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Makinga Difference



Making a difference...17 years and counting!

By Sally Lane

been a wonderful journey for all of us, past and present, who have been

our town is how The Cortland News At some point those of us involved in few more years. Ours was very much a sadly, sometimes the worst - in us. makes a difference. This issue begins the production of the Cortland News success. During that time, Jim Woofter However, I'm going to highlight the our 18th year of publication. It has have remarked that its upbeat theme of became the person who sold the reporting the GOOD news has fostered us an optimistic outlook in our daily

> A little history: by 2004, Cortland had been without a local newspaper for several years, and residents were missing that hometown connection. The town needed a way to support businesses and spread the good news from our organizations, schools, and churches. The mayor at that time was Curt Moll. He and a committee developed a strategic plan for the town that included a local newspaper. At the same time John Bauswien, a publisher from the Akron area, was promoting the establishment of local newspapers in Trumbull County. A few small towns began hometown newspapers at that time. Bauswien would sponsor the publication for two years and only

advertisements to pay for publication and hired a team to edit and design the issues. Jim then purchased the newspaper outright after retiring from his successful photography business and a term as mayor.

It is entirely accidental, but a nice coincidence, that our publication celebrates its anniversary during October, the same month as Make A Difference Day. This month is full of good news, and we love to report it. Our issue will highlight activities around town as well as remind you of some of the ways our town makes a difference to so many, in so many ways.

Looking back over the last several months we realize that in Cortland there is no such thing as Make a Difference DAY – this has been a Make a Difference YEAR. Difficult challenges

Highlighting the good news in part of making this paper successful. continue if the paper was a success for a have brought out the best - and best

> We are proud of the 80 people who showed up at Lakeview High School to fill over 10,000 bags of food for the Rise Against Hunger charitable event. That is over 100 bags filled by each volunteer to be sent to places where food challenges have worsened.

> Our local food bank is working overtime to keep our nearby people supplied with needed food. Mothers and fathers have often had to alter their work schedules for childcare. Grandparents often are helping them with their grandchildren. Neighbors are helping neighbors with yard work, and often, food or trips to the grocery store for friends.

If nothing else, we have found that we CAN make a difference every day. Keep up the good work.



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First and Third Monday of each month Monday, October 18, 7 p.m.. Monday, November 1, 7 p.m.

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Read the minutes from Cortland City Council meetings at www.cityofcortland.org under City Council Minutes.

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Second Monday of each month Monday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.

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Our Next Issue November 6, 2021

Our theme will be Preparing for the Holidays

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Community Events

Event Calendar October 16 – November 6

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 15

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.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnigthhawks

OCTOBER

15, 16, 22, 23 Annual GHOST WALK starting at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fundraising event for Trumbull County organizations. *See pg. 18*19 Preschool Storytime at the Cortland Library, 11 AM, ages 3 to 5.

No registration necessary. Free.

23 Make A Difference Day

Ghost Stories of the Civil War. 2 p.m. Online Event. Call Warren Library for Zoom link via email: (330) 399-8807 ext. 200 *See pg. 18*

Preschool Storytime at the Cortland Library, 11 AM, ages 3 to 5.

No registration necessary. Free.

DARK on PARK Art Show presented by the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County opening reception downtown Warren. *See pg. 14*

30 Cortland Trick or Treat, 6 - 8 p.m.

31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

1 - Dec 18 Cortland Mower - "Bag Hunger Event". See pg 3 & 4

2 Election Day

3 Trumbull County Master Gardener 2021 Free Garden Program

Holiday Decorating Using Garden Greens, 6 p.m. at the

OSU Extension Center



Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Chrissy's Lake Tavern celebrates hump day happy hour from 12 – 9 every Wednesday. And don't forget that they are a Family Friendly Restaurant. See their ad for the kids menu contest

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Auntie' V's Pizza will be closed on Tuesdays starting October 26.

If you are like me and looking for a Medicare supplement program check out **Greenwood Insurance**.

Lakeside Sports & Drive Thru is now starting to get all their ice fishing gear in stock. Stop in to check it out.

Cortland Lanes tells us that it is not too late to join a team – MENS WOMEN KIDS. Give them a call and they will find a team for you. Don't forget to enjoy their Cosmic Bowling on Fridays & Saturdays – nothing like it in the area!

Don't worry, Mr. Hero is going to be opening soon! As soon as all the

equipment and supplies are in they will open! Things are tough for ALL small businesses now so please be patient and support all the small businesses that support our community. These are Cortland residents investing in their own town.

Speaking of Cortland residents opening a business in their own town, Shawn Ruddy of **Ruddy Insurance** opened another location, this one right here in Cortland. They are located next to Iron House on SR 46. Stop in for a quote.

Totally Dog has dog collars on sale! They are always doing something to help you and your dog. Another great locally owned business investing in our town!

Need a **Santa Claus** for your Christmas party this year? Check out his ad in this issue.

Winter is coming and that means bad weather. If you have the misfortune to get into a fender bender this year – and we hope you don't – keep **Daffron Body Shop** in mind.

Did you know that **Mayflower Wollam Insurance** has been serving our community for almost 100 years? Talk about loyalty!

I just called **MD Denna Heating & Cooling** to have my furnace checked – don't get caught in the cold this year. Schedule your checkup now.



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Get the Most Out of Medicare's 2022 **Annual Enrollment Period**

Annual Enrollment (AEP) for Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans begins October 15 and runs through December 7. During this time Medicare beneficiaries are given an opportunity to evaluate their current coverage and consider options for the upcoming year. Even if you are happy with your current plan, it is still a good idea to take the time to review your options. You may be taking a new prescription medication, your current plan's drug formulary may have changed or your physicians could have left the plans network.

