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VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT

By Dick McClain

With Halloween behind us, everyone seems to turn their attention to our November holidays – Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. What

better way to express your thanks and appreciation for the sacrifices of our veterans, than to honor one or more of our heroes with a donation to the Cortland Veterans Memorial project.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is five months into the fundraising campaign to raise about \$160,000 to enhance the veteran's memorial at Point Park, which was originally dedicated as a veteran's memorial in 1999.

The general plan for fundraising has been to sell engraved pavers honoring veterans and recognizing contributors and donors, generating about 40 percent of the costs. Businesses, service clubs, veteran's groups, other organizations and individuals, are being approached for the remaining \$95,000. This includes a number of grant applications as well.

The committee has been very active in "getting the word out" during the summer. They participated with an information booth at the Air Show, the

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HOMETOWN BLESSINGS

By Sally Lane

Small towns all around our country have a unique sense of community. There is shared history, a feeling of belonging, of being connected and pulling together. As the Thanksgiving holiday looms before us, many of us take special note of our blessings of family and home.

As the "good news newspaper" we hear and see a lot about the wonderful things in our town. For this issue, I asked many residents to share favorite things about Cortland. I was thinking more of special events like the Street Fair, or sunsets on Mosquito Lake, or high school football games. Yes, people said they enjoyed those things, but without exception, the most important to you, the most appreciated, the best thing about Cortland is... the people!

Before the 1960s Cortland population had been about the same level for some time. There were grocery, clothing, furniture, hardware stores, gas stations, restaurants, car dealerships, insurance companies, farming equipment, and mower sales - our town was an oasis

between the farming communities in northern Trumbull County and

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Cortland Specialty Shops are excited to announce that they will be once again holding a Gingerbread Walk Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to kick off the 2017 holiday season and celebrate Small Business Saturday.

The following specialty shops have joined together to offer their unique products: Beach Bum Tanning Salon, Centerra Country Store, Country Porch Winery, Furniture Décor and More, Galleria of Arts & Antiques, Happy Harvest Florist, Heritage Florist, Just Pizzelles, Sparkle Market, Quilter's Fancy and The Body Shoppe FIT CREW Studio.

There are many attractions being held at the Opera House including a Gingerbread House Contest, sponsored by Cortland Bank, where visitors are invited to cast their vote for people's choice. There are four age groups for the contest and registration ends Nov. 24. You may call Christina at 330-240-2257 or 330-638-8707 for details and to register.

The Opera House will also be full of

vendors and pop-up shops both upstairs and downstairs. Other events at the Opera House include kids' pictures with a life-size gingerbread house, music, face painting and a few other surprises. There will also be a gingerbread house/cookie make and take station provided by TCTC's Early Childhood Education students, along with a craft station provided by Cortland Library. There will be snacks and refreshments.

Each shop will be marked with a "Gingerbread" cutout in front of its location and will be awaiting your arrival. Some shops will have specials and discounts and will be showcasing their new holiday merchandise. Be sure to stop by each location in order to be entered into a drawing to win a spectacular gift basket with donations from all shops.

Join us and get a jump on your holiday shopping in the quaint city of Cortland while supporting our "Shop Small" initiative on Small Business Saturday.

POINT PARK DECORATED FOR FALL SEASON

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League Arts Committee recently decorated the Point Park gazebo in Cortland for the fall season. Members of the Arts Committee decorating the gazebo are from left, Monica Olbrych, WJWL President Jonnah Hetzel, Susan Pappas, Renee Maiorca and Kelly Kelly.



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Cortland Street Fair, the Lions Club Car Show, the Kinsman Car Show and at Wings and Wheels. Also, a fundraiser buffet dinner was held at Quaker Steak & Lube. In addition, Sparkle Market in Cortland provided two weekends for the committee to promote the project.

A major event by the committee was its Truck Show and Community Barbecue in downtown Cortland. It was co-chaired by committee members Bob Woofter and Steve Belcher. Thanks to the support and help from the Lions Club, the event was very successful -- with plans to make this an annual event.

At each event, the committee talked to numerous veterans and their families and distributed hundreds of the project brochures and paver order forms. One of the questions asked most often was whether any veterans from outside Cortland can be honored with a paver. The answer is absolutely, yes. The committee welcomes the opportunity to include all veterans from the Mahoning Valley area and beyond, with some paver orders already received honoring veterans from out of state.

In the five months since the kick-off on May 20, the committee has raised \$30,000 in donations and paver orders, and have received nearly \$10,000 in pledges and other verbal commitments.

With the "summer events" completed, the committee is now contacting nearly 100 area businesses and organizations, requesting that they consider making a 2017 tax-deductible donation to the project. All contributions and paver orders can be sent to the Cortland Community Foundation, 400

N. High St., Cortland, OH 44410. To recognize major sponsors, the committee has devised permanent recognition as an Eagle, Patriot, Liberty or Freedom level donors.

More information can be found on the project's website www.CortlandVeteransMem.org, where the project brochure containing the paver order form can be printed.

If the fundraising is 100 percent successful, there will be sufficient funding for the several features and components included in the design plan, developed by Gilmore Designs. They include flagpoles, benches, special lighting, new trees and landscape plantings, a soldier's cross, engraved pavers, a granite service branch monument, columns, a curved monument wall, and a very distinguished water feature. It is important to note that the committee is now reviewing the design plan and giving some consideration to the possibility of including a new gazebo structure as part of the project.

The time frame for construction is entirely dependent on the funding. In order to construct the project in time for a Memorial Day dedication next spring, it is critical that full funding be received in the next three months. Should the fundraising fall short of the objective, one consideration would be to construct as many of the components and features as the funding can support.

The committee emphasizes that all donations are tax-deductible, and that the upcoming Veterans Day is a great opportunity to thank the past and current members of the armed forces for their dedication and service to our country.



Honoring Those Who Served

A permanent monument of appreciation will be built at Point Park in Cortland, honoring our veterans. Please consider making a 2017 tax-deductible donation to this project.

Purchase an engraved paver to honor a veteran -- or to be recognized as a contributor and donor. Check the website for all the details, the design plans, and the paver order form.

CortlandVeteransMem.org



** Honoring Those Who Served **

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Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Sparkle Market has everything you will need for all of your Thanksgiving, Christmas and holiday parties. No need to go to the mall just to pay more. Stay at home and save!

Centerra has Easy Heat Wood Pellets on sale through Nov 18. Check out the coupon in their ad.

Did you buy your raffle tickets yet for the Memorial Quilt at **Quilters Fancy**? The beautiful handmade quilt is a tribute to our troops. All of the money goes to the Veteran's Memorial in Cortland.

Did you know that **Furniture Décor & More** is open on Sundays from 11-3? The inventory changes so quickly that if you miss a day, you miss a lot.

Vasilio's has its party menu listed in this issue. Book your holiday party now - dates are filling up fast.

