities."

For more information regarding the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, call 330-480-0423 or visit YNDC.org.

Pictured from left are Frank Hierro, Mahoning Valley Regional president, Home Savings; Diana Hogg, vice president, Commercial Relationship manager, Home Savings; Ian Beniston, executive director, YNDC and Tiffany Sokol, Housing director, YNDC.



What's "news" in the City of Cortland

By Christine Dorma, administrative assistant

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat will be on Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Have fun and be safe.

Splash Pad

The splash pad at Pearl Park is closed for the season. It was enjoyed by many during the hot days of summer.

Curbside Brush Chipping

Pick-up for the entire city is the week of the fourth Monday. Brush should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to the week of collection. See the full policy on the city website.

The week of Oct. 22 will be the last brush chipping pick-up date for this year. Please be sure to have the fallen brush set out no later than Sunday, Oct. 21. Only one pass per street will be made. We appreciate your cooperation in following these rules.

E-News

Would you like a reminder of when brush chipping starts next year or the dates for Spring Clean-Up? The city issues a weekly e-news with news items and calendar events happening in our community as well as agendas for City Council, Parks Board, and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. This is also one of the means of communication used to send out public notices such as parking bans or boil advisories. You can subscribe at our website www.cityofcortland.org or by sending an email to admin@cityofcortland.org

Residents should refrain from blowing leaves or grass into the roadway or into creeks or waterways.

Leaves and grass clippings in the roadway can block storm drains creating the potential for standing water and street flooding. City ordinances state "No person shall deposit litter on any public property, on any private property not owned by the person, or in or on waters of the state or municipality."

Please do not purposely rake or blow leaves into storm inlets. If you see someone blowing grass and leaves into the roadway, you can report it to the Police Department at 330-638-1000.

Part of the contract with Republic Services provides that they pick up unlimited yard waste for residential customers. Any leaves and grass clippings should be bagged separately from your regular trash.

Thank you for your help in keeping our storm drains clear.

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 15 - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5 - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 12 - Parks Meeting - 5 p.m.
- Nov. 12 - Planning & Zoning Commission - 7 p.m.

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or lend your experience as a human resources professional to an organization that helps disadvantaged individuals improve their employment opportunities. If you're good with numbers, maybe volunteering as a financial advisor to a local nonprofit board is worth considering.

Help Create Future Leaders

If the future vitality and well-being of your community is a priority, your giving may involve creating opportunities for future generations. Programs like America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, encourage rural youth to become the next generation of ag leaders by awarding scholarships to support their pursuit of higher education in ag-related fields of study. The scholarships are administered by the National FFA Organization, but students do not have to be FFA members to apply. Since 2014, the program has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships for students looking to study age-related fields after high school.

Plant Flower Beds

Making a community better isn't always about dollars and cents. Simply making your hometown a more enjoyable place to be is a reward you can enjoy along with your neighbors. Special beautification projects such as creating and maintaining flower beds in public spaces can help create a more welcoming, friendly environment. Other ideas include community cleanup initiatives and organizing groups to help with yardwork for those who are physically unable.

Get Involved in Schools

Nearly every school district can benefit from added resources to support youth education. You may be able to help your school secure funding for a special initiative through a program such as America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, which allows farmers to nominate local public school districts to compete for merit-based STEM grants. Nominated schools have the opportunity to apply for a grant to fund projects that enhance science, technology, engineering and math education in their districts. Since 2011, more than \$16 million has been awarded to over 900 rural school districts.

Farmers can find more ways to give back to their communities along with program information and official rules at AmericasFarmers.com.

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Fran DeWine visits to Trumbull County with Republican Women



The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club welcomed Fran DeWine and Lauren LaRose to its recent club meeting. As hostesses, members of the Trumbull County Republican Women's Club escorted DeWine and LaRose to the Children Rehabilitation Center in Howland for a tour of the rehab facility where they met staff and clients. Because Warren is the governmental seat for Trumbull County, a visit to the historic Warren Courthouse was included in the afternoon's schedule.

Members of the TC Republican Women's Club welcomed Fran DeWine, shown on the left and Lauren LaRose on the right. Other members of the club that posed with the two at the gazebo in Courthouse Square in Warren are Regina McManus, Martha Yoder, Barb Tryon, Mary Theis, Bobbi Shields and Karen Combs.

Become a Guardian Angel

Come and see how rewarding volunteering can be. The Guardian Angels of Trumbull County, a volunteer program of the Trumbull County Probate Court, is looking for new volunteers. The trained angel volunteers reach out as friends to seniors who may need a friendly phone call, a visit in a nursing home or a visit at home. Angels are also involved in planning special events for seniors. The next meeting will be Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. For more information contact 330-675-2521 or go to www.trumbullprobate.org.



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Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! In fall, during garden clean-up it can be hard to say goodbye to plants that have performed exceptionally well in your containers. Well there is good news, not all of them need to be tossed into the compost pile. Here are a few end-of-season basics for saving a few container plants for next year.

When night temperatures dip to around 40 to 50 degrees F, it's time to start bringing inside those tender perennials. They can be re-potted into light weight nursery pots for easy transport and slipped into fancier containers later if necessary. Scrub the pot, add fresh potting soil (not garden soil that may have diseases), and replant. Rinse thoroughly, both upper and lower leaves with a garden hose or a wet cloth to wash off any bugs hitching a ride.

A sudden move from the cool breezy outdoors to a warm, dry house can be traumatic to plants. Moving them inside at night and out again during the daylight hours over several days will help them acclimate. Increase their indoor time gradually if possible.

They're in, now what? Set them next to a south facing window and out of direct heat flow. Temperatures between 68 and 75 degrees F with night temperatures six to eight degrees cooler are best for

most plants. There is no need to feed them as they will have slower growth with less light, but watering needs will vary. Remember, more plants die from over watering than from dryness in the house.

In spring when the risk of frost has past and daytime temperatures are 60 to 65 degrees F, the plants can be re-located back out doors. Move them in stages to prevent sun scald to the leaves from too much sun at one time. Start the plants in the shade a few hours each day, bringing them back inside at night. Work up to full sun if needed. These are the basics for over-wintering container annuals or tender perennials.

Cordyline and Dracaena Palm are two container plants I like to over-winter. They are used as the center plants or "Thrillers" in container plantings. This is also a good time to take cuttings of annual flowers such as impatiens, begonias, geraniums and coleus. They root easily in water or sand and make attractive houseplants, or you can just dig up and pot a few annual plants and enjoy their flowers for many weeks indoors.

