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The Importance of Voting in the 2024 Presidential Election

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As we approach the 2024 presidential election, the importance of voting stands as a critical pillar of democracy. This election is not just a routine political event; it represents a defining moment for the United States, with the potential to shape the nation's future. Every eligible voter has a stake in the outcome, and understanding the significance of participation can motivate individuals to make their voices heard.

Voting is one of the most powerful tools citizens have to influence their government. Each ballot cast is a direct expression of individual beliefs and priorities, whether related to healthcare, education, climate change, or economic policies. In a democracy, the government is meant to serve the people, and voting is the primary means by which citizens can hold elected officials accountable. When people choose to engage in the electoral process, they assert their right to shape the laws and policies that affect their lives.

The act of voting is fundamental to the preservation of democracy. It reflects the principle that government should be representative of its people. Historically, many groups have fought hard for the right to vote, facing significant barriers to participation. In recent years, concerns about voter suppression have

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resurfaced, underscoring the importance of safeguarding this right. By voting, individuals not only exercise their own rights but also honor the struggles of those who came before them, ensuring that future generations can enjoy the same democratic freedoms.

The 2024 election will have far-reaching implications for the country. The policies and decisions made by the next president will affect everything from education and healthcare to environmental sustainability and foreign relations. This election provides an opportunity for voters to align themselves with candidates whose platforms resonate with their values.

By participating in the electoral process, citizens can influence the trajectory of national policy, advocating for issues that will shape the lives of future generations.

Voting is not just an individual act; it is a collective one that can mobilize communities. Elections often bring to light local issues that require attention, such as infrastructure, public safety, and economic development. When communities come together to vote, they amplify their collective voice, ensuring that their concerns are prioritized. High voter turnout in local and national elections signals to policymakers that the electorate is engaged and invested in the

future of their communities, encouraging them to address pressing issues.

Voter apathy can be a significant obstacle to participation in elections. Many individuals may feel disillusioned or believe their vote won't make a difference. However, history shows that elections can be decided by a remarkably small number of votes. Educating communities about the electoral process and the stakes involved can counteract feelings of apathy. Civic engagement initiatives, including discussions about the importance of voting, can inspire individuals to take action and participate.

In conclusion, voting in the 2024 presidential election is crucial for empowering citizens, safeguarding democracy, and influencing the nation's future.

Each vote is a testament to the collective hopes and aspirations of the electorate. As we approach this significant moment, it is imperative that every eligible voter recognizes the importance of their participation. Engaging in the electoral process is not just a right; it is a responsibility that can shape the future of our democracy and ensure that the government remains accountable to the people it serves. Let us all commit to making our voices heard and voting for the future we envision.

A Nation's Gratitude: The Significance of Veterans Day

By Alex Irman with contributions by Dick McClain

Veterans Day, a solemn observance held on November 11th each year, serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by countless men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day to honor their courage, dedication, and patriotism, and

to express our nation's deep gratitude for their invaluable contributions.

The history of Veterans Day traces back to Armistice Day, signed on November 11, 1918, which marked the end of World War I. This momentous occasion signified the cessation of hostilities and the beginning of a new era of peace. In 1921, President Warren G. Harding declared November 11th a legal holiday to honor those who served in the Great War. Over the years, the observance evolved to encompass veterans of all wars and conflicts, reflecting the nation's growing appreciation for the sacrifices made by its servicemen and women.

Veterans Day is more than just a day off from work or school. It is an opportunity to reflect on the immense challenges faced by our veterans, both during and after their service. Many veterans have endured physical and emotional hardships, including combat trauma, injuries, and the difficulties of readjusting to civilian life. Their experiences have shaped their character and their understanding of the world,



Photo by Jim Woofter

nation's freedom and security. We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for their country. We express our gratitude to those who have returned home and continue to serve their communities in countless ways.

It is important to recognize that Veterans Day is not just about honoring

the past. It is also about ensuring that our veterans receive the support and resources they need to thrive in the present and future. This includes providing access to quality healthcare, education, employment opportunities, and mental health services. It also means advocating for policies that address the

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Monday, Nov 11 - 5:30 p.m.

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Second Monday of each month
Monday, Nov 11 - 7 p.m.

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Council Minutes.

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

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Our theme will be

Thanksgiving & Support Local~Small Business Saturday

Article Deadline by Nov 11 • Display Advertising Deadline is Nov 13

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.

NOVEMBER

- 2 **Charity Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast** / Cortland Masonic Lodge
3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) / 9- 11:30 AM
Beneficiary: The Healthy Hearts and Paws.
- 5 **ELECTION DAY!!**
- 8 **Blood Drive** / Maplewood High School / 8 AM - 2 PM
- 9 **8th Annual Eye Ball of the Mahoning Valley**
Formal Black-Tie Fundraiser / Eastwood Event Center
- 9 **Warren Philharmonic Concert** / First Presbyterian Church
256 Mahoning Avenue / 7:00 PM
- 10 **Cortland Veterans Memorial Service** / 2 PM
- 13 **Blood Drive** / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12 PM - 5:30 PM
- 16 **God Provides A Meal** / Cortland United Methodist / 11 AM - 1 PM
- 24 **The ministry of Jerry & Sarah Garcia in concert**
Cortland Nazarene Church / 10:45 AM
- 30 **Annual Holiday Craft Fair** / Cortland Christian Church / 10 AM-3 PM
There are still spaces for crafters.
- 30 **Christmas Market On Main Street Tree Lighting** / 4 - 8 PM



Warren Philharmonic Concert

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra Fall 2024 Concert will begin November 9th at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 256 Mahoning Avenue, NW, in downtown Warren. The Warren G. Harding Symphonic Band will open the concert. The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Overture to Die Fledermaus by Richard Strauss (1864-1949), Pavane by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), Danzon No. 2 by Arturo Márquez (1950), and Symphony No. 8 by Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904).

Program notes will be posted on the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra website. The Warren Philharmonic's 50-plus professional musicians with 50 different instruments have won raves for their superb performances, stellar musicianship and captivating programs of compositions from the 1700s to pieces just composed. The November Fall concert opens the Orchestra's 59th performance season.

Tickets for the November 9th concert can be purchased at the door: adults \$30.00, students \$15.00. Children under the age of 13 are admitted free, with a parent or guardian. Phone the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra office at 330-399-3606 or send email to warren.philharmonic@gmail.com for more information. Facebook: Warren Philharmonic Orchestra. Website: <http://www.warren-philharmonic.org/>

A Nation's Gratitude

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unique challenges faced by veterans, such as homelessness, substance abuse, and suicide.

By honoring our veterans-on-Veterans Day, we not only express our gratitude for their service but also reaffirm our commitment to supporting them and their families. We recognize that their sacrifices have made our nation a better place, and we pledge to continue to uphold the values they have defended.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10th, at 2:00pm, a special program will be presented at the Veterans Memorial located at Point Park in Cortland, which is directly in front of Cortland Mower. This Veterans Day observance is being planned by the American Legion Post 540, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapter 11, and the Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee. The emcee will be Frank Gillespie, Commander of the DAV Chapter 11, and the speaker will be Aaron McClain, a Gulf War Veteran, U.S. Army, 3rd Armored Cavalry. All veterans and the public are invited. The program will also include the National Anthem, Rifle Salute by the DAV Honor Guard, and Taps. Everyone is asked to bring a folding chair.

In conclusion, Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans and to express our deep gratitude for their service. It is a day to honor their courage, dedication, and patriotism, and to reaffirm our commitment to supporting them and their families. By remembering their contributions, we ensure that their legacy will live on for generations to come.

Join us to honor them!
VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE
Cortland Veterans Memorial
on Sunday, Nov 10th ~ 2 p.m.

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Centerra reminds us that it isn't too late to put Step 4 down on your lawn. They have that in stock along with a huge variety of wild bird seeds.

Vasillio's has gift cards. If you are looking for something that everyone will love, THIS is the gift to give! If you are looking for a place for your holiday party give them a call. They still have some dates left.

Cortland Lanes is the BEST place to have our child's birthday party. In fact, it would be great for YOUR holiday party too.

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Guidelight Financial Is A "Be A Santa To A Senior Location"

As the community enters the season of giving, Guidelight Financial Group is partnering with *Home Instead*® to call on residents to help brighten the holidays for older adults who may be feeling isolated or alone. Through the beloved *Be a Santa to Senior*® program, local community members can spread joy by giving a special holiday gift to seniors who might otherwise go without.

