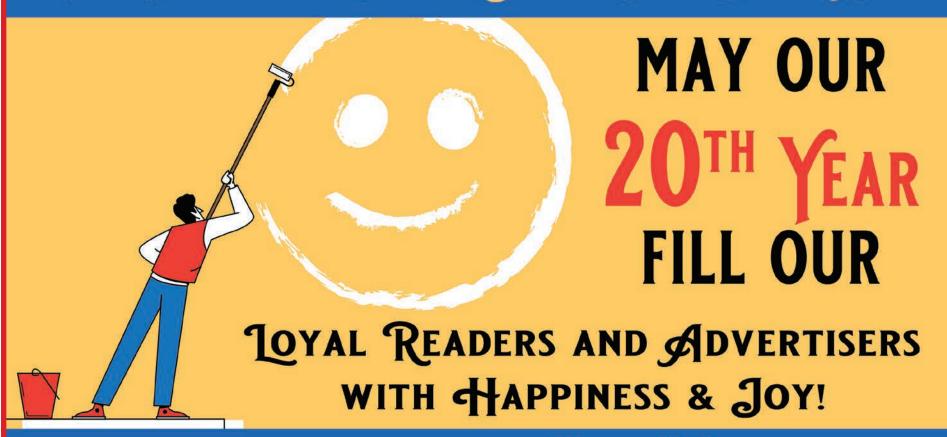


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# THANK YOU CORTLAND FOR INSPIRING US TO BRING YOU GOOD NEWS



WE ARE ALWAYS STRIVING TO "MAKE of Thifference"

# The Cortland News Celebrates 20 Years Of 'Making A Difference" With Good News

city's free, advertiser-supported newspaper, is celebrating its 20th year in business. The paper, which is mailed free to all city homes and businesses, has become a beloved

The Cortland News, the institution in Cortland, known for its positive coverage of the community.

> The Cortland News was founded in 2003 by John Bauswein of Bainbridge, and it's important to give our residents Ohio. John, with the help of then Cortland Mayor Curt Moll, recruited a group of residents who wanted to create a newspaper that would focus on the good things happening in their community. They were tired of seeing the news dominated by negative stories, and they wanted to create a paper that would lift people's spirits and make them feel good about living in Cortland. Bauswein hired Jim Woofter to manage the day-to-day operations of the paper and after three years Woofter purchased the paper and took complete control as owner and publisher.

"The Cortland News has been a success from the start, has a circulation of over 5,000 and it is widely read by people of all ages. We cover a wide range of topics, including local government, schools, churches, clubs and businesses, "said Woofter.

"We believe that good news is

important," said Editor Thom Foley. "It's important to highlight the positive things happening in our community, a sense of pride in where they live."

The Cortland News is known for its heartwarming stories about local people, businesses, schools, churches, and clubs. The paper also covers important news and events in the community, but it always does so with a positive focus.

"We want to be the kind of newspaper that people look forward to reading," Foley said. "We want to bring them stories that will make them smile, laugh, and feel good about their community."

In addition to the "hard copy", the paper can also be read in its entirety on their web site located at www. cortlandnews.net . The paper can also be found on Facebook with more than 5000 followers.

"We believe The Cortland News is a vital part of the Cortland community. The paper helps to keep people informed about what is happening in their city, and it also helps to promote community pride. The Cortland News is a shining example of what a local newspaper can be and we believe we are "Making A Difference" stated Foley.





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### **CITY COUNCIL**

First and Third Monday of each month. Monday Oct 16 – 7 p.m. Monday Nov 6 – 7 p.m.

### CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

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### PARKS AND RECREATION

Second Monday of each month Monday, Nov 13 - 5:30 p.m.

### PLANNING & ZONING

Second Monday of each month Monday, Nov 13 - 7 p.m.

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Regular meetings the second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday Nov 14, 7 p.m.

A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings held via ZOOM. Visit www.bazettatwp.org

### LAKEVIEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lakeview High School Media Center, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, Nov 13, 6 p.m.

### **Area Service Clubs**

Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club	Four Seasons Garden Club
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Cortland Bazetta Historical Society & Museum	Johnston Senior Center
Sally Lane	Diana Shimko
Cortland Lions Club	Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs
Bill Lowther	Terri Crabbs
Cortland Masonic Lodge	American Assoc of University Women
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Cortland Moose Lodge	League of Woman Voters
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## Our Next Issue .... November 4, 2023

### Our theme will be

Veterans Day, Giving Thanks, Preparing for the Holidays
Article Deadline by Oct 20 • Display Advertising Deadline is Oct 25
Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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

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

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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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Display and classified advertising and photographs to: sales@cortlandnews.net

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### **Community Events**

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 6

**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.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League Schedulewww.facebook.com/ytownnigthhawks

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

### **OCTOBER**

- 17 Deadline to Register / JCC Middle School Dance / Oct 21, 7-9 PM See pg. 9
- 21 National Pets for Veterans Day /stop in Totally Dog to donate to Newlife K9s-Ohio & receive dog treats
- 21 'God Provides A Meal, Free Community Lunch' / Cortland United Methodist / 11 AM - 1 PM
- 22 Warren Philharmonic Orchestra's Razzle-Dazzle Fall Concert / 3 PM
- 24 Purple Pinkie Donuts For Polio Eradication by Cortland Rotary. See any member. See pg. 13
- Community Conversation RE Our Schools / Opera House / 6 PM / See pg. 17 24
- 25 Drive through Dinner / Cortland United Methodist /4:30-6:00 PM
- 28 Live Well Trumbull Health and Wellness Fair / Kent State University Trumbull / 9 AM - Noon / See pg. 3
- Trick Or Treat Food Truck Night, W Main Street including 28 Cortland Christian Church's "Trunk or Treat" / 5-8 PM
- 29 **2nd Annual Trunk or Treat** / Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 12:30-2:00 PM

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31 **Halloween Trick or Treat** / 6-8 PM

### **NOVEMBER**

- "Bag Hunger" Campaign begins at Cortland Mower
- "Finding Inspiration Among the Amish" / Lake Vista 1 Club House / 11 AM
- 2 **Big Veteran's Day Celebration** / K-7 building / 9:30 AM / See pg. 12
- Small Town, Big Heart Community Dinner / Lakeview K-7 Building 3 5 PM / See pg. 3
- Tails of Hope Pet Pic with Santa / Whole Life Services, Hermitage, PA 11AM-4 PM / See pg. 18
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### **Business News and Notes**

By Thom Foley

Greazy Daves Auto Repair can help you and your car get ready for fall and winter. They are offering \$5.00 off an oil change and \$5.00 off a set of installed windshield wipers. All work is done by a ASE Certified mechanic.

Cortland Lanes introduces Monday Bargain Bowling 7 PM – 11 PM There are \$2 games, \$2 Domestic Beers, Lots of Food Specials. It's cheaper to have fun during the week!

Dr Johnson and Cortland **Pediatrics** remind all of us to have a safe Halloween. Don't overeat and stay with your small children when they Trick or Treat.

Ohio Living at Lake Vista will host "Inside the Simple Life: Finding Inspiration Among the Amish" presented by Author Susan Hougelman on November 2. It is from 11AM to Noon at the Lake Vista Club House, 303 North Mecca St. Cortland RSVP 330-638-2420

Totally Dog is proud to announce that they now offer grooming services. Christine Tidey opened up 'Tidy Trims' Dog Grooming. The entrance is behind Totally Dog on Lattin St. She has 9 years' experience and does dog cuts, baths, dog & cat nail trims. Call 330-795-1988 for an appointment. ALSO: October 21, 2023 is National Pets for Veterans Day, stop in, contribute to: Newlife K9s-Ohio who provide veterans with highly trained service and emotional support dogs. Make a donation of \$5 or more, receive a free bag dog treats!