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

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Goodwill Industries, Inc. receives donation from Home Savings



Home Savings recently donated a check for \$2,000 to Goodwill Industries, Inc. The funds will be used to refurbish and renovate its classroom/ cafeteria to create a space for hosting large meetings, staff trainings, community gatherings and celebrations.

"This project began as a joint idea with students from SMARTS who created a recommended design of the space," said Jim Freeze, Goodwill Industries, Inc. "Renovations will include replacing old yellowing ceiling tiles, dim light fixtures, floor tiles, tables and adding comfortable lounge furniture to create a happy and inviting space. One hundred twenty chairs are being generously donated by Gasser Chair Company and we will also incorporate some donated items."

"We're proud to be able to support the Goodwill Industries, Inc. as they work to expand opportunities, occupational capabilities and personal independence for people with disabilities and other individuals with special needs," Trish Gelsomino, Home Savings.

Pictured are Nancy Tabor, area manager, Home Savings and Jim Freeze, director, Goodwill Industries, Inc.

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By Brandon Rice
School Resource Officer

Now that school has been in full swing everyone is in their routines. Students are focusing on their studies and it is still great to see the kids in the new Pre K-8 building enjoying the state of the art building with the technology and resources needed to teach kids for years to come. Thanks to all of the students, parents, and staff for a smooth opening of the new building. Our School Resource Officers are busy working in the schools and interacting with the children along with other duties we have as SROs.

With Halloween approaching I would like to take a minute to write about trick or treat safety. Parents, please try and suggest to your trick or treaters to pick a costume that allows them to walk easily and also one that does not prohibit their vision. Accessories such as masks can create problems when the children cannot see to walk. Try and gather a group of friends to trick or treat together. If possible purchase some glow sticks or glow necklaces for the kids to wear that will make them more visible after dark. Also, consider at least one person, possibly a parent walking with the group carry a flashlight that can be activated to make the group easily seen by any approaching vehicles. Drivers, please use extra caution when driving in town and neighborhoods during trick or treat hours. A heavy pedestrian increase is always expected and with the excitement of trying to get the largest candy haul kids may not think to look before running

from house to house or across the road. For residents participating in giving out candy, please turn on an exterior porch light or illumination of some sort that would indicate it is ok for people to come to your house. Please, if you don't see a light on, pass up the residence and proceed to the next one. Lastly, remember to have fun and keep an eye out for your Cortland Police Officers who will be on patrol during trick or treat. We love to check out the costumes and feel free to take photos with us to share on our Facebook page.

On a different note, you may have seen on Facebook or the news in September, an incident took place and CPD requested the Trumbull County Homicide Task Force to assist. This task force sent six detectives from area agencies to Cortland to assist in processing and evidence collection. The cooperative efforts between agencies and task forces such as the Homicide Task Force are vital in solving serious crimes where local agencies may not have the resources available to do so alone. Thank you to the detectives who responded and assisted CPD along with the other agencies that assisted as well.

As always, we remind you to follow us on Facebook @ Cortland Police and on Instagram @ Cortlandpdohio. Also on Drund (Lakeview Schools) as Cortland PD SROs.

Authorship of this column alternates between the Cortland and Bazetta Police Departments.

Museum presents 'Corvettes in the Valley'

"Corvettes of the Valley" is now open and runs through April 14, 2019. This exciting special exhibit features one car from each of the seven different generations of Corvettes produced since 1953 along with a rare 1963 split window coupe, on loan from Anthony J. Ricci Jr. of Boardman.

Known around the globe as "America's Sports Car," the Corvette is the world's longest-running, continuously produced passenger car. From the first cars built by hand to

the most recent models to roll off the assembly line, seven generations of the iconic sports car have graced America's highways and byways for the past 65 years.

Besides honoring the legendary car, the exhibit also celebrates the history of the Corvette Clubs of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys. Mahoning Valley Corvettes, organized in 1961, and the Shenango Valley Corvette Club, organized in 1985, are active members of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Their mission is to encourage interest in Corvettes and to promote safe driving and good driving habits. Both clubs host social events such as cruises and car shows and their members generously support numerous charitable organizations in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys.

"Corvettes of the Valley" is sponsored in part by the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau, with support from the National Corvette Museum of Bowling Green, Ky.

The National Packard Museum is located at 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors 65+, children 7-12, \$5 and under 7, free. For more information visit www.packardmuseum.org or call 330-394-1899.

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League of Women Voters of Trumbull County fund raiser



The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County is sponsoring a Sunday afternoon performance of "Almost Maine" on Nov. 4. This is a comedy performed at the Trumbull New Theater (TNT), located at 5883 Youngstown-Warren Road in Niles. The plot and story line begins on a clear, moonless night in the middle of winter in the remote, mythical town of Almost Maine where things are not what they seem to be. Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways.

Doors will open at 2 p.m. with refreshments and desserts being served in the main lobby. A beverage bar will be available as well as a basket raffle and 50-50 raffle. The show will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased by calling Sandy Mahaffey at 330-518-6927 or Peggy Boyd at 330-856-5398.

All funds generated from the fund raiser will be allocated to the "Voter Information Guide," which the LWVTC publishes each October to inform Trumbull County citizens of what they will see at the polling booths. The Information Guide is a nonpartisan guide about the candidates and ballot issues of that year. Each October the LWVTC distributes over 10,000 copies of the guide to sites such as libraries, senior centers, post offices, etc. The guide this year will be available on or after Oct. 5.

For information on membership in the LWVTC, contact Kirsten Burkey at 330-638-7536. The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County is a nonpartisan political organization.

Pictured from left are Meribeth Feher, Peggy Boyd, Sue Smith and Dorothy Sideropolis.

Johnston VFW \$500 donates to Youngstown VA - food for veterans

Johnston VFW Post 7614 recently donated \$500 to the Youngstown VA Outpatient Clinic on Belmont Avenue, Youngstown. The Johnston VFW has been donating to the Youngstown VA, as well as to the Warren VA for several years, providing food items for local veterans in need. The Johnston VFW



would like to thank those who support the Post by attending fund raisers, making donations and supporting the Buddy Poppy program. If you are a veteran of a foreign war and live in Johnston Twp. or any of its neighboring communities, you are invited to attend meetings and become a VFW member. The Post address is 5922 Warren Road NE, Cortland. It is located approximately one half mile southwest of Johnston Center on state Route 5. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For additional information contact Service Officer Gary Wagner at 330-240-8842.