Annual Enrollment is the time to review and get ready for the next year. Getting more appropriate plan coverage and lowering costs are the primary reasons to take advantage of the yearly

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reassessment opportunity. In addition, if you have Medicare Advantage (Part C), these plans typically offer "extra" benefits including dental, vision, and hearing coverage. They may also offer other non-medical benefits. Money towards over-the-counter products, a personal emergency response system and gym membership are just a few examples. These extra benefits can change each year and could make a significant difference in overall out of pocket costs throughout the year. If you miss the Annual Enrollment deadline, you may have to wait a full year before you can make changes to your plans.

Here are three important things every Medicare beneficiary can do during Annual Enrollment:

1. Review Your Annual Notice of Change. Your current insurance Continued on page 17

Lakeside Sports Shop Sells Million Dollar Lotto Ticket

Recently a group of workers from Youngstown bought a million dollar winning Lotto ticket at Lakeside Sport Shop & Drive Thru in Bazetta. They hit 5 out of 5 numbers on the Powerball. The winners did not supply any information as to their identity, but the store has a reputation for being a "Lucky Lotto" seller. Last year they sold a \$1,000,000 Instant scratch off winner. In the past they have sold numerous winning tickets worth thousands of dollars. The store is the only SUPER RETAILER in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties which allows it to redeem most winning tickets. "We have had a lot of big winners here over the years. I guess we are just a lucky place to buy Lotto tickets. We sell all of the different Ohio Lottery tickets" said owner Janet Yohman. Stop in and get your winning Lottery ticket soon.



Cortland Mower to 'Bag Hunger'

Cortland Mower and Sales is teaming up with three local organizations to help combat the hunger problem in our area. Many families, including those with school aged children, do not have enough to eat. You can help feed them and maybe win a new DeWalt selfpropelled cordless 20V battery powered lawn mower. A \$549 Value.

Stop into Cortland Mower at 118 Walnut St. in Cortland and pick up a green Cortland Mower Tote Bag from Nov. 1 through Dec. 18. Bring the bag back to Cortland Mower filled with nonperishable food items before Dec. 18. You can fill as many bags as you like. Each time you return a filled bag you will receive one entry for a chance to win the DeWalt self-propelled cordless 20V battery powered lawn mower.

Household items such as paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, etc. are also appreciated. All donations will be distributed to the Lakeview School Food Pantry, The Patchwork Foundation, and the Maplewood Rocket Fuel Program.

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Middle and High School Students Attend Skilled Trades Expo at Canfield Fair

On September 23 several Lakeview High School students and Lakeview Middle School 8th graders attended the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo at the Canfield Fairgrounds. The two-day event provided students from Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Mercer, and Lawrence Counties an opportunity to explore career opportunities in the skilled trades industry. Students spoke with members from a wide variety of trades, including operating engineers, painters, and boilermakers. We even had a few try their hand at laying bricks, cutting and rolling sheet metal, and bending pipes! We appreciate the

Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades for hosting the event and providing this wonderful experience for our students!



Lakeview High School students attend the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo.





Students discover more about the pipefitting trade by learning how to use tools to bend pipes.



Kalyssa W. learns to lay a brick.

Veterans Day observance planned at Veterans Memorial

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7th, at 2:00 PM, a special program will be presented at the Veterans Memorial located at Point Park in Cortland.

The Veterans Day observance will open with an invocation and then the flag raising by Boy Scout Troop 4050 followed by the National Anthem.

Special remarks will be shared by William Gore, a Cortland resident and a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. Bagpipes will be played by Allen Briggs and Garry Watson will play the bugle.

All veterans and the public are Hall or at Cortland Mower.

a lawn chair.

Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee will handle the set-up and help direct parking. Cortland Masonic Lodge will provide the sound system.

Engraved pavers continue to be made and placed at the memorial to honor any veterans whether they are from Cortland or beyond.

emailing to: Rmcclain@embarqmail. com or pick up a form at Cortland City

Lakeview Schools Permanent **Improvement Levy**

By CFO, Sean Miller

The Lakeview Local School District receives its local funding through property tax levies. Lakeview currently receives this funding from three major types of property tax levies: Operating, Bond, and Permanent Improvement.

Operating levies pay for day-to-day operating expenses such as salaries, utilities, and supplies. Bond levies provide a school district with local revenue for construction purposes, such as the District's K-8 building. Permanent Improvement levies pay for capital improvement projects, maintenance and repairs of school property and certain equipment items that are designed to last five years or more. For example, these funds can purchase technology, heating and air conditioning systems, roofs or other facility upgrades. Ohio law prevents these funds from being used to pay staff

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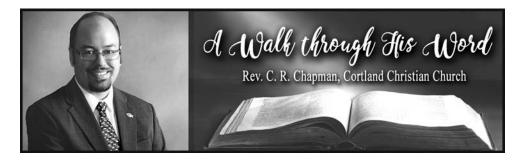
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Before the LORD could use Moses, He had to see to Moses's protection as a baby. The Pharaoh had ordered all of the Hebrew male babies to be murdered. Moses's parents hid him upon his birth, but they could not keep him secret for long. They placed their precious baby boy in a basket and laid him among the reeds of the Nile River.

Moses's sister, Miriam, then stood back and quietly observed her brother to see what would happen to him. Moses was soon discovered by Pharaoh's daughter. Instead of being fearful, Miriam stepped forward and made a difference. When she saw Pharaoh's daughter's compassion towards Moses Pharaoh's daughter asked Miriam to find a nursing Hebrew woman for

the baby Moses. Then she would adopt Moses into the royal household. Miriam, of course, brought Moses back to his mother.

Moses would be raised in both the Hebrew and Egyptian worlds, and God would use him to deliver his people from the oppressive hands of the Egyptians. God used Moses's brave parents who placed their precious baby boy in the Nile River. He used Miriam, Moses's sister to watch over him and intervene when he was discovered, and God used Pharaoh's daughter who had compassion upon Moses and took him in as her own. He used them to make small differences that would have huge results in the future.

For you, God has a purpose for you today. It might be a call to make a small difference, and you may never know the end result, but be brave. Answer the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Do not be afraid to make a difference, even if it small in nature.

