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Giving Thanks

Preparing for the Holidays & Honoring Veterans

By Sally Lane

One of my former bosses – a long time ago – used to call the last half hour of the workday the “getting ready to get ready” time. It was not time to punch out on the time clock, but it was time to wrap up the day’s work, put stuff in order and make a

list for the next day. The last thing we did was clean off the top of our desk, and by that time, we were ready to leave, and the following work day was calmer and more organized.

November is a little like that “getting ready to get ready” time. Halloween is over. Our little neighborhood goblins have recovered from sugar overload. Skeleton and ghost decorations have disappeared from yards and are replaced with happier fall decorations. Spooky movies are over. Hallmark movies lighten our moods. Football playoffs add excitement. Some people even have their Christmas shopping done, but it is not “crunch time” yet for people like me who wait until Thanksgiving is over to begin serious holiday preparations.

With a few weeks before the holiday rush, November is time for reflection. The kids are still in school. Choirs and bands are rehearsing for holiday concerts. In quiet moments, many of us begin the mental preparation for the busy days ahead. We think about the holiday cards we want to send and

look forward to hearing from friends and relatives in December. We plan the dinner or make plans to visit relatives or friends. It is a poignant time of remembrance of past holidays and the people who shared them with us.

While we look forward to Thanksgiving, we also have another day in November to observe. Veterans Day. As a Baby Boomer, I grew up knowing that Veterans Day was a special day for my parents and grandparents, but I did not realize how much that day affected our celebration of Thanksgiving until I read a few letters from my grandfather to my grandmother during World War I. Of course, that was when Veterans Day was called Armistice Day. My mother gave me journals of her experiences as she followed my father during some of his Navy time in World War II. My father came home from World War II in October 1945. For veterans like my grandfather and father, those first Thanksgiving dinners after they returned home from their war service were the most joyous celebrations in their lives.

Cortland has a history of honoring our veterans. There used to be lists of residents who fought in the wars in front of the Cortland Bank. Finally, a beautiful memorial

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Our Next Issue ... November 27, 2021

Our theme will be *The Holidays*

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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.

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Event Calendar November 6 – December 18

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NOVEMBER

Nov 6	Charity Breakfast / Masonic Lodge, 9 AM - Noon
Nov 7	Toys For Tots drive / Growlin' Howland Browns Backers Iron House Bar & Grill / 12 to 4.
Nov 8, 15, 22, 29	Cortland Library Storytime / 11 a.m Free
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Nov 9, 16, 30	Cortland Library Preschool Storytime / Ages 3 to 5. No registration necessary. Free.
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 13	Cortland Library Branch Street Coffee Roasters / 11 a.m. No registration necessary. Free
Nov 13	Craft Show / Mecca Community Church / 10-3
Nov 17	Online Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Discussion / 6 p.m. Call the Adult Services Department at the Warren Library 330-399-8807 ext. 200 to get the Zoom link via email. Free.
Nov 18	Online Adult Book Discussion / 2 PM Call the Adult Services Department at the Warren Library 330-399-8807 ext. 200 to get the Zoom link via email. Free.
Nov 20	LEGO Club Cortland Library drop-in / between 1 - 2:30 p.m. Children ages 5 to 12 (All structures will remain at the library.) No registration necessary. Free
Nov 20	Drive-In Movie / Mecca Community Church, 7:30 PM, Free
Nov 25	Thanksgiving
Nov 27	Craft Show / Cortland Christian Church / Grove Street

DECEMBER

Dec 19	Outdoor Drive Thru Live Nativity / Bazetta Christian Church, 4-7 PM, 4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd
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Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Totally Dog is having a special on winter wear/ Also, they are gearing up for the holidays! Offering many Small Business Saturday specials November 27! Stop in and ALWAYS Shop Local when possible!

Cortland Lanes has new a new menu, new pizza and new Drinks! Have you tried their Cosmic Bowling on Friday or Saturday nights? So much fun!

Greenwood Insurance's Barry Piper can help you untangle the confusing maze that we know as Medicare. Give him a call today.

Jody Sova reminds you to change your clocks this weekend. While you are at it, it might be a great time to change your house too! CALL JODY!

Cortland Mower is doing their best to "Bag Hunger" again this year. Stop in and pick up a tote bag, fill it with non-perishable food and return it. For every bag you return you will receive 5 chances to win a New DeWalt self-Propelled battery Powered Lawn Mower. All food will be donated to Lakeview area food banks.

The holidays are coming and our own **Sparkle Market** has everything you need for all of your holiday meals. No need to drive to the mall.

Mr. Hero tells me that they will be opening any day now. The Supply Chain shortage has made it very difficult for them to get all of the equipment and supplies they need. Be patient - they will be here very soon!

Vasilios still has some dates open to book your Holiday party. But call soon as they are filling up fast. They also offer carry out catering. Let them do the work this year.

If you hurry, you can still get that new floor covering done before the holidays. But you better call **Campbell Carpet** today. Their schedule is almost full.

The end of the year is coming and **Guidelight Financial Services** reminds us that it is not too late to save on your taxes. Call an expert and find out how.

Did you know that **Roman Supply** is open all year long? They can help you with any kind of landscaping or yard material you need.

Do you need a **Santa Claus** for your Christmas Party this year? Check out his ad in this issue.

Life long local resident Shawn Ruddy has opened an office of his insurance business, **Ruddy Insurance**, in Cortland. Stop in for a free quote.



First 300 game

Rob Clossin of Boardman bowled his first 300 game in his life at Cortland Lanes. It was also the first 300 game at Cortland Lanes this season. Come see what all the fun is about. Join Rob and everyone for an evening of bowling.



Front page story continued

was constructed with pavers naming our military loved ones surrounding a fountain where all who visit our town can see it. A special program will be held November 7 at 2 p.m. to honor these veterans. Please see page 4 for

more details. Bring a lawn chair.

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Jo Marie retires, but the excitement continues

By Sally Lane

Jo Marie Ferradino, the founder of Jo Marie's School of Dance, Gymnastic Center, and Ninja Room officially retired



in September. Her years of service are full of wonderful memories of teaching the children of our community.

Jo Marie started teaching dance in Warren in 1973, and continued studying to obtain certification from the Dance Masters of Ohio, Dance Masters of America, The Cecchetti Council of America for Classical Ballet, and was a graduate from the Dance Teacher's Training College of the Dance Masters of America. As Jo Marie's expertise and certifications expanded, so did her business.

