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Christmas in Cortland

By Rev. C.R. Chapman

"Mom, how come we haven't been to Aunt Betty's house before?" the little girl said.

"Your aunt lives so far away, and it is difficult for us to drive there too often" the mother replied.

They were from New York City and the little girl had never been out of their state, let alone to Ohio. They had driven for over 6 hours.

"Mom... are we there yet?" the 9-year-old daughter asked impatiently.

"We're almost there. Aunt Betty's exit is next."

Soon they got off route 11, on to 305, and then right on 46 at the light. Big snowflakes started filling the sky. It was almost 6 P.M. and the sun had already set when the little girl exclaimed, "Look at all of the Christmas lights!"

Slowly they drove, even taking some side streets, detouring along their way. They saw house after house lit up. They even saw children at play. Finally, in the awe of the moment, they pulled up Aunt Betty's driveway. They exited the car as the snowflakes continued to fall. Six o'clock had just struck and soon a noise echoed across the countryside.

"What is that Mom!" the girl exclaimed.

"Those are the church bells your aunt always talks about," the mother replied, and they listened as Christmas cheer filled the air.

Christmas in Cortland, Ohio, is something special. There is a real sense of Christmas Spirit in the air from the homes delightfully lit to the acts of kindness on display. People giving generously to those in need in hopes of everyone having a very happy season.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony brought people out to support the small businesses and vendors at the Holiday Craft Shows. The children get to meet Mr. Clause, and occasionally run into the Grinch. Don't worry though, I hear his heart grew three sizes since our last year. There is so much to love about this time, especially in this special place. The musicians are gearing up for another Community Christmas Band Concert. Families are gathering for Christmas parties and gift sharing. People are hustling and bustling checking off their Christmas lists and picking up their hams. They pause along the way to listen to the old-time church bells play those wonderful Christmas hymns.

Many more venture down to the frozen lake for ice skating fun. Occasionally, one happy man catches a bucket full of fish while others share

in laughter and good company while gathered in the ice huts.

Just like the businesses, churches are bustling too. They are all getting ready for their busy season as they hang the greens and put-up manger scenes. Soon, hundreds of towns folk

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Our theme will be *Happy New Year*

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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.

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 December 19 – January 14

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

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DECEMBER

19 Drive Thru "Live Nativity" /Bazetta Christian Church/4-7 PM

4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd. *See pg 6*

19 Frozen Princess Party / Presented by the Jewish Community Center

Winter Campus, 505 Gypsy Lane / 2 p.m. *See pg 9*

19 The Nutcracker at Robins Theatre Presented by Jordon Ballet

24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship/United Methodist Church/5pm & 7pm

25 Christmas Day

23, 24, 25, 31 Library closed

JANUARY

1 Library closed

8 Masonic Charity Breakfast / 3263 Everett Hull Rd. *See pg 9*

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Did you see all the specials that **Centerra** has? So many great stocking stuffer ideas!

Chrissy's Lake Tavern has gift cards! What could be better than a great meal as a gift?

Do you want **Santa Claus** to visit your kids or grandkids this coming week? See his ad and schedule him. Better hurry - he is getting really busy

Cortland Lanes tells us that they are taking reservations NOW for New Year's Eve. If you haven't tried the Cosmic bowling, you owe it to yourself to try it out.

Totally Dog has everything - and I mean everything - you need for your dog this Christmas. Check out the special they have in their ad!

My friend just bought a vehicle from **Mark Thomas Ford**. He says he not only got a great deal, but they were super friendly and very helpful. Local people doing business with local people!

Belleria Pizza has some great coupons in this issue. Perfect for the football games or your NY Eve party

Cortland Sparkle has everything you will need for your holiday parties and meals. No need to go out of town just to pay more money! Stay local and save.

The **Village Barber Shop** has gift cards. What a great idea for a personal gift!

I just bought a gift basket for my friend from **Vasilio's**. They also have party trays and gift cards.

Mr. Hero has gift cards also. Feel free to buy me some!

Did you know that **Apostolakis Honda** has a great service department? They can service any type of vehicle.

After the holidays are over, I am going to have **Campbell Carpet & Flooring** finish my new office. This time I'm going with the Luxury Vinyl Planks. Don't believe the hype that the big box stores tell you. The bottom line is cheaper at a locally owned store. And you get much better service.

Keep **Daffron Auto Body's** number handy. We are due for some bad weather. Hopefully you won't need to call them but if you do get into a fender bender go with a company you can trust!

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Ralph McCord joins The Cortland News Sales Staff

We welcome to our staff at the Cortland News - Ralph McCord who will be a Sales Representative in our Advertising Sales Department. Ralph has 45 years of Industrial Sales experience and will be an asset to our Hometown Newspaper.

Ralph is a life-long resident of Cortland and a graduate of Youngstown State University. He is married to Paula McCord and his sons are Dr Christopher McCord, a local Dentist, and Kevin McCord - a Surgical Neurophysiologist in Charlotte, NC. Ralph and his sons are graduates of Lakeview High School. Paula's daughter, Leah Madera is a Manager in the St Vincent Health System in Indiana.

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Maplewood Rocket Fuel helps feed the Community

Teams up with area Businesses and organizations

The Maplewood Rocket Fuel, the backpack program/pantry, recently has received a number of donations to help feed area families. Local businesses Cortland Mower Sales and Cortland Sparkle Market along with Greene Nazarene and Greene Township, Johnston Civic Club and a \$30,000 grant with an additional possible \$10,000 matching grant from the Empowerment Foundation. They also recently provided Thanksgiving Boxes to 19 families (111 people).