From the desk of Superintendent Velina Jo Taylor

this issue of the Cortland News, and it seems most appropriate to consider how your public school system is working to make a difference in the lives of our students every day.

Our high school was recently awarded the 2021 College Success Award from Great Schools. In addition,

Making a difference is the theme for Lakeview High School was selected as one of only 1,770 schools across this country to receive "College Success Award-Gold," an additional elevated level of distinction that recognizes school that have a multiyear track record for preparing student for college success. This distinction was based on college preparation and postsecondary data. We work to prepare our students for further education, the world of work, or service to our country – no matter the path they wish to take, we try to give them the best options for their needs.

In our middle school, our staff strives to offer students valuable and interesting academic lessons as well as hands-on opportunities to appeal to all aspects of a middle grade student's inquiring mind. They are exploring things like video production as they practice planning for and executing the many steps involved in bringing an idea to life in a 21st century media format Chorus, band, STEM, and other handson courses give them a chance to make things happen by applying what they know and are learning in their lives and in their academic studies.

At our elementary, our youngest students are learning team work and leadership skills as they participate in regular lessons from The Leader in Me curriculum. They and their teachers work to acquire and practice a new leadership skill each month that will help them to be better students and better citizens in their school and in their community.

In total, our students are all finding new ways to make a positive difference in their own lives and in the lives of those around them, and they are doing all of this together.

Together...We are Lakeview.



Kindergarten Students Explore Apples

Kindergarten students celebrated Apple Month with a special Apple Exploration Day September 23! In all our K classes, teachers planned multiple activities for students involving apples, including counting seeds, measuring how tall and long and heavy they were, coloring special crowns, creating pictures, tasting different varieties of apples, and perhaps most exciting of all - learning about the secret you can find inside them. Students watched excitedly as a star appeared in the middle of the apple after teachers cut them open horizontally... it was pure magic! Mrs. Lisner turned her apple into a "volcano" and made "lava" (baking soda and vinegar) bubble out of the middle. Her class also watched as their apple boats floated in water! Students had a great day learning all about apples and hopefully they shared some of the magic inside them with you at home!











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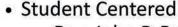
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1. Mrs. Turk shows students the secret star hidden inside apples. 2. Mrs. Haynie and her students count the number of seeds inside the apple. 3. Ava S. uses glue sticks to measure the weight of an apple in Mrs. Danklefsen's class. 4. Deacon O. fills in his worksheet after various activities exploring apples. 5. Chloe B. watches as her apple boat floats during an experiment with Mrs. Lisner.

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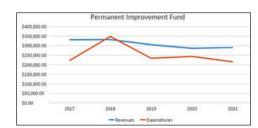


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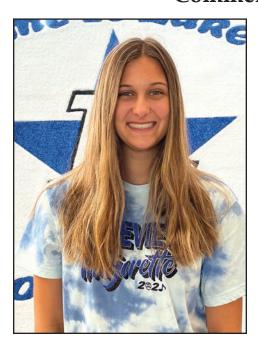
salaries or benefits. So while each type of levy is important, they fund very different types of expenditures.

Below is a chart that shows the financial activity of Lakeview's Permanent Improvement Fund for the past five years. During this period, the District used Permanent Improvement Funds to purchase six new school buses and one new Ford pickup truck for the maintenance department. These funds have also enabled the District to make major repairs to the High School roofing, upgrade the auditorium with LED lighting, construct a new entrance at the High School to increase safety and security, and purchase adjacent land to the High School to increase parking capacity. In addition, Permanent Improvement Funds pay for both the routine upkeep, repairs, and maintenance of the District's



HVAC systems. With an aging high school that will be in need of repair and improvements, the District has spent Permanent Improvement funds wisely, while gradually increasing the Permanent Improvement Fund's cash balance, to prepare for potentially major repairs to the High School in the near future. This vitally important Permanent Improvement Levy will be on the November ballot as a five-year renewal. Remember, renewals do not increase your taxes.

Lakeview High School Senior Receives National Merit Scholar Letter of Commendation



Lakeview High School is proud to announce that senior Carly Hawn has been named a

Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Miss Hawn is the only National Merit Scholarship Commended Student from Lakeview this year. "I am so surprised," Hawn says. "I never expected anything to come out of it when I took the test. It's such an honor and will be extremely helpful as I continue with the college application process."

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NSMC), the scholarship program is an academic competition more than 3.5 million students across the United States enter each year for recognition and scholarships. Students who meet

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LHS Students Make an International Difference by feeding 10,152 Stomachs

By Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, Retired and Kristie Steyer, Lakeview PR DIrector

are making an international difference in the lives of those less fortunate. On Saturday, Sep 18, Lakeview High School hosted a Rise Against Hunger food packaging event with members of Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship (LOAF). Hosted in the LHS cafeteria, volunteers worked for two hours to package rice, soy, vitamin packs, and dehydrated vegetables in plastic bags. The bags were then sealed and packed to be shipped to 44 countries around the world. Each bag, when reconstituted, can provide six meals. 10,152 meals were packaged by over 45 members of the 2022 senior class. About 30 Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship church members and others also lent a hand.

What is Rise Against Hunger you ask? It was conceived by Ray Buchanan in 1998, a US Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran later turned Methodist Minister. He also wanted to be committed to a social cause that

Lakeview High School students would make a difference. He engaged Heinz Company to formulate a mix of rice, soy protein, dried vegetables, and 20 essential vitamins and minerals that could be combined in a sandwich sized plastic bag and then sealed. Local ingredients and water are added to the mix. When heated the mixture becomes an instant nutritious meal.

> Volunteers supplied the labor to fill and seal each bag. This event was held in memory of Jean Bollinger and sponsored by her family. Throughout her life Jean was a driving force in helping those in need not only in the Cortland area, but around the world. Thanks Jean and the entire Bollinger family. We are extremely proud of our students for taking time out of their weekend to serve others. We appreciate Mrs. Wiley & Mrs. Jacobson for their work organizing the event.