Pictured from left are Bobby George, VFW Post 7614 senior vice commander; Lori Stone, director of volunteers at Youngtown VA; and Gary Wagner, VFW Post 7614 service officer.

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Invitation to singers!

By Carole Wiley

"Christmas in Cortland," our community concert, is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School. The Cortland Community Band will play well chosen Christmas songs and the Community Choir will do the same. Every year the goal is to add voices to this special group.

If you have a strong desire to sing, a mild desire to sing, or even a hesitation - just come and give it a try! Enjoyment is guaranteed!

The four rehearsals are scheduled: Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. at St. Robert; Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. at St. Robert; Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Middle School (with the band); Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at St. Robert.

Being part of this group will provide many rewarding experiences throughout the season as we approach the time we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Singing in this choir will greatly enhance your personal joy of the season! For any questions contact me at 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.

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Community Pride Award

By Kathleen Ferris

The fourth and final Community Pride Award each year is always awarded to a commercial entity that is maintained, landscaped or remodeled in an outstanding manner. The local business chosen this September is for a remodeled property that will help Cortland stay an attractive and growing community. Congratulations Girt's Cortland Music 101, located at 197 South High St.



Front row, from left: Mayor Jim Woofter, Candice Girt-Spojkov, Alex Spojkov. Back row are Kathleen Ferris, Melissa Crown, Flo Hutton, Tina Hall and Mary Kachurik.

Purchased in early 2017 by Candice Girt-Stojkov, this circa 1800s Cortland landmark has been given a new lease on life (a much needed restoration). Being blessed with a strong structure, the house was brought up to code, plus a new roof, new flooring, new doors, a few walls moved, and updated porches. While many of the old windows were kept, new landscaping and new paint add to the curb appeal.



By the end of 2017, Candice Girt-Stojkov and son Alex Stojkov were open for business. Girt's Cortland Music 101 is a full line retail music store and teaching studio. Founded in memory of Russel S. Girt, first band director for Lakeview High School and supervisor of the K-12 music programs, the music came full circle.

While contemplating the purchase of the property and the work needed for the house to become suitable for her needs, Candice heard the Carillon belonging to the Cortland Christian Church. The beautiful sound caused her to remember her dad had purchased the Carillon in memory of his wife. It was a done deal at this point.

Candice and son Alex have been recognized with a proclamation and engraved plaque presented by Mayor Jim Woofter. Financial support provided by the Chemical Bank enables the Cortland Beautification Association to continue with their programs to recognize deserving citizens and businesses.

A shout-out to Melissa Crown, and Tina Hall from the Chemical Bank, Mayor Jim Woofter, and CBA members Flo Hutton, Elaine Hofias. Mary Kachurik, Gerri Moll, Maggie Peck, Kathleen Ferris and our newest member Autumn Dodson for another successful year.

WR Masonic Lodge spaghetti dinner

The Western Reserve Masonic Lodge is having a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. The dinner also includes salad, bread, pie, coffee and juice. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4.50

ages 5-12 and under 5, free. Carry outs are available for \$7.50. Proceeds from the event will go to Special Olympics and local youth scholarships. The lodge is located at 216 East Main St./Rt. 88, West Farmington.




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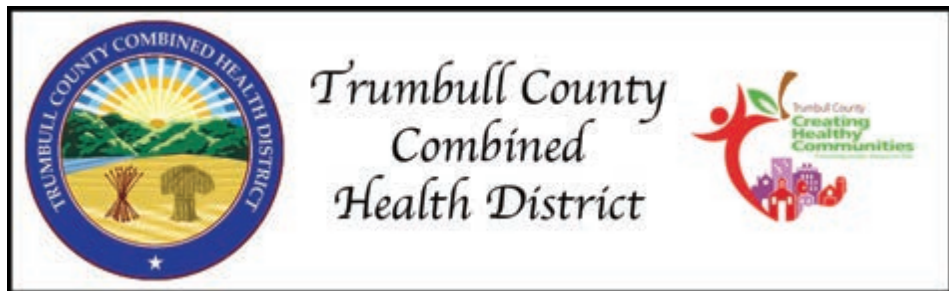





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Cortland Christian Church Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Cortland Christian's popular Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18 and will consist of sloppy joe or chicken salad sandwiches and homemade soups - chicken noodle, bean, and beef vegetable. There will also be a large variety of pies. Lunch is served in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For carry out or delivery call 330-637-4611; fax, 866-200-2708. The church is located at 153 Grove Drive, Cortland.



Second hand smoke; who and what does it affect?

Second hand smoke (SHS) affects adults, children and animals exposed to lingering toxins from cigarette products.

Second hand smoke can cause nasal irritation, lung cancer, coronary heart disease and reproductive effects in women such as low birth weight of infant. SHS has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and can increase an adult's risk of developing heart disease by 25-30 percent. It can increase the risk for stroke by 20-30 percent and it causes more than 8,000 deaths from stroke annually. Lung cancer risk increases by 20-30 percent. Breathing SHS interferes with the normal functioning of the heart, blood and vascular systems in ways that increase the risk of having a heart attack. Even brief exposure to SHS can damage the lining of blood vessels and cause your blood platelets to become stickier, which can cause a deadly heart attack.

Children exposed to SHS have a higher incidence of middle ear infections, respiratory illness such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma attacks. Babies who breathe SHS are at risk for sudden infant death syndrome and have lower birth weights if mom smoked during pregnancy. When children breathe SHS, it is like they are smoking, too. SHS is made of thousands of chemicals and many are poisons that stay in your child's body. An estimated 15 million children aged 3-11 years, are exposed to SHS. They breathe it at home, day care and in cars.

Animals, such as dogs, cats and birds, are also affected by SHS. Dogs

exposed to SHS have more eye infections, allergies and respiratory issues including lung cancer. Long nosed dogs are prone to nasal cancer while short nosed dogs often get lung cancer. Cats are at greater risk of developing lung cancer due to their short noses. Cats also have two times more chance to develop lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes that carries a poor prognosis for survival. Birds have respiratory systems that are extremely sensitive to airborne pollutants making them very likely to develop respiratory problems (pneumonia) as well as lung cancer when exposed to SHS. Birds also have a higher risk of skin, heart, eye and fertility problems when housed in smoky environments.

