



Insider look at leadership roles for women

By Linda Verba, For NewsUSA

One of the advancements in women's rights that we celebrate

during Women's History Month is the freedom to work in any field, and the ability to pursue leadership roles within the companies we work.

It's a very different story from the 1970s, when women worked in limited fields and earned significantly less than men. While we still have barriers in equal earnings, we do have control over where we choose to grow professionally.

It's important to find the company that is the best fit for you and provides work-life balance. What if your child is sick - do they allow you to work from home? What if you don't want to take off on President's Day - is paid time off a general pool, or is it divided into vacation/sick/holiday time?

The company that encourages women to become leaders with support and materials is the company that will help you achieve your leadership goals. I chair the TD Women in Leadership

initiative at TD Bank, and our goal is to increase representation of women at senior levels by expanding leadership opportunities for women. We offer, for example, a great mentoring program for women across the TD Bank footprint. This year, we're planning to expand it by implementing one-on-one mentoring for high-potential women.

Choosing a company that fosters that kind of growth for women will not only groom you to rise to leadership at that company, but it will provide personal and professional development.

A good healthcare plan and vacation time are great, but benefits that help you achieve a work-life balance contribute to overall workplace happiness, too.

Life happens. Our kids bring home stomach viruses that take down the whole house. That's why you should inquire with potential employers about work-from-home policies.

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By Thom Foley

Shortreed & Associates Ameriprise tells us that it is never too late to start planning for the future. Call for an appointment today.

Cortland Playroom is now taking registration for its summer programs and for the 2018-2019 school year. Better hurry though as they fill up fast.

Auntie V's Pizzeria is celebrating 10 years in business - the last three at the intersection of 305 and Elm Road. They have expanded their menu a lot over the years: 9 different types of salad, 8 wraps, 13 SPECIALTY pizzas in 4 different sizes, 5 different types of strombolis and 4 DELICIOUS dessert strombolis, fish, chicken 10 different subs! You really need to check them out.

Did you know that **Mark Thomas Ford** has an award-winning body shop? So if one of those pesky deer decides to run into your car you can let them fix it. They are certified to work on all makes and models.

Dr. Lynn Johnson tells us that it isn't too late to get a flu shot. Stop in and see if it is right for your child.

Don't forget that **Beef'O'Brady's** is having a huge St. Patrick's Day party on March 17.

Did you see all the things going on at **Country Porch Winery** in March? Lent No Meat Meals, Paint 'n Sip crafts, Psychic Nite, fish taco Fridays, rubeen or potato pizza, St. Patrick's corn beef and cabbage dinner, CARRY OUT WINE TO SHARE. #FRIENDSGATHERHERE Check out one of the Valley's true gems.

Cortland Lanes is now taking registration for its "9 Pin No Tap League" starting May 2. You don't need to have a team, but teams are welcome. Kids at 4:15 p.m. and adults at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget their Cosmic Bowling every Friday and Saturday nights.

Thinking about hiring a contractor? Check out the great advice **Greenwood Insurance** has for you in its ad.

Speaking of contractors, **Petrosky Brothers** have been doing quality work in our community for over 25 years. They are already taking jobs for when the weather breaks, so give them a call today.

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Cortland Veteran's Committee sponsors essay contests

The Community Essay Contest is underway now through March 5. There are two separate contests - student and adult. While eligible students are being apprised of guidelines in school, adults need only forward their essay by mail or email (no text message entries) to Bob Wooffer, contest coordinator, 3499 Bradley Brownlee Road, Cortland, OH 44410 or ampofohio@gmail.com. The adult essay theme is "Our National

Anthem, What It Means to Me and What it Should Mean to Others."

Submissions may be hand written, typed, printed or emailed. The contest is being sponsored by the Cortland Veteran's Memorial Committee. The adult winner will receive a new American flag courtesy of Congressman Dave Joyce, which has been flown over the U.S. Capitol. For questions call 330-442-9669.

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Meetings

City Council - first and third Monday of each month
 Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.
 Monday, March 19, 7 p.m.

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

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month
 Monday, March 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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Bazetta Township Trustees Regular Meetings

Regular meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.
 Tuesday, March 13, 7p.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, March 12, 6 p.m. - Lakeview High School Media Center

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

Our Next Issue....March 17, 2018

Our theme will be Spring

Article Deadline by March 3 • Display Advertising Deadline is March 7
 Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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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.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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Community Events

Event calendar Feb. 24 to March 17

- Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 2 and 6*
- 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.
- 18th Annual Antique Motorcycle Exhibit presents "The Motor," National Packard Museum, Warren, through May 20.
- Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee essay contests for Lakeview school students and adults, ends March 5.
- Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon.
- OhioCAN Blessing Bags project for homeless population, items dropped off at city hall.
- Sled Hill at Eastgate MetroParks, 433, N. Mecca, St., Cortland, dawn to dusk.
- Teapot collection on display, Sutliff Museum, second floor of Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave., Warren, through April.
- Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks

FEBRUARY

- 5 Registration due for Parental Information Program regarding kindergarten transition on March 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Elementary School, 2755 Bazetta Road N.E., Warren. *See pg. 13*
- Through 27 Warren Flea & Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 428 Main Ave., Warren, 330-399-8298.
- 24 5th annual Warren Relay for Life Quarter Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society, 6 p.m., Hippodrome, Warren.
- 24 Sutliff Museum winter open house, 1-4 p.m. to celebrate Black History Month. *See pg. 15*
- 24 33rd Annual African American Achievers Hall of Fame Banquet, DiVieste Banquet Hall, 6:30-10:30 p.m., 330-507-1016.
- 25 Rotary Club of Warren "Slice of the Valley: Annual Valley Pizza Challenge," 4-7 p.m. Metroplex Expo Center, 1620 Motor Inn Drive, Liberty Twp., www.sliceofthevalley.com.

