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NOVEMBER 27TH

'Tis the season to shop local

By Thom Foley

One of my real passions is supporting local businesses, not just at Christmas but all year long. They are one of the major reasons that Cortland is the community we all love. Local businesses support every single charitable cause from little league teams, yearbooks, football programs and blood drives to church

bulletins and scout troops. Every single owner will tell you that rarely does a day go by that they aren't approached for support of a worthy local cause. If they gave to all of them every business would be out of business. And they are the ones who support local charities, school events, churches, youth programs and so much more. Your 'Big Box' and online stores rarely do that!

THAT IS A MAJOR REASON why we all need to shop local and support them. Before you look for "super deals" at the big box or online stores, remember that Walmart or Amazon aren't going to sponsor your child's softball team or take an ad out in your church bulletin. Support those that support you! Did you know that over 60% of what you spend locally usually winds up back in the community somehow? When you go elsewhere only about 40% stays here. Consider a gift certificate from any of our locally owned businesses.

We asked our advertisers to tell us why YOU should shop with them this Christmas. Here are their answers. Many of them offer gift cards.

Totally Dog has a great deal going on with their gift cards! Be sure to

include Fido on your Holiday gift list this year. Give the gift of confidence to a child - pay for a month of dance lessons at our local dance studios. If you want to give someone a delicious gift, then give them Auntie V's HOMEMADE COOKIES. All the deliciousness with none of the mess. So good! Vasilio's Family Restaurant offers carry out catering, a party room and great food at family prices. Sparkle Market says "Let us help you with your holiday needs. Assorted bakery, meat, cheese trays and fruit baskets available to order." (AND they have the BEST DONUTS anywhere - ask anyone!)

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Our Next Issue December 18, 2021

Our theme will be *Christmas*

Article Deadline by Dec. 4 • Display Advertising Deadline is Dec. 8
Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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

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

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Community Events

Event Calendar November 27 – December 18

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 13

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/ytownnighthawks

Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.

DECEMBER

- 4 **Charity Breakfast** / Cortland Masonic Lodge / 263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) 9 am to Noon. This breakfast will benefit Boy Scout Troop 4075
- 6 **Free Holiday Concert** / Lakeview High School auditorium / 7pm LOAF will be taking donations to help purchase ResQ Discs for Cortland 7 Bazetta Police cars.
- 8 **YSU Carols & Cocoa and Dana Holiday Concert** / 7 pm Stambaugh Auditorium.
- 8 **St. Nicholas night** / hosted by St. Roberts youth ministry / parish basement / 6pm
- 9 **Toys for Tots - Last Day** / Cortland Fire Department Collecting new unwrapped toys
- 11 **Christmas Breakfast** / United Methodist Men / Cortland UMC Fellowship Hall 9 am
- 12 **Free Craft Making Event** / Bazetta Christian Church / 3:30 pm children ages 5 - 12.
- 16 **Drive Thru Holiday Express** / TCTC Adult Training Center / 5:30 - 6:30 pm It will be in the Side B parking lot at 528 Educational Highway
- 18 **"BAG HUNGER" - Last Day** / Cortland Mower
- 19 **Drive Thru "Live Nativity"** / Bazetta Christian Church / 4-7 PM 4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd
- 24 **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship** / United Methodist Church / 5pm & 7pm

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Things are tough for ALL small businesses now so please be patient and support all the small businesses that support our community. Many are Cortland residents investing in their own town. Shop local!

Chrissy's Lake Tavern Family Restaurant is so much more than just a bar. Did you know that Chef Dave is Le Cordon Bleu trained and has amazing specials? From homestyle country fried steak, meatloaf and lasagna to fine dining quality steaks, chops and pasta. Oooh and the desserts (I'm getting fluffier just thinking about them) are mouthwatering.

CBD American Shaman in Howland has a 30% off sale thru the end of November. See their ad on the front page of this issue for details.

Totally Dog has gift cards! What a great way to help that pet lover in your life get exactly what they need for their furry friend.

It is Medicare time - only a few days left to see Barry Piper at **Greenwood Insurance**. He can help you make the right choice for your Medicare plan. Need a Santa Claus for your Christmas party this year? Check out his ad in this issue.

Auntie' V's Pizza is making her famous HOME MADE COOKIES again this year. Call early to reserve yours. Remember that they are now closed on Tuesdays..

Did you know that **Cortland Lanes** hosts all of the Lakeview Schools

Bowling events? Stop by on Mondays at 4 to cheer on our High School students! Have you stopped in Ruddy Insurance yet for a free quote? Another locally owned business investing in their own town. They are located next to Iron House on SR 46. Stop in for a quote.

Centerra has all kinds of bird feed on sale. Do what I did and head in there to stock up. Our flying friends need our help in the winter!

Thank you to **Cortland Christian Church** for stepping up to be the sponsor of our FAITH section this issue.

Mark Thomas Ford just sold my friend a great used car at an even better price. Cars are difficult to find right now so be sure to buy from a certified dealer. One that has been serving our community and involved with it for years.

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Now is a great time to call **Petrosky Brothers** for that winter indoor project you have been wanting to do. Or call them to help plan your outdoor project for next spring or summer.

Remember that **Sparkle Market** is the place to go for your Holiday party needs. They have everything for a delicious meal.

The Village Barber Shop Comes to Cortland

When you enter The Village Barber Shop at 169 N Mecca Street it is almost like taking a step back in time. The words "Vintage, Service and Style" immediately entered my mind as I stepped into the house that has been remodeled into a classic Barber Shop. From the new looking chairs and the brand-new service table to the 100-year-old hardwood floors and the vintage style Barber's Apron, you get the feel of being taken back to a time when personal service and attention were important to a business.

Jordan Myers and his family moved here from Corydon, Indiana to be closer to his wife's family as they raise their two little children. "I had a shop for 11 years in a small town very similar to Cortland. So, when we went looking for the best location, I wanted that same small-town feel. And as I drove around Cortland I said to my wife "This is the place. This just feels right," said Myers.

"Covid hit us hard just as it did many businesses. And we were expecting our second child, so we decided to move closer to my wife's family. But it was important to us to find that same tight knit community that we were leaving behind in Indiana."

They have been remodeling the old brick home that is located across from the 4 Star Diner. Plans to add a big screen TV over the fireplace with ESPN playing along with local sports and other memorabilia is in the works.

Jordan offers haircuts, beard trimming, clean ups and lots of personal service. The engaging and personable barber reminded me of the barber who

cut my hair as a child. He offers \$2 discounts to Seniors [62 and older] and of course to Veterans. "It is important to remember those that served us" he said.