Smoking in another room like a bathroom or bedroom pollutes all the air in your home. In an apartment, smoke in one room can go through the whole building. Smoking outside in a hall or stairwell does not protect children inside. Smoke goes under doors, windows and through cracks. Air purifiers and air fresheners do not remove a smoke's poisons. Smoke from one cigarette can stay in a room for hours.

Simple steps to protect your children from SHS such as ask people not to smoke around your children. Do not allow anyone to smoke in your car, even with the window down. Make sure your children's day care centers and schools are tobacco free.

For more information on the effects of second hand smoke, contact the Trumbull County Combined Health Department.

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National Voter Registration Day celebrated



National Voter Registration Day was celebrated across the U.S. by local chapters of the League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County participated by setting up a registration table at the Eastwood Mall. The LWV not only registered voters, but also assisted those who had moved, not voted in the last two years, had a name change via marriage or other, and helped with any other questions the voters of Trumbull County had. Citizens were also informed about the Voter Information Guide that will be ready and distributed by Oct. 5.

Pictured from left are Esther Gartland, Peggy Boyd and Dorthy Sideropolis.

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Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Adoptions close at 5:30 p.m. The shelter is closed on Sundays and Mondays. AWL shelter is located at 812 Youngstown Kingsville Road SE in Vienna, across the street from Avalon at Squaw Creek. For more information call 330-539-5300 or visit www.awlrescueme.com.

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Kent Trumbull student rescues dying goose

By Nicholas Lilly, Kent State Trumbull

On Sept. 16, Kent State Trumbull student Anthony Rossi was fishing in Lake Anne, which is located directly behind Kent State Trumbull campus. When he saw what appeared to be an injured goose, he sprang into action.

"The goose's body was on the shore but its head was in the water. After pulling him from the lake, I gave him CPR and he coughed up a lot of water," said Rossi. He then called Birds in Flight Sanctuary who took the bird into their care.

"He could have ingested a chemical or toxin, anything really," said Heather Merritt, founder of the sanctuary.

Birds in Flight Sanctuary has expanded to caring for many types of injured animals and encourages people in the Trumbull County area to call them if they see an animal in need. Merritt began the sanctuary after discovering an injured Great Horned Owl.

"If I didn't help this animal it was going to die. There was no other option." From that moment, Merritt began pursuing a license to rehabilitate wildlife. Now she specializes in raptors, or birds of prey. However, she rescues and rehabs all wild animals, from the tiniest hummingbird fallen from its nest to a bald eagle poisoned by a poacher's lead shot. At any given time, she may be working with more than 70 birds, providing food and medical treatment.

"If you see an injured animal you should help it. It's the right thing to do," said Rossi. Late last week, Rossi heard great news. According to Merritt, the goose is still at the sanctuary, is doing well, and is making a full recovery.

Last year, Kent State Trumbull Veterinary Technology students raised close to \$900 for the sanctuary.

Birds in Flight Sanctuary is located at 8655 Warwick SE in Warren. If you would like to report an injured bird or contribute, volunteer, or adopt, call 330-652-3381 or visit <http://birdsinfightsanctuary.com>.



Halloween Parade set for October 25

The Lakeview High School Marching Band will hold its annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. The parade begins at the Lakeview Middle School. It continues on Lakeview Drive to Portal Drive and ends at Lakeview High School. Children are invited to wear their costumes and Trick or Treat in the High School parking lot after the parade. The Lakeview Band Boosters will have refreshments and the band will perform.

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Homecoming Court for Lakeview



The 2018 Lakeview Homecoming was held on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Homecoming Court included: front row from left, Athena Anastasiadis, Emily Campana, Joy Lewis, Sydney Matteotti, Jordan Roper, Meg Stein, Bailee Yale. Back row, Jacob Chapman, Antonio Crish, Joseph Gomez, Carter Huff, Andrew Oakes, Jeffrey Remmick, Juan Rohrer, Dakota Whitt. Missing from the photo is Hunter Ainsley. Homecoming Queen was Jordan Roper and Homecoming King was Jacob Chapman.



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League cheerleading competition results

The Lakeview Little Bulldogs JV cheerleaders took first place at the league cheerleading competition on Sept. 30, with head coach Heather Bowman and assistant coaches Valerie Rodgers and Jen Mosko. The Lakeview Little Bulldogs varsity cheerleaders took third place in the league cheerleading with head coach Jennie Stuart, also on Sept. 30. This year the competition was held at Austintown Fitch High School. Both squads competed against nine other schools.



Leah Toth from the JV squad took second place in both the basic and advanced tumble off. Adison Lenox from the varsity squad took third place in the advanced tumble off.

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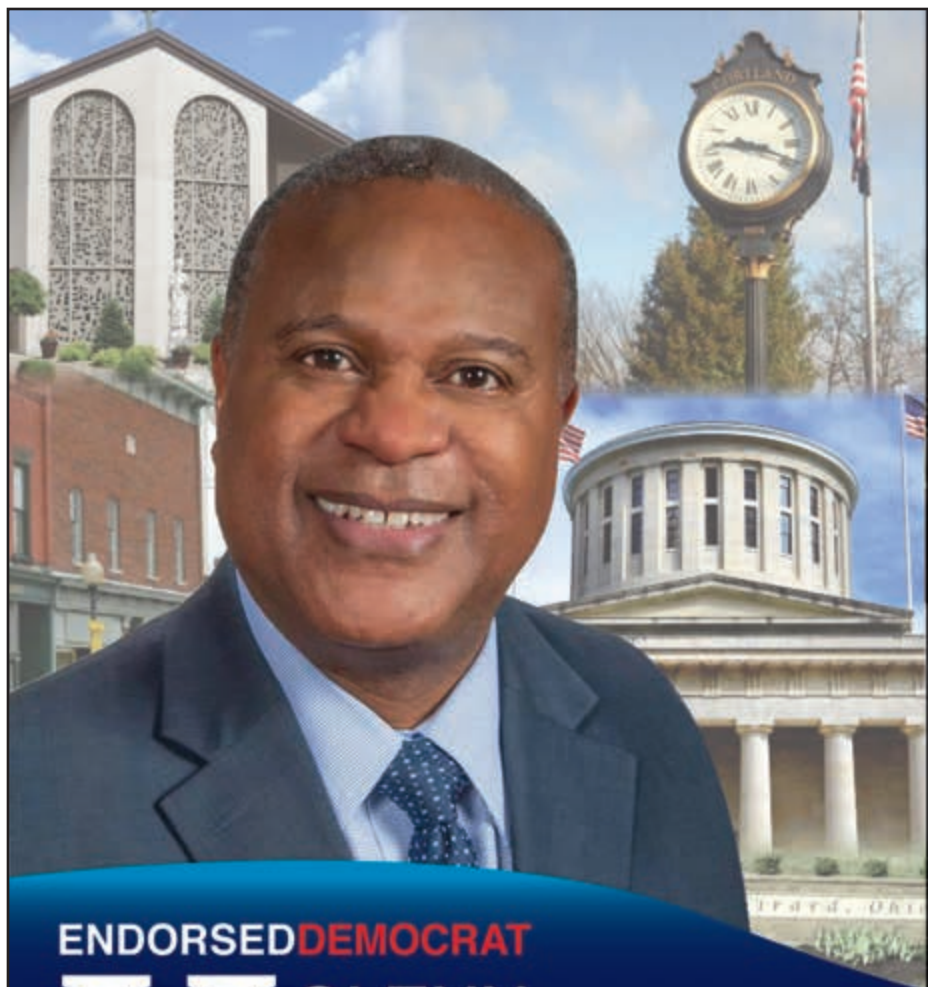
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Teacher's workshop on pre-retirement scheduled