Do you need a **Santa Claus** for you Holiday party this year? We hear he is taking bookings already. Check out his ad in this issue. Girt's Cortland Music 101 are

proud to serve our community and support our area schools as a Legacy business providing expert private music lessons, certified instrument repair services, affordable musical instruments, print music and supplies, top quality band and orchestral instruments, and more. They carry all the local School Band Books and offer among the area's finest 0% Rent-to-own instrument rentals.

## **Trumbull County Community Health Fair**

Live Well Trumbull is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 28th. The Health Fair will be held at Kent State University Trumbull located at 4314 Mahoning Avenue NW. from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Health Fair is free, open to the public and will provide free health screenings, including blood pressure, carbon monoxide, oxygen saturation, Body Mass Index (BMI), a diabetes survey, fall prevention assessment, flu vaccines, COVID vaccines, and more.

The screenings are possible because of the generous support of The Trumbull County Combined Health District, Warren City Health District, Mercy Health, Kent State University Trumbull, and hChoices.

The health fair is a great opportunity to learn about local organizations and experts in and around Trumbull County. We hope to see you there. Visit LiveWellTrumbull.org to check out all the resources available to help on the journey to wellness.

### Small Town, Big Heart Community Dinner

Heart Community Dinner on Friday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Lakeview K-7 Building. The dinner will honor

SAVE THE DATE: Small Town, Big all those who make it a great place to live. Proceeds to benefit a local military initiative. More Details to Follow.







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> Bring the bag back to Cortland Mower filled with non-perishable food items & receive a ticket for the **Snow Blower drawing** per bag returned.



All donations will be distributed to: Lakeview School Pantry, The Patchwork Foundation,

\*\* Household items such as Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste, etc. are also appreciated.

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# **Cortland Mower to** "Bag Hunger"

Cortland Mower and Sales is teaming up with three local organizations to help combat the hunger problem in our area. Many families, including those with school-aged children, do not have enough to eat. You can help feed them and maybe win a new 18" Power Clear 518 ZE Gas Snow Blower [Toro 38473], a \$529.00 value.

Stop into Cortland Mower at 118 Walnut St. in Cortland and pick up a green Cortland Mower Tote Bag from Nov. 1 through Dec. 16. Bring the bag back to Cortland Mower filled with nonperishable food items before Dec. 16. You can fill as many bags as you like. Each time you return a filled bag you will receive one entry for a chance to win the TORO Mower.

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

Help "BAG HUNGER" in our community.



# ADOPT A PET

### **FIONA**

### **CANDY CORN**

 Spayed female · 2 months old Shepherd/Mix, black/tan

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- to love on, exercise and train a rambunctious puppy,
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- Adoption fee: \$40 . It looks like Fiona's missing an ear, but it's still there, folded

Despite this 'imperfection', she's a great lap kitty and a perfect little angel looking for a quiet life in her forever home. She loves to be petted, take naps and lay in the sun. She would be fine living with other cats but doesn't enjoy living

with dogs



one of the Candy Corn litter pups would likely be a great

fit for you! Candy Corn is

adopter in this photo, saying

"Please take me home in

appealing to her future

If you're interested in either of these pets, or you'd like to learn more about our current animals available for adoption, please email our Adoption Supervisor at Adoptions@awltrumbull.com or call Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County at 330-539-5300. For more information about our adoption process, visit https://www.awlrescueme.com/adopt/

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# Spartan Woodworks

Kris Tambures, one of the owners of Vasilios, is a man of many talents. In addition to the skills required to operate a restaurant, he has a growing woodworking business of all handmade unique wood products.

"I have always enjoyed working with my hands in my workshop at home. Woodworking has always been a passion of mine. There is no better feeling than having products made by me in someone else's home" said Tambures. The company is called Spartan Woodworks and there is a variety of different handmade products. He does cutting boards, charcuterie boards, coffee tables, dining room tables, nightstands & end tables. Some of them have epoxy incorporated. Working with live edge is his favorite.

Kris uses a variety of woods that come from all over the world but most are from North America. They include cherry, walnut, maple, cedar, Bolivian rosewood, ash and many others.

A product can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks depending on the complexity involved. Many have unique inlays with a plethora of different materials to give the piece a unique look. Table take the longest to do.

He will work with you on what type of design you want but freelances most of his work from personal inspiration. Stop in to Vassilios where a few are on display on the counter. Better yet, check out their Facebook page [Spartan Woodworks] to see the many products and how they are made.

Contact Kris at spartanwoodworks22@gmail.com order your Holiday gift now.





Richard Tirpak, current Rotary District 6650 Governor, visited Cortland Rotary Club recently to spread the good word about Rotary in District 6650. Richard is a member of the Rotary Club of Plain Township. Current Cortland Rotary Club President, Dan Schultz, is shown on the right.

### **Largest Drive Yet**

Lions Club combined for a successful exceeded expectations. scrap drive to benefit the Cortland City

Once again NEO Junk and the Cortland Parks. This was the largest drive yet and



Tiffany & Dennis Harvey of NEO Junk, Anita Shaw and Terry Elliott, both of whom drove donations to Willow Park and Lions Club member Anthony Niemi.

## **Cortland Fire Department News**

Cortland Fire Chief David Rea in July was honored to become a Fellow of the Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Foundation. And in October he attained the designation of Ohio Fire Chief from the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. Congratulation Chief Rea! Another reason this is the best place - and one of the safest - to live.

Recently, they have been awarded several grants; \$20,000 from Oho Ambulance Transportation Program for employee retention; \$94,000 from Ohio EMA for employee retention (fire and police); \$40,000 from Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to replace our rescue tools. These grants improve our Fires Department and cost our resident no additional tax dollars.

Now that you're up to speed and have completed all the tips provided, have a great fire safety month and a Happy Halloween.

# City Of Cortland Workforce **Development Project** Launch

The City of Cortland is thrilled to announce the launch of its Workforce Development Project, an initiative designed to help bridge the gaps between jobseekers and employers. Spearheaded by the Mayor's Office with oversight being provided by the Office of Special Projects, the Workforce Development Project is a testament to Cortland's dedication to fostering economic growth, job creation, and personal advancement. This initiative will provide residents with another free resource to find potential career opportunities. Employers will be able to post open positions and career opportunities on the City's website for free.

Additional information regarding the program can be found at the City of Cortland's website underneath the Businesses tab in the "Businesses that are hiring" section.

Mayor Petrosky emphasized the city's commitment to its residents, stating, "The Workforce Development Component reflects our dedication to empowering our community members to achieve their career goals. We believe in investing in our residents and supporting our businesses to ensure a bright future for Cortland."

For more information, please contact the office of Mayor Petrosky at (330) 637-4003 or mayor@cityofcortland.org



# **Guidelight Financial Group Cares For Our Communities**

By Melissa Crown

We invite you to join us in this year's Food Drive in support of the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley. Guidelight Financial Group will be collecting nonperishable food donations starting Monday, October 30th until Thursday November 2nd from 9 am until 3 pm at the Guidelight Financial Group office located at 3378 State Route 5, Cortland.

The Food Bank's needs list includes the following: cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, dry pasta, canned soup, macaroni & cheese.

Guidelight Financial Group takes pride in serving our communities, especially in this time of need. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity. There is no cost or obligation. We are not able to accept cash or check donations.

For More Information, please contact Melissa Crown at 330-638-5525 or Melissa.Crown@ampf.com

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# Firefighter/Paramedic Applications For City Of Cortland

The City of Cortland is accepting applications for Firefighter Paramedics. Competitive Examination For Entry Level Firefighter/Paramedic will be on Thursday, October 19th At 9:00 A.M. at the Administration Building, 400 N High St., Cortland Ohio. Must have Driver's License or Picture ID day of the exam.

Applications will be accepted at the City Administration Building, until Monday, October 16th from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

To be appointed to this position, an applicant must be certified as a Paramedic, must be at least 18 years old and must have a valid Ohio Driver's License. Applicants upon appointment may be required to present a current Certification of Completion of a Firefighter's Physical Agility Test or complete a Physical Agility Competency Test administered by the Dept.