His wife Makenzie is an audiologist who is taking time off to raise their two children. They have a home in Vienna and are quickly immersing themselves in the community.

The Village Barber Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 to 6 and Saturday 9 to 1. Call 812-620-2243 for more information.

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Mr Hero Comes to Town

"The Taste You Crave" is finally here! After lengthy covid-related delays, the Cortland Mr Hero opened Monday November 8th to a warm and welcoming reception by local residents.

Owned and operated by local couple Brian and Jessica Herron, the location employs a dozen crew members. The Herrons opened their first Mr Hero in Orwell and 2016 and were repeatedly asked when they would open in their hometown. When space became available, they decided to take the plunge and bring a Northeastern Ohio favorite to Cortland. "The people of Orwell were so receptive and welcoming to Mr Hero that we knew Cortland would be even better. It's a unique taste and we would love for everyone to give us a try!"

Opening has certainly not been without its challenges. Even though every piece of equipment is brand new, there have been malfunctions and parts are hard to come by. The grill went down on their first Saturday, resulting in an unexpected closure on opening weekend. "That was incredibly difficult for us. We had just opened and the community was incredibly excited. Our new toaster has not worked since opening and we've managed but we cannot be open without a grill!" Jessica noted.

Mr Hero offers online ordering as

well, which does sometimes increase wait time for food. "What customers don't see are the online orders the kitchen is tending too and may not understand why their order takes more than just a couple of minutes when there appear to be only a handful of customers in the lobby. Also, all food is prepared fresh for you at time of order. This is the case with most restaurants who offer online ordering options. It's the way of service in 2021."

Mr Hero's signature sandwich is the Romanburger, followed closely by the Hot Buttered Cheesesteak, offered with freshly grilled mushrooms and onions. They also offer chicken and steak sandwiches as well as a deli line of Italianos, Original Italians and Turkey subs that be served cold or grilled hot. Supply chain disruptions have resulted in elimination of a handful of unique recipe sandwiches and side items but they hope to bring those back in the future as products become available again. As far as staffing goes, they currently have a full crew. "There's a global staffing shortage but we've lucked out and have great teams in both Cortland and Orwell. A fantastic staff makes all the difference in a restaurant's success and makes things so much easier!"

"We try to be active in our local community and support the kids'

sports teams and all three local school districts. We also think another dining option is great for all of the businesses in Cortland because it makes Cortlanders stay in town when considering their next meal instead of heading into Niles or Warren. We might not be your pick every time, but you might be more likely to stay close for convenience. We love Cortland and appreciate the warm welcome we have already received and look forward to serving you for many years", Jessica said. The couple resides in Cortland with their two sons.

Yet another reason why Cortland is the best place in the world to live!



Brian and Jessica Herron, Owners



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They are typically have lower premiums and are either HMO or PPO plans. HMO plans require you to see doctors within their network or services are not covered except in an emergency. PPO plans do not require you to see in network doctors but will pay more of

the costs if you do. The premiums for these plans vary from plan to plan and range from \$0.00 - \$100 or more. They typically have copays for services and a set maximum out of pocket amount for the year.

If you have a Medicare advantage plan or a standalone prescription drug plan (Part D) with a Medicare Supplement insurance plan each year between October 15 - December 7 you have the option to review your plan and switch plans if there is a better option for your specific needs. Each of these plans vary in coverage, premium and availability based on the county you live in. In Trumbull County we have more than 60 advantage plans and 30 prescription drug plans to choose from. If you have one of these plans it is a good idea to touch base with your local agent to see if it is still a good option for you. Your local agent knows the plans available in your specific area better than an agent somewhere else answering the 1-800 numbers you see on TV. They can check the costs of the plans with your prescriptions and make sure your doctors are in network if you choose an Advantage plan. They can also compare plans from different companies. If you have a problem, you can contact them for help.

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Cortland United Methodist Church

As we enter into the joyous season of preparing for Christmas, Cortland United Methodist Church invites you to join us for worship. We gather for one service at 9:30 am each Sunday.

The United Methodist Men invite you to make your reservations now for the Christmas Breakfast to be held on Saturday, December 11th at 9 am in the Cortland UMC Fellowship Hall. This musical celebration of the Christmas season will feature the talent of George Kirby "In Concert." The cost for the breakfast buffet is adult \$9.00, child \$4.00 per person. Reservations are due by December 6th and can be made by calling the church office at 330.637.2571.

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship is Friday, December 24th at 5 pm and 7 pm. In this season of hope, peace, joy, and love we welcome you to celebrate the birth of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

St. Roberts Hosting a St. Nicholas Night

The St. Roberts youth ministry is hosting a St. Nicholas night on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 PM in the parish basement. Kids of all ages can come to discover the story of St. Nicholas followed by a surprise

Charity Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 4th

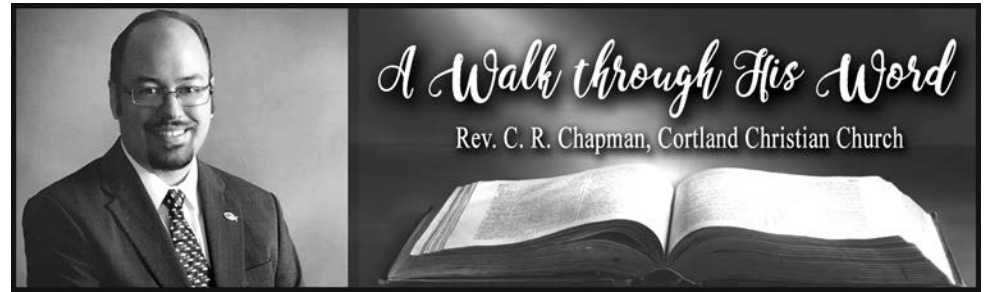
The Cortland Masonic Lodge has scheduled their next Saturday morning Charity Family Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 4th, at their location at 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) from 9 AM to Noon. This breakfast will benefit Boy Scout Troop 4075 of Bristolville, and all the proceeds will be donated to this organization.

The "all you can eat" Charity Family Breakfasts are held each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, and 100% of the proceeds are donated to a local charity or a needy individual. Over the past 18 months, the lodge has donated nearly \$12,000 as a direct result of the community attending and supporting their charity breakfasts.

The breakfast cost is \$7.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for youth age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children 5 and under. You may elect to have a "take out" breakfast, or you can use the indoor seating. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee.

Please mark your calendar and bring the whole family for an enjoyable start to your weekend.

guest and refreshments. This is a free event, and all are welcome! For more information contact Kelsey Quinlan at (330) 883-4232.



