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Resolutions

By Heather Sensabaugh

Did you make New Year's Resolutions? For about 4,000 years, humans have been making resolutions to be better, feel better, or do better in the New Year,

and research shows that only 9% of our resolutions are actually kept. Resolutions often fail because they are too vague, they aren't fun, and we are not really committed to them.

A resolution such as "exercise more" is too vague, and instead could be amended to a more concrete or measurable goal, such as, "I will take a walk 3 nights per week," or "I will go to the gym on Mondays and Wednesdays." Using my personal resolution as an example, instead of "I'll drink more water", I can amend it to, "I will drink 8 glasses of water per day".

The most important component of a resolution is an element of fun. If the pursuit of the goal you have set is not fun, you're less likely to keep doing it. Therefore, it is recommended to combine a goal that feels like a chore with a treat of some sort. For example, plan to listen to your favorite podcast only at the gym, or have a friend meet you there a certain night per week. With

my resolution of drinking more water, I could add flavorings, add fruit, or drink from a silly straw to make it more fun. Another fun idea is keeping track of the number of glasses of water I drink and having a treat of some sort after eight glasses, like a piece of candy.

Writing down resolutions and putting them somewhere within daily sight has also been shown to improve the chances of success. The simple act of committing goals to paper increases our drive to achieve them. I personally like to use a visual calendar when I make a self-improvement pledge, and hang it by the door, so that I see it every time I leave or arrive home. However, I only fill it out for one month at a time, to decrease negative feelings if I (I mean, when I) falter.

If, like me, it's January 6th and you are still dehydrated, don't be discouraged! You can write a new resolution down, making it measurable, and adding an element of fun, and start

fresh! I'm considering a second resolution, to stop procrastinating. I'll probably start that next week though! Happy New Year!

Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed.

~ Cavett Robert

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

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- 22 **Movie Night - "NOAH"** / Cortland Church of the Nazarene
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By Thom Foley and Ralph McCord

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Auntie V's Pizzeria is taking a well-deserved winter break and will be closed from Jan. 16 through Jan. 31. But

they will open back up in time for the Super Bowl.

If you need honest insurance advice, check out **Mayflower-Wollam Insurance** on Main Street. They have been serving our community for 100 years.

Are you banged up from the holidays? See **Action Physical Therapy** to get back to feeling great again.


Cortland Mower Sales is offering FREE pick-up and delivery if you schedule before Feb. 28. They already picked up, serviced and returned my riding lawn mower. I am ready for Spring - are you?

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"Giving back to the community is what being a local business owner is all about" says John Apostolakis, Apostolakis Auto Group President. "I strongly believe in helping those in need in many different capacities and helping to fight hunger is a mission I deeply support."



Mike Iberis, Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley Executive Director, John Apostolakis, Apostolakis Auto Group President and Jess Briganti, Apostolakis Auto Group Marketing Director.

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Ohio Living Lake Vista Elects New Board Chair

Ohio Living Lake Vista recently named Ryan Day as chair of its board of directors. A lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley and proud Youngstown State University graduate, Day has held executive accounting and operations positions for more than 20 years. In 2017, he assumed his current role, chief financial officer, at Hynes Industries, a Youngstown-based manufacturing company founded in

1925. He is a certified public accountant and chartered global management accountant. He has also served on YSU's CPE Planning Committee for five years.

"My connection with Ohio Living started in 2006, when I served on the Ohio Living Park Vista board of directors," said Day. "Ohio Living is highly regarded for providing quality care and services for its residents, even during the challenging times we've weathered these past years. Giving back to the community is a tenant for our family, and I'm proud to support the good work Ohio Living Lake Vista is doing."

Day lives with his wife, Susan and stepson, Graham, in the Cortland area. He joins five other board members and will serve a two-year term as board chair.



Cortland Mower Bags Hunger

Congrats to Barb and Jerry Saxion on winning the Toro 60v mower from Cortland Mower's Bag Hunger food drive. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to our communities! Cortland Mower Sales over 125 bags of non-perishable food to the Maplewood Rocket Fuel Program, Patchwork Foundation and Lakeview High School Pantry.



Master Gardener Volunteers Present Wednesdays In the Classroom 2023

Do you love to garden? Would you like to learn more about gardening? Join the Trumbull County Master Gardener Volunteers as they discuss a variety of gardening topics on five Wednesday evenings from January through May at 6 PM. Training will be at The Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St. Cortland.

The topics are Jan 18 - Container Gardening, Feb 15 Ground Cover, March 15 Clematis, April 19 Vegetable Gardening and May 10 Fertilizers 101.