MARCH

- 3 The Great Snowman contest for Cortland and immediate area residents. *See pg. 4*
- 3,4 Lakeview High School's Drama Dept. presents "Treasure Island," March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and March 4 at 3 p.m. *See pg. 12*
- 9 Mosquito Lake Dog Park Friends free seminar "The Inner Workings of a Dog," 6-8 p.m., Mosquito Lake Park office, 1439 state Route 305, Cortland. *See pg. 19*
- 11 Pasta dinner fundraiser for Lakeview graduate Holly Newcomb, 1-5 p.m., ITAM 29 Club, 625 High St., Warren. *See pg. 16*
- 11 WD Packard Concert Band, Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, 3 p.m.
- 17 St. Stephen Parish, Luck of the Irish Dinner and Reverse Raffle, Ciminero's Banquet Center, Niles. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets 330-652-4396. *See pg. 11*

Great Snowman contest is March 3

The Great Snowman contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 for Cortland and immediate area residents. To be eligible to enter you must simply pre-register by email, text or Messenger to 330-442-9669, ampofohio@gmail.com, Bob Woofter.

There is no registration fee as this event is being sponsored as a "thank you" by the Cortland Veteran's Memorial Committee. There are two categories of entrants: youth (12 and under) and family. Watch for updates and winner's names on the Cortland Facebook pages.



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Cortland Lions Club donates \$2,500 to Veteran's Memorial



Pictured are Lions John David, financial secretary; Jim Gorse, board member; Basil Jarrett, street fair chairman; and Dennis Gartland, president; with Ian McAleer and Dick McClain, memorial committee members.

The Cortland Lions Club continues its legacy of community support with a donation of \$2,500 to the Cortland Veteran's Memorial project. Ian McAleer commented that the solid financial support from the Cortland service clubs is very important to the project, and he especially thanked the Lions Club for its donation and for its special assistance in helping to organize and conduct the truck show held by the memorial project committee in downtown Cortland last August.

With the Lions Club donation, the project is approaching \$80,000, which is nearly 50 percent of the original \$165,000 goal. Major donors will be permanently recognized on one of the memorial components and features.

The Veteran's Memorial, scheduled

to be constructed this summer at Point Park, continues to accept donations, paver orders and pledges from individuals, businesses, veteran's groups and other organizations throughout the Trumbull County area and beyond. All contributions are tax deductible and should be sent to the Cortland Community Foundation, 400 N. High St., Cortland, OH 44410.

The committee has announced that plans are now being formulated to have a special community observance on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19. The event will be held at Point Park during the afternoon.

For more information about the project, and to print-out a paver order form, visit- www.CortlandVeteransMem.org.

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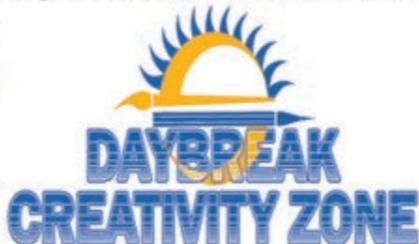






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The permits do have an expiration date and a new application is required each year. Soliciting is **not** allowed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. or between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. during Daylight Savings Time and is not allowed on Sundays and holidays.

Certain groups, which include newspapers, and religious, charitable or political organizations are not required to obtain a permit.

The city does maintain a "Do Not Solicit" list, which is given to each solicitor at the time they obtain their permit. This will not stop you from being contacted by neighborhood children selling cookies or popcorn, but will keep commercial solicitors from knocking on your door. If you would like to be added to this list please send an email to admin@cityofcortland.org or call 330-637-3011.

If you have any questions about solicitors you may call City Hall or contact the Police Department. You can find the complete ordinance regarding solicitors on our city website in Chapter 731 of our codified ordinances.

Spring Clean-Up

Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for April 26 and April 27. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services within the city of Cortland. Items will be picked up with your regular trash.

Dates to Remember:

- March 5 - City Council - 7 p.m.
- March 12 - Parks Board - 5 p.m.
- March 12 - Planning & Zoning Commission - 7 p.m.
- March 19 - City Council - 7 p.m.

Cortland Senior Center offers free transportation

Free transportation is available to all six of the SCOPE Senior Centers in Trumbull County for seniors over 60 years of age. To order free transportation, please call the local senior center you wish to travel to three days in advance to your trip. Cortland Senior Center is located at the former post office and can be reached by calling 330-637-3010; Champion at TCTC, 330-847-0503, ext. 1638; Howland, next to the administration building, 330-609-7806; Lordstown at the back door of the elementary school, 330-824-2173; Niles across from fire station, 330-544-3676 or Warren in the YWCA building on N. Park Avenue at 330-399-8846.

"This free transportation service has become especially vital to those seniors who also take advantage of the nutritional lunch program," said

Mike Wilson, director of SCOPE Senior Services.

The Trumbull County Commissioners recently approved three of the SCOPE Senior Centers to serve as locations of their senior lunch program. The Cortland Senior Center located in the former post office, along with Lordstown and Warren Senior Centers host the nutritional senior lunch as coordinated by the Trumbull County Office of Elderly Affairs with a grant through the Area Agency on Aging District 11. The cost per senior is a suggested donation by Elderly Affairs of only \$2 per meal. The lunch meal includes 3 ounces of an entrée, multiple sides, dessert and milk.

Please call any SCOPE Senior Center for information on free transportation, the \$2 lunch and other planned fitness classes and social activities.

Red Cross taking nominations for Acts of Courage award

There are heroes among us. The American Red Cross would like your help in identifying these people so that they can be nominated for the Acts of Courage award. These heroes are the many selfless individuals who without thought to their own safety or well-being, acted and by doing so, saved a life. These individuals come from all

facets of life.

The hero nomination process is now open. To nominate a local hero for the prestigious Acts of Courage Award, contact the American Red Cross at 866-319-7160 or 330-392-2551. The deadline to nominate a hero is April 30. Heroes will be honored at the annual Acts of Courage Event on June 14.

