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Making a Difference: A Community's Catalyst

By Alex Irman

Cortland, a vibrant community nestled in the heart of the Mahoning Valley, has a rich history of individuals and organizations coming together to make a positive impact. From volunteering at local charities to supporting small businesses, the collective efforts of its residents have shaped the town into the thriving place it is today.

Every individual has the potential to make a difference, regardless of their age, background, or resources. One of the most impactful ways to contribute is through volunteerism. Local organizations and various community centers offer countless opportunities to get involved. Whether it's helping at a food bank, tutoring students, or participating in a park cleanup, volunteering can be a rewarding experience that benefits both the individual and the community.

Beyond volunteering, individuals can also make a difference by supporting local businesses. When you shop at local stores, eat at local restaurants,



and use local services, you're not only supporting the economy but also contributing to the unique character of Cortland. Small businesses often prioritize community involvement and are more likely to give back to the area.

Service organizations play a crucial role in making a difference in Cortland. These organizations bring together people with shared values and goals, providing a platform for collective action. Examples of service organizations in Cortland include

implemented corporate social responsibility programs that involve employee volunteerism, donations, and environmental initiatives.

Making a difference in Cortland offers numerous benefits for individuals, organizations, and the community as a whole. For individuals, volunteering and community involvement can lead to increased satisfaction, a sense of purpose, and stronger social connections. Service organizations benefit from the dedication and commitment of their members, which allows them to make a lasting impact on the community.

For the community, the collective efforts of individuals, organizations, and businesses contribute to a more vibrant, resilient, and compassionate place to live. When people work together to address common challenges and improve the quality of life for all, it creates a strong sense of community and belonging.

In conclusion, making a difference in Cortland is a powerful force for positive change. Whether you're an individual, a service organization, or a business, there are countless ways to get involved and contribute to the well-being of your community. By working together, we can create a brighter future for Cortland and its residents. Go to our website (www.cortlandnews.net) and click on "Community" at the top of the home page for a complete list of all our local and county organizations.

Ask yourself, "How can I make a difference"?

Everyone Makes a Difference

By Thom Foley

I contend that Cortland/Bazetta is "The best place in the world to live." I say it all the time. The theme for this issue is "Make Difference." National Make a Difference Day is the fourth Saturday of October each year which will be October 26. It is the biggest national day of community service in the USA. It's a day to encourage people to volunteer and to show that anyone can make a positive impact in their community.

In the Lakeview community and its surrounding areas, most of you do just that ALL YEAR LONG. So for this issue, we are highlighting just some of the businesses and organizations that help make this the "best place in the world to live."

Throughout the paper, you will see how businesses and organizations are helping to make a difference. Excuse me while I blow our own horn for the Cortland News, but every three weeks, 17 times a year, we arrive in your mailbox with as much good news as we could find. Nothing but GOOD NEWS! We hope to make a difference by highlighting the goodness pouring out into our community.

Enjoy the articles and ponder on what *you can do* to help keep this community the best place in the world to live.



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the Rotary Club and the Lions Club. These groups often organize events, fundraisers, and community projects that address pressing needs and improve the quality of life for residents. One of the most significant ways service organizations make a difference is by providing essential services to those in need. This can include food distribution, housing assistance, transportation services, and mental health support. By addressing these critical needs, service organizations help to create a more equitable and compassionate community.

Businesses can also play a vital role in making a difference. By investing in community initiatives, supporting local charities, and promoting sustainability, businesses can demonstrate their commitment to the well-being of Cortland. Many companies have

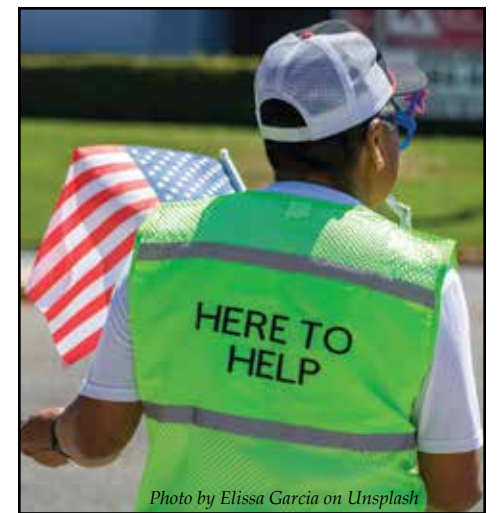


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Throughout the years, the Cortland News has covered a wide range of community events, stories,

and issues. From local government updates to school news, church highlights, and community features, the paper has strived to keep readers informed and engaged.

The Cortland News would like to thank its loyal readers, advertisers, and community partners for their continued support. We look forward to serving the Cortland community for many years to come.



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Monday, Oct 14 - 5:30 p.m.

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

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*Meetings and agenda of Council and
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Tuesday, Nov 12 - 7 p.m.

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Our Next Issue ... November 2, 2024

Our theme will be

Veterans Day, Giving Thanks, Thanksgiving

Article Deadline by Oct 21 • Display Advertising Deadline is Oct 23

Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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

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

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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Community Events

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

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.

American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

Cortland Public Library - Check out the ongoing events on page 18
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>

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

Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).

Church Events - See the Church News and Notes on the Faith pages.

Trumbull County Combined Health District has numerous free upcoming Vaccine Clinics. See their website or the article in this issue.

OCTOBER

- 12 Free Baby Brunch / Warren Women's Club / For information call Sandy Mahaffey at 330.518.6927.
- 15 Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period Begins; runs through Dec 7th
- 16 Annual Harvest Dinner / North Bloomfield Historical Society / 6 pm
- 19 Craft Show / The Cortland Church of the Nazarene / 10-3 pm
- 19 God Provides A Meal / Cortland Methodist Church / 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
- 26 Trunk or Treat & Food Truck Night / West Main Street / 5 pm - 8 pm
- 26 Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner / Cortland Methodist Church Women In Faith / Drive-thru 4:30 - 6 pm
- 26 Blood Drive / Cortland Masonic Lodge / 3263 Everett Hull Rd. / 9 - 2 pm
- 27 Trunk or Treat / Trinity Lutheran Church / 2742 North Rd NE 12:30 pm-2 pm
- 27 The Last Curbside Brush Chipping of the year is the week of Oct 27th
- 30 Lakeview High School Marching Band Annual Halloween Parade for Toys for Tots / Middle School / 6 pm
- 31 Halloween Trick or Treat / Bazetta and Cortland from 6 - 8 pm

NOVEMBER

- 2 Charity Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.). / 9- 11:30 am
The beneficiary will be the Healthy Hearts and Paws

Guidelight Financial Group Gives Back To The Community

By Frank Strama

At Guidelight Financial Group, we believe in giving back to the community. Our team is committed to supporting our community through volunteer efforts with many incredible organizations.

We proudly support Junior Achievement where we inspire and prepare young minds for success through education in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. We also serve at the Cortland Cares Food Pantry to help combat hunger to ensure families in need have access to nutritious meals.

We provide crucial support to undeserved families through various programs with The Salvation Army and many more community organizations. Together, we're creating positive change. Through these partnerships, we aim to support and serve the community we work and live in."

Operation Christmas Child

Submitted by Sue Shafer

Operation Christmas Child and local churches are collecting shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, personal care items and fun toys to be delivered to children worldwide. In 2023, local churches and organizations in Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties collected 10,343 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Anyone can pack a shoebox! Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need.

You can find more information on what items to pack in your shoebox, go to samaritanaspurse.org, click on the "What We Do" tab and choose Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes can also be packed online.

In Trumbull County, participants can take their filled shoeboxes to Wildare Church, 7211 N. Park Ave., Cortland from Nov. 13-20, 2024. Call 330-637-5000 for hours of collection.

