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Making a Difference

By Heather Sensabaugh

Volunteering makes a positive impact in our community, and in the lives of the less fortunate, but did you know that volunteering

also makes a positive impact on the volunteer? The benefits of volunteering are numerous!

Helping others has been shown to increase the levels of oxytocin, dopamine and serotonin in the brain, increasing feelings of happiness and decreasing stress. Volunteering can provide a sense of purpose, as well as a sense of belonging in a group working toward a common goal, which can result in more friends and a larger support network. Those that have a larger friend circle and vast support network often do not fall prey to loneliness and depression. Helping others can decrease anxiety, as it can provide a healthy distraction from worry and rumination.

Volunteering can also expand one's professional network and increase career opportunities. Volunteering allows the volunteer to practice important job skills like teamwork, communication, problem solving,

project planning and task management. Some volunteer positions come with extensive free training, which can open doors that the volunteer may not have had open otherwise (wcsu.edu).

There are physical health benefits that result from volunteer work, as well. Studies show that volunteer work can lessen chronic pain, reduce heart disease risk, and lower blood pressure! Research has also been done that has shown that volunteers with chronic health conditions like diabetes and digestive disorders often show improvement in symptoms after regular volunteer work (helpguide.org).

There are several opportunities to volunteer in our community and in surrounding areas. The United Way of Trumbull County (unitedwaytrumbull.org) can connect you with 23 different partnering agencies. Currently, the website lists 6 immediate opportunities which include working for the

Second Harvest Food Bank, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. Volunteermatch.org is a website that also facilitates local volunteering. The Community Volunteer Council (CVC) was created in 1979 and helps 900 low-income families in Trumbull County obtain food, clothing and household items. They can be reached at cvcwarren@gmail.com.

Don't forget the animals if you're looking to volunteer. So many orphaned animals spend most of their days and nights in cages in our county, and a few minutes of your attention and time can make a huge difference to them! One organization that can always use help is All About the Pawz Dog Rescue (allaboutthepawz.com) (330)536-3234. Make a difference in your life and the lives of others today!

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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

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

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Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 16

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

OCTOBER

- 15 First rehearsal for "Christmas in Cortland" / 10 AM
both the Cortland Community Band and our Community Choir
- 15 Cortland United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner / 4:30 PM
- 16 Mahoning Valley Irish Festival Volunteer Meet & Greet
Magic Tree Pub and Eatery / 6 PM
- 19 Mountain Men Program / 1 PM / Farmington Senior Center
- 23 Final Brush Pick up this week. Have them at the curb by Sunday Night
- 31 Trick or Treat / 6 - 8 PM

NOVEMBER

- 1 High School Open to Winter Walkers / 3 - 6 PM
- 6 Veterans Day Observance / Veterans Memorial / 2 PM
- 6 Bazetta Christian Church's Holiday Celebration / 12:30 PM
- 6 Calvary Bible Fall Bible Conference / 9:30 AM

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Music101Ohio.com would like to thank Alissa Rodgers (a prior Lakeview High School Alumni, and art enthusiast!) for painting the beautiful piano keys on our steps at Girt's Cortland Music 101 by Sparkle Market! She is a magnificent artist, to do such a modest project, and we were excited she accepted our request for this special project.

Cortland Mower will be closed from October 18 thru Oct 23 so that the Staff can attend an outdoor power equipment Trade Show and training event. They will reopen Monday, October 24.

Centerra tells us that Check-R-Board Days are October 17-23. Almost everything from Check-R Board is on sale!

Cortland Lanes says it is not too late to sign up for any league.

Twisted Creek Outdoor Adventures announces that they are starting to take kayaks for winter storage. Stop in Cortland Mower and ask for details.

Christmas is right around the corner. We hear that Santa Claus is already taking bookings for home and office visits. Check out his ad in this issue.

Third Day Coffee Roasters has their homebrewed coffee for sale at Main St Coffee Shop. Now you can enjoy it at home all day!

