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Autumn

*"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."
- Stanley Horowitz*

Autumn and an anniversary

By Sally Lane

Visions of autumn begin to drift through our minds sometime in August as fall sports teams and marching bands prepare for the 2017 season. Now the season

is in full swing. Friday nights are alive with the sound of drum cadences and cheering crowds. Other local school fall sports capture our interest as soccer and cross-country teams do well.

Younger players get a start with sports in soccer matches in the fields near the new Splash Pad on Pearl Street. It will be the end of September before folding chairs stop rattling in the trunk of the car.

Autumn, of course is much more than sports. There is a mental "switch" as well as a physical response to the cooling weather, kind of like an "energy drink" for the soul. If you have trees in your yard, you will need that spurt of energy. Falling leaves adds meaning to yard work, along with sore muscles.

The growing season is in the home stretch. September was always the month where my family made chili sauce using my husband's grandmother's 100-year-old recipe. Tomatoes, peppers, onions and a combination of vinegar, sugar and spices simmered for hours

in a big pot before being ladled into jars and processed. Neighbors said they could smell the aroma all the way down the street. It was a lot of work, but the satisfaction at opening a bit of summer in the dead of winter made it all worthwhile.

Soon September turns into October. We have a full calendar of events and activities. You will not want to miss Cortland's Oktoberfest Oct. 14 and 15. Other events include a CROP Walk sponsored by LOAF, the Ghost Walk in Warren, a "Witches Night Out" for our Specialty Shops on Sept. 28, Make A Difference Day and many more. Stay tuned.

October is also a special time for the Cortland News. It is our 14th anniversary! Our first issue rolled off the press in October 2004. A group of community leaders, organization officers, business people and interested citizens had met earlier to talk about establishing a newspaper. Cortland had been without a newspaper for a few

years and residents were missing that hometown connection. From the very beginning Jim Woofter was the

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 Monday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

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 Monday, Oct. 9, 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Oct. 9, 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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Monday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.
 Monday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building unless noted

LAKEVIEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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Our theme will be Make a Difference Day

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT CALENDAR SEPT. 23 TO OCT. 14

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

Boy Scout Troop 54 hosting "Haunted Trails" at dusk, Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27. Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club, 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Road, Cortland. *See pg. 9*

"Christmas in Cortland" concert rehearsals, various dates. *See pg. 10*

Geauga County Historical Society 2017 clothing exhibit "Best of the Best" through Oct. 13, noon-4 p.m., Law House, Century Village Museum, Burton.

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

Kent State University Trumbull and LINK Gallery present "Rootage," through Oct. 12. *See pg. 21*

"Mother's Aprons" exhibit, second floor, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave., Warren.

"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. *See pg. 18*

Red Hatters hurricane collection drive, various locations, through Oct. 28. *See pg. 15*

Shepherd of the Valley American flag collection, various locations. *See pg. 3*

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks>

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Legacy Dog Rescue and Friends of Fido "2017 Youngstown Bark and Booze" fundraiser.
- 23 Bulldogs' Souper challenge fundraiser, Country Porch Winery, 2282 Wilson Sharpsville Road, Cortland.
- 23 Trumbull County Republican Party monthly breakfast meeting, 9 a.m., Girard Multi-Generational Center, 443 Trumbull Ave., Girard. *See pg. 4*
- 24 The Down Syndrome Association of the Valley 2017 Buddy Walk, Eastwood Field.
- 27 Trumbull County Master Gardeners "Pruning," 6 p.m., Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
- 28 The Cortland Specialty Shops "Witches Night Out" event, 4-8 p.m. *See pg. 5*
- 28 The Mahoning Valley McKinley Club 102nd annual McKinley Banquet, McKinley Memorial, Niles, 6 p.m. *See pg. 22*
- 28-29 City of Cortland Fall Cleanup *See pg. 6*
- 29 LHS Varsity Football vs. Jefferson, 7 p.m., Don Richards Memorial Stadium.
- 30 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's "Out of the Darkness" Youngstown community walk, 10 a.m., Wick Recreational Are of Mill Creek Park, Youngstown.
- 30 Trumbull County Historical Society's "Oktoberfest on the Square," downtown Warren, 6-10 p.m. *See pg. 10*

OCTOBER

- 1 OcTURBO Fest, car show fundraiser presented by Killerwaxx Ohio Car Detailing to help purchase Lakeview band uniforms, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Lakeview High School. *See pg. 4*
- 1 Lakeview Boy Soccer Fundraiser, Country Porch Winery, 2282 Wilson Sharpsville Road, Cortland.
- 2 Southington United Methodist Church chicken dinner, 3:30-6 p.m., state Routes 305 and 534, Southington. *See pg. 14*
- 6 LHS Varsity Football vs. Edgewood, 7 p.m., Edgewood High School.
- 6,7 St. Robert Parish rummage sale, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon, parish hall, state Route 46, Cortland. *See pg. 14*
- 7 Bristolville United Methodist Church craft/vendor show, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., state Routes 46 and 88. *See pg. 14*
- 8 LOAF CROP Walk, 2 p.m., Cortland United Methodist Church. *See pg. 14*
- 11 Trumbull County Master Gardeners "Winterizing the Garden," 6 p.m., Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
- 13 LHS Varsity Football vs. Poland Seminary High School, 7 p.m., Poland.
- 13-14 Ghost Walk, 6:30-9 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 256 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.
- 14 The National McKinley Birthplace Memorial centennial re-dedication and time capsule opening, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., National McKinley Birthplace Memorial, 40 N. Main St., Niles.
- 14-15 Oktoberfest, Main Street, Cortland, various events. *See pg. 5*

TIME TO RETIRE YOUR FLAG?

Shepherd of the Valley is taking in tired, torn and faded American flags that need to be retired. Flags will be delivered to local veteran's groups for proper disposal. Flags can be dropped off at any Shepherd of the Valley community between 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily, including 4100 North River Road, NE, Howland and 1500 McKinley Ave., Niles. Drop-off hours for the corporate offices, 5525 Silica Road, Austintown, are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Cortland Lanes tells us that it isn't too late to sign up for a league. They have leagues for every age and ability. Don't have a team? No problem - they can put you on one.

My favorite Italian restaurant, **Vasilios**, has published their Party Tray & Banquet Menu in this issue. Now I just need a couple dozen friends to help me eat all of that food. Check it out - great food & terrific prices.

Did you know that **Action Physical Therapy** offers everything you need to get you "Back in Action?" Whether you had a stroke, surgery, replacement, car accident - doesn't matter - they can help.

The Old Mill Gallery is going out of business after 40 years and almost everything is half off. They just want it to go away - to YOUR place! They have three different pianos there - an upright, grand and square. Tons of artwork and so much more.

Auntie V's are making their homemade cookies again. Try the chocolate chip - even Santa prefers their cookie to Mrs. Clause's.

Country Porch Winery has two fund raisers coming up. Sept. 23 is the Bulldogs' Souper challenge and Oct. 1 is the boys' soccer fundraiser. Call for details and help support local businesses and our kids' programs. By the way they tell us that you should schedule your holiday party now as they are already filling up.

Cortland's favorite furniture store, **Furniture Décor and More**, is now open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays! So, if you work "9-5" you can now have lots of time to shop on Thursday nights.

Did all of the flooding in Texas and Florida make you wonder what you would do if it happened here? **Greenwood Insurance** tells us that flood insurance is actually pretty reasonable. Give them a call and see what they can do for you.

Killerwaxx Lucky 13 Custom Car Detailing is hosting a Car Show Fundraiser for the Lakeview High School Marching Band on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the high school. ALL proceeds benefit the Marching Band's Uniform Fundraiser. They are replacing the 20+ year old uniforms. Stellar Copters will be doing a candy drop for the children. Mayflower-Wollam Insurance, Tiger Wrapz, G.C. Construction, Storm Service Solutions and State Farm Insurance have also stepped up and helped sponsor this event.