There is hereby established a maximum age of 40 (before or on the applicant's date of appointment) for a person to apply to the City for an original appointment to the City's Fire Department. Applicants that have transferable full-time credit from a State of Ohio retirement system or from Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund shall use this time to reduce their actual age to meet the (age 40) maximum age for original appointment provided the applicant passes a fit-for-duty medical

All other Verifiable documentation must be submitted upon return of the application and/or prior to the day of the examination.

Edward Jones

The City of Cortland will also be accepting Lateral Transfer applications. Pick up applications until October 16th from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (closed 12 to 1 for lunch) at the Administration Building. Lateral Transfer Applications can also be found on the City's website at cityofcortland.org (under Community & Employment Opportunity) or picked up at the Fire Station, 194 Lattin St. Completed Applications and all other documentation will be accepted via d. email at admin@cityofcortland.org to the close of business on October 16th or they may be dropped off at City Hall. Must have Valid Driver's License or Picture ID when dropping off the application. For questions please call (330)637-2891.

To be appointed to this position, an applicant must be certified as a Firefighter Level 2 and Paramedic, must be at least 18 years old and must have a valid Ohio Driver's License. There is hereby established a maximum age of 40 (before or on the applicant's date of appointment) for a person to apply to the City for an original appointment to the City's Fire Department. Applicants that have transferable full-time credit from a State of Ohio retirement system or from Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund shall use this time to reduce their actual age to meet the (age 40) maximum age for original appointment provided the applicant passes a fit-for-duty medical evaluation. All other Verifiable documentation must be submitted upon return of the application. The City Of Cortland Is An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Just The Facts - What types of property taxes apply to real property?

- Unvoted property taxes
- Voted property taxes
- Inside millage
- Outside millage
- All of the above.

Scrap Drive at Willow Park -THANK YOU to NEO Junk Removal and the **Lion's Club volunteers** who ran the recent scrap drive. And thank you to all of **the residents** who participated! This has been the largest drive to date! Numbers will follow.

**Businesses that are Hiring -** As part of our commitment to supporting local businesses and job seekers, we are thrilled to introduce a valuable resource - the free job listings feature on the city's website under the tab Businesses that are *Hiring.* The City of Cortland recognizes the importance of a strong and dynamic workforce to drive the growth of our local economy. In collaboration with local businesses, organizations, and residents, we have developed this new workforce development component to help bridge the gap between employers and potential employees.

By posting job openings on the City's website, businesses can benefit from increased visibility within the local community. Whether you are a small enterprise or large business, we welcome your participation in this collaborative effort to strengthen our community. To access the job list form and get started, please visit https:// forms.office.com/r/te6q1StkxB.

Façade Grant Program - City Council approved the third reading for the Cortland Business Façade Grant Program at their last meeting on September 18. The goal of this initiative is to improve the visual appearance of the city and be a conduit of development and revitalization within our community. The city would like to offer a 25% match up to \$2,500. The application deadline has been extended to Nov. 30, 2023. A complete application package along with a letter introducing businesses to Businesses that are Hiring was mailed to all city businesses Friday, September 22. If you did not receive an application, you can find one under the Business tab on the city website https:// cityofcortland.org/ and then under Business Façade Grant Program.

### City Of Cortland Plans For **Downtown Revitalization**

The City of Cortland is excited to announce the official launch of its Facade Grant Program, a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing the beauty of our community through revitalization. This innovative program, administered by the Marketing & Business Growth Committee of City Council, offers financial assistance to property owners and businesses within the city limits, encouraging them to restore and enhance the facades of their buildings.

The Facade Grant Program is a testament to the city's commitment to fostering economic growth and creating a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. By providing financial incentives for exterior improvements, the program seeks to stimulate investment in our community, ultimately boosting property values and local commerce.

Key program highlights:

1. Matching Grants: Property owners and businesses can receive

matching grants of 25% up to \$2,500 to cover eligible facade improvement

- 2. Eligible Improvements: Grants can be used for a variety of improvements, including exterior painting, signage, window replacement, awnings, and more.
- 3. Application Process: Interested applicants can find program details and application forms at www.cityofcortland. org or by contacting City Hall.

Mayor Petrosky expressed excitement about the program, stating, "The Facade Grant Program is a remarkable opportunity for our community to come together and breathe new life into our city. We encourage all eligible property owners and businesses to take advantage of this initiative and help us make Cortland even more beautiful and inviting."

For more information, please contact the office of Mayor Petrosky at (330) 637-4003 or mayor@cityofcortland.org

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### City Of Cortland Property Acquisition

Cortland City Council is proud to announce that we will be acquiring the former Farmer's Bank Building parking lot located at 181 West Main Street, Cortland. This acquisition symbolizes the City's continued commitment to downtown revitalization and cultivating economic prosperity.

Mayor Petrosky explained, "Our business owners identified that limited parking was a problem. City Council and I agree that this property will not only solve that problem, but in the future will hopefully become home to

a flourishing community event center. Initially, the city will be utilizing it for additional parking. Eventually, we would like to see it become a place for many more community events. In the future, we may see some reconfiguration, additional electrical and water hookups, possibly a stage area, and of course, resurfacing."

In conjunction with the 2021 Updated Strategic Plan the City of Cortland continues to find new ways to support the growth and prosperity of our small business community.

### **Totally Dog Winners**

Totally Dog announced the winners of their "Back to School Photo Contest".



1st place winner is Bernie and the owners are Nicole and Avery Mauger.

# October Is Fire Safety Month

By Chief David Rea

With October being fire safety month here are some fire safety tips for your home. As usual, we will be discussing these items with our local preschool and grade school students. Now that you have been forewarned, expect your children to have lots of questions and/or suggestions to make your home safer. In all honesty, we encourage them to talk about this with everyone living in their residence.

### **Tips for Fire Safety**

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- Even if the smoke alarms are working, change batteries at least once a year.
- Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- Have a meeting place, outside of the house, where all members of the family are to meet in case of an emergency inside the house.
- If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.



2nd place winner is Jackson, owners Jill & Brian Mohney.



3rd place winner Maggie Mae is owned by Andrew & Corinna Williamson.



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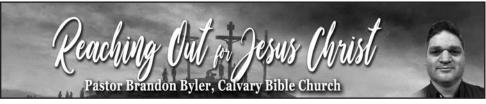
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Pastor Steve Garces, Mecca Community Church



### The Difference Maker

If you watch or read the news, watch the NFL, MLB, or NBA, you hear all kinds of messages about the ways people are making a difference or attempting to. Some people look at these advertisements and stories and wonder, "What kind of a difference could I make compared to that?"

When you think about those who made a positive impact on your life, who immediately comes to mind? For so many of us, that influence comes from our family. Most of us have a so-called hero that we looked up to in our lives that was outside our family and in the public eye. Some look to an athlete, actor/actress, or politician who resonated with them.

Most of us don't have the public's eye, and we sometimes wonder if we can make a difference. I remind you that in your family there are people who look to you, watch you and admire you, even if they never say those words. Parents, we make a difference by pouring yourself in your children. We care for our aging parents with dignity and love. We make sacrifices that put the people in our life we're closest to above your career, interests, and even

yourself. In that way you make a great difference.

As a pastor and counselor, I am not naïve to the reality that for some people families are not safe places. In these situations I encourage people to find safety and look to people who dedicate their lives to help people in those situations. By God's grace, this is not everyone's experience.

Whether you have had a great life, good life, hard life or believe your life is not worth living, there is hope for you. His name is Jesus, and He made the greatest difference our world has ever seen. He didn't take the traditional route to influence, avoiding political power and instead, He made Himself a servant though He is the Son of God and died for mankind on the cross. Without His sacrifice, there would be no hope for us. Jesus offers hope because He rose again, crushing sin and death. He is the ultimate difference maker and to know more about how His life has changed this whole world, open a Bible and read 1 Corinthians 15. By turning to Jesus, we can make a great difference in ways that last forever.