September's Cup Of Love

Cortland Main Street Coffee raised \$100 for the Lakeview Marching Bulldogs for our September Cup of Love program. Mary Toepfer, Shop Manager, is pictured with Karin Hudson, Lakeview Band Booster President.

Currently they are collecting donations for the Trumbull County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace for our October Cup of Love. Led by Chelsea Munroe, the 100% volunteer non-profit organization builds twin-sized beds from raw wood and then delivers them to children in need in our area.


On November 1st, they will be featuring the Lakeview Choirs at Lakeview Local Schools. One dollar from each beverage sold that day will go to that wonderful group of students in our community. Extra donations throughout November will help the Choral Arts Department to provide enriching experiences for our young people.

Many thanks to our customers for their support of these worthy causes.




NEO Junk and Lions Club Help Safety City Project

The Cortland Lions Club and NEO Junk Removal would like to thank area residents who donated scrap to our recent Scrap Metal Drive held September 23rd and 24th at Willow Park. Our scrap drive will benefit Cortland Parks and Recreation future construction of Safety City at Pearl Park. Safety City will be an interactive learning experience to educate our children about safety. We will provide an update as to how many tons were collected in the next issue of the Cortland News. Our Lions Club donated our time to unload vehicles who brought scrap to Willow Park. Special Thanks to Ryan Stan, owner of NEO Junk Removal for donating his trucks and crews to pick up local scrap making the project a success.



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The Lakeview Little Bulldog JV Cheerleaders The JV and Varsity didn't place but they still did an amazing job!

A Tip of the Cap Mushroom

By Jim Woofter

Who knew there was a commercial mushroom growing business right in our own backyard; well almost! Tip of the Cap Mushrooms is located right in Bristolville and owned by Cortland native Craig Tomko and his wife Michelle. Craig graduated from Lakeview High School in 1986 and went on to get married and became a corrections officer for the Trumbull County Sheriff. While on sick leave from the sheriff department Craig, who had always wanted to be in business for himself, had plenty of time to think about the idea or returning back to work. The million-dollar question was doing what?

Both he and his wife started doing research and it was Michelle who had happened on to the idea of growing mushrooms from reading articles on the internet. After proposing the idea to Craig, who became increasingly attracted to the idea because of all the science involved in the grow process, decided this was going to be his new start up business. The self-taught entrepreneur studied for several months on the process by watching many videos on You-tube and from other growers from across the United States. That may have been the easy part because to create the necessary area to cultivate his produce he was going to need to build several rooms each having a special purpose in the cultivation process.

These rooms have to be temperature, humidity, oxygen and carbon dioxide controlled. As luck would have it, Craig and Michelle had recently built a new large home with a full basement which would allow for the space needed for the special rooms. The tuff part of this was that he would need to hire contractors, plumbers and electricians. Unfortunately, it was during the 2020 covid lock down and these people were not readily available. Craig being multi-talented put on his work hat and built nearly everything for himself. So, the idea was hatched; after months of self-teaching and finishing construction the process of growing mushrooms came to fruition.

As I discovered while interviewing Craig and Michelle the grow process is not exactly easy, at least on the level that Craig envisioned to become large enough to sell commercially to local food markets and specialty restaurants. You need to grow pounds of mushrooms and not just ounces. The production rooms Craig built would give him a great head start in doing just that.

Step 1: The process starts off in the "chemistry and sterilization room", by creating the substrate used to grow. To point out; there are many different types of mushroom varieties. The types that Craig produces do not grow in manure compost like some do but in more organic materials such as soy or wood pellets, wheat bran and millet; no obnoxious smell involved! The substrates are then sometimes mixed or kept separate depending on the mushroom variety and placed in plastic bags and hydrated. The plastic bags are tightly sealed and have a small patch to allow the bag to breath, then placed in the sterilization machine.

Step 2: After the sterilization process the individual bags are inoculated with mycelium then moved into the low light "incubation room" where they will remain anywhere from 10 days to three months depending on the variety. This

is where the mycelium colonizes the substrates.