She opened a dance studio in Cortland in the 1980s where my then seven-year-old daughter and friends began their dance lesson experience. As parents, we were happy to have such a caring and enthusiastic teacher for our children. As mothers, we all became friends with each other as well as

bonding with JoMarie. That kind, caring demeanor helped her establish a legacy to "be kind, loving and always do your best."

In 1991, her business expanded from dance and acrobatics to including gymnastics training as well as a Ninja Warrior Room to encourage the building of strength, self-confidence, coordination, and endurance in a fun environment for children. As a school that offers both recreational and competition programs, the competition team has won many regional and national titles.

When Jo Marie announced her retirement many students, parents, and instructors were sad. After her final recital at Packard Music Hall ended, she was honored with what she called "a precious, heartwarming and life-defining moment." A parent

read a tribute to her on stage, and "Every student came up on stage and individually presented me with a flower."

As Jo Marie enters the next chapter of her life, so does Jo Marie's School of Dance, Gymnastics Center and Ninja Warrior Room, which is now under new ownership. Jo Marie will stay involved as a consultant. "Aeron and Joe are caring, committed and have a great work ethic. There is no doubt the business will continue to be successful... They have given me a wonderful gift by purchasing this business. I am passing on my life's goals, achievements and success. I am forever grateful to them." See their story on page 11.

We at The Cortland News also wish Jo Marie a wonderful retirement and success to the new owners.

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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 invited, and everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair. Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee will handle the set-up and help direct parking and the 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.

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*Presented by Jill Freeman,
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Although there are many different plans available, each insurance company must follow these guidelines set by the government and offer at least a standard level of coverage. There are four phases to Part D coverage costs: deductible, initial coverage, coverage gap and catastrophic coverage. For 2022 the annual deductible can be \$0-\$480. After the deductible is met, the initial phase is where you pay a copay or coinsurance, and the plan pays part of the costs of the medication until the total cost reaches \$4,430. After the total cost

of your prescriptions reaches \$4,430 you enter the Coverage Gap (donut hole). It is important to remember this is based on the actual retail cost of the drug not the amount you pay to the pharmacy as a copay. In this coverage gap you pay 25% of the actual cost until your out-of-pocket costs reach \$7,050. At that point you enter catastrophic coverage and pay 5% of the cost of the drug through December 31st.

Each insurance company can develop their own drug formulary that classifies drugs into different tiers. They can also set their own plan premiums and cost sharing amounts based on these tiers. Typically, the lower the tier the lower your cost for that medication. Some companies will also waive the deductible for the lower tier medications in their formulary. In addition, some companies are now participating in the insulin drug savings program which limits the cost of insulin to a set amount throughout the year, even during the coverage gap. It can potentially eliminate the coverage gap that would have been reached due to the insulin costs and lower the overall costs of other medications you take.

It is important to review your plan each year during the Annual Enrollment Period, October 15th through December 7th. Your local agent can look at your medications and the plans available in your area to see what is the best fit with the lowest costs for your specific situation.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Ann M Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234-244-4014 or JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com

One More Reason Why Cortland is the Best Place to Live!

By Thom Foley

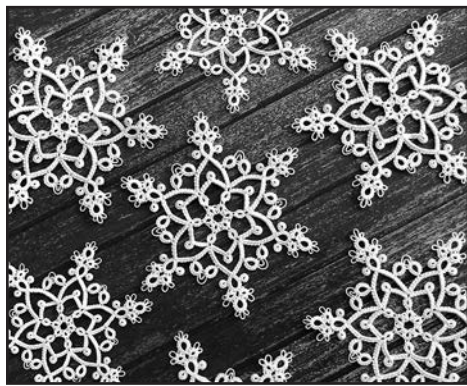
I love to talk about how Cortland is the BEST PLACE TO LIVE. Recently a reader sent us this letter.

"This is Janet Burkey. I had lost my wallet at one of the dollar stores in Cortland. They did not find it. Two days later someone returned my wallet all in tact - money and all - to my car windshield at my house. Bless them! I just wanted to publish a THANK YOU in the news since I don't know who returned it.

"Here is my thank you note to them: "THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU! Thank you very much to the wonderful person or persons who returned my wallet that I lost at the Dollar store to my home. I appreciate your honesty and you bringing it to my home. It gives me great hope for our world that there are Good Samaritans. Thank you."

Editor's note: Just one more reason why this is the best place to live!

thank you



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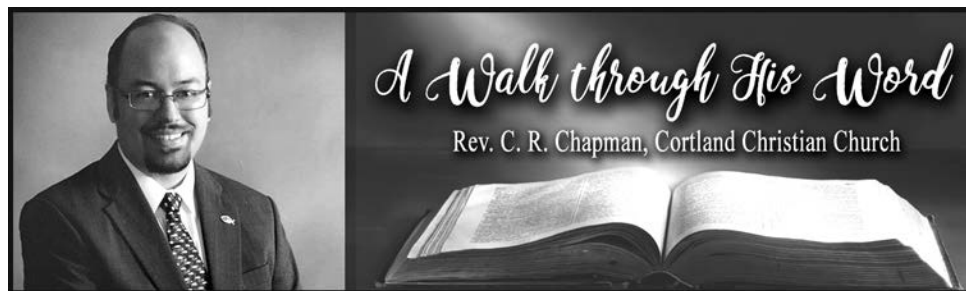
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A Walk through His Word

Rev. C. R. Chapman, Cortland Christian Church

"The Awareness of Time"

People are preparing for the holidays! Halloween has passed. Thanksgiving will soon be upon us, and before we know it Christmas will have arrived. Why is it that people delay in preparing for the holidays? They cannot believe that Christmas decorations are already on the shelves. They find it incredible that people are already adorning their homes, even if they do not light them up yet. It is because the holidays are a reminder of the rapid passage of time.

A gentleman from my congregation recently told me that now he is retired, he finds that time passes faster and faster. He even loses track of what day it is and has to ask his wife to remind him. We do not like our time getting away from us, and decorations on shelves, newspapers about preparing for the holidays remind us that yet another year has flown by faster than we realized. Perhaps this annual reminder is good for us, even if we do not like it.