Holiday Elements

Are you ready? Soon the Carol of the Bells will be heard around Cortland ushering in Christmas. As we enter full swing into the holiday season the celebration of Advent begins in churches across this nation. Advent is a special time in the church when Christians expectantly wait and prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ, and the future hope of His Second Coming. This year, Advent begins on November 28th, and for the next four Sundays hope, faith, joy, and love become key meditative elements along the journey to Christmas. Each week consider these four elements in your daily devotions.

Consider hope, for God gave you a personal and special promise that a Savior would come. For many years, God's people waited and hoped. In Bethlehem, long ago, Christ came in fulfillment of God's promise. Be reminded that our Lord keeps His Word. Take hope and encouragement in His promises made to you in the Bible.

Consider faith, for Christ was born just as God had promised. God's

people put their faith in the hopeful promise of the birth of a Savior. Today, put your hope in the fulfilled promise of the Savior coming into this world, and know that He will come again. The element of faith reminds us that we can trust God to keep His Word.

Consider joy, for this is a joyous season. Advent and Christmas are celebrations of the Savior being born! This is good news of great joy. No longer is the world condemned because of sin, but God sent His Son to reconcile us to Him when we accept the gift His Son brought us. The gift of eternal life to all who believe.

Consider love, for Christ, God's only Son, was given to us as the ultimate gift and sacrifice. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. You can be assured that God loves you! Remember His love and sacrifice for you so that one day you will enter into His presence.

Consider these elements of Advent as you prepare for this holiday season with much hope, faith, joy, and love.

Free Outdoor Live Nativity

Bazetta Christian Church is celebrating its 173rd year in 2021 and has a special event this Advent season - its very own Outdoor Living Nativity. The event will be on Sunday, December 19 from 4 - 7 PM at the parking lot behind Bazetta Christian Church, 4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd., (Bazetta Rd.)

All are invited to witness the night of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, featuring costumed reenactors and live animals, including camels, in the Nativity scene!

This will be an amazing experience and we hope you take time to center your attention on "The True Meaning of Christmas."

Children's Christmas Crafts

On Sunday, December 12 at 3:30pm Bazetta Christian Church will host a special free event for children ages 5 - 12. The children will make crafts to keep or give! Great effort is taken to connect God's word to each craft! This FREE fun-filled event is open to any child in the area wishing to attend, but space is limited! Lunch will be provided. Phone Bazetta Christian Church to register at 330-637-6312.



Living A Life of Thanks

Rev Joan Purnell

Our granddaughters are busy. Whether its playing ball (any kind of ball game), climbing on the backyard playset or riding bikes, they go from one thing to the next in a nonstop whirl of activity. So, recently I was at the store looking for craft ideas for an almost four-year-old and a seven-year-old in preparation for their next visit. As I scanned the displays, I spied a handful of Thanksgiving decorations sandwiched in between the array of Halloween and Christmas decor. The lone turkey on the shelf next to a garland of fall leaves and pumpkins caused me to pause for a moment. Even though there wasn't a cornucopia in sight, the smiling turkey and colorful swag reminded me that Thanksgiving has not been forgotten in the retail rush from Halloween to Christmas.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are encouraged to give thanks always. "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, WEB). Actually, the Word of God overflows with verses of gratitude. Over and over in the Bible, songs of praise and thanksgiving are lifted to God.

What's your favorite verse or story in scripture that speaks to giving thanks? Not sure? Think about it! Reflecting on your blessings is a way to experience hope. Living a life of thanks through all the seasons of life, not just at Thanksgiving, nurtures our faith in God and a grateful heart. A heart filled with gratitude leaves little room for worry or complaining. Throughout the seasons of your life may you "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1; NIV).



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"The paper has always published the school news but with the addition of the PR director we have more news than ever. Thanks to the Apostolakis

Auto Group's generosity we are able to include all of the school news we get" said Thom Foley, Editor of the paper.

"We here at Apostolakis Honda are always looking for ways to get involved with our community, especially with the schools. We are thrilled to be able help showcase all of the wonderful things going on in Lakeview and to let the community know what a wonderful district we have" said John Apostolakis, President. "The teachers and staff do a tremendous job educating and challenging our students and we want to help recognize the students, staff and faculty."

We at The Cortland News encourage you to shop with the locally owned businesses that help sponsor the paper. Be sure to tell them THANK YOU next time you are in their store. And be sure to stop by and tell Mr. Apostolakis how much the community appreciates this gesture.



LMS STEM Students Grow Own Lettuce, Eat It for Lunch!

'Let'tuce learn! 7th and 8th grade students at Lakeview Middle School are tasting the fruits of their labor - or should that be the "vegetable of their labor"?. For the last month students have been watching closely as lettuce they planted in their classroom hydroponic garden has been growing. Students planted three types: Ruby Red, Parris Island Cos, and Prizehead lettuce. This week was harvesting week as students were able to pick their crop, wash it (of course), and then enjoy it! During lunch students enjoyed a salad bar using the lettuce they grew as the main ingredient! We are hearing their crop tasted pretty good!



7th grader Julianna enjoys a salad during lunch using lettuce grown in the STEM classroom hydroponic garden

State Cross Country



Lakeview High School junior Zach Haley participated in the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 5, 2021. He ran a time of 17:12, finishing 95th out of 185 runners in Division II.



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Cortland Playroom Trunk or Treat

Tricks or Treats? This year for safety the Cortland Playroom had "Trunk or Treat" for the children outside. They had little princesses, dinosaurs, fireman, superheroes, witches, vampires, and the list goes on and on! The children

received so much candy from the very generous parents that donated candy and food for the parties! It was a great success! Thank you for all the parents that participated!



Cortland Playroom's "Little Pilgrims" learn about Thanksgiving

The whole month of November the Playroom was busy teaching the children about Thanksgiving. They talked about the pilgrims and Indians. Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower, the Nina, and the Santa Maria. They taught them about how the Indians had their first Thanksgiving with the pilgrims. Not only was it an educational month but a fun one too!

They made a variety of different crafts from Indian necklaces made from macaroni, pilgrim hats, Indian head pieces and vest and list goes on! To help the children understand even more the Playroom asked the parents to help fill a basket of non-perishable food along with a turkey to give to a family in need in our area.



Playroom VOTING

While the parents were out casting their votes for their favorite candidates the children here at the Playroom, were also casting their votes! But their voting was more fun! They ballots consisted of Oreo cookies or chocolate chip cookies, white milk or chocolate milk, for cats or for dogs, vanilla pudding or chocolate pudding. The kids were the clear winners by a landslide!