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Christmas Tree Pick-Up - Republic

Services will pick up Christmas trees on regular garbage pickup days. Trees need to be 4 feet or less in height. If taller, they need to be cut in half.

City of Cortland's Natural Gas Aggregate - The price is \$3.50 per mcf and is fixed for two years. This program is through Constellation. Please see our website for more information and to opt in.

The Cortland Scope Senior Center - It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cortland Christian Church -153 Grove.

City Council Meetings are available on YouTube.



Cortland Fire Dept Receives First New Truck In 25 Years

By Chief David Rea

We are happy to announce that this past Friday we took delivery of our new fire truck. While it was two years in the making it was well worth the wait. In the world of pre-covid it would have taken twelve to eighteen months from order to delivery, however, like everything else it suffered the delays due to the pandemic. We would be remiss if we did not thank Sutphen Corporation of Dublin, Ohio for building us a magnificent vehicle, Factory and Marine for custom shelving and mounting of the equipment, and the local Sutphen sales vendor Herb Fire Equipment. This truck will serve our city for decades to come.

This will replace our 1993 Pierce fire truck. An expected life span of a front-line pumper is twenty to twenty-five years, so after twenty-nine years of

dependable service we reluctantly must say goodbye. Hopefully, this vehicle can find a second life with another organization as a reserve unit.

The new truck is a 2022 Sutphen Custom Pumper. It is capable of transporting 1,000 gallons of water and pumping up to 2,000 gallons per minute. It features a four-person enclosed cab that can serve in a limited role as an on-site rehab station for longer deployments or during severely inclement weather. Along with the usual equipment on a fire truck it also carries a varied compliment extrication tool, portable lighting for scenes, and limited rope rescue equipment.

We look forward to placing this truck in service as soon as possible so it can begin what we hope is a long tour of duty.

"Nothing cries out for compassion, concern, and danger as a fire engine screams by carrying firefighters ready to do battle without flinching from any demand."

~ BYRON PULSIFER

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Fundraiser

Sleep In Heavenly Peace is having a fundraiser Feb 25 at the Avalon Grand Resort in the Main Ballroom at 6:00 PM. This is the 2nd Annual Casino Night. A fun-filled night of dinner, entertainment, basket raffles, classic table games: blackjack, poker varieties, roulette & more!

Each ticket purchased includes a delicious buffet dinner, complimentary drink ticket and \$25 in game chips to get you started! As the evening comes to an end, guests will cash out their "winnings" in exchange for a corresponding amount of basket raffle tickets. If luck is on your side, you will walk away with a variety of baskets from generous local sponsors.

Tickets can be purchased using any of the following methods: Tickets \$75 per person (\$50 event/\$25 donation). To purchase tickets online visit: <https://SHPCasinoNight23.eventbrite.com>. To

purchase WILL CALL tickets:

Mail Checks payable to Community Events LLC to PO. Box 8551 Warren, OH 44484 "ATTN: Casino Committee". Please include a note with guests first and last name for Will Call list. Contact a Casino Committee Member or SHP Leadership Member in person, via text or phone call.

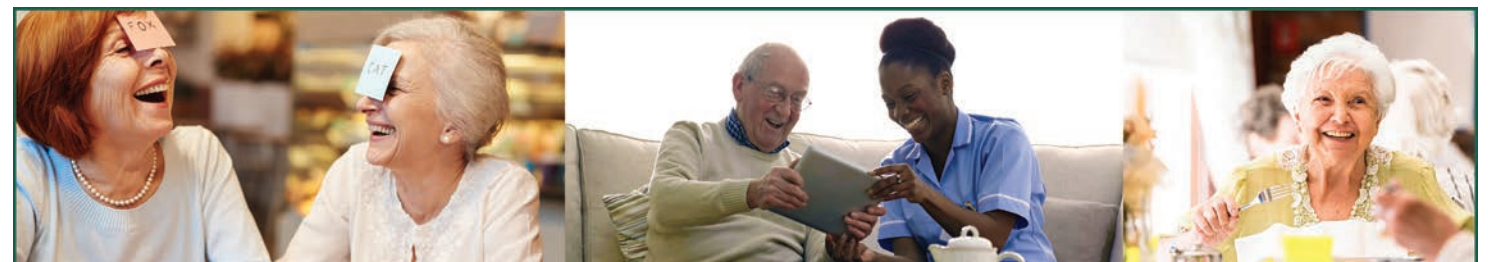
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Free Forestry Webinar

The new year is a great time to reassess your woodland's potential and explore opportunities to make your land less "taxing." Join us for a VIRTUAL Woodland Wednesdays program on January 25th from 6:30-8:00 PM to take a closer look at the Ohio Forestry Tax Law and the Current Agriculture Use Value programs available to landowners with qualifying property. We'll review the history, improvements, eligibility, and requirements of these tax-saving programs to get you on the path to better stewardship and more savings!