Cortland Four Seasons Garden Club learn about wines

By Debbie Williams

May, Late Harvest and Ice wines were introduced to Four Seasons Garden Club members at their February meeting. A brief description on each wine was presented then a sampling of each was enjoyed by many members.



Sharing their love of sweet wine is Kathleen Ferris, Mary Lou Jarrett and Becky Bucco.

Due to its cold climate, New York's wine country has an abundance of vineyards that bottle sweet wines in the Lake Chautauqua and Niagara Falls regions. On a recent trip there one wine in particular caught the eye of Master Gardener Kathleen Ferris because it is made from Sweet Woodruff, an herbal plant. As she tasted this deliciously sweet wine, which is also referred to as May wine, she garnered a great deal about the plant that produced it.

Sharing her knowledge, we learned that Sweet Woodruff is a spring flowering plant that has many medicinal attributes, makes for a hardy ground cover and in times past was strewn on floors to keep a dwelling smelling fragrant. During her presentation Kathleen remarked, "I like to share small bits of history with gardening information, so the discovery of May wine and Sweet Woodruff seemed a perfect match for garden club." Club members wholeheartedly agreed and were eager to hear more.

Late Harvest Wine, as the name implies, is all about when the grapes are harvested. Becky Bucco explained that the sweetness of these wines is produced by allowing the grape to dehydrate naturally on the vine as this increases the sugar content of the grape. Actual harvesting of the grapes, which are more raisin like by this time, takes place well into the cold months of November and December. A variety of grapes are sometimes blended for a specific flavor as done in sangrias, but all grapes must meet rigorous standards of sweetness based on scientific measures of their sugar content to be referred to as a sweet wine.

"Ice wine, sometimes referred to as dessert wine, is one of the sweetest wines available," noted Mary Lou Jarrett. She explained that the grapes are left on vines in a natural state until the frozen grape is harvested. While still frozen they are pressed to obtain the concentrated liquid, which is minimal but extremely sweet. The extracted liquid is then barreled for 3-6 months for fermentation to take place.

The ladies also noted that to make a single bottle of ice wine it takes as many as 20 bushels of grapes, harvesting the frozen grapes is more tedious in the winter months and production is very susceptible to the environment so the cost of ice wine is noticeably expensive. Knowing this they all agreed that if we enjoy sweet wine the cost is worth the indulgence occasionally and traveling to New York wineries is an experience that we would never forget.

Trumbull Co. Travel Club offers Lancaster/train trip

The Trumbull County Travel Club is offering an overnight, midweek excursion to Lancaster, Penn. on March 20-21. The trip includes bus to Lancaster from Howland and an Amtrak train home. This outing is to the Sight & Sound Theater to witness the new, live on stage production of "JESUS." The club will be there on opening week with orchestra seats for viewing the musical stage adventure about the most famous person to ever walk the earth.

A full Amish style dinner will be included after the performance and before check in at the hotel (included). On the second day, members and guests on the coach will enjoy an included breakfast before venturing to the small Moravian town of Lititz. In this morning's events, travelers will visit the famous Sturgis Pretzel's, Wilbur's Chocolate House, do some shopping along Main Street and have lunch on their own before boarding the Amtrak train for home. Arrival that night will be in Greensburg for an included dinner at the renovated train station in nearby Latrobe, Penn. Arrival home will be around 10:30 p.m. This trip has a deadline sign up and payment of March 1. The cost for double occupancy is \$339, with trip insurance available for \$20 payable with payment.

The travel club is open to any person over the age of 21. There are no membership fees. For information on future trips such as the April 16-22 to Oklahoma City, Branson, St. Louis and Casey, Ill., contact Peggy at 330-856-5398. Literature is available with the day trips beginning in May.

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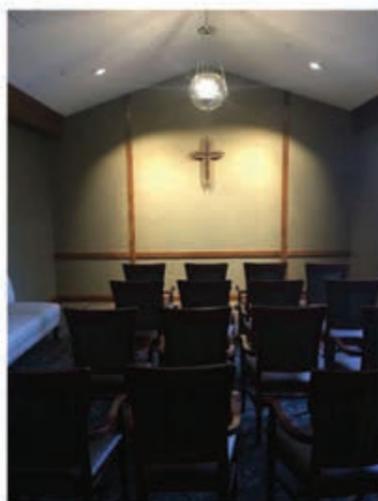
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Combining historical facts along with gardening information is just something I seem to do quite easily. With March being Women's History Month, I thought I would do a column on Garden Clubs.

Prior to the Civil War, educated women became active in social reform movements like petitioning for the right to vote and joining abolitionist societies. During the Civil War, more women gathered together to support the cause by forming sewing circles, holding fundraisers and volunteering directly to support the soldiers and their families. After the war, seeking intellectual and social avenues for themselves, they continued to establish women's clubs.

The horticultural societies and botany groups, some dating back to colonial times restricted female membership. In response, women formed their own clubs. Forming garden clubs was a natural expression of interest in nature and beauty.

The first such garden club was founded in January 1891 as The Ladies Garden Club of Athens, Ga. The oldest women's garden club is The Garden Club of Philadelphia, officially founded as The Garden Club in May, 1904. The early members founded the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women in Ambler, Pa. in 1911 (now part of Temple University) and the Garden Club of America (GCA) in 1913.

As garden clubs proliferated throughout the United States, they did not limit their influence to the improvement of member's private gardens. Many clubs took an interest in civic beautification projects, planting trees along public streets, maintaining flower plantings in public spaces, and campaigning against public eyesores.