For more information contact: Yvonne Woodworth at (440) 228-4319 or ymwoodworth@yahoo.com

Helping Others Sew Together A Difference

Quilter's Fancy has been in Cortland as a full-service quilt store for 21 years. Our biggest joy is to answer any questions anyone has about the

tradition of sewing and to make their experience with needle and thread as enjoyable as possible.

Last Food Truck Night



The City has announced that Food Truck Nights will be held on the 4th Thursday every month. The next one is Saturday, October 26 when it will be combined with Trunk or Treat for Halloween. The events are on West Main St. from 5 - 8 PM. The trucks and possible entertainment may vary each time.

Free Dental Care For Local Veterans

By Robin Bedich

Dr. Bedich, Dr. Josh Fromel, The Center For Progressive Dentistry team and area dental professionals are again preparing for a great day of giving back at the 8th Annual Day of Dentistry on Saturday, November 9. They are taking

reservations for dental cleanings, exams, extractions, and fillings. Please call their office at (330) 637-7971 to make a reservation. Reservations are first come/first served. Proof of service is required.



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therapist for Mercy Health and various skilled nursing facilities. She is excited to incorporate her experience in the healthcare field with protecting the members of our community from the burden of unforeseen medical expenses. For the last year, Joy has been working closely with Barry Piper in Greenwood's health insurance division. As Barry is now in the process of retiring, he is entrusting Joy to provide his customers with the same level of excellence and



care that he has delivered over the years. Navigating Medicare plans can be a confusing and complex task. Since no two situations are alike, Joy can offer personalized guidance and assistance to find a plan tailored to fit your unique medical and financial needs. She is certified to offer plans from various carriers, including Anthem, Medical Mutual, and United Healthcare.

Whether you are turning 65 or already on Medicare, reach out for a no-cost, no-obligation consultation. Greenwood Insurance also offers a wide selection of products and carriers for all your home, auto and commercial needs.

Cortland Lions Club And NEO Junk Scrap Drive



The Cortland Lions Club and NEO Junk's Metal Scrap Drive was held September 20 and 21 at Willow Park. Residents brought their metal scrap to for the two days and the Cortland

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The office also supports local animal charities. Proceeds from the annual teeth whitening program have been donated to Animal Pawtectors since 2017. Pet food donations are collected for needy animals and donated to local rescues. There is a soft spot for helping vets and pets at this office.



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Making A Difference For The Dogs

Here at Totally Dog, our goal is to help customers leave our store happy, and their dog or cat happier! Our focus is on healthy food, treats and toys.

Our business works hard to raise funds for Newlife K9s Ohio, a nonprofit organization that raises and trains dogs donated to Veterans and will be renting tables to crafters for the November 30, 2024, Gingerbread Walk and Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting with all proceeds going to Newlife K9's Ohio.

We are also looking forward to the Cortland Trunk or Treat



and Food Truck night on October 26th 5-8. The turnout last year was amazing! Excited to see everyone at those events!

We recently had a National Neighbor Pet Store Day with lots of vendor discounts and offers. We love the opportunity to save our customers money! Pictured are some of the happy shoppers taking advantage of the sales.

Making A Difference Through A Legacy Of Music

At Music 101 & Girt's Cortland Music 101, Music is our Legacy! Our family has been involved in teaching, supporting and inspiring musicians in the Cortland area since Lakeview Local Schools was established in the 1950's. Mr Russell S. Girt was the founding Supervisor of Music for Lakeview Schools K-12. His daughter, Candice Girt-Stojkov, now owns the business and runs it with her son, Alexander Stojkov. They have been passing the torch for 3 generations of enjoyment through music performance and teaching the gift of music to literally thousands of area students over the past 7 decades. That's a lot of music!

This generational family of musicians and teachers love sharing the gift of music. Their family business helps support local school bands and choir programs in our area, enjoys partnering with and sponsoring events from Stambaugh Youth Concert Bands to the local Lions Club Street Fair Parade as an annual parade sponsor. If you've seen the parade, you've likely seen these beautifully themed creative floats

adorned with amazing musicians for community enjoyment and celebration each Summer.

Girt's Cortland Music 101 also sponsors a June Summer Music Day Camp, along with being a participating sponsor for the City of Cortland's Annual Gingerbread Walk, the Cortland Spring Fling Small Business Saturday events and other community activities, music events and recitals.

Music 101 is near Fowler-Center & Girt's Cortland Music 101 next to Sparkle Market. They both offer top quality music lessons and services year-round, including online lessons through Music101Ohio Online Private Music Lesson Academy serving the Eastern Time Zone. Our community can rely on the friendly people at Music 101 & Girt's Cortland Music 101 for top quality name-brand instruments, goods, gifts, and repair services.

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Platt Insurance Makes A Difference

By Amelia Gavolas

At Platt Insurance, we're passionate about supporting our community in Trumbull County. From sponsoring the sports boosters at Howland, Lakeview, and Matthew's schools to cheering on local youth, we love being part of their growth. We also proudly back Trumbull County 4H and OH WOW Science Center, helping inspire young minds and future leaders. As strong supporters of the Cortland Business Attraction package, we're committed to making our area a great place to live and work, while ensuring local businesses continue to thrive.

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- a. \$44
- b. \$66
- c. \$88
- d. \$108

Find the answer at the bottom of this article.

Brush Pick Up

The last Curbside Brush Chipping of the year is the week of October 28th. Remember to follow the rules and regulations that can be viewed on our

website, cityofcortland.org. Only one pass per street, they will not revisit an address after passing it once, no root balls and be mindful of pile sizes.

Identify Water Pipes

Please disregard if you have already provided us with the needed information, we only need it reported once. The EPA is requiring all Public Water Systems to identify all service lines by October. This is mandatory. The City of Cortland is asking for your help in identifying these lines.

If you are not comfortable identifying this information for us, we would be more than happy to help. Just call 330-637-3011 and Christine will make an appointment to have someone from the Service Department stop out and do this for you.

We greatly appreciate your help with this requirement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kim Blasco, Service Director, 330-637-4637.

Let The Rain Drain

Please help keep storm drains free of trash, grass and fallen leaves. Only rain should go down a storm drain.

Trick or Treat

Halloween night, October 31st from 6pm to 8pm.

Dates to Remember

- October 14th - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
- October 14th - Planning & Zoning - 7:00 p.m.
- October 21st - City Council - 7 p.m.

Answer

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Save These Fun Dates

Here are a few dates of some upcoming events.

October Trunk or Treat & Food Truck Night, Saturday, October 26, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm on West Main Street. The trunk or treat event will be combined with October's Food Truck night to create a terrific treat for the entire community. Businesses, organizations, and individuals interested in participating in handing out candy should RSVP to Jeffrey Jiang This event will be open to the public, last year approximately 1,500 people were in attendance.

Christmas Market on West Main Street in Cortland, Saturday, November 30, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on West Main Street. The Christmas Market on West Main Street in Cortland will be combined with the Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting. We've got exciting news, the City of Cortland is purchasing a tree and planting it in our downtown for all to see! This event will have crafts, vendors, hot chocolate, and a special visit from Santa Claus. We hope to see you there!

Contact Jeffrey Jiang for more information 330-716-3130.

Probate Court Does A Good Deed

On Wednesday September 25th, several elected officials brought their Good Deeds program to Cortland and made the presentation to over 100 attendees at the Lakeview High School Auditorium.

Trumbull County Recorder Tod Latell, County Clerk of Courts Karen Infante Allen, Probate Court Judge James Fredericka, and Probate Court Chief Magistrate Chris Schiavone collaborated on an hour presentation discussing a plan of action people can use to protect their most valuable assets when a loved one passes away.