Our God given lives are precious. Our worldly ambitions and pursuits are futile, according to the author of Ecclesiastes. It is good to have a reminder to pause in our busy lives

and to check our eternal estate. A busy person is like one who passes by a mirror and glances only. They move on and quickly forget what they look like. James 1:23-25 says, "Because if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror. For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works - this person will be blessed in what he does," (HCSB). 2nd Corinthians 13:5 tells us that we should, "test [ourselves] to see if [we] are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless you fail the test."

As we are reminded of the rapid and constant passage of time by this holiday season, let us pause and take time to examine our lives this year. Let us make sure that our lives are running on the right track and not going down the wide road. Let us stop what needs stopped, start what needs started, and continue what is good.

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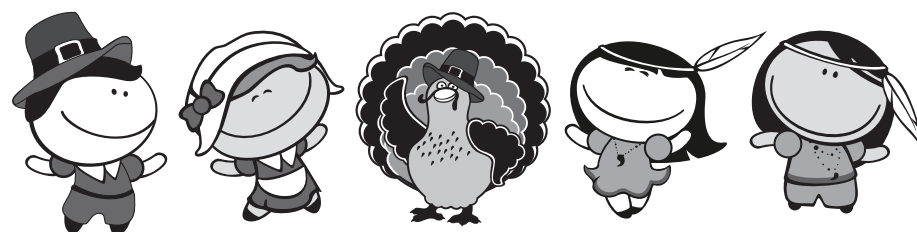
"Because if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror. For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works - this person will be blessed in what he does."
 James 1:23-25

Cortland United Methodist Church Moves to One Worship Service

An announcement from Pastor Joan Purnell. "Cortland UMC has undertaken prayerful consideration of our worship services. For several years, we have gathered for two services. In the life of the faith community there is a strong desire to come together for worship. After thoughtful discussion by the SPR & Worship committees & Ad Council it has been decided to

move to ONE worship service @ 9:30 am. This move to one worship service has been voted on and overwhelmingly approved by leadership. This will begin on November 7th, All Saints Day, as we gather to celebrate the saints of our faith community. We look forward to gathering together to praise, honor and glorify our God. Grace & Peace."

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Book Fair Returns to LES

Lakeview Elementary School students were excited for the return of the book fair! Sponsored by the Lakeview Bulldogs PTO, students had an opportunity to shop during the week of October 18, 2021, and boy did they! Record sales are being reported from the PTO with a large portion of the proceeds earning Scholastic Dollars that help us stock teacher classroom libraries! Thank you students and families for your support. A second book fair will be held in February!



Kindergarten student, Ella, shops at the Lakeview Bulldog PTO Scholastic Book Fair with her mom.

Army Field Test at LHS

A big test of strength, both physically and mentally, for some Lakeview High School students. On Friday, October 15, nearly two dozen students volunteered to participate in the U.S. Army's Combat Fitness Test. While the test typically consists of six parts, LHS students only had time to complete four. Students participated in



Lakeview High School students complete the hand release push up portion of the test.

the deadlift, where they had to do three continuous repetitions with the same weight; standing power throw, where they had to throw a 10 pound medicine ball a certain distance; hand release push ups, which they had to do continuously for two minutes; and the sprint-drag-carry relay where they have to sprint, drag a 90 pound sled, do laterals, carry two 20 pound kettlebells, and then sprint all at a distance of 25 meters. U.S. Army recruiters say the test is an



Alex carries 40 lbs of kettlebells during the Drag-Pull-Carry portion of the test.

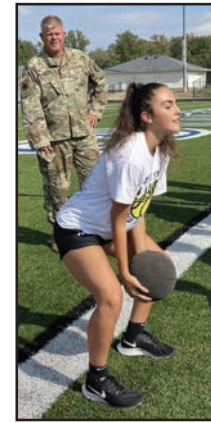


Colton completes the deadlift portion of the test. Participants had to do three repetitions at the same weight.



Mason begins his sprint in the test.

opportunity to show students physical fitness in new and different ways - not to mention give them the confidence to realize they "can" do anything!



Gianna throws a medicine ball.



Noah pulls a 90 lb sled.



LOSA Day at Varsity Soccer

On Saturday, October 9, the Lakeview Varsity Boys Soccer team hosted the Lakeview Optimist Soccer Association (LOSA) rec teams at their game. All LOSA players were invited to attend the game and got in free of charge if they wore their jersey. Players got to line both sides of the tunnel to cheer on and give high fives to the Varsity players as they were introduced prior to their game.



Color of the day



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LHS Receives College Success Award - Gold from GreatSchools.org



Lakeview High School is proud to announce that it has received a College Success Award - Gold from GreatSchools.org, the nation's leading nonprofit providing school information to parents and families. New in 2021, the Gold level distinction recognizes high schools with a multiyear track record of preparing students to succeed in college, as determined by the school having won at least two College Success Awards in recent years.

Now in its fourth year, the College Success Award recognizes and celebrates public high schools across the country that excel at helping students enroll and succeed in college based on high school level data on college preparation, enrollment, and persistence made available by their state. LHS earned the annual College Success Award in 2020

and 2021, positioning us among only 1,770 schools nationwide to earn the inaugural Gold Award.

The College Success Award is possible because Ohio is leading the nation in both collecting and transparently sharing information on how students perform after high school, which is valuable information for families, educators, and policymakers. A total of 180 schools in Ohio took home a College Success Award, with 174 others also obtaining the Gold level honor.

"Lakeview is in the top 8% of high schools in the State of Ohio for college success," says high school Principal Lawrence Herrholtz. "Our proud achievement is a direct reflection of student determination, teacher high expectations, and tremendous parent support."

LHS and St. Roberts Church partner in Soles4Souls campaign



Rachel Campolito, Hailee Hoover, Michael Horn, and Jake Wilms

The Lakeview Local School District is partnering with St. Roberts Church Youth Ministry to collect new or gently used shoes for the Soles4Souls foundation, and we would like to invite the community to join us! Soles 4 Souls is a non-profit organization that collects new or gently used shoes and ships them to women in Haiti and Honduras. The women then sell the shoes as a way to make income for their families.

All types of shoes can be donated including mens, womens, and children. The organization will take tennis shoes,

boots, sandals, etc., and they can be singles, mixed, or matched. LHS seniors Rachel Campolito, Hailee Hoover, Michael Horn, and Jake Wilms started the shoe drive at the Boos for Shoes Carnival at St. Roberts in October and have a community goal of collecting 600 shoes. Donations can be taken to the church, or the LLSD will be happy to collect all donations at any of our buildings between October 27 and December 17, 2021. Thank you for your support!