Luanne Hite and Gretchen LaLiberte will co-chair a pre-retirement teacher's workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Warren. This after school workshop will feature free refreshments to teachers who attend. Speakers will be Luann Hite of Trumbull RTA, attorney Jack Alpern, Dr. Rayfield of Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Rick Billeaud of AMBA

and John Buch of the State Retired Teachers System. Topics will cover health care, social security, Medicare, legal matters pertaining to educators and supplemental benefits through ORTA. Certificates of attendance will be provided. Reservations are due by Oct. 19. Contact Gretchen at 330-240-9966 or grlplib@embarqmail.com or Luanne at 330-847-9966 or ib573@aol.com.

Community tours the new Lakeview School

By Thom Foley



Lakeview Schools invited the community to tour the new building last month. While parents of students toured the school before classes began, this was a chance for the entire community to see the new building. Learning, technology, collaborating, fun, preparedness for the future were all themes heard throughout the tour. And the building did not disappoint.

Donna Zuga, Lakeview School board member, said the building was designed to prepare students for the future by maximizing their potential through technology and collaborating efforts of the teachers while having fun. Retired school nurse Jane Jackson and her husband Bob praised the "open, clean and fresh look with the natural lighting" to facilitate learning.

Amanda Shilling and her son Sam, a fourth grader, said they were pleasantly surprised at the great new menu for lunch. They also loved the open spaces for collaborating and learning.

Speaking of the menu, this isn't your grandmother's school kitchen. The state-of-the-art kitchen is run by a division of AVI with a bona fide chef, Adam Hale. "The emphasis is on fresh healthy foods with a nice mixture of tasty foods and treats that kids will eat," said Chef Hale. "There is no point in having healthy foods if the kids won't eat them, so we plan our menus accordingly." I witnessed Sam enjoying a large plate of fresh fruits and vegetables so I guess it is working.

I ran into Carol Guzan who is the retired head cook at Bazetta Elementary. In addition to raving about the kitchen and menu, she praised the idea of the open spaces and collaborative learning areas. "The kids will benefit from this because they will learn from each other and make many more new friends."

Middle School Principal Ashley Handrych said "This brings everything full circle. Students took to the space from day one and embraced all the modern amenities. The reaction was very positive. The faculty and staff and I were so pleased that the students seem to love it. We are deeply appreciative to the

Superintendent Bob Wilson, the Board of Education and mostly to the community for giving us this beautiful facility that will serve the children for decades to come."

Elementary School Principal Scott Taylor echoed those thoughts. "We are all so appreciative the community putting their trust in the faculty, staff, administration and board to provide an excellent education that will serve our children into the future. We are striving to deliver a product that everyone will be proud of. This is a unique learning space. The building is unlike any other around. The closest to it is in Columbus. All areas of learning are addressed. There is a particular emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)- based education. The technology in this building is state of the art. There is a roof top garden and a weather station."

The rooms are designed to be "future proof," Taylor continued. "That means we can adapt them at any time. Most things are on wheels, so we can change it, update it or move it around easily as education changes - so can we. We had to ask ourselves what education might look like 25 or 35 years from now and we are prepared to adapt to it."

Some of things that impressed me the most, besides all the technology, was the natural lighting to improve learning. The brightly painted walls created an atmosphere of fun - this is for kids! Studies show that colors have a major impact on learning. The lack of many standard desks and using "bouncing chairs" and different areas for them to sit and learn at were impressive.

Mrs. Handrych and Mr. Taylor emphasized that the number one priority in designing the building was the safety of everyone in it. There are over 100 cameras and many security features, which they understandably did not want to reveal.

In conclusion, Cortland and Bazetta, you should give yourself a pat on the back. You have created a unique facility for our children in which to learn. And that return on your investment will be the greatest benefit.



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Lakeview Drama Dept. presents an evening of one act plays



Lakeview High School, 300 Hillman Drive, Cortland, will present an evening of two one act plays on Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. in the Richard T. Raidel Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors and are available at the door beginning one hour prior to each show.

“Check, Please,” by Jonathan Rand, is a comedy set in a restaurant that centers around two characters that meet a series of dates who met online. This play is the most frequently performed one act play in American high schools today. It is performed by permission of Playscripts, Inc., New York.

“Door to Door,” a new play by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus, is a series of vignettes using doors as the set for scenarios that are often poignant and sometimes funny that deal with many issues of life. It is performed by permission of Pioneer Drama Service. Both plays give many students opportunities to develop good character roles and gain significant experience.

The casts include Rachel Gorman, Bobby Collier, Stephen Gorman, Maggie Bork, Griffin Becker, Anna Rider, Josiah Pinkard, Karlynn Baker, Colin Beebe, Savanna Means, Jacob Batchelor, Micaela McKenzie, Sean Galela, Reagan Lew, Eric Portzer, Emily Reebel, Mitchel Meaders-Matheson, Cameron Edie, Kaden Kundel, Jessie Roach, Madyson Barnard and Morgan Rolley.