Step 3: Once the colonized bags are ready, they will be moved to the



"fruiting room" where the mushrooms will begin their final growth process taking anywhere from 7 to 14 days when they will finally be ready to harvest. The temperature, humidity, oxygen, carbon dioxide and lighting are very critical for the proper growth of the mushrooms. The special lighting in the growing room is an LED type of light with a kelvin temperature like that of sunlight but without the extreme heat. This lighting is kept on a 12-hour cycle. Craig has several types of mushrooms the he grows but the best sellers are either, shiitake, king trumpet, lion's mane along with blue and pink oyster varieties. You can either purchase directly from them in Bristolville or currently you are able to find them at Whitehouse Farms or Rulli Brothers in Youngstown. Look for their "Tip of the Cap Mushroom" label. There are several area restaurants that purchase their mushrooms as well for the in-house recipes.

For further information or even a tour of their facility which is located at 400 St. Rt. 88 Bristolville, contact Craig or Michelle by calling 330-647-7521 or 330-507-5709.

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War Against Breast Cancer Raffle

By Kelli Weir

Tears began to well up in Amanda Sharps-Martin's eyes before she even reached the door of the Commercial Building at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds.

"I'm just so grateful," she said between sobs.

Inside, hundreds of people were taking part in the This Means War Against Breast Cancer [TMWABC] Raffle-Auction & Vendor Show, a fundraiser to support Amanda in her fight against breast cancer. Nearly 1,000 people attended the two-day event on Oct. 1-2.

Amanda, a 42-year-old mother of two young boys, was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer last year and underwent three surgeries and six months of chemotherapy. The registered nurse at Trumbull Memorial Hospital learned in June that her cancer had progressed to Stage IV and spread to her bones. She has undergone a fourth surgery and more chemo treatments and must take expensive medication for the rest of her life. The Southington Township resident and her family have exhausted their savings and they are at a financial breaking point.

The TMWABC Raffle-Auction

he felt a strong push to help.

"Everyone involved is truly great, and I'm glad we were able to contribute a small part to the overall large impact they have on the community," he said.

Britnee Mullee said the event demonstrates the power of community support. "You could see how Amanda's spirits were lifted when she saw all the people supporting her," she said. "This event helps the survivors emotionally as much as the money raised helps them financially."

Amanda said no words can express how much she appreciates every person who donated, attended and sent words of encouragement.

"Thank you is not enough," she said.

Monetary donations for Amanda still are being accepted at <https://www.tinyurl.com/warforAmanda>. All donations are tax deductible.

TMWABC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping breast cancer survivors with their lost wages and out-of-pocket medical expenses related to their cancer diagnosis. Since 2011, the all-volunteer organization has raised \$117,000 for survivors,



Amanda Sharps-Martin, center, is this year's fundraiser beneficiary for the War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction & Vendor Show. She sits among previous beneficiaries including, from left, Beth Ann Vanek (2011), Michelle Tringhese (2019), Debbie West (2012), Heather Booth (2015), Alexandria Baker (2017) and Jessica Gardner (2018).

featured 300 items in the raffle-auction, 40 crafters, bakers, makers and small businesses in the vendor show, princess and superhero characters from Castle On A Cloud Entertainment, the Texas Roadhouse-Niles archery contest, Cow Patty Bingo and live music from Ohio Crossroads, Caleb Gaul and Jordan Smith.

Beth Ann Vanek, vice president of This Means War Against Breast Cancer, the nonprofit organization that organized the fundraiser, said this year's event exceeded all expectations.

"Every year we start from scratch, literally with nothing - no raffle-auction items, no sponsors, no donations," said Vanek, who was the organization's first fundraiser beneficiary. "And every year we are inspired by the community's outpouring of support and generosity. This year's event is our largest to date."

She pointed to Cortland residents Jacob, Britnee and Skyler Mullee as an example. The Mullee family stepped in when the nonprofit group faced a large financial need. Jacob Mullee, whose grandmother died of breast cancer, said

including Rachel Elliott of Cortland who was the group's 2021 fundraiser beneficiary. More information about the group is available at <https://WarAgainstBreastCancer.webs.com>.