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JROTC Raider Competition

Hats off to Lakeview High School students Layton Aiello and Jasmine Baker



Layton competes in the heavy object carry portion of the competition.

who recently competed in the JROTC Raider competition. Their group, which is part of TCTC, took 6th place at the event. The event is an athletic competition that includes a physical fitness/individual strength challenge, team distance running and obstacle course, and finally a rope bridge construction/transport component. Great work cadets!



Jasmine competes in the JROTC Raider Competition.



Field trip to Orchard

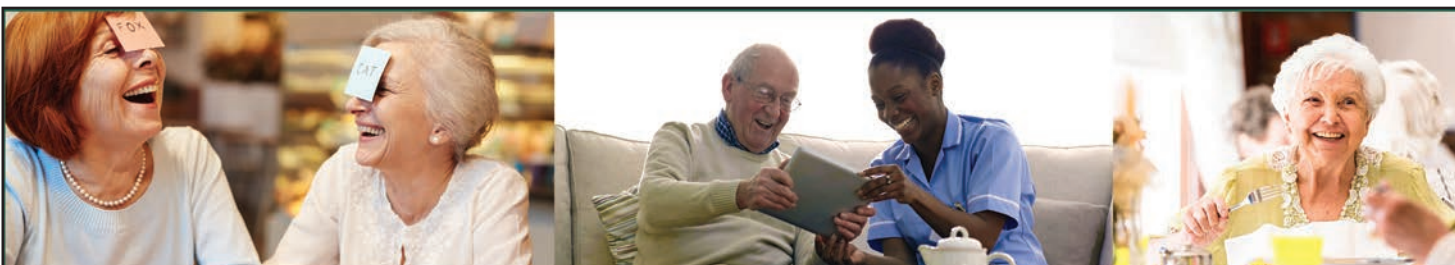
Cortland Playroom Preschool Inc had their first field trip to White House Farms since Covid. The children and the parents enjoyed themselves walking through the orchards, learning about how apples are grown along with other vegetables, they got to eat an apple on the walk, they played on the playground, and best of all they got to eat cinnamon donuts and cider for their snack.

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From the Desk of the Superintendent Velina Jo Taylor

Lakeview Schools is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan for the district. In order to reflect the needs and desires of our stakeholders, we have been in the process of gathering input and data from focus groups, community outreach opportunities, and surveys. While some may say a strategic plan is just something to put on a shelf, we are working hard to make sure it is a viable and valuable document that will help us to make forward progress in a number of important areas.

Our main areas of focus include: 1.) Internal and external communication; 2.) Academic achievement and programming/technology; 3.) Facilities, safety, and security; 4.) Finance and accountability; 5.) Climate, culture, and wellness; 6.) Human resources and staff support.

As we have worked through these areas of focus, we have outlined many individual objectives for each that will allow us to improve, grow, and measure our progress. While all of the areas and their objectives are important, we believe a few merit our immediate attention. Communication has been the number one area of concern for many constituents from the start of this process, and it is at the top of our short list of priorities. The other two areas that round out our top

three include transparency and trust. We sincerely hope our improvements in communication will help toward rebuilding trust and establishing more of a sense of transparency with our community and families. This is just the start, but it's an integral feature of our overall plan.

To date, we have re-implemented community newsletters as a means of reaching out to all our district residents, and Cortland News articles and photographs are also intended to bring school news to those who might not have another means of getting it. In addition, we are currently in the process of a complete redesign of the district website. This is an intricate and multi-layered process, and we are excited about the development of a one-stop website that will provide all the communication pieces our families have told us they want and need. If our current ambitious timeline sticks, we should be ready to launch in the winter of this school year. Stayed tuned for the big reveal.

Lakeview Local Schools will continue to grow and improve, thanks in large part to the input from so many willing participants in this journey, and our Strategic Plan will be an active and important part of that process. Together...We are Lakeview.



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Cortland Lions Club held their Annual Car Cruise-In

September 19th the Cortland Lions Club held their Annual Cortland Lions Car Cruise-In. This year they had over 70 cars participate. The appropriately named band "Speed Limit" provided live entertainment. Their famous fries were sold as money was raised to be donated to many of the great causes they support in the Cortland & Bazetta Community. And, of course, a great time was had by all.

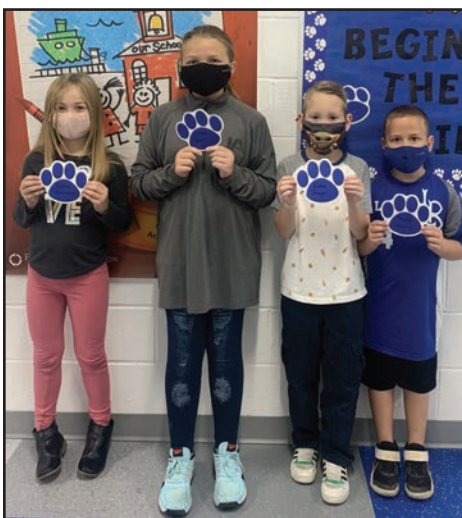


Pawsitive Students for October

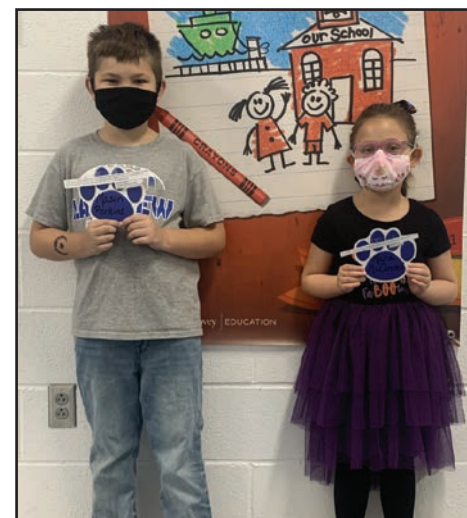
Congratulations to the LES Pawsitive Students for October! Students are nominated by teachers and staff members each week for exhibiting the Leader in Me qualities they've been learning about since the start of school. Keep up the great work LES!



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New owners to carry on JoMarie's School of Dance legacy

Jo Marie's School of Dance and Gymnastics has new owners. Aeron Koprivnak and her business partner Joe DiLallo purchased the business in August when JoMarie Ferradino retired after 47 years of teaching hundreds of area students.