Our featured speakers are Leah Curtis, Policy Counsel & Sr. Director of Member Engagement, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and David Thomas, Ashtabula County Auditor.

This online program is free, but registration is limited and required by January 24th. Visit woodlandwednesdaysjanuary2023.eventbrite.com to register or contact Geauga SWCD at gprunty@geauga.oh.gov or 440-834-1122. Collaborators include Natural Resources Conservation Service, Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula, Portage, and Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Division of Forestry, Farm Bureau, and Holden Forests and Gardens.



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Church News and Notes

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Bazetta Christian Church is grateful for the support received by surrounding communities, at our Live Nativity, the "One True Story". Plans will begin in a few months to begin adding more in 2023 to this solemn and joyous celebration of Christ's birth. We are humbled and blessed to be able to support this community outreach free event.

Wildare Church - Game Night - Friday, January 20 at 6:00 pm at 7211 North Park Ave. Swiss Steak Dinner - Saturday, January 21 4-6 pm in the Family Life Center. Take out available. Youth Fellowship - Sundays 4-6:00 PM. STEM Activities - Wednesdays 6:00

pm in the Family Life Center. 2nd -6th grade. 7211 North Park Ave.

Cortland Church of the Nazarene. Happy New Year. We would like to invite everyone to join us for Movie Night, with the famous sight and sound films, full of drama and action. The first one is Noah, showing Jan 22 at 5 PM in the Church multi-purpose room. Maybe you have always wanted to go see the production but it was just too far or expensive. Not to worry, we are bringing these bible stories to Cortland. Admission is free and snacks are provided. 293 E Main St. See you at the movies.

Garden Club Decorates The Cortland Bridges

The Four Seasons Garden Club recently decorated the bridges on East Main Street and on S. High Street, adding their festive touch to the lighted wreaths and snowflakes mounted throughout the city.



A Walk through His Word

Rev. C. R. Chapman, Cortland Christian Church



Focusing Small, Growing Big

Resolutions are difficult for many to keep. A Google search for the top ten resolutions for 2023 yields these top four results. Number four, "save more money". Number three, "lose weight". Number two, "eat healthier". Number one, "exercise more". These are all big goals that require a strong determination and have results that are not immediately apparent. Often these big goals fall by the wayside halfway through the year. Now having a big goal is not a bad thing, but perhaps we should tackle the little resolutions first. These small resolutions can even have a greater impact on our lives and the world around us than the big goals that we become fixated on.

James chapter three talks about one small thing that is often overlooked that can make a world of difference. James writes about how small the tongue is and yet it sets the course of life on fire. Now a fire can bring light and warmth which comforts us, just like the Holy Spirit does, or it can bring destruction like Satan the Destroyer. Our speech has the power to build up and to tear down. We must live with the consequences of our tongues for the rest of our lives, and this includes what we post to social media.

Those top four new year's resolutions focused on external things. Perhaps instead of focusing on the external, we need to focus on the internal. Instead of focusing on large resolutions that are likely to be abandoned, maybe we need to focus on the little things that make a world of difference. As an added benefit when one succeeds in the little, they will be more encouraged and able to tackle the larger goals.

In all things, whether big or small there is one thought to always keep in mind. As you begin this new year seek to please God. Let our resolutions be things that give glory to God in Heaven. As we seek to please Him, we will become who He has always intended us to be. And remember this thought... if you please God then you will please those who really matter in your life.

Happy New Year!