"The wall of Jerusalem has been breached, it's gates gutted by fire. When I heard this report, I began to weep and continued mourning for several days, fasting, and praying before the God of Heaven." Nehemiah 1:4

I had the privilege of going overseas multiple times on mission trips. What a shock and wakeup call this was to my little world. It was during one of these trips that my eyes were open to the needs around me. At times we can live in our little 'bubble' and fail to see what is right in front of us. The most obvious needs were people with dirty torn clothes looking for a handout.

The sight of shelters with dirt floors and at times no running water can be a shock to anyone that has never had to experience such deplorable conditions. The obvious needs are easily recognized, such as the lack of clean clothes and hungry stares. Many times, it was the individuals that looked well off that was hurting from hidden wounds. It was the individuals desperate for a connection and desperate for hope that tends to be overlooked.

Here in our own community exist the same needs. There's a need for food, a need for love and a need for



hope. Whether we choose to ignore or acknowledge it, it will remain an issue.

What can I do? That's the question that can be a catalyst to a change. It must start somewhere with someone. In Nehemiah 1:4 there's a story of a cupbearer to the King. He saw the plight of the people and prayed. But it didn't stop there! It was a prayer that asked for guidance and was followed by action. Can this be a little overwhelming? YES! But we can ask for guidance and with one step at a time we can make a difference in someone's life.

Start small! The smallest act of compassion can make an impact. Nehemiah's concern brought much needed awareness and help to a group of people that were in despair. It must start somewhere, why not with you?

Let's make a difference together.

# **Trinity Celebrates 80 Years In Trumbull County**

Rev Robert Wacker

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church had their first service on February 28th, 1943 held in Warren at 2 pm in the Finnish Lutheran Church (at Parkman and Oak). The congregation, while having moved buildings a number of times in 80 years, now reside on N Road NE. This year the congregation chose to celebrate these 80 years on September 17th, 2023 with Pastor Kenneth Kelly preaching.

The congregation was greater with

with Trinity such as former Pastor Charlie Lentner and the family of the sainted Pastor Norman Schinkel and the sainted Audrey Schinkel who was organist at Trinity for a time. Also the Howland Fire Department came and celebrated with us as special guests during the luncheon.

continue to serve the Lord in Trumbull County and continue to make a difference in our community.

It is a great blessing for Trinity to





Pictured from left to right are Pastor and Mrs. Charlie Lentner, Tobias Wacker (Crucifer, processional cross donated by Lighted Cross Lutheran in Ashtabula), Pastor Robert Wacker, Pastor Kenneth Kelly (Preacher for service), Andy Kelly (musician for service), Mr. And Mrs. David Schinkel (son and daughter-in-law of Pastor Norman and Audrey Schinkel).



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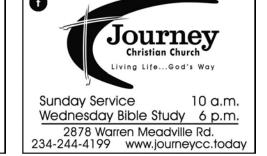
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### **Bazetta Christian Church History** Part 3 of 4

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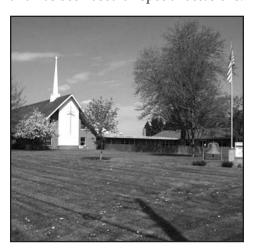
In 1972, the Bazetta Christian Church history continues with our largest expansion regarding our building, and to our membership. On Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972, a groundbreaking ceremony during a light snowfall, signaled the beginning of the sanctuary construction. Because construction included arched and high ceilings, it could not be built with all volunteer labor as before.

The first service was held in the new building on December 17, 1972. Total cost for the sanctuary wing, furnishings, and parking lot came to \$201,000. In today's world, it is hard to imagine that this cost could cover so much!

As Construction of the new Church became imminent, and it was evident that the historic old Church would have to be torn down or moved from the site to make room for the new Church. Shortly after the completion of the new sanctuary (summer, 1973), the old church building was given to the Trumbull County Historical Society. It just seemed fitting that it was moved to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds where it can be seen today, as our present church is down the road on the corner. The rear portion of the building was removed and taken to the Fairgrounds where it was converted

into an exhibit hall.

An idea discussed for several years became a reality in May 1983 when two of our church members gifted Bazetta Christian Church with a new 30-foot fiberglass steeple. It took 15 minutes for a crane to hoist the 600-pound structure from the truck to the roof top, while a group of people watched. To this day it serves as a beacon to our Community - on a clear, sunny day as you leave Cortland, and as you are driving down the hill on West Main Street towards the lake, look across the lake and see the steeple above the trees! The old bell in the belfry was kept by the Church and placed next to the sign in the front yard and has been used on special occasions.





# **Adopt A Foot**

By Carole Wiley

Adopt A Foot Is a heart-warming program that is supported by Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF). Every fall, LOAF collects donations of any amount. These funds are used to purchase quality tennis shoes for every child in need in six different area school districts. LOAF collects the names of the children and gives them to Neal's Shoe

Neal's, as you likely know, is located at the Elm Road Plaza. The children come to the store and are fitted with new shoes. Quite often these shoes are the only shoes that a child receives all year. Neal's owner, Tom Maloy, began the program many years ago. Donating to this meaningful project can bring significant satisfaction, particularly at Christmas time!

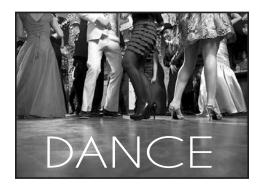
Please prepare your God-pleasing donation by making your check out to "LOAF" and mailing it to LOAF, PO Box 494, Cortland, Ohio, 44410. The last day to make a donation is November 11th. Many Thank You's and Blessings to all! For any questions, please call Carole Wiley, 330-720-9136.

## **JCC Holding Dance** For Middle School **Students**

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering a dance for middle school aged youth from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 21. Registration is required by Oct. 17.

The dance is open to ALL middle school students in the area. DJ Danielle will provide music. Light refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$5 per person. Visit jccyoungstown.org to register.

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown offers social, cultural, educational, recreational and programs in a Jewish environment. Everyone is welcome. JCC is an agency of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. For more information, visit jccyoungstown.org.



### Women of Worship Rummage Sale

of Worship recently held their annual rummage sale. Proceeds are by donation

Cortland Christian Church's Women only and all funds raised go to missions at the church and community outreach programs.



Front: Amy Popichak, Kaaren Miller, Joyce Hall, Ronna Nazarini, Judene Clirisley, Linda Chagnot, Carol Glancy; Back: Bety Evans, Carol Back, Sharon Hopkins

# Cortland Christian Church's

**Church News & Notes** 

"Trunk or Treat" will be at Food Truck Night Oct. 28th -- 5-8.

Cortland United Methodist: God Provides A Meal / Free Community Lunch on Saturday, October 21, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please join us and bring a friend. Menu: Meatball sub, pasta salad, applesauce, & beverage. Donation accepted but not required; Drive through Dinner, Wednesday, October 25th from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM or until sold out Menu: Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, bread and butter, pumpkin dessert. Cost \$10.00. No pre-order first come, first serve.

The Church of the Nazarene Outreach Committee continues to

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meet and dream about how we can make a positive difference in our corner of the world. We are now offering our fellowship hall to the community for special events at no charge, donation only. Just contact us to book a date. Another new thing is our live streaming on Facebook Sunday morning @10:45. Our list is only beginning, so stay tuned. Don't forget our Cortland Church of the Nazarene Craft Show, Saturday, Oct. 14th from 9 to 3.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Please Join us for our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 29th from 12:30 pm-2:00 pm. There will be candy, games, prizes, and more! We look forward to seeing everyone there for a safe place to dress in their costumes and trick or treat.

### **Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club Annual Christmas Craft Show**

The Bazetta Cortland Optimist Cortland Optimist Club. Club, 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Rd., will host their Annual Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, December 2, from 9 am to 3 pm. This craft show has been hosted for years by the Optimist Club and will have over 70 vendors present at it!