The crew includes Kaiden Lelaider, Noah Mooney, Audrey Parrish, Isabelle Harper, Lita Ramos, Kobe Lam, Landon Biaco, Savanna Means, Danielle Turner, Eric Portzer, Jordan Shackelford, Hailey Osika, Kaden Kundel, Alayna Blair, Gracie Law, Madeline Lavalliere, Avery Gillis and Eva Reebel.

Drama Director, Marty Young, is assisted by her husband Ken with set build and tech. The Drama Club would like to thank the community for its support throughout the years and hopes to see you again in attendance this fall. This year’s productions will also include the musical version of Disney’s “Aladdin” in March.

Above Bobby Collier and Reagan Lew rehearse a scene from “Check, Please.”

Haunted trail benefits Boy Scouts

“Maniacs in the Woods” Haunted Trail is being held every Friday and Saturday during October at the Bazetta/Cortland Optimist Club, from dusk to 11 p.m. The cost is \$5 for those over 12, \$3 under 12, and \$20 for a carload of five passengers. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 54. The Bazetta/Cortland Optimist Club is located at 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Road, Warren.

Cortland Playroom visits White House Farms

The Cortland Playroom went to their first field trip of many to the White House Farm’s apple orchard. Some classes went on Sept. 27 and another group went on Oct. 2. Each group gathered under a tent to hear a little information about the different apples, gourds and pumpkins that they harvest there. They took them on a walking tour through the orchards seeing all the different types of apples and other produce they plant and sell at the farm.



Each child and parent got an apple to eat on the way. After the tour of apples, the children got to go through a corn maze. The children then got to play in the play area and had doughnuts and cider as their snack. Each child got to take a small pumpkin home with them, too. What a great way to finish off a fantastic trip. Thank you Whitehouse Farms for another great field trip.



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Six questions to help you make your open enrollment selections

Each year, employers offer an open enrollment period – a window of time to select your benefits package for the coming year. It's easy to overlook this opportunity and maintain the status quo, but this could be a costly mistake given the significant role benefits play in your financial life. This year, resolve to review your options with a fresh perspective. Consider the following six questions to get started:

1. Have you experienced a major life change recently?

If you're on the verge of having a child, recently sent a college graduate off on financial independence or the job status of your spouse has changed, reconsider your health insurance options to accommodate your current situation. If you are experiencing or anticipating major health expenses, you might decide to choose a health plan with a lower deductible. Or, perhaps you may decide you are better off paying a lower monthly premium with a higher deductible.

2. How do your employer's benefits selections compare to those offered to your spouse?

Employers change their offerings from time to time, so make it a priority to compare your options every year. If you're considering changing healthcare providers or opting in for legal assistance, check to see if your current professionals are covered under the new plans. If not, consider the cost and whether you want to work with someone new as you make your decisions.

3. Is a Health Savings Account (HSA) worth considering?

If you choose a high deductible health plan, you may be able to set up a Health Savings Account (HSA). With an HSA, you defer pre-tax dollars into the account. The money can be used to pay out-of-pocket costs (such as deductibles and co-pays for medical services) that are not covered by your health insurance. The maximum amount you could contribute in 2018 was \$3,450 for an individual and \$6,900 for a family¹. Any unused dollars can be carried over to the following year.

4. Is there value in a Flexible Spending Account (FSA)?

Out-of-pocket costs not covered by insurance, ranging from deductibles and copays to prescription drugs, eyeglasses and dental work, can be reimbursed through an FSA. By directing pre-tax dollars into this account, you can reduce your net out-of-pocket costs. However, unlike HSAs, these dollars do not carry over from year to year. Any leftover money is lost, so you'll want to plan in advance to determine an appropriate amount to save in the account.

5. Are there other benefits I should contemplate?

Benefit options vary by employer. Depending on where you work, you might have the ability to enroll in benefits such as dental coverage, eye exams, legal assistance, term life insurance or other specific services that may be useful. Carefully weigh these options to see if they are cost effective.

6. Consider your financial goals.

Kick off open enrollment season by reviewing your financial goals. If you're married, talk to your spouse and realign on key priorities for the next year. Having a clear vision can help you evaluate benefit options with your lifestyle and financial situation for the coming year at the forefront. If you would like additional support, consult a financial advisor before you finalize your enrollment form.

¹ - "2018 HSA contribution limit for individuals with family HDHP coverage," Internal Revenue Service. <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/2018-hsa-contribution-limit-for-individuals-with-family-hdhp-coverage>

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Are you having enough federal taxes withheld?

For the current 2018 tax year, the IRS continues to strongly urge taxpayers to review their tax withholding situation as soon as possible to avoid having too little or too much withheld from their paychecks.

The IRS encourages everyone to use the Withholding Calculator to perform a quick "paycheck checkup." This is even more important this year because of recent changes to the tax law for 2018. The Withholding Calculator tool can be found online at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-withholding-calculator>

The Calculator helps you identify your tax withholding to make sure you have the right amount of tax withheld from your paycheck at work.

There are several reasons to check your withholding:

- Checking your withholding can help protect against having too little tax withheld and facing an unexpected tax bill or penalty at tax time next year.
- At the same time, with the average refund topping \$2,800, you may prefer to have less tax withheld up front and receive more in your paychecks.

If you are an employee, the Withholding Calculator helps you determine whether you need to give your employer a new Form W-4, *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate*. You can use your results from the Calculator to help fill out the form and adjust your income tax withholding. If you receive pension income, you can use the results from the calculator to complete a Form W-4P and give it to your payer.

Plan Ahead: Tips For Using This Program

The Calculator will ask you to estimate values of your 2018 income, the number of children you will claim for the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit, and other items that will affect your 2018 taxes. This process will take a few minutes.

- Gather your most recent pay stubs.
- Have your most recent income tax return handy; a copy of your completed Form 1040 will help you estimate your 2018 income and other characteristics and speed the process.
- Keep in mind that the Calculator's results will only be as accurate as the information you provide. If your circumstances change during the year, come back to this Calculator to make sure that your withholding is still correct.
- The Withholding Calculator does not ask you to provide sensitive personally-identifiable information like your name, Social Security number, address or bank account numbers. The IRS does not save or record the information you enter on the Calculator.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This Withholding Calculator works for most taxpayers. People with more complex tax situations should use the instructions in Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. This includes taxpayers who owe self-employment tax, alternative minimum tax, the tax on unearned income of dependents or certain other taxes, people with long-term capital gains or qualified dividends, and taxpayers who have taxable social security benefits. (The calculator won't determine the taxable portion of your social security benefits, but if you estimate the taxable amount (e.g., using the worksheet in the Form 1040 instructions), you can enter that into the calculator as other nonwage income so that the calculator can take it into account.)