Cortland Mower collected almost 200 tote bags of food which they donated to the Rocket Fuel program, Lakeview High School Pantry and The Patchwork Foundation for Badger Schools. They raffled off a DeWalt battery powered mower. Contributors received 5 chances for every tote bag they donated. The drawing will be held December 18 and the winner will be announced in the next issue of The Cortland News.



Heidi Keller and Sam Boyd of Cortland Mower, Ali Eschman, Coordinator of the Rocket Fuel program

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Northeast Ohio Junk Removal Opens in Cortland



Cortland now has a family-owned junk removal service - Northeast Ohio Junk Removal Inc. Ryan Stan is the owner and a Cortland resident who has had a passion for trash and recycling removal since he was young. This lifelong passion and dream led Ryan and his wife Jennifer to form Northeast Ohio Junk Removal, Inc in 2018.

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Life Insurance Basics

The end of the year is good time to look at financial circumstances and consider if changes need to be made. There are many reasons you may want to consider a life insurance policy. Life insurance is meant to replace income and/or cover expenses that are left when a person passes. Some things to consider:

- Are there family members that rely on your income for housing, food, utilities, childcare, etc.?
- Do you have outstanding debts that would need to be paid?
- Are your funeral costs covered?

There are many different types of life insurance with varying costs and terms that can be designed to meet individual needs. Typically, the younger and healthier you are when you first purchase a policy, the less you will pay for that policy. There are three main types of life insurance: Term, Whole and Universal Life.

Term life insurance is typically the least expensive option. However, these policies usually have an initial period, such as 10 or 20 years, during which the rate remains the same and after that time the rates can increase as you age. With Term Life, the benefit is generally only paid upon the death of the insured with no other benefits or cash value to the policy.

Whole and Universal life insurance are more expensive options, but the rates will typically not increase, and most policies will build up a cash value that can be accessed if the policy is


surrendered prior to death. Universal life differs from whole life in that the premium payments can be flexible if the policy is funded properly. Both policies will remain in effect for life without loss of coverage if premiums are paid timely. These policies can be tailored to individual needs through add-on options or "riders". Some examples of riders would be a benefit where premiums are paid automatically if you become terminally ill, or if there is a cash value built up with the policy, you could choose to have the premiums paid from that cash value instead of making payments.

There is a lot of television advertising for "Final Expense Insurance". This is a type of whole life insurance. It is usually purchased by someone who is over 50 and is intended to be used to cover burial and other final expenses. There are different types of policies, but the approval process is usually streamlined and easier than other life insurance policies. Benefit amounts are typically smaller (\$5,000 - \$25,000) and just enough to cover final expenses. The premiums are designed for people on a fixed budget with consistent and controlled costs that are paid monthly until the time of death.

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Yvonne has been with SCOPE for nearly ten years and has served in several positions such as bookkeeper and the Center's Program Manager. Her support during the AARP free tax

preparations and restart of the centers will bode well for her experience to get Howland up and running quickly.

Yvonne previously served as the manager of the Champion Center. and has been recognized in the past as one of the outstanding staff members by SCOPE's parent organization, Family & Community Services.

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Northeast Ohio Junk Removal

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mattresses, yard debris, dirt, concrete, fencing, sheds, play structures, exercise equipment, carpet, car batteries, tires, toys, and even clean out a whole house/apartment and much more," said Ryan. "We are Environmentally friendly as we donate items in good condition to local charities and recycle items such as metal, cardboard and other items. If too much clutter and junk are weighing you down- create more space in your life give us a call and we can help."

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What's your favorite Christmas memory?

By Rev. Joan Purnell Cortland UMC

One of mine is from several years ago when our granddaughter Piper was three. Piper helped to hand out the many gifts under the tree. After all the gifts had been distributed, Piper turned to the stack of gifts for her. Looking at them, she excitedly exclaimed, "Let's do this!" When Piper said, "Let's do this!" she was saying, let's tear off the wrapping paper. Let's see what's inside. Let's see what fun, exciting, wonderful things are waiting to be discovered.

Soon you will open your Christmas gifts. You will discover if the gifts are fun or exciting or wonderful or like Piper, you may dismiss a box of clothes or two. The truth is, I don't truly want to reflect on the individual gifts you may find under the tree. My question

is, "Have you opened your heart to the greatest gift of Christmas? God's gift of Jesus Christ?"

In the incarnation of Jesus, God gives God's own self. This is what God wanted to give. God knew that the giving of his only Son was the only gift that would express the depths of God's love for you and for me. So, if you haven't opened your heart to this gift of God, in the words of Piper, "Let's do this!"

This Christmas may you experience the promise fulfilled. "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us" (Isaiah 9:6). May you open your heart to God's gift of love to you, his Son Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

Cortland United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve, December 24th worship is planned for 5 pm & 7 pm. You are invited to join us for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during our traditional candlelight services.

Thank you for taking all the tags off the Angel Tree! Through your generosity several children and seniors will receive Christmas gifts.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near (Philippians 4:4-5).