By definition, a garden club is an organization with a shared interest in gardening, gardens and plants. A flower club is a similar group but with a focus on flowers or a single flower. Many club members engaged in flower arranging as an activity. Clubs sponsored flower shows and club members participated in competitions as contestants and judges. This aspect of the American garden club movement led to the flower club movement in England after WWII. Lady Seton who had observed flower arranging activities in the U.S., returned home and encouraged her countrywomen to engage in similar

activities as a way to beautify the interior of their homes during this bleak time.

Initially a women's activity, over time the garden club movement led to the establishment of the Men's Garden Club of America organization (now The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America). Locally there is a men's garden club, The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown, Ohio. Originally organized in June of 1930 as The Steel City Men's Garden Club, it is one of the oldest garden clubs in the country.

Locally there are both garden clubs and flower societies. The Trumbull County Garden Forum, consisting of a number of local clubs and societies, sponsors the flower show at the Trumbull County Fair. The Trumbull County Rose Society annually sponsors a rose show at the Eastwood Mall. Trumbull County has to my knowledge, two herb societies, various township garden clubs and (close to my heart) the Trumbull County Iris Society founded in 1954. There is a NE Ohio Daffodil Society, a North Coast Hosta Society and the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society founded in 1930, to name a few more. In Cortland, we have the Four Seasons Garden Club, also close to my heart, celebrating 50 years of activity in the community. Go Four Seasons!

Garden clubs nationally were active in the 1933 "Save the Redwoods" campaign and were zealous in their fight for the restriction of roadside billboards along highways. They helped provide horticulture therapy to WWII veterans recovering in VA hospitals. In 1949 Garden Club members compiled a list of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants in each state and was published as a horticulture travel guide. Today garden clubs are active in providing education and promoting the love of gardening, floral design, beautification, civic and environmental responsibility. Some clubs offer scholarships to use towards horticulture studies. So if you have an interest in gardening, there is an organization that can fill your needs! Last but not least, The Ohio State Master Gardener program is located here in Cortland at the OSU Extension on W. Main Street.

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

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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 is March 6 at 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. For further information contact 330-675-2521 or www.trumbullprobate.org.



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By Patrolman Nicholas Gregory, Bazetta Twp. Police Department

In the upcoming month on St. Patrick's Day, many people have traditions of waking up at the wee hours of the morning and heading to their local tavern to enjoy green eggs and kegs. This yearly tradition combines eating breakfast and drinking green beer. Many taverns open their doors as early as 4 or 5 in the morning. St. Patrick's Day is widely celebrated across the country. St. Patrick's Day is also one of the deadliest holidays due to the number of drunk drivers on the road. Statistically between 2011 and 2015 there were 252 drunk driving fatalities from midnight on St. Patrick's Day until about 6 a.m. the next day for those years.

Drunk driving kills more than 10,000 people each year in our country, and every single one of those death are preventable. Local law enforcement is on the lookout everyday for suspected drunk drivers. It should come as no surprise that additional officers are on the roads during holidays in which an increase of drinking is suspected (i.e. New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, etc.). Local officers will be conducting OVI checkpoints around the country trying to remove these hazards from the roadways.

So what can you do to avoid becoming a statistic? The easiest way is to NOT drink and drive. To play it safe is to either drink in moderation,

or not at all. If you plan on drinking heavily, you should plan ahead. You can find a friend that is willing to be your designated driver. Many bars and taverns offer free non-alcoholic beverages for the designated drivers. You can also contact a taxi service. Before heading out jot down your local taxi service on paper, or your cell phone. Also, many bars co-op with each other and provide a taxi service between the bars so you can enjoy many of the local venues without ever having to get behind the wheel.

The more popular service of today is Uber, which most locations offer. The cost of drinking and driving depends on if you are speaking monetarily or with your life. The average OVI will cost you around \$10,000. You will also be subject to a suspended driver's license, jail time, higher insurance rates as well as other unanticipated costs such as attorney's fees, court costs, towing fees, loss of wages due to time off work. There are also reinstatement fees of approximately \$450 to get your license back after you serve the penalties. The average price for a taxi ride home is \$20-25. Think before you drink and remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

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



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Cortland Rotary donates to the Veterans Memorial project



To support the Cortland Veterans Memorial project, the Cortland Rotary

Club is making a \$1,000 donation. Dick McClain and Ian McAleer thanked the Rotary Club for joining with the numerous other organizations and businesses who are recognizing the sacrifices made by those who have served and their families. The committee kicked-off the funding effort last May and they are planning a special community observance on Armed Forces Day, May 19. The project funding has reached \$74,000 in donations, paver orders and pledges with an overall objective of \$165,000 to build the project this summer.

Pictured are Dick McClain of the project committee; Rotary board of directors Dennis Nisbett, Keith Denman, Dean Palambard and Don Petrosky; Ian McAleer, project chairman; Tom Shortreed, Rotary president; and directors Atty. Robert Burkey, Garland Bradshaw, Ed Jakubick and Dr. Tom Montgomery.



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So what's the deal with Bitcoin?

For months now, bitcoin has been a steady presence in the news cycle and now other types of virtual "coin" are appearing and attracting additional buyers, the attention of Wall Street investors and even the Internal Revenue Service. Recent rapid spikes in the price of the virtual currency have also caused some early market entrants to become quite rich. In this column, attorney Robert Ellis, a partner at Hennis, Rothstein & Ellis LLP, explains bitcoin, its pitfalls and the legal implications of the virtual commodity.

What is bitcoin?

Bitcoin is simply a method of exchange - numerical entries that can be added and subtracted from "accounts" anyone can set up on public ledger software called the "blockchain" that anyone can access. Blockchain technology functions as a register, visible to all, that records and constantly reconciles any transfer of bitcoin from one person to another.

But bitcoin is not actual money. It's not backed by any sovereign nation. There is no central bank to control inflation and deflation, no deposit insurance, no bitcoin checking accounts, no paper or metal. (Those shiny "bitcoins" one sees in stock photos are just props.) Transactions on the blockchain do not involve any bank or government. Bitcoin is nothing more than numbers in cyberspace. It is a "virtual currency" and as such has no intrinsic value.