Lakeside Sport Shop & Drive Thru has new hours. Sunday -Thursday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. While you are there check out their large selection of wines - many of them from right here in Ohio.

Jeanette's School of Dance reminds you now that soccer is over it is 'TIME TO DANCE'. It is not too late to sign up your child - keep them moving throughout the winter with a great program.

I'm looking at **Campbell Carpet** to do another room in my home before the winter holidays. You should check them out also. Been servicing the community for close to 60 years.

T.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING

The Trumbull County Republican Party will hold its monthly breakfast gathering at the Girard Multi-Generational Center, 443 Trumbull Ave., Girard, at 9 a.m. on Sept. 23. A continental breakfast will be provided. Central and executive committee meetings will be held in conjunction with the breakfast.

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Proceeds from the event went to Homes for Kids, a treatment foster care and home-based community mental health agency that serves families in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties.



DIGNAN APPOINTED TO BRAC & MILITARY AFFAIRS TASK FORCE

Regional Chamber COO James Dignan was appointed recently to the newly created Ohio House BRAC & Military Affairs Task Force (BMATF), which will study and analyze current Ohio Department of Defense and NASA assets, resources and missions in anticipation of potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions and other major mission realignment opportunities.

BMATF members will also visit several military and NASA installations across the state in the next couple of months -including the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS)-to garner input about their missions, capabilities, contributions and future opportunities, as well as their economic impact to surrounding communities and concerns regarding a future BRAC.

Dignan, who was recommended for the task force by U.S. Senator Rob Portman and U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson, said, "It is an honor to be nominated to represent our region on Ohio's BRAC and Military Affairs Task Force. I look forward to working with this incredible team, assembled to develop recommendations for the state of Ohio and our local defense communities on how to best position the state to acquire new missions and retain our current missions."

Members of BMATF will present

their strategic recommendations by the end of the first quarter of 2018 to the Speaker of the House, Ohio General Assembly, Governor John Kasich, Ohio Congressional Delegation and local defense communities.

Having served in the military for nearly 30 years, Dignan was commander of the 910th Airlift Wing at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station from March 2013 to October 2016. He oversaw 16 units with more than 1,300 personnel; led operations and maintenance, providing support for nearly 2,000 assigned Air Force, Navy and Marine Reservists; and was the civilian leader for more than 400 Air Reserve Technician and civil service employees. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Regional Chamber's Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission, launched in 2015 to highlight the military value of YARS and other installations throughout Eastern Ohio.

Other members of the task force include: Ohio Representatives Rick Perales (Chair), Dave Greenspan, Bob Cupp, Laura Lanese, Hearcel Craig, Brig. General Richard Green, National Guard Association; Col. Cassie Barlow, Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education; Maj. General Paul Sullivan, Old Sullivan, LLC; Steve Tugend, Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Mike Wiehe, Wright State University; and Wendy Gramza, Toledo Chamber.

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By Daynelle Sanner

Wanted: *Volunteers*. A love for community involvement and service to others is required. Organizers of the 2017 Cortland Oktoberfest, which is taking place Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15 in Cortland, are now recruiting community minded, love-life living, enthusiastic volunteers to assist in this first annual Cortland Oktoberfest fall festival.

Volunteers will play a critical role in the festival's success. Each volunteer will be our front line ambassador to all that participate in our community and beyond. The Cortland Oktoberfest volunteers will be the warm welcome and our eyes and ears to helping make this family-friendly event run smooth and successfully!

The Cortland Oktoberfest will be held on Main Street in Cortland. Volunteers will have various tasks to choose from, including assistance with the Arts & Crafts festival, Momentum 5K/10K Trail Run/Walk, kids crafts and games in Art Alley, Tangled Up In Brew (21 and over), logistical, information tables, staffing registration and program support.

Volunteers will be asked to work a four to six hour shift in full between the hours 6 a. m. and 6 p.m. The time slots will include one lunch break as well as a few shorter breaks. The time slots can be flexible. Volunteers will be provided an official event staff t-shirt and a lunch voucher provided by the Cortland Lions Club food trailer.

Each volunteer will be contacted prior to the event with specific task information, general festival details, including maps, contact lists and



safety protocol. Each volunteer will need to check-in at the Cortland Lions Club building, which will be the Volunteer Headquarters for the event.

Each scheduled shift will be have a 10-15 minute short meeting prior to their shift start. After completing the meeting, volunteers will receive their staff t-shirts and meal voucher. Volunteers will then be directed to meet with their event team leader in their designated areas for the fun to begin.

We are looking forward to this event and appreciate your interest in volunteering for the 2017 Cortland Oktoberfest. ALL are welcome to volunteer. If you are a student looking to fulfill your community service hours, the Love Life Foundation will provide a letter recognizing your service hours. To register as a volunteer for your preferred shift, please visit <http://www.cortlandoktoberfest.com/volunteer> or email us at cortlandoktoberfest.com.

For additional information on the Cortland Oktoberfest, please visit Cortlandoktoberfest.com or follow us on Facebook at Cortland Oktoberfest or Instagram at #cortlandoktoberfest.

'WITCHES NIGHT OUT' COMING TO SPECIALTY SHOPS

The Cortland Specialty Shops will be participating in a "Witches Night Out" event on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 4-8 p.m. There will be a best witch's hat contest for both adults and children, with each shop picking its winners - one adult and one child. Each shop will have a lighted luminaries path.

Stop by each shop for treats and potions, mystery sales/discounts and

haunting activities. Cortland Specialty Shops include: Beach Bum Tanning Salon, Centerra Country Store, Cortland Sparkle, Country Porch Winery, Furniture Décor & More, Galleria of Arts & Antiques, Happy Harvest Flowers & More, Heritage Florist, Just Pizzelles, Quilter's Fancy and The Body Shoppe Fit Crew Studio LLC. Be sure to visit at each shop to be entered to win a special gift basket of goodies.



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What's "news" in the
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By Terri Barnovsky, administrative assistant

Sale of Vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cortland, Ohio will utilize an internet auction for the sale of surplus vehicles and miscellaneous equipment. The Police, Fire and Service Departments have the need to dispose of surplus property that is no longer needed for public use, obsolete or deemed unfit for the use it was required. Items may include but are not limited to personal property such as motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools, supplies and furniture.

Items to be disposed will be posted on municibid.com as its preferred on-line auction site. The City's webpage will also maintain a link to the site as well as provide announcements of available items, terms and conditions.

The Service Department currently has a number of items listed for auction ending Sept. 29. The items listed are as follows:

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Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat time for the city of Cortland has been set for Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fall Clean-up

Fall Clean-up will be Sept. 28 and 29. Items will be collected with your regular garbage pick-up that week. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services that live in the city of Cortland as part of the contract with Republic.

Curbside Brush Pickup

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

Upcoming Dates:

- Week of Sept. 25 - Place brush at curb no later than Sept. 24
- Week of Oct. 23 - Place brush at curb no later than Oct. 22

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 2 - 7 p.m. - City Council
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By Detective David Morris, Cortland Police Department

In recent months I have been working midnight turn and spend a lot of time patrolling the city. Midnights give a different perspective than other turns on which security measures need to be taken to protect your property and family. Darkness obviously makes it easier for those committing crimes to remain out of sight. It is surprising the number of homes and businesses that have no lights on to illuminate their property. When you see a home or business that is well lit, it is easy to quickly drive by and see that everything is ok. Homes and businesses that are not adequately lit are virtually impossible to sufficiently check on without using the cruiser spotlights. That being said, it is highly recommended proper lighting be installed on your property in an attempt to deter criminal activity. With the advances in LED lighting, energy costs are minimal compared with the improved security gains made.