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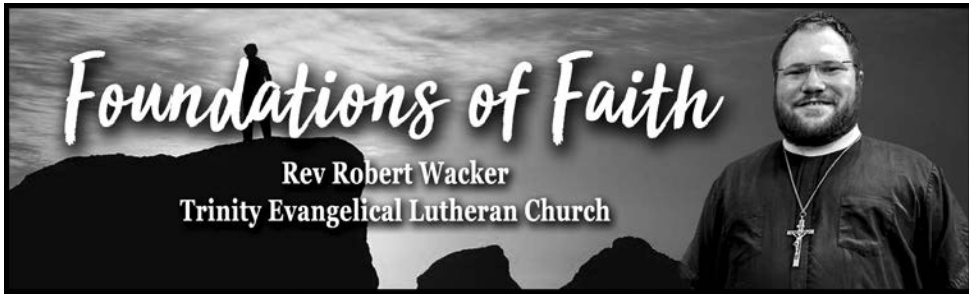
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Happy New Year! With every new year comes worries, anxieties, fears, and concerns of what is to come. The years before may have been filled with all the joy and happiness we could ever want in life. Unfortunately, the years prior may have been filled with the biggest regrets, sorrows, grief, hurts, pains, sicknesses, illnesses, and disappointments life could throw at us. Or some combo of the two. This is often too much for us to handle on our own. In Philippians chapter 4 the Lord uses Saint Paul to remind us that the Lord can handle what we are unable to handle on our own.

“4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (ESV)

With every new year people seek to overcome the unknown of what is to come and leave the old year behind. They often express this through New Year resolutions. Resolutions they often expect to fail to keep, or purposely choose to fail at. With this coming year there is much ahead of you. Yes, some things are and appear certain and inevitable. Much is unknown. No Matter what is ahead, one thing will not change from year to year, your God and creator is with you. He has promised to hear your prayers and has come to you in Jesus Christ your Savior. In Him you are given the Peace of God, which is Eternal, for Jesus died for your sins, rose from the grave that you would have life, eternal life, where you once had death. This is the God who is with you throughout every year.

Eleanor’s Holiday Traditions

By Cait Morgan

Well, here it is – a new year. A time to reflect on where you are, where you have been and where you are heading. It also is a time which can bring back a plethora of memories for many, including yours truly. And when memories come up, so do traditions.

One very important tradition in my mother Eleanor’s family was that Christmas is not over until January 6th, aka the Twelfth Night. In some religions it is referred to as Epiphany. In some it is the Kings’ Feast. At our house it was known as “Smacking Day”, as in “If you even think about touching that tree before January 6th, I will smack you”. My maternal grandmother passed in 1967. Eleanor passed in 2007. I am still afraid to take the tree down before the Twelfth Night. While I routinely angered my mother while she was alive, back then I could hide from her. But now that she is in spirit, she can get me. I find that reason enough to leave the tree up.

Some of the other traditions were much easier to abolish. One was the Christmas tradition of Seeing the Tree. We would start out at a relative’s house and stand there ‘seeing the tree’ for about 30 minutes. Someone would sing something – poorly – then off we would go to the next house with the members of the house we had just left following behind in their car. This went on for four or five more houses where we would stand around staring at yet another tree, butcher yet another carol and add one car to the caravan.

The last spot would be my grandmother’s house. There we would repeat the routine before packing Grandma into the last car in the line and everyone would head back to the first house so Grandma could ‘see the tree’. When you got back to your own house, you were done. Yeah, getting rid of that one was a no-brainer.

Then there was the New Year’s Eve tradition. This involved staying up

until midnight so we could throw open the front door and start banging pots and skillets while yelling things like “Begone Ye Spirits!” and “Out With the Old”. Mom would then dramatically sweep her broom across the threshold declaring “The Evil is Swept Aside!! Let Only Goodness Enter” and then she would throw the broom out into the front yard.

The neighbors were quite used to the eccentricities that went on at our house on a regular basis and made the best of it. If there was a party in the neighborhood, we became somewhat of a tourist attraction at midnight – almost akin to after-dinner theater. People would show up in the street or in our yard at midnight and I can just hear the conversations neighbors had with their guests: “Just wait until midnight. You are not going to believe this ****!” That ended one year when someone got hit with Mom’s flying broom. Poor guy never saw it coming.

There are some traditions I do practice during the holidays. Mom’s Santa from her first Christmas has to be the last ornament on my tree, right after the acorn ornament her father made as a boy. All graves must be decorated for Christmas and I serve pork and kraut for New Year’s. I make one and only one New Year’s resolution every year – I resolve to make it through the festivities without banging pots, pans, brooms and hitting the neighbors in the private areas. So far, so good.

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Class of 2023 Spotlight Bulldog

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

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Kylie Schwartz. Kylie is the child of Dan and Nicole Schwartz and came to the Lakeview Local School District in 7th Grade from Texas. Kylie takes a combination of Lakeview High School classes along with college courses from Youngstown State University, Eastern Gateway Community College and Kent State University.