Find us on Facebook: Bazetta

Chinese auction- 40+ items, 70+ vendors, homemade haluski, deserts, and more! All proceeds benefit Bazetta/ Cortland community youth. Vendors wanted! For more information contact Jeffrey Jiang: 330-716-3130 or message us on Facebook.





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### From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

Plans are underway at our K-7 building for a big Veteran's Day celebration slated for Thursday, Nov. 2, at 9:30 a.m. Staff and students are preparing for this event which will allow everyone in attendance to learn more about why our nation celebrates Veteran's Day and about the daily

sacrifices made by those who have served or are currently serving in our nation's defense.

This event will be more than an assembly as lessons will be taught and research will be done for several weeks in anticipation of the big day on November 2rd. Please be sure to

check in on the plans and get additional announcements which will be found on the district's website and on our Facebook page. There will be a public component to this event, and we hope to see many of our community members in attendance. Keep in touch for more details.

Our athletic teams are finishing their regular seasons and looking toward the playoffs. If you haven't seen our athletes play, we encourage you to attend a contest or two. They appreciate the community's support. Schedules can be found under the "Athletics" tab of the district's website.

Together – We Are Lakeview



On Monday, September 25, 2023, over 60 Lakeview residents attended a State of the Schools meeting held at the Lakeview K-7 building. Velina Taylor, Superintendent, and Sean Miller, Treasurer/CFO explained current school finances, reviewed how the district has been affected by various factors over time, and talked about the five-year forecast. Following the presentation, the session was opened for questions & comments from the audience.

Miller explained the primary sources of revenue for public school districts. These include local property taxes, state foundation money, and grants. For Lakeview, Miller reported that in fiscal year 2023 50% of funding used to operate the district came from local property taxes, 39% was from state foundation money, and the remainder came from property tax rollback funds and other smaller sources including grants. He also explained the financial impact to the district of the Fair School Funding Act.

The Fair School Funding Act determines the average per-pupil cost to educate a student in the state of Ohio. The state then considers several factors before arriving at a specific district's per pupil funds to be sent to the district to help to pay for the costs to educate each enrolled student.

The three factors that influence the amount of district aid to be sent to Lakeview for each student's education costs are the district's property valuation, the personal income of district residents, and historical funding—especially caps and guarantees in place prior to the Fair School Funding Act implementation. Lakeview has high property values, relatively high personal income averages for residents, and was a guarantee district prior to the change in funding.

The fact that the district 'hit' all three of those determining factors results in a smaller state share and a higher community share in total funding expectations. This means the district Continued on page 12







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- Sat., Nov. 4, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. **OR** Sun., Nov. 5, 1-5 p.m.
- Tue., Nov. 7 Election Day, polls 6:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

### Make Your Plan to Vote Today!

Come to our Community Conversation about Lakeview Schools on Tuesday, Oct. 24th at 6 p.m. at the Opera House 155 N High Street Cortland



**Lakeview Students Worth It** 

# Class of 2023 Spotlight Bulldog

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 is Abigail Sulc. Abigail is the daughter of Mark and Connie Sulc and Abigail has attended school with the Lakeview Local School District her entire career. Abigail is the student president of the Lakeview Band Council and participates as a flutist in the Symphonic and Marching Bands. Her leadership role with the Band Council is not the only leadership role she holds. Last spring, Abigail's peers voted her onto the Class of 2024's executive committee. Abigail takes a mixture of high school courses and courses through Youngstown State University and Eastern Gateway Community College. Wanting to pursue a career in a medical-based career, Abigail hopes to attend Duquesne, Penn State Behrend, Kent State, or Akron.

Get to know Abigail better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? I dedicate time to school.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - How inclusive everyone is and being able to be involved with many different activities at once.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? Chipotle
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? Dunkin' or the park
- 5.) You might catch me ... Hanging out with friends
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? Go to college to study in the medical field.





Front: Dr. Lindsey, Kindergartener Bentley Cole; back Shelli Phelps, Lauren Harlen and Joelle Graham of Cortland Family Eye Care and School Nurse Amanda Durst.

# **Badger School Eye** Screening

The Badger School System recently screened over 200 students' eyes. The State requires schools to check specific grades each for vision., School Nurse Amanda Durst arranges with Cortland Family Eye Care Optometrist Dr. Dale Lindsey to check the students' eyes at no cost to the school system,

Dr. Lindsey said "Being able to see properly is a key to learning. It is important that we give back to our community and this is just one way we can do that."

### **Bulldog Bucks**

By Brittney Abbott

We're trying something new at Lakeview Elementary and our K-4 students can now earn Bulldog Bucks from their teacher for following our LES Motto: Be Kind, Be Respectful, & Be Responsible. Bulldog Bucks can be cashed in for rewards and privileges IN the classroom with teachers, as well as to purchase tickets to events coordinated by the office such as Pizza with the Principal, picnic lunch in the office, extra recess and more!

In addition, students will have the opportunity to shop for small prizes once a month at the Bulldog Shop. With over 600 kids in our building, this is only possible with your generous donations! We hope to use this positive behavior system to encourage our students to make good choices, be helpful and kind, and develop a strong work ethic that associates hard work and good choices with "getting paid" here at school.

If you have ideas for our shop or you or your business have a way you would like to contribute to an experience that students can earn, please email me at brittney.abbott@lakeviewlocal.org. Shop our Amazon Wishlist & items will ship directly to the school! The kids are SO excited! THANK YOU for your support!

## **Judge Marty Nosich Hosts Lakeview Students**

By Abigail Demsey

Judge Marty Nosich, of the Trumbull County Eastern District Court in Brookfield, recently hosted nine Lakeview high school seniors for their job shadowing project. The students spent their day observing court, and hearing from court employees, attorneys, and other court personnel about their careers. In addition, the students were able to observe criminal and civil cases throughout the day. At

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### Lakeview Local Schools Veterans Day Celebration

The Lakeview Local Schools are preparing a Veterans Day Celebration program to honor & remember those that have served our country & community.

The district is looking for photos or artifacts to display at this event. Contact Ashley Handrych at ashley.handrych@ lakeviewlocal.org or call 330-637-4360. Help us honor our friends, family and neighbors who have served for our freedom.

The program will feature live music and performances by the students of Lakeview Local Schools. Come and join the community on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lakeview K7 Building, 640 Wakefield Drive. Please RSVP by 10/26/23 by calling 330-637-4360 or at: https://forms.gle/z6E2noxX2wdUTizb9

## **State Of The Schools**

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gets 35% of what is needed to educate a child from the state, and the residents are expected to fund the remaining 65% through levy funds.

The calculation that determines total funds expected from local taxes is termed "Local Tax Effort." The state says a district that has a Local Tax Effort number below 1.0 is receiving less than the amount of local tax support than the state determines the local community can support. If a district's index number is higher than 1.0, a district is receiving more local tax support than expected by the state.

Lakeview's current Local Tax Effort number is .7766. Neighboring districts have Local Tax Effort amounts that range from 1.0899 to 0.9897. Additionally, Miller said there are only 20 districts in the state that receive less funding per pupil from the state than Lakeview.

A video of the meeting and the presentation slides are available on the district's website—www.lakeviewlocal.org. In addition, questions and answers from the meeting can be found on the Lakeview Levy Committee's Facebook page.



Pawsitivity
Black Cats

Hello Cortland & Bazetta - mark your calendars, because National Black Cat Day is on October 27th! With this holiday and Halloween quickly approaching, I decided to write about black cats! Black cats are often associated with witches, Halloween, and bad luck. I wanted to share why and also debunk some of these misconceptions.

History - We can trace negative associations with black cats to the Middle Ages. Back when people were incredibly superstitious and lacked science education, many believed in the supernatural. Unfortunately, back then, magic wasn't associated with wholesome things like "Harry Potter." Instead, people in the Middle Ages were terrified of it and believed magic to be linked with the Devil! This ignorance and fear led to accusations of people performing witchcraft, which often resulted in their murder.