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LMS Students Participate in Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Concert

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th graders who participated in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District 5 Honors Band on Saturday, November 20, 2021. 7th grade: Marley B. (baritone sax), Logan H. (tenor sax), and Aurora S. (French horn); 8th grade: Isabella I. (clarinet), Will K. (alto sax), and Mallory K. (flute).



7th grade - Logan, Marley, Aurora



8th grader - Mallory, Will, Isabella

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

As we embark on the season of gratitude, Lakeview Schools would like to take a moment to thank the citizens of our district who voted in favor of our Permanent Improvement Levy which was up for renewal in November. This critical funding source helps us to maintain safe and usable school facilities in times of expected and unexpected need.

Your school district budgets carefully for anticipated expenses like the replacement of aging school buses which cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$82,000 each, roof repairs and maintenance, HVAC upkeep and replacements, and general building and facility improvements. We also work to budget for the occasional unexpected expense like last summer's sewer project for the athletic complex and the high school.

It is a credit to the maintenance and custodial staff at our schools that major repair expenses are kept to a minimum as much as possible. These people monitor our facilities and make sure small problems don't grow into bigger ones. They also do work themselves that other districts might hire an outside firm to complete. For example, this past summer our employees finished a transition to all LED outdoor lighting at our facilities. This resulted in improved lighting coverage and a savings in our energy consumption.

We appreciate the community's vote of confidence in supporting our PI Levy Renewal, and we appreciate the efforts of our district employees to be careful stewards of those funds. Together...We are Lakeview.

Lakeview School District Launches New Website

Following months of planning, the Lakeview Local School District was proud to unveil its new website on Monday, November 15, 2021. An updated website was one of the key areas identified as needing improvement in the community survey conducted by the Impact Group last spring. While the district will still utilize other methods of communication (i.e. social media, Class Dojo, Google Classroom), the new website aims to serve as the main communication hub.

The updated design and concentrated focus for updating the site will help keep all district information current, aligned, and relevant for our school and community needs. Superintendent Velina Jo Taylor says, "We are deeply grateful to the development team for the long hours and dedicated work that went into creating our new website. There are countless steps and considerations when embarking on this kind of a project. We heard the community's input about our website and know how important it was to them that we get a new one right. We encourage everyone to explore the new site and share feedback so we can continue to enhance and improve our communication efforts."

The website address remains the same and can be found at www.lakeviewlocal.org

Check out our new look at www.lakeviewlocal.org

Lakeview Local School District Hosts Job Fair

The Lakeview Local School District will host a Job Fair on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the K-8 Cafeteria. We welcome anyone who has an interest in the listed substitute positions to come meet with members of our Transportation, Food Services, Student Services, and Administrative departments to learn more about each job and their required qualifications. Onsite background checks will be provided and those applying for substitute teaching positions could have the cost of obtaining their license reimbursed. Please RSVP on our website: www.lakeviewlocal.org. We look forward to meeting you!

Available substitute positions:

- Bus Driver (CDL Required)
- Educational Aides
- Food Service Aides/Workers
- Teachers

YSU Vocal Department Visits Lakeview Middle and High School Students

Lakeview High School and Middle School students received a special treat from the Youngstown State University vocal department. Dr. Misook Yun along with her students Marlina Karimi, Meghan Kowalski, Brienne Kochuna Samson, Emilio Santiago, and Jaelynn Mack performed solos, duets, oratorio selections, and opera scenes for our students. The students learned about "pants roles", singing in different languages, and had the opportunity to ask questions of the students and faculty. Select LHS Madrigal Singers were even given the opportunity to have a Masterclass with Dr. Yun and receive feedback on their own solos they are preparing for Solo and Ensemble in January. Thank you to Dr. Yun and her students for their marvelous visit!



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Lakeview Schools Hosts Veterans Program

The Lakeview Local School District was incredibly proud to honor our Veterans during a special recognition program held at Raidel Auditorium on Thursday, November 4, 2021. All grandparents, parents, and siblings of students in grades kindergarten through eight were invited to attend, along with their student. During the program, the Trumbull County American Legion posted and retired the colors and conducted a moving POW/MIA Ceremony.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lori Stone was the special guest speaker and several Lakeview student groups performed. The 8th grade band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," Armed Forces Salute, and a Celebration of Taps. 6th graders Jianna S. and Madeline I. recited the Pledge of Allegiance, 8th grader Delaney G. did a reading, Mrs. Denman's 4th grade class sang patriotic songs, and Mrs. Yannucci's 2nd grade class recited a poem and handed out handmade poppies to Veterans. Our appreciation to all the Veterans who attended the program and our deepest gratitude for your service.



Members of the Trumbull County American Legion salute the flag as the colors are retired



2nd grader Charlie gives a handmade poppy to a local veteran.

LHS Marching Band Makes Trip to Philadelphia

The LHS Marching Band enjoyed a busy and educational weekend trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in November. While there, students met with Temple University's marching band for a performance. While our band did not perform, members were exposed to university requirements, a concert, and a closer understanding of university standards, should they

decide to pursue music beyond high school. In addition to that, students stopped at Chocolate World in Hershey Park and took a guided tour around the city where they visited the National Constitution Center, Declaration House, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, the signer's walk, The President's House Site, and the First Bank of the U.S.



Students visit Hershey's Chocolate World in Hershey, PA

Lakeview High School 'Taps' New National Honor Society Inductees

On Friday, November 12, 2021 roughly 40 Lakeview High School junior and senior students learned they were being inducted into the National Honor Society. Current members of the National Honor Society visited 7th period classes to "tap" those students who have been chosen for induction this year. Membership in the National Honor Society is open to qualified juniors and seniors who maintain an academic requirement of a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and demonstrate the Society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students must complete a rigorous application process to be considered for induction. Tapping day is always an exciting moment for students and our NHS members do a nice job of delivering the red carnations and membership invitations. The newly tapped students will be formally inducted into the LHS NHS on Tuesday, November 23. Congratulations to everyone!



LHS National Honor Society going to "tap" students who will be inducted.



Senior Landon Farr delivers a carnation to his sister, junior Eliza Farr.



Senior Cade Cratsley delivers a carnation to Xavier Madorma.