Beef 'O' Brady's is having a Sip N Paint Sunday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Reserve your spot now - space is limited.

Action Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation reminds you to use proper posture while cooking, baking and wrapping gifts to avoid neck and back pain. Follow them on Facebook for tips and giveaways. Call them for a free consult. Happy holidays from their family to yours.

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Auntie V's Pizza has those delicious homemade cookies for the holidays. Order yours now.

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Greenwood Insurance has the answers for your questions about Medicare. Don't get confused by the "Medicare Maze" - let Barry Piper explain it to you.

Have you eaten at **Lake Tavern Family Restaurant** lately? One of the nicest family restaurants around. Fridays they feature their seafood platters and Saturday is the Prime Rib and Grilled Pork Chops. Check out their new chili - it just won an award!

Mackenzie Catering at Gardenbrook will prepare your holiday party meals for you. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve or your holiday get together. Give them a call for details.

Campbell Carpet tells us that you can still get that new carpeting installed for the holidays. Better total price than those misleading "Big Box Store" ads.

I was in **Cortland Mower** and the showroom is filled with all kinds of snow blowers. Don't get caught without one - get them while they are still in stock.

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OCTURBOFEST A SUCCESS

The fund raiser for the Lakeview Band Uniform Drive, called OcTURBOfest, was a huge success. The event brought in nearly 100 registered vehicles and raised just shy of \$3,000 for the marching band uniform fund. The helicopter candy drop was also a great success, thanks to Stellar Copters. The kids had a great time. The event was coordinated by KillerWaxx Car Detailing. Thanks to all of the sponsors, vendors, volunteers, participants and the band boosters for a great event. See you next year!



First place winner in the Kid's Power Wheels class was Bella Betts, on right, and second place winner Peyton Auxier.

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After 27 years at 124 N High St., Quilters Fancy is moving to 225 S. High St., across from Circle K. "We just outgrew our space here and needed more room for inventory and classes," said owner Cindy Oravec. "We want to sell most of our existing inventory to make room for all the new items, so we are having a moving sale with everything in the store 10 to 75 percent off. We would rather sell it at a loss than

have to move it." The current location will close Thanksgiving Day and they will reopen Dec. 4 at the new location.

They are still selling raffle tickets for the handmade 63" x 80" Memorial Quilt, which was made by Renee Hoffstetter. The drawing will be on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. All of the money goes to the Cortland Veteran's Memorial. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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MEETINGS

City Council - first and third Monday of each month
 Monday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Nov. 13, 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

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Monday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.
 Monday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building unless noted

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

Monday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m. - Lakeview High School Media Center

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Our theme will be Preparing for the Holidays

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT CALENDAR NOV. 4 TO NOV. 25

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 5 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.

American Sewing Guild meetings, various dates. *See pg. 13*

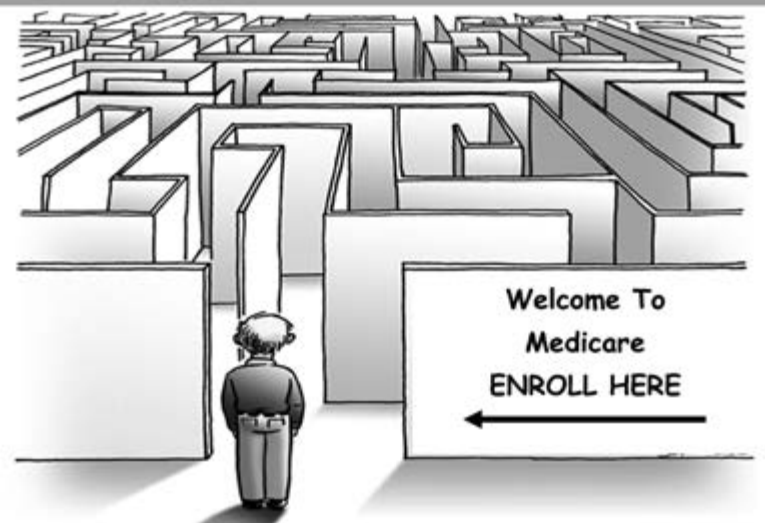
Cortland Branch Library events, various dates, *See pg. 18*

“Christmas in Cortland” concert rehearsals, Nov. 18, 10 a.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church; Nov. 28, 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. at St. Robert. *See pg. 6*

Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon.

“Musicians and Scholars: The Dana Family of Warren, Ohio,” Sutliff Museum, second floor of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave., Warren, through January 2018.

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- 4 Youngstown Night Hawks tryouts for PASL Soccer Team, Farmer Jim’s, 2971 Niles Cortland Road, 8-10 p.m. *See pg. 12*
- 5 Peter Allen Inn & Event Center art show and wine tasting, 8581 State St., Kinsman, noon-5 p.m. *See pg. 8*
- 7 Election day. *See pg. 15*
- 9 KSU Trumbull “The Practice of Interactive Read Alouds,” educational workshop series, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Technology Bldg.
- 10 A Time to Dance, Niles, free dance lessons for all active duty members and veterans. Private lessons from 3-6 p.m.; group lessons at 6-6:30 p.m. 330-883-1644
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Johnston VFW Post 7614 Bully Beef Luncheon, 5922 Warren Road NE, Cortland, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. *See pg. 10*
- 11 6th Annual Johnston Civic Club Craft and Vendor Show, Mecca Community Church, Phillips Rice Road, Cortland, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. *See pg. 13*
- 14 Quilting Angels Quilt Guild Tea and Luncheon, 10 a.m., MCCTC, 7300 Palmyra Road, Canfield.
- 16 Cortland Christian Church Soup and Sandwich Lunch, Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. *See pg. 12*
- 17 48th annual GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League Champagne Luncheon and Style Show, St. Demetrios Banquet Center, Warren. *See pg. 15*
- 18 National Survivors of Suicide Awareness Day Vigil, Warren Reach Center, 2609 Weir Road, Warren, 6 p.m. *See pg. 7*
- 18,19 Trumbull Rod & Gun Club pheasant hunting events, 6565 Phillips-Rice Road, 330-373-9010.
- 19 The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra’s fall concert “Stories and Surprises!” Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren, 3 p.m.
- 19 “Hamilton!” star Seth Stewart interview and workshop, Packard Music Hall, 1 p.m. *See pg. 15*
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 Small Business Saturday
- 25 Cozy Christmas, Coopers, 134 North High St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25 Cortland Christian Church Holiday Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25 Cortland Specialty Shops Gingerbread Walk, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. *See pg. 2*



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CHRISTMAS IN CORTLAND PRACTICES

By Carol Wiley

The first rehearsal of the Community Choir occurred Saturday, Oct. 28. This choir is open to everyone in the greater Cortland community. If you were not present but want to sing, there is still time. The remaining practices are: Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. at St. Robert; Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School; and Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. at St. Robert.