The Good Deeds program was started about a year ago and since then has been presented to cities and townships across Trumbull County every 4-6 weeks. Trumbull County Recorder Tod Latell heard about this presentation being done in another Ohio county, attended it and felt the information would be a great benefit for residents in Trumbull.

Latell presented the idea to Infante-Allen and Frederika and they all worked together to make it happen for our county. Latell says that as they have been doing these presentations, the feedback has been extremely positive.

"Our goal with these presentations is to get people thinking about and creating a plan for when that day will ultimately come" Latell said. "By doing this, you will help your loved ones at a stressful time, while making sure your assets go where you want them too"

Latell added. If you were unable to attend, the next Good Deeds presentation will be on Tuesday October 29th at 6:00 PM at the Howland Administration Building, 205 Niles Cortland Rd NE, Warren.



Trumbull County Recorder Tod Latell, Judge James Fredericka, County Clerk of Courts Karen Infante Allen and Probate Court Chief Magistrate Chris Schiavone.



Christmas Concert Rehearsals

By Carole Wiley

Anyone who likes to sing is welcomed to join the concert choir. The rehearsals will take place at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on November 2nd, 11th and December 7th. Arrival time is 10:00 AM. A final rehearsal will take place with the band at a time and place to be determined. Missing one of the rehearsals is acceptable. There are no auditions. The only requirement is to like to sing.

If you have a question contact Carole Wiley at 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com. Merry Christmas!

Cortland Area Cares Food Bank Provides

The Cortland Area Cares food bank, located at 1000 Fowler Street, continues to be a lifeline for local residents in need. The non-profit organization provides essential food assistance to families and individuals struggling to make ends meet.

"Our mission is to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry," said Donna Kittle, Food Bank Director. "We're grateful for the generous support of our donors and volunteers who make it possible for us to provide this vital service."

The food bank offers a variety of food items, including fresh produce, canned goods, and other staples. To receive assistance, individuals must meet certain eligibility requirements.

The food bank is open for distribution the last Wednesday of each month except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those special dates this year will be November 20th and December 18th prior to those holidays.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Cortland Area Cares food bank at 330-883-1401.

North Bloomfield Historical Society

By Judith Sheridan

The North Bloomfield Historical Society will hold its annual Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm in the historic town hall on the square. Ham and fried chicken will be provided along with plates and utensils. Admission is free with a donation of a salad, vegetable or dessert. The speaker will be Roger Peterson, Jr and the topic is "What Was and What Is - Bloomfield Past and Present". For more information call 440-685-4410.

Someplace Safe Needs Your Help

Someplace Safe is in need of the following items: Children's snack & drinks, bottled water, laundry baskets, toilet paper & paper towels, feminine hygiene products, comforters [full & twin], shampoo & body soap, ethnic hair products, hair brushes, vacuums, brooms, mops or swifers. Donations can be made at 1370 Tod Ave NW in Warren.

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Girl Scouts Honoring Local Veterans

By Sarah Gyure

Girl Scout Troop 80161 out of Cortland will once again be placing their flag display honoring local Veterans. They would like the community to support their mission as they add 100 flags to the display, totaling 200 this year. If you would like your Veterans' name to be attached to a flag, please remit the Veterans name & branch of service to:

gsneotroop80161@gmail.com. The flags will be on display Nov 7 through Nov 12 at 224 N High St, Cortland. Feel free to stop by and view your Veteran's flag.

Girl Scouts Highest Awards Bronze, Silver & Gold

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior (4th - 5th grade) Girl Scout can earn. Before beginning the Bronze, the Girl Scout must complete the prerequisites: one Junior Journey, including the Journey Take Action project. Journeys encourage Girl Scouts of all ages to think critically, boost their problem-solving skills, and make an impact. Girls then identify the root cause of a community issue they're interested in. They then design and implement a Take Action project that addresses a need in the community, which allows them to show leadership as a team. These Take Action projects range from working with City Council to improve pedestrian crossings, installing trash receptacles, developing pollinator gardens and much more!

A community problem is a Girl Scout mission. Bronze Award projects require a commitment of at least 20 hours from each Girl Scout, though the girls themselves design the timelines. In some cases, the work is completed over the course of a summer, and in others, over a year. The Bronze Award isn't a required prerequisite for the Silver; however, the skills girls develop in earning that award will help prepare them to become Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts. The Bronze Award helps girls discover how to plan and lead projects, connect with their communities, and drive intentional change.

Dear Resident,

I hope this letter finds you well. In November, we have an important election regarding the office of county engineer. I am joining with other Trumbull County Mayors and will be supporting the reelection of Randy L. Smith P.E., P.S.

Engineer Smith has served our county well. During his tenure he has focused on resource sharing and collaboration. He has improved roads and bridges throughout our county and has shown effective leadership regarding the creation of the "Trumbull County Council of Governments" as well as the "Trumbull County Transportation Improvement District." Both entities were established to provide greater funding opportunities and cooperation among our cities, villages, and townships.

Regardless of any political affiliation we need an engineer that has provided support to this community and has provided strong leadership throughout this county.

I respectfully request that you consider voting for Engineer Randy L. Smith in the November 5th general election. Should you have any questions regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this matter and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Deidre Petrosky

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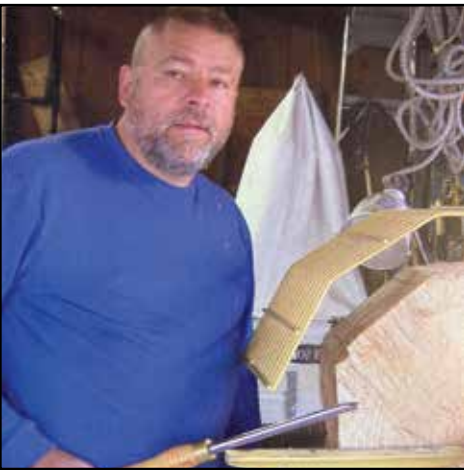


Flying High With The Cub Scouts

By Robert Wacker

The Cub Scouts at Pack 4050 attempted to resurrect the Space Derby by making rubber band propelled soda bottle rockets. While things didn't work the way we wanted we had fun learning about space and astronauts and growing when it didn't work the way we expected.

While the rockets turned out to be too heavy to race, we made and raced paper airplanes and enjoyed an evening of fun. If you would like to join Cub Scouts please reach out to Robert Wacker, Cub Master Pack 4050 at 708-203-5443.



Cortland Nazarene Craft Show

Pastor Chuck Hargenrader will be among the 30 other vendors at the Cortland Nazarene Craft Show on Oct 19 from 10-3. (293 E Main St) He has been turning old wood into beautiful art pieces for 23 years and has plenty to display, from pens, bowls, vases, peppermills, urns, and so much more. Refreshments will be available.

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What does it mean to make a difference as a Christian? What does it mean to make a difference as a Pastor? These are two questions that went through my head when I was asked to write this article and was told the theme was "Make a Difference" for this issue. When Jesus lived, He served not only the spiritual needs of people but also served their physical needs, their daily bread. He healed people of diseases, freed them from demon possession and gave them sight, hearing and voice back. He lived perfectly where we could not. He showed His authority as God by interacting with His creation. He made a difference by coming into our flesh because He knew the need of all mankind: to be freed from sin, death and Satan and His tyranny. He knew it would take God in the Son, that is Jesus the Christ, dying on the Cross and rising from the death and the grave to pay what was owed and save His people that He loves. Knowing what we do about Jesus, how do we even begin to answer these questions?