Because of this lack of guarantor, if a bitcoin owner loses their password or their bitcoin account is hacked, they will lose everything in an instant with no possibility of an "undo" or a refund. The same holds true for those who keep bitcoin in an account on an exchange where they can buy and sell for hard currency. If the exchange is hacked, which happens frequently, there is no chance of mitigating the loss as there is with a bank where your money is insured against fraud.

Investing in bitcoin

So why are people willing to pay real money to acquire bitcoin? The reasons keep changing. Originally, bitcoin was attractive to the tech savvy and those who liked the idea of a non-governmental, online-only "currency." At first it was worth almost nothing, but users found value in it because it could be used as a medium of exchange and could be converted to and from hard currency if desired.

Unfortunately, bitcoin's anonymity and untraceable nature quickly attracted the criminal element. Drug dealers, purveyors of ransomware, gun runners, money launderers, fraudsters and criminals of every sort all over the world had a field day. They still do. Bitcoin is awash in dirty money, and that is certainly one of the reasons the demand for it has risen. The anonymous founders of bitcoin, a person or group known only by the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto, created a built-in limit of 21 million bitcoins and because the supply of bitcoin is finite, when demand rises, so does the price.

In 2017 the price of bitcoin started

increasing rapidly; the market saw many new entrants and bitcoin futures began trading on the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE). A speculative binge ensued, driving the price still higher. Though the price of bitcoin has fallen rapidly in the past months, the New York Stock exchange recently filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to list two exchange traded funds that would track bitcoin futures.

Bitcoin & the law

People often ask about the legal and tax aspects of buying and selling bitcoin. There is no "virtual currency law" in the U.S., so buying, owning and selling bitcoin and using it to purchase goods or services is perfectly legal.

The IRS considers bitcoin to be property, not money, so if it appreciates or depreciates in value, there's no taxable gain or loss until it's sold or purchased for hard currency (or converted to or from something with a fair market value in hard currency). Thus, like any other payments made in property, if the fair market value virtual currency received in payment for goods or services totals \$600 or more in a taxable year, this must be reported to the IRS.

Since bitcoin is a relatively new medium of exchange and so many new blockchain users are entering the market, it can be useful to follow some simple guidelines in order to avoid losing money or attracting the attention of government officials. Using a U.S.-based, government-licensed exchange to convert between bitcoin and dollars is by far the safest approach and one that will not raise any suspicions of money laundering or tax fraud. U.S. businesses that exchange virtual currency for hard currency or vice versa are highly regulated and licensed. Offshore businesses that do the same, not so much - and the risks of being defrauded or being caught up in a criminal investigation are much higher.

Anyone who wants to convert bitcoin into dollars - especially large amounts - and anyone who accepts bitcoin in payment of goods or services (or who uses bitcoin to pay for them) would do well to consult with an attorney who is familiar with both the tax and technological aspects of virtual currency. Doing so might not only result in tax savings, but also could avoid unwanted scrutiny by the IRS.

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Cortland Veterans Memorial committee draws raffle winner



The Cortland Veterans Memorial project recently completed its chain saw raffle and held the raffle drawing. Allana Caro who sold the winning ticket, expressed their appreciation to everyone who bought raffle tickets in support of the memorial project. One hundred percent of the proceeds went toward the project. The committee is particularly grateful to Cortland Mower for its donation, which has helped the

project now reach nearly \$80,000 in donations, paver orders and pledges.

Pictured are Frank Daugherty, committee member and manager of Cortland Mower, who donated the Husquvarna chain saw; Darren and Linda Liguori of Newton Falls, who were the raffle winners; Allana Caro, the committee member; and Ernie Stewart, the raffle chairman and committee member.

St. Stephen Parish to hold 'Luck of the Irish' fundraiser March 17

St. Stephen Parish in Niles will hold its annual "Luck of the Irish" fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17 at Ciminero's Banquet Center in downtown Niles. The "Luck of the Irish" is a fun-filled evening with a buffet-style dinner, desserts and an open bar.

There will be over \$7,000 worth of cash prizes and other prizes that include three jackpots of \$500, \$750 and \$1500; a lottery tree; a restaurant gift card tree; a gift basket "Irish" auction as well as other fun and exciting ways to win.

New this year in the live auction will be 12 seats for an April 22 dinner,

prepared by Rev. James Korda, president of the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown and administrator of St. Stephen Parish and host of the award-winning, nationally-televised Wineskins program, and Lisa Abraham, cookbook author and retired food editor of the Columbus Dispatch and Akron Beacon Journal. Together they will put together a six-course feast complete with wine pairings and narration, which they will cook and serve for 12 lucky people who bid the highest for a seat at the table.

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Lakeview Middle School spelling bee winners



The Lakeview Middle School spelling bee was held on Wednesday, Jan. 31 with 42 students competing for the spelling bee title. Fifth grade student, Tommy Pavlansky was the building runner-up, while 5th grader, Molly Stuart won the building-level bee. Molly's favorite subject in school is reading and she says her favorite book is "Wonder." When asked the best spelling bee advice she's ever received she stated "go slow and take your time!"

KSU at Trumbull announces Dean's List

Kent State University at Trumbull proudly announces students who were named to the Dean's lists for their academic achievements during the fall 2017 semester. The Dean's List features qualifying students possessing a grade point average of 3.40 or greater and must have completed 12 or more letter-graded credit hours (A, B, etc.) by the end of that semester.

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Lakeview High School presents 'Treasure Island'

By Marty Young, drama director



Matthew Mazuroski and YSU student assistant Stefon Funderburke work with the cast of "Treasure Island" in a stage combat workshop on the set of "Treasure Island."