Sponsors for this year's event include: The Mullee Family/Boss Babes LLC, Texas Roadhouse-Niles, Trumbull County Fair Board, Hope Center for Cancer Care, MJO Photography, Shaker Painting and Carrie's Weight and Wellness Coaching. Darlene Kearney of Coldwell Banker/Schmidt Realty was this year's stage sponsor.



Amanda Sharps-Martin, second from left, shows her fighting pose with characters from Castle On a Cloud Entertainment. The Castle On a Cloud characters donated two hours of their time to entertain visitors and help raise money for Amanda.

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Miranda Kraynak is one of those multi-talented individuals who can do many things very well. She loves to help people feel good about themselves. So after 20 years of helping others in the medical field she decided it was time for a career change. Going back to school was a challenge for the mother of a son and two rescue dogs, but she knew it would make difference in her life and in her clients' lives.

After graduating from Raphael's School of Beauty and working for other salons, she embarked on her own business and has joined Rose Beauty Salon in Cortland. She offers professional Facials, Massages and all Esthetician services. The Salon is located at 5064 Phillips Rice Rd. But she works by appointment only. Call her at 330-240-6879.

Girl Scouts Make Quilts to Donate



Mallory, Kathryn, Mallory and Emily of Girl Scout Troop 80011 along with Kylie and Abby (not pictured) chose colors, textures, fabrics and fibers and cut and sewed it all together at Quilter's Fancy into fidget quilts. They are donating the quilts to a local nursing home.

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News From The Church of The Nazarene

By Gloria Hargenrader

In light of the theme of the Cortland News "Make a difference day", A team of refocusing visionaries from The Church of the Nazarene is meeting every two weeks and going through the book "The Post Quarantine Church" (six urgent challenges and opportunities that will determine the future of your congregation), by Thom Rainer. We are excited about the different possibilities of exploring ways so the community can get to know us better. New ministries are on the horizon so, stay tuned, to be continued.

A little history of our church.

The vision came to life of planting a church in Cortland in 1963 when the first service was held in a rented storefront at 141 Mecca St. with 64 people. Then in 1964, the groundbreaking ceremony was held at 293 E Main St. Many things have changed since 1963, including Covid 19. Our challenge has been to rediscover why we are here and Who are we here for. We want to be the best we can be and hope to have new insight by investing our time in this book. We are thinking of ways our church can be a more positive influence in our community, we hope to join the "comeback of the neighborhood church".

Bazetta Christian Church's Holiday Celebration

Bazetta Christian Church is holding a children's holiday celebration Sunday, Nov 6. Hear the amazing Christmas Story, Create Holiday Crafts, bounce in our indoor, sanitized Bounce House! Sing and move to holiday songs! Enjoy lunch and a short Christmas movie!

This event is free, but please register ASAP as we can only accept: 10 children ages 3-4 years [1:15-4:00 pm] and 30 children ages 5-12 years [12:30-5:00 pm]. Children need to wear play clothes!

For registration forms email: bazettacc@gmail.com and then just email your registration form back or return it to BCC before October 24! We are located at 4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd.

Cortland United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner

The Cortland United Methodist Church will hold a Turkey Dinner Event, Carry out only, on Saturday, October 15 from 4:30-6:00 pm. The cost is \$12.00. The dinner includes Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Coleslaw, Bread, butter and Pumpkin Pie Dessert.



A Walk through His Word

Rev. C. R. Chapman, Cortland Christian Church



"From the Least Greatness Arises"

"How can I possibly make any significant difference? I'm from a small town next to the Lake of Mosquitos. Nobody knows me. I'm not rich. I don't have any family. How can I be a difference maker?"