> All of you make a difference in our community and around the world.



LHS students Lilian McCarthy, Abigail Sulc, Trenton Nehlen, Savannah Rosier, Ryha Romines, Ashley Graczyk, and Adison Groves volunteer to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger.

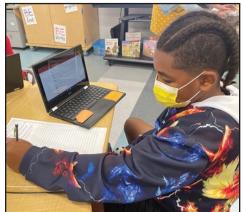
Lakeview Elementary School 4th Graders Celebrate International Dot Day

graders had a mission recently to "make their mark" after reading the story "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds with Mrs. Denman. The Dot is a story about a teacher who dares a student to trust their own abilities by being brave enough to "make their mark". The message has taken off globally, inspiring International Dot Day, a day to celebrate creativity, courage,

Lakeview Elementary School 4th and collaboration. The day typically falls on or around September 15 each year. Mrs. Denman read the book with her classes and then gave them a writing assignment to complete - but included a twist; students could not use words with i or j in them because they have dots. She says the assignment encouraged students to think carefully and creatively about their word choices.



Mrs. Denman challenges students to "make their mark" after reading the story "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds.



Jonathan O. works on his writing assignment after hearing the story "The Dot." Mrs. Denman challenged students to get creative with their writing by not using words with i or j in them.



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Bryce S. and Ellis B. work on their writing assignment after hearing the story.



Energize tax savings with an EV credit

Electric vehicles (EVs) are increasing in popularity all the time — and more of them are qualifying for a federal tax credit. In fact, the IRS added several more eligible models over the summer.

The tax code provides a credit to buyers of qualifying plug-in electric drive motor vehicles, including passenger vehicles and light trucks. The credit is equal to \$2,500 plus an additional amount, based on battery capacity, that can't exceed \$5,000. Therefore, the maximum credit allowed for a qualifying EV is \$7,500.

For purposes of the tax credit, a qualifying vehicle is defined as one with four wheels that's propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor, which draws electricity from a battery. The battery must have a capacity of not less than four kilowatt hours and be capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

However, depending on the EV you purchase, the credit may not be available because of a per-manufacturer cumulative sales limitation. Specifically, it phases out over six quarters beginning when a manufacturer has sold at least 200,000 qualifying vehicles for use in the United States (determined on a cumulative basis for sales after December 31, 2009). For example, Tesla and General Motors vehicles are no longer eligible for the tax credit.

The IRS provides a list of qualifying vehicles on its website and as mentioned, recently added more eligible models. You can access the list here: https://bit.ly/2Yrhg5Z. Additional points

There are some additional points about the plug-in EV tax credit to keep in mind. It's allowed only in the year you place the vehicle in service, and the vehicle must be new. Also, an eligible vehicle must be used predominantly in the United States and have a gross weight of less than 14,000 pounds.

There's a separate 10% federal income tax credit for the purchase of qualifying electric two-wheeled vehicles manufactured primarily for use on public thoroughfares and capable of at least 45 miles per hour (in other words, electric-powered motorcycles). It can be worth up to \$2,500. This electric motorcycle credit was recently extended to cover qualifying 2021 purchases.

These are only the basic rules. There may be additional incentives provided by your state. Contact us if you'd like to receive more information about the federal plug-in EV tax break.

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program application requirements enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT.) The top 50,000 test scorers are then identified by the NSMC. The top three-percent of those students move on to the semifinal round and the remaining students are named Commended Students. This year about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the country are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

"These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation," says a spokesperson for NMSC. "We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

At Lakeview, Hawn holds a full schedule of College Credit Plus (CCP) courses, is currently ranked number one in the class and is on track to be named a Valedictorian. In addition to her academics, Hawn is also a Majorette, captain of the volleyball team, a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, and participates in Ski Club. While she is currently undecided on which college/university she will attend after graduation, Hawn does plan to study biology with the hopes of becoming a virologist in the future.







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Draft of the City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan Released

The draft of the City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan was released to the public for comment on Friday, October 8. A copy of the plan is available on the city's website at cityofcortland.org on the Newsflash. The public comment period is open until Friday, November 5, 2021. Comments can be submitted electronically to comments@cityofcortland.org or by mail to: Clerk of Council, City of Cortland, 400 N. High St., Cortland, OH 44410

Hard copies are also available at the bill pay window at City Hall.

This draft document is based on the results of the 2021 City of Cortland Strategic Plan Survey that was complete by Cortland residents and business owners in May. The City received an overwhelming 658 responses!

Your input is important as we plan for the City of Cortland's future! All comments from the public will be reviewed and the draft will be amended as necessary. This will result in the FINAL draft of the City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan that will be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation to City Council. The process should be complete at the December 20, 2021 meeting of City Council, where Council should accept City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan. Implementation of the plan will begin in 2022.



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Family Tours Cortland Roots

By Sally Lane

When Steve Romelfanger of Hudson called our local historical society for some genealogical information on the local Post family, he was surprised at the amount of information available. He quickly decided to visit his ancestors' hometown and asked if he could see the files our historical society has about his long lost relatives.

The Post family was important to the growth of early Cortland. Munson Post brought his family – wife and 10 children - in about 1827 to what would be named Cortland. Their children and grandchildren would be involved in almost every part of the town until the early 20th century.

Steve, his mother Nancy Romelfanger, and cousins Charles Goodwill and Faith Szygenda arrived September 22 at the Opera House. We shared the information that our historical society has collected over the years, and then took a driving tour of about eight homes that once were owned by the Post family. There are many more.

We drove by Chiropractor Harvey Feenstra's house that was originally Moses Cooper's house. That house was so large at one time, that the north wing was removed and moved to a lot across from the Cortland Christian Church on Grove Drive many years ago. We stopped outside the ornate house that James Harvey Post built in 1874, on the curve on East Main Street. James H. Post and his brother Moses Cooper Post built the first flouring mill (different from a grist mill) and operated two saw mills on Walnut Creek. The saw mills cut the wood for building many houses in the area.