Earlier this academic year, Kylie received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program in recognition of her outstanding academic promise. She is well-rounded having earned varsity letters in multiple sports including Basketball and Cross Country. She holds a leadership role with the high school student council. She is also the Editor of our school's yearbook this academic year.

Kylie is leaning toward studying medicine or engineering and has narrowed her choice of schools to the University of Tennessee, Clemson University and the Ohio State University.

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

1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I read exceptionally well.

2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The sports teams that I play on.

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 at our football games in the fall.

5.) You might catch me ... - Going to Dunkin'.

6.) What are your future aspirations? - I want to study biomedical engineering or possibly become a pediatric doctor.



From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Governor DeWine recently issued a statement honoring School Board members across the state for their advocacy "for the best interests of the students served in their districts." He also reminded us that it is vital "that communities support school boards so that students receive the best education and are prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow."

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make. Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know... people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

Your school board works closely with families, education professionals, and community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It formulates goals, defines results, and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

Your school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff, and programs.

Your school board also is a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

High School Open to Winter Walkers

LHS is open to Winter Walkers on the 1st of November from 3 pm - 6 pm, Mondays through Fridays, until the end of the season. Please just walk-in through the main entrance. We will have a coat rack for you in the lobby. We have 2 floors available for you to walk safely.

Lakeview Middle School Invites Area Senior Citizens to Breakfast



The LMS Beta Club invited area Senior Citizens to breakfast in December. Students helped prepare and serve the meal and then interacted with their guests. The Choir and Pep Band played Christmas music to entertain everyone. Pictured are members of the Beta Club and Rosalia Zorrosa with her grandparents, Jeanine & Ike Isaacson.



Lakeview High School Madrigal Choir Entertains Rotary

The Lakeview High School Madrigal Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Megan Mullins, performed songs of the season for the Cortland Rotary club meeting on December 13. A

donation from Cortland Rotary allowed the Madrigals to get new choir folders and alterations to their outfits. Another great example of one of our wonderful service clubs helping our community.



TCTC to Host 3-Day College and Career Fair in February

"E Week" is approaching for students at Trumbull Career & Technical Center. The center will host a three-day college and career fair in February where students will be encouraged to "find their E": enrollment, enlistment or employment.

College and university recruiters will meet with students from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 7. On Feb. 8, military recruiters will meet with interested juniors from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and seniors from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Employers will meet with students from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

For more information and to register for the event call 330-847-0503.

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The Grinch Visited Cortland Playroom

It was party central at the Playroom on right before Christmas and the Christmas Spirit was in full swing for the rest of the week! Parties on Tuesday where the Grinch visited. On Wednesday many pictures for Santa were taken with the children and Polar Xpress, PJ day on Thursday! What a wonderful way to start the holiday season with nothing but smiles and cheer!



Third Annual Christmas Light Run

By Valerie Sweeney

For the third year, area runners gathered for the annual Christmas Light Run in the Timber Creek neighborhood. Runners, of all fitness levels, including dogs and the Grinch, come together for a casual run to take in the festive lights and enjoy each other's company. The picture was taken on Ravine Drive where the Grinch met us for some photo op's and treats! His Christmas lights played music selections that matched his light show. The Grinch's heart grew 3 sizes that day! This is a free, run at your own risk, casual, easy paced, friendly run. The roads are open to traffic. The run is posted annually on Facebook at the Everything Cortland page. Costumes and personal Christmas lights are encouraged!

The Mosquito Lake Gang, as we

like to call ourselves, hosts the annual Christmas Light Run. We are a group of runners who enjoy the camaraderie of running and racing together. We invite the community to join us weekly at the beautiful Mosquito Creek Lake Park every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:00AM. The meeting location is in the beach parking lot. There is a 7 mile course that loops through the park but there are plenty of opportunities to cut the run shorter. It's a safe place to run without traffic. A flashlight or headlight is advised, especially in the winter months. Meeting together provides accountability for our fitness by getting up early and meeting a group that counts on you to be there, as well as forging friendships with like-minded people. All fitness levels are welcome.



The folks at Cortland SCOPE celebrated with a Christmas party.



Cortland Senior Citizen Ugly Sweater contest winners with SCOPE's manager Allison and Jennie of Concord Care and Washington Square Centers on the far right.



Christmas Concert In Cortland

By Carole Wiley

Our traditional "Christmas in Cortland" concert was sensational this year. The Cortland Community Band performed both usual and unusual arrangements of Christmas music. "Jingle Bells" was like nothing ever heard before! Gary Watson led the band in producing truly beautiful sounds. Our community choir sang "Go Tell it" and "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper", a very beautiful song. They then sang "Christmas Favorites" with the band. The enthusiasm of both groups was evident. This uplifting holiday performance ended with the audience joining in to sing beloved Christmas carols. Homemade cookies were served to all.