The third annual Christmas in Cortland, a musical celebration, will take place Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School. Our famous Cortland Community Band is the headliner, entertaining with special

Christmas selections. The Community Choir will then take the stage and sing two songs a cappella. Their third piece will be sung with the band. Then the band and choir will lead the audience in singing a collection of well-known and beloved carols. Put this on your calendar to be sure you do not miss this fun and meaningful community even.

LOAF (Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship) supports and coordinates this joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please call, text, or email me at 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.



What's "news" in the City of Cortland

By Terri Barnovsky, administrative assistant

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.

Opportunities to Give to our Community:

Salvation Army Angel Tree

The Cortland Police Department will be participating in the Salvation Army "Angel Tree Program" again this year. Tags will be available to be picked up at the city administration building. Check the city website or the Police Department's Facebook page for more information.

Toys for Tots

The Cortland Fire Department is accepting new and unwrapped toys through Dec. 6 for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Blessing Bags Drive

OhioCAN (Change Addiction Now) of Trumbull County is sponsoring a service project to aid the homeless population in our area. Cold weather is fast approaching. The need is great and we can make a difference by providing a few basic necessities and comfort items.

A donation bin is located in the lobby of the Cortland Administration Building. Items can be dropped off there. OhioCAN will pick them up, assemble the bags and distribute them to those in need. A list of the items being collected can be found on the city website or call 330-637-3916 for more information.

Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 6 - 7 p.m. - City Council
- Nov. 13 - 5 p.m. - Parks Board
- Nov. 13 - 7 p.m. - Planning & Zoning Commission
- Nov. 20 - 7 p.m. - City Council
- Nov. 23 and 24 - City offices will be closed. Republic Services will be operating on a one day delay due to the holiday.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE RETURNS DEC. 1

Christmas in the Square returns to downtown Warren, Friday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. According to the event organizers this year's holiday celebration will be bigger than ever. Last year's event attracted hundreds to Courthouse Square.

Highlights of the Friday evening event will be a holiday parade, story time with the mayor, pictures with Santa, a cookie walk, stage performances and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

The holiday parade will kick off at 5:30 p.m. This year's parade marshal is well-known Warren pediatrician, Dr. John O. Vlad. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Pastor Todd Johnson.

Activities scattered throughout Courthouse Square will include reinder games for kids of all ages; a pop-up Christmas market featuring gifts and treats perfect for holiday gift-giving; a local DJ spinning favorite Christmas tunes; free photos with Santa in the gazebo; musical performances in front of the courthouse; a horse-drawn wagon ride around the square; free hot chocolate provided by the Salvation Army Truck; and a visit by the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library bookmobile.

All evening children ages 2-12 can stop by the Log Cabin to write letters to Santa and then mail them in a special box located in front of the building. Storytime with the mayor will take place at city

hall at 5 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. The cookie walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. and all participating merchants and businesses will be marked with signage. Registration for the cookie walk is required and limited to children ages 2-12 years old. The Warren Trolley will be on hand to transport attendees to the various cookie stop locations.

The evening activities will end at 8 p.m. with the tree lighting ceremony. All activities are free and open to the public.

NATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY VIGIL

The 19th annual candlelight vigil in remembrance of loved ones who died by suicide will be held in conjunction with National Survivors of Suicide Awareness Day on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Warren Reach Center, 2609 Weir Road, Warren. The event will be held in loving memory of Valerie Kopiak. Anyone who

has lost a loved one to suicide is welcome and are encouraged to bring photos or signs. The event is sponsored by Help Network of NEO. For more information call 211 or 1-800-427-3606 or 330-747-2696. If you would like a loved one's name to be read at the vigil, email helpnetworkneo.org.

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To The Editor

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 30, the 2017 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's "Out of the Darkness" community walk was held at the Wick Recreational Area of Mill Creek Park. As my wife Cindy is the chairperson, I must say I could never be prouder of the work we put into the event.

We want to give a big thank you to our 41 sponsors, the people who donated to our cause but wished to remain anonymous, our friends and family as well as all the volunteers who showed up to make the event such a success. And of course, a heartfelt thank you to those who took part in the walk, showing the community that it is okay to talk about the issue of suicide, telling their stories, and hopefully helping each other heal.

Our event goal was \$35,000, and I have to say we are proud of everyone who not only helped us reach the goal, but surpass it, as we have raised over \$44,000 to assist in advocacy, education and counseling in Northeast Ohio!!

Thank you,
 Cindy and Steve Orslene

Dear Lakeview School District Resident,

I strongly believe if you review the following information, you will use good judgment when voting on November 7. Lakeview Local Schools has a 2.25 renewal school levy on the November 7, 2017 ballot.

This renewal levy comes at a critical time for us. Our state foundation revenues will be identical to last year's total. In fact, our state revenue has been static for the preceding two years. Adding to this fiscal concern, the coming two-year state projection has us flat lined both years. While our revenue remains constant, there are inflationary pressures in most of our expenditure areas.

We are very proud of the fact that we demonstrate high student performance while per pupil expenditure is very low. Lakeview spends \$9,008 per pupil while the state average per pupil expenditure is \$11,164. Our taxpayers continue to earn a superior return on their investment as Lakeview ranks 7th from the lowest out of 20 Trumbull County Schools in total operating millage.

The prestigious *US News & World Report* awarded a Silver Medal to Lakeview High School ranking it in the top 100 high schools in the state. While the current state report card does not label districts with an overall grade or rating, it does offer insight into district progress. I am in agreement with educators statewide who continue to rally against the report card for a number of valid reasons, most notably the achievement piece of the report card which is extremely subjective. However the progress component of the report card is a valid measure of student growth during a school year. A "C" grade indicates one full year of student growth. Lakeview earned an "A" in overall student growth (value added).

Lakeview's performing arts programs continue to be ranked among the very finest in the state. At adjudicated state functions our bands and choirs consistently earn high ratings. Our athletic and extracurricular programs involve hundreds of students and we are highly competitive in all areas.

Thank you for your continued support of Lakeview Schools. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Educationally,
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The work of local painters,

craftspeople and photographers will be available for purchase. Noted portrait artist Barbara Haake will be doing a live drawing and painting session during the event. Several of Haake's other oil paintings will be on display and for sale.

Other artists that will be featured include Thomas Harwood, watercolor/oils; Karen McKee, pottery; Rebecca S. Nieminen, photography; Daniel Rauschenbach prints/ceramics; Ralph Teets, woodwork; Chris White, stained glass/pen and ink; and Diane Brown Cocoa Exchange Chocolatier.

ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE AIDS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The annual basket raffle and bake sale for Summer Enrichment Program for handicapped children of Trumbull County was held recently at Candlelite Knolls. This event has been going on for over 20 years. Thanks to the generosity of the Bazetta-Cortland Optimist Club members, a donation of \$675 was made from the proceeds of the concession stand for the day.