However, the "cherry on top" of the tour was seeing that beautiful "second empire" style house built by Willis Post in 1870 on the Mecca/Grove Drive corner. Willis was the first clerk of the newly incorporated town of Cortland in 1870. Not only did we talk to owner



Nancy Romelfanger, Steeve Romelfanger, Faith Szyfenda, and Charles Goodwill at the Opera House before the driving tour of Post family homes in Cortland.

Tim Menz, but we were invited inside to view the beautiful woodwork and hear about the history of this house. Our guests, and I, were delighted! Thank you, Tim.

A lunch at the Four Star Diner gave our guests time to reflect on the information we shared. The Cortland Bazetta Historical Society has been busy organizing files with plans to create a resource room that will be open by appointment or on one day a week. Curt Moll is heading that effort. We will hopefully be able to resume meetings and programs as this COVID problem resolves.









Bird Photography at Mosquito Lake and Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area

By Nick Kerosky

I'm a wildlife photographer from Cortland who spends most days observing wildlife, either in my kayak out on Mosquito Lake or biking on the Western Reserve Greenway Trail.

Today I'm going to discuss Birding vs Bird Photography, getting started, where to go and sharing, support and responsibility.



For me it's all about experiencing nature, surrounding myself in the sights and sounds, finding serenity and solace, especially during the pandemic. Sometimes, I get so mesmerized by the birds and wildlife I encounter that I forget to get the pic. However, my passion is Wildlife Photography, so I somehow always manage to get my bird and wildlife photo ops. You will see lots of my work here at Mosquito Lake, Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area and the surrounding area. Keep in mind, this discussion is very brief, just a taste. If you want more information, Google Birding or Bird Photography.

1) Birding vs. Bird Photography... There are two types of Bird Hobbyists, Birders and Bird Photographers, as well as many people who are some combination of the two. Birding is wildlife observation, identification and recording. It can be done with the naked eye, binoculars or a birding scope. It also involves identifying birds through their calls or sounds. They may also use a camera to record their sightings. Where Birding is about recording the data, Bird Photography is about capturing the moment. Bird photographers capture still photos and video of birds, with great detail and preferably in their natural habitat.

2) Getting Started is easy. Birding and Bird Photography can be done in your backyard, at your favorite neighborhood or community park or at the lake. You can hike, bike, kayak or even go by car. For Birding you will need a checklist or journal, binoculars and a field guide or birding app to help ID the birds. For Bird Photography, you will need a good camera (pointand-shoots are okay), preferably with a telephoto lens so you can capture the birds without disturbing them. You may also want to carry a tripod or monopod to steady your shots.

3) Where to go? In Trumbull County, we are fortunate to have an abundance of birding and bird photography hot spots. My favorite is Mosquito Lake. If you would like to cover more territory, I recommend biking the Western Reserve Greenway. There is a trail head, with parking, just a few miles west of the Mosquito Lake State Park entrance on Rt 305. The hiking and biking trail goes all the way to Ashtabula. Barred Owls,

Hawks and Eagles can be sighted. The vast Mosquito Creek Wildlife and Wilderness areas to the north also offer excellent opportunities to see Bald Eagles, Osprey and other raptors, as well as warblers migrating through the area.

Sharing, Support Responsibility. Once you've started Birding or Bird Photography, there are many ways to learn photography tips, birding hotspots or share your photography/videography online. Search Facebook Groups for those groups that interest you. Some of the best Bird Photography hotspots, include the Newcomerstown Eagles nest, which I have shared in my photos. Enjoy your time with the birds! But please be responsible and respectful. Practice natural birding, where you observe and photograph birds from a distance, without disturbing them and leave them as you found them. Birds and wildlife need us to protect, preserve and advocate for them.



Editor's Note: Starting with this issue we are proud to announce that we will periodically be featuring pictures and articles from Cortland's own Nick Kerosky. Many of you have seen his beautiful pictures of the wildlife in and around Mosquito Lake. He posts them on Facebooks and has published them in his books. This issue we are featuring a Sub-adult Bald Eagle from the Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area and a Pileated Woodpecker, taken from his kayak on Mosquito Lake.









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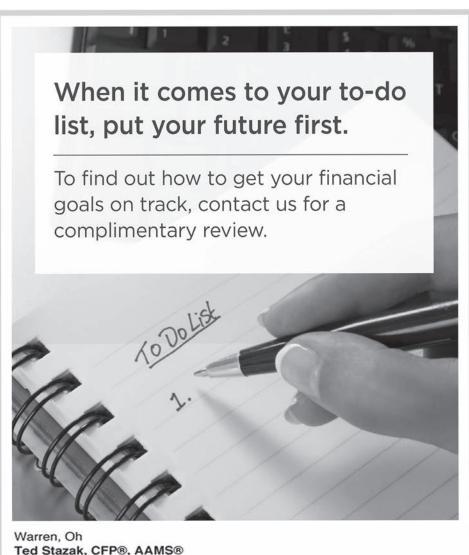
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Baby on the Way? Here's How You Can Prepare Financially

If you are expecting or have recently added a child to your family, you have likely begun making big plans for the future. One of the most important aspects to consider while preparing for your new arrival is how your financial habits, responsibilities and goals might change. Here are seven things to consider:

- 1. Think about lifestyle changes. How will your baby impact your day-to-day activities? Incorporate the cost of family outings and increased expenses into your budget to avoid surprises. Keep in mind that supporting your children in their hobbies, such as a traveling soccer team, music lessons or private coaching, may take additional investment. If your ideal lifestyle involves a new car or home, consult a financial professional about the pros and cons of making the move today or further down the road.
- 2. Consider childcare expenses. Care.com's 2021 Cost of Care Survey found that more than three-quarters of parents in the U.S. spend 10% of more of their income on childcare. And this cost is on the rise. In some U.S. states the cost for one year of care can be more than one year of college. So, whether you choose daycare, a nanny, an au pair, an afterschool sitter or a combination of options, make planning for this expense a priority.
- 3. Re-evaluate your career. The arrival of a new child may cause you to think differently about your career goals. Perhaps you want to earn a promotion, seek a job with a higher salary or better benefits, or pursue continuing education. Maybe you or your spouse are ready to reduce your hours or become a stay-at-home parent. If you are thinking about changing your job status, evaluate how the move may affect your paycheck, retirement savings and benefits.
- 4. Prepare for tuition. While the cost of childcare may decrease if you choose to send your child to public school, private elementary or secondary school often comes with a price tag. Furthermore, the cost of college continues to rise at a pace faster than inflation. Tax reform expanded

the use of 529 plans, a saving option most commonly used for higher education expenses. You may now withdraw up to \$10,000 federal income tax-free per beneficiary, per year to pay for kindergarten through 12th grade tuition at a public, private or religious school. And, if funding college tuition is important to you, know it's never too early to start saving.

- 5. Prepare for the unexpected. Unexpected events can affect your finances at any time. Resolve to build or maintain an emergency fund that could cover three to six months of expenses, in addition to prioritizing your retirement savings. After your baby arrives, update your estate plan and insurance coverage (e.g. medical, life, disability policies) as necessary.
- 6. Ponder family values. Start thinking about how you want to teach your child about financial responsibility. Will you give him or her an allowance? What is your vision for giving birthday presents, holiday gifts, vacation souvenirs and other items to your child? What money values do you want to pass down? Being intentional early can help set clear expectations and ensure you and your spouse are on the same page.
- 7. Plan for your family bucket list. Many parents dream of showing their children new places and allowing them to have a variety of experiences. Think about what activities matter to you and incorporate them into your financial plan. Taking an annual vacation, owning a vacation home, buying season tickets to your favorite team or purchasing a boat are common goals for many families.

Expanding your family often has a way of putting your priorities into perspective. If you would like an objective opinion on how to best plan for your goals, talk with a financial advisor in your area.

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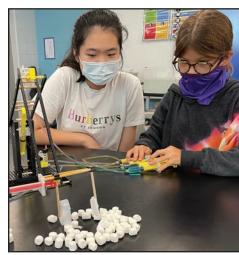
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7th Graders Construct Hydraulic Arms to Move Materials

A lesson in hydraulic engineering for our seventh grade students. In STEM class they were challenged with following a series of steps to build a hydraulic arm. Students worked in groups to construct their arm and then added tubes of water (the hydraulics) to it so it could move in various directions. Once the build was complete students put their arms to the test, using them to complete various tasks involving marshmallows and cotton balls. First they had to pick up as many marshmallows as they could and move them to a plate; then students were only allowed to pick up one marshmallow at a time and move it to a plate; and then the final challenge was separating out a mixed pile of marshmallows and cotton balls into two separate piles. Groups had a set amount of time to complete each task and did a great job working

together to maneuver their arm and the tools at the end of their arm to gather their items.



Catherine J. and Julianna A. work together to pick up mini marshmallows with their hydraulic arm.

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Joey G. uses a hydraulic arm constructed in STEM class to pick up a pile of cotton balls.



Sam S. and Brandon S. use their hydraulic arm built in STEM class to pick up a mini marshmallow and put it on a plate.



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8th Graders Creating Buzz at LMS in Video Production Class

A new 8th grade elective class called Video Production is all the buzz around Lakeview Middle School this year. Led by Mr. Chronister, students in the class are learning how to plan, organize, and create promotional videos. They've already produced some awesome recruitment videos for Power of the Pen and Prep Bowl and are currently working on larger video assignments that will spotlight positive things happening within the buildings.



Video Production student Sam C. stands in front of the green screen while fellow classmate Jacob T. films with an iPad.

Students have use of iPads, green screens, and video editing software for their work. We've aligned the equipment with the current set-up in the high school media center so students from this class have a head start on using the high school studio as freshmen. We enjoy seeing them around the building and are excited to see them shine a light on the many student success stories that happen at LMS!



Sophia S. interviews 5th grader Blake S. for a class project.

New Editor for the Cortland News

Introduction by Sally Lane

Welcome to our new editor! Thom Foley is a familiar Cortlandite who will be balancing the editor's job while continuing to serve as an account representative for our paper. Thom has been part of the Cortland News since the first year, 2004. He has written stories that accompany his advertisement accounts and is a valued member of the team. His bio will be in the next issue.

The editor for the last five years has been Jean Corliss, a friend and valued coworker/writer who stepped in for me when I retired as editor. She resigned in September, and I stepped in for that one issue and am helping Thom with this one.

Our new editor said, "I would like to thank both former editors - Jean Corliss who has moved on to other projects for the wonderful job she has done. and Sally Lane, current feature writer, for stepping in to edit the last issue. Both of these talented professionals have been of immeasurable help to me in this transition and have done an outstanding job over the last dozen or more years."









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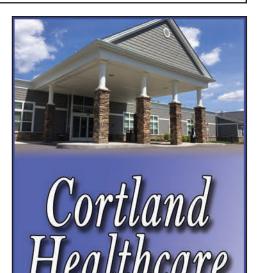
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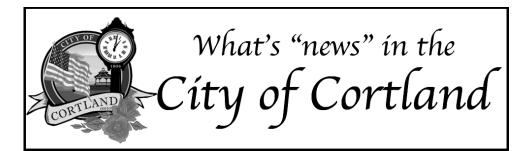
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Thank You

Thank you, City of Cortland Residents! The City received an overwhelming 658 responses from the Strategic Planning Survey! We gathered many ideas from residents and businesses identifying what the public wants to see the community become in the future.

Residents should refrain from blowing leaves and grass into the roadways, creeks and waterways.