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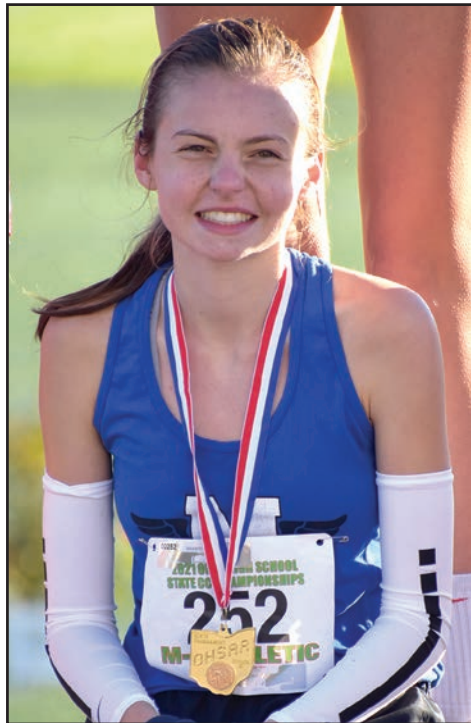
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Cross Country State Champion, Caleigh Richards

On November 6th, 2021 Caleigh Richards, Sophomore from Maplewood High School, won the Division III Cross Country State Championships. She also



Caleigh sits atop the podium with pure joy.

won it last year as a freshman. Caleigh is the first girl in Trumbull county history to win back to back state championships in cross country. She has run a personal best of 18:06 which is the fastest time ever run by a Trumbull county female. On Sunday, November 14th she also competed in the Nike Midwest Regional Championship consisting of the top girls from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. She placed 19th overall placing herself on 3rd Team All Midwest. She also won the state championship in the 3200 this past spring in track. Caleigh holds Maplewood's record in the 1600, 3200 and 5k.



Caleigh running strong to the finish with Ted Rupe cheering her on.



She is blessed to have her Dad as her Track Coach and her CC High Coach, Michelle Rupe.



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Help Our Police – Come to the Christmas Concert!

By Carole Wiley

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Our free holiday concert will take place on Monday, December 6th at 7 PM in the Lakeview High School auditorium. The stars of this are the musicians of our beloved Cortland Community Band. There will be 1,000 cookies for attendees to enjoy following the concert. This cookie extravaganza will take place in the cafeteria following the music. Come and enjoy the fellowship and meet the band members, their director Craig Wiencek, Chief David Morris (Cortland), Chief Chris Herlinger (Bazetta), and LOAF members.

Final note: At a beautiful wooded area by the shore of our lake, there is a sign with a powerful message. It tells us that there have been 76 drownings in Mosquito Lake. It also tells us NOT to be #77. By helping us to provide these

Discs to our police, you could easily be saving a life in the years to come. If you want to help but cannot attend the concert, send your check made out to LOAF Box 494 Cortland, Oh 44410. Indicate "Disc" in the memo line. For any questions, contact Carole Wiley 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com. See you at the concert! Merry Christmas!

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5 Steps to Take Today During Medicare Open Enrollment Season

At this time of year, current Medicare beneficiaries have the option to make changes in their coverage. The so-called Medicare Open Enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7. If you're enrolled in Medicare, this is an opportunity for you to make adjustments to your plan that will take effect on January 1, 2022.

With health care a significant cost concern throughout retirement, it can make a difference if you are able to improve upon your current coverage. Here are five important steps to follow during open enrollment season.

#1 - Assess your existing coverage
Think about the coverage you have today and whether you are satisfied with it. Pay attention to the premiums your plan will charge for 2022 (that should have been disclosed to you by the end of September). Keep in mind that costs for Medicare Part B and Part D prescription drug plans will increase as well next year. Know that you don't have to settle for your existing plan, but you also want to carefully weigh your options before any changes are made.

#2 - Know what is available to you
If you are interested in making changes, be sure you know how much flexibility is available to you. If you currently have coverage with a Medicare Advantage plan and want to consider switching to a different Advantage plan, you have the flexibility to do so. If you want to switch from original Medicare (Parts A and B) and a supplemental plan (Medigap) to Medicare Advantage, you can do that as well. If you want to drop your Medicare Advantage coverage and enroll in original Medicare, you may have a gap that will be more difficult to fill. Moving to another Medigap policy to supplement your original Medicare coverage at this point may require a health assessment to determine eligibility and rates. Such a move would also require a standalone

Part D prescription drug plan if you so desire.

#3 - Determine if your needs in 2022 will change

Circumstances for you could change in 2022, though some of what you may need is unknowable today. You may suddenly encounter a need for more medical coverage or some form of specialized care. You may already have ideas on specific treatments you plan to pursue in the coming year. If so, make sure you've chosen the right kind of coverage to help meet those expenses. If your prescription drug needs may change in the coming year, you'll want to assess how your current Part D coverage stacks up against other plans as it relates to your specific prescription needs.

#4 - Don't be afraid to seek help

If you want help in the process, look to financial professionals who specialize in health insurance or, more specifically, Medicare plans, to guide you. This is a complex topic with a wide range of options for regular and supplemental coverage as well as prescription drug coverage. Check with your key medical providers to make sure a different plan you are considering will still provide coverage for their services.

#5 - Get the ball rolling

You have until December 7 to make changes, but it's best to start now. Give yourself enough time to assess your current coverage and review other options that are available to you. Be sure to list out questions you might have about your existing coverage and any new policies you consider. Don't be afraid to ask current and potential future providers direct questions you may have about the coverage they provide.

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Lakeside Sports Shop & Drive Thru has a large selection of local wines. And if there is a fisherman in your family, they have everything he or she needs. How about the gift of health? Pay for a child's exam at Dr. Johnson or Vlad Pediatrics. Check out all the health ads in this issue. Petrosky Brothers Construction has been helping to build Cortland for over 25 years. Let us help you with your next project. Shafer Winans is there when you need us the most. TNT Well Drilling and Repairs - the company you can count on. Here is a "cool" idea - or a HOT one ... Call M D Denna HVAC and pay for someone's AC or Furnace tune up.

Don't forget the "Stores with a Door"... you may be able to save a few dollars by shopping online but the small-business owners needs your support too! You always called on those business owners to donate to YOUR cause, now they need you for THEIR cause! Shop Local.



What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Please refrain from blowing leaves and grass into the roadways.

I know that we remind you of this often but who wants a flooded street? Leaves and grass clippings in the roadway can block storm drains creating the potential for standing water and street flooding. City ordinances state "No person shall deposit litter on any public property, on any private property not owned by the person, or in or on waters of the state or municipality". Please do not purposely rake or blow leaves into storm inlets. Part of the contract with Republic Services is that they pick up unlimited yard waste for residential customers. 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.