MORE THAN FLOWERS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CLUB

By Sally Lane, with help from Four Seasons Club history noted in their new cookbook.

It started in October of 1967 with five women who wanted to learn more about flower arranging, flower growing and garden tips while enjoying fellowship and fun. By the first part of 1968, 20 members of the new club were meeting at each other's homes and already expanding the scope of their group. Early on, Four Seasons Garden Club provided food and clothing to many families in need throughout the year and especially at the holidays.

For the first several years, the club held flower shows around the community, but in 1985 the club adopted a space at Willow Park and created a landscape bed where they planted shrubs and perennials. Members still maintain the Willow Park bed. That was the beginning of a local presence that has created and inspired cooperation with many businesses, organizations and departments of the community.

A large barrel was placed at each entrance coming into the community. Every spring each barrel was planted with flowers and members took turns watering. They also planted daffodil bulbs and several trees at the tennis court area, across from Willow Park. In 1990 the club still wanted to beautify additional areas in Cortland and decided to landscape the city's sign at the point by Speedway gas station and the sign in front of the Opera House.

Speaking of the Opera House... when the Cortland Bazetta Historical Society purchased the old Grange Hall in 1987 and wanted to renovate the almost dilapidated old building, the garden club adopted the grounds as a project and have donated time and money over many years to help it become the beautifully landscaped Opera House it is today.

In 1991 the club had a "Rally Round the Flag" event. One hundred United States flags were installed along the Cortland streets in time for Memorial Day. Mary Lou Jarrett, club president, said the club had been working on this project for two years. They solicited Bazetta Township businesses, organizations and individuals, asking them to purchase one of the \$25 flags. Some were dedicated to military personnel who were involved in Desert Storm. The poles, purchased by Packard Electric Plant 45, were installed by the Cortland and Bazetta fire departments, the Cortland Police Department and the American Legion Post 540. Eagles topping the poles were given by the Garden Club. The flag display, is up until Labor Day. The display follows the main routes through town and continues each year.

That same year, the club made luminaries and sold them in sets of six for a "Light Up Our Community, Share in the Spirit" event. That fundraiser started a delightful tradition of neighborhoods lighting luminaries on Christmas Eve. Other fundraising projects include a spring flower sale, a fall mum sale, garden and home tours and a farmer's market. Funds are used to buy flags, and donate to various other area charities and projects such as Street Fair and Parade, Cortland Area Cares, Lake Vista and the Splash Pad. The club also partnered with the Warren Junior Women's League in placing 60 flags on the King Graves Road bridge over Route 11. They helped purchase and install flags again this year to replace faded and missing flags on Make A Difference Day.

Club members also go to kindergarten classes in the spring to help students plant a little flower in a cup for



their Mother's Day gift.

The Four Seasons Garden Club is so much more than flowers. The members make our community bloom with good works, caring and involvement, and of course, beautiful flowers and flags, and pumpkins and mums in the fall. At their anniversary dinner Oct. 19 at Lake Vista, Mayor Jim Woofter honored the club by presenting current president Mary Lou Jarrett with a proclamation from the city for their commitment and dedication to making the community beautiful. Congratulations! We are looking forward to the next 50 years!

The Four Seasons Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month at Lake Vista of Cortland, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland. Membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. A cookbook has just been published in honor of the anniversary. It includes recipes from members and past member. For more information contact President Mary Lou Jarrett, 330-637-7489.



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Johnston VFW Post 7614 is hosting a traditional Bully Beef Luncheon on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for the Bully Beef lunch is "by donation." There will also be a turkey raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit local school scholarships and support veteran's services in the Youngstown and Warren areas. The post is accepting old, worn-out American flags for proper disposal. If you are a veteran of a foreign war

and live in Johnston Twp. or any of its neighboring communities, you are cordially invited to meetings and to become a VFW member. The Johnston VFW post address is 5922 Warren Road NE, Cortland, located one mile southwest of Johnston Center on state Route 5, between Cortland and Johnston. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For additional information may contact Jr. Vice Wagner at 330-240-8842.



By Chief Tom Andrews, Cortland Police Dept.

As the busy holiday season approaches, it is a good time to refresh some crime prevention tips surrounding our activities. Thieves and burglars love this time of year as well. Homes and cars are packed with gifts, crowded shopping areas and distracted people trying to get everything done makes for prime criminal opportunities.

AT HOME:

- Burglars know there is a good chance that all the expensive and new gifts your family bought are sitting right there in your family room for the taking. Take extra precautions when leaving your home-- turn lights on, make sure all doors and windows are locked and maybe leave a radio or TV on while you are out. Even after you have opened the gifts, boxes awaiting garbage pickup can advertise the new items (computer, stereo component, camera, etc.) that are now in your home. Better yet--recycle the cardboard boxes and dispose of them at the bins near Willow Park.

- If you are travelling on the holidays remember to stop the mail/paper and tell a trusted neighbor or friend so they can periodically watch your house. Avoid leaving away dates on your answering machine or social media site. Ask the neighbor to at least drive up and down your snow covered driveway.

- Beware panhandlers or solicitors who prey off your holiday generosity. Many will have sob stories about not having money for their children or how their home was robbed of their children's gifts. There are many legitimate gift giving charities that serve our area.

- Post holidays are a great time to update or create a home inventory. Take photos and make a list of all your valuable household equipment and prized possessions and don't forget to include the serial number. If you are a victim, this inventory will prove helpful by allowing us to enter the stolen item in a national database, check with pawn shops and also will assist your insurance agent with the claim.

WHEN SHOPPING:

- When paying with a credit card, ensure you put it away immediately when done. When it is busy and you are already thinking about the next store-it is common to leave your card on the counter.

- Stay alert in your surroundings. When going to your vehicle have your key ready and don't be overburdened with packages especially while carrying a purse.

- Try and park in well-lit areas, lock your doors and put purchases and shopping bags in the trunk or at least hidden from plain view especially if you are going from parking lot to parking lot.

- Track home delivery of your purchases online and confirm the delivery has occurred. If you know a family member or neighbor is home, ask them to bring the package in as soon as it is delivered. Possibly switch the delivery to your workplace where it can be received by someone and not left on the porch.

YOUR CAR:

- Remember that holiday traffic and weather may make your journey longer so plan accordingly and give yourself time to drive unhurried. Clear all snow and ice from your car BEFORE you leave and always wear your seatbelt; the hospital is no place to spend the holidays!

- When you start your car to warm up and go back inside you allow people to target your vehicle for an easy theft. "Puffers" are car thieves who look for just such an occasion and strike when they see a warming car in the driveway with no one inside and the car "puffing" out exhaust.