There are many "Thank You's" to mention. Reverend David Vensel, President of LOAF greeted the audience and explained LOAF's sponsorship of the concert and the overall efforts and purpose of the organization. Thank You to the high school's accommodating spirit as is evident every year. And a very warm "Thank You" to the American Legion Post 540 for their generous donation of \$500 to supplement the donations collected at the door. A total of more than \$1,000 will be presented to Lakeview Schools to be used to purchase items for which there is no funding.

All in all, the community celebration of Christ's birth was a true joy!



Donation for the Salvation Army

The Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild collected 512 pair of socks at their annual Holiday Party, which were distributed to the Salvation Army in Warren and Youngstown.



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service number on your insurance card. If there are changes to your personal circumstances throughout the year it is a good idea to review your plan and coverage with your agent. For example, if you move to a different county or state you will need to change to a plan offered in that area if your current plan is not available. If your income decreases, you may become eligible for help covering some medical or prescription costs. Conversely, if your income increases you may become subject to the income related monthly adjustment amount. IRMAA is an increase on your Part B and Part D premiums if your modified adjusted gross income from your tax return is above a certain amount. For 2023 the amount is \$194,000 for married couples who filed a joint return and \$97,000 for individuals and married couples who filed separately based on the information from your 2021 income tax return.

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to local individuals with autism." The laptops will be used for educational and work needs for these individuals. The autism community continues to have barriers to technology, as well as overall educational and employment barriers. The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley works all year to create opportunities for the autism community. Individuals receiving laptops were from Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties.

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by the Cortland Masonic Lodge and 100% of the proceeds are donated to a local charity.

The breakfast cost is \$8.00 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.

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5 Things You Might Be Surprised to Learn About Insurance

How confident are you about the insurance strategies you have in place to protect against an unexpected turn in your life? Do you feel like you have a clear handle on how to manage your insurance needs effectively? Before you answer, here are five aspects of insurance coverage that may surprise you:

1. Even a stay-at-home spouse may need life insurance.

We tend to think of insurance as something to replace income that would be lost if a person dies. But household contributions aren't limited to take-home pay. For example, a stay-at-home spouse might fulfil a role - such as childcare and housekeeping - that would be expensive to replicate if they were no longer around. Think about the financial impact the loss of him or her would have on the overall budget and expenses of the household. An appropriate life insurance policy can help mitigate that burden at a time when mourning families have plenty of other worries and stressors on their minds.

2. Single people should be protected, too.

Assuming you have no dependents, there may be no obvious reason to have life insurance in place. But if you pass away unexpectedly, you may still leave behind some expenses, such as funeral costs. Also, if you carry debts that outstrip your assets, family members may have to assume responsibility for them. One more consideration is that life insurance may be more attainable and economical if you buy it when you're younger and healthy.

3. You may want to insure the lives of children.

How would your life be affected if your child passed away? Would it

impact your ability, at least for a time, to carry on with work and other aspects of your life? While it's a terrible prospect to have to contemplate, it is a possibility for which you may want some financial protection. Life insurance for a young healthy, person can be very cost effective in most cases.

4. Too many people risk being underinsured, especially women.

According to a 2021 study by LIMRA and Life Happens, survey by the Life Insurance and Market Research Association, just 47% of women have life insurance coverage in place compared to 58% of men¹. In most cases today, the need for insurance coverage is generally equal regardless of gender.

5. Disability coverage may be even more important than life insurance.

Suffering a disabling injury or illness that sidelines you from work can have a dramatic impact on your income. Most people make life insurance a priority, but for those who do not, the result is bills that risk going unpaid and financial goals unmet.

According to the Social Security Administration, more than one in four Americans age 20 or older will become disabled before retirement age². The risk is greater than you think.

Reviewing your protection needs is an important part of the financial planning process. Talk to your financial advisor if you have any concerns about your own coverage.