Starting on November 4th Guidelight Financial Group will be a tree location and drop-off point at our offices located 3378 State Rte 5, Cortland OH 44410 for any community members who would like to help. Simply pick a

tag from the tree, purchase the listed gifts, and return it **unwrapped** by December 9th. The most requested items include hand and body lotion, body wash, deodorant, cologne, shaving kits, razors, perfume, lap blankets, puzzles, coloring books, colored pencils, markers, cleaning supplies, costume jewelry, and more.

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Throughout the 2024 year Guidelight Financial continued to make a difference in our community by hosting many events that benefited residents. They are just another reason why Cortland is the best place in the world to live.

News From Cub Pack 4050

The Cub Scouts of Pack 4050, sponsored by the Cortland Lions Club, continued the journey of having fun and learning. On Saturday, October 19th they had their Rain gutter Regatta. The Scouts raced their boats down the rain Gutter tracks. Each scout decorated their boats for the race and sanded them just right so that they would float and be carried down the track. Pack 4050 meets on Tuesdays usually at the Cortland Lion's Club. If you have any questions, call Robert Wacker, cub master, at 708-203-5443. New scouts are always welcome.





News From The Cortland Rotary

Your Cortland Rotary has been very busy this year helping the Lakeview community. They hold numerous fundraisers with money being used to support local charities, events and organizations along with supporting Rotary's nationwide and worldwide efforts.

If you'd like to know more about what the Cortland Rotary does for our community check out their new web site www.cortlandohrotary.com.

Be sure to click on the "Upcoming Events Links" section at the top of the page. You will see some of the many things happening locally.

Currently they are holding a Restaurant raffle. Over 36 local restaurants have donated over \$5,000 in gift certificates that will be given away December 17. The Grand prize is Dinner, A night's stay and 18 holes of golf for 4 at the Avalon Grand Resort. Tickets are \$20 for one or \$30 for two. With a couple clicks a visitor can easily purchase Restaurant Raffle tickets.

All proceeds fund their local charities, scholarships and many other community projects.

Here is a partial list of the many community service projects Cortland Rotary helps support:

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- K-8 Lakeview Dedication Host
- K-8 Lakeview Roof Top Garden Utility Shed
- Monarchs Over Mosquito butterfly garden
- Cortland Area Cares Foodbank Refrigerator
- Make A Difference Day Clothing Drive
- Champion Rotary Exchange Student Supporter
- Champion Robotics Supporter
- Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship Christmas Music Sheets
- Adopt A Foot Program
- Operation Warm Coat
- Veteran's Memorial Park Dedication
- Rotary Park Christmas Decorations
- Santa Comes to Cortland
- Lakeview High School Madrigal
- Rotary LHS Speech Contest sponsor
- Bazetta-Lakeview Easter Egg Hunt - parking
- Cortland Tennis /Pickleball Court Repairs
- K-8 Lakeview Literacy Volunteers
- Lakeview Beta Club National Conference Supporter
- 2 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- 4 - 6 Lakeview Scholarships annually
- Lakeview High School Honors Breakfast
- First Responders Appreciation Recognition
- Newton Falls Fire Department AED
- League of Women Voters Supporter
- Business of the Year Recognition
- Splash Pad and restroom construction supporter
- Willow Park pavilion roof repair
- Guatemala educational relief and hearing aids
- Nicaraguan Children of the Dump relief

Trumbull Tourism

Trumbull County Tourism proudly announces that Marketing Manager Nick Lehner has successfully graduated from the Ohio Tourism Leadership Academy. This achievement marks a significant milestone in Nick's career in the travel industry and underscores his commitment to advancing the travel industry in Trumbull County and the region. This is in addition to completing the Professional in Destination Marketing certification he received in 2023.

The Ohio Tourism Leadership Academy provides education, resources, and networks essential for developing travel professionals across the state. Designed for both newcomers to the travel industry and seasoned professionals seeking deeper knowledge, the leadership program offers a comprehensive exploration of the unique challenges and opportunities within the travel industry sector. Participants are inspired to harness their value and vision, driving impactful change in their careers.

At Trumbull County Tourism, we are passionate advocates for Trumbull County and are committed to driving economic growth by inviting people to experience its unique charm. Our vision is to be a destination that inspires innovation, embraces tradition, and continues to support a robust economy. For more information about the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau and our initiatives, please visit TrulyTrumbull.com or contact 330-675-3081.

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Dear Residents,

As our community continues to evolve in the digital age, ensuring robust cybersecurity measures has become an increasingly critical priority for the City of Cortland. We write to you today to underscore the importance of cybersecurity.

In recent years, cities across the globe have faced growing cybersecurity challenges, with malicious actors targeting essential services, sensitive data, and infrastructure. These threats underscore the necessity for proactive measures to safeguard our residents, businesses, and public services.

Here are some key reasons why cybersecurity is crucial for our city:

1. Protecting Sensitive Data: We handle a vast amount of sensitive information, including personal records, financial data, and operational details. Ensuring this data remains confidential and secure is paramount to maintaining trust and compliance with data protection regulations.

2. Safeguarding Critical Infrastructure: Our city relies on various digital systems to deliver essential services such as water, electricity,

transportation, and emergency services. Securing these systems from cyber threats is essential to prevent disruptions that could impact public safety and well-being.

3. Mitigating Financial Risks: Cyberattacks can result in significant financial losses due to data breaches, ransomware attacks, and operational downtime. Investing in robust cybersecurity measures helps mitigate these risks and ensures fiscal responsibility.

4. Enhancing Public Trust: By prioritizing cybersecurity, we demonstrate our commitment to protecting the interests of our residents and businesses. This engages trust in our administration and strengthens community resilience against emerging cyber threats.

Safeguarding our city against cyber threats requires a collaborative effort. We encourage all residents to remain vigilant and proactive in protecting personal and organizational information.

Sincerely,
Mayor Deidre Petrosky



Just the Facts

How many overtime hours have been worked by the Cortland Police Department so far this year (through September)?

- a. 1,890
- b. 2,762
- c. 2,500
- d. 3,000

Find the answer at the bottom of this article.

Why is Cortland asking for approval of a 2.5 mill Police Levy?

One of the main purposes of this levy is to add two additional full-time officers to our current staff of nine (9) full-time officers. By comparison, most similarly sized communities around the state have 12-20 full time officers.

We have said this before and will continue to say that with a call for police officers to be licensed and held to a higher professional standard, the need to move away from part-time policing to full-time policing is upon us. Cortland's practice of using reserve officers was eliminated in 2016 due to new laws enacted governing the use of volunteer officers. Due to the lack of available part-time officers, the workforce is dictating we eliminate the use of part-time officers.

Further, two (2) specialized positions were eliminated due to funding issues. One specialized position was funded through a human trafficking grant; the other was funded in part by the Lakeview Local School district. When those two funding sources were eliminated, those specialized positions were eliminated through attrition. Our most recent vacant patrol position was filled on October 10.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Chief David Morris at (330) 638-1000 ext. 1601 or email those questions to dmorris@cityofcortland.org.

Let the Rain Drain

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

Veterans Day Observance

This event is planned by the

American Legion Post 540, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapter 11, and the Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee. This is scheduled to take place at the Cortland Veterans Memorial on Sunday, November 10th at 2:00. Please bring a chair if you would like to sit.

Christmas Market on Main Street

There will be the tree lighting, carriage rides, hot chocolate, and much more! Saturday, November 30th from 4pm - 8pm on West Main Street. Continue to keep an eye on the eNews and the city website for updates. Sponsors and vendors are wanted. Contact Jeffrey Jiang at 330-716-3130 or fujileestrategies@gmail.com

Toys for Tots

The Cortland Fire Department is currently accepting Toys for Tots donations. The unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the station during regular business hours.

Walk Safely

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Time Change

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. That will put us back into standard time and end Daylight Saving Time. When clocks reach 2 a.m. local time, they will go back one hour to 1 a.m.

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4th - City Council - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 12th - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 18th - City Council - 7 p.m.

Just the Facts Answer

- The answer is c) 2,500 YTD
- 2022 - 1,890 hours
- 2023 - 2,762 hours

The steady increase in overtime hours correlates to the steady decrease of part time hours.