- Celebrate responsibly knowing that the holidays are not an excuse to get you out of an OVI. If you know you are going to a party, have a designated driver or make other transportation plans. Some of the busiest drinking events occur before both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season!

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

LOCAL AUTHOR PUBLISHES THIRD BOOK

By Sally Lane

Joseph Pasquarella Jr. writes books that personalize the history around us. His first book was "Elegy of the Song Sparrow" where he solved a mystery about a Trumbull County mother and son who died within a week of each other. That book featured the history of the local steel mills and local spots from Warren to Youngstown. The second book, "Images of Mrs Lindfors," moved the locale to Ashtabula where he once worked, and made the history of the 1876 Ashtabula train disaster come alive.

His third book, "Ghosts of Alexandrapol" is even more personal. Like his other books, he creates characters who are involved with the factual and historic events and backdrops. Joseph's grandparents Khanamir and Khatrun Michaelian were surviving victims of the Armenian genocide as children. His great-grandmother Yertar Michaelian was killed in 1915 during the horrific brutality.

As a child, Joseph heard firsthand accounts of the atrocities while visiting often with his grandparents. As an adult, he enjoys delving into historical data and researching stories, but this one is the most special to him. "I've been wanting to write this story for a long time," he said. The book is available from Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com. Book signings are being arranged and will be announced.



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KINDNESS PROGRAM RAISES AWARENESS

By Sally Lane



Some of the students chosen for a small group meeting with speaker Leon Logothetis are Paige Schwartz, Leon Rice, Colton Greathouse, Mackenzie Totten and Josie Ractell.

Bullying is an issue that begins at a young age, with ages 10 to 14, and often through the high school years, as the most painful time for children who are bullied. With so many ways that bullying happens - physical, mental, online, on the playground - almost no one escapes someone's wrath at some point. The key is to recognize bullying and counter it with, of all things, KINDNESS.

Leon Logothetis is the nationally acclaimed creator of "The Kindness Diaries," a Netflix documentary of his successful trip around the world on a "vintage yellow motorbike with no money, gasoline or food, and relying on only the kindness of strangers." He was invited by Lakeview Schools to speak to their middle school students as well as third graders from the elementary school about the power of kindness.

Leon, as he prefers to be called, opened the program asking students to raise their hands if they have ever felt bullied. Almost every hand went up. He then asked a few students to share their feelings. "It feels horrible, like somebody is just trying to get in your head," said one boy. "I felt alone, hurt, like I had no power," shared a girl. Another spoke, realizing aloud that "they are jealous because they are not you. It's really sad to be bullied." Others echoed similar feelings.

Leon himself shared his experience. "When I was in school, I was bullied every day. I felt all alone. But I made a huge mistake. I never told anyone how I felt. I've learned that the most important thing you can do is to share your pain. It is OK not to be OK."

As important as being kind to people is forgiveness. He used as an example how we feel when a pet misbehaves. "We forgive them. If you can be kind to pets, you can be kind to others."

"We all have the power to change one life and change the world." Leon then asked everyone to say something nice to the person next to them. "How did what that person said make you feel?" The air was electric with good energy. "How do you think you would feel if I asked you to say something mean?" He said he would NOT ask the audience to do that.

Leon talked about heroes, and how people who go out into the world and make people feel less alone, can often be our heroes. "Heroes make a difference," he said. Examples are our teachers. Kindness is often what makes them special. "All people can be kind. You are someone's reason to smile."

He ended his program with a video of his travel, a shortened version of "The Kindness Diaries," and the thought "Don't allow someone to hurt you. Sometimes you need to ask for help. Be kind."

LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 34TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL FEAST TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

The Lakeview High School Madrigal and Advanced Women's choirs invite you to come celebrate at the 34th Annual Madrigal Feast and Concert on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3:30 p.m. It will be held in the Lakeview High School cafeteria, which will be transformed into a medieval castle filled with candlelight, outstanding musicians in period costumes and festive food catered by DiLucia's.

This year's event, under the direction of Bonnie Chronister, will be more special

than ever. This long standing tradition has become a rite of passage to herald the upcoming holiday season.

Advanced reservations are required. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 per person by completing and mailing a reservation form located on the Lakeview Local School's website, www.lakeviewlocal.org. Tickets are on sale until Wednesday, Nov. 22. Commemorative ornaments will be available for a donation. Buy yours today before they are sold out.

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Nero is a 2-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix. Nero is an active and fun-loving guy that would do best in an active home with a family that can keep him busy! Nero is currently attending the CCP training program. The CCP Program is a nine week basic obedience program held at Trumbull Correctional Institute. Nero will live at TCI until he graduates on Dec. 6. Nero will also be housebroken and crate trained upon his return from the CCP Program. His adoption fee is \$200 and includes his training as well as his neuter, vaccinations, heartworm test, microchip with registration and more.

Frank is a 5-year-old Retriever mix. Frank is an energetic dog that gets along great with everyone he meets! Frank would make a great addition to just about any family. He is currently attending the CCP training program. The CCP Program is a nine week basic obedience program held at Trumbull Correctional Institute. Frank will live at TCI until he graduates on Dec. 6. He will also be housebroken and crate trained upon his return from the CCP Program. Frank's adoption fee is \$200 and includes his training as well as his neuter, vaccinations, heartworm test, microchip with registration and more.



Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6pm. 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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ADOPT A FOOT FUNDS NEEDED

By Jean Bolinger

Adopt a Foot is a program to provide new shoes to students K-8 in several area schools. It was begun in the 80s by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to assist a handful of families from Maplewood Elementary School. After a few years other LOAF churches became involved and in recent times the Cortland Unit of the Salvation Army and St. John's Lutheran Church in Champion have supported it. The Cortland Lions and Cortland Rotary as well as numerous individuals give generously each year making it possible to provide quality shoes to over 125 students.

Neal's Shoes in the Warren Plaza offer Skechers shoes at a very reasonable price

and personally fit each child who comes to the store with a voucher. Shopping is done before Thanksgiving by the students who are recommended by school staff. Served are students from Badger, Bristol, Champion, Lakeview, Maplewood and Mathews.

If you would care to make a donation to this program please send a check made out to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and mail to the church at 490 N. High St., Cortland. Shoes are \$30 a pair, but any donation is gratefully accepted. Please be sure to note that your gift is for "Adopt a Foot" or "shoes.". There is no deadline for donations but it is helpful if the money is received by Dec. 1. Thank you.

CHOW NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Jean Bolinger

Do you have \$3 that you can spare? Here is a great use for it. You will have to read through the entire article to see what you can do with it but you won't be disappointed if you give it away.

C.H.O.W. (Cortland Humanitarian Outreach Worldwide) was founded in June 1999 by an enthusiastic group of people from the LOAF churches of the Cortland area. Part of their mission is to distribute goods no longer needed in our area to developing countries, thus preventing useable items from being thrown into the landfill. A perfect example of their work involves school desks.