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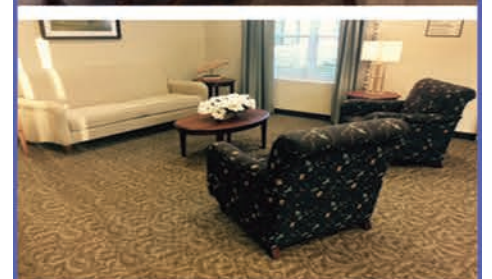
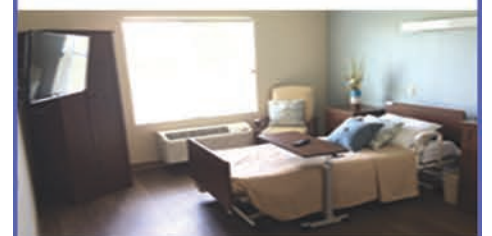
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A Tribute To Chuck Abbott

Editor's Note: A part of Cortland passed away last month when Cortland Roller Rink legend Chuck Abbott died. It was almost impossible to live in Cortland without having encountered Chuck. His long-time best friend, Norm Jones, [now living in Philadelphia] wrote this beautiful tribute on Facebook and we felt we should share it with all of you. RIP Chuck - you will be missed.

Today brought an obituary in the local paper in Warren, Ohio. My oldest friend, Chuck Abbott, died last week. I have been reflecting on his life and our times together, and I know that whatever words I come up with will never capture the true essence of his remarkable being, and of our 60 year brotherhood, but I have to honor his life as best I can in this moment.



For Chuck:

How do we determine what constitutes a life well lived? Chuck Abbott had a life that I consider as consequential and well lived as most anyone I've met in my almost 70 years, and as those of you who counted him as a friend know, he was not rich, was not gifted with movie star looks, creative genius or impressive intellect. He was not famous, was not a CEO, or someone who had great power, but Chuck was a success in the most important ways. I know of very few people who go through life in a way that makes it almost impossible to find anyone who would say anything negative about them. Chuck, by his uncomplicated, straightforward way of being with anyone he'd meet, his kindness, his sense of humor, his decency, was able to do just that. He worked at the Cortland Roller Rink for about 50 years, and there are hundreds of people, several generations worth, who got to know and love him there, who would smile at the mention of his name, and remember some moment where he made them laugh, or treated them kindly. Chuck is a Cortland legend, a treasure. What more could any of us want for our own lives?

I knew him, when I lived in

Cortland 60 years ago, as the boy who moved in across the street and became my first friend. I knew him as the friend who became a part of my family, who took me to the Rink for that first time and changed my life by introducing me to the place that became a home for me through high school and college while I worked and played there. I met many people who became important to me in those years and beyond (you know who you are) because Chuck took me there. We shared many of the important, milestone moments of our lives in those years. My first kiss was on Chuck's birthday when we double dated at the Street Fair. He was there when our bowling team won championships (my forever teammate), when we got our drivers licenses (we had the same first car), when we bought our motorcycles, when I got married, when my mom died. We could always count on each other when things got tough. We were constantly together in those years, sharing joys and sorrows, loves and laughter. Even when I moved to the Philly area 20 years ago, Chuck and I stayed close. When I think of what my life might have been without him I feel an emptiness because I would have missed all that he brought to me, those people and experiences I loved, and still love, and all the other wonderful moments we shared. I will always be grateful for that boy who lived across the street all those years ago. The people of Cortland, and all those who knew and cared for Chuck should consider themselves fortunate to have been blessed by his presence, and his friendship. I love you, my dear old friend and brother, and I will miss you.



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Cortland Library Events

The Cortland Library and all Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will be closed Mon., Jan. 16, 2023, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Feb 7 at 3 p.m. Teens in grades 7-12 can share ideas about what they would like to see at the library, earn service hours, and collaborate on creative ideas as part of the Cortland Library's Teen Advisory Board. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

STEM - Battle of the Builders

Sat., Jan. 21 from 1-3 p.m. Teens can practice engineering skills with a series of building challenges using various materials. Who will build the tallest, strongest, or most buoyant structure? For teens in grades 7-12. Free.

Book Discussion

Mon., Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. Featuring a discussion of "Furnishing Eternity: A Father, a Son, a Coffin, and a Measure of Life" by David Giffels. The book is available to borrow from the library, and a limited number of copies are available for purchase.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Jan. 24 and Feb 28 at 3 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.

Family Storytime

Thurs., Jan. 26 and Feb 23 at 6 p.m. Come to the library as a family to

enjoy stories and activities for big kids, little kids, and the young at heart. For families with children ages 3 to 10. Free.

Creative @ Cortland

Sat., Jan. 28 and Feb 25, drop-in between 2 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades K - 4 can stop by the library to try activities that will let them explore their creative sides. Free.

Genealogy Roundtable

Thurs., Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. Genealogy enthusiasts and anyone interested in researching their own family history can meet to troubleshoot and share tips on sources and methodology. Beginners and longtime genealogy researchers are welcome.