We start with hearing God's Word and receiving the faith God promised us. This is how we start to make a difference as Christians. From faith we receive what God has promised in Jesus: forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. We start by going to where God promises to be, in His Word, and His Sacraments (Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper). We receive these gifts where He promises is for us to receive them in His Service, the divine service. *"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to*

God in Christ Jesus." - Romans 6:5-11. As we receive faith and the gifts promised by God, He works in us and through us to serve our neighbor and make a difference where we could not before.

As a Pastor the above question and thought starts at a different place than it does as just being a Christian. It starts with the duties of the office of Pastor: to bring God's Word and His Sacraments to His people. This is how we as Pastors make a difference. We stand in the stead of Jesus and He speaks through us to the people in the reading and preaching of His Word, and in the sacraments. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 1 has the following mindset, *"For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."* - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. As a Pastor we make a difference first by giving people what God promises them despite the wisdom and reason of the world, and we Preach Christ crucified, that people would know what God has given them through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross in His death and in His resurrection from death giving them His forgiveness, salvation, and Eternal Life. As pastors not only do we live life as a Christian but also in the office of the Holy Ministry, the office of Pastor. And we start with receiving the gifts, and then giving them to others. We also serve in people's needs in life, their daily bread.

As you live serving God this month are you going to church? Are you receiving God's gifts (His Word and Sacraments) for you? Where do you see a need of a neighbor? Where is it that you make a difference? God gives you faith and with Him you receive all that He promises in through His Spirit as He has promised to give. God makes a difference in your life and now He works to make a difference in the lives of those around you who hear His Word.

*As we receive faith and the gifts promised by God,
 He works in us and through us to serve our neighbor and
 make a difference where we could not before.*

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

By Bob Mangold

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church marked its 50th year of ministry on September 29th with a meaningful, joyous and sentimental day of events. Our Sunday morning service was a mix of traditional and contemporary music, appropriate scripture to the day, and Good News provided by our Pastor Dave Vensel.

By midafternoon our Fellowship Hall was filled to capacity for a catered meal enjoyed by all. (No cooking for the ladies of the church for this event-smile.) We then gathered in our sanctuary for a "Reminisces Service". The altar was adorned by giant mums of many colors which added a sense of enduring life of our church for the past 50 years.

A history of pictures brought back joyful memories from May 1974 when

Lutheran Mission #1541 was granted. We watched ground being broken for our building June 1975, walls erected, snippets of Sunday services, confirmation classes, unending fellowship events, outreach projects in support of our community, and the list goes on.

Acknowledged were the 12 pastors to date who have led our church. Pastor Bill Yesse led our very first service on Sep 15, 1974 in the Bazetta Town Hall. Pastor Duane Jesse spoke of his 15 years as pastor from 1997-2012. What wonderful memories he provided. Our celebration concluded with memories from the congregation. As always these were touching, humorous and some little known to now. What a treat! What a fulfilling day for our congregation.

And now we embark on our 51st year.



Prince Of Peace Makes A Difference All Year Long

By Bob Mangold

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - or PoP as we call it - has many Outreach Programs to the community. All are mostly throughout the year and not limited to Make a Difference Day. A few examples are:

- Sponsor of Creekside Commons affordable housing adjacent to our building and interaction with residents needing help.
- Donations of school supplies and food to Lakeview Schools
- Overall organizer of Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship annual Christmas concert.

• Cortland Community band leader and chorus director handle the performance contents.

• Donations of clothing, food, and personal care items to Someplace Safe serving abused women on Tod Avenue, Warren

• Donations to Cortland area Salvation Army and Warren Family Mission

• Deeply involved in LOAF Adopt-A-Foot program providing shoes to kids who need them.


We are proud to be a giving part of the Lakeview Community and making a difference all year long.



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Church News & Notes

The Cortland Christian Church is seeking crafters for their annual Holiday Craft Fair on November 30 from 10 am - 3 pm. We have a free raffle, a raffle table full of fun items, a soup and sandwich luncheon, and possibly a Gingerbread House contest if we have enough interest. Contact Joyce Hall for more info and registration sheets at officeatccc@gmail.com or 330-637-4611.

Cortland United Methodist Church hosts God Provides A Meal, Saturday, October 19 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Donations accepted but not required.

Women In Faith - Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner Saturday, October 26. Drive-thru 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Menu: Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread and butter, dessert. Cost \$12.00

The Cortland Church of the Nazarene is looking forward to our craft show on Oct 19th, 10-3 pm. All tables are booked with a great variety of goods. Make sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out. (FOMO). Refreshments will be available.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Our congregation invites you to join us as we dive into God's Word in our Bible Studies on Sundays at 9 am. We are making our way from Genesis to Revelation. We are currently going through the book of Exodus. Wednesdays at 5:30 pm we are going through the Book of Romans.

On Sundays at 9 am we have Sunday School for the kids K-12th (preschool if parents stay with child). The children are working on learning the basic Bible Stories and confessions of the Christian faith.

Katharina's Closet: Thank you to all who have donated to help improve our communities by helping woman and young families. Our first distribution day will be on Thursday November 21 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at 2742 North Rd NE, Warren.. If you know someone who needs Diapers, Wipes, or baby clothes let them know of this distribution event.

Trunk or Treat: We invite you and your kids to come to our Trunk or Treat event on Sunday October 27th from 12:30 pm-2 pm at 2742 North Rd NE. We will have candy, prizes, games, and more! If the weather does not cooperate we will move the event inside to the fellowship hall. Any questions please call Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402.

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We also create a sense of belonging to those who choose to participate in our monthly outings, most recently was a trip to Kraynaks and Golden Corral. We have campfires with all the fixings every Sunday evening, Men's fellowship breakfast the first Friday of every month, Gospel concerts 4-5 times a year, and so much more.

A person's a person,
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- Dr. Seuss



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Wildare Church Makes A Difference For Children

Wildare has many things that make a difference; Monthly Food Pantry the first Saturday of the month, VBS each summer, Dribbles Basketball for children, Night To Shine special needs prom, a Trunk or Treat in October, Operation Christmas Child.

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From the Desk of the Superintendent Addressing School Threats: A Commitment To Safety And Community

By Ashley Handrych

Recent and ongoing events across the nation have highlighted the importance of maintaining safety and security for our students and staff. Our district is committed to doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our learning environments. It is

important that parents and community members understand the nature of threats made against schools, they can take many forms, but typically range from verbal comments to social media posts. They stem from many factors—personal challenges, mental health issues, or a desire for attention. In my experience as Middle School Principal, threats were typically made because the individual had a problem and they didn't know how else to solve or respond to it. Regardless of the motive, any threat, no matter how minor it may seem, will be taken seriously.

Lakeview Local Schools has a Threat Assessment Protocol in place and has seventeen employees that have been trained on this model. The model in place at Lakeview is called Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines, or CSTAG. CSTAG is an evidence-based model designed to conduct threat assessments in K-12 schools. It is an approach to violence prevention that emphasizes early attention to problems such as bullying, teasing, and other forms of student conflict before they escalate into violent behavior. It also provides comprehensive decision making tools to provide a triage process in which team members investigate a reported threat and determine whether the threat can be readily resolved as a transient threat that is not a serious threat. Examples of transient threats are jokes or statements made in anger that are expressions of feeling or figures of speech rather than expressions of a genuine intent to harm someone.

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LHS Band Annual Halloween Parade Benefits Toys For Tots

Are you among the many Lakeview residents who have had the fun of bring part of the Lakeview Band's annual Halloween Parade? They march to help collect for the Toys for Tots program. Families are encouraged to join the parade and follow the band into the stadium. Bring your new unwrapped toys to donate and the Marines have their Toys for Tots toy boxes. Admission is free into the stadium but you are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to enter the stadium to watch the band perform after the parade and the Marines collect the Toys. Candy is passed out in the stadium as well. The Police and Fire are invited along with the entire community.