Traditionally most businesses are broken into during the night and most homes are burglarized during the day. Anytime your property is unoccupied there is an increased risk for a break in. Properly installed and monitored alarm systems can be a good deterrent to keep criminals from striking. Video technology has advanced in recent years to allow you to receive a text alert if motion or sound is heard on your home video system and you are able to remotely view your home or business from your Smart phone. Keep in mind there are two types of video cameras you can install. The first type is an identifying camera that will allow you to identify a person on the video. The second

type is an overview camera that is lower quality and will allow you to see what happened, but it is unlikely you would be able to identify a known person, let alone an unknown person. Make sure if you have video installed that you use the proper cameras for the application you are attempting to accomplish.

Another surprising observation made during the midnight shift is to see the number of garage doors that are left open. Leaving your garage door open allows easy access to the items your garage is designed to secure. A thief can easily enter a garage and steal a chainsaw or lawn mower before being detected when the homeowner leaves the overhead door open. Keep your garage doors closed. In addition, be sure to close and lock shed doors, garage man doors and your vehicles. Many times, suspects that have been caught breaking in to cars tell officers they walk through a neighborhood and pull doors. If the door is unlocked they help themselves to items left unsecured by the owner. If the door is locked, they simply walk along to the next potential target.

As always, we want to hear from you and keep you informed of what is going on. You can follow the CPD on Facebook or Twitter and can read the latest police blotter at www.cityofcortland.org. Emergencies can be reported to 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls can be reported to dispatch at 330-675-2730. Should you require a copy of a report already filed or need to speak with Chief Andrews or a specific officer, call 330-638-1000. Drug activity tips can be emailed to TAG Officer John Mosora at jmosora@cityofcortland.org. I can be reached by email at dmorris@cityofcortland.org.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TRUMBULL COUNTY TO PUBLISH VOTER'S GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County held its first fundraiser in August to help raise funds for the Educational Fund. This fund will help with the publication of the "Voter Information Guide" printed in September. The guide prints nonpartisan information about candidates and ballot issues. The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County neither endorses nor rejects the views of any candidate quoted and does not and cannot assume responsibility for the contents of any candidate's reply or motive for making same. The guide will be distributed in October throughout different sites in Trumbull County.

Members of the League wish to thank all those who came to the fundraiser garage/bake sale. The League also contributed unsold items to Someplace Safe, the Menagerie, Salvation Army, Goodwill and the Niles McKinley Library.

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County meets monthly on the fourth Monday of each month at

various locations in Trumbull County. The September meeting will be at Kent State Trumbull on Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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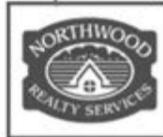
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FALL FOES: WATCH OUT FOR THESE STINGING INSECTS

(NewsUSA) - Many stinging insects become more aggressive in late summer and fall. Their hives are near maximum capacity, and they are scavenging for food to sustain the colony into the colder months. Being able to recognize different types of stinging pests can help determine whether there is an actual threat.

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) advises to always use caution around stinging insects, especially if you suffer from insect allergies. Here are some stinging insects that you should look out for this fall:

Africanized Bees

Africanized "killer" bees are indistinguishable from honeybees to an untrained eye. The only physical difference is in the length of their bodies. Africanized bees are much more aggressive than normal bees, will chase a target up to a quarter mile from their hive and are known to wait should a target go under water.

Paper Wasps

Paper wasps are also known as "umbrella wasps." They live in small colonies and are not aggressive by nature. However, they will sting if their nest is threatened. These nests are usually up high and can be attached to tree branches, porch ceilings or attic rafters.

Bald-Faced Hornets

These hornets are larger than other stinging insects. They get their common name from their coloring, which is mostly black with a white face. Hornets are typically very aggressive. Anyone or anything that invades their space will elicit a defensive response.



They have smooth stingers and can sting multiple times.

Yellowjackets

There are several species of yellowjackets, and they are distinguished from other stinging insects by their black head and distinctly black and yellow patterned abdomen. They are most active in late summer, when their colonies are at their peak. They are territorial and will sting people who come near their nests. Stinging insects and nest or hive removals should only be handled by pest professionals. Some species have nests containing thousands of individuals that could swarm and sting and could create a dangerous situation. Proper identification is also important as some species are pollinators and are beneficial to the environment. Qualified pest professionals or apiarists can safely relocate pollinator colonies from the property without destroying the hive.

For more on stinging insects or to find a pest professional in your area, visit PestWorld.org. For more information on pollinators, visit PollinatorHealth.org.

CHERRY HILL LANE COUPLE WINS COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD

By Gerri Moll

When you enter a garden that is serene and beautiful in its simplicity, it can take your breath away; but there is much to learn from such a garden as well. John and Laurie Markovich of 423 Cherry Hill Lane have such a garden, and that is why they were the recipients of the August 2017 Community Pride Award.

The Markoviches are the original owners of their home and over more than 30 years their garden has gradually evolved. Much of the success of the garden is due to John's planning, planting and pruning. The garden behind the house is bordered on three sides by an attractive assortment of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs fronted by beds of shade-tolerant evergreen groundcover and interspersed with pockets of Laurie's bright pink impatiens. All the planting has been done by John and his expert pruning has kept it attractive, but natural. A large deck next to the house with a gurgling water feature nearby adds to the serenity and provides the perfect place to view the garden.



Pictured are MaryAnn McElfresh, Chemical Bank; Mary Kachurik, CBA; Mayor James Woofter; Laurie and John Markovich; Flo Hutton, CBA.



The plantings in front of the house also reflect the owners' desire for simplicity and serenity. A recent addition is a beautiful tri-color beech. Some older, overgrown shrubs were removed, but two 25-year old dogwood trees have

kept their youthful vigor and size through judicious pruning. John believes this not only makes the trees look better, but keeps the house from looking dated as well.

Congratulations to John and Laurie Markovich for a job well done! The couple was presented with an engraved plaque from the Cortland Beautification Association and a proclamation from Mayor Jim Woofter. A sign will also be displayed in their front yard for one month.

The Community Pride Award is made possible by the financial support of Chemical Bank and enables the CBA to recognize home and business owners who make Cortland such an attractive place to live and work.





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LOCAL VETERANS TAKE FLIGHT ONCE AGAIN IN B-17 'FLYING FORTRESS'

By Jean A. Corliss

Two area World War II veterans were among those who recently took a flight in a B-17 bomber, better known as "The Flying Fortress" at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. The 65,000 pound "Aluminum Overcast" landed at the airport as part of a volunteer-run countrywide tour.

Hosted by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 117 and the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum in Warren, the plane's visit to the Mahoning Valley allowed people to "Join the Flight" and experience the historical aircraft from the air and from the ground.

Built in 1945, the B-17 was

delivered to the Army Air Corps too late to see active service in World War II. It was later donated to the EAA Aviation Foundation in 1981 with the provision that this historic aircraft be maintained in airworthy condition. In 1994, after spending a decade on display at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., the plane began making national tours visiting communities and providing residents with an up-close and personal look at this bit of military history.

During World War II, First Lieutenant Donald Freer of Howland, was piloting a B-17 bomber when the aircraft was shot down over Berlin and then spent six months as a

prisoner of war before being liberated by the Russians. He said that he was still sitting in the POW camp even after the war ended.

"In combat you got shot at every time you went out and we went out every three days, unless the weather was bad, we flew," said Freer. He was shot down on his 26th mission.

Fellow veteran, Sr. Master Sgt. Alvin Schuette of Tallmadge, was a ball turret gunner on such a plane during World War II.

"One mission we flew up to 40,000 feet and it was 42 below zero," said Schuette. "When I went overseas, 12 crews of us went over. That was in May of '44 and in October of '44, I was

the last one on our crew to finish my tour. There were only enough guys left for three crews," said Schuette. B-17 crews suffered the most casualties in the Air Corp during World War II.

"It's a classic piece of aviation history that needs to be experienced," said Neil Morrison, a pilot of the B-17. Morrison, who has been piloting the "Aluminum Overcast" for 14 years remarked that getting to meet the veterans and learning about the stories is a big reason why the group tours.

"Forget trying to watch a movie or read a book about it," Morrison said. "Here's the real deal," referring to Freer and Schuette.