Being a difference maker sounds good in sermons and speeches, but when you start thinking about it being a difference maker seems like an impossible task. The task is indeed impossible when you think, "How can I change the world?" Most of us simply do not have the means. We can pray about situations around the globe, but when it comes to putting our faith to work it is still a daunting task. The truth of the matter is you do not need to change the whole world for everyone, but you can easily change someone's whole world.

There was a man on his way to vacation in Florida. He called his mother to tell him of his trip. She asked him if he was coming to see her, but he said that he just didn't have the time. While traveling down to Florida, he remembered it was his mama's birthday. He thought that he'd stop at a flower shop and wire her some flowers. While there a little boy was trying to buy four roses. The boy did not have enough money to buy the flowers and was downtrodden. The man heard the boy say that they were for his mother's

birthday, and so the man asked the cashier to put them on his bill. The boy took the flowers and ran out the door. The man paid and looked for the boy, but he was gone. Soon the boy came back in and said, "Thank you, mister. My mama is going to love these roses. They are her favorite. The man followed the boy out and watched as the young lad walked next door to the graveyard and placed the four roses on a tomb stone. The man walked over, and the boy said, "Mama sure loves these flowers." The man turned around and went back to the cashier and said, "Please don't wire those flowers yet. I'd like to take them and deliver them myself."

The entire world was changed for three people that day. The man had a new view on life. The boy's spirits were lifted, and he was filled with joy, and the man's mother would see her son for her birthday which meant the world to her.

Changing the whole world for everyone is difficult but changing someone's whole world is really an easy thing. Pray that God would use you to be a world changer in someone's life today.



Men enjoying the tasty breakfast and warm fellowship at Cortland Church of the Nazarene. Monthly gathering is the second Friday @ 8 am. Everyone is welcome.

The Editor's Corner Cortland News Teams Up With LHS Journalists

In a collaborative effort to bring ALL THE GOOD NEWS to the Lakeview Community and to help promote great education for our students [and future adult neighbors] we are working together with LHS. Students in the Journalism class, under the guidance and leadership of Mrs. Sarko, are going to be writing stories for The Cortland News. At first most of it will be school related. But as they gain experience and confidence, they will be covering some

events around the community. We also invited them to write a guest column on occasion.

Check out some of their stories in this issue. If you recognize a byline from a student, please take the time to encourage them. This will help give them real life experience and let them contribute back to their community.

We are excited to welcome the LHS journalists and look forward to reading their contributions.

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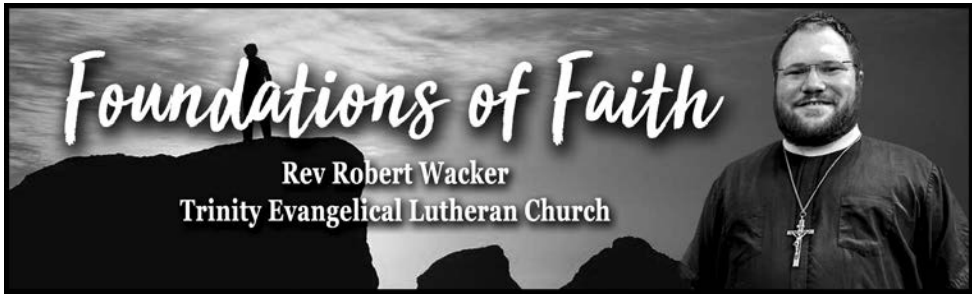
Saturday morning, September 17, Lakeview High School students and LOAF (Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship) combined forces to package 10,000 meals for the needy across the globe. The annual event is part of the Rise Against Hunger campaign done locally by the family of the late Clyde and Jean Bolinger. Special thanks to Merilee Jacobson for organizing the event.

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This is an historic issue of the Cortland News, this issue Mark's the 18th year for the newspaper sharing the going on happenings in our community. What a great blessing! Every October as well is a historic month for the church, especially the Lutheran Denomination that I am part of, as each year we remember the start of the Reformation on October 31st, 1517 when Martin Luther posted the 95 thesis in Wittenberg, Germany. It's been 506 years since then this year. Martin Luther at the time hoped to make a difference in the lives of God's people by reminding them about The Truth found in God's Word, he didn't know how extensive this impact would be. But he did just that, sharing The Truth of God's Word, until the day he died in 1946.