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Christmas Market On West Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting

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 at 330-716-3130.

Cortland Police Need Your Support

By Chief David Morris

For many years the Cortland Police Department has relied on part-time and reserve police officers to supplement our full-time staff. Officers would start their careers as reserve officers donating their time and supplying their own equipment to train to become an officer. Once an officer completed their field training program, they would promote to part-time and work as needed at a fraction of the cost of a full-time officer on overtime. This is how our budget has been, and currently is, designed to operate.

In 2016, our department eliminated reserve police officers due to a change in state law and the difficulty in finding candidates willing to volunteer. Since that time, the department has only passed one small additional levy, which current costs has exceeded.

Fast forward to today and the current political and economic climate has forced us to all but eliminate the use

of part-time officers. A law enforcement recruitment crisis throughout the country, and specifically this region, has made it very difficult to find full-time officers and all but impossible to find part-time officers. This has resulted in the department relying on overtime to supplement our current full-time staff.

Our officers have stepped up and filled in the gap to make sure our citizens are protected but the officers are getting tired. The department desperately realizes the need to hire two additional full-time officers to help alleviate the strain caused by the drastic reduction in the availability of part-time officers. That is why voters are being asked to support a 2.5 mil additional police levy on November 5th.

Should you have additional questions about the need for the levy, please feel free to reach out to Chief David Morris at 330-638-1000 or dmorris@cityofcortland.org.

Trumbull County Recorder's Office Will Not Increase Fees Due to Senate Bill 94

By Tod Latell, County Recorder

Senate Bill 94, referred to by Recorder's statewide as the "Recorder Modernization Bill" has recently been signed by the Governor and will go into effect October 24th of this year. This bill will require all 88 counties to digitize recorded documents dating back to 1980 and make them available to the public digitally, as well as provide an option for electronic recordings related to real estate transactions by June 30, 2026.

During the pandemic, many recorders' offices had to shut down, some for days or even weeks. If they (Recorders' Offices) did not already have their records available to search and submit electronically, no real estate transactions could happen. It was then understood how important it is to have access to documents electronically. This bill is crucial so Ohioans can access their real estate transactions at any time, from any place.

My team and I have worked hard to make sure businesses and residents can access and submit nearly every document we record on a 24/7 basis. We are ahead of the curve technologically in Trumbull County, as our documents have been available digitally to search

and submit for years and because of this our office was able to function throughout the pandemic without missing a beat.

Senate Bill 94 also includes language about a permissive fee, which will allow Recorders to charge an additional of one to five dollars per recording to help with the maintenance cost and upkeep of the new digital records. This means recording fees may vary from county to county.

Our office is currently functioning without concern of additional funding in our current budget. Therefore, I have chosen not to increase recording fees for the foreseeable future.

For more information, contact the Trumbull County Recorder's office at 330-675-2401.

Veterans Day Observance Planned At Veterans Memorial

By Dick McClain

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10th, at 2:00 pm, a special program will be presented at the Veterans Memorial located at Point Park in Cortland, which is directly in front of Cortland Mower.

This Veterans Day observance is being planned by the American Legion Post 540, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapter 11, and the Cortland Veterans Memorial

Committee.

The emcee will be Frank Gillespie, Commander of the DAV Chapter 11, and the speaker will be Aaron McClain, a Gulf War Veteran, U.S. Army, 3rd Armored Cavalry. All veterans and the public are invited.

The program will also include the National Anthem, Rifle Salute by the DAV Honor Guard and Taps. Everyone is asked to bring a folding chair.



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News From The City Service Department

By Kimberly Blasco

Ever wonder why there is so much construction going on in the City? Exactly WHAT DOES the City service department do anyhow? Allow me to tell you about just a couple of projects are doing and some of the many regular, routine maintenance things we do in the city.

You probably know that we plow all the city streets. And we do this with just our regular crew. We plow as long as it takes, putting in whatever overtime is needed because the snow just keeps falling.



From April through October we have a free brush clipping service for city residents once a month. Ever wonder who sets up the barriers for safe traffic during events like the Street Fair? Yep, that is your Service Department.

We are currently overseeing the construction of Safety City in Pearl Park and it is progressing nicely. We should be done with the pavilion by next week. Don't know when the concrete will be done but it's getting there. We cut all the grass at all the city parks and public areas. Sometimes we must cut grass at resident's homes that aren't being maintained.

We want to say "Thank You" from the city for everyone that responded to our service line inventory request. That was submitted to the EPA on October 16th. We still have information that is missing so if you did not respond you can still call, send in or make an appointment to have that information documented.

We have just shy of 90% documented, missing about 335 addresses. We greatly appreciate the help. We still need to complete this list. So, if your information is missing, we will be contacting you. Or you are welcome to contact us with that information. Again, this is mandated by the EPA. They are looking for lead service lines and we are required to prove we don't have any.

A major project that is being completed is the replacement of culverts on Fairway, a small dead-end street just off Rt 46.

The metal pipes were rusting to the point that some of the bottom was completely missing. Box culverts are the go-to choice for something like this. The open span prevents things from getting



hung up and possibly impeding the flow of the stream. Concrete lasts a long time. And it doesn't rust. The concern was with the road and anyone passing over this area. ODOT inspects this every year. Once it receives a certain rating, then repair or replacement needs to be considered. ODOT has a municipal bridge program which helps fund projects like this. It helps smaller cities

with bridges (once it exceeds a certain span, ODOT considers it a bridge) that need to be replaced but are too costly for the budget in a smaller city. You can see the difference in the pictures. It's complete now but this was the day they installed the last box. (11 section total. It was funded under the municipal bridge program through ODOT. They provided 95% of the construction cost.

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Fundraiser Helps Veterans Who Need Help

By Toni and Lexi Brant

In 2020 my siblings and I lost our big brother. Neil served active duty in Afghanistan 2013-2014 for the Army/ ARNGUS, 838th Military Police, and was a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. He committed suicide on September 8th, 2020 and our lives were

forever changed. Confused about how to cope and move forward with life without him was a struggle. From this tragic event I became more focused on veterans and their struggles, such as PTSD and suicide. I decided to focus my time and activities to bring awareness and support to veterans and suicide.



Toni Brant, Karen Luta and Lexi Brant

So we created a non-profit organization named ;IGY22 to help Veterans who need help. Why the unusual name? It symbolizes "I got your back for the 22" veterans a day that commit suicide. Just as any troop would cover their 6 while out on duty. We stand here and support the ones who come home needing help.

We started the organization to help local Vets. Our 2023 proceeds were a

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Margaret Ann Peck, affectionately known as "Maggie" and "PITA", age 80, of Cortland, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Trumbull Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. She was born on September 20, 1944, in Youngstown, a daughter of the late Harold and Beatrice Carney Schottenberg.

Maggie had lived in Austintown, Liberty and then Cortland since 1989 along with summers in North Benton. During her 30 year and two-week career at Packard Electric, she worked in many departments including the methods

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What Happens When "Thank You" Is Not Enough?

We say "thank you" in a lot of circumstances, but they all tend to share a common quality: They are all transactions. We thank people for giving us gifts, for helping us with purchases, for fixing our cars, and for various other services. These are common events, and may be meaningful, but they are still transactions. We have received something and we thank the people who provided it, giving the same response for all of them.

But, if we are honest, there are some gifts we are given where a simple "thank you" is not enough. This happens when we feel the need to move beyond thanking someone for their service, product, or gift, and want instead to express our gratitude for them as a person; for who they are to us, and the relationship that is worth far more than the gift. Ideally, we are supposed

to think this way about everyone as we receive anything from them, being more grateful for the person and the relationship than the transaction and the item. But we don't.

As we move through the coming weeks, we will be reminded to voice our thanks for many things and many people, including veterans, friends, and family. But as we do, we also need to pause and ask ourselves if we are truly expressing gratitude for and to the individuals because of our relationships with them, or merely expressing thanks for what they gave us or did for us. And whenever we realize that our words of thanks are based on the transaction instead of a relationship, we need to ask ourselves another question: How can I show my gratitude for this person for who they are to me, not just for what they gave me?