Not only were innocent people killed for being "Witches," but black cats were associated with witchcraft and were also killed in masses. The person primarily responsible for this was Pope Gregory IX, who issued an edict linking black cats to witchcraft and satanism. There are some who believe the Bubonic Plague, which was predominantly spread by fleas on rodents, wouldn't have killed so many people if the cats had been left alone to hunt the rodents rather than killed.

Sadly, there are still people today

that believe black cats are bad luck and associate them with witchcraft and satanism - as well as people practicing sacrificial rituals involving black cats - that result in their horrific deaths. As a safety measure, many animal shelters don't allow black cats to be adopted during October. This is especially sad, because black cats have a more difficult time getting adopted (and are euthanized more) than other cats.

Thankfully, today we can understand that black cats are NOT bad luck and deserve a safe, happy and long life just like any other feline! In fact, in some cultures, black cats are symbols of good luck and may be considered a sign of future financial fortune, love, and safety.

### **Fun Facts About Black Cats**

- Yellow/Gold eyes are the most common eye color of black cats.
- Black coat color is genetically dominant, so it's one of the most common colors of domesticated cats.
- UV rays can turn black cats who like laying in the sun into a rustier color (until the fur is shed).
- Black cats aren't always "standoffish" or "affectionate" each black cat will have an individualized personality that is unrelated with their coat color.

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### Fine Arts Council Ghost Walk

Join us for a very special Ghost Walk this year as we look back and explore some of the stories of Trumbull County residents and their roles in the Underground Railroad.

Ghost Walk, presented annually by the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County and the Trumbull County Historical Society main event dates: October 13, 14, 20, 21.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a tour guide for one or more days and times for this year's event, please use the link below to sign up. We need 2 volunteers per tour; one to lead and one to follow each group. To volunteer, visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ACA62DA4FECF8-ghost.

You can email Jessica King jessica@ tnpwarren.org to sign up to volunteer or if you have any questions. High Schoolers can also get their volunteer hours signed off. It's a lot of fun-please come join us!!

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# **Rotary Selling** "Purple Pinkie Donuts" For Polio Eradication

On Tuesday, October 24, the members of Rotary District 6650 around the NE Ohio region are joining with other Rotary Clubs around the nation to host a unique joint fundraiser in celebration of World Polio Day. The 46 Clubs and their high school and college affiliates are selling scratch-made long john/cream stick donuts, topped with a dab of purple icing. This represents the purple paint that is placed on children's pinkie fingers in developing countries after they receive the polio vaccine.

For every \$20 dozen sold, a \$9 DONATION will be made to Rotary International's POLIO PLUS 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. 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

To order your "Purple Pinkie Donuts" call Dan Schultz at 330-719-5792.

# Save The Date - Community Christmas Concert

By Carole Wiley

Plans for the Community Christmas Concert are being made. The date for the concert is Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. As in years past, the concert will be held at Lakeview High School. The Cortland Community Band is presently rehearsing their many Merry Christmas songs. Along with the band,

our community choir will perform again. Fortunately, Michelle Robbins Jones will again lead the singers. All previous singers are urged to continue as members. Also, additional singers will be very welcome to join the group. There are no auditions; the only requirement is that you like to sing!

Rehearsals are already scheduled. The dates are: November 4th and 18th, December 2nd and 9th. Rehearsals will take place at 10 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 490 N. High Street, Cortland. More concert information will be forthcoming.

# John T. "Cappy" Caparanis

Former Cortland City Council member John T. "Cappy" Caparanis, 78, passed away Thursday morning, Sept. 28. He was the sports director of the Mahoning Valley's first 24-hour sports talk station, Sports Radio 1240 "The Fan," and many other sports media venues. In addition to sports, Cappy's other love was the military, where he was a 32-year veteran of the U.S. Army, both active and reserves, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served in both Vietnam and Desert Storm and was the recipient of over 20 awards and decorations during a distinguished military career.

He and his wife of 56 years, the former Shirley Emch, are the parents of three children, daughters, Alexandria (Gerald) Crenshaw and Deidre (Tom) Abbitt; and son, John Joshua (Sarah Gillam). They have five grandchildren, Chance Abbitt, Tomea Abbitt, Pierce Abbitt, Bryson Caparanis and Ashdon Caparanis. Family and friends may visit www.peterrossiandsonfh.com to view his obituary and/or send condolences to Cappy's family.

"Have a good night, sports fans."

### **Celebrating National Chili Month**

By Ohio Living Lake Vista Culinary

As the leaves change colors and cooler temperatures set in, October also ushers in National Chili Month. The Ohio Living Lake Vista Culinary team is known for their hallmark chili recipe, among other savory fare, which is served in two dining rooms on campus. In the Heron Dining Room, geared toward independent living residents, lunch specials rotate by season, and its officially chili season!

"We have a great team of staff who genuinely care and add lots of love to the food," said Venice Tomidajewicz, assistant culinary director at Ohio Living Lake Vista. "I believe what sets us apart from other senior living-focused culinary teams is our commitment to nutritious options that also taste good. We use certified angus beef and higherquality-grade supply items in all our selections."

Moving to a life plan community shouldn't mean compromising on what you like, and that includes food. "Once a month, we host a forum with our independent and long-term care residents, to hear what menu items they are craving or would like us to add to the

fold," explained Tomidajewicz. "Our main goal is to ensure that everyone has access to the types of foods that they enjoy."

### Lake Vista Chili

Ingredients: 2 pounds ground beef, 1 medium yellow onion chopped), 1 medium green bell pepper chopped, 1 tablespoon granulated garlic, 5 tablespoons onion powder divided, Salt and pepper to taste, 2 15-ounce cans of kidney beans, 1 15-ounce can of diced tomatoes, 1 28-ounce can and 1 8-ounce can of tomato sauce, 2 cups of water, 2 tablespoons chopped garlic, 3 tablespoons chili powder, 1 tablespoon dried basil.

Preparation Instructions: Cook ground beef, onion and green pepper in pot. Add granulated garlic, 2 tablespoons of onion powder and salt & pepper. Once ground beef is cooked through, drain any excess fat out of the pot. Add the rest of the ingredients to the stock pot. Bring to a boil, then turn down to simmer, stirring occasionally. Serve with a corn muffin or oyster crackers and enjoy!



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# Vietnam Memorial Bridge Dedication

By Dick McClain

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee together with the American Legion Post 540 of Cortland are planning the dedication ceremony for the newly renamed bridge on East Main Street in Cortland.

Working with the Cortland city officials and the Trumbull County Commissioners and the County Engineer's office, the bridge will be named the "Vietnam Memorial Bridge" in honor of PFC Andrew Sinchak, Jr. and SP4 Terrance Weant, both Lakeview High School graduates who were killed in action, in Vietnam. Weant was a member of the 1965 graduating class, and Sinchak graduated in 1967.

The public dedication ceremony will be held on the bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 2:00PM. The program emcee will be Ian McAleer and the guest speaker will be Jim Rapone --both are Marine Corps and Vietnam veterans. Rapone is currently serving as a Trumbull County Veterans Services Commissioner. Honored guests will include Sinchak and Weant family members who will join in the unveiling of the new bridge signs.

The public is invited, especially Vietnam veterans and Lakeview classmates. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Volunteers will direct parking in the vicinity of Cortland Mower Company, and traffic barriers will be in place at 1:00 p.m.



# Trumbull County Republican Women's Club

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club held their Oct. 4 meeting at the Howland Chophouse. Guest speaker was Alex Triantafilou, Chairman of the Ohio Republican Party. The next TCRWC meeting will be held on Nov. 2 with guest speaker Tom Shortreed on "Being prepared for Financial Challenges ahead" Please RSVP via text or phone to Cathy by Oct. 26th at 330.719.0185.