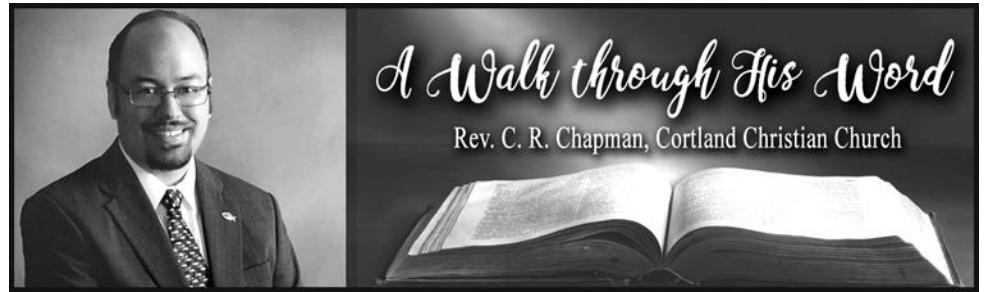


Fowler United Methodist Church Organ Dedication

On Dec 6 Fowler United Methodist Church dedicated their Johannes Organ to service in the life of their church. The public is invited to come and experience the unique sounds of this special organ.

The music program was presented by E. Ray Pebbles, Senior Organist Artist in Residence at First United Methodist Church of Shreveport for over 25 years. He serves as primary organist, director of the choirs, director of hand bells, directed and played for summer musicals, accompanist for the

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The Meekness of Christmas

You have heard it preached that a Christian is to be meek. Most assume the meaning of this word, "meek". They assume it to mean weak. To let others walk over them, and to walk on eggshells around people who are not believers. This is not meekness. According to the Webster's Dictionary meekness is a characteristic of a person who demonstrates mild temper. They are not easily provoked. A meek person is patient, not vain nor haughty. They are submissive.

Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth not in weakness but in meekness. He was submissive to His Heavenly Father who sent Him. There in that manger laid Christ, the member of the Trinity who created the Heavens and the Earth. Their laid power and authority but set aside in the meek estate of a newborn babe.

Jesus would grow and demonstrate meekness throughout His ministry. He was not afraid of telling the Truth of the Father's message and as a result people were offended. If Jesus offended nobody, then no one would have wanted to crucify Him. Yet, Jesus was meek. He used not His rightful power to force His people to believe. He used not His power to smite His enemies, nor did He use His power to circumvent the crucifixion. He was submissive to the Father even to the point of death.

We can all learn from the meekness that Jesus demonstrated. Let us not be vain. Let us be slow to be provoked. Let us be patient. Let none of us be haughty but let us be Christ-like in all that we do. Let us be meek this Christmas. Merry Christmas.



The Cortland Salvation Army Thanks You

The Cortland Salvation Army would like to thank everyone who has volunteered ringing the kettle bell at Walmart this year. We also would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our community who donated to our campaign. Every bit helps. If you missed donating this year during our kettle drive, there is still time. Please send any donation to the Cortland Salvation Army Unit to P.O. Box 536, Cortland, Ohio 44410. Please make any checks payable to the Cortland Salvation Army Unit.

The Cortland Salvation Army Unit is here to help those in need. If you are in the Cortland area and have found yourself in need, please reach out to us to see how we can assist you and what we offer in our local area. Our local unit number is 330-531-5718.



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!

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LHS Senior Signs Letter of Intent to Play Softball at West Liberty University

Lakeview Bulldogs Senior Kylie Imes will continue her academic and athletic career at West Liberty University in West Virginia. Imes officially signed a Letter of Intent on Thursday, November 18, 2021 to play with the Hilltoppers.

Imes is a three-year letter winner for Lakeview High School and has started at shortstop for the Bulldogs since her freshman year. Imes has also seen time at second and third bases. In addition to high school softball, Imes also plays travel softball for Wolfpack '04, where she boasts a .550 batting average. During summer tournaments in South Dakota, Imes racked up a .880 batting average and five (5) home runs. In addition to softball, Imes is a scholar athlete at Lakeview, taking five college credit plus classes and is also a member of the LHS Youth Led prevention group, Senior Beta club, PANDA, and student council.

"I'm super excited to play softball at West Liberty University," Imes says. "I love the family-like atmosphere throughout the school and team. I'm excited to see where this takes me!"

West Liberty University is a four-year institution located in West Liberty, West Virginia. The WLU Intercollegiate Athletics program offers 18 men's and women's sports. They are a member of the Mountain East Conference (MEC) as well as Division II of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Congratulations Kylie!



Cortland Fire Department Visits Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a special visit from the Cortland City Fire Department! Students got to see the fire truck up close, look at equipment, and learn more about fire safety during their visit. Thank you CFD for taking time out of your day to come visit our pups!

Lakeview High School Inducts 40 New Members into the National Honor Society



On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 40 new members were inducted into the Lakeview High School National Honor Society. Membership in the National Honor Society is open to qualified juniors and seniors maintaining an academic requirement of a 3.2 cumulative grade point average. Chapters across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These four ideals are considered as the basis for selection along with their academic achievement. Congratulations to our new members. 2021-22 inductees are: Madison Bayus,

Alexis Busefink, Ella Chadwick, Lindsay Dean, Lola English, Eliza Farr, Rocco Ferraro, Gavin Franks, Alexis Garcia, Erica Giesey, Dino Haidaris, Zachary Haley, Anastasia Hall, DinaMarie Johnson, Tara Lytle, Xavier Madorma, Stefanos Makroglou, Caitlin Mark, Madeline Mathews, Ella Moss, Cole Oriti, Margaret Pavlansky, Sydney Peterson, Isabel Petrilla, Alexandria Piacquadio, Aylah Purdum, Lily Ramos, Joshua Reighard, Caroline Roche, Emma Schmader, Brooke Schneider, Kylie Schwartz, Tracie Shockey, Thomas Spencer, Abigail Sprockett, Makayla Strauss, Glenn Tolliver, Brianna Wistar, ShayLynn Wall, Kristina Zimomra.

LHS Art Students Visit Butler Institute of American Art



Art students view a painting done by their teacher, Mr. Piper, during a tour of the Butler Institute of American Art.