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST 'OKTOBERFEST ON THE SQUARE' IN WARREN

The Trumbull County Historical Society is bringing back "Oktoberfest on the Square" in downtown Warren on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 6 to 10 p.m.

With one Oktoberfest under their lederhosen, the volunteer Oktoberfest Committee is again bringing the community an entertaining and authentic German celebration to downtown Warren's Courthouse Square. Building on last year's success, this year there will be expanded food and beverage selections, as well as a dance floor in addition to music from the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, grape stomping and strudel baking competitions, a traditional tapping of the keg and tons of authentic German food and beer.

Kristen Petrilla, Oktoberfest committee member and Warren native, joined the team this year. "The event is worthwhile because it provides the community the opportunity to enjoy an evening downtown while also celebrating the heritage of so many in the area," she said. "It's an excellent chance for younger people to learn about the historical society and everything they can do to get involved."

Historical Society Director Meghan Reed agreed with Petrilla. "We found last year's event so successful because of how diverse our audience was. A broad range of age groups stomped grapes together, volunteered together, and supported our efforts to preserve our community's history."

But why an Oktoberfest? Reed says the German population in Warren is one that has been overlooked in most ethnic

celebrations in the area. "Beginning in the early 1800s, German immigrants were instrumental in building the city we have today. Wilhelm Dietz, a local tanner, still has descendents in the area. Daniel Bishop owned a general store in "Bishop's Block" right on Courthouse Square. Lewis Voit and his three sons were all involved in business downtown. Augustus Graeter owned a hotel on the corner of Mahoning and High that was celebrated for years. And it doesn't stop there. Our collection of naturalization certificates and German passports from the 1920s onward show that this trend was not limited to just the 19th century."

Oktoberfest on the Square was started in 2016 as a means of supporting the Trumbull County Historical Society's annual programming and to expand exhibit development. The organization, which hired its first full-time staff last year, is dedicated to sharing the vibrant history that has made Warren what it is today. Stewarding over 15,000 items, they hold the largest collection of Warren's history. "We hope to showcase the diverse cultures in our region. Oktoberfest is meant to celebrate the German heritage here in a fun, colorful way."

Pre-sale tickets will be available for \$25 until Wednesday, Sept. 27 or until sold out. Remaining tickets will be sold for \$30 at the event. To purchase tickets, call 330-394-4653, email director@trumbullcountyhistory.org, or visit the Oktoberfest on the Square Facebook event page to purchase tickets online. Tickets include all you can eat and two drink tickets.

AN INVITATION TO SING

"Christmas in Cortland," the area's special Christmas concert, is 11 weeks from now. This third annual concert stars the Cortland Community Band and features the Community Choir. The concert is supported by Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF). LOAF is an ecumenical council of seven churches in the Cortland/Bazetta area. This year's concert will take place on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School. Last year's choir grew in size from its debut in 2015. This increase significantly enhanced the sounds the choir produced. The plan this year is to grow it even more. The only qualification needed is the enjoyment of singing. There are no auditions.

Four rehearsals have been scheduled: Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10

a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church; Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m., also at St. Robert; Tuesday, Nov. 28 (tentative date) at 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School, which will be a combined rehearsal with the band; and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Robert. If unable to attend a rehearsal, you may still join the choir.

The music leader is Michelle Robbins Jones, St. Robert music director. You will learn three Christmas selections. Two songs are sung acappella and one is sung with the band. The band and the choir lead the audience in singing several Christmas carols to close the concert. Your voice will help to make this evening of music unforgettable. For more information call Carole Wiley at 330-720-9136.



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FALL INTO HEALTHY HABITS THIS AUTUMN

(NewsUSA) - Just as spring is a time for rebirth, autumn is also considered a transitional season. The weather turns brisk, the leaves on trees change from dull brown to a firestorm of color, and darkness settles in earlier.

For many, it is a favorite time of year, but for others it can be a trigger to falling off the health and fitness wagon. After all, how can you be expected to ignore pumpkin spice lattes?

The key, say experts, is to set goals before the new year, not over a drink as the clock strikes midnight. "Fall... is a great time to start a fitness program because you're going to create good habits for the holiday season and the upcoming winter months," says Justin Price, owner of Biomechanics, a personal training and wellness coaching facility in San Diego, Calif.

The following tips will give you ideas on how to stay healthy (and maybe even avoid the pumpkin cheesecake) through what is arguably one of the most pleasant times of the year:

- Head for the hills. Fall is a great time to get outside and explore your own backyard. So, grab a friend and find a local park to walk, run or bike on. If you're lucky enough to live close to hills or mountains, autumn is a perfect time to go for a hike.

- Turn chores into a workout. Raking leaves or gardening burns about 150 calories every 30 minutes, so if you find that you don't have time for exercise, grab a rake or a hoe, and turn seasonal tasks into a fat-burning workout.

- Drink plenty of water. Without water, no living thing can survive, which means it is crucial to maintaining optimal health. While water has a myriad of health benefits, research has shown that in order for your body to function properly, it must continuously work to maintain a proper pH, or chemical balance.

This, say experts, is why drinking alkaline ionized water such as Alkame Water (www.alkamewater.com) should be an essential part of anyone's health plan. The mild alkalinity is recommended by doctors because it allows for more effective hydration by supporting an optimal pH-balanced body. Additionally, Alkame is a powerful source of antioxidants, which boost the immune system, while also improving aerobic capacity and enhancing energy levels.

- Try something new. Fall is the perfect time to gain new physical skills, says Price. Always wanted to learn to in-line skate or ride a horse? Fall is a great time to explore an activity that you've always wanted to try.

OHIO LIVING LAKE VISTA DESIGNATED AS A BRONZE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE BY LEADING AGE OHIO

Ohio Living Lake Vista was named a bronze Employer of Choice by LeadingAge Ohio for 2017-2018. The award recognizes providers of aging services who demonstrate leadership in employee development and engagement and meet stringent workforce development criteria.

"We're very proud to be recognized for our employee culture and commitment to excellence," said Dean Palombaro, executive director of Ohio Living Lake Vista. "We believe that respecting our staff and ensuring their success is the best way to create a positive community for our residents."

This is the inaugural year for the Employer of Choice program, which awards gold, silver and bronze-level designations. Three organizations received the gold designation including one Ohio Living life plan community. Thirty received bronze of which four are Ohio Living life plan communities and four are Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice locations.

LeadingAge Ohio is a nonprofit trade association that represents approximately 500 long-term care organizations and hospices, as well as those providing ancillary health care and housing services, in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities. The continuum of care reflected by the member organizations serve an estimated

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OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DEDICATED AT AG CENTER

A new outdoor classroom building on the grounds of the Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland, was dedicated on Sept. 13 following the Trumbull County commissioner's meeting.

The 20-by 40-foot building will be used for activities and programs outside. Prior to the structure being built, groups had to rely on setting up tables and tents for outdoor programs for area school children and programs of the Farm Service Agency, National Resources Conservation District and Ohio State University Extension. In addition to seating, there is a storage area for tables, chairs and educational materials.



Dignitaries and participants involved with the new outdoor education building at the Trumbull County Agricultural Center on West Main Street in Cortland, cut the ribbon to dedicate the structure. They are, from left: Jan Solomon, Trumbull Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) board chair; Davis Denman, Trumbull SWCD board fiscal agent; Vincent Peterson, from Congressman Tim Ryan's office; Mark Bockelman, Trumbull SWCD vice-chair; Dan Polivka, Trumbull County commissioner; Ed Agler, TCAFEC director and project chair; Amy Reeher, Trumbull SWCD DA/WC; Trumbull County Commissioners Frank S. Fuda and Mauro Cantalamessa, Trumbull SWCD board member Steve Telego and Peter Kepner, Trumbull SWCD board secretary.

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manager of the paper. He became the owner/publisher in 2008, purchasing it from John Bauswein, a publisher who helps many local newspapers get started, then turns them over to local ownership as they succeed.