As many Ohio communities replaced buildings and equipment C.H.O.W. was able to salvage thousands of used desks that would otherwise have been thrown away. By law old equipment is not permitted in the new buildings. To date over 7,000 desks have been sent to 14 countries in 38 shipments. The majority of the desks are placed in schools built by New Horizon which involves our military personnel constructing the buildings alongside local residents. The cooperative effort helps the locals gain new skills and also builds good relationships between our country and theirs. Plus, as most of us know, a good learning environment promotes good learning. Now the group is anxiously waiting to be able to receive desks from Lakeview and Champion as their new pre-K through grade 8 buildings prepare to open in the fall. There is also hope that the desks now sitting in the Maplewood Elementary building in Greene will be available as that building has closed.

Bill and Becky Costas of Cortland, who have been involved with C.H.O.W. from its inception, organize the many

volunteers who are involved with each shipment. They have actually visited some of the schools and have seen firsthand the tremendous enthusiasm the children have for their new desks. Many of their old desks were broken or cracked and dangerous to sit on and in some classrooms the ground served as the desk.

Accompanying each desk are school supplies for two students as most schools have both morning and afternoon sessions. Basic items such as crayons, pencils, erasers, notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, and scissors are provided and are very precious to the recipients. It is estimated that over 1,700 school packets will be shipped with the desks. Now here is where your extra \$3 comes in. School supplies for one child cost approximately \$3. Becky Costas has found an extremely inexpensive online source for these supplies so if you give the \$3 to her it will go much further than if you purchase the items yourself.

The final arrangements for the next shipments to Panama and Honduras must be made months ahead of time so the supplies are needed by January. Each item in the shipment must be itemized and stated on the manifest. So, please send any donation you wish to make to C.H.O.W. at Bazetta Christian Church, 4131 Bazetta Road in Cortland. If you have questions please call Becky Costas at 330-637-0219.

Your \$3 will go a long way to brighten the life of a student for whom having new school supplies is like a dream come true and your prayers for the recipients of the Cortland, Champion, and, perhaps, Maplewood desks are certainly appreciated.

CORTLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH NOV. 16

Cortland Christian's popular Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 and will consist of sloppy joe or chicken salad sandwiches for \$3, and homemade soups - chicken noodle, ham and bean, and vegetable beef. A bowl is \$2.50; pint, \$4; quart, \$6. A wide variety of pies are available at \$2.50 per slice. Lunch is served in the Fellowship

Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., dine in or carry out. Delivery is also available for businesses and homebound by calling 330-637-4611; fax, 866-200-2708. Place delivery orders Monday to Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon or by 11a.m. Thursday. The lunch will not be available in December, but will resume in January. The church is located at 153 Grove Drive, Cortland.

NIGHT HAWKS HOLDING TRYOUTS

The Youngstown Night Hawks will be holding tryouts for PASL Soccer Team the Youngstown Night Hawks for the upcoming season Saturday, Nov. 4 from

8 to 10 p.m. at Farmer Jim's, 2971 Niles Cortland Road. There is a \$40 tryout fee. For more information contact Josh Auden at 330-770-7353.



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WORKING PART-TIME IN RETIREMENT CAN IMPACT YOUR FINANCES IN SURPRISING WAYS

Traditionally, retirement means leaving the workforce to pursue decades of relaxation. However, today's retirees and pre-retirees are reshaping what it means to leave the workforce. Retirement may be an opportunity to pursue a small business, start consulting or land a side job that explores your passions. If your next phase includes earning an income, there are some financial considerations to keep in mind:

1. Social Security could be reduced. If you haven't yet reached full retirement age (65 or older) and already collect benefits, the wages you earn through continued work could result in reduced Social Security payments. In 2017, an individual earning more than \$16,920 who hasn't reached full retirement age will see a \$1 reduction in Social Security benefits for every \$2 earned above that level. The earnings limit is higher in the year you reach full retirement age, and no longer applies after you reach full retirement age. If you haven't already claimed Social Security, you may wish to delay your benefits to earn a higher amount later in life.

2. Prepare for higher taxes. If you are taking income from retirement accounts or generating earnings from your savings or investments, at least some of that money is subject to tax. Earning income from work may move you into a higher marginal tax bracket, meaning those distributions and investment earnings could be taxed at a higher rate. Be prepared for a potential bump in your tax bill.

3. Keep saving money. Ongoing work may allow you to preserve your

retirement savings for later in life and even continue to build those savings. As long as you have earned income, you can put money away in tax-advantaged retirement plans. This includes an employer-sponsored plan, if it is available to you, a traditional IRA, or a Roth IRA. Contributions to traditional IRAs can only continue up to the year in which you turn 70-1/2. If you earn income past that point, you may be able to continue making contributions to a Roth IRA indefinitely, based on your income level.

4. Pay attention to health insurance. Even if you retain health care coverage from an employer, you should consider signing up for Medicare Part A at age 65. There is generally no cost, and it provides coverage for care in hospitals and other institutions. Talk to your employer about whether you should sign up for Medicare Part B (a monthly premium applies). You may be able to delay doing so if you are covered by your employer's plan without being subject to a 10 percent annual penalty for delaying enrollment in Part B. Check the rules carefully before you turn 65.

Whatever your motivation for continuing to earn a paycheck, the income you earn could impact several aspects of your financial life. Evaluating and planning for the effects working will have on your finances may help you feel more confident about living decades in retirement.

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AMERICAN SEWING GUILD NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

The Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild's November schedule for Neighborhood Group meetings. Guests are always welcome.

Fancy Cutters meets at Lake Vista, 303 North Mecca St. (Rt. 46), Cortland, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. Filling basket. Plan for 2018 out to lunch. Place to be announced. Virginia 330-847-7549.

Sewphistics, no meeting. Diane 234-855-7610.

Material Girls meet at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 490 N. High (Rt. 5), Cortland, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. To be announced. Barb 330-550-1215.

Designing Women machine embroidery group meet at Domestic Sewing, 2011 Youngstown Road, Warren, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. Christmas party. Shirley 330-969-5020.

Howland Happy Stitchers meet at Living Lord Lutheran Church, 851 Niles-Cortland Road (Rt. 46), Howland, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Christmas party and finish up with basket and centerpieces. Carol 330-856-4827.

Southington So-Sews meet at Southington Christian Church, state Route 534, Southington, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. Christmas party; bring covered dish and 10 small gifts for gift exchange. Jennie 330-847-7386.

DON'T MISS THE JOHNSTON CIVIC CLUB CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

The Johnston Civic Club will be holding its Sixth Annual Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Mecca Community Church, 5920 Phillips Rice Road, Cortland. The show hours will be 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. With the many booths and the variety of crafters and vendors who attend, you can be sure of seeing unique and exciting merchandise not found in local stores. Customers of all ages are invited to stop by and get a head start on their shopping.