In November, Lakeview High School Art students were given an in-person tour of the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown. While there, students were able to view the museum's permanent collection along with the rotating shows. Students saw works from the American impressionism era to contemporary works such as abstract Expressionism and the pop art movement. They were also able to see a painting done by their teacher, Mr. Piper, hanging in the Area Artist exhibition. The trip provides a unique experience for students, exposing them

to fine works of art. Mr. Piper says, "As an art educator I feel it is important to allow students to interpret the visual arts through personal experience. I feel a work of art can be much more impressive and communicative when seen in person. The students often prove this theory with a newfound vitality in the art room after a trip to an art exhibition."



From the Desk of the Superintendent

Velina J. Taylor

As we reflect on 2021, we see so much for which to be thankful. Our students are back in their classrooms five days a week and all day; we have been able to enjoy performances, sporting events, and celebrations that have been missing or greatly restricted due to the ongoing pandemic. Our district has adapted to new information and made changes that ensure continuing safety while also allowing for long-held traditions and practices that we had to abandon for a time.

In November, our community supported the renewal of a permanent improvement levy. The money from that levy will provide a steady infusion of funds for the next five years to be dedicated to the repair and improvement of district facilities and/or for the purchase of equipment that lasts more than five years.

Also in November, we had a record number of interested citizens run for three open Board of Education seats. This fact shows we have an engaged and involved citizenry that understands the value of public service. While neighboring districts may have had unfilled Board vacancies, we have been blessed with three individuals who are ready and willing to work in this governance role. We look forward to officially welcoming Angela Campana, Mark Harper, and Dani Scherer to our Board of Education at our January 10th meeting.

As we return to classes following the New Year, we look forward to a second semester that includes more opportunities to celebrate milestones and achievements for our students, our district, and our community.

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Holiday Decorations Honor Town's History & Memories

By Sally Lane

Some of the nicest features of our town are the seasonal decorations on Main Street and along Park Avenue. From flags in summer to Halloween pumpkins, to holiday snowflakes and a church carillon playing hymns, our town is a special spot.

Cortland is fortunate to have people who care. One of these is Flo Hutton.



For all her life here in town, Flo, as she is known by almost everyone, has inspired an appreciation of Cortland and its history. One of her projects was repairing our historic Casterline Cemetery on South High Street in 2007. Her efforts helped the cemetery to be recognized with a historical marker, and a new fence built around it.

The cemetery is on a national list of historic cemeteries because it is the final resting place for several Revolutionary War soldiers. Others buried there fought in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War. Recently some visitors from Utah toured the cemetery as part of a genealogy search. They were related to the Hamptons and Dray families buried there. They also donated money that paid for the repair of a carved eagle that belonged on one gravestone and the resetting of other stones.

When Flo realized that the cemetery would not be decorated for the holidays, she recruited her friend Mary Kachurik Markovich to help her. Garland and wreaths were added to the fencing and the historical marker.

The two women also decorated the small fence area by the skating rink that honors her late grandson Jarrett. "We bought garland and ribbons and made bows" They put wreaths and garlands on the fence, raked and cleaned up the grass. Flo and her son Rick Hutton also take care of this spot.

Yvonne Reventlow ...continued from page 5

Yvonne is originally from Long Island, New York and lives in Warren with her two children Victoria and Jake.



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Christmas in Cortland...continued from front page

will gather and light candles. They will celebrate the birth of a Savior and remember the days of old and the simplicity of life.

Children are eager to wake their moms and dads and loved ones alike announcing in that sharp excited voice, "It's Christmas, wake up! It's Christmas!" Parents are cooking the dinner as children run out on Christmas day to play. Snowmen pop up and kindly invade the land.

Cortland is a place of magic. It is a place of old-world charm. What is Christmas in Cortland? Christmas in Cortland is remembering our country roots. It is remembering our neighbor. It is freely giving cheer to the less fortunate. It is watching children at play. Christmas in Cortland is simply magical. Do not miss the opportunity to enjoy this Christmas.

Merry Christmas.



Construction Begins for Veterans Memorial, Phase II

The Veterans Memorial Committee has announced that the deck feature at the memorial is now under construction. The construction had been planned to begin back in July, but several issues, most of which were pandemic related, caused repeated delays.

This deck was part of the original design plans, but the committee decided to hold off on this feature at the time the initial phase was built and dedicated in 2018. The major contributors to this Phase II project are Wollam Chevrolet, Window World, and American Legion Post 540 of Cortland. Also, Quilters Fancy of Cortland donated a special patriotic quilt which was raffled to raise funds.

The deck will serve as a stage or platform when special events are held, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances, Community Band performances, family gatherings, and personal solitude. The committee is planning a dedication ceremony to be announced soon.

Although the deck signifies the completion of the Veterans Memorial, the public can continue to order engraved pavers and have them placed at the site to honor a veteran. Order forms are available at Cortland City Hall and Cortland Mower Sales.



Frozen Princess Party at JCC Skating Rink

Jewish Community Center of Youngstown will hold a free Frozen Princess Party from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 19 at its Winter Campus, 505 Gypsy Lane. Participants will skate with Disney princesses and take pictures at the selfie station. Special treats will be available for purchase at the Ice Shack. Skate rentals are available. Visit jccyoungstown.org/wintercampus to register.

The JCC Winter Campus offers free skating and a curling lane for the community. The synthetic rink and curling lane do not require below freezing temperatures. The Winter Campus at the JCC is made possible through generous grants from Youngstown Foundation, Western Reserve Health Foundation, and J. Ford Crandall Memorial Foundation. The premier sponsor is Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Valley Race Course. Other sponsors are CR Electric, ACME Steak & Seafood Co., Mom's Meals, and Servpro.