To Change Your Withholding:

- Use your results from this Calculator to help you complete a new Form W-4, *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate*, and
- Submit the completed Form to your employer as soon as possible. Withholding takes place throughout the year, so it's better to take this step as soon as possible.

Special Note for 2019: If you follow the recommendations at the end of this Calculator and change your withholding for 2018, the IRS reminds you to be sure to recheck your withholding at the start of 2019. This is especially important if you reduce your withholding sometime during 2018.


A mid-year withholding change in 2018 may have a different full-year impact in 2019. So if you do not file a new Form W-4 for 2019, your withholding might be higher or lower than you intend. To help protect against having too little withheld in 2019, we encourage checking your withholding again early in 2019.

If you have additional questions about your withholding, consult your employer or tax advisor.

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An autumn community church picnic is always a fun time

By Joyce Hall

Cortland Christian Church reached out to the community with an invitation to be a part of its autumn community church picnic celebration that was held on Sept. 16 after church services. Grilling burgers, hotdogs and the cooking of fresh corn sure spiked the taste buds. A huge variety of side dishes and desserts lined several tables. The smell of fresh popcorn filled the air.

One of the favorite things to do was a church hymn sing with many of the old favorites. Ruth Young played the keyboard for all our enjoyment and Cherri Chapman sang and played the guitar. Her husband, Spencer Chapman, sang along with her. Our singing group "Joyful Noise" led the sing along.

With the temperature in the high 88-90 degrees, the kids and their water balloons were welcomed. The kids had fun with a scavenger hunt and a corn hole game. Surely, after this picnic there will be many more as it was a total success.

Pictured are Chuck and Linda Chagnot cooking burgers, hotdogs and corn for the picnic.



CHOW makes 34th trip to Grahn, Ky. with your donations

By Jean Bolinger

Members of CHOW recently returned from visiting the community of Grahn, Ky. where they delivered a truckload of clothing, household items, school supplies and books, all sent from our area and food purchased en route. Since becoming involved with the people of Grahn through St. Michael's Parish in Canfield in 2001, CHOW has made 34 trips to this Appalachian community to deliver goods donated by the people of Cortland, Bazetta and Champion. Truck rental and food are paid for by money CHOW receives from donations and from their semi-annual Quiz Night.



The Grahn area became depressed several years ago when a brick factory closed, putting many area residents out of work. Like dominoes, the local grocery store, restaurant, and even the elementary school closed. The children were split between two other area schools.

When the Grahn Elementary School closed in 1994, residents of the area sought to purchase the building and renovate it into a community center. The center opened in 1997 thanks to a grant and it provides services such as a food pantry, library, thrift store, craft store, sports facilities and computer classes. The thrift shop sells clothing, household items including furniture, finished handmade crafts as well as craft supplies, all at a nominal price. Money earned is used to pay utilities and to maintain the building, which currently has a leaky roof. A bookstore is being set up to help with expenses. CHOW will begin collecting fiction of all types to help stock the bookstore.

Each time CHOW representatives travel to Grahn they purchase food in the nearby town of Grayson. The food is given away to needy residents. The visiting team also participates in the jam session held each time they come. There were 10 musicians playing guitars, fiddles, string bass and mandolins gathered on this recent visit.

Backpacks will be handed out at Christmas and the children are always excited each year to receive them. The backpacks for the Grahn children are filled with school supplies, a book, and a t-shirt (boys) or make-up and a scarf (girls).

CHOW will be outlining their needs for the 35th trip to Grahn, which will take place in the spring. Watch here for details or come to the Quiz Night Saturday, Oct. 30 at Cortland Christian Church on Grove Drive. Your \$10 donation will get you a light meal and beverages served at 6:30 p.m. with trivia beginning at 7 p.m. Come alone, with a friend, or with your own trivia team. You will have fun (guaranteed) and will help a very worthy cause.

(Information for this article was provided by Becky Costas, Wikipedia, and past newspaper articles.)

CHOW Quiz Night to be held at Cortland Christian Church

The Fall Quiz Night sponsored by CHOW will be held at Cortland Christian Church at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. The two Quiz Nights each year are the only fundraisers for CHOW, which sends desks and supplies to schools in Central America and food, clothing, computers, craft items and much more to Grahn, Ky.

A light supper and beverages

will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the trivia competition starting at 7 p.m. There is a \$10 donation. No reservations are necessary. Form your own team or come join others to make a team. You may park at the Cortland Bank lot or anywhere else on Main Street if the church lot is full. Cortland Christian Church is on Grove Street, one block south of Main Street.

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LOAF thanks Rotary

By Carole Wiley

Coordinating pre-event activities for "Christmas in Cortland," our free community Christmas concert, is provided by Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF). Last year LOAF decided they needed to build a file of Christmas music for the choir that could be added to yearly and then rotated over many future years. Some initial financial assistance was needed to initiate this. LOAF supports and often raises funds for many local, national and international organizations, but does not often raise money for its own needs.

Letters were written to a few local organizations requesting assistance. Carol Cleal, a friend to LOAF, assisted in this effort by contacting some members of Rotary. Her late husband, Dick Cleal, was well known to Rotary. They continue to hold Dick, a past president, active Rotarian, and all around good guy, in high esteem. So on Sept. 11, they presented their generous gift of \$300 for LOAF to Carol in honor of Dick's memory.

LOAF extends a very grateful "thank you!" to Rotary for its great works and generosity. And another "thank you!" goes to Carol Cleal for her special assistance to LOAF.

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Something To Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

Saw a rock the other day. Not just any rock, mind you. This "guy" was huge. Met this gargantuan monolith while traveling south through Columbiana County. I was cresting a hill when I spotted it - a beautiful granite boulder, 30 feet high and 20 feet across - standing within a few feet of the highway. It was glistening and pristine, no doubt deposited at its solitary resting place by a receding glacier. The most impressive aspect of this monstrous stone are the words etched deeply into its face: "Jesus Saves."

Apparently a wandering disciple scaled 10 or 12 feet up the vertical face to chisel the gospel deep into the stony parchment. "Jesus Saves." I wonder how many folks have pondered the phrase scrawled across the face of my "stoic friend." Has someone found shelter and relief from the agony of sin in the message there memorialized? Maybe - just maybe - a lost soul has been led to salvation through the sculptural prowess of a wandering evangelist.