Please mark your calendar and

be prepared to enjoy your day. Bring a friend, have some lunch and head home with some lovely items for yourself or Christmas giving. Pre-Christmas shows are well attended, so arrive early. There is ample parking available and the building is handicap accessible. A 50/50 raffle will be held (winner need not be present) and food items will be available to purchase. Proceeds will go toward local community projects that the Johnston Civic Club supports. If any questions, call Joyce Barzak at 330-717-5534.

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TRUMBULL COUNTY RESIDENT AMONG OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2017



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will honor the Class of 2017 in a special ceremony open to the public on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 9. The 20-member class will be inducted before dignitaries, family and friends with Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor and Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director Chip Tansill offering remarks of gratitude during the hour-long program.

This year's Trumbull County inductee is James Campbell, 68, of Warren, who served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era. Jim has a long history of commitment to service for veterans, efforts with Buckeye Boys State and leadership with the veteran community. As a 22-year member of the Howland American Legion Post 700, Jim has devoted his time and energy to coming to the aid of fellow former service members through Veterans Helping

Veterans. He serves on the Trumbull County Honor Guard, which has provided more than 2,600 funerals with full military honors, is active in the Poppy Campaign, assists hospitalized veterans through First For Yanks and visits veterans in nursing homes.

Jim serves on the National Legislative Council and National Media and Communications Council, traveling to Washington, D.C., twice a year to meet with members of the House and Senate advocating for veterans. Jim is a Buckeye Boys State Trustee and spends considerable time interviewing candidates, securing sponsors for delegates and arranging transportation. He has held numerous offices with the post, county, district and state levels within the American Legion including 2015-2016 Commander. Jim retired from the Howland Police Department after serving 33 years as a detective in the criminal investigations section.

The Class of 2017 was chosen from among 103 nominations. The inductees span 15 different Ohio counties and all five major branches of the United States Armed Forces. This year's class joins 834 Ohio veterans who have been inducted since 1992 and represent all eras, branches and walks of life. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established 25 years ago by former Gov. George Voinovich to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding Ohio veterans.



WITH 2017 EXTENSION DEADLINE PASSED, ALL EYES ON 2018

Now that the tax return extension filing deadline has passed, the IRS suggests that taxpayers look ahead and get ready for next year.

Taxpayers still have time to take action that may affect the 2017 tax return they will file in 2018.

1. **Charitable contributions.** Taxpayers can deduct contributions that they make to charitable organizations only in the year the donation is made. There is still time for taxpayers to contribute to a charity before the end of 2017. After several storms this year, many taxpayers are making donations to disaster relief organizations.

Before you donate, make sure the charity is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. Taxpayers who plan to claim a charitable deduction on their tax return must do two things:

- Have a bank record or written communication from a charity for any monetary contributions.
- Get a written acknowledgment from the charity for any single donation of \$250 or more.

Here are six things for taxpayers to remember about these donations and written acknowledgements:

- Taxpayers who make single donations of \$250 or more to a charity must have one of the following:
 - A separate acknowledgment from the organization for each donation of \$250 or more.
 - One acknowledgment from the organization listing the amount and date of each contribution of \$250 or more.
- The \$250 threshold doesn't mean a taxpayer adds up separate contributions of less than \$250 throughout the year.
 - For example, if someone gave a \$25 offering to their church each week, they don't need an acknowledgement from the church, even though their contributions for the year are more than \$250.
- Contributions made by payroll deduction are treated as separate contributions for each pay period.
- If a taxpayer makes a payment that is partly for goods and services, their deductible contribution is the amount of the payment that is more than the value of those goods and services.
- A taxpayer must get the acknowledgement on or before the earlier of these two dates:
 - The date they file their return for the year in which they make the contribution.
 - The due date, including extensions, for filing the return.
- If the acknowledgment doesn't show the date of the contribution, the taxpayers must also have a bank record or receipt that does show the date.

2. **IRA distributions.** Taxpayers over age 70 ½ should receive payments from their individual retirement accounts and workplace retirement plans by the end of 2017. A special rule allows those who reached 70 ½ in 2017 to wait until April 1, 2018 to receive their distributions.

3. **IRA Contributions.** Taxpayers generally must make workplace retirement account contributions by the end of the year. However, they can make 2017 IRA contributions until April 17, 2018.

4. **HSA Contributions.** Qualified taxpayers generally can make health savings account contributions until April 17, 2018. The contribution limit varies depending on the type of HDHP coverage you have, your age, the date you become an eligible individual and that date you cease to be an eligible individual.

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TCAP WINTER CRISIS PROGRAM BEGINS

Trumbull Community Action Program (TCAP), 1230 Palmyra Road SW, Warren, is announcing that utility bill assistance under the Winter Crisis Program will be available now through Friday, March 31, 2018.

The program helps eligible households avoid utility disconnection, restore disconnected service, establish new service and purchase fuel oil, propane, coal and wood.

Walk-ins are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings only. TCAP will see 25 people first come, first served. The doors will open at 7 a.m. If during a holiday week, doors will open at 8 a.m.

Appointments will be seen in the afternoon on Monday and Friday. The doors will open at 7 a.m. and if during a holiday week, doors will open at 8 a.m. Doors will be closed at lunch from noon until 1 p.m.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-866-747-1041. Callers must wait to receive a confirmation number to secure the appointment.

Applicants that cannot apply at the TCAP Warren office can apply at one of three satellite sites by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the following:

Tuesdays: Niles Community Center - 330-393-2507, ext. 227, 401 Vienna Ave., Suite 2, Tiffany Square, Niles, Ohio 44446.

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Questions and Issues

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP (Bazetta Twp. B, C, D, F & G)

Renewal, Provide and maintain fire and EMS protection, 1.5 mills, majority affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar 2019.

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP (Bazetta Twp. B, C, D, F & G)

Renewal, Provide and maintain fire and EMS protection, 2 mills, majority affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar 2019.

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Local Options:

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Valley View, Beer and Wine & Mixed Beverages, Sunday Sales, Local Liquor Option for Particular Location

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State Issues:

Issue 1:

Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights" "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights" Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 1: Rights for Crime Victims" Generally known as Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights", this initiative would alter the state Constitution to require that crime victims be notified and consulted on developments in their cases.

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

A YES vote means approval of the constitutional amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the constitutional amendment.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 90 days after Election Day.

Issue 2:

The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 2: To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law"

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A NO vote means disapproval of the Act. If approved, the proposed Act will take effect immediately after Election Day.

What do I need to bring with me to the polls?