Jewish Community Center of Youngstown offers social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs in a Jewish environment. Everyone is welcome.



Cortland Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast

The Cortland Masonic Lodge has scheduled their next Saturday morning Charity Family Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at their location at 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) from 9 A.M. to Noon. This breakfast will benefit the Rainbow Girls, West Farmington Assembly.

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

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Lakeview Drumline performs

The Lakeview Drumline "stole the show" at the Annual Packard Christmas Concert Sunday, December 5, 2021. They performed The Little Drummer Boy during their set and then joined program dancers, Santa and Mrs. Claus on stage for a sing along with the Packard Band.




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Scope Welcomes Carol Bovee

SCOPE Senior Services is happy to announce that Carol Bovee is the newly hired receptionist for the Warren Area Senior Citizen Center located at 375 North Park Ave. in downtown Warren.

Many of you who have visited the Warren Center have had the opportunity to meet Carol who has been a volunteer with SCOPE for nearly six months. After her husband passed away she was looking for the opportunity to spend time helping people and felt SCOPE was a group where she could do the most good.

Carol has also been active for many years and serves as the Vice President of the Trumbull Senior Productions Company. She has a wonderful voice and sings for the senior group at their shows throughout the years. She was recognized in 1960 as Ohio's Talent Queen as a teenager at 17 years of



age. Carol has also jumped right in with instructing our Crocheting class on Mondays and has personally made items for Scope's sister agency Someplace Safe.



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Multiple LHS Athletes Selected to Northeast 8 Fall All-Conference Teams

Once again Lakeview showed it produces not just academic champions but also Athletic Champions. Congratulations to the following LHS students on their selection to Northeast 8 Fall All-Conference Teams!

- Maddie Bayus: 2nd Team, Volleyball
- Emily Bennet: 1st Team, Cross Country
- Addison Briell: 1st Team, Cross Country
- Alexis Busefink: 1st Team, Soccer
- Rachel Campolito: 1st Team, Cross Country
- Jalyn DeLeon: 1st Team, Cross Country
- Nicholas Dorma: 2nd Team, Soccer
- Nate Fox: 1st Team Defense, Football
- Zac Haley: 1st Team Cross Country
- Anastasia Hall: 2nd Team, Soccer
- Ava Hipple: 1st Team, Soccer
- Hailee Hoover: 2nd Team, Cross Country
- Michael Horn: 1st Team, Golf
- Cassie Klotz: 2nd Team, Golf
- Tara Lytle: 1st Team, Volleyball
- Maggie Pavlansky: 1st Team, Volleyball
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Christmas Tree Lighting Event in Magical Cortland

A perfect example of why Cortland is the best place to live was shared by hundreds of area residents on November 27, at the Tree Lighting Event in downtown Cortland. What started as a celebration of Small Business Saturday grew into a Norman Rockwell type event.

From a horse drawn carriage bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to town in a perfect snow fall to children helping the Grinch find his heart, this memorable occasion had a little bit of everything for everyone.



When Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in the horse drawn carriage the Grinch tried to wave them away, but they weren't having it. Mrs. Claus gave him a little what for and then they headed down the candy cane lane to their red tent. They sat next to the fireplace and Christmas tree where they gave out goodie bags full with donations from other local residents, organizations and businesses.

This was put together by the owner of Just Pizzelles, Christina Benton, but with participation from local residents and businesses it gathered its own steam pretty quickly. It seemed like each day she was posting thank you messages to another sponsor or helper.

To make our Cortland Christmas tree lighting festivities a success

numerous area organizations, businesses and individuals all did something.

Our Cortland Rotary sponsored carriage rides that had long strands of jingle bells attached to their harnesses and LED lights lit up the sleigh. The talented Lakeview HS Choir led the joyous crowd in Christmas Carols. Santa & Mrs. Claus were sponsored by Ruddy Insurance, Cortland Lions Club and Cortland Rotary.

The beautiful tree was donated by Dee & Tim Aston while Bob's Tree Service and the City of Cortland Service Department donated Tree prep Services. There was a tent, sponsored by the Lakeview Bulldog PTO, for children to make ornaments to hang on the tree. The children were helped by Volunteers from Lakeview Teachers Association.

The Cortland Lions Club passed out hot chocolate and cookies. 717 Credit Union donated to the goodie bags. Farmer's Bank continued the tradition of letting us use the Cortland Bank's parking lot, thank goodness!

Bulldog Undercoating, Daybreak Music, Dead Dale's Comics, Lawrence Chiropractic, Kevin Piros City Council President, Petrosky Brothers Construction, Mosquito Lake Association, Mark's Signs and I'm sure many others all contributed time, materials and funding to make this a HUGE SUCCESS!

At 6:00 after the church bells rang, the crowd counted down to the actual lighting of the tree while it snowed and snowed and snowed! All of this was free to the attendees. How often can you say that? It hits you in the "feels good zone" doesn't it? More than once people commented that it seemed like a Hallmark movie. That's why we all love this town, and it is the best place in the world to live!

Editor's Note - Vicky Smith, Ralph McCord and Christina Benton contributed to this story.



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KSU Trumbull Student Government Fill Thanksgiving Bags for Students in Need



Kent State Trumbull's Undergraduate Student Government (USG) collected food and money to fill Thanksgiving bags for campus students and families in need. Tanner Noble (President), Ally Phibbs (Vice-President), Brianna Farmer (Treasurer), and Nadia Currence (Treasurer) coordinated the giveaway with help from Nancy Barker, Coordinator for Student Life/USG.