No matter the size, value, or impact of any gift, and no matter the usefulness of any purchase or service, it is the people who provided them who matter most. So, it is for other people and our relationships with them that we must show our deepest gratitude. And when saying a simple "thank you" does not feel sufficient to express that gratitude, we need to be willing to say more, and to say it openly, so that they will know that they are who we value the most.

Quick, list 10 things you're thankful for, or perhaps 5.. Maybe just 1. How about taking a moment to lift up one person you are truly thankful for in your life and why you are thankful for them. And yes, I do mean thankful for, you aren't allowed to add side comments like "I would be more thankful if they..."

Now, ponder this, when was the last time you shared your thankfulness with someone?

Many of us are familiar with the story of the 10 lepers in which Jesus sent them to the priest and they were healed. Only one returned thankful and Jesus told him that his faith had made him well. It is an interesting reminder that there is more to being well than physical healing or health. I knew a man who somehow found a way to be thankful everyday of his life. And through numerous physical challenges, illness, and even the brain tumor that led to his death, he was often grateful and it created joy in him.

There is a TED talk by David Steindl-Rast (a Benedictine monk) on the subject of gratitude. It's worth the watch. One of the comments he makes is that gratitude creates happiness. When we practice a life of gratitude, it leads to greater contentment which makes space for greater joy. It seems simple, until we try to make it a regular habit.

St. Ignatius Loyola, who founded the Jesuits, had a practice of prayer he often taught others called "The Examen". The short form is a simple 5 step prayer to help guide us as we

reflect on our daily lives. One of those steps is to simply look back through the day and consider the moments for which we offer thanks.

Andrew Huberman, a neuroscientist, has noted the profound effects of gratitude on our daily lives, physically, mentally, and emotionally. One of the most interesting comments he brings to light is that an essential practice of gratitude is surrounding yourself with people who are grateful for things. Our community shapes our character. And Huberman adds to the conversation that learning to let other people be grateful for you also makes space to grow in our gratitude for others and for the simple blessings in our lives.

For people of faith, we are often reminded to be grateful to God for the nature of grace. The Gospel reminds us that God's love is an amazing thing and that we are valued, each and every one of us, just as we are. I continue to learn to be grateful for that everyday of my life. And so I want to close with a thought from Fred Rogers (aka Mr. Rogers) given at a commencement speech at Middlebury College in May 2001. "I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does; so in appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred."

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By Bob Mangold, Council President, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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when school started. NEW SHOES! A big deal! Off we went to Thom McAn, Buster Brown or Stride Rite shoe stores. Sometimes I got Buster Browns. They were very durable and made of tough, hard leather that lasted forever. Down side was my folks made me polish them. We were so happy leaving the store always wearing our NEW SHOES home to show off to our playmates. A big smile on my face every time.

Fast forward to today. You, yes, You can bring a big smile to kids' faces in our area by donating to the Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship Adopt-A-Foot

program. Every \$30 gets a kid who really needs them a pair of NEW SHOES. And a big smile comes with every pair!

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Please make checks out to Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) for



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Church News & Notes

The Cortland Nazarene Church had many exciting events during the summer and the beginning of fall, and it is now looking forward to having The ministry of Jerry & Sarah Garcia in concert on November 24, at 10:45, followed by a big Thanksgiving feast. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the concert and fabulous meal. The ministry of Jerry & Sarah Garcia is quite unique. They not only have a ministry in music, but also a ministry of adoption. But their calling to this distinctive ministry is specifically adopting special needs children.

Cortland Christian Church is seeking crafters for their annual Holiday Craft Fair held November 30 from 10 am-3 pm. Lots of tables of wonderful craft items and many different vendors. Free Raffle, full raffle tables, baked sale, and lunch is available. Free coffee for vendors and crafters. Lots of great gifts for family, teachers, friends and neighbors and of course, for you. This event is part of the "Gingerbread Walk" that brings many other fun things to do in Cortland that day. Gingerbread Contest: Call 330-637-4611 for a registration form to enter the contest. Please call or email me at officeatccc@gmail.com. Prizes awarded for all age groups. Hope to see you here.

Cortland United Methodist Church invites you to "God Provides A

Meal", Saturday, November 16, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu: Ham, macaroni & cheese, California medley, dessert, and beverage. Donations accepted but not required.

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, Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. We look forward to exploring the Bible together.

Sunday School: 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: Donation drop off is the first Monday of every month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. If you are unable to drop off donations during that time or have other questions, please call Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402. Please do not leave donations on the narthex porch or by the parking lot entrance. We will have to dispose of such donations. Distribution - Our first distribution day will be on Thursday November 21st from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at 2742 North Rd NE. If you know someone who is in need of Diapers, Wipes, or baby clothes let them know of this distribution event.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Trinity will hold a service on November 27th at 5:30 pm in thankfulness to God.

Christmas Concert

By Carole Wiley

This year's Christmas Concert is seven weeks away. The concert originated and is supported by LOAF (Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship). The Cortland Community Band leads the concert. A group of residents who love to sing rehearse several weeks prior to the concert. Their leader/conductor is Michelle Robbins Jones. Michelle teaches a couple of new songs each year. They also sing familiar tunes.

The band continues to perform many Christmas carols. Cookies, made by the LOAF churches, are enjoyed by the many attendees following the performance. This is one of the perks enjoyed by our citizens: a free Christmas Concert, dozens of free cookies, and a wonderful opportunity to mingle with other residents. One other thing to look forward to is the audience joining with the musicians in singing several carols. In order for more people to attend, LOAF decided to hold the concert in the daytime on a weekend. Hopefully, students of all ages will attend. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM, at Lakeview High School auditorium.

The rehearsal dates for the Christmas Concert Rehearsals are: 10:00 AM on November 2nd and November 16; 7PM on December 11th.

Contact Carole Wiley for comments or questions. 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.





Lakeview School News

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

A Vision For The Future: Our Five-Year Plan For Permanent Improvement Funding

By Ashley Handrych

When I entered the role of Superintendent in August I knew that we needed a plan for our aging high school and the permanent improvement funding in the District. In school finance, there are three main silos of funding for

our District:

1. **Permanent Improvement Funding:** Used to pay for items with a lifespan of five years or more, such as buses, roofs, parking lot repair, boilers, furniture, or technology. PI Funds come

from a permanent improvement levy, which is limited or continuing and must be approved by voters.

2. **Operating Funding:** Used to pay for salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies, or classroom materials. Operating funds come from property, income, or earnings tax, which also must be approved by voters.

3. **Bond Funding:** Used to build a building or repay debt issued for the construction and renovation of buildings. Bond issues must also be approved by voters.

We currently have a Permanent Improvement Levy which originated in 1987 that has been consistently renewed by our community to help Lakeview pay for items under the Permanent Improvement category. Our team set out to create a five year plan for our Permanent Improvement Funds to ensure we are maximizing the use of them and sharing with the community how they are utilized. Our Five-Year Plan for Permanent Improvement Funding is a strategic initiative designed to extend the life of Lakeview High School and help cut down on maintenance costs if possible. Over the past months, we worked to identify our district's most pressing needs. This collaborative effort has culminated in a plan that will guide our investment of PI funds to ensure sustainable improvements across all our schools.

Timeline and Funding Allocation:

The Five-Year Plan will be implemented in phases, with the first phase commencing in Fiscal Year 2025. We will allocate funds strategically, ensuring that each year's investments are impactful and measurable. A detailed budget will be shared with the community in our State of the Schools Forum held later this school year. By strategically planning for expected costs, the District will live within the means of their current Permanent Improvement funds to ensure we have what we need to run the building for the next five years. The Permanent Improvement Levy that currently provides for these needs is up for renewal in 2026, this will not increase taxes as it is a renewal levy.

Your Role in Our Journey: We invite all members of the Lakeview Schools community to actively participate in this journey. Your insights and support are invaluable as we strive to create the best possible educational environment for our children.

Together, we can turn this vision into reality, ensuring that our schools are places where students thrive, learn, and grow. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students and schools.

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 is Rachel Clark, an outstanding student at Lakeview High School and the daughter of Rebecca and Paul Clark. A lifelong Lakeview student, Rachel is currently ranked in the top 15% of her graduating class and excels in both her high school courses and college-level classes through Youngstown State University. A gifted artist, Rachel has participated in Lakeview's independent study Art 3 and Art 4 classes for the past two years under the guidance of her teacher, Jeff Piper.