A few of us, Jim, writer Jean Bolinger and me, have been involved in the paper since day one, and many others, including our graphics person, Pam Haake, advertisement sales rep, Thom Foley, and columnists have been part of the paper for many years. They help us deliver good news in every issue.

Speaking of good news... our motto has always been "The Good News Newspaper." In covering activities in our town, one appreciates

the work, the dedication and the involvement of the organizers and volunteers. It takes a lot of planning and work to launch successful events. There is set up, take down, refreshments, parking, publicity, phone calls, emails and a ton of other details. We at the Cortland News are proud to publicize, celebrate and give credit to the good things about our town and township. They are truly what makes this a wonderful place to call "home."

We are proud and happy to report the good news from our schools, organizations, churches, businesses and good deeds by the people in our town, and we look forward to many more anniversaries!



With all the talk about Cortland's first Oktoberfest and the very cool temperatures we are enjoying, I'm thinking about pumpkins. All things pumpkin like pie, lattes, ice cream, bread, cookies, and of course jack-o'-lanterns.

So here is the skinny on pumpkins. The scientific name is *Cucurbita maxima* and is a cultivar of a squash plant, usually *Cucurbita pepo*. It is round with smooth slightly ribbed skin and deep yellow to orange color. The thick shell contains the seeds and pulp. And yes, pumpkin is classified as a fruit, scientifically. In the kitchen setting, it is referred to as either depending on usage.

Pumpkins and squashes are believed to have originated in the ancient Americas and supposedly Christopher Columbus took pumpkin seeds back with him to Europe. It is a documented fact that pumpkins were a part of the second Thanksgiving celebration. Pumpkins and Thanksgiving are all-American for sure.

Pumpkins require a long growing season, 75 to 100 frost free days, and they tend to do best when planted directly in the ground. The space must have full sun, good drainage and space for the sprawling vines. Because pumpkins are cold sensitive, the soil temperature should be 70 degrees Fahrenheit or more before sowing seeds. Pumpkins also need bees for their pollination. You can attract bees by having a bee house in the garden or by planting flowers close by. If you have lots of vines and no pumpkins, it is usually a pollination problem.

Two other things to remember about pumpkins. They are 80 to 90 percent water so they use a lot of water growing. When the soil is dry, they

need an average of one inch of water a week. Also, they have shallow roots, so do not over cultivate.

Pumpkins today come in an array of colors. There are green, yellow, red, white, blue and multi-colored striped as well as the old reliable solid orange pumpkin. Pumpkins are large and tiny, flat, round, tall, short, smooth, ribbed and my personal favorite, warty. Some are fabulous for culinary purposes and others are considered display pumpkins.

While cooks need to use the correct type of pumpkin to achieve a richly favorable result, all pumpkins are edible. The smaller pumpkins grown for eating are denser than the ones grown for decorative uses. Fresh pumpkin is an excellent source of beta carotene, calcium and potassium. For vegetarians, it can be an excellent replacement for meat in soups and stews.

Decorative pumpkins are bred to be carved into jack-o'-lanterns and are usually large, mostly hollow and flat bottomed for stability. The side effect of this larger growth is the flesh is usually watery and tastes bland. Their seeds are excellent for toasting.

When shopping for the perfect carving pumpkin choose a pumpkin that feels firm and heavy for its size. Turn the pumpkin over and press the bottom firmly with your thumbs. If it flexes or gives, the pumpkin is not fresh. Also, choose a pumpkin with a solidly attached stem. A green stem insures a freshly harvested pumpkin. Place your pumpkin on a flat surface to see if it will sit flat after being carved. Enjoy your pumpkins, I know I will mine!

Happy Gardening!

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

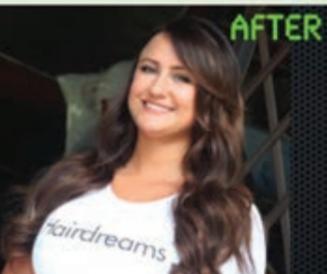


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VIVIAN BOX ENTERTAINS AT 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jason Burgermyer and Vivian Box entertained the crowd at Vivian's 90th birthday party by doing a song and dance routine to "You're Getting to be a Habit with Me." The party was given by her son Gary Box and her daughter Sherry Doll. Vivian is the oldest dancer at the Trumbull Senior Production Co. of Warren. Burgermyer is director and choreographer for the company. Vivian will be dancing in the production company's annual show in the spring.



METROPARKS ANNOUNCES SUMMER PHOTO WINNER



FORD AND LINCOLN VEHICLE BONUS CASH OFFER NOW AVAILABLE TO FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

Ohio Farm Bureau members are now eligible to receive \$500 bonus cash on new eligible Ford vehicles and \$750 bonus cash on eligible new Lincoln vehicles. The program applies to the purchase or lease of most 2017 and 2018 Ford and Lincoln models.

"This is a really great deal for Farm Bureau members," said OFBF executive vice president Adam Sharp. "Whether you're looking at an F-150 or a Continental, these are meaningful savings for our members."

The offer applies to eligible 2017 and 2018 Ford and Lincoln vehicles. Customers must be an Ohio Farm Bureau member for at least 30 consecutive days. Other program details can be found on

the Ohio Farm Bureau website at ofbf.org/savings/ford-lincoln/.

To access the savings, eligible Ohio Farm Bureau members should visit the Ohio Farm Bureau website or fordspecialoffer.com/farmbureau/oh to generate an eCertificate.

"This Ford and Lincoln partnership is a great addition to the many savings programs we offer our members," Sharp said. Farm Bureau members also enjoy special pricing on farm equipment, insurance and financial services, dining and entertainment, health needs, small business supplies, outdoor clothing, travel and recreation and other products and services. Visit ofbf.org to join or learn more.

Trumbull County MetroParks in partnership with Trumbull County Soil and Water District and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership is proud to announce Lisa Lynn Bickel of Fowler, the winner of the 2017 Summer Photo Contest. The winner was chosen by the number of likes they received on the MetroParks Facebook page.

The Fall 2017 Photo Contest is underway for the best picture at a Trumbull County MetroParks park or property. Photos are now being accepted for the fall season with a deadline of 2 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2017. Rules and regulations for the contest are posted on the MetroParks website

at www.trumbullmetroparks.org. Each season people will need to email photos to: Zachary.svette@trumbullmetroparks.org. To be eligible for the photo contest, the email must say what park and the date the picture was taken.

At the end of season, finalists will be chosen and sent to be judged by Facebook fans. One photo per season will be declared the winner.

Winning photos will be published on its website, via social media outlets and in some cases, in its publications. Winners also receive a Trumbull MetroParks and Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District prize pack.



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The Cortland CROP Walk for Hunger is Oct. 8. The Cortland churches of Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship (LOAF) will join communities across the United States to help end hunger one step at a time, both around the corner and around the globe. CROP Hunger Walks have supported the relief and development efforts of Church World Service for more than 70 years. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised stay local to benefit Cortland Area Cares Food Bank.

The walk registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Cortland United Methodist Church, leaving at 2 p.m. for a one

mile walk to the lake and back. After the walk there will be drinks and hot dogs inside the church provided by the Cortland Lions Club.

Any individual or group needing more information can contact one of the participating churches or Brian Kovach 330-423-5094, Cortland coordinator.

The CROP Walk is sponsored by the churches of LOAF that includes All Saints Community Church, Bazetta Christian Church, Cortland Christian Church, Cortland United Methodist Church, Cortland Church of the Nazarene, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

CRAFTERS AND VENDORS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY FAIR

The Women of Worship at Cortland Christian Church are looking for crafters and vendors to participate in the Holiday Fair on Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall, which is large and convenient for everyone. There will be a bake sale and a soup and sandwich lunch will be available.

Please call Amy at 330-718-4645 or Joyce at 330-637-9528 to save a table and get a registration form or for more information.