Identification Requirements (R.C. 3503.28(A)(1)(6))

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification that shows the voter's name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than this reminder or a voter registration notification, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

JUNIOR LEAGUE HOLDING 48TH ANNUAL CHAMPAIGN LUNCHEON

Invitations for the 48th annual GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League Champagne Luncheon and Style Show were recently sent out. This year's theme "Hollywood Christmas" will be held on Nov. 17 at St. Demetrios Banquet Center in Warren. The proceeds will benefit the Children's Rehabilitation Center Scholarship Fund. Anyone wanting an invitation for the event should contact reservation chairwoman E. Carol Maxwell at 330-360-0901.



Pictured from left, Tammy Metzger, door prize chairwoman; Molly Halliday, donations chairwoman; WJWL President Jonnah Hetzel; Julie Vugrinovich, luncheon chairwoman; and Renee Maiorca, event treasurer.

'HAMILTON!' STAR OFFERING INTERVIEW AND WORKSHOP

Packard Music Hall and James Dance & Performing Arts Center proudly welcome "Hamilton!" star Seth Stewart to Packard Music Hall on Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. Seth will be sharing his journey from his beginnings as a dance student in Howland, to an original Broadway cast member in the Tony Award winning Broadway musical "Hamilton!". Seth

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FROM THE GARDEN

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

True blue flowers are a rarity in nature, think morning glories and delphiniums. This year, a genuine blue chrysanthemum was introduced to the gardeners of the world. While it is not ready for the marketplace, a blue chrysanthemum has been created through genetic engineering in Japan. Genes from *Campanula* plants with blue flowers were implanted into red mums. But the blooms looked purplish/blue. Then genes from blue butterfly peas were implanted resulting in beautiful blue chrysanthemums.

Because this new blue chrysanthemum is a genetically modified plant, further improvements are needed before it is released commercially to reduce the possibility of it being crossed with ordinary garden mums. Not ready for prime time!

So the question is, why turn mums blue? And the answer is, us. Consumers love novelty, and the flower market is always after that something new, and blue is a sought after color for the garden. It has been reported that less than 10 percent of the world's 280,000 flowering plants have blue flowers.

The traditional colors for our garden mums are shades of yellow, purple, red, pink, copper and white. They also come in many shapes and sizes. Mums grow from 1 to 3 feet tall. The flowers of the fall blooming chrysanthemums exist in many forms. There are single forms with daisy like flowers; spoon forms have single or semi-double long tubular petals flattened at the ends to form a spoon. The pom-pom mums are the hardest and oldest variety and then there is the smaller (1 inch) button pom-pom. The quilled variety are spiky and mostly grown in greenhouses.

True garden mums bloom in fall, not summer. All chrysanthemums like full sun, good drainage and having their spent flowers deadheaded to prolong the bloom period. Fall mums can start blooming in August and continue into November. They are quite frost proof. Do not worry about covering the flowers when night temperatures dip towards freezing.

A common complaint is that garden mums do not overwinter. The key is to plant as soon as you purchase them, spring is best. Chrysanthemums are often planted in early to mid-fall, too late to allow the roots to develop. Your mums may heave out of the soil because of Ohio's infamous fall and early winter freeze thaw cycles. If this happens gently push the plants back into the soil and mulch the crown once the ground is cold.

Chrysanthemums are not fussy about soil, but good drainage is a must. Early planting improves their chances of surviving the winter. Pinch back in early summer to encourage bushy growth and deadhead spent flowers in late fall or early winter but leave the stems to protect the crowns of the plants. Divide in spring or fall every two years to keep plants vigorous and to prevent them from thinning out in the center.

Happy Gardening!

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



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Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., to Nov. 15

#TeenMidweek

Join us every Wednesday after school. Different activities each week, including games, lip sync, DIY, and yoga! For teens in grades 7 to 12.

Saturday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m.

Teen Book Club

Read what you want to read and then join us for book discussion! For teens in grades 7 to 12.

Mondays at 6 p.m.: Nov. 6 - Dec. 4

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: Nov. 7 - Dec. 5

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime features stories and a craft related to a weekly theme and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write, and mastering these skills now helps children grow up to be good readers! For children ages 3 to 5.

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to Nov. 29

Time for Tots

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Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

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Monday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m.

Anime Club

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Saturday, Nov. 18, drop-in between 1 - 2 p.m.

LEGO Lovers Unite

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Monday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.

Talking Turkey

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Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

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Blessings from page 1

Warren.
When the two school systems, Bazetta and Cortland, consolidated in 1956, and Lakeview High School was built in 1961, the stage was being set for growth in both the township and the town. The proximity of Packard Electric, and business growth along Elm Road inspired a few developers like Ellis Mellot and Tony Petrocco to open up new housing areas in the 1970s and Cortland's population started to boom.

It didn't take long for the newcomers to discover the blessings of their new hometown... and to add to them. They joined the PTO, started or became involved with their kids' sports teams, enthusiastically worked with the Specialty Shops organization, joined Rotary, the Lions Club, the Optimists, the Masons and the Four Seasons Garden Club (see page 9) They filled the town's churches and built new ones. Those children of parents who moved here in the 1970s and 1980s and filled up the town's schools have grown up and have children of their own. They have become our mayor, members of council, and hold other responsible jobs or positions in their hometown.

As the town has grown, it still has the small town feel, and that's a good thing. What people like the best is knowing the people around them: being on a first name basis with your pharmacist and the person who rings up your purchases, the mayor, even the kids working at fast food places (Nikki, Adam and Chris all know how I like my coffee!). It's cheering for your kids at sports games and sitting with other parents. It is going to the school plays and concerts, having people to sit with at spaghetti dinners, supporting each other when things are tough. It is "liking" the photos of our beautiful sunsets on Facebook, and posting when a pet is lost.

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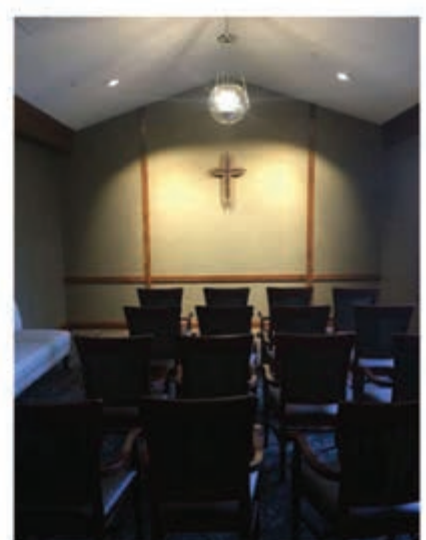
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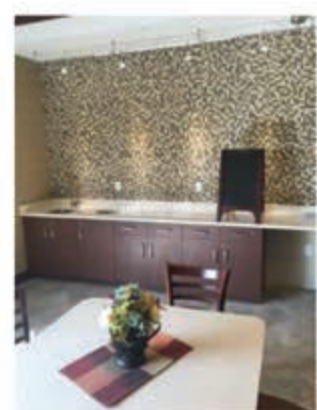
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