Her hard work and creativity have earned her several prestigious awards, including a juror's award at the Medici Museum, regional recognition in the Ohio Governor's Show, and a Silver Key in the National Scholastic Art Competition.

In addition to these accomplishments, Rachel illustrated a children's book titled Try Hard!, which is currently available on Amazon. Next year, Rachel looks forward to attending Youngstown State University to pursue a degree in either education or ultrasound technology.

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

- 1) *What is something that you do exceptionally well?* I'm skilled at Art and I do well in some of my classes, especially English, because I enjoy writing.
- 2) *What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District?* I like how it has a supportive environment with enthusiastic teachers and that we are challenged with our academics.
- 3) *Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland?* Brothers Pizza
- 4) *Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland?* I like hanging out by the lake and I enjoy going to Lakeview sporting events.
- 5) *Describe your fashion style.* I take inspiration from some of my classmates and Pinterest. I would describe my style as comfy casual.
- 6) *You might catch me ...* Drawing, painting, or hanging out with my friends and family
- 7) *What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now?* I listen to a variety of music and I also watch many shows, including 'That 70's Show', 'The Summer I Turned Pretty' and 'Outer Banks'
- 8) *What are your future aspirations?* I would like to pursue either the medical field or education. If I do medicine, it would most likely be ultrasound technology



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Lakeview's Pawsitive Expectations Program



The Lakeview Elementary School was abuzz with excitement as they hosted a pep rally to officially launch their Pawsitive Expectations Program for the school year. Students at Lakeview Elementary are learning characteristics and skills to become better students and people through the Leader in Me program.



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The pep rally featured a dazzling display of school spirit from the high school cheerleaders, majorettes, band, and football team. Even the Bulldog made a special appearance to pump up the students. The pep rally was a fantastic way to introduce the PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) program that helps create a positive and supportive learning environment for all students and staff. Several students received the first of the monthly Pawsitivity Awards. Each month different students will receive it for their "Pawsitive" attitudes, efforts and more.

The highlight of the event was the musical chair contest among the grade school teachers. Third grade teacher Mackenzie Hoolihan survived the fierce contest thanks to the PAWSITIVE cheering of her students.



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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.

Are you financially prepared if disaster strikes?

Natural disasters - from floods and wildfires to hurricanes, tornadoes and snowstorms - seem to be in the news all too frequently. As you watch or read stories about the challenges facing victims of the latest disaster, you might try to convince yourself that it will never happen to you.

Nearly everyone, however, may be exposed to a natural disaster at some point. Keeping you and your family safe is the ultimate priority but so is mitigating the impact of financial loss. Taking steps to be financially prepared for such an occurrence can determine your readiness to handle a life-changing event. Here are some things to keep in mind to help you prepare.

Put the proper protection in place. There may be no more important step than to make sure you have appropriate insurance coverage that is current and up-to-date. This includes property and casualty insurance to protect your home, vehicles and other possessions. You'll want to make sure your coverage is sufficient for the replacement value at today's prices. If you believe you could be subject to a flood, you'll need to look into a separate flood insurance policy provided through the National Flood Insurance Program. It's important to note, most traditional homeowner policies do not cover flood damage. Also make sure you and your family have sufficient health insurance in place should medical attention be required during a disaster.

Have cash on hand. It isn't unusual for many of the services we take for granted to be out of commission if a natural disaster should strike. For example, power may be out, which means ATMs will be unable to dispense cash. Internet and cell phone service could be limited as well, making it difficult to conduct any transactions online.

One solution is to make sure you

keep a reasonable amount of cash safely tucked away in your home, so you have money that's available to use when you need it. During times like these, most purchases may require cash. Be sure you've got sufficient cash on hand that would meet your needs for a few days if you have to contend with such a drastic circumstance.

Protect key documents. Important documents should be stored in a safety deposit box at a bank. This includes birth and marriage certificates, Social Security cards, passports, and titles to your home and cars. In addition, if you have important household information stored on your computer, make certain it is backed up on a hard drive that is in a safe place. Keeping information on a safely stowed thumb drive that you can grab and keep with you in case of emergency may also be helpful.

Maintain an emergency fund. Your sources of income may be interrupted, either by an inability to work due to injury, or because the business where you are employed may not be able to operate for a period of time. Be sure you have at least six months of living expenses set aside in a liquid, emergency fund to meet your expenses if you should be unable to work for an extended period of time.

Natural disasters can be devastating in so many ways. While the above tips are some of the ways to financially prepare for a natural disaster, there may be additional actions you can take depending on the severity of the event and your individual circumstances. But remember: the more you can do in advance, the better prepared you will be.

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Sight For All United Annual Gala

By Leah Sakacs

Tumble down the rabbit hole and join Sight for All United for a magical evening of whimsy and wonder! The 8th annual Eye Ball of the Mahoning Valley is a formal black-tie fundraiser and will be held on Saturday, November 9, at the Eastwood Event Center.

Fun, games, and whimsical merriment will be found along the way as guests explore the transformed Eastwood Event Center. They will be invited to enjoy tea with the Mad Hatter, outwit the Tweedles, and defeat the Queen of Hearts in a game of chance!

Doors open at 5:30 PM with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed promptly with a live dinner performance by two-time Grammy award nominee Blessing Offer. After the live auction, guests will dance the night away with RDNA. Guests will also find a game of croquet; specialty Drink Me potions at the bar; and silent auction, which will

be available online for any person to bid starting a few days before the event.

Sight for All United would like to thank its title sponsors, the Cafaro Foundation and the Leonard Fisher and Carol Burgess Family for their generous and ongoing support of the Sight for All United mission.

Local Blood Drives

There are two local blood drives in the upcoming weeks. Consider saving a life by donating blood.

Friday, November 8, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Maplewood High School 2414 Greenville Road, Mecca.

Wednesday, November 13, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM at Cortland United Methodist Church 155 N. High Street, Cortland.

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The Difference Between Medicare Supplement Insurance And A Medicare Advantage Plan?

There are significant differences between Medicare Supplement insurance plans and Medicare Advantage plans. Both work well to help cover costs of care that Original Medicare Insurance does not cover. What will work best for you will depend on your specific situation and preferences. One size definitely does not fit all and there are numerous good options available.

Medicare supplement plans work with original Medicare Insurance. With a Medicare Supplement you do not cancel or replace your Medicare Part A or Part B coverage and you still have all your Medicare insurance benefits, rights and protections. These plans are a secondary (supplemental) insurance to original Medicare insurance and help cover costs not covered by Medicare. For example, Part B of Medicare Insurance covers outpatient services, doctor appointments and tests. Typically, Medicare pays 80% of approved costs after a deductible is met and you are left with the remaining 20%. There are no limits the 20% with only original Medicare insurance. A supplement will pay some or all those costs depending on the specific plan. There are several different supplemental insurance plans available. These plans are required to be the same from company to company and are approved by CMS (Medicare). However, each company sets their own premiums and rate increase schedules. These plans do not include prescription drug coverage (part D), vision, dental or hearing benefits. A separate prescription plan needs to be added to the coverage to avoid potential Medicare late enrollment penalties in the future.

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) combine Parts A, B and possibly Part D. They are administered by the individual insurance companies instead of Medicare. Many of these plans include prescription drug coverage and

most offer extra benefits. They typically have lower premiums and are either HMO or PPO plans. HMO plans require you to see doctors within the network or services are not covered except in an emergency situation. PPO plans do not require you to see in network doctors but will pay more of the costs if you do. The premiums for these plans vary from plan to plan. They typically have copays for services and are required to set maximum out of pocket amounts for the year. Even though they are administered by individual insurance companies, they are regulated and approved by Medicare each year. They are also required to provide benefits equivalent to Original Medicare or better.

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

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Trumbull Town Hall Dr. Orin Grossman

The Trumbull Town Hall Lecture Series is proud to announce that Dr. Orin Grossman, George Gershwin's American Masterpiece: Rhapsody in Blue, will be our guest celebrity on November 20.

Orin Grossman has been delighting audiences the world over with his unique approach to performing and explaining great American and European music. As a child prodigy at age 5, a Cum Laude Harvard graduate, and a Ph. D from Yale, he is a "Star Professor." He has a unique ability to combine discussion and performance in this presentation of George Gershwin. Dr. Gossman will demonstrate just how this process works in his first and perhaps most popular concert work, Rhapsody in Blue.