FAITH LUTHERAN PARISH HONORS OCTOGENARIANS

Members of Faith Lutheran Parish (St. John's in Champion and Prince of Peace in Cortland) recently honored members of the parish who have reached the milestone birthday of 80. These very special people were recognized at a combined worship service and picnic and were treated to a birthday cake that read "thank you for life." Members range in age from 80-89.

SOUTHINGTON UMC HOLDING CHICKEN DINNER

The Southington United Methodist Church, state Routes 305 and 534, will be holding a chicken dinner, on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The menu includes: one fourth of a chicken, scalloped potatoes, green

beans, applesauce, cole slaw, homemade desserts and beverage. Price is adults \$9, children (ages 4-10)/chicken tenders dinner, \$4.50, and children 3 and under, free. Carry outs available. Call 330-898-2156.

ST. ROBERT PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

St. Robert Parish rummage sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the parish hall, state Route 46, north of Cortland. Clothes, shoes, dishes, toys, books and so much more. Lunch will be available.

BRISTOLVILLE UMC HOLDING CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

Bristolville United Methodist Church is holding a craft/vendor show on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church on state Routes 46 and 88. Tables are available for \$15 and lunch will be available during the show. For more information contact Kathy at 330-984-7601 or Linda at 330-889-9717. The facility is handicapped accessible. All proceeds will benefit Christian ED.

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES

Each issue we try to include recipes that either sound delicious or are seasonal. But, we thought... we have readers whose recipes we would love to include. Maybe family recipes, something new and exciting, maybe something that you have concocted that you are getting rave reviews about. We want to feature them. Just send in your recipes to editor@thecortlandnews.com so we can get them in. If you have a photo that you could include, better yet. Let's see what's cookin' in Cortland!

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Items that are needed include personal care items (especially travel sizes) that must be sealed, bottled water, trash bags, dish soap, paper towels, sponges, new washcloths, new blankets, new clothing, canned goods with a good expiration date, baby formula, diapers/wipes, fast food gift cards, empty gas cans and gas gift cards. Please note that due to strict regulations about the transport of chemicals, no cleaning supplies will be collected.

Places to drop off donations include:

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 - Apostolakis Honda, 3965 E. State St., Hermitage, Pa.
 - Lakeview High School, 300 Hillman St., Cortland
 - Lakeview Middle School, 640 Wakefield Dr., Cortland
 - Top Notch Diner, 682 S. High St., Cortland
 - Howland High School, 200 Shaffer Drive NE, Howland
 - Sims Buick, 3100 Elm Road NE, Warren
 - Evenbay, 1006 Boardman Canfield Road, Suite 1, Boardman
 - Evenbay, 1745 Niles Cortland Road, Suite 2, Howland
 - Mikee's Restaurant, 1453 Youngstown Kingsville Road, Vienna (next to airport)
 - Studio 11, 5000 E Market St., Warren
 - Salon One, 8050 E. Market St., Warren
- Checks can also be made payable to the Salvation Army or Samaritan's Purse. The drive will extend through Oct. 28.

QUILTING ANGELS TEA & LUNCHEON

The Quilting Angels Quilt Guild will present its 10th Annual Tea and Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The theme of the tea and luncheon will be "Kittens & Mittens." The doors will open at 10 a.m. at the bistro at MCCCTC located at 7300 Palmyra Road in Canfield. Featured at the tea and luncheon will be a quilt raffle, Chinese

auction, favors and table prizes, along with a 50/50 raffle. Club members and guests may participate in a show and tell of their favorite quilts or quilted pieces. Ticket donation is \$15 per person. Contact Missy Shaffer at 330-652-3242 or 330-565-3242 for ticket information. The Quilting Angels support U.S. veterans.

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RISE AGAINST HUNGER

By Jean Bolinger

Over 180 volunteers of all ages came together in the Lakeview High School cafeteria on Sept. 16 to package 22,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Sponsored by LOAF, the event, although new to Cortland, was a rousing success. Rise Against Hunger representative Brady Smith brought all the supplies from the Pittsburgh warehouse and led the diverse group of workers through a process that saw his truck being unloaded, work stations set up from scratch, boxes made, ingredients measured into bags that were weighed and sealed, and finished products repackaged and loaded back into the truck. Volunteers even stayed to assist the Lakeview custodians in putting the cafeteria back in order.



Women from the community had reconstituted bags of the dried food and enhanced them with herbs, spices, and other ingredients to represent how the finished product might taste in countries in different areas of the world. Volunteers had the opportunity to sample dishes made from the basics of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and a vitamin packet.

Each meal costs 29 cents so the team effort required donations of \$6,380 given by people in the community. Brady explained the importance of the day's work in helping to overcome hunger, which RAH hopes to do by 2030. He emphasized that food security is truly a step toward peace and that each of us can play a part in building a more peaceful world by addressing issues of hunger in any way we can.

The meal packaging served as this year's Peace Celebration, an event that began at Lakeview High School in 2008 and has continued since that time on or near Sept. 25, which is the International Day of Peace. Since last year's celebration we and our son, Chris, a Lakeview graduate, have founded the Peace Initiative of Northeast Ohio (PINEO) and Chris has developed Facebook.com/NEOhioPeace. The theme of all peace celebrations since 2008 has been the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" so it was only fitting that the morning's activities closed with all the volunteers singing it together.



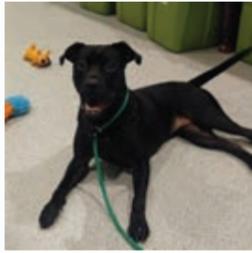
REPUBLICAN WOMEN VISIT HISTORIC HEADQUARTERS

Trumbull County Women of the Ohio Federation of Republican Women (OFRW) visited the National Federation of Republican Women's headquarters in Alexandria, VA. The building dates back to 1812. It was purchased for \$860,000 by donations made by state federations. Each state and the territory has a room or share a room. Ohio shares a room with Nebraska. The Ohio room's decor is full of Ohio State paraphernalia, banners, mugs, signs, plaques, portraits of past Ohio presidents and the seal designed by the group, which is on the top of a wooden cut out in the shape of the state.



Standing in the Ohio room are Judie Shortreed, Lisa Moore, Mary Theis and Mary Louise Anspach.

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Clare is a 3-year-old Labrador/Pit Bull mix. Clare was initially brought to AWL by the Trumbull County dog pound for the DIPP training program. Clare attended the program and learned basic obedience such as crate training, leash walking and many commands. Clare is an energetic dog that is very loving and gets along with everyone, even children. Her adoption fee is \$150 and that includes her training, spay, heartworm test, vaccinations, microchip with registration and more.

Pepper is an adult Shih Tzu mix. He was surrendered by her previous owners because they couldn't care continue to care for him. Pepper is nice dog who can take a while to warm up to new people and environments. He would do best in a home without small children. Pepper is a happy guy that often likes to take walks and do his own thing. His adoption fee is \$150 and includes his neuter, heartworm testing, vaccinations, microchip with registration and more.



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

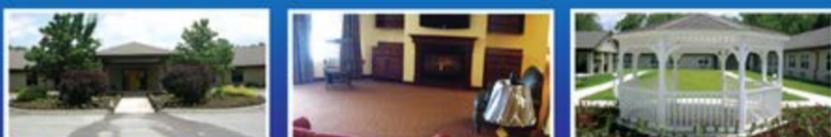
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"I'LL DO THE THINNIN' AROUND HERE - AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!"

Dear Mark: I was sitting next to a lady in a casino who was playing at a speed that I had never witnessed in the 30 years that I have been going to the casino. When she finally stopped to catch her breath, I had to ask her, "Does it help?" She said the faster she played, the higher the return on the machine. Is this true or hogwash? Sandy C.

My first impression from your question, Sandy, is that this lady perhaps is gambling far more than she should be, and that is a question/answer for another day, one she needs to ask herself first. As to "the faster she played, the higher the return on the machine," unequivocally utter hogwash!