Each family received a frozen turkey and a bag with items such as potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, apple or pumpkin pie, cornbread, dinner rolls, apple sauce, and much more. A total of 21 bags were filled with dinners for four to ten people.

"This is something that we really wanted to do," Noble said. "We were

able to launch the Care Closet and food pantry that the previous USG initiated, and it made total sense to reach out and help families on this special day of thanks."

Campus and community organizations and individuals who participated include Kent State Trumbull FT NTT Association, English Club, Student Veterinary Technology Organization, S.E.E.D.S., Bowling Team, Building Black Leaders, Student Nurses Association, TCTC's National Technical Honor Society, TCTC's Business Professionals Association, TCTC's Health Occupations Students of America, the Cooney Family, The Tanner Family, Champion Fire Department, Believers Church, and Ravenna Giant Eagle.

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Our offices will be closed to celebrate the holidays on December 24th and 31st. If you wish to drop off a water bill payment you can still do so. Just slip your envelope into the secure drop box next to the front door. Another option for the future is to pay your water/sewer bill online at <https://cortlandoh.authoritypay.com/>.

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.

Sled Hill

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Cortland Library

The library will be closed for the holidays on December 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Dates to Remember

December 24th and 31st - City Administration offices closed in observance of the holidays.

January 3rd - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

January 10th - Parks Board meeting - 5:30 p.m.

January 10th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.

*** Due to the holidays falling on a Saturday, Republic Services pickup will not be delayed for Christmas or New Year's. ***

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Organ Dedication

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chancel choir and accompanist for the chamber choir in worship services and concerts. He has traveled regionally and internationally as accompanist for the chancel choir and chamber choirs.

He has performed with the Florida, Memphis and Shreveport Symphony Orchestras and also served as assistant director, and participated in the French Organ Music and British Organ Music Seminars every other year since 1997, performing at several noted Cathedrals and churches including Notre Dame, St. Sulpice, Paris, and Westminster Abbey, London.

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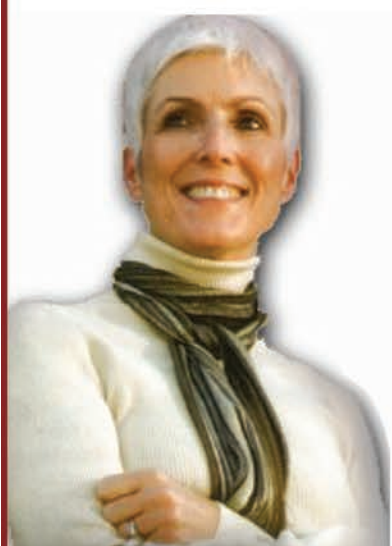
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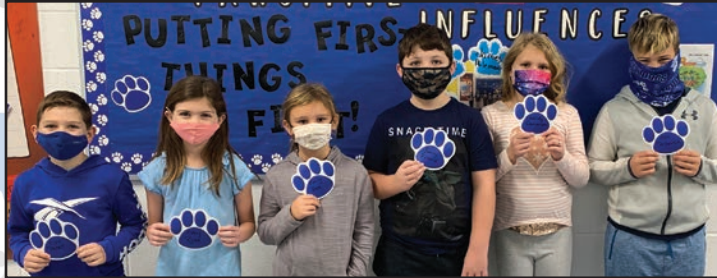
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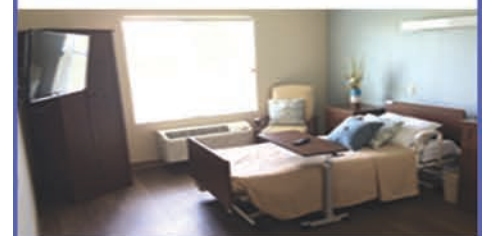
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News From the Cortland Lions Club

Your Cortland Lions Club met on December 1st and the membership approved the following:

- donated \$1800 to the Lakeview Athletic Boosters and \$1800 to the Lakeview Band Boosters as a result of Football Fridays with our member's selling French Fries at Lakeview Home Football Games.

- Donated \$2,250 to Cortland Area Cares in support of our local Food Bank.

- Donated \$2,350 in support of residents in need at the Lions Club sponsored Cortview Village.

The above two donations are in the form of Gift Cards purchased from Cortland Sparkle. We purchase local in support of Small Businesses.

- We also will be providing a Pizza Party to the residents of Boyd's Home in Kinsman this month.

This year has been a busy year for our Club and a rewarding year for our members as we served our Community with the following fund raisers.

- Cortland Lions Club Street Fair
- Our Annual Car Show was a free event for exhibitors this year

- Collected over 7,800 pairs of used Eye Glasses from our various donation boxes and made them available to people and organizations in need worldwide

- Hosted our Street Fair Appreciation Dinner at the Cortland Opera House-honoring over 45 people who helped make this year's Street Fair possible

- Partnered with the Love Life Foundation in resetting or straightening 50 head stones at Hillside Cemetery

- Paid for a number of Eye Exams and Eyeglasses for area residents in need

- Awarded six \$500 Scholarships to area Students

- Donated to the Christian Church Bell Fund

- Donated to the Care A Lot Foundation

- Donated \$1000 to various Ohio Lions Projects

- Donated to your local Girl Scouts

- We allow the use of our facilities to sponsor local Cub Scout & Boy Scout Troops

- Donated to the Warren Rescue Mission

- We also accomplished other Community Service activities that go unnamed.