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### Get The Most Out Of Medicare's 2024 **Annual Enrollment Period**

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

Annual Enrollment is the time to review and get ready for the next year. Getting more appropriate plan coverage and lowering costs are the primary reasons to take advantage of the yearly reassessment opportunity. If you miss the Annual Enrollment deadline, you may have to wait a full year before you can make changes to your plans.

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

- 1. Review your Annual Notice of Change. Your current insurance company should send you a letter that explains any changes to premiums, costs, services, and benefits. Be sure to read any notices you receive from your current Medicare Insurance plan about upcoming changes for 2024. Look for any changes that could impact the cost of the drugs you take or the doctors and specialists you prefer as well as any changes to the ancillary benefits you
- 2. Verify your doctors are still practicing and will continue to be in your plan's network. If you have not seen your primary care physician

# Trumbull County Recognizes Start Of Breast Cancer **Awareness Month**

Trumbull County residents kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month by rallying behind a Cortland woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and is facing financial hardship. More than 500 people gathered at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds Sept. 30 for the 13th Annual War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction to support breast cancer survivor Jenifer Harris of Cortland. Proceeds from the event will help Jenifer, a mother of five who was diagnosed in August 2022 with Stage I breast cancer, with her lost wages and out-of-pocket medical expenses.

Community members can continue to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Texas Roadhouse in Niles is hosting a donation drive through the end of October where customers who donate \$5 or more will receive a free appetizer on their next visit to a Texas Roadhouse restaurant.

More information is available at WarAgainstBreastCancer.com.

in a while, call the office to verify that he or she is still practicing and call the insurance company or your agent to verify that they continue to be an in-network provider with your plan. Networks can change often as providers and insurance companies review and renew or cancel contracts.

3. Think ahead to 2024. Consider any health changes that took place in **2023.** What health conditions might need addressing in the year ahead? Will a different plan offer more appropriate options? It is important to see if you can reduce your costs by choosing another plan based on your prescriptions and health situation.

Whether you have a Part D Standalone Prescription Drug Plan or a Part C Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare's Annual Enrollment only lasts 54 days, October 15 - December 7. This is the time to review and make decisions that may last a full year. One of the best ways to review your plan is to contact a local agent. They will be able to look at your current plan, and while taking into consideration your specific situation and preferences, help you decide what might work best for you.

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## **United Way of Trumbull County** Read To Make A Difference

By Christine Cope

For over 100 years, the United Way of Trumbull County has been making a difference in the lives of children. With multiple funded partners, our reach expands throughout the county to help any child in need. We specialize in funding and creating programming for children to learn and grow through our "United "4" Kids" initiative that supports local kids with school pantries, literacy programs, kindergarten readiness, the Imagination Library, the Born Learning Trail, school supplies, student enrichment, mentorship and more all while making sure they have the basic necessities to thrive.

But sometimes the smallest act, like reading with a child, can make the biggest difference for both you and your child. This simple act will help you to bond and connect in a lasting and meaningful way. Reading with a child also helps to expand their curiosity, imagination, and creativity while being a strong foundation for their education. Beyond that, reading helps a child to not feel as anxious or alone when dealing with the stresses of childhood. Do you remember getting lost in the fictional world of a storybook? That excitement



helps a child to transcend into a fictional world where anything is possible while forgetting about their own worries. Reading can take a child anywhere!

An easy way to commit to reading to your child is by registering your child for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Any child under the age of 5 can receive a free book in the mail every month. Go to unitedwaytrumbull.org or call the United Way office at 330-369-1000. When you see the smile on your child's face when they receive their books in the mail, you will know you are making a difference. This small act can make the biggest change in your child's life, but it will also make a difference in yours.



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### Do You Run A Business From Home?

The pandemic changed the landscape of work for a lot of people, including the numerous business owners who began running their businesses from their homes. Many are still working from their home offices, whether full-time or on a hybrid basis. If you're self-employed and run your business from home, or perform certain functions there, you might be able to claim deductions for home office expenses against your business income. How to qualify

In general, self-employed taxpayers qualify for home office deductions if part of their home is used "regularly and exclusively" as the principal place of business. If your home isn't your principal place of business, you may still be able to deduct home office expenses if:

- 1. You physically meet with patients, clients or customers on your premises, or
- 2. You use a storage area in your home (or a separate free-standing structure, such as a garage) exclusively and regularly for business.

Keep in mind the requirement that the space be used exclusively for business. For example, if your home office is also a guest bedroom, you can't deduct the entire space as a home office expense. But if you use the desk area of the room exclusively for business, you can deduct that portion of the room, if you otherwise qualify.

### **Expenses you can deduct**

Many eligible taxpayers deduct actual expenses when they claim home office deductions. Deductible home office expenses may include:

- Direct expenses, such as the cost of painting and carpeting a room used exclusively for business,
- A proportionate share of indirect expenses, including mortgage interest, rent, property taxes, utilities, repairs and insurance, and
  - Depreciation.

But keeping track of actual expenses can take time, and it requires organized recordkeeping.

### The simpler method

Fortunately, there's a simplified method: You can deduct \$5 for each

square foot of home office space, up to \$1.500

The cap can make the simplified method less valuable for larger home office spaces. Even for small spaces, taxpayers may qualify for bigger deductions using the actual expense method. So tracking your actual expenses can be worth it.

When claiming home office deductions, you're not stuck with a particular method. For instance, you might have chosen the actual expense method when you filed your 2022 return, but then use the simplified method when you file your 2023 return next year, and the following year switch back to the actual expense method. The choice is yours.

### More considerations

The amount of your deductions is subject to limitations based on the income attributable to your use of the office. Other rules and limitations may apply. But eligible home office expenses that can't be deducted because of these limitations can be carried forward and may be able to be deducted in later years.

Also be aware that, if you sell a home on which you claimed home office deductions, there may be tax implications. Contact us for more information.

### A valuable deduction

You might be wondering why only business owners and the self-employed have been addressed here. Unfortunately, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act suspended home office deductions from 2018 through 2025 for employees, even if you're currently working from home because your employer doesn't provide office space.

But the home office deduction can be valuable to those who are eligible for it. We can help you determine if you're eligible and the best method for claiming the deduction in your situation.

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# Emergency Fund: What Is It and Why It Matters

Major car repairs, surprise medical bills, and loss of income are events we don't tend to give much consideration to until they happen to us. While it may not be as fun as saving for vacation or a home remodel, having an emergency fund in place can make the difference between managing a short-term setback and experiencing long-term financial repercussions. What constitutes an emergency fund and why is it so important to have one, particularly in times like this? Here's a primer.

Financial solvency matters. Financial experts generally encourage you to set aside three to six months' worth of living expenses in an emergency fund. Without it, you are at risk of losing what you've worked hard to achieve if life throws a curve ball. A stash of funds can help you meet your monthly obligations, keep your credit report clean and preserve your way of life.

Put your priorities in order. An emergency fund deserves to be at the top of your list of financial priorities. Emergency reserves are designed to provide a safety net to prevent financial disaster. Saving for your retirement comes next, to help protect your financial future. It's even better if you can save for both priorities at the same time. If you're currently saving for your future, consider allocating a portion of monthly contributions to go toward an emergency fund. Once your emergency account is funded at a satisfactory level and you regularly contribute to a retirement account, you can start setting money aside for discretionary items such as new furniture, a vacation or a vehicle upgrade.

Set a goal. Determine how much you would need to stay afloat for an extended period of income disruption. At a minimum, how much would you need on hand to pay your bills and buy groceries each month if your paychecks

stopped coming? Then multiply this amount by six.

Start where you can. If you don't have a large chunk of money available to establish your emergency fund right now, don't let it prevent you from starting an account and working toward your target. Any amount is a step in the right direction – even if that's \$50 or \$500. Your next tax refund, bonus, or raise are other potential sources of cash to grow an emergency fund. Revisit your current budget to see where you can trim expenses and put more into savings.