It's this same truth we Christians

hold onto even now. It is this truth that makes a difference in our lives, and the whole world. For Jesus did not just die for the Jews of the past, or the Christians of now, but He died for the sins of the Whole World for all time. This includes you, those before you, and all those who come after you. He died for the sins of all and He desires all to be saved. As St. Paul reminds us in Romans 6, "9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." This gift of God, Jesus' death and resurrection, is for you, and makes all difference, your sins are forgiven.



Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger hunts can yield hours of fun and enjoyment for people of all ages. There are several websites where you can download and print ready made themed hunts, like Fall Nature Walk Scavenger Hunts, Halloween Scavenger Hunts, etc. Sites that had interesting ones of various ability levels include happinessishomemade.com, theresourcefulmama.com and startsateight.com. A piece of paper and any writing device is all you need to make your own, though - they can be inside the house, in the woods, at the lake, etc. The possibilities are endless!

Scavenger hunting has benefits! Participants learn problem solving skills, get exercise, and if done in pairs/

groups, can develop teamwork skills. Scavenger hunts are adventurous experiences, which can spark imaginative play and conversations. Participants can also learn about nature while looking for certain types of flora and fauna that they may not have noticed before.

Playing outside exposes us to microbes, which can help us to be healthier! Children that spend at least three hours per day outside in natural light also tend to have better vision, according to doctors. Motivating kids to get off the video games and out into nature is worth every effort and offering prizes for completed hunts can help too!

Calvary Bible Fall Bible Conference

Calvary Bible Church will be hosting a Fall Bible Conference with Bob Gillespie - "The Gathering Storm" against Christianity. A Biblical response on how to stand against the attacks upon the the Christian faith and Biblical Worldview.

The event will be on Sunday, November 6th at Calvary Bible Church, 4747 Warren Rd. NE in Cortland. The Worship Service Begins at 9:30AM; 10:30-11AM - Coffee & Cookie Break; 11AM-12PM - Final Session and Closing.



Adopt a Foot

By Carole Wiley

Adopt a Foot is a heart-warming program occurring every fall. Your donation of any amount helps to put new, quality shoes on every child in need in many area school districts. School staffs identify those in need of shoes. Their names are passed on to Neal's Shoe Store. The children are fitted and have new shoes well before Christmas. Your God-pleasing donation check is to be made out to LOAF and mailed to LOAF PO Box 494 Cortland, Ohio 44410. Donations must be made before November 5th. The children, the schools involved, Neal's Shoes, and Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship send grateful thanks and blessings to all who donate.



During their recent extensive remodeling, the Daycare at Bazetta Christian Church expanded and updated their infant room. It is all part of a larger expansion of services and a stronger emphasis on education in addition to the daycare services that are offered.

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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 Dino Haidaris, the son of Dino and Toni Haidaris and has attended Lakeview Schools his whole career. Dino is the student president of the Lakeview Assemble for Change group, he co-chairs the Lakeview travel club, and he participates in the Symphonic Band. Dino wanted to make a social media impact touting the great stuff happening at Lakeview so he created the official Lakeview High School Instagram account and helps the faculty curate postings.

A lover of traveling, Dino visited Western Europe this summer with Lakeview's travel club. Dino takes a mixture of high school courses and courses through Youngstown State University, Kent State University, and Eastern Gateway Community College.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I think I make other people laugh and it's something I enjoy doing.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The staff. Those guys have made this a great educational experience.
- 3.) What is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Chipotle!
- 4.) What is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - The park and just walking around the playground. The library.
- 5.) You might catch me ... - Anywhere in nature. Hiking. Somewhere running.
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? - To be an excellent educator.