You will see Aeron at the studio, managing the day to business operations. JoMarie will be around to help consult through the transition to ensure that the school continues its traditions. The goal of the new owners is to expand upon these traditions along with creating improvements to benefit the customers and the community.

Aeron and her husband Mike reside in Cortland with their children Lilly and Tyler. Lilly has attended Jo Marie's for the last five years. Although they are not from Cortland originally, they moved here six years ago and knew right away that Cortland would be their forever home. "The welcoming community, kindness, and family-oriented values is what makes Cortland so great," said Aeron.

When Jo Marie announced her retirement last spring, the Koprivnak's and Joe DiLallo approached her about selling the business and that they were interested in purchasing it. They didn't

want to see the school close.

"Our daughter had been a student there for the last 5 years and the thought of the school closing was so sad. We have made many friendships from being at Jo Marie's. So many of the members of our community bring their children here because of the sense of family values the school offers."

Joe DiLallo also is a Cortland resident. His daughter Victoria has been a student at JoMarie's for four years. "Getting Jo Marie's school back in operation this fall was such a positive thing for us that I could not let it possibly not be there for our children. Being able to provide a place in our own community that is safe, caring, and a place to grow - both physically and emotionally - it was important for me to give an effort to see it continue"

Both Aeron and Joe commented that Jo Marie has done such an amazing job with her business that taking over has been seamless and she has been a tremendous help with the transition. "Continuing Jo Marie's legacy is a privilege and honor. I truly hope that Jo Marie will be able to enjoy her retirement and have a piece of mind knowing that the business and her students are in good hands."



Victoria DiLallo, Joe DiLallo, JoMarie Ferradino, Aeron Koprivnak, Lilly Koprivnak

Lakeview YAYSL 12U soccer team wins Tournament

Congratulations to the Lakeview YAYSL 12U soccer team for winning the league tournament on Sunday, October 17, 2021 in Boardman, Ohio. Lakeview advanced to the championship game after winning a shoot out and then beat Poland 1-0 in the championship game. Including the tournament, the team finished their season with a

record of 10-2. Coached by Doug Corp and Michael Overholt, team members include Luke Beerbower, Chase Bowman, Mason Corp, Matthew Corp, D.C. Costas, Colton Elliott, Luke Elliott, Jacob Ewell, John Francisco, Liam Murphy, M.J. Nosich, and Bryce Steyer. Congratulations!



(L to R): Coach Michael Overholt, M.J. Nosich, Colton Elliott, Jacob Ewell, John Francisco, Matthew Corp, Bryce Steyer, Coach Doug Corp. Front row (L to R): Luke Beerbower, Mason Corp, Chase Bowman, D.C. Costas, Liam Murphy, Luke Elliott.

Cortland Lions Club delivers 7,800 Eye Glasses

The Cortland Lions Club delivered 7,800 pairs of used Eye Glasses to the Uniontown, Ohio Lions Club. Over the last 3-4 years the Cortland Lions Club has collected and recycled over 20,000 pair of used Eye Glasses. Through your donated eye glasses we have been able to improve the vision of 20,000 people world-wide.

Thank you to area residents who have supported our efforts. We have drop boxes located at various places in Cortland-Howland-Champion and Warren and also at local Optometrist's offices. We also have a drop box in front of the Cortland Lions Club 197 W Main St which is available 24 hours per day -7 days per week. The Cortland Lions Club also meets the needs of local residents in need of exams and Eye Glasses- in our service area.

We volunteer our time and talents to this need. Interested in serving in our Lions Club? Contact any member for a membership application or call 330-219-4879 for further details.



Recycling Team loading used Eye Glasses. Left to right- Harry Miller, Chuck Corbett and Basil Jarrett- Chairman of our Sight & Needy Committee.



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A Note From The New Editor

By Thom Foley

Some of you I know very well, others just casually or by reputation. And some of you, I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. If you fall into that final category, please drop me a note telling me about yourself and the organization you represent. I'd love to know lots more about both.

Like many of you, I am not a native 'Cortlandite' but have chosen to make it my home for over 30 years. I love to say that "Cortland is the best place in the world to live!" [and I am right about that!] I also love to point out and brag about all of Cortland's many "Hidden Gems." Some of them are businesses, some are places or events but most of them are YOU - the people of Cortland & Bazetta. And that is why this is the best place to live!

My vision of The Cortland News' responsibility to the Bazetta/Cortland community is that we should publicize all the wonderful things that happen in our community and the wonderful folks who make it happen. This can only happen if you share it with us.

Please let us know everything your organization is doing as far in advance as you can. Because of the unique nature of community newspapers, we publish every three weeks and have longer deadlines than larger publications. So, the earlier you tell us the more we can publicize it. I encourage you to not only tell us far in advance of your event but to also follow up by taking pictures and submitting information about the event so we can

show everyone what you have done.

If you know of other organizations that serve the Bazetta/Cortland area, please encourage them to contact me so I can add them to our contributors list.

I grew up in Youngstown but have considered Cortland my adopted home since 1987. After graduating from Ursuline I attended Kent and YSU earning both a BS in Business Administration and a Master's in Business Technology. I taught at YSU, TCTC Adult Ed and am still teaching at Kent Trumbull. I was honored to be named the outstanding faculty member at Kent State - Geauga. My business experience includes owning several pizza and ice cream stores, including Tom Foolery's in Cortland. For over 45 years I have played the role of Santa Claus during the Christmas season. For the last 30 years I have had a Medical Practice Consulting business helping doctors manage and market their practices. Apparently, I have completely missed the idea of what retirement is supposed to be.

Personally, I am the father of two grown children and seven grandchildren. My favorite pastime is to spend time with my grandchildren! Like a lot of you, I have been active in numerous civic and business organizations over the years - way too many to mention. And now I look forward to working with you letting everyone know WHY this is the best place to live!



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Charity Breakfast scheduled at Cortland Masonic Lodge

The Cortland Masonic Lodge has scheduled their next Saturday morning Charity Family Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at their location at 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) from 9 AM to Noon.

This breakfast will benefit the "Shop with a Police Officer" project, and all the proceeds will be donated to this worthwhile program.

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 17 months, the lodge has donated over \$11,000 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 age 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.



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Get Ready, Get Set...

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Charity Breakfast

On Saturday, November 6, the Cortland Masonic Lodge will host a charity breakfast from 9:00 to 12:00. The breakfast will be in support of Shop with a Police Officer.