Toys for Tots

Our Cortland Fire Department is collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots Program. Collections will be taken during business hours, now through Thursday, December 9th at the station. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

E-News

The city issues a weekly E-News with events happening in our community and news items as well as agendas for City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. You can subscribe at our website www.cityofcortland.org or by sending an email to admin@cityofcortland.org.

Dates to Remember

- December 6th - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
 - November 13th - Parks Board meeting - 5:30 p.m.
 - November 13th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- Enjoy the Holiday Season!

Final Days to help Cortland Mower 'Bag Hunger'

December 18 is the final day to help Bag Hunger and enter the drawing to win a new DeWalt self-propelled cordless 20V battery powered lawn mower. A \$549 Value. 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.

Stop into Cortland Mower at 118 Walnut St. in Cortland and pick up a green Cortland Mower Tote Bag from between now and 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.

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.

Help "BAG HUNGER" in our community.



Cortland's Pavlansky Joins Regiment of Midshipmen at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Stephen Pavlansky of Cortland was recently sworn in as a Midshipman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) and as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Pavlansky was nominated by Senator Sherrod Brown to attend USMMA, located in Kings Point, NY and one of the nation's five federal service academies.



Merchant Marine Officer license and incur an obligation to serve the country as an active or reserve officer in the U.S. armed forces.

The U.S. Flag Merchant Marine - manned by U.S. merchant mariners - is essential for securing the country's commerce in peacetime and delivering warfighters, weapons, and military supplies in times of conflict. The majority of "Kings Pointers" will serve as Navy reservists in the Strategic Sealift Officer Force while working aboard U.S. flag vessels; others will serve on active duty in our nation's armed forces.

As part of his four-year education, Pavlansky will spend one year training as a cadet aboard ocean going vessels. USMMA is the only federal academy where students train on commercial vessels traveling around the globe.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Class of 2025 reported as scheduled in July to begin their education and training. Dedicated during WWII, USMMA has since served the nation in both peace and war.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal service academy that educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their Congressman or Senator.

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Maplewood CC Qualifies for State

By Mike Richards



David, Jimmy, Trevor, Tom, Caleb, Caliegh, Alex, Bryson, Cole, & Will representing Maplewood well.

Huge congratulations to our Cross Country boys team for qualifying to the state championships and without one of their top runners placing 17th! (Matt couldn't run but surely helped get them this far!)

Seniors, Caleb and Matt, thank you for 4 great years! Congratulations Coach Deeter on another very successful season!

Congratulations to my daughter, Caliegh, for winning the girls state championship! We are all very proud of you. A big thank you to Coach Michelle Rupe!

Cortland Observed Veterans Day

Area residents and veterans gathered at the Cortland Veterans Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 7th, for the annual Veterans Day observance. The event was organized and presented by the Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee, American Legion Post 540, Boy Scout Troop 4050, and Cortland Masonic Lodge.

Marine Corps veteran Ian McAleer served as emcee. He welcomed everyone and remarked that we should thank our veterans today and every day for their military service. Pastor Bill Goterba gave the invocation and Boy Scout Troop 4050 raised the American flag as Gary Watson, of the American Legion Honor Guard, played the bugle. Avery Jones, of Lakeview high school sang the National Anthem.

Cortland resident, Bill Gore, an

Army veteran who served in Vietnam, shared his thoughts and experiences about his military service. He was drafted in 1965 and was trained in combat radar operations and witnessed some of the heaviest fighting. He recognized all the veterans in attendance, and he encouraged everyone to thank them for their service.

Gore commented that "America has always been peacekeepers and guardians of freedom throughout the world, and I truly hope that continues -- and that our youth are taught to honor and celebrate all the accomplishments of our veterans".

The observance concluded with Allen Briggs playing the bagpipes and Gary Watson playing taps.



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Cortland Community Foundation Donation

By Carole Wiley

Curt Moll, president of the Cortland Community Foundation, presents a \$500 check to Officer Brandon Rice of the Cortland Police Department to open the donations for the purchase of ResQ Discs for each squad car in both Cortland and Bazetta. The ResQ Disc can be thrown to a struggling victim in Mosquito Lake, which will likely bring him quickly to safety. Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) is working to raise the needed funds to help make our community safer.

The mission of the Cortland Community Foundation is also to improve the safety and well-being of area residents in some way. Some of the Foundation's previous endeavors included raising funds for the town clock, skateboard equipment at Willow Park, the splash pad at Pearl Park. One of the most outstanding projects was to assist in the production of the Veterans Memorial, a lovely and meaningful

Cortland focal point.

Previously, the Foundation had assisted LOAF in purchasing sheet music for the then, newly formed community choir which normally performs at the free Christmas Concert, "Christmas in Cortland".

The Police of Cortland and Bazetta, LOAF, and all who enjoy the lake say, "Thank You!" again, Cortland Community Foundation!



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Four Seasons Garden Club installs new officers

On Nov. 4th, the new 2022 Officers were installed at the Four Seasons Garden Club. Among their annual projects are the Main Street flower barrels, the Christmas wreaths and snowflakes, and the flags on the bridge over Rt. 11 at King Graves Road.



Elaine Larocca, president; Pam Hallett, Nancy Findley, Linda Warthner, and Cheryl Zurawick.

Second Harvest and Sparkle Markets Partner for Fall Food Drive

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

Thomas arrives home from school and selects an afterschool snack from the full kitchen pantry at his house. Tasha gets off the school bus and comes home to an almost empty pantry.

Tracy opens her kitchen refrigerator and selects her dinner items from the many foods she finds there. Trisha opens her fridge and sees only empty shelves inside.

At their house, the Tyler family always has plenty to eat and never worries about what the family's next meal will be. At home, the Truchette family rarely has fresh vegetables for a meal. They almost never have much-desired meat. They often go without foods rich in vitamins and protein, and the family usually has empty cupboards in their kitchen.

In the above descriptions it is hoped that a reader may notice this:

Tasha is a hungry child. Trisha is a hungry adult. The Truchettes are a hungry family.

Hunger and food insecurity are very real in the tri-county area of Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana counties. Enter Feeding America's Second Harvest of the Mahoning Valley. With a mission "to do whatever it takes to build a hunger-free community" (mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org), Second Harvest provides food pantries and feeding ministries across the three-county area food staples, fresh vegetables, and meats. Statistics show that "1 in 6 people in the Mahoning Valley faces hunger". According to the Second Harvest website, "in 2020, the Food Bank distributed over 15.6 million pounds of food".

Every day people like Tasha, Tricia, and the Truchette family rely on the food Second Harvest distributes through its agencies. Every day people like Tasha,

Tricia, and the Truchette family count on agencies such as Champion Christian Church Food Ministry, Warren Family Mission, Cortland Area Cares, the Mobile Pantry at Mecca Community Church, and many more providers.