The above activities were accomplished by only 29 members with an average age of 60. We lost one member who passed away and one member who moved to Michigan. However, we have gained 5 new members this year, which we are very thankful for. We are the longest serving service organization in Cortland - chartered in 1939, 82 years of continuous service.

The District Governor, Judith Young, recently visited and said "It energized my spirit to see and hear about the great things the club has done to serve in the community!"

Want to put your time and talents to work in our community with like-minded men and women? Consider making application to join the Cortland Lions Club.



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support group and temporary, emergency shelter. Everyone deserves healthy relationships.

They have an immediate need for the following: body wash for adult and children, body lotion for adult and children, Dove bar soap, bath towels, twin and full-size comforters, twin and full-size sheet sets, pillows and everyday essentials such as toothpaste, shampoo, and other daily toiletries.

Most times the abused shows up at the emergency shelter with only what they are wearing. Young children have none of their comfort items.

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Gig workers: Here comes an estimated tax deadline

If you're a gig worker or otherwise self-employed, and you don't have taxes withheld from a paycheck, you likely must make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS. Be advised that the fourth quarter 2021 estimated tax payment deadline for individuals is coming up on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

A pay-as-you-go system

If you do have some withholding from paychecks or payments you receive but you receive other types of income such as Social Security, prizes, rent, interest and dividends, you may still have to make estimated payments. And if you fail to make the required payments, you may be subject to a penalty as well as interest.

Generally, you need to make estimated tax payments for 2021 if you expect withholding to be less than the smaller of 90% of your tax for 2021 or 100% of your 2020 tax. (The applicable amount is 110% of your 2020 tax if your 2020 adjusted gross income was more than \$150,000, or \$75,000 if married filing separately.)

Sole proprietors, partners and S corporation shareholders generally must make estimated tax payments if they expect to owe \$1,000 or more in tax when filing a tax return.

Quarterly due dates

If you're new to estimated tax payments, be prepared to submit them throughout the year. The due dates are typically April 15, June 15, September 15 and January 15 of the following year. However, if the date falls on a weekend

or holiday, the deadline is the next business day.

Estimated tax is calculated by factoring in expected gross income, taxable income, deductions and credits for the year. The easiest way to pay estimated tax is electronically through the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System. You can also pay estimated tax by check or money order using the Estimated Tax Payment Voucher, or by credit or debit card.

Seasonal businesses

Most individuals make estimated tax payments in the four installments. You simply determine the required annual payment, divide the number by four and make four equal payments by the due dates.

However, you may be able to make smaller payments during some quarters under an "annualized income method." This can be useful to people whose income isn't uniform over the year, perhaps because of a seasonal business. You may also want to use the annualized income method if a large portion of your income comes from capital gains on the sale of securities that you sell at various times during the year.

The correct amount

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New Metal Detecting Club Set To Start

Trumbull Treasure Hunters, a new metal detecting club serving Cortland and surrounding areas started Friday December 10. The group's initial meeting was at the Johnston Senior Center, 5922 Warren Meadville Rd., Cortland. The days and times of regularly scheduled weekly meetings beginning in January will be announced after January 1.

According to Interim coordinator, Bob Woofter, there is a great deal of



local interest in the hobby and with so many receiving metal detectors as Christmas gifts the time is ripe for a new group to share their enthusiasm and experience with veteran as well as new hobbyists. No experience or equipment is required to attend. Additional information may be obtained by calling Bob at 330.442.9669 or the Center at 330.924.0412.

Library Hours for the Holidays

All Warren, Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed for the Holidays on these dates:

- Thursday, December 23
- Friday, December 24
- Saturday, December 25
- Friday, December 31
- Saturday, January 1, 2022



Prepare for the Financial Side of the Holidays

The holidays can push budgets past their limit as people do more entertaining, attend more events, dine out and participate in gift exchanges. Whether you're gathering in person or celebrating at a distance this year, it will be tempting to overspend. Here are some tips to help you plan for a less financially hectic 2021 holiday season.

Create a holiday budget. The last month of the year offers many opportunities to splurge. Prevent unfettered spending by setting a "do-not-exceed" dollar amount for holiday-related expenses. Include all purchases tied to the season, from gift giving to refreshing your holiday wardrobe, buying decorations, entertaining and more.

Track your expenses. A budget is only useful when you track your expenses against it. Keep receipts for purchases and tally expenses at the end of each shopping excursion. Check your totals to make sure you're not exceeding your budget—and are prepared to make returns if you have.

Manage your expectations. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect global supply chains, causing disruptions in many different and surprising product categories. Merchants of all sizes will have product shortages and may offer less merchandise choice overall. Prices will be higher too, driven by increased demand, inventory shortages and higher than normal inflation. And don't expect fire sales as we get closer to the holidays. Retailers will be unlikely to discount product that's flying off the shelves.

Shop early. More than ever, this year you'll want to give yourself plenty of time to do your holiday shopping. Both brick and mortar and online stores will be affected by the supply chain challenges. Be flexible. You might have to spend more time looking for what you want. You may need to switch gears if you can't fulfill your initial wish list. And if you need to ship your gifts, keep in mind that the holidays always cause shipping delays, but this season the slowdown is predicted to be greater than usual.

Plan for increased shipping costs. In addition to inflated prices on general merchandise, shipping costs are spiking upward as well. The U.S. Postal Service has announced price hikes, and other major shipping carriers are also raising their prices to counteract higher oil prices and staffing shortages.