Veterans Day Observance

This program will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 2 p.m. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs to the Veterans Memorial at Point Park and join the special observance.

Mecca Community Church

The church will be hosting a craft show on Saturday, November 13th from 10-3. Also on Saturday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m., they will have a free drive-in movie.

Please refrain from blowing leaves and grass into the roadways.

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. 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.

Toys for Tots

Our Cortland Fire Department is collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots Program. Collections are

being 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 calendar 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.

The Cortland Senior Center is now open Monday through Friday 9 AM - 3 PM at Cortland Christian Church.

Streetlight Outages - We are in the time of the year when it begins to get dark early and streetlights that are not working properly are more pronounced. The City of Cortland uses FirstEnergy as their electric company. Streetlight outages should be reported to them in 1 of 2 ways; by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877) or online at www.firstenergycorp.com.

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Dates to Remember

November 8th - Parks Board meeting - 5:30 p.m.

November 8th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m. (Public Hearing 6:50 p.m.)

November 15th - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

19th annual Trik-A-Thon



Bazetta Christian Childcare Center had their 19th annual Trik-A-Thon fund raiser on Oct. 11 & 12. All monies are being donated to St. Jude Hospital. Parents, grandparents, friends and the children were excited and enjoyed the two days of fun.



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Ohio heads into peak time for deer-related crashes

The Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Natural Resources want to remind motorists of the increase in deer-related traffic crashes this time of year.

Since 2016, statistics from the OSP show there were 100,672 deer-related crashes on Ohio's roadways. While 95% of deer-related crashes only resulted in property damage, 27 crashes resulted in fatal injuries to motorists, with 28 killed. Additionally, nearly half (47%) of these crashes occurred in October, November, and December.

"As we enter the peak season for car-deer collisions in Ohio, I encourage drivers to use extra caution and slow down, especially at dawn or dusk when deer are more active," said Governor DeWine. "A crash with a deer can be just as destructive as a crash with another vehicle, so it's important that drivers remember to stay alert and watch out for animals crossing the road."

Trumbull County is one of the

leading Counties for accidents.

"Always avoid distractions and keep your full focus on the roadway," said Colonel Richard Fambro of the OSP. "If you see a deer slow down, but do not swerve. If you strike a deer, move to a safe place if you are able, turn on your hazard lights, and report the crash."

According to the ODNR, deer become visibly active from late October through November. This is due in large part to the fall breeding season. While males pursue prospective mates throughout the season, they often encounter females that are not yet willing to breed, which can result in pursuits where deer will dart into roadways with little caution. This unpredictable movement leads to an increase in deer-related vehicle crashes. Cost of Deer-Vehicle Collisions:

Colliding with a deer is not only dangerous, but also increasingly costly. Recent data estimates the average insurance claim for a deer-vehicle

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Trumbull County Republican Women's Club



Bernie Moreno, Neil Patel, Gail Drushel; President of TCRWC, Mike Gibbons & Mark Pukita

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club held their October meeting with a "MEET the CANDIDATES" luncheon as their main theme. Four of the gentlemen running for the U.S. Senate seats were able to attend and offer their philosophy, ideas and experience qualifying them to run

next spring to represent Ohio in the U.S. Senate.

Membership with the Trumbull County Republican Women's Club can be obtained by contacting membership chairman, Barbara Rosier-Tryon at 330-550-1215.

Republican Party to Host Bernie Moreno

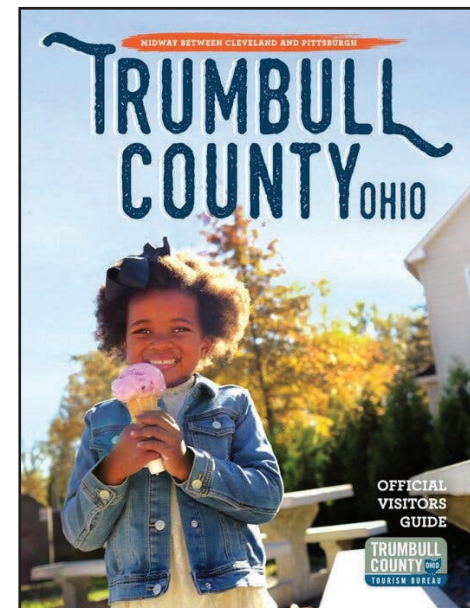
The Trumbull County Republican Party will hold their monthly breakfast at Sunrise Inn, 510 E. Market, Warren, at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 20th. Featured speaker will be Bernie Moreno, candidate for Ohio U.S. Senate in 2022. There will be a full-course buffet breakfast. Cost: \$18. You must RSVP to 330-360-8196 by November 16th. We hope to see you there!

League of Women Voters of Trumbull County

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County partnered and participated in a "Meet the Board of Education Candidates" night October 13 at Lakeview High School. This is one of many volunteer events that the League does to help inform and educate the Trumbull County Community.

Membership information can be found on Facebook: LWV of Trumbull County or by calling the League's phone number at 330-367-4886. One can also contact membership chairman, Kirsten Burkey at 330-638-7536.

Trumbull Tourism awarded for Marketing Excellence



Trumbull County Tourism Bureau (TCTB) recently received recognition for their achievements in marketing and advertising at the Ohio Travel Association's RUBY Awards presentation, held October 7 during the Ohio Conference on Tourism, the State's most prominent tourism industry professionals. Trumbull Tourism received recognition in four categories, including as a Finalist in the Video category for its 2021 Video Campaign. TCTB also achieved a Certificate of Excellence for its 2020-21 "Where's Wally" organic social media campaign. They were also awarded TWO top awards (RUBY's) for the Visitor Email Marketing Campaign and their 2020 Trumbull County Visitors Guide (also a national award winner). Accepting these awards were Kimmer Wolfinger, Membership Manager, and Beth Kotwis Carmichael, Executive Director.

The Ohio Travel Association's RUBY Awards recognize excellence in Ohio's hospitality and tourism industry for advertising, marketing, and public relations efforts. Sponsored by Ohio Magazine, the Recognizing Uncommon Brilliance (RUBY) Awards had 177 entries in 17 categories in this year's competition.

"The competition this year was fierce," said Melinda Huntley, Ohio Travel Association executive director. "Despite the hardships created by the pandemic, these professionals produced some amazing campaigns and projects that resulted in increased sales for businesses in their communities."