Every year the Band invites the 4th Marines Logistics Group from Vienna and to help kick off their Toys for Tots. This year it will be Oct. 30th at 6:00 p.m. and starts at Lakeview Middle School. The parade route is down Wakefield, right onto Lakeview Drive, right onto Portal and right into the High School Parking lot. As the band goes by families are more than welcome to follow the band in the parade.



Class of 2025 Spotlight Bulldogs

By Michael DeToro

This tri-weekly installment will spotlight an outstanding graduating senior at Lakeview High School. Each showcased student will be someone who represents their family, Lakeview Schools, and most importantly, our Bazetta/Cortland community with integrity, commitment, and loyalty.

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog are Riley Kensky & Tristen Townsend. Riley is the son of Amy and Ron Kensky, and Tristen is the son of Molly and Jason Townsend.

Riley has been a lifelong Lakeview student, while Tristen became a Bulldog in third grade. After their sophomore year, both Riley and Tristen chose to attend Trumbull Career & Technical Center to study Auto Services. Thanks to their incredible work ethic, attention to detail and strong understanding of the material, both were selected for TCTC's prestigious "Early Experience Week On, Week Off" work-based learning program. This unique opportunity allows Riley and Tristen to alternate weeks between attending classes at TCTC and working full-time at Greenwood Chevrolet in Austintown.

During their workweeks, they log 40 hours diagnosing, repairing, and maintaining vehicles in Greenwood's Service Department. While their education might look different from that of their peers, Riley and Tristen have excelled in this non-traditional path, demonstrating that there are many ways to succeed in both school and career.

Get to know Riley & Tristen better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.

- 1) What is something that you do exceptionally well?
Riley: Working on cars.
Tristen: I am good at fixing cars.
- 2) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District?
Riley: The teachers! They are there for you and help you. They made an impact in my life.
Tristen: The teachers and the friends that I've made.
- 3) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland?
Riley: Top Notch Diner.
Tristen: Chipotle
- 4) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland?
Riley: The lake. Nothing beats sitting at the lake and hanging out with friends.
Tristen: Down at the lake.
- 5) What is something you are watching, listening to or reading right now?
Riley: Crazy Story, Pt. 3 by King Von.
Tristen: Free Joe Exotic by Bfb Da Packman and Sada Baby
- 6) What are your future aspirations?
Riley: Own my own shop and build trucks.
Tristen: Start a family and build trucks.






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New Sign Donated To LHS

By Velina Jo Taylor

In the fall of 2023, Assistant Principal Mike DeToro took a call from a concerned citizen about the condition and appearance of the high school's marquee sign located at the corner of Rt. 46 and Hillman Drive. The citizen, Mr. James Piper, remarked, "You have a five-star school and a one-star sign."

Mr. Piper wanted to help to bring the school's sign into the 21st century. Administrators shared with him that this improvement was an idea the district explored years ago but didn't pursue due to several issues including costs, zoning and permissions.

Not to be deterred, Mr. Piper started his own investigation into zoning, right-of-way, and property owner rights to name a few. As he learned more, his

vision of a far better sign never wavered. He did, however, realize the sign's home could not remain at the bottom of Hillman Drive.

Serious talks began at that point and involved district personnel as well as potential contractors. After several meetings and site visits, the commitment was made by Mr. Piper to fully fund the project. At the March 11th Board of Education meeting, the Board gratefully accepted an incredible donation from Mr. Piper to get the project started. The sign, now fully installed, is dedicated to the memory of Jim Piper's wife, Ruby Jane Piper.

Thank you to the family of Ruby Jane Piper for making a difference in the Lakeview community.



Jim Piper, Jim & Ruby's granddaughter, Regan Mosko, their daughter and son in-law, Jen and Michael Mosko.

Lakeview High School Homecoming Court



The 2024 Lakeview High School Homecoming Court was honored on September 27. Pictured in Front are Addison Allen, Molly Stuart, Mara Schmader, Katarina Candor, Jalyn DeLeon, Katelyst Wutrick, Ashley Graczyk, Chelsea Dean. Back from Left: Caden Baldwin, Jason DeMonica, Leo Parise, Thomas Pavlansky, Landon Hall, Griffin Oravec, William Bullock. Not pictured: Thomas Easton

The King and Queen are Thomas Pavlansky and Addison Allen.



On Saturday September 14 the Musical Pride of Cortland, the Lakeview Marching Bulldogs, were invited to play with the YSU Marching Pride. We first played for the tailgaters then at the Icebreaker with the YSU Marching Pride, then the halftime show, then joined the band and played stand tunes! Everyone loved hearing from Lakeview's favorite band.



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JCRC Holding Annual High Holiday Food Drive

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Donations are being accepted at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown and Akiva Academy, 505 Gypsy Lane; Temple El Emeth and Children of Israel Congregation, 3970 Logan Way; and Ohev Beth Sholom, 1119 Elm Street.

Items needed the most year-round include peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, dry pasta, canned soup, and macaroni and cheese.

Monetary donations should be made payable to the Second Harvest Food Bank and sent to JCRC, 505 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44504.

For more information, contact the Jewish Community Relations Council at 330-746-3250, ext. 108.

New Membership Opportunities Cortland Lions Club

As our Cortland Lions Club has a dwindling and aging membership-in the near future we will be unable to continue many activities that benefit our community. Lions International recognizes this and has opened Internationally a new Membership Designation: Affiliate Member.

An Affiliate Member is a quality individual of the community who is not able to fully participate as an Active Member but desires to support the Club in its Community Service Initiatives. There are other responsibilities in this Membership Level.

For more details-call our President Dawna Wiland 330-219-9852 or Ralph McCord 330-219-4879. No member of our Club benefits financially in Fund Raising or Club activities all members donate their time and talents. Please consider partnering with us.

From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Any threat that cannot be clearly identified and resolved as transient is treated as a substantive threat. Substantive threats always require protective action to prevent the threat from being carried out. The remaining steps in the model guide the team through more extensive assessment and response based on the seriousness of the threat. In the most serious cases, the team conducts a safety evaluation that includes both a law enforcement investigation and a mental health assessment of the student. The culmination of the threat assessment is the development of a safety plan that is designed to address the problem or conflict underlying the threat and prevent the act of violence from taking place.

By utilizing this method, the administration at Lakeview is not just guessing and checking on threats. There is a systematic process taking place behind the scenes each time a threat gets reported. With that said, it is incredibly important that students and parents are reporting threats to administration or law enforcement and not posting about them on social media. A school threat is not a crisis that can be solved in the comment section on Facebook. The first

step is always to call the school, or if after hours, the police. The police and school administrators are in constant communication and will work as quickly as possible to communicate to parents and assess the credibility of the threat.

Communication with parents is something that I believe to be imperative. If we have a substantive threat, you will be notified. I understand the demand for transparency and communication and both are items that I aim to provide. Parents need to understand that transparency in these situations means that I will give you context and all the information that I am legally permitted to share in how the decision was made and the outcome of the investigation by the District and law enforcement. If your child is involved, named, or threatened, you will receive direct communication from your child's principal.

Hearing about a school threat is scary. Hearing about a school threat also means that your child's administration is working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that they are following their training and collaborating with law enforcement to make our District safe.

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Happy Birthday Rainbow Room Teacher Mrs. Sutton

The Cortland Playroom staff organized a surprise 70th birthday celebration for Mrs. Sally Sutton, distinguished Rainbow Teacher. Attendees included former colleagues Mrs. Newton, Miss Debi, Mrs.