According to popular tradition, the Reverend Augustus Montague Toplady was traveling along a gorge of Burrington Combe in the Mendip Hills in England when he was caught in a storm. Finding shelter in a gap in

the gorge, he penned these words on a playing card: "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, / Let me hide myself in Thee; / Let the water and the blood, / From Thy riven side which flowed, / Be of sin the double cure, / Save me from its guilt and power." Powerful images - powerful message.

I'll bet a lot of folks view the stony epistle as pointless graffiti tainting the scenery. How about you? Do yourself a favor: don't just "drive by." Take a moment to consider. The rock will be there for a long time, but not as long as you. You will be around "somewhere" for an eternity. What you make of that rocky signage will determine where. Have you placed your confidence in the Rock that is Christ? I hope so, but if not consider this article an invitation.

Baby shower for Bella Women's Center



Bazetta Christian Church held a baby shower for Bella Women's Center on Sunday, Sept. 30. Many gifts were donated for the basic needs of the babies at the center. Coffee and cake were served.

Plan to attend Trunk or Treat

Bazetta Christian Church is having a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., where in addition to Trunk or Treat, there will be spooktacular games and refreshments and fun for youth of all ages. Costumes should be church appropriate. The event will be held rain (inside) or shine (outside). Bazetta Christian Church is located on the corner of Bazetta Road and Everett-Hull Road.



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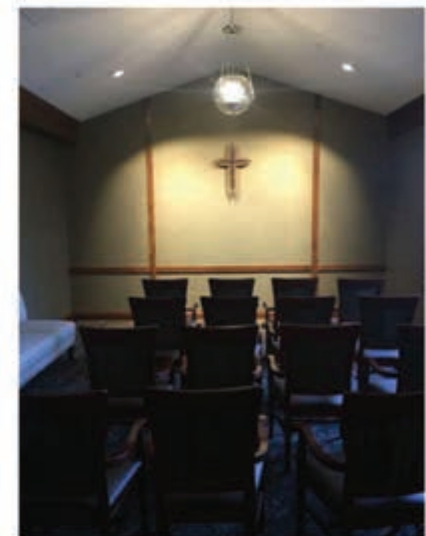
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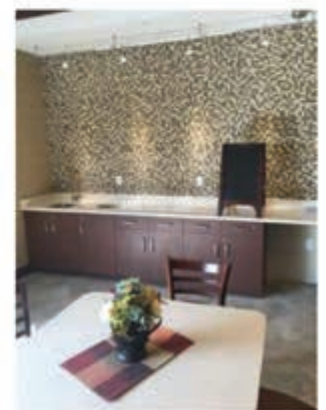
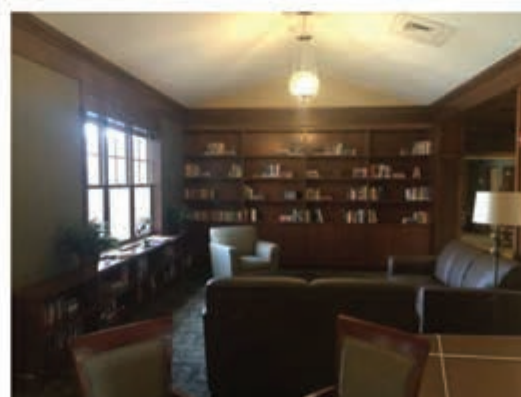
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What it takes to Make A Difference

By: Rev. C. R. Chapman
Cortland Christian Church

Most people begin their life with the hope and ambition to change the world. When the opportunity to make a difference arrives, few people are willing to sacrifice of themselves in order to see those hopes and dreams become a reality. What is it really to make a difference? First, making a difference does require effort and sacrifice on one's part. It may be something small that we give such as the time to pen a card to a neighbor, or it may be something large such as going on a mission trip, which requires sacrificing vacation days, raising funds, and giving our energy. Second, when we make a difference we should seek nothing in return. Jesus explains why in the book of Luke, in its 14th chapter, verses 12-14, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers, your relatives, or your rich neighbors, because they might invite you back, and you would be repaid. On the contrary, when you host a banquet, invite those who are poor, maimed, lame, or blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (HCSB).

A lot of people back-out of opportunities to make a difference because the difference that they wanted to make is too large for them to accomplish alone or without great cost.



Again, Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me" (HCSB). There are some people who are called to change the world. The late, Billy Graham was one such person, but those people are few and far between. Perhaps God is not calling you to change the world for a bunch of people, but to change the world for just one person. Let us be an encouragement during this season as we prepare next month to give thanks as we are reminded of all that we are thankful for. Let us give back to the Lord in helping those in need. You can be the difference that changes the whole world in the life of one person.

Congregation celebrates anniversary with pig roast fall festival

The West Mecca Bible Methodist Church will celebrate its one-year anniversary and introduce its new pastor with a pig roast and chili cook-off.

The free community family fun day is set for noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, on the church grounds, 1215 Greenville Road NE (Ohio Route 88), West Mecca (GPS address Cortland), across from the iconic Monty's Mosquito Lake Carryout and Restaurant.

Activities will include a bounce house, face painting, farm petting zoo, volleyball, cornhole, horseshoes and Wiffle ball. Roasted pig will be served at 1 p.m., and a chili cook-off, hot dogs and burgers are on the menu at 5 p.m. Entry to compete in the chili cook-off is free. The day will be capped off with a devotional and singing around a campfire.

"Everyone is welcome," church board president H. James Pinkerton said. "Bring your family and friends to

an afternoon of games and fun."

"This is our introduction to the community," Pastor Mike Shiery said. "We want to get to know our neighbors. In our increasingly polarized and isolated society, it's important to have a place where we can come together in worship and feel that we have found a 'family' where we belong and are cared about," Shiery said. "We want to be that church family."

The congregation of the former Warren Bible Methodist Church moved into the historic West Mecca United Methodist Church building on Oct. 29, 2017. Pastor Mike Shiery began serving as minister on Sept. 2, 2018.

Weekly Sunday services are Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; and evening worship, 6 p.m. Midweek prayer services are 7 p.m. Wednesday, alternatively at the church and in the homes of members.

For more information, call Pastor Shiery at 330-372-1593 or 517-902-2116.

Annual turkey dinner at Cortland UMC

The Cortland United Methodist Church annual turkey dinner will be held at the church, 155 North High St. on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The dinner includes turkey, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, green beans, cranberry sauce,

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