"Our team, the Board, Staff, and marketing partners have persevered despite the adverse effects our industry has endured this past year and a half. We're pleased that we can bring positive results to our community and that our work has been recognized nationally and now on a state level." Said Beth Carmichael, Trumbull Tourism's Executive Director.





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Christmas Concert News

By Carole Wiley

It was good to learn that plans are being discussed that would provide improvements to Mosquito Lake. A good number of these will improve the condition of the water. The number of people who visit the lake every year is growing. The estimate is now above 1.5 million! A large portion of these from out of the area. The number will undoubtedly increase due to improvements.

Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) is working to provide the Cortland and Bazetta Police forces with an item that fits perfectly with improvements and the high visitor number. Police from both forces have answered 911 calls to immediately go to the lake as someone has fallen in

the water. Police are always in the area and arrive quickly. And repeatedly the problem is they have no equipment for rescues. The Water Rescue Team (firemen) then arrive and save the victim in distress. But the police are left frustrated by their inability to initiate the rescue.

LOAF is raising funds to provide a ResQ Disc for each squad car. This Disc greatly resembles a Frisbee but has a strong nylon rope attached. The Disc is thrown to the victim and by hanging on, he can be pulled to safety. At this year's Christmas Concert on Monday, December 6th, a Disc will be on display by the police chiefs for patrons to examine and evaluate. To purchase 12 discs, one for each car, generous donations will be needed and greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate ahead of time, mail your check to LOAF PO Box 494 Cortland, Oh 44410. Please indicate in the memo line, "for ResQ Disc". For any questions, contact Carole Wiley, 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.

Merry Christmas and see you at the concert!



Mercy Health Offers Associate Education Program

Mercy Health announced a collaboration with Guild Education, the nation's leading education and upskilling platform, to offer an innovative education program to eligible Mercy Health associates.

Mercy Health will pay 100% of all part-time and full-time associates' tuition and fees for select clinical pathways including nursing, medical assistant, and laboratory programs. Associates are eligible on day one of employment. Additionally, this new education program will cover tuition assistance and tuition reimbursement for 115 academic programs, undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, and nursing degrees.

"We are committed to providing career growth to our associates as they serve our patients," said John Luellen MD, president, Mercy Health - Youngstown. "Our collaboration with Guild will open many doors for our associates, enabling them to realize their career aspirations and enhancing their ability to care for our communities."

Recent reports show that registered nursing is the fifth-most in-demand job in the American workforce. In order to address the current labor shortage, 1.2 million new registered nurses will be needed in the United States by 2030. And according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment in health care jobs is projected to grow 16% from 2020 to 2030 - much faster than the average for all occupations - adding an estimated 2.6 million new jobs.

Mercy Health has collaborated with Guild Education to help meet this demand and offer a range of educational programs to support associates with their career growth including a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, clinical certifications for pharmacy technician and medical assistant, master's degree in data analytics, and more. These programs are provided by 16 of the nation's leading universities and learning partners in

Guild's Learning Marketplace. From day one of participating in the program, Guild provides personalized coaches to support associates' educational journeys - from enrollment to graduation.

"Our healthcare sector has carried our country on its shoulders throughout the last 18 months, but our hospitals and providers are now facing significant challenges in the war for talent," said Rachel Carlson, CEO and co-founder of Guild Education. "We're honored to partner with Bon Secours Mercy Health to fill in-demand jobs today and build towards careers of tomorrow."

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By Jennifer J. Slywczak



Tips to help taxpayers decide how and when to file an amended tax return

After filing their tax return, taxpayers may find they made an error or forgot to enter something on it. The IRS strongly recommends taxpayers use the Interactive Tax Assistant, Should I File an Amended Return? to help determine if they should correct an error or make other changes to the tax return they already filed.

Why you might need to file an amended return

- Entering income incorrectly
- Not claiming credits for which they're eligible
- Claiming deductions incorrectly

The IRS may correct math or clerical errors on a return and may accept returns without certain required forms or schedules. In these instances, there's no need for taxpayers to amend the return.

Taxpayers should also wait if they expect a refund. They need to allow time for the original tax return to be processed. The IRS is automatically refunding money to eligible people who filed their tax return reporting unemployment compensation before changes made by the American Rescue Plan. It may take the agency more than 21 days to issue refunds for some 2020 tax returns that require review including incorrect recovery rebate credit amounts or returns that used 2019 income to figure the earned income tax credit and additional child tax credit.

Things you should know

You may now use tax software to file an electronic Form 1040-X. At this time, only tax year 2019 and 2020

Forms 1040 and 1040-SR returns can be amended electronically and only if the original 2019 or 2020 tax return was also filed electronically.

- If you chose not to file your 1040-X electronically you should complete a paper Form 1040-X. Mail it to the IRS address listed in the form's instructions under Where to File. Taxpayers filing Form 1040-X in response to an IRS notice should mail it to the IRS address indicated on the notice.
- You should attach copies of any forms or schedules affected by the change and need to file a separate Form 1040-X for each tax year. When mailing amended returns to the IRS, place each tax year in a separate envelope and enter the year of the original return being amended at the top of Form 1040-X.
- Always pay additional tax owed as soon as possible to limit interest and penalty charges.
- You must file Form 1040-X to claim a refund within three years from the date you timely filed your original tax return or within two years from the date you pay the tax, whichever is later.
- You can track the status of an amended return three weeks after mailing using the Where's My Amended Return? tool.

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Kent Trumbull Young Playwrights Festival

Kent State University at Trumbull's Theatre Program hopes young local talent will become the next generation of great playwrights, actors, and theatrical technicians. To that end they are inviting high school juniors or seniors to compete in Kent Trumbull Theatre's inaugural Young Playwrights Festival next spring. Participating students will submit a 15-20-minute script that will be judged by theatre professionals and faculty. The top five or six students will produce their plays

for local audiences at the Kent Trumbull Theatre, April 22-24 and April 29-May 1. The deadline for consideration is Feb. 1, 2022. For competition rules, as well as more information, visit www.kent.edu/trumbull/theatre.

Students who want to continue studying theatre and earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Studies at Kent State Trumbull can compete for theatre scholarships. High school juniors and seniors may submit their application for consideration in any one of three pathways. For the acting pathway, students will submit an audition video of two contrasting monologues. For the playwriting pathway, students will submit a 15-20-minute script. For the technical theatre pathway, students will present a technical portfolio detailing their work in the theatre. Up to six \$2,000 renewable scholarships will be offered.