Zickefoose, and Miss Lynn, current staff, and her sister. The surprise was a huge success. Mrs. Sutton's long-standing commitment has left an indelible mark on the Playroom community. We offer our sincerest birthday greetings.

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Additionally, we receive numerous unsolicited phone calls, and they may imply they are calling from Medicare. Medicare does NOT call beneficiaries unsolicited to review plans. In the state of Ohio, insurance agents are NOT allowed to call you regarding Medicare Insurance plans without your prior consent. Oftentimes as agents, we receive phone calls from clients who either called the 1-800 number or answered a call and had their insurance plan switched without their knowledge or permission. If this happens, there are options available to correct this. Your local agent can help navigate you through the process which will probably involve contacting the insurance company and possibly Medicare or the Ohio Department of Insurance.

Consider calling a local insurance agent instead of the number on the advertisements. Your local agent understands the Medicare Insurance choices for your area. They should be able to review plans from several different companies, including the ones advertised. Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance and Prescription Drug plans differ from county to county and state to state. Can someone who calls you from another state or answers a call to a 1-800 number understand the provider network and plans available in Ohio and in your specific area? Do they help you compare plans to find the best one for you or just

try and sell you the one for the company they represent? You can also review options at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-Medicare.

Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period runs each year from October 15th through December 7th. This is the time of year that anyone that has, or is eligible for, Medicare Insurance can change their plan. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) or a Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) it is especially important to take the time to review your options and make changes as needed. When it comes to Medicare Insurance, one size definitely does not fit all. For example, for 2024 in Ashtabula, Trumbull & Mahoning counties we have more than 80 different Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans that may or may not include prescription drug coverage and 20 different stand-alone Prescription Drug (Part D) plans, in addition to several Medicare Supplement Plans offered by numerous different insurance companies.

Prior to the Annual Enrollment Period that begins October 15th, insurance companies will release information on the plans that will be available for 2025. There may be plans that are available in Trumbull County that are not available in other counties and vice versa. Plans will vary by price, coverage options and extra benefits offered. It is especially important to review physician networks and current prescriptions to make sure your plan is a good fit for your current situation. Physician networks can change throughout the year and each plan develops its own prescription tier level. Typically, the lower the tier the less a medication will cost. Therefore, finding a plan that classifies your medications favorably compared to other plans can create cost savings throughout the year.

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

Fine Arts Council Of Trumbull County Ghost Walks

Join us for a spine-chilling Ghost Walk this year as we journey into the eerie past of Trumbull County, uncovering the haunting tales of one of its most illustrious families, the Packards. Our Ghost Walk is a captivating historic tour that begins nightly at 6:30 p.m. Guided tours depart every 15 minutes from the church parking lot, leading you along Warren's haunted Millionaire's Row. Encounter actors embodying the restless spirits of those who once roamed these streets. The final tour sets off at 9 p.m.

Enjoy cookies and refreshments after your adventure into the shadows of history—don't miss this chilling adventure! Date: October 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th. Time: 6:30 PM-9 PM Location: First Presbyterian Church of Warren: 256 Mahoning Ave. Tickets: Adults- \$10, Children 12 & Under- \$5. Get your tickets now and prepare for a hauntingly memorable evening!

Ghost Walk is in partnership with the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull Co.

Cortland Lions Club - Making A Difference For 85 Years

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club was Chartered in 1939 and we are one of the oldest continuing service Club locally and NE Ohio. Our membership, over the years, has been individuals interested in serving in our community. We also currently have five women who have joined our club over the past 2-3 years. During the 50's-60's and early 70's our Lions Club had 79 members and today we have around 24 members. Our membership loss impacts our activities-which in turn limits our ability to "Give Back" to our community.

We are proud to report since our Charter in 1939 we have donated over \$500,000 to various needs locally, state-wide and world-wide. Our goal continues to mainly donate to local needs.

Some local projects we have originated or supported include Lakeview Scholarships, Lakeview Band and Athletic Programs, Cortland Area Cares, Cortview Village-which was a Lions Club Project, Adopt a Foot Program supplying shoes to

those in need, Civic Day sponsor for Lakeview High School students, building a pavilion at Willow Park and Imagination Station, providing eye exams and glasses for local needy families, Cortland Police Department, Cortland Fire Department, Cortland's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event, support the City's Safety City Project, Warren Rescue Mission, Some Place Safe, Bazetta Easter Egg Hunt, various Lions International Projects, we collect used eye glasses and donate them for national and international needs and there have been many other projects over the years-not mentioned.

Our fund raising and your support helps us fund these various donations. Our biggest fund raiser of the year is the Cortland Street Fair which consumes many hours of our members and volunteer's time. If it wasn't for our volunteers-we wouldn't be able to have the Street Fair.

Thank you for your support. It is a pleasure to serve in our community.

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Pretty Boy Floyd Presentation At The Upton House

East Liverpool Attorney Timothy Brookes was the guest speaker recently at The Upton House Lecture Series. He spoke to a packed house about the life and exploits of gangster/bank robber Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd who was killed in 1934 near East Liverpool. The Upton House Association is open to anyone to join.



Dale Delvend of Girard, Atty Brookes and John Warchol of Poland.

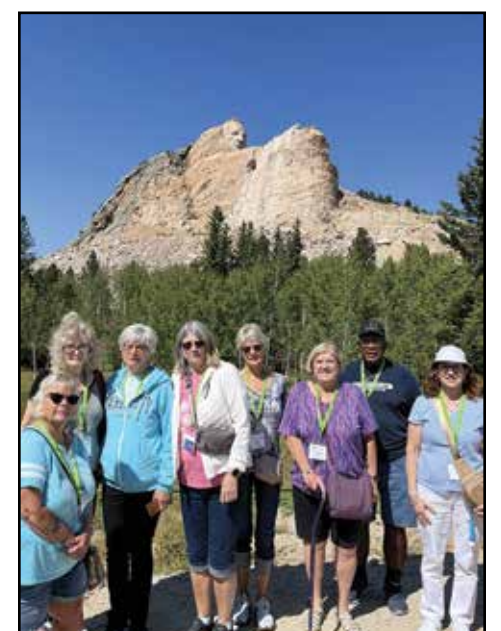

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Travel Club Tours National Parks

By Peggy Boyd

The Trumbull County Travel Club recently returned from their National Parks Adventure and will be meeting on Tuesday, October 29 to view a slide show of the 2025 vacations. The gathering of members will be at the Warren Library in Warren starting at 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Open to the public, the club has no membership fees to belong. The group does day outings and longer trips from 3 day to 10-day trips. Travel is usually by motor coach but members do fly, hop on trains and sometime cruise.

Information on upcoming trips can be obtained by calling the club secretary at 330-856-5398. A self-addressed, stamped envelope to her address will be filled with tour information and sent back to you. Call for details.

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Cortland Playroom's Field Trip



The Cortland Playroom was fortunate to have two consecutive pleasant days, which facilitated our class's field trip to the Cortland Fire Station. The visit provided students with invaluable knowledge of fire safety,

acquainted them with firefighters' protective equipment, and offered the unique opportunity to sit in a fire truck and ambulance.

Our appreciation is extended to the Cortland Fire Department.



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Rise Against Hunger

By Chris Bolinger and Merrilee Bolinger Jacobson

Once again, the Lakeview community came together to honor two of its real heroes and help make a difference in the lives of others. September 21 was the fifth time that a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event has been held at Lakeview High School. The first three events were organized by Clyde and Jean Bolinger. Since their deaths - Jean died in 2020; Clyde in 2022 - their children and grandchildren have continued the events in their honor.