Lakeview High School's Drama Department will present "Treasure Island" on Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m. The play is an adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic by Phil Wilmot. Mr. Wilmot's adaptation was first produced to great acclaim as part of London's Free Theatre Festival on the South Bank in 2005. Reviews include "A delightful blend of the salty and the silly" (The Independent) and "A zany new version" (The Observer).

It is appropriate for all ages with swashbuckling fight scenes, humor, and a few surprises! The good ship "Hispaniola" was designed by drama director Marty Young and built by her husband, Ken Young, auditorium manager. The students were so fortunate to have a day and a half with YSU Theatre department head and stage Combat Instructor Matthew Mazuroski. He was a delight to work with and he and his student assistant taught the Lakeview students technique, safety and really cool choreography. Other choreography was designed and taught by Ashley Olejnik.

Douglas Gurdak is Jim Hawkins and Jared Snyder portrays Long John Silver. Other cast members include Stephen Gorman, Jennie Gresley and Casey McKay as the British and Griffin Becker, Karlynn Baker, Jacob Batchelor, Mallory Bridgeman, Cameron Edie, Emily Goldner, Rachel Gorman, Kaden Kundel, Bishop Peeples-Gagne, Chuck Gibben, Emily Reeble, Adam Ruitter and Raegen Stack as pirates. Female pirates added to the cast were based on actual historical characters. Captain Flint is puppeteer Maggie Bork. Pub owner is Mikaela McKenzie. A special surprise will be presented by Karlynn Baker, Emily Goldner, Emily Kirchens,



Anna Rider, Jessie Roach, Abby Seman, and Molly Stein with Sean Galela (Ben Gunn).

The crew is led by stage manager Liz Acosta and her assistant Kaiden Lelaider. The tech crew consists of Madison Matheney, Harmoni Hentosh, Megan Johnson and Katryn Lendvay. Others working in props, make-up, costumes, painting, tickets and publicity are Isabel Harper, Lita Ramos, Aja Stewart, Madi Nigrin, Kelsey Tanner, Savanna Means, Alayna Blair, Lynn Acosta and Madyson Barnard.

Tickets are available at the door beginning one hour before the show. Adults are \$6 and students and seniors are \$4. All seats are general admission. Don't forget to use the "Treasure Map Coupon" if you are 12 or under to get a free admission with a paid adult.

Lakeview High School Band Boosters spring craft and vendor show

The Lakeview High School Band Boosters will hold its first spring craft and vendor show on Saturday, March 24 at Lakeview High School, 300 Hillman Road, Cortland. The craft show hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A variety of

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If you currently have a student enrolled in Lakeview Schools, please log in to your OneView account and simply select "Enroll New Student." If you do not have a child enrolled at Lakeview, follow these steps: To start your registration from home, use a PC or other device connected to the Internet. You will start by going to the website, www.lakeviewlocal.org. From there:

- Click on Forms and Link
- Click on Electronic Registration (under the Enrollment heading)

On the following dates there will be open labs where you may use the school district's computer lab to register a child if you do not have access to a device connected to the Internet to complete the enrollment forms elsewhere. All parents/guardians should plan to bring their required documentation on either Tuesday, March 6, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m.; or Wednesday, April 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Regardless of where you complete your enrollment forms, you must bring in the required documentation outlined below on one of the three dates above.

The following items are REQUIRED to process your child's registration:

- Proof of residency - Two forms are required (mortgage statement, lease contract, pay stub, utility bill, etc. - must list your residential address).
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Immunization record
- Custody documentation with court seal and judge's signature (if not living with both parents) or a statement from an attorney documenting process of a divorce.
- Parent/Guardian photo identification

The legal custodial parent/guardian must enroll the student. If you do not have all of the above documentation submitted on one of the above dates, your registration will not be processed. Screening will be held the week of April 23 at Lakeview High School.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sally Churley at 330-637-4360.

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Five ways the new tax law may impact you

The most sweeping tax reform legislation in decades was enacted into law at the end of 2017. If you pay federal income taxes, you are likely to see an impact this year. As you plan your 2018 tax strategy, here are five key changes to know about the tax reform law:

1. Tax rates and brackets have changed

Federal income tax rates progressively increase as your income rises. These are known as tax brackets. The new tax code reduces most of the ordinary tax rates and adjusts the tax brackets, applicable from 2018 to 2025. However, the number of brackets for individual tax filers and married couples filing jointly remains at seven. For instance, in 2018 the first \$19,050 of taxable income for a married couple filing a joint return is subject to a 10 percent federal income tax. For income the couple earns between \$19,050 and \$77,400, the ordinary tax rate for 2018 is 12 percent, lower than the 15 percent seen under the previous law. The highest ordinary income tax rate, which was previously 39.6 percent, was reduced to 37 percent and starts at \$600,000 of taxable income for couples who file jointly. Visit IRS.gov to see the full list of tax rates and brackets.

2. Standard deduction is nearly doubled

When you prepare your tax return, you have a choice of either a standard deduction, or itemizing deductions such as mortgage interest, charitable gifts, or state, local and property taxes. Under the new law, more people will use the standard deduction. (Itemized deductions are changing as well - see item number three.) The standard deduction stood at \$6,350 for a single taxpayer and \$12,700 for a married couple filing a joint return in 2017. Under the new law, the standard deduction has increased to \$12,000 for a single taxpayer and \$24,000 for a married couple filing a joint return. These changes are effective from 2018 through 2025, unless Congress acts to extend them.

3. Changes in itemized deductions

For those who itemize deductions in 2018 (and through 2025), there are some significant changes, even considering the increased standard deduction. Among the most notable:

- The deduction for state and local taxes, including property taxes, is generally limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per year. Under previous law, no maximum limit applied.
- The ability to deduct interest on home mortgage remains, but the \$1,000,000 debt limit under previous law is generally reduced to a \$750,000 debt limit for home mortgages created after Dec. 15, 2017. Also, deductions on interest paid on home equity loans (whether new or existing loans) is no longer allowed. This may make home equity loans less attractive as a borrowing option.