Faster play makes zero difference to the random number generator. Over the long run, she will get the equivalent payback percentage regardless of the speed of her play.

What is working against her and her Quick Draw McGraw speed is the total amount she is wagering, especially against any machine that carries a high house edge, which, by the way, is all of them.

If she is wagering \$0.75 a spin on a quarter machine for 600 spins in an hour, she is putting at risk \$450. If you, sitting next to her, are wagering that same \$0.75 a spin, but spinning the reels only 150 times per hour, you are only risking \$112.50. Faster play means more money exposed, and with the casino holding, for instance, a built-in 15% on quarter play, she's donating far more to the casino's coffers than you are.

Dear Mark: Why does a player who is betting two spots in blackjack have to bet double the minimum? Ed P.

I learned the answer to this question, Ed, on the first day I dealt blackjack.

Yours Truly thought dealer school was an inconvenience during ski season, so I self-taught myself by pitching cards across the room into a hat, practiced shuffling, dealing and the pay and take on an ironing board. I did have some tutelage from a dealer roommate who went on to become a gaming agent for the State of Nevada; but obviously, he couldn't cover all the rules. One such overlooked tenet missed was the rules related to payouts for scoring 21 on split aces. I assumed that if you split aces and got two face cards, you just got yourself two blackjacks, so I paid accordingly. Yep, I paid them.

Another was the appropriate amount needed when playing two hands. An old-time pit boss named Dennis Healy at the Club Cal Neva noticed my error, among others, and corrected me on my break. Being the curious sort, I did ask why. Healy said the reason the casino requires a double-minimum bet to play two spots is that it doesn't want a player to tie up multiple spots with minimum bets. Leaving the spot open for another player who might bet several times the minimum will

make the casino more money over the long run, hence, the double-minimum.

Incidentally, errors on my early shifts should have sent me down the road, but Healy and the Club Cal Neva let them slide. Ultimately, dealing there ended up being a terrific place to work for the break-in dealer.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "Poker is a lot like sex, everyone thinks they are the best, but most don't have a clue what they are doing!" - Dutch Boyd

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FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR ADULT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you're a parent of a child with special needs, you've likely dedicated much of your life to researching, providing and advocating for the best care for your child. So naturally, you may worry about what will happen when you are no longer able to supervise your child's care due to declining health, illness or death. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to help ensure your child has sufficient financial resources along with a dedicated support system. Here are six areas to help protect your child's future.

1. **Include your child in the process.** To the extent you're able to, talk with your child about his or her future. If employed, is her job sustainable for the future? Does he feel comfortable managing everyday finances? Where does he naturally turn to for support? Understanding your child's wishes and being realistic about his or her abilities will help you craft a long-term support strategy.
2. **Provide guardianship and decision-making support.** If your child needs support making financial, legal or medical decisions, it's important to obtain guardianship and/or conservatorship from the courts. With this authority granted, you can designate who should have this responsibility when and if you are no longer able to fulfill the role. Communicate early and often with the family members or delegate who will oversee and provide support for your child's care, so that they know what to expect. It's important for your delegate to know what decisions your child can make independently, and where he or she may need some assistance.
3. **Create an estate plan.** Establishing an estate plan is key to ensuring your wishes are followed and may help your heirs avoid probate court. Ask your financial advisor and estate planner to help you include protections for your child within your estate plan. Provide care instructions in the event of your death or if an accident leaves you unable to manage your child's care.
4. **Save strategically.** A tax-advantaged ABLE account, created by the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act in 2014, is one way to create a financial cushion. Earnings grow tax deferred, and funds can be withdrawn tax-free if they're used to meet qualified expenses for your child. The law defines "qualified expenses" broadly, allowing funds to cover the costs of health care, assistive technology, housing, education, legal fees or personal support services. Anyone can contribute to the account, so that means grandparents, siblings, even family friends can help grow this nest egg. Your financial advisor can help you determine if your child meets eligibility requirements and review annual contribution limits to help you maximize this resource.
5. **Set up your inheritance.** If you'd like to leave money to provide for your child, consider if establishing a special needs trust makes sense for your situation. Simply naming your child as a beneficiary in your estate could compromise his or her eligibility for government benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. There are several types of trust accounts that allow your child to maintain government support, often by providing funds directly to a care service or through a trustee. There are advantages and considerations for each option, so consult your attorney for guidance.
6. **Research living arrangements.** If your child is still living at home, explore housing options that will provide a safe environment tailored to his or her abilities. Researching your options is crucial, even if you intend for your child to reside with a sibling or another family member. Circumstances such as divorce, job loss or illness could prevent the family member from providing the level of care your child needs and deserves.

By addressing the areas above, you can feel more confident that your adult child will be well cared for no matter what happens tomorrow.

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DANA FAMILY EXHIBIT OPENS AT SUTLIFF MUSEUM

The Sutliff Museum's newest exhibit: "Musicians and Scholars: The Dana Family of Warren, Ohio" is now open to the public through January 2018. This temporary exhibit explores the origin of the Dana family from Richard Dana coming to America from England around 1640 and follows two of his branches that come to Warren in the 19th century. Part of the exhibit touches on the Dana relationship to the Sutliff family through Mrs. Phebe Lord Marvin Sutliff. The remaining emphasizes the creation of the Dana Musical Institute by William Henry Dana up until its merger with Youngstown College in

1941. The exhibit features items from the Sutliff Museum and Trumbull County Historical Society collections and photographs from the Trumbull Memory Project.

The Sutliff Museum, operated by The Warren Library Association, is located on the second floor of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library at 444 Mahoning Ave. in Warren's historic residential district. Admission is free and hours of operation are from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 1-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tours may be arranged at other times by calling the museum.



5 Keys to Disaster Planning For Individuals

While we haven't been devastated like Texas or Florida by hurricanes, disaster planning is still something to think about. Disaster planning is usually associated with businesses. But individuals need to prepare for worst-case scenarios, as well. Unfortunately, the topic can seem a little overwhelming. To help simplify matters, here are five keys to disaster planning that everyone should consider:

1. Insurance. Start with your homeowner's coverage. Make sure your policy covers flood, wind and other damage possible in your region and that its dollar amount is adequate to cover replacement costs. Also review your life and disability insurance.

2. Asset documentation. Create a list of your bank accounts, titles, deeds, mortgages, home equity loans, investments and tax records. Inventory physical assets not only in writing (including brand names and model and serial numbers), but also by photographing or videoing them.

3. Document storage. Keep copies of financial and personal documents somewhere other than your home, such as a safe deposit box or the distant home of a trusted friend or relative. Also consider "cloud computing" – storing digital files with a secure Web-based provider.

4. Cash. You may not receive insurance money right away. A good rule of thumb is to set aside three to six months' worth of living expenses in a savings or money market account. Also maintain a cash reserve in your home in a durable, fireproof safe.

5. An emergency plan. Establish a family emergency plan that includes evacuation routes, methods of getting in touch and a safe place to meet. Because a disaster might require you to stay in your home, stock a supply kit with water, nonperishable food, batteries and a first aid kit.

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ENSURE FINANCIAL PROTECTION FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

SEPTEMBER DESIGNATED LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH

To stress the importance of ensuring financial security in the event a family's primary wage earner or another family member was to pass away, Governor John Kasich and Department of Insurance Director Jillian Froment have designated September as Life Insurance Awareness Month in Ohio.

Even though a national study revealed 9 in 10 people agree that most people need life insurance, just 60 percent say they have it.

"The main reason a person should consider purchasing life insurance is to protect those they love from the financial effects of an unexpected or untimely death," Froment said. "All Ohioans can benefit from the guidance of a life insurance professional when determining the most appropriate amount and type of life insurance."

Typically, life insurance provides money to beneficiaries selected by the insured. Coverage can be purchased directly from a company, provided as an employee benefit or purchased through an insurance agent. Upon the insured's death the money could help replace the deceased's income, fund ongoing expenses, put kids through school, pay the mortgage, car loan, and other debts left behind, as well as cover the deceased's funeral expenses and estate taxes.