Join us for the last season of a very successful legacy. Season tickets are available at TrumbullTownHall.org. And tickets for each program are available at the box office, the day of the program for \$35.00.

All performances are at Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. N.W. Warren. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments sold prior to the program. All Programs begin at 10:30 a.m. Call Townhall: 330-240-1706 or Packard Music Hall: 330-841-2619.

Lakeview Band Members Selected For Stambaugh Youth Concert Band

Lakeview's Band continues its prestigious history and high standard for excellence with the announcement that 14 band students currently participate in the Stambaugh Youth Concert Band. In addition, two of our Directors were selected to Direct at the concert. This is a very prestigious honor. Students must audition to be selected and also attend rehearsals in addition to their regular school work.

The Students honored are Xavier Butler, Katie Rider, Joseph Constantine, Mason Fazekas, Makenzie Hlifka, Cole McNally, Isabel Moss, Tommy Pavlansky, Matthew Reighard, Brady Reighard, Gage Sensabaugh, Jester St. John, Isaac Hardin and Rory Sensabaugh. The two Directors are Mr. Nathan Sensabaugh and Mr. Tyler Husosky.

The concert will be at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown on Tuesday November 12 at 7:30 PM. For tickets call 330-259-9651 or order online at stambaughauditorium.com

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Senior Beta Club: Serving And Fundraising

By The Lakeview Bulldog Bulletin

The Lakeview Sr. Beta Club is raising money to attend the annual Ohio Beta Convention, which will be held in February at the Columbus Convention Center. This event gathers Beta Club members from across the state to compete in various academic and creative contests, attend general sessions where they listen to a variety of inspirational speakers and participate in the state officer election campaign, and celebrate their achievements. The convention provides opportunities for learning, networking, and showcasing talents, which can have lasting effects on the students' confidence and skills. Sr. Beta Officer and Lakeview sophomore Lexi Dye shared her convention experience stating, "I loved competing in speech last year. It was great to be around other open minds and passionate hearts. Seeing others speak passionately about such consequential topics gave me a renewed hope for our future as a generation."

Adviser Angela Sarko says the convention has changed significantly throughout her 22 years of taking students to this event. "I can enter students in 105 events and some of those are team events. All competitions align with state standards and run from academic contests, to STEM events, and even artistic entries and vocal, instrumental, and drama competitions. There really is something at the Beta Convention for every student. I encourage members to enter as many contests as will fit their schedule."

However, attending this convention requires significant financial support, the greatest expense is a charter bus at approximately \$4,000. The club is currently running two fundraisers they are asking the community to contribute to. The first is SnapRaise! donations which can be made online through the fundraiser page, which is easily accessible via the QR code or the following link: <https://raise.snap.app/donate/lakeview-senior-beta-club-2024>. The second is by donating gently worn shoes, boots, or sandals of any type or size, children to adult. Through the Funds2orgs organization, the club earns 40 cents per pound of footwear donated. Email the adviser angela.sarko@lakeviewlocal.org if you need a pick-up of donated shoes or you can drop off at the high school main office or send with a high school student you know.

Some recent ways Sr. Beta serves the community and school are running Reindeer Games at the tree lighting in November, handing out candy during Trick or Treat on Main during October, collecting various items for people in need throughout the year, celebrating honor roll students with locker badges, and game night in January. Sr. Betas take pride in helping the community. Member Ethan Gilbride said "The Cortland Tree Lighting is a great experience for everyone. I am so glad I can be a part of such a fun community event!"



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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Girl Scouts Take On Democracy

By Sarah Gyure

Girl Scout Troop 80161 out of Cortland took a behind the scenes tour of Cortland City Hall this past month earning their Inside Government badge. Mayor Petrosky treated the girls to a mock Council meeting where she answered questions pertaining to Cortland democratic processes, zoning, elections, city resources and development. The City of Cortland Police Chief David Morris and Officer Bevilacqua led a tour through the police side of City Hall, allowing the girls the opportunity to view the jail, the inside of a police car and answer questions related to safety within their community. The girls are grateful for the City's willingness to inform their young citizens and are looking forward to a future service project in conjunction with the city.



Afenix P. in Police Cruiser

Fundraisers For Cortland Resident's Family

Cortland resident Nicholas Joseph "Nick" Stoian was tragically killed in an automobile accident on October 17.



He leaves behind his wife, the former Jennifer Cvangros, and his children who were the apple of his eye, Mason, Ronin and Mina.

In typical fashion for the Lakeview Community they have rallied to support the family at this time of need with a fund raiser. His friends set up a Go Fund Me account for his children's education and other needs. If you wish to contribute you can go to <https://gofund.me/48f1147b>.

Another option is to donate directly to the family to support his children's education. Donations may be mailed to Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel, 1884 North Rd. NE, Warren, Ohio 44483.



Mayor Petrosky with Lauren B., Afenix P., Lily H., Casey B.

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MARILYN

- Spayed female
- Approximately 9-10 months old
- Medium-size: approx 30 lbs
- Marilyn was surrendered with her sister at 6 months old. She's about 9-10 months old and very playful and energetic. She doesn't mind other dogs and seems to get along with cats. She is a very strong puppy and needs basic training and leash work but is definitely willing to learn for her new family. Basic training classes included! To meet Marilyn, please message the Healthy Hearts and Paws Project Facebook page, email our Adoption Coordinator at jcassidy1975@gmail.com, or fill out an adoption application at <https://healthyheartsproject.org/>.

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A United Mission: Serving Those Who Served Us

The mission of Veterans' Outreach is clear: **stand together for our veterans.** Across its headquarters and regional offices, the organization works tirelessly to provide emergency support—whether through financial aid, the Freedom Food Pantry, or the VO Depot. Every effort is marked by honor, respect, and deep gratitude for their sacrifices.

Financial Assistance & Essential Aid: A Lifeline for Veterans

This year alone, Veterans' Outreach has helped hundreds of veterans with emergency financial needs, covering rent, utilities, and more. When veterans reach out, they find open arms and immediate support, not red tape. Through the Freedom Food Pantry, no veteran goes hungry, thanks to generous community donations. Each meal represents the appreciation we feel for their service.

VO Depot Thrift Store: Shopping with Purpose. At VO Depot, every purchase supports Veterans' Outreach programs. Shoppers find quality items at great prices, and veterans receive discounts or vouchers. Donations and volunteers make this possible, helping veterans rebuild their lives. The VO Depot

is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm.

Community Engagement: Events That Make a Difference

The new Youngstown Foundation Event Center at Veterans' Outreach hosts weddings, corporate events, and more, with all proceeds benefiting veterans. Events like the annual golf scramble, the annual bowling event, and so many others that have raised crucial funds and awareness aren't just donations—they're acts of patriotism and a testament to the community's support for our heroes. Just this year alone, there have been more than forty events hosted by Veterans' Outreach and others to support the veteran community.

30 Years Strong: A Future Built on Service

As Veterans' Outreach marks 30 years of service, its mission continues to grow. The organization is committed to expanding services and partnerships to meet veterans' evolving needs. Veterans' Outreach will always be there, ensuring our heroes are honored, remembered, and supported.

Answer the Call to Serve Our Veterans

There is still more to do, but we can't do it alone. Donate, volunteer, shop at the VO Depot, host or sponsor an event, every act of kindness counts. Visit www.veteransoutreach.org or stop by 17 Colonial Drive, Youngstown, OH. Veterans Assistance is available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am - 2:30 pm. VO Depot is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm.

Together, we can ensure that no veteran is ever left behind.



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Cortland Lodge Holds Two Charity Breakfasts In November

The next two charity fund-raiser pancake breakfasts will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, and Saturday, November 16th, 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 beneficiaries will be [Nov 2] The Healthy Hearts and Paws organization, which raises money for animal rescue and shelter in Trumbull County. On Nov 16 it will be The Vienna Historical Society.

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 "Mustangs Care" charity a total of \$1,330 --- marking over \$50,000 raised by the lodge for local charities since the breakfasts were initiated about 4 years ago.

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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little over \$4,500 and went to Newlife K9's - Ohio. Newlife K9's - Ohio is a nonprofit organization that provides veterans with highly trained service and emotional support dogs. This organization is run by Karen Lody-Lutz, who assists in training service dogs at Trumbull Correctional Institute. Our funds go towards treats/food, collars, toys, medicine, and anything the trainer or dog might need.