Miscellaneous itemized deductions, such as investment expenses and tax preparation fees, are no longer allowed.

4. Personal exemptions are suspended and child tax credit is increased

Under long-standing tax law prior to the new legislation, individuals could also claim personal exemptions for themselves and their dependents when filing their tax return. That exempted a portion of income from taxes. In 2017, the personal exemption was \$4,050 per person. Under the new law, effective in 2018 through 2025, the personal exemptions no longer apply.

If you have children, you may qualify to claim a \$2,000 tax credit per qualifying child beginning in 2018 (and through 2025), double what was allowed in prior law. That is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the taxes owed. It's expected that more people will be able to take the credits because income limitations have been raised. Another credit of \$500 is now allowed for dependents you may claim who are not qualifying children.

5. Expanded use of 529 plans

To this point, 529 plans have provided a tax-advantaged way to save money for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition, room and board, and fees. The new law allows you to withdraw up to \$10,000 tax-free per year per child from a 529 plan to help cover the K-12 tuition at a public, private or religious school.

These are only some of the changes that may affect individual taxpayers. Consult with your tax advisor to understand how the new legislation may affect your circumstances. Keep in mind that many of the tax provisions have an expiration date, unless Congress acts to extend them.

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Free Medicaid seminar offered by Probate Court

A free public seminar "Medicaid Issues Affecting the Elderly" will be presented by Judge James A. Fredericka on April 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at Kent State at Trumbull, Room 117 in the Technology building, 4314 Mahoning Ave., Warren. Admission is free, but registration is necessary by calling Debbie Sabat at 330-675-2521 by April 6 as there is limited seating. There is also free parking.

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Making 2017 retirement plan contributions in 2018

The clock is ticking down to the tax filing deadline. The good news is that you still may be able to save on your impending 2017 tax bill by making contributions to certain retirement plans.

For example, if you qualify, you can make a deductible contribution to a traditional IRA right up until the April 17, 2018, filing date and still benefit from the resulting tax savings on your 2017 return. You also have until April 17 to make a contribution to a Roth IRA.

And if you happen to be a small business owner, you can set up and contribute to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan up until the due date for your company's tax return, including extensions.

Deadlines and limits

Let's look at some specifics. For IRA and Roth IRA contributions, the maximum regular contribution is \$5,500. Plus, if you were at least age 50 on December 31, 2017, you are eligible for an additional \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution.

There are also age limits. You must have been under age 70½ on December 31, 2017, to contribute to a traditional IRA. Contributions to a Roth can be made regardless of age, if you meet the other requirements.

For a SEP, the maximum contribution is \$54,000, and must be made by the April 17th date, or by the extended due date (up to Monday, October 15, 2018) if you file a valid extension. (There's no SEP catch-up amount.)

Phase-out ranges

If not covered by an employer's retirement plan, your contributions to a traditional IRA are not affected by your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). Otherwise, when you (or a spouse, if married) are active in an employer's plan, available contributions begin to phase out within certain MAGI ranges.

For married couples filing jointly, the MAGI range is \$99,000 to \$119,000. For singles or heads of household, it's

\$62,000 to \$72,000. For those married but filing separately, the MAGI range is \$0 to \$10,000, if you lived with your spouse at any time during the year. A phase-out occurs between AGI of \$186,000 and \$196,000 if a spouse participates in an employer-sponsored plan.

Contributions to Roth IRAs phase out at mostly different ranges. For married couples filing jointly, the MAGI range is \$186,000 to \$196,000. For singles or heads of household, it's \$118,000 to \$133,000. But for those married but filing separately, the phase-out range is the same: \$0 to \$10,000, if you lived with your spouse at any time during the year.

Essential security

Saving for retirement is essential for financial security. What's more, the federal government provides tax incentives for doing so. Best of all, as mentioned, you still have time to contribute to an IRA, Roth IRA or SEP plan for the 2017 tax year. Please contact our firm for further details and a personalized approach to determining how to best contribute to your retirement plan or plans.

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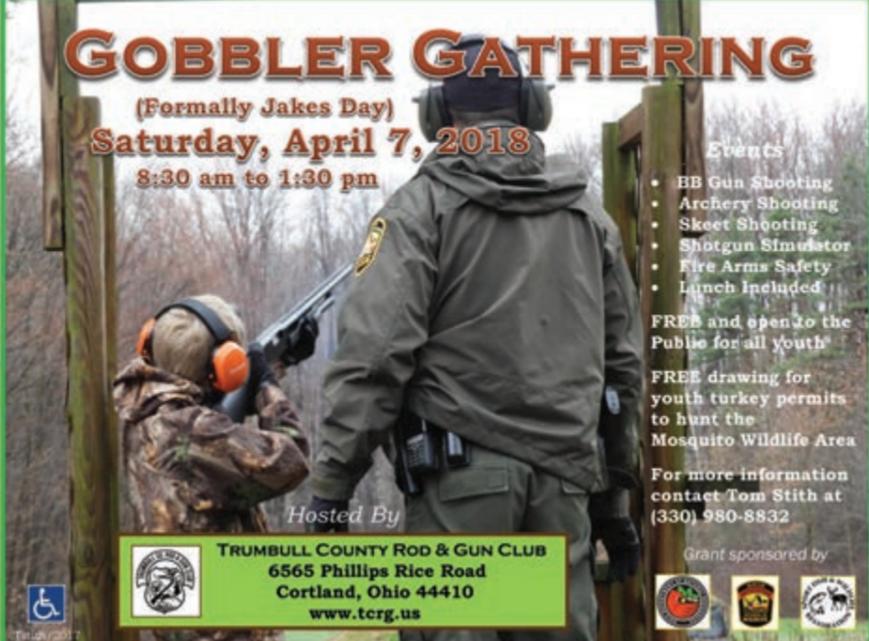
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Trumbull County Republican Women's Club news

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club held its February meeting welcoming three new members. Featured speaker was Lori Stone, volunteer liaison at the VA Clinic in Youngstown, who spoke about the special programs for volunteers. Her focus was the food pantry program with organizations, churches, businesses and individuals giving support to the program by providing gift cards to various stores in the area. Veterans entering the clinic can receive one bag of fresh groceries per week by showing their VA medical card. The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club gave a donation to this service project.