Leaves and grass clippings in the roadway can block storm drains creating the potential for standing water and street flooding. ordinances state "No person shall deposit litter on any public property, on

any private property not owned by the person, or in or on waters of the state or municipality". Please do not purposely rake or blow leaves into storm inlets. Part of the contract with Republic Services is that they pick up unlimited yard waste for residential customers. Any leaves and grass clippings should be bagged separately from your regular trash and placed at the curb.

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

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Community to help Police

By Carole Wiley

Christmas Concert, will again this year provide funds to a local group which serves our community. Previously donations were given to our local food bank, the Lakeview High School Marching Band for the uniform drive, and recently to the fire departments for protective vests which can protect the EMS as they care for victims during a mass shooting.

This year the Cortland Community Band and LOAF will be raising funds to help the Bazetta and Cortland Police. The police chiefs tell this story. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources estimates that each year, approximately one million people visit Mosquito Lake! Many are from out of town. Also every year 911 calls come in regarding someone who has fallen in the lake or through the ice and needs immediate help. Because there are always squad cars driving around, the police arrive first. The Water Rescue Team (the firemen) are stationery and they take

Our yearly, free, LOAF supported longer to arrive. But the police have no appropriate equipment to rescue the victim. When they report back to the chief, they frustratingly speak about the continued need for a particular item to keep in the car. This year, we as a community, will solve this problem. With your generosity, each police car in both communities will carry a ResQ Disc. The Disc looks identical to a Frisbee with a strong nylon cord attached. It can be thrown 100 feet to rescue someone struggling in the water or one who fell thru the ice.

Please join others from the community on December 6th at 7 PM at Lakeview High School to celebrate the season with the Cortland Community Band and to help our police save lives. If you would like to donate to this cause but cannot attend, send your donation to LOAF, PO Box 494, Cortland, Oh 44410. Please indicate on the memo line the purpose of your donation. Wishing you all an early Merry Christmas!

Fall is for family fun! Fall Sports **Outdoor Recreation** Halloween ★★★★ Vlad Pediatrics 2219 E. Market Street | Warren, Ohio 330.841.7337 (PEDS) | VladPediatrics.com We welcome new patients - infants, children & teens.



St. Joe's Hospital Raffle

St. Joe Warren Hospital Auxiliary is holding a monthly "WREATH" raffle, located outside the Gift Shop. Every month a new wreath is displayed, tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing is held the last Tuesday of the month, stop by and check out the "WREATH" of the month and buy your tickets. Looking forward to seeing you---you maybe the lucky winner!!!



Ghost Walk is back

The annual GHOST WALK IS BACK, and they are looking for guides to help lead groups during this four night event! Event dates will be October 15, 16, 22, and 23, with tours leaving every 15 minutes starting at 6:30 p.m., with the last group going out at 9.

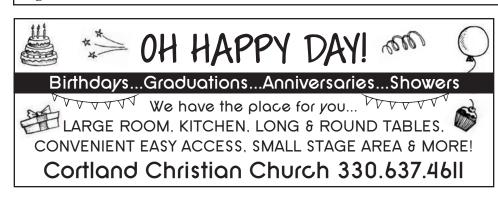
All guides get to see Ghost Walk for free AND support fundraising efforts for TWO Trumbull County organizations!! If you are interested, send an email to email to info@trumbullcountyhistory.org.





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Importance of Written Smoke Free Policies

Communities that want to limit tobacco use and reduce exposure to second hand smoke should stand behind policies that restrict or eliminate the use of tobacco products in public areas, workplaces, including restaurants and bars, and public housing. These policies need to include the use of e-cigarettes, which are popular among adults and youth due to flavorings added for appeal. The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report has scientific evidence on the toxicity and significant negative health impact of second hand smoke. Exposure to second hand smoke significantly increases the risk of stroke, coronary heart disease, cancer and respiratory conditions in anyone exposed over long periods of time.

Research has found at least twelve chemicals-including formaldehyde, lead, nickel, acetaldehyde, chromium, arsenic, and toluene. These chemicals are known to cause severe asthma attacks, birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome, or other reproductive barms

Jurisdictions often strengthen tobacco licensing policies by including retailer restrictions on e-cigarette marketing, sales and promotions. Tobacco retailers such as vape shops and convenience stores are the primary brick-and-mortar marketing venue for e-cigarettes, driving their sales and use. Tobacco control policies that restrict the number of retailers, retailer location and product pricing can have an impact on sales and significantly decrease youth initiation. Large tobacco companies invest in advertising and strategies promotions, including price discounts and other incentive programs. They are associated with smoking initiation, particularly among youth and they increase the likelihood that recent quitters will purchase tobacco products. These strategies are also more common in neighborhoods that tend to be younger, more racially diverse, and lower income, and at tobacco retailers

that are located near schools where teenagers are more likely to shop. More than 40 percent of teenagers live or attend school near a tobacco retailer.

Tobacco and e-cigarette smoke infiltration from multi-unit housing tenants can pose a risk to the health of others in the building. Indoor air experts and health authorities, including the U.S. Surgeon General and The American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, all support inclusion of e-cigarettes in smoking restrictions. Besides helping tenants and residents be protected, landlords and property owners can reduce the costs of cleaning and repairs due to second hand smoke damage.

Workplace vaping policies are important to protect the health of all employees. Policies can also help eliminate the risk of harm from mal-functioning devices. There are documented cases of e-cigarette devices exploding, causing burns and projectile injuries to the user. These policies can also help create a supportive environment for smokers to quit. The former smoker will not be exposed to second hand smoke, which can trigger cravings. Workplace policies must include vendors, clients and customers while on work property.

Revising, approving and communicating new policies take time. Steps to get started are:

-Develop a strategy plan.

-Address coming changes to persons affected.

-Revise policy to fit your needs.