Trumbull Correctional Institute has a set of inmates who are assigned a dog to train with specific tasks. Karen was able to provide us access into the facility (no photos were allowed), where we were able to see what these dogs are trained to do. During our visit they had just received a new set of dogs a week ago! Yet, they have already been trained to turn lights on/off, to heel, sit and lay down, return to a specific position, and even how to alert for alarms. Additionally the dogs have also learned where safety is (between the handler's legs) which is used in crowded spaces, to lay behind the veterans legs (signifying the concept of never turning your back to the door, it makes veterans more comfortable knowing someone is

watching out for them) laying across their feet (which allows the veteran to know their dog is right there with them). After the training period the dogs are moved to Tennessee where they are matched with a Veteran.

We are so grateful to have been able to experience this and really see the progress these dogs have made with their trainers. Thank you Karen Newlife K9's - Ohio for having us.

This year's fundraiser will be held on November 9th, 2024. From 12-4 pm at The Gentry, 116 E Liberty St. Hubbard, at the Gentry Banquet Hall. Dinner is \$16, dine in or take out. Cash or check only.

Editor's note: I teach for Kent State at the Trumbull Correctional Institute and have had several of these dogs attend my class with their inmate/student/trainer. They are the best-behaved, well-trained animals I have ever seen. And the positive effect the program has on the inmate is unbelievable. Just another bonus. I have witnessed significant behavior and attitude changes in them within a single semester of training the dogs. I don't know Karen Lutz's secret, but it works! Please consider helping this, or any, program that helps our Veterans.

My Favorite Marine

By Cait Morgan

Today, I must tell you about my favorite Marine. Now truthfully ANY Marine in dress blues is awesome, but one very special Marine came into my life in the late 80s. There had been a huge fire at his house while he had been in the hospital with emphysema. Being a property/fire adjuster at that time, I pulled up to his house and he was standing with the contractor in the driveway. I walked up, intro'd myself and held out my hand. He glared at me and said "I don't shake women's hands" but before I could even say anything he laughed and said "I HUG them!" And that was the start of a great friendship that lasted for many years.

The contractors and I adopted him and he adopted us back. He was the most positive man I ever met. One of the things I will never forget was Joe's capacity to love - his everlasting love for his late wife, his love of the Marines and his love for life in general. He served in WW2, Korea and 'Nam. He had a room added onto his house that was shaped like a barracks and all his Marine stuff was back there, except his dress blues. Upstairs, front closet. He sobbed when we brought out his Marine Corps flag - charred and soaked and could hardly stand when the American flag came out the same way. His dress blues escaped the flames.

He loved to travel and since he could go out to the airbase and hop a flight to just about anywhere that a military plane was headed, he flew all over the world 'just because'. He always told me that I could be sure he was coming back as long as his Dress Blues were there - upstairs, front closet. Eventually, the house was finished and a lot of extra time was spent making the barracks right. We found some old pics that weren't destroyed and went from there. A new Marine flag came and went on a polished brass pole. Same with the American flag. We got a hold of someone at the airbase who helped us replace his medals and the guys built a case for them (we kept the charred and discolored ones, too).

I picked him up at the airbase right after it was done and took him out to dinner then to his place. A huge "Welcome Home" banner was draped across the front with neighbors and friends there (plus the contractor's crew, of course) which blew him away. He just kept spinning around with this big old grin, crying, laughing and saying "Wow. Oh wow." He loved the way the house turned out but when we took him back to the barracks his sheer joy and amazement will stay with me forever. We did it right.

He later met a very nice woman and remarried, moving to Arizona which would be better for his lungs. He asked me to keep checking on the house until it sold. My first time there after he moved I did something I never should have done - I went upstairs. Front closet. The dress blues were gone. I cried for about an hour. We traded letters and phone calls and pictures for years. He had asked me to take care of his first wife's grave, which was no problem at all, and I promised to always take care of it. Then one day his wife called - he was gone. They were coming home. I got to see those Dress Blues one more time - and he looked so handsome in them! The case with his replacement medals was propped in the casket with him. The charred ones were on his chest and he was laid to rest next to his first wife with full military send off. It was 1993.

My husband and I still care for their

grave. He got a new flag holder when his disappeared. Scarlet day lilies and golden marigolds - Corps colors - bloom every year. There's an American Flag year 'round and a solar spot illuminates nightly. There is also a Marine Corp flag, courtesy of my husband. But this year when we got to the cemetery to do some sprucing up we got quite a surprise 31 years in the making.

As we started working, a gentleman came over and asked how we knew Joe. I gave him a short "We were friends since the 80s" explanation and he got a big somewhat familiar grin on his face. I asked who he was and he explained he was Joe's nephew. He would have been a teenager when Joe passed. He is living in the area and takes care of his parents' grave. He said he has always been in touch with Joe's daughter (out of town) and they have wondered for years who was taking care of Joe's grave. I explained further and we had a good laugh, then he called Joe's daughter and teased her that he knew who the "Grave Keeper" was, and he'd share it with her for \$1,000.

Finally, he gave me the phone and she and I talked for quite a while. Later we talked about how we dislike veteran's graves not being in order and I shared the story of how we saw a new grave last year close to Joe's that had a military marker but no flag, so we got one and made sure it was placed before the holidays. He grinned and said "That's Joe's cousin". Of course it was.

He said the family is fine with me taking care of the grave as long as I can, and I will find him when I can't so that grave is always kept up in Marine style. Rest easy, Joe. We've ALL got it covered now. Love you and Semper Fi.

Maggie Peck ...continued from page 9

lab, copy center and internal auditing. She enjoyed the problem solving and inquisitive nature of these assignments. In retirement Maggie was active as a member of the Cortland Beautification Committee, The Cortland News and her beloved Prince of Peace Lutheran Church where she served on the church council and many community and service planning events.

Maggie will be remembered as a generous person who spontaneously bought lunch for those in the military, listened to the needs of strangers, and donated her blood to help others. At the time of her passing, she had given over 17 gallons throughout the years. Maggie was also the cross lady. She had a constant supply of small, colorful cross necklaces, which she liberally shared along with a message of God's love for all.

Maggie is survived by her husband of fifty-nine years, Charles "Charlie" Peck; children, Michelle (Dennis) Ivey

of Klein, TX and Chuck (Teresa) Peck of East Palestine; grandchildren, Rick (Stephanie) Peck, Katie (Austin Cope) Martin, Alex Peck, and Wade Ivey; great grandchildren, Kaleb, Blake, Jasper, Ryan, Lincoln, and Sadie, and by her sister, Mary Lou (John) Byrnes of Pittsburg, PA. Family and friends are mourning a discerning, mischievous, and joyous soul. To that we say, "Love you, bye."

The family received friends on Wednesday, October 30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cortland. A memorial service immediately followed at the church, with Rev. David Vensel officiating. In lieu of flowers, Maggie's family would ask that her memory be honored by donating a pint of blood to the American Red Cross.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Woods-Rettig Funeral Home in Leetonia. Family and friends may view this obituary and send condolences at www.familycareservices.com

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The Ohio Women's Jr. League has made Newlife K9s-Ohio their president's special fundraiser. Thank you, Yvonne, so much for thinking of us for this project. This money will help a couple dogs to go through from beginning to finish to be a service dog for a veteran.

Daughters Of The American Revolution Celebrate Founder's Day

By Kim Welch

Mary Chesney Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated Founder's Day on October 12th with speaker Mialie Szymanski. She gave a wonderful presentation on Caroline Scott Harrison, nicknamed Carrie, wife of President Benjamin Harrison and the first President General of the DAR! Her father was a Presbyterian minister and her mother a teacher. It is believed that they were abolitionists. She married young attorney, (and future president) Benjamin Harrison in 1853 with her father officiating. Three children completed their family.



Caroline had a great love of animals, even naming her chickens! As First Lady, one of her many accomplishments was to completely refurbish the White House. She went so far as to bring in ferrets to get rid of the rat infestation! In 1890 Carrie accepted the position of President General of the newly formed DAR. Her passion for painting watercolors led to the orchid becoming the official flower of the DAR. To list Caroline Scott Harrison's accomplishments would fill pages! Suffice it to say, she was an amazing woman and one that deserves considerably more recognition!