It was also reported that the Salvation Army announced that the club's "Kettle Ringers" collected a little over \$600 this past holiday season. In the spirit of community service, ladies from the club also participated in the bagging of jelly beans at the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Howland.

Membership Chairman, Gail Drushel announced the annual card party will be held on Saturday, April 14. The card party will feature a salad and dessert buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The new location for this year's event is the Cortland Christian Church. For ticket information call Mrs. Snyder at 330-856-6057.

Presenting a monetary donation to the food pantry at the Youngstown VA clinic is Roberta Shields, membership chairman for the TC Republican Women's Club and Lori Stone, volunteer liaison at the VA Clinic.

The next meeting of the TCRWC will be on Thursday, March 1 at Ciminero's Banquet Center in Niles. It will be a buffet luncheon with guest speaker, Sarah Fowler, state Board of Education Representative from District 7. Interested persons who would like to attend should contact Gail Drushel at 330-847-6488.

Fundraiser to benefit Lakeview grad

There will be a pasta dinner fundraiser for Lakeview graduate Holly Newcomb on March 11 from 1-5 p.m. at the ITAM 29 Club, 625 High St., Warren. Holly is fighting breast cancer and the money raised will be used to cover medical and other related expenses. The dinner includes pasta, meatball, salad,

bread, beverage and dessert for \$10. Carry out is available. There will also be a Chinese auction and a 50/50 raffle. If you would like to donate items for the auction contact Angela DeJacimo at 330-240-6877. Donations will be very much appreciated even if you are unable to attend.

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Something to think about

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes, Chaplain

Parka - windbreaker... sackcloth and ashes? Winter in northeast Ohio offers some interesting challenges for those of us unable to retire to warmer climates. Temperatures and precipitation can vary drastically from day to day, and on occasion, from hour to hour. Even the most astute among us have difficulty determining which outer garment will suit a given hour or day. Will it be parka - windbreaker... or sackcloth and ashes? I would suggest that parka or windbreaker will suffice for wind, rain, or snow, but as we look to the Lenten/Easter season and the "storms" generated in a sin-wracked, fallen world, the aforementioned sackcloth and ashes might better serve the purpose. You say: "Sack cloth and ashes are out of vogue." Pastor says: "How about confession and repentance?" The seasons, they are a changin'. The Spirit's call to solemn self-reflection resounds across the churchscape. Do you hear it - the "still, small voice" that beckons the faithful to a new way of being - the call to don the

proverbial "sack cloth and ashes," acknowledging our sin and turning back to a gracious God.

In his book, "I Surrender," Patrick Morley writes that the church's integrity problem is in the misconception "that we can add Christ to our lives, but not subtract sin. It is a change in belief without a change in behavior." He goes on to say, "It is revival without reformation, without repentance." Do you fall into this category - the unrepentant? At some level, the title suits us all. Two questions: 1) Do you recognize it? 2) What are you going to do about it? Let's work at responding to these questions together. That is this pastor's invitation. Will you join with me and your brothers and sisters in a corporate effort aimed at fostering repentance and spiritual transformation? Do you hear it - the "still, small voice" that beckons the faithful to a new way of being - the call to don the proverbial "sack cloth and ashes," acknowledging our sin and turning back to a gracious God.

SOV Niles offers Silver Sneakers classes

Shepherd of the Valley is hosting a weekly Silver Sneakers program at its Niles campus. Classes are open to the public and are free to those with a Silver Sneakers benefit as part of their health plan. Classes are \$2 for all others. The Silver Sneakers Flex

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Pictured from left are: Esther

Gartland, Diane Taylor and "Santa" Scott Taylor, waiting to hear holiday wishes from Justin Valenti and WJWL President Jonnah Heltzel.

Free seminar to cover how dogs see, hear, smell

The Mosquito Lake Dog Park Friends are holding a free seminar on March 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mosquito Lake Park office, 1439 state Route 305, Cortland. This seminar will cover how dogs see, hear and smell and

is called "The Inner Workings of a Dog." Jenny Falvey CPDT-KA of Dog Smartz Unleashed will conduct this seminar. Please register as soon as possible as there are only 25 openings. To register call Ugo Scarnecchia at 330-544-4682.

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Maplewood High School class of 1968 to hold 50th reunion

Committee seeks classmates' contact information

Maplewood High School class of 1968 will hold its 50th reunion celebration and dinner on Saturday, July 14 at the Greene Eagle Winery at 2576 Davis Peck Road, three miles north of Mecca Center.

The Reunion Committee has been working to update a database with name, address and other current contact information for those who graduated from the Mecca Maplewood High School class of 1968. Former classmates, or those having information on whereabouts of former classmates, are encouraged to contact any of these committee members: Wendy Turrell at wendyturrell137@gmail.com; Coreen Creager Pierce at corj616@gmail.com; or Sandra Beckley Kinter at sbkinter@aol.com.

If enough classmates can be located, the reunion may be extended with an informal event at the historic Stone House on the Greene Eagle property, to take place on the preceding Friday evening, or the Sunday after the dinner. Hotels for those coming from out-of-town are available in the Warren/Niles area, approximately a half-hour drive from the Greene Eagle Winery.

There is a Facebook page dedicated to the reunion at www.facebook.com/MaplewoodHSclass68/. Former classmates may contact the committee, leave messages or post memories there.

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