Create and stick to your guidelines. Your emergency fund should be reserved for times of financial crisis. It's not an account to pay for life's extras, however tempting that may be. With guidelines in place, you can avoid dipping into these funds unless necessary.

Keep emergency funds within safe reach. When uncertainty strikes, you may need money in a hurry. For this reason, emergency savings should be held in cash or easy-to-access investments like a money market fund. You also may want to open a dedicated interest-bearing savings account, potentially in a bank separate from your other accounts, to keep your emergency funds at a safe distance if you're one who may be tempted to spend it.

Working with a knowledgeable financial advisor who understands your savings goals can help you prepare for unforeseen circumstances that can change your life and your family's life in an instant.

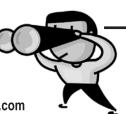
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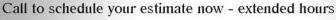
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## **Judge Marty Nosich Hosts...continued from page 11**

the end of the day the students were provided lunch and had the opportunity to ask Judge Nosich questions about his education, work history, and questions about the court proceedings that they witnessed.

Judge Nosich stated that he was excited for the opportunity to work with Lakeview schools and the students. Judge Nosich said, "I want to thank Principal Herrholtz for helping put this together and provide Lakeview

students with a great opportunity. The students were well behaved the entire time; I believed they learned a lot and had fun doing it. I look forward to working with Principal Herrholtz and Lakeview in order to host additional students.'

Based upon the interest and the success of the first job shadowing day at Court, Judge Nosich and Principal Herrholtz indicated that they are going to arrange another job shadowing court day.





Lakeview High School recently held their Homecoming Night. This year Court consists of Left to Right: - Zoe Baker, Sam Balest, Olivia Easton, Tyler Hovance, Abigail Sulc, Nolan Toth, Queen Winner Izzy Haines, King Winner Josh Hudson, Isiah Warner, MaKenna Werner, Gianna Ferraro, Jacob Nicholas, Jack Peterson, Elisa Kotsatos, Sam Gillis, and Ellie Davies

### LHS Travel Club



Anthony Marble-Salem, Luke Whitmore, Tristen Townsend, Savannah Rosier, Lily McCarthy, Carrie Schlatt, Jester St. John, Clover Wagner, Miguel Ramos, Dino Haidaris, Luis Ramos, Grace Johannes, Laurie Mason. Front: Mikey St. John and Kelly Prokop

Did you know that Lakeview High School has a travel club? This past summer 11 Lakeview students went to Australia for two weeks. They travelled all over Australia and had many amazing adventures like snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef, climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge and going to an aquarium. For the Summer of 2024 the club is planning trips to Costa Rica in June and Paris and the Mediterranean in July.

Teacher Kelly Prokop is the contact person if anyone is interested. Her contact is Kelly.prokop13@gmail.com. The summer of 2022 there were two trips to Europe that included London, Paris, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Copresident of the Travel Club Lakeview senior Clover Wagner says "Travelling to places like Europe and Australia have been the experiences of a lifetime and I am so happy that I have gone out of my comfort zone and seen all these cool places."

### **A Community** Conversation

The Lakeview Schools District invites everyone toa Community Conversation on Tuesday, October 24 at 6 PM at the Opera House 155 N High St in Cortland, behind the Cortland United Methodist Church. Learn about our schools, the children we serve and how the community is affected.





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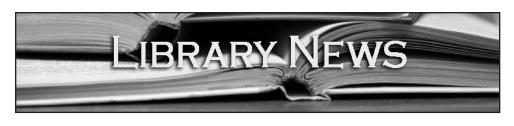
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Midweek Mayhem, Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Games, activities, and a small snack. For teens in grades 7 - 12. Free.

**Toddler Tales**, Mondays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 16, 23. Storytime for toddlers ages 19 -35 months with a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 17, 24. Stories, songs and movement activities reinforce the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 — 5. Free.

**Open Mic Night!** Mon., Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. Open Mic Nights are a place for local poets, authors, musicians, or artists to share their work with the community. We look forward to enjoying a variety of talents at our library Open Mic Night! For ages 16+. This is a Trumbull County Reads 2023 event. Free.

Masquerade Murder Mystery for Teens Mon., Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. In a town where corruption and scandal

run rampant, you find a ticket to the mayor's masquerade ball mysteriously in your mailbox. When things go awry, can you stay alive and find out who the killer is before it's too late? Teens in grades 7 - 12 will be assigned a character at registration for this mystery. Registration is required by Oct. 19; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Totally Tweens, Tues., Oct. 24 from 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 − 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.

Family Storytime Thurs., Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. Come as a family to enjoy stories and activities for big kids, little kids and the young at heart. For families with children ages 3 - 8. Free.

Creative @ Cortland Sat., Oct. 28 between 2 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades K - 4 can stop by the library to try activities that will let them explore their creative sides. A drop-in event. Free.

# **Sailing Into Fall**

By Peggy Boyd

The Trumbull County Travel Club spent the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend on the Lady Caroline. Out on the lake, members enjoyed a buffet luncheon and were able to witness the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds at the Cleveland National Air Show.

With Fall here, there is a Saturday outing planned for all members to enjoy. On November 4 the motor coach will head for Cook's Forest area and the Gingerbread Tour featuring 13 different unique stores.

There is a club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 11:30 at the Warren Library on Mahoning Avenue in Warren. Featured at the meeting will be the San Antonio-Dallas slide show as well as the National Parks slide show. Information will be available for the 4 remaining seats to the Christmas at the Ark in November. Dates for the June Lancaster trip will be given on this day. Membership in the Travel Club is free. There are no club dues collected. Members travel mostly by bus but in the 2024 year we will also fly. When flying, all going on the trip will go as a group to the airports and will come home as a group. The club also uses the Amtrak service and members have cruised to Alaska and Hawaii.

For information on outings and trips please call Peggy at 330-856-5398.

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# Tails Of Hope To Host Pet Pics With Santa

Make some lasting memories this Tammaro. 'howl-i-day' season with your pet photo with Santa! Whether you want cute pics will be door prizes, hot cocoa and other of your fur baby for Instagram, a fun refreshments, basket & other raffles, holiday card to mail or place on your fireplace mantel, or a photo to email to friends & family, pet pictures with Santa not only makes for a great keepsake for you, but your participation will help provide lifesaving veterinary services to local pets and families in need.

The fundraiser will be on Saturday, November 4 from 11 to 4 at Whole Life Services, 1565 E State St., Hermitage, PA. All well-behaved and vaccinated pets are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and have current Rabies vaccination. All other small pets must be contained in pet carriers.

No entry fee or reservation required! A minimum donation required for Santa Meet & Greet. Your photo can be printed with a holiday card frame (\$8) or emailed to you (\$5). Professional photography is being provided by Scott

In addition to the pictures there vendors, gift wrapping services, kid's coloring contest, kids can write and send their letters to Santa, holiday music and more!

Tips for prepping your pet for a picture with Santa are available on the event website page: https://donate. tailsofhopewpa.org/SantaPaws2023

Tails of Hope is the only non-profit spay/neuter clinic in Mercer County, PA. Without state or local municipality funding, it has provided spay/neuter and vaccine services to over 13,000 cats & dogs and homeless community cats from Western PA and Eastern OH since

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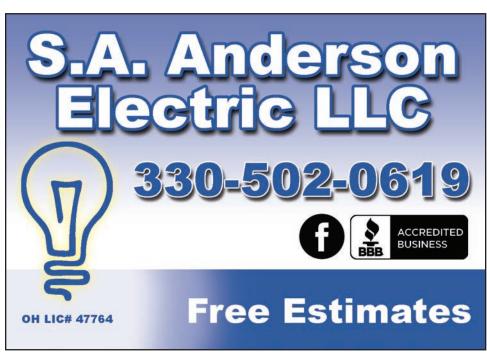


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