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Mialie did an exceptional job educating us on this piece of our country's "HERstory." As Mialie explained, "truly this isn't HIStory, it's HERstory!"

Our Mary Chesney Chapter meets monthly, September through June at different locations in Warren. Our members are mostly Trumbull County residents. We are passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation, locally, nationally and globally.

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Giving Thanks

Hello Cortland & Bazetta! I hope you're enjoying this beautiful autumn weather and that with the Thanksgiving holiday coming soon, you have much to be thankful for. Seeing as how it's the Season of Giving, it's timely to discuss some ways to give back. Spoiler alert - you don't have to be wealthy to be generous!

occasionally or regularly with a group that has a cause you believe in. Even if you are physically restricted, there are many ways you can volunteer with a nonprofit. Just call them and see what type of help they can use and how that may align with what you can offer!

1. Volunteerism Your time is valuable, and it can be a great asset to a good cause. Consider volunteering

2. Item Donations Many charitable causes will take certain types of item donations to assist them in fulfilling their mission. This may be a bag of dog food for an animal organization, or some gently used clothing for a shelter, or cans of food for a food bank. If you're not sure what type of items an organization accepts, check their website or give them a call.

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Clover Wagner Earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Clover Wagner, a member of Girl Scout Troop 80093 in Cortland, has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Clover is among an elite group of Scouts who embody community leadership leaving behind a sustainable legacy. To earn the Gold Award a Scout must complete 80 hours and complete their project by the end of September of their high school graduating year. They must use what they've learned in Girl Scouts and solve a problem in their community or make a lasting change in their world. Their project was a Community Box that was installed in the front yard of their church, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown.

Clover collected non-perishable food, period products, school supplies and hats and gloves for their community box. After much research, Clover created a pamphlet and website about other resources in the community to assist with food insecurity. Clover spoke at their church about the poverty and food desert in the church's neighborhood and also went canvassing to the neighbors' houses to educate them on the box and that supplies are there if needed.

Clover had previously earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards with their troop. Clover is currently a lifetime member of Girl Scouts, a recent 2024 graduate of Lakeview High School and is attending the College of Wooster. For more information on how to donate to the community box please reach out to clovernwagner@gmail.com.

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a building, marketing, etc.) may not be the worthiest fit for your hard-earned dollars.

4. Educating & Advocating Many times, the best thing you can do for a cause you care about is to educate others. You don't need to be attached to a specific charity to educate others. As someone who loves animals, I constantly encourage people to spay and neuter their pets, which is the most helpful way to create a future where every pet can enjoy a loving home. Just be sure you do your research and have the most accurate and up-to-date information before advocating for a cause or educating others!

Thanks for reading and I hope you enjoy this time of year generously! Email questions, feedback, or suggestions for future topics to Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com.

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Matching Challenge For Local Non-Profit Tails Of Hope

Full of many traditions, the holiday season includes giving thanks and making a difference. Tails of Hope, a non-profit Spay/Neuter clinic in Mercer County, invites you to share a share a little #HoHoHope to help save and improve the lives of four-legged loved ones for a local family. From the comfort of your home, there are several ways you can give a unique and meaningful gift in the name of your friends, loved ones or furkids. Online donors can easily send an e-card to your gift recipient.

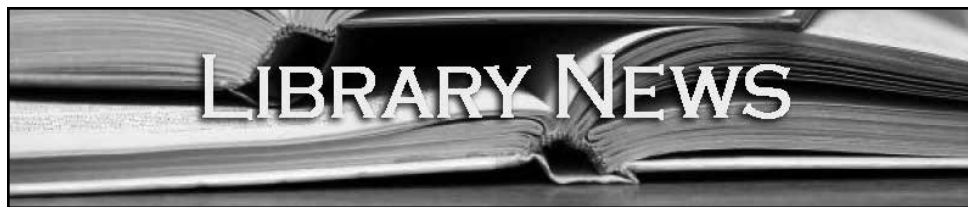
• #GivingTuesday unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and

the world. When you donate to Tails of Hope from November 1 thru #GivingTuesday on December 3, your gift could be DOUBLED - up to \$2,000, thanks to two special Match Challenges. These include matching donations from John & Judy Turner and the Turner Family in memory of their daughter & sister, Dr. Jennifer L. Turner, and from Diane O'Brien Webster in honor of her furbaby, Lilly O'Brien.

• #HoHoHope for the holidays and the Holiday Fund Drive makes finding a gift for anyone easy! Simply make your year-end tax-deductible gift in honor or in memory of a loved one or furkid from December 1 - 31 and your honoree will receive warm holiday feelings that they've saved and improved the life of a pet or homeless animal in need and helped keep families and pets together.

Without federal, state, or local municipality funding, Tails of Hope is extremely grateful for its supporters, volunteers, and gifts from generous friends that have made it possible for us to accomplish this together as a community. And so many more animals need our help. With rescues & shelters full, veterinary clinics overburdened, and without Spay/Neuter readily available and affordable for everyone, litter after litter is left unwanted, abandoned, or worse.

Donations can also be mailed or dropped off to Tails of Hope, 2450 Hoeszle Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148.



November Cortland Library Events

By Apryl Gilliss

CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY Monday, Nov 11.

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 4, 18, 25 A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 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.

Midweek Mayhem

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: Nov. 6, 13, 20 Teens in grades 7 - 12 can check out the library's weekly teen hangout with games, activities, and a small snack.

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Nov. 12 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Teens in grades 7 - 12 can join the Teen Advisory Board to share what they'd like to see at the library, earn service hours, and collaborate on creative ideas.

Family LEGO Night

Thurs., Nov. 14 from 6 - 7 p.m. Practice problem-solving and engineering skills while building with the library's collection of LEGO bricks. Finished projects will remain at the library. For families with children ages 3 and older.

Only Murders in the Library

Mon., Nov. 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This discussion group focuses on a true crime topic each session, with the topic being selected from group members' suggestions. The group will use and share resources such as books, articles, and podcasts.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Nov. 19 from 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. For tweens in grades 5 - 8.

Family Crafternoon

Sat., Nov. 23 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.

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Rise Against Hunger Meals Headed To Ukraine

In September the Bolinger family's annual event to pack meals for the needy around the world took place at Lakeview High School. Merrilee Bolinger Jacobson informs us that this year the healthy meals are on their way to Ukraine. Located in eastern Europe, Ukraine is the second largest country on the continent. The conflict in Ukraine has caused one of the fastest forced population movements since World War II - millions of people have left the country or are internally displaced. As food production and supplies are disrupted by the conflict, many people do not have reliable access to sufficient nutritious food. The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorized Ukraine as having a "low" level of hunger prior to the conflict starting in 2022.

Through Rise Against Hunger's Responding to Emergencies pathway, to address threats to food and nutrition security in times of crisis, we collaborate with organizations that are meeting the immediate needs of families and communities in this region. The meals were packaged by local volunteers which include several Lakeview High School students, The meals can help serve internally displaced people, refugees, and communities facing the loss of access to resources that support their livelihoods.

One more example of why this is the best place in the world to live. The Bolinger family wants to thank all of you who helped make this year's program a huge success.

Giving Thanks: A Heartfelt Message From United Way Of Trumbull County

By Lori Shandor

At United Way of Trumbull County, we believe that gratitude is the foundation of every strong community. Our mission to be united in helping children and families thrive in Trumbull County is only possible because of the generous support from individuals, businesses, and organizations who believe in the power of collective action. As we reflect on the past year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the unwavering commitment shown by our donors, volunteers, and partners. Whether it's through financial contributions, donating time, or sharing expertise, each act of kindness has a profound impact on the lives of those we serve.

Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers, corporate partners and local businesses whose sponsorships and donations make it possible to launch and sustain vital programs that address the most pressing needs in our community. We also want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the residents of Trumbull County. Your trust and support empower us to continue our work, knowing that together, we are making a difference. Every dollar raised, every hour volunteered, and every word of encouragement fuels our passion to create lasting change.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our vision of inspiring and building a community where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential, and fostering a culture of gratitude, recognizing that it is the foundation upon which all positive change is built. Thank you, Trumbull County, for standing with us and for being a part of something bigger.

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for State Representative 64th Dist.



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