-Offer cessation options to those who want to quit. (Contact the Trumbull County Combined Health District for available help)

-Determine enforcement strategies.
-Enforce policy.

Help is available to ALL smokers wishing to quit, regardless of gender. For more information on Quitting smoking go to smokefree.gov.

Adopt a Foot

Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) is again collecting donations for Adopt a Foot. This is an effort by Neal's Shoe Store and LOAF to provide new, quality tennis shoes to young children in six area school systems. The children in need are identified by a staff member in each school. Last year 111 children were joyous to be given new shoes. Neal's buys each pair for \$29.99 but a donation of any amount can be made. Donations can be mailed to LOAF PO Box 494 Cortland, OHIO 44410.



Dark on Park Art Show

The Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County is happy to announce that our annual DARK on PARK art show will be back, with an opening reception on Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at our Art on Park location in downtown Warren, Ohio.

DARK on PARK will be open to all artworks that are dark, morbid, depressing, scary, strange, odd, surreal, bizarre, and the like!!

The show is open to artists 16 years of age and older. All work must be original. Both two dimensional, and three dimensional works may be submitted.

Up to three artworks per artist may be entered.



Veteran's Day Raffle

Linda Hamrick spent many hours crocheting this lovely throw from donated yarn, for a Veteran's Day Raffle at the Johnston Senior Center. The throw measures 61" x 51". The large granny squares are red, white, and blue, in varying arrangements.

Tickets are on sale at the Johnston Senior Center, 5922 Warren Rd, Cortland Ohio. Each ticket is \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held November 8, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Winner need not be present.



Get the Most Out of Medicare's...continued from page 4

company should send you a letter that explains any changes to premiums, services and benefits. Be sure to read any notices you receive from your current Medicare Insurance plan about changes for 2022. Look for any changes that could impact the cost of the drugs you take or the doctors and specialists you prefer as well as changes to the "extra" benefits you use.

2. Verify Your Doctors Are Still Practicing and Still in your Network. If you have not seen your primary care physician in a while, call the office to verify that he or she is still practicing and call the insurance company to verify that they continue to be a network provider.

3. Think Ahead to 2022 Healthcare Needs. Consider any health changes that took place in 2021. Think ahead for what health conditions might need addressing in the year ahead? Will a different Medicare plan offer more appropriate options? Is it important to see if you can reduce your costs by choosing another plan based on your prescriptions and health situation?

Medicare's Annual Enrollment only lasts 54 days, October 15 – December 7, a vital time to review and make decisions that may last a full year. One of the best ways to review your plan is to contact a local agent. They will be able to look at your current plan, and while taking into consideration your specific situation and preferences, and help you decide what will work best for you.

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Fun Happenings at the Library

The Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr., offers Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 11 AM. The next two are October 19 and 26. Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement that reinforce the development of early literacy skills. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can read and write, and mastering these skills now helps children grow up to be good readers! For children ages 3 to 5. No registration necessary. Free.

There will be an Online Event - Ghost Stories of the Civil War - on Tuesday, Oct 26 at 2 PM. The Civil War is full of stories that fall well within the realm of the speculative. Many of the stories are probably only local legends and folklore, but a good ghost hunter knows that these types of tales can sometimes have a basis in fact. Historian Paul Goebbel's presentation will feature first-person accounts of paranormal activities at U.S. Civil War sites. Audience participation and interaction is encouraged, and guests will be invited to share their own paranormal experiences. This live online event will take place using the free Zoom video conferencing platform. Participants can join the event from a home computer, smartphone, or tablet. Call the Adult Services Department at the Warren Library to register and get the Zoom link via email: (330) 399-8807 ext. 200 or send an email to: ref@wtcpl.org. Free.

Swift Metropark additions and upgrades

The Trumbull County Metro Parks District and the Trumbull County Combined Health District are proud to announce the addition of Swings and the upgrade of the walking trail are now complete and now are open to the public. The project was funded by a grant through the 2020 Creating Healthy Communities grant program. Creating Healthy Communities

(CHC) is committed to preventing and reducing chronic disease statewide. Through cross-sector collaboration, we are activating communities to improve access to and affordability of healthy food and increase opportunities for physical activity where Ohioans live, work and play. By implementing sustainable evidence-based strategies, CHC is creating a culture of health.



From Left to Right: Zachary Svette, Executive Director, Trumbull County MetroParks, John Brown Jr., Trumbull County MetroParks, Board Member, and Kris Kriebel, Health Educator CHC Coordinator, Trumbull County Combined Health District.

JCC of Youngstown Offering Monthly Book Club

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering a free monthly book club at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane.

"Fire in My Ears" will be discussed at 7 p.m. Oct. 18. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the author, Susan Schneider. "Fire in My Ears" tells the story of a Jewish family in midcentury suburbia, centering on a beloved granddaughter and her grandmother's difficult choices, terrible secrets, and lessons learned.

"Lilyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played" will be discussed at 7 p.m. Nov. 18. Participants will have the chance to meet the author, Tovah Feldshuh. "Lilyville" is the memoir of the six-time Emmy and

Tony nominee. Proudly partnered with eight Jewish Community Centers across America.

"The Light of Days" by Judy Batalion will be discussed at 7 p.m. Dec.16. One of the most important stories of World War II, this searing history brings to light the previously untold, extraordinary accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters.

Participants may purchase their own copy of the books or borrow one from the JCC. To borrow a book, contact Emelia Sherin at esherin@jewishyoungstown. org/bookclub or 330-746-3250 ext. 106. Visit jccyoungstown.org to register.

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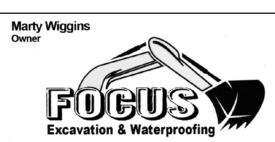
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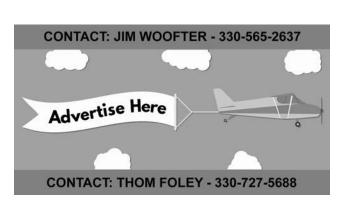
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