Give differently. If the gifts you want to buy are in short supply or "things" aren't your thing, consider ticking off your gift list by giving experiences. Local restaurants are eager to make up for months of lost business. Likewise, theaters and sporting events are finally opening up and need to fill seats that have been empty too long. You could also consider giving financial gifts to your loved ones such as a partially funded savings account, Roth IRA, savings bond or an appointment with a financial advisor. And finally,

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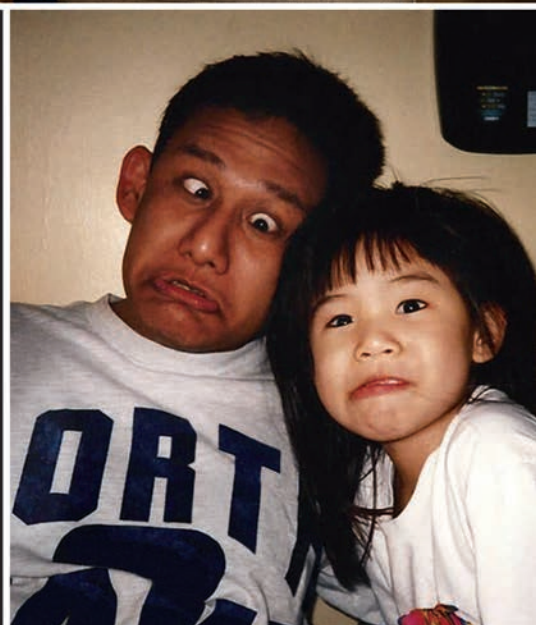
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Tobacco Behaviors and Risk Factors in Trumbull County

The Trumbull County Community Health Assessment released on 6-6-2019 reported the following information pertaining to tobacco use in Trumbull County and several risk factors contributing to the results. We are focusing on these two topics even though the report covers looking at the current health status of Trumbull County adults collected from surveys and health information obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health. This covers the health status in urban, suburban, and rural communities throughout Trumbull County.

Trumbull County is 80% Caucasian, 14% African American, 6% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Asian and <1% American Indian and Alaska Native. Almost one-fifth (18%) of Trumbull County adults were current smokers (28,963) and 30% were considered former smokers. Adult smokers were more likely to have incomes less than \$25,000 (30%).

Cigarette smoking disproportionately affects the health of people with low socioeconomic status. Lower income cigarette smokers suffer more from diseases caused by smoking than do smokers with higher incomes. People with less than a high school education have higher lung cancer incidence than those with a college education and with family incomes of less than \$12,500 have a higher lung cancer incidence than those with family incomes of \$50,000 or more. Lower-income populations have less access to health care, making it more likely that they are diagnosed at later stages of disease and conditions.

People living in poverty smoke cigarettes for a duration of nearly twice

as many years as people with a family income of three times the poverty rate. People with a high school education or are blue-collar workers are more likely to start smoking cigarettes at a younger age and for a duration of more than twice as many years than people with higher educations or are white-collar workers.

Low socioeconomic status populations, blue-collar workers and service workers, especially bartenders and wait staff, are more likely to suffer the harmful health consequences of exposure to secondhand smoke. These service workers reported the lowest rates of workplace smoke-free policies than all other occupation categories.

The 2020-2022 Trumbull County Community Health Improvement Plan addresses mental health and addiction, chronic disease and maternal and infant health. One of the Cross-Cutting Strategies that address multiple priorities focus will be mass-reach communications to help reduce cigarette smoking. Message sharing and engagement on social networking sites like Face Book and Twitter; Deliver messages through different websites and stakeholders communications; Generate free press through public service announcements and pay to place adds on TV, radio, billboards, online platforms and/or print media are samples of these strategies. They will focus on motivating tobacco users to quit, protecting people from the harm of secondhand smoke exposure, and preventing tobacco use and vaping initiation. Priority areas the strategy addresses are Mental Health and Addiction, Chronic Disease, Maternal and Infant Health.

League of Women Voters of Trumbull County

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County recently held their November meeting with guest speaker, Jenna Amerine. An informative talk was given on exactly what is and what does the Trumbull County Combined Health Districts does. With the mission statement committed to protect and promote the health and well-being of the community and prevent disease, disparity and harm to its residents, Amerine answered questions and detailed in depth exactly what this mission statement encompasses.

The LWVTC met again in December for a Christmas social at the President's home. Light refreshments were shared, and a gift exchange was had by attendees.

January 2022 will be the Public Officials luncheon to be held at Cafe 422 on January 22, 2022. This is by invitation and these will be mailed after December 25, 2021. One can request an invitation by contacting the Chairman, Sue Smith at 330-856-7145.



Trumbull Arts Council Seeking New Board Members

Do you love the arts as much as we do? If so, we are currently looking to bring on new board members to our organization, as well as volunteers. The Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit formed in 1971. Along with overseeing our own projects and programming, we work to promote the arts, artists, and arts organizations throughout our community. We operate as a working board, as opposed to an advisory board, meaning we will be looking for individuals to assist in the running of all aspects of the organization. We are solely a volunteer operated organization, and as such have no paid employees.

Some of our current programming and projects, along with some recent past projects you may be familiar with include: Overseeing the Art on Park facility and all it's programming (art shows, workshops, studio rentals, etc.), Noon in the Park concert series, Chalk on the Walk, Ghost Walk, Warren Art Hop, Music at the Market, Warren Homecoming, Homecoming Holidays Celebration, Occupied Warren, community concerts, community movie nights, and more.

We hold board meetings the second Wednesday of every month, with meeting starting at 6 p.m. Being a working board, members do communicate regularly via email and phone throughout the month. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to treasurer@trumbullarts.org

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