"We began offering the four-year degree in Theatre Studies a few years ago, and it continues to grow," Eric S. Kildow, Professor and Theatre Director, said. "These scholarships and the Young Playwrights Festival are great ways to encourage students to follow their dreams."

For more information, as well as submission requirements, please see the theatre website at www.kent.edu/trumbull/theatre or contact Eric S. Kildow at ekildow@kent.edu or 330-675-8829.

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Spend or Invest? New Thoughts on An Age-Old Dilemma

A familiar experience for many Americans is that as fast as money comes in, it goes out the door again in pursuit of the next “must have” purchase. Such spending habits can take a toll on plans to build up savings for the future. The key is finding a balance between immediate gratification and long-term financial security.

People are juggling daily expenses, household bills, and rising costs of consumer goods. But the bigger challenge often comes when it is time to make a major purchase – a home, a car, appliances, or home improvements. When it comes to major purchases, when is the expenditure worth it, and when is the cost too prohibitive relative to your financial future?

There are a variety of ways to assess the financial value of a major purchase. The approach you choose can vary depending on the type of expenditure you make. Here are three ways to think about it:

1. Opportunity cost

Whenever you’re making a significant purchase on a product or service, you need to look at how it will impact your financial future. It is important to assess the opportunity cost of making a cash purchase today. For example, consider what could happen if instead of spending \$5,000 on an extravagant vacation, that money was invested for 20 years earning 7% per year. Over that period of time, that \$5,000 could grow to more than \$19,000 (not accounting for taxes or investment fees). Assessing potential opportunity cost is one way to better evaluate the real cost of making a significant purchase.

2. A “return on investment”

Another consideration is whether there is a payback on the purchase. For example, paying for a class or a college degree may provide a future return in the form of the potential for increased income. Anybody who has spent (or taken loans for) \$100,000 or more for a medical or law degree likely does so with a reasonable expectation that future income will more than make up the difference. A home improvement may be looked at in the same way – an investment that may be recouped in the future.

3. Borrowing the money to cover purchase costs

While it may be tempting to pay for purchases with credit cards, home equity loans or other types of financing, you have to think about how much borrowing the money will cost in the long run. The key here is to limit interest charges as much as possible. It’s not that you necessarily need to avoid all debt. In some instances, you can incur “good debt,” which is used to purchase an asset that has a long lifespan, increasing value and other potential benefits such as tax deductibility of interest. Mortgages and student loans are typically considered good debt.

Major expenditures aren’t just about the immediate benefit. You should consider whether the current

cost would become more significant over time because the money was not invested for your future.

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The City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan Public Comment Period has Ended

From the desk of Mayor Petrosky

The comment period for the draft of the City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan ended on Friday, Nov. 5. The City received many comments and recommendations! The Strategic Planning Committee will review all submissions and adjust the plan as appropriate.

The FINAL draft of the City of Cortland Updated Strategic Plan 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. We will again be asking for assistance from the community to serve on the committees implementing the Plan.

Your input throughout this process has been critical to the Plan and the City of Cortland’s future! We would like to sincerely thank all of you, who took time out of your busy lives, to make comments and suggestions, so that the Plan is truly reflective of the thoughts and wishes of our community. We believe that this effort will give us a powerful tool to guide the City forward!



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Ohio heads into peak time

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collision in Ohio is more than \$4,000. Vehicle sensors found on newer vehicles continue to increase repair costs. In fact, AAA found these new safety systems can double repair bills for minor collisions. Without adequate insurance, drivers are left footing this bill. Which is why it's important to make sure you're covered before a crash occurs.

AAA and the Ohio Department of Insurance remind drivers that the optional comprehensive coverage (also known as "other than collision" coverage) portion of an auto insurance policy often is used to pay for deer-vehicle damage repair. Collision or liability-only policies do not cover the damage.

How to avoid animal collisions:

- Scan the road ahead: Looking ahead



helps provide enough reaction time if an animal is spotted. Also, remember deer move in groups, so when there is one, there are usually more.

- Use high beam headlights if there is no oncoming traffic: This can help you spot deer or other wildlife more quickly and give you time to slow down, move over or honk the horn to scare the animal away. High beams also help in spotting animals' reflective eyes.

- Be extra cautious at dawn and dusk: Deer tend to be more active in the early morning and at dusk. That's why these are peak times for deer-vehicle collisions.

- If a collision is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane: Swerving to avoid an animal can often cause a more serious crash or cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Drivers who swerve to miss a deer and hit something else may be charged for an at-fault crash.

- Always wear a seatbelt and remain awake, alert, and sober: The chances of getting injured when hitting an animal are much higher if you don't have your seatbelt on.

What to do if you hit a deer:

- Following the collision, call the police.
- Avoid making contact with the deer/animal. A frightened and wounded animal can be dangerous and pose a threat when approached or might further injure itself.
- Activate the vehicle's hazard lights whether it's light or dark outside.
- If possible, move the vehicle to a safe location out of the roadway, and wait for help to arrive.
- Drivers should contact their insurance agent or company representative as quickly as possible to report any vehicle damage.

As always, motorists are also reminded they can dial #677 from their mobile device to be connected to the nearest Ohio State Highway Patrol Post.

Monthly Meeting Trumbull County Genealogical Society

The monthly meeting of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Warren SCOPE Center's Computer Room, 375 North Park Avenue, Warren. Marcia Buchannan, President of the Moss House Museum, will be the guest speaker. All meetings are free and open to the public. You can join them at <https://www.facebook.com/trumbullcountyohiogenealogy> and www.trumbullgenealogy.com for up-to-date information.



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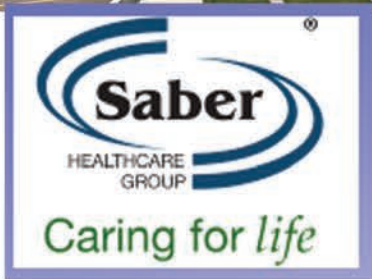
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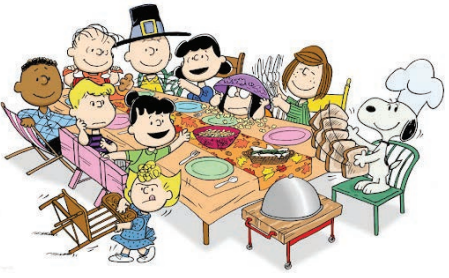
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