Love Bites: A Sweet and Sour Experience

Mon., Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. Enjoy some tasty treats and activities as we decide which candy is the most sour and which foods taste best dipped in chocolate. (Allergen warning.) For teens in grades 7-12. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Bristol Public Library Holiday Closing

The Bristol Public Library will be closed Monday, January 16th, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Regular business hours will resume Tuesday, January 17th at 8:00 a.m.

Free Country Music Concert

A free concert featuring TRUE COUNTRY, a duo of local musicians, will be held on Saturday, January 28 at the North Bloomfield Town Hall. Jim Hein and Ron Stowe are well known in the area for their talents in interpreting classic country tunes from all your favorite artists. There is no admission fee and the concert will be from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will be free refreshments. The town hall is located at 8830 Park Drive on the square in North Bloomfield.

Senior Citizen Centers Are Warming Stations

During the cold of the winter stop by at any SCOPE senior citizen center to have a hot cup of coffee or tea to warm up during the day to relax.

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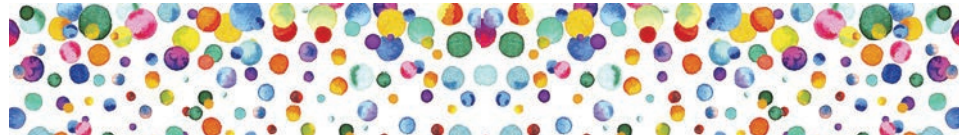
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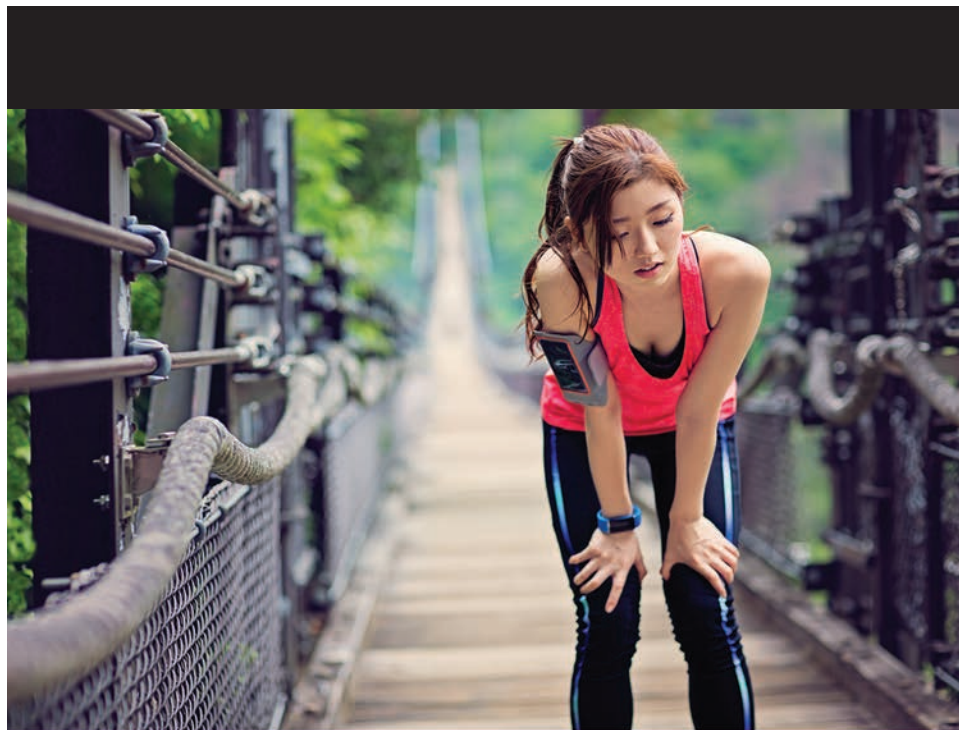
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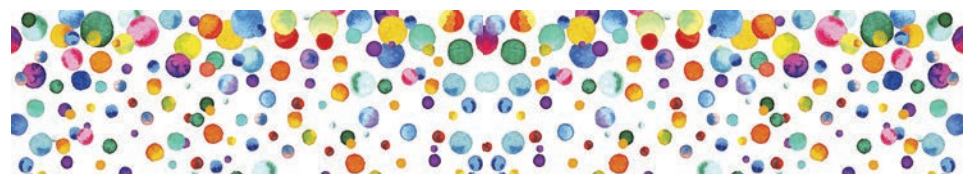
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