Second Harvest and Sparkle Markets will soon be partnering for their fall food drive that will benefit the hungry in the Mahoning Valley. Watch for the collection bins at Champion and Cortland Sparkle Markets. Add some extra food items to your grocery shopping list, then add your purchases to the bins. All collected food will be picked up by Second Harvest and distributed to area agencies that will then distribute the food to hungry residents. Monetary donations will also be accepted. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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Tax Solutions

By Jennifer J. Slywczak

Get ready for taxes: Easy steps taxpayers can take now to make tax filing easier in 2022

The Internal Revenue Service today encouraged taxpayers, including those who received stimulus payments or advance Child Tax Credit payments, to take important steps this fall to help themselves file their federal tax returns in 2022.

Planning ahead can help people file an accurate return and avoid processing delays that can slow tax refunds.

Gather and organize tax records

Organized tax records make preparing a complete and accurate tax return easier. It helps avoid errors that lead to processing and refund delays. Individuals should have all their tax information available before filing to ensure the return is complete and accurate. They should notify the IRS if their address changes and notify the Social Security Administration of a legal name change.

Remember, most income is taxable. Recordkeeping for individuals includes:

- Forms W-2 from employer(s)
- Forms 1099 from banks, issuing agencies and other payers including unemployment compensation, dividends, distributions from a pension, annuity or retirement plan
- Form 1099-K, 1099-MISC, W-2 or other income statement for workers in the gig economy
- Form 1099-INT for interest received

Other income documents and records of virtual currency transactions, Income documents can help individuals determine if they're eligible for deductions or credits. Additionally, people who need to reconcile their advance payments of the Child Tax Credit and Premium Tax Credit will need their related 2021 information. Those who received third Economic Impact Payments and think they qualify for an additional amount will need their stimulus payment and plus-up amounts to figure and claim the 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit. Taxpayers should also keep end of year documents including:

- Letter 6419, 2021 Total Advance Child Tax Credit Payments, to reconcile advance Child Tax Credit payments
- Letter 6475, Your 2021 Economic Impact Payment, to determine eligibility to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit
- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance Premium Tax Credits for Marketplace coverage Online Account securely provides tax account information on IRS.gov; helps provide important filing information

Taxpayers with questions about how to create an account or how to reset their username or password can find help at How to Register for Certain Online Self-Help Tools. Individuals should act now if they need to create an

account. If they're unable to verify their identity online, there's a mail option they can use, but that takes longer.

Individuals who have not set up an Online Account yet should act soon to create an account. People who have already set up an Online Account should make sure they can still log in successfully. Eligible individuals claiming a 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit can log in to their online account to see their Economic Impact Payment amounts so they can accurately claim the credit when they file. Taxpayers who access Online Account can securely gain entry to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to see their payment dates and amounts. Taxpayers will need this information to reconcile their advance Child Tax Credit payments with the Child Tax Credit they can claim when they file their 2021 tax returns. View the amounts of their Economic Impact Payments

- Access Child Tax Credit Update Portal for information about their advance Child Tax Credit payments
- Approve or reject authorization requests from their tax professional
- Update their email address and opt-out/in for selected paper notice preferences

Taxpayers should make sure they've withheld enough tax

Individuals may want to consider adjusting their withholding if they owed taxes or received a large refund the previous year. Changing withholding can help avoid a tax bill or let individuals keep more money each payday. Life changes - getting married or divorced, welcoming a child or taking on a second job - may also be reasons to change withholding. Taxpayers might think about completing a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate, each year and when personal or financial situations change.

People also need to consider estimated tax payments. Individuals who receive a substantial amount of non-wage income like self-employment income, investment income, taxable Social Security benefits and in some instances, pension and annuity income should make quarterly estimated tax payments. The last payment for 2021 is due on Jan. 18, 2022.

Individuals can log in to their Online Account to make a payment online or go to IRS.gov/payments.

Want a faster refund? Getting banked speeds tax refunds with direct deposit

Direct deposit gives individuals access to their refund faster than a paper check. Those without a bank account can learn how to open an account at an FDIC-Insured bank or through the National Credit Union Locator Tool.

Trumbull County Historical Society's Monthly E-newsletter

Would you like to join the Trumbull County Historical Society's mailing list and receive the monthly e-newsletter? Anyone can sign up by sending TCHS their email address through the Contact

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Cortland Tree Lighting Kicks Off 2021 Holiday Season And Small Business Saturday!



Local businesses and community organizations will hold a Tree Lighting event to kick off the 2021 Christmas season and help celebrate Small Business Saturday. The public is invited come and join in the day full of festivities. Begin your journey throughout Cortland with visiting and shopping at multiple local businesses and organizations to show your support and help celebrate Small Business Saturday! Most shops and businesses open at 9 AM or 10 AM.

The following activities will take place in the courtyard area and large parking lot on West Main Street across from Cortland Bank:

- 3 PM - 7 PM - Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through a quaint part of town. Rides are FREE thanks to our sponsors Cortland Rotary and Cortland Bank

- 4PM - 6 PM - Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus to tell them what's on your Wish List. The jolly couple will arrive by horse-drawn carriage at 4 PM and will visit with kids until 6 PM. Be sure to bring your cameras to take pictures! Kids will also receive a special goodie bag during their visit (while supplies last) sponsored by Cortland Lions Club. Santa and Mrs. Claus are sponsored by Cortland Rotary!

- At 6 PM experience the magic of the season with our Tree Lighting in the courtyard area across from Cortland Bank. We will be joined by Santa and Mrs. Claus along with many visitors

and YOU! You're welcome to come early and bring an ornament to hang on our Community Christmas Tree and help decorate it throughout the day!

- The Cortland Lions Club will be giving out complimentary hot cocoa and assorted cookies sponsored by Just Pizzelles and Cortland Sparkle.

- Students of the Lakeview High School choir and band will honor us with their presence and lead the visitors in caroling during the tree lighting.

- Lakeview Teachers Association will be set up with an ornament making station. Stop by to make an ornament to hang on our community tree!

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



Carols & Cocoa and the Dana Holiday Concert

YSU Carols & Cocoa and Dana Holiday Concert will be held Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7:00 PM at Stambaugh Auditorium. It is a tradition that dates back more than 40 years, involving most of the Dana School of Music vocal and instrumental students. The event begins with Carols in the Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom. Cookies and Cocoa will be available in the Concert Hall Lobby during intermission as the concert moves from the Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom to the Concert Hall for the Dana Holiday Concert.