The amount of life insurance a person should secure to protect their loved ones depends on many factors, including life stage, family picture and financial standing.

Important questions a person should consider include:

- How much of the family income do I provide?
- How would my survivors, especially my children, get by?
- Does anyone else depend on me financially, such as a parent, spouse, grandparent, brother or sister?
- Do I want to set aside money for my children to finish their education?
- How will my family pay final expenses and repay debts after my death?
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LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY RECEIVE ID KITS

The Cortland-Bazetta Optimists, Bazetta Police Dept. and Bazetta Fire Dept. presented Lakeview Elementary with identification kits on Aug. 29, for the new kindergarten students to help with their safety if there were ever a missing child situation. Those at Lakeview Elementary are grateful to the community support of the students.



Pictured are Detective Sean Rentz, Bazetta Police Dept.; Chief Mike Hovis, Bazetta, Police Dept.; Principal Scott Taylor, Lakeview Elementary; and Earl Parthemer, Cortland-Bazetta Optimist Club.

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BAZETTA ELEMENTARY PERFORMS EYE SCREENINGS FOR STUDENTS



Pictured front row: Margie Petrunia Lakeview Schools, Ella Pompoco, Frankie Placanica, Maureen Paczak, school nurse. Back row: Dr. Dale Lindsey, Debbie Bacher and Shellie Phelps, both from Cortland Family Eye Care; and Rose Leonhard, school nurse.

In their continuing efforts to provide a quality academic environment for all students, the Lakeview School System has partnered with local healthcare providers to do screenings for its students. The healthcare providers volunteer their time and efforts so that there is absolutely no cost to the school system. One of those providers is Dale P. Lindsey, O.D. of Cortland Family Eye Care, Inc.

Although the state requires all students in kindergarten, first, third, seventh, ninth grades and all new students be screened for vision problems, Dr. Lindsey and his staff, along with the Lakeview school nurses, will screen all students in Bazetta Elementary for eye problems. The team will screen students for visual acuity (distance), checking muscle balance near and far, color vision test for males and depth perception. Parents are notified of any possible problems and are advised to have an optometrist do a full vision exam. It is important

to emphasize that a school vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive vision exam; it merely reports the results on the day of the screening.

"This is a combined effort between the school system and Dr. Lindsey to catch any vision problems early that the students may have. There is no cost or obligation to the families or the school system for this service. It is important that parents understand this is only a screening and they should have a complete eye exam for their children every year. We are very grateful to Dr. Lindsey for providing our children with quality screenings," said Maureen Paczak, R.N., school nurse.

Dr. Lindsey said "Good vision is crucial to learning. It is important that students have a complete eye exam every year. This is my community, too and my children went to school here. All of these children are our future. I just wanted to give something back to the community."

LAKEVIEW BAND BOOSTERS TO RAFFLE BULLDOG CARVING



The Lakeview Band Boosters is holding a raffle for a bulldog carving. The four foot carving was carved and donated by Dave Harper.

Tickets for the carving are \$10 each or three tickets for \$25. Tickets are available at all home football games, Oc'Turbo' Fest on Oct. 1, Oktoberfest on Oct. 14, the Halloween Parade on Oct. 26 or by calling Heidi Harper at 330-717-4018. The winner will be drawn during the home football game on Oct. 27.

All proceeds will go to the band uniform fund.

KENT STATE TRUMBULL'S LINK GALLERY FEATURES CLEVELAND-BASED ARTIST RACHEL KRISLOV

Kent State University at Trumbull and its LINK Gallery present "Rootage," an installation of works on paper by Cleveland-based artist Rachel Krislov, now through Oct. 12.

Krislov is a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, with a fondness for rustbelt and riverside cities. She holds an MFA in Print Media from Cranbrook Academy of Art, a BFA in Printmaking and Drawing from Washington University in St. Louis, and a post-baccalaureate certificate from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts,

Boston. When not making art, she can often be found collecting graphic novels, reading fantasy, horror and science fiction novels, rescuing stray animals and watching cartoons.

A special artist reception will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 4-5:30 p.m.

LINK Gallery is open Monday-Thursday, 3-7 p.m. It's located at Kent State University at Trumbull, 4314 Mahoning Ave. N.W. in Warren. Phillip Buntin, an associate professor of Art at Kent State Trumbull, is gallery coordinator.

LAKE VISTA BAZAAR IN OCTOBER

The Lake Vista Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland. This is the ninth bazaar and will include the Amish baker, jewelry, chocolates, holiday mix items, stained glass, gift baskets, afghans, jams and jelly, a book fair and more.



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Practical Money Matters

COULD YOU TURN YOUR HOBBY INTO A CAREER?

By Nathaniel Sillin

You can break personal finance into three broad categories: income, expenses and savings. Your personal cash flow statement lists your income and expenses and a common goal is to end each month with a positive balance — with money left over to put into savings.

We often tend to focus on how to make the most with what we have, but don't forget the third category. With planning, dedication and an understanding of how your skill set could benefit clients, you could make the transition to a more entrepreneurial role and increase your income.

A friend recently shared her experience. She started working out while looking for a way to release stress. Soon, exercise became her hobby. And then her passion. Several years later, she got the necessary training and certifications to go into business for herself as a fitness instructor and personal trainer.

Others have similar experiences. A photography or coding course sparks intrigue, which leads to exploration as a hobbyist and an eventual career or part-time income source. Or later in life you may decide it's time for something different and start by exploring your interests and then setting off on an entirely new path.

Acknowledge that you may be giving yourself a new job. First, consider whether you really want to turn something you enjoy into a financial pursuit. Some people find that the transition can "ruin" their hobby in a way — it could feel like a chore or job rather than an enjoyable outlet. As long as it doesn't require a substantial upfront financial investment, testing the water before diving in fully could be a good idea.

With the proper clearance, you can stay at your current role and start a small side business or offer your services as a freelancer to see what the experience will be like (and how much money you can make). You might find that a profitable, or cost-covering, hobby is enough.

Identify ways to make your offering uniquely yours. No matter how hard you try, you can't will money into existence. It will take a lot of work to make a business succeed and even with a driven entrepreneur at the helm, many businesses don't make it past the first several years.

But whether you're creating and selling a physical product or offering a service, you bring a unique set of

skills and experiences to the table. Try to figure out how these can distinguish your offerings or add a unique twist that will help potential customers meet their goals.

Businesses succeed for a variety of reasons. They might create something entirely new, figure out how to make something less expensive or more luxurious, put their efforts into customer support or figure out a fun and creative way to advertise their product.

Figure out who your target customers are and what they like. If you're going to make money you'll want to identify a target market. Generally, this will be a group of people who want and can afford your offering. Both qualifiers are equally important.

Be brutally honest with yourself. There isn't always a profitable market, and some hobbies don't make great businesses.

Working within a proven market — selling something that people already buy — can be a good thing because you know there's at least some demand. From there, you can figure out the best way to find customers that like the twist or extra touch you've put in.

Drawing on my friend's experience, she has discovered several ways to attract her clients. Some people already have an active lifestyle and don't necessarily need motivation. For them, she emphasizes her knowledge of fitness and health. She can craft a meal plan that aligns with their physical goals and work with them to improve their form and help prevent injuries.

With clients who are struggling to get started, she emphasizes the value of having an accountability partner. She takes the planning and worry out of working out; they just need to show up.

Are you ready to take action? Managing spending and saving are essential elements of any financial life. With some thought and planning you could grow another essential element — your income — while doing something about which you are passionate.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney

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102ND ANNUAL MCKINLEY BANQUET PLANNED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

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frequent commentator on television and radio, and has appeared with Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly, Michael Reagan and Laura Ingraham. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for book purchase and signing. Tickets are \$35. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase tickets, call 330-856-7790 or 330-506-6452.

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