Founded in 1998, by United Methodist minister Ray Buchanan, Rise Against Hunger provides ready-made meals - just add hot water and your favorite seasonings - to help combat hunger in remote communities around the world. Over 700 million people worldwide do not receive enough nutrition to lead active, healthy lives or provide for themselves and their families. At a Rise Against Hunger event, volunteers assemble meals by combining rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals in a bag that is sealed to ensure that it can be stored and transported easily and has a long shelf-life.

On September 21, 44 volunteers, including 25 Lakeview High School



students, started work at 9 a.m. Before 11 a.m., the group had assembled 10,000 dried meals and packed them in boxes. (That's about 100 meals every minute.) The Bolinger family looks forward to offering this opportunity to the Cortland community again next year to continue Mom and Dad's legacy of service to others and social justice for all.

Just another example of how Lakeview is making a difference in the world.



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Haunted Trumbull County: Ghosts & Local Legends

Editors note: These stories are from the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau's web page: www.trulytrumbull.com. For more fun things to do in Trumbull County we encourage you to visit their web page and sign up for their newsletters

Dive into the intriguing ghost stories and local legends of Trumbull County's remarkable past

By Allie Vugrincic, Trumbull County Tourism Bureau

It was a dark, and thankfully, not particularly stormy night – and it was the third I'd spent mostly alone in the Mahoning Avenue Pioneer Cemetery.

It was my first year acting as a ghost in the annual Ghost Walk put on by the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County and the Trumbull County Historical Society. As a ghost, I waited in the cemetery until I saw the walking tours' lanterns, and then emerged and told my spooky story to each group before they moved on to the next stop.

On the whole, I didn't mind the cemetery – it was quiet and peaceful, and like I said, I was only mostly alone. I had been fortunate enough to make friends with a little gray cat that would follow me as I wound through the graves and out to the cemetery gate for my performances, much to the delight of the audience.

But on this particular night, as we waited for the next group to arrive, the

cat startled. His hair stood straight on end and he bolted up a tree, then just hung there at eye-level in terror for nearly a minute.

As the next group meandered through the parking lot I tried to put the cat's behavior out of my mind – but I couldn't quite let it go.

I couldn't help but wonder if I was less alone than I'd realized. Maybe that cat knew something I didn't. Perhaps I was not the only ghost in the cemetery that night.

It would be no wonder, given the stories that people tell.

Mahoning Avenue Pioneer Cemetery

Pioneer Cemetery is thought to be one of the oldest in the area, with the earliest grave dating to 1804. In its boundaries are many stories – some lost to time, and some resigned to legend.

They say one woman buried her husband there before remarrying to a nasty, mean – and superstitious –

drunk. When he got angry, she fled to the cemetery, which he would not enter, and slept on the grave of first husband. It was a solution, until winter came, and she froze to death on that very grave.

Then there's three-year-old Mary Bosworth, set ablaze by a spark that blew from her father's fireplace in 1822. Her obituary lays out the grizzly details: she was "so dreadfully burnt as to render all medical aid unavailing," and "within sixteen hours" from the incident, "she was a corpse."

And 64-year-old Ezra Rawdon – he was killed by a kick from a horse in 1824. That would make anyone grumpy enough to return as a ghost, don't you think?

Warren City Hall & the Perkins Family

Pioneer Cemetery is not the only likely haunted spot in Trumbull County. Just down Mahoning Avenue is the notoriously haunted City Hall – historic home of the ill-fated Perkins Family.

Henry Bishop Perkins Sr., a local businessman and politician, built the mansion in 1871. He lived there with his wife and their four children, Mary, Olive, Jacob, and Henry Bishop Jr. – better known as "Bish."

The Perkins family's tragedy is said to have started after the body of a maid was found on their property. They say Bish wasn't the same after that – he was withdrawn.

Rumors, of course, circulated about him and that maid. Some people said that when they found her, she was "in a certain condition" – with child.

Well, one night Bish went to a wedding out of town and didn't return as expected. His family frantically searched for him. And they found him, face-down by the river, with a revolver still in his hand. Or, that's how the story goes.

Henry Bishop Sr., who often had "fits of melancholy," hung himself from the rafters in the law office a few years later. They say you can still see the marks made by the rope.

And if you're wondering about Jacob, the older son, – they say he died after he drunkenly fell asleep in the snow right outside the mansion.

Folks have reported all sorts of bumps in the night at City Hall, from the sound of furniture being rearranged to

doors opening and closing. Some even say they've seen old man Perkins in that law office, or other family members wandering the grounds looking for young Bish.

The Perkins, by the way, are buried in another Warren Cemetery, Oakwood Cemetery, which opened in 1848 – and which certainly has its own slew of ghosts.

The Kinsman House

It wouldn't be too much of a stretch to say that Perkins make up their fair share of the ghosts in Warren. Just a little further down Mahoning, the old Kinsman House – now the Warren Heritage Center – is also believed to be haunted.

Some say they've seen a specter looking down from the main staircase. Furniture sometimes seems to get itself out of place there, too. And of course, there's the reports of crying babies.

Or so they say. But I certainly never enter that house without saying hello to Olive – it is her house, after all.

Olive Perkins Kinsman was Henry Bishop Sr.'s sister. Their father, General Simon Perkins, built the stately Kinsman House for Olive upon her marriage to Frederick Kinsman in 1832.

Their marriage was short and plagued with tragedy. Olive gave birth to three children, none of whom lived past infancy, before she died in 1838.

Frederick remarried and had a sizeable, healthy family. But plenty of people believe Olive's spirit never left that house. She and her children may still be there, along with any number of other souls who found their way into the house over the years.

You can visit the Kinsman House and its ghosts when the Warren Heritage Center is open, 2 to 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month, or by appointment.

The Cortland Opera House

But you know, it's not just Warren that's haunted. There are ghosts all over Trumbull County.

I asked a ghost hunter friend where to go looking for them. She said, the Cortland Opera House, of course.

Long before it was the home of the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society, the Cortland Opera House was a Methodist Church. At the turn of the 20th century a member of the church, Solomon Kline, purchased the building, removed the steeple, added a stage, and called it "Kline's Hall." The venue hosted plays, shows and silent movies.

The Kline family supposedly haunts the building now. Some say that if a performance is held there, Kline himself will speak to patrons in a deep voice, and that a woman sometimes sings along with recitals. Even on a quiet day, you might hear footsteps there, if you listen closely.

While I can't say if that's really true, my friend has investigated the paranormal reports there. She said the ghosts of the Cortland Opera House have set off motion detectors and have turned off equipment. In her opinion, it's really truly haunted – but, the ghosts are pretty friendly.



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Voter Information Guide News

By Peggy Boyd

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, a nonpartisan organization has distributed 10,000 copies of the Voter Information Guide throughout Trumbull County. This guide is printed to provide a forum for all political candidates. The materials in the publication were assembled in the following manner. For local candidates, questions were selected by the LWV and addressed to the candidates. Their responses were printed as they wrote them. Any information regarding State or National Issues was provided by and is the work product of the League of Women Voters of Ohio and United States. Please look for this educational tool at libraries, post offices, stores, commercial buildings, grocery stores, senior centers and other sites possible.

The LWVTC will have a meeting on Monday, October 28 at 6 pm at the Warren Library in Warren. All meetings are open to the public. The speaker will



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be Alexa Sweeney from Lake to River Economic Development. Questions the LWV will be asking are: What do you do? How are you funded? What projects, if any, are in Trumbull County? The LWVTC meet monthly September through May on the 4th Monday of the month at various locations in Trumbull County. As a nonpartisan organization, we encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.