News from The Cortland Lions Club

The Cortland Lions Club hosted our annual Street Fair Appreciation Dinner on Saturday evening November 6th at the beautiful Cortland Opera House. Our Lions Club invited individuals and Companies that volunteered their time, talents and treasure to assist us in this years Street Fair. Approximately 55 people were present- the Electricians who hooked up and ran power to Street Fair participants, our Street Fair Parade Committee (Daynelle Sanner) and her crew, our Fireworks Sponsor (7-17 Credit Union), Cortland Police, our Parade Announcer (Derek Steyer WFMJ), Burger King who provides ice for our various functions and a group of friends of the Street Fair who provided insight and muscle in putting the Main Stage up. A number of companies and volunteers could not attend and we Thank You also- Maxill Company, Coach Bellino, Cortland Mayor Petrosky, Cortland Fire Chief Rea, Phantom Fireworks, Cortland Tractor, Cortland Banks and etc.

Thank you all for your support- without your help this years Street Fair could have been in jeopardy. We believe, but are not certain, that the 2021 Street Fair was the 71st Annual Street Fair. (Excluding Covid shutdown)

Our Lions Club has been serving in our area since 1939- an amazing 82 years of service. Our membership stands at 29 members with an average age of 60. If you have ever considered being a member of the Cortland Lions Club, please come to our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month and check us out. We meet at 630 pm in the building behind the Lions Club at 197 W Main Street. For additional information please call 330-219-4879.

K9 Police Dog Visits Third Grade Classes

Lakeview Elementary School third graders were extremely excited to welcome three very special guests to school on November 9. Liberty Police Officers David Rankin and Tyler Beck, along with K9 Leo were kind enough to visit all five classes to help students learn more about the work dogs can do. The visit all ties in with stories they're reading in class (like "Stone Fox," and "Aero and Officer Mike") that have a consistent theme of dogs as helpers and work animals. Officers Rankin and Beck gave a quick demonstration on how Leo uses his senses to find hidden objects and

students did an excellent job of preparing and asking a lot of great questions. Thank you again to Officers Rankin, Beck, and Leo for coming in to visit!



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Lions Club and Love Life Foundation Reset Tombstones

The Cortland Lions Club has partnered with The Love Life Foundation to help reset and straighten some of the tombstones at Hillside Cemetery in Cortland-Bazetta Township. Recently Lions Club member Harvey McGinnis along with prospective new member Patrick McFall and A Love Life Foundation representative straightened or reset 12 headstones. They worked on some veterans, children's and family headstones. They will continue the labor of respect as long as the weather cooperates. Interested in joining a community service organization? Consider making an application to join the Cortland Lions Club.

New Flags for King Graves Route 11 Overpass

For Make a Difference Day, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League and Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland gathered to replace the 60 flags on the King Graves Road - Route 11 Overpass. The American flags are in honor those who have served our country in the Military.

Members worked together removing the worn flags and installing new flags purchased through donations and fundraisers. Flag Retirement Service and Ceremony will be held at a later date for the flags replaced.



Becky Bucco, Anita Shaw, Dodie Baritell, Jan Elliott, Pete Bucco, Marylou Jarrett, Basil Jarrett and John Metzger

Loaf Concert is a holiday treat for the community

By Sally Lane

For six of the last seven holiday seasons (six because of COVID last year), LOAF church choirs and the Cortland Community Band have come together for one of the most wonderful joint holiday concerts of the year. The audience joins in on a medley of favorite Christmas songs. Forgive me, but I HAVE to say it - it is a "Hallmark moment" in Cortland, Ohio - and I always get teary eyed. This year's concert is December 6, 7 p.m. at Lakeview High School's auditorium.

Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship (LOAF) has been a part of Cortland since 1946. This unique organization was founded to unify community's support of outreach programs, such as our local food pantry, the CROP walk, a community Vacation Bible School, blood drives, Adopt-a-Foot, and equipment for our safety forces, and band uniforms for the Lakeview High School Band...and that just names a few.

Since 2015, the Community band and LOAF have come together to present a free Christmas concert at Lakeview High School. "This is one of our favorite holiday concerts each season. We are proud to be part of this event," said band conductor Craig Wienczek. The band has been rehearsing Christmas music every Wednesday at the Lakeview K-8 building since September. The Cortland Community Band will celebrate its 39th anniversary in February.

Usually the LOAF choir, consisting of singers from the community and the LOAF churches, sings at this concert. Because of COVID, and the fact that choir members need to stand close together while singing and rehearsing, the choir will not be presenting a choral part of the concert.

The music for these concerts ranges from traditional Christmas arrangements to music of more recent vintage. They are guaranteed to have you and your family singing along and reflecting on what the Christmas season is all about. Refreshments after the concert are provided by the LOAF churches. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Any money received will be given to our local safety forces for equipment needed for lake rescue.



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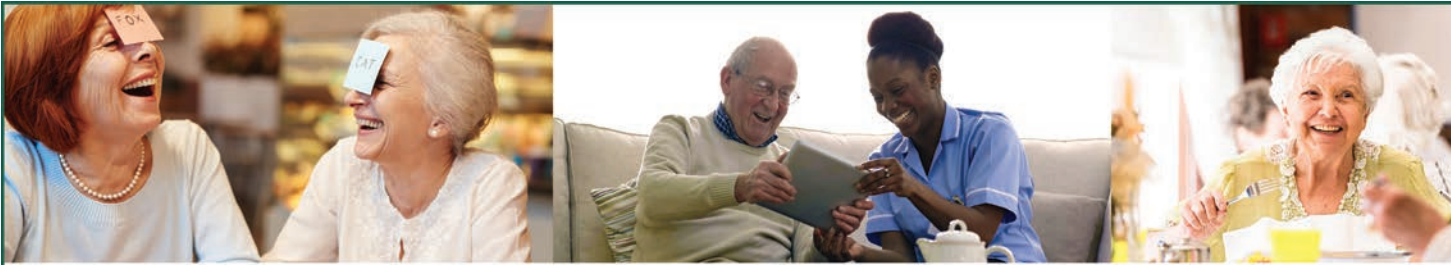
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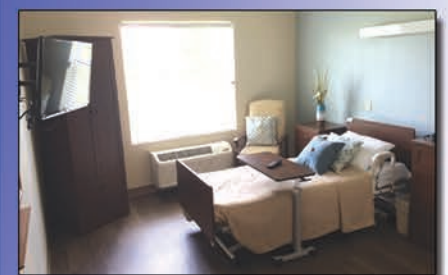
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