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Being Blessed By Giving

By Cait Morgan

Years ago, I joined a community service group, part of an international organization. I was the lone female who attended the meetings, but I felt at home as one of the guys. The fact that I liked to drink my whiskey straight may have helped a bit, but still, it was good to be accepted. The main organization's mission was to give aid and support to children around the world which we applied locally.

Weekly dinner meetings were a wonderful time of fellowship, planning and great food. Oh, the food! If there was one thing we took seriously, it was having good food around us. And while other service clubs may have always been in the newspaper showing off what they did and spent a lot of time browsing through Roberts Rules of Order and reading committee reports, we did our business in between ordering dinner and finishing dessert and barely told anyone we had done it. We worked closely with the school system providing coats, socks and gloves to those who didn't have any. We had the schools tell us who wasn't getting a Christmas dinner each year and delivered enough food not only for a wonderful Christmas dinner but enough to last well over a week - ham, potatoes, bread, cereal, pasta, fruit, you name it - to five or six families along with toys, presents and a visit from Santa.

We helped with books, did care bags for middle school kids, helped stock the local food pantries and so much more. We did anything that we could to make children's lives a little better, if only for

a while. And we had a blast doing it.

People say is that helping someone else helps the helpers and it is true. Plus while we were caring for others, our group became family. The men in the group and their families have meant the world to me and I don't know what I would have done at times without them. Time has been cruel by taking some away and for those who are left, aging has been rough at times. We still get together for dinner often and celebrate the joys and laughter while working through the trials and struggles knowing that no matter what, we have each other's backs. They surely had mine through many horrid times, more than once propping me back up and making sure I knew I was going to be ok. They have shared my happiest times and made me laugh so hard I couldn't breathe. I hope I have returned the favor at least a time or two but, even more, I hope they know how much their friendship has meant to me these last few decades.

In working to deliver blessings to others, I have been the one being blessed. You can't do better than that.

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The Purple Pinkie Project Cortland Rotary selling Specialty Donuts for Polio Eradication



This month, the members of Cortland Rotary are joining with other Rotary Clubs around the nation to host a unique joint fundraiser in celebration of World Polio Day. Rotarians in these 45 Clubs and their high school and college affiliates will sell scratch-made long john/cream stick donuts topped with a dab of purple icing. This represents the purple paint placed on children's pinkie fingers in developing countries after receiving the polio vaccine.

For every \$20 dozen sold, a \$9 DONATION will be made to Rotary International's END POLIO NOW initiative. The donation is then eligible for the 2:1 match funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and any other District or Rotary International matching funds available, which will help this fund grow.

Launched in Tennessee in 2018, the Purple Pinkie Donut Project has earned more than \$4.7 million for polio eradication. Rotary District 6650 was the first Ohio District to adopt this program. Our 2024 goal is to keep the program growing and achieve 100% participation!

"We are proud to join in this successful national project," said Rotary

District 6650 District Governor Elayne Bozick. She explained that when Rotary International took this polio service project in 1979, there were 1,000 cases a day around the world and through the years, more than 3 billion children have been immunized. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"Rotaries are driven to continue immunizing kids to eliminate it and we are eager to work locally and worldwide to help." The public can participate in the Purple Pinkie Project through their local Rotary Club. Call Dennis Nesbitt at 330-719-8629 or Dan Schultz at 330-719-5792 for more information or to place an order.



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The Rotary Club of Cortland hosted Elayne Bozick, 2024/2025 Rotary District 6650 Governor at the October 1 club meeting. Elayne gave the club an update about Rotary District initiatives and happenings. A reminder to all that October 24 is World Polio Day and please support Rotary Clubs as they campaign to eliminate polio disease from the earth.

Pictured are Elayne Bozick, 6650 District Governor and Dennis Nesbitt, Cortland Rotary Club President.

Cortland Masonic Lodge Marks \$50K In Charity Breakfasts

Since the Charity Breakfasts were initiated about 4 years ago, the Lodge has now donated over \$50,000 to community groups and organizations. The next charity fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Cortland Masonic Lodge located at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

The beneficiary will be the Healthy Hearts and Paws organization which raises money for animal rescue and the shelter in Trumbull County. The charity breakfasts are held monthly by the Masonic Lodge, which donates all the meal supplies so that 100% of the

proceeds can be donated to a local charity.

Last month, the Masonic Lodge breakfast benefitted the Mathews "Mustangs Care" food program for children whose only meals are what they get at school. Pictured are Dan McMillin and Tim Bauer from the lodge, presenting Jessica Licata a check for \$845 which was combined with \$485 from the basket raffle, to give the charity a total of \$1,330.

The "all you can eat" breakfast costs \$9.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for youth age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee, with take-outs available.

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Burn Ban In Effect

By Chief David Rea, Cortland Fire Depart

As we drive through our community you will notice many trees were felled by the recent storms. With this comes the need to clean up the debris. Please keep in mind that open burning is extremely restricted in the city.

More information on this can be obtained at the City's Web page cityofcortland.org.

Additionally, the State Fire Marshalls Office has placed a burning ban between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm in March, April, May, October, & November. Please make sure you are being vigilant and follow all requirements when burning.

Final Curbside Brush Pickup Of 2024

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct the last branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting the week of October 28. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than Sunday, October 27 to ensure removal.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Branches and limbs need to be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday before the scheduled collection week.
- One pass will be made on each street.
- Only branches & limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned & root-free).
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in diameter.
- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household.
- Do not combine piles with your neighbors.
- Branches and limbs must be stacked in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.
- No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.
- If you have any questions, please call the Administration Building at (330) 637-3011.



October Cortland Library Events

Holiday Closing

CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY. All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 for Columbus Day.

Events - Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 22, 29 Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 - 5 with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Midweek Mayhem

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: Oct. 16, 23, 30 Teens in grades 7 - 12 can hang out and enjoy games, activities, and a small snack. Free.

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 21, 28 A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Family Game Night

Thurs., Oct. 17 from 6 - 7 p.m. Come

as a family to play various card, board, and tabletop games provided by the library. For families with children ages 3 and older. Free.

Totally Tweens - Tues., Oct. 22 from 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.

Spooktacular Concert @ The Cortland Library

Wed., Oct. 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. Guitarist Tyler Guerrieri specializes in all genres of music and performs as a solo artist at libraries, wineries, and festivals. He will perform a selection of Halloween themed popular music. Free.

Family Crafternoon

Sat., Oct. 26 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. Families with children ages 3 and older can let their imaginations run wild and make some creative projects to take home. Call the Cortland Library at (330) 638-6335 a week before the event to find out what projects will be offered. Free.

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Children's Programming At Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson

Children's programming is ongoing for October at the Bristol Public Library. Story Time, for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds, will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Sessions will begin on October 3rd and will end on October 31st.

Children will enjoy stories, songs, and games during each session. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn to interact and socialize as they make new friends as well as learn to be away from parents or caregivers.

Registration is required, due to limited space, and now underway. Visit the Bristol Public Library for more information and to register or contact the Circulation Desk at 330-889-3651.

Pet Costume Contest Supporting Nonprofit

"This Is Halloween: Crafts & Sweets Market" will take place at 4491 Mahoning Avenue, Austintown on Sunday, October 13th from Noon to 4 and will include a pet costume contest at 3:00. Local artisans, makers and bakers will be selling ghoulish treats and crafts at Café Rosé to help customers get into the spooky season spirit. There will also be fall themed items available.

Each participating small business vendor will be donating a handmade item for a raffle to support Furrever & After Cat Sanctuary, which provides foster-based sanctuary and medical support to cats as well as pet owner education. All funds raised in the raffle and pet costume contest will go directly to Furrever & After Cat Sanctuary. Raffle donations are being accepted from other businesses and individuals.

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