Lakeview 2022-23 Boys Soccer



Lakeview 2022-23 Girls Soccer



Lakeview 2022-23 Tennis

From the desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

Recently, Lakeview's schools were recognized for some significant honors. Our high school was named as a recipient of a 2022 College Success Award from the nonprofit organization, Great Schools. This award is based on the high school's college preparation rates and postsecondary data. In other words, our high school does a remarkable job of getting our graduates ready for further training.

In addition, you may have seen some news coverage of the recent announcement that our own Melissa Kmetz, an elementary school teacher at our K-8 building, was named the state of Ohio's Teacher of the Year. This was made public at a ceremony held at the K-8 on September 27th. We welcomed many local and state-level dignitaries in our building as we all celebrated this great honor. The coming year will be a busy one for Ms. Kmetz as she will represent our state in the national teacher of the year program and will participate in several events across the nation as Ohio's teacher of the year.

Finally, the district's local report card results have been released by the Ohio Department of Education. In total, our district performed well in all measured areas. This is a credit to our community, our families, our students, our teachers, and all the support staff who continue to strive to reach greater heights each day.

Together—we are Lakeview.

Melissa Kmetz named Ohio Teacher of the Year

By The Bulldog Bulletin Staff

One of Lakeview Local School's own, 3rd grade teacher Melissa Kmetz, has been named 2023 Ohio Teacher of the Year. In an assembly at Lakeview Elementary Tuesday morning, September 27, Dr. Stephanie Siddens, interim superintendent of public instruction joined Principal Scott Taylor in surprising students and staff with the announcement.

In accepting the award, Kmetz said, "I'm honored, and humbled beyond words, to be named Ohio's 2023 Teacher of the Year. Being Teacher of the Year isn't an award for being the best teacher, though. I'm not the best teacher in the state, county, or even this building. Being Teacher of the Year is a position of recognition. It's about using your voice to inspire and honor

others, it's about shining a light on the incredible work being done in schools each day, and most importantly, ensuring our students have the best education possible.

Those students gathered in front her already knew they were sharing their days with someone special and getting the best education possible. The Lakeview Elementary students were certainly delighted to be a part of the celebration.

Current and former students alike all have their favorite memories created in Kmetz's classroom.

Fourth grader Olivia said, "My favorite project was the animal charity. It was my favorite because we got learn a lot about animals."

Another fourth grade student Sadie agreed, "My favorite project was when we did the animal charity project because I felt like it was so fun."

Kmetz's current students are just beginning to accumulate what will become cherished memories in years to come.

Third grader Emilia has already learned of her teacher's ease in making connections with students. Emilia said, "Miss Kmetz is kind and sweet and if something is going on with us, she

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Pictured with Lakeview Elementary students: Melissa Kmetz (at left), grade 3 language arts teacher at Lakeview Elementary School and 2023 Ohio Teacher of the Year; Dr. Stephanie Siddens, Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Dr. Lindsey Screens Lakeview Students' Eyes

In their continuing efforts to provide a quality academic environment for all students, the Lakeview School System has partnered with local health care providers to do screenings for their students. The health care providers volunteer their time and efforts so there is absolutely no cost to the school system.

One of those providers is Dale P. Lindsey, O.D. of Cortland Family Eye Care Inc. Dr. Lindsey and his staff, along with the Lakeview school nurses and PTO volunteers screened students at all three buildings recently for eye problems. The team screened over 600 students for visual acuity (distance), checked muscle balance near and far, color vision testing for males and depth perception. Parents are notified of any possible problems and are advised to have an optometrist do a full vision exam.

It is important to emphasize that a school vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive vision exam; it merely reports the results on the day of the screening. This is a combined effort between the school system and Dr. Lindsey to catch any vision problems early that the students may have. There is no cost or obligation to the families or the school system for this service. It is important that parents understand this is only a screening and they should have a complete eye exam for their children every year.

Dr. Lindsey said "Good vision is crucial to learning. It is important that students have a complete eye exam every year. This is my community; my children went to school here. All these children are our future. I just wanted to give something back to the community."



High School Open to Winter Walkers

LHS is open to Winter Walkers on the 1st of November from 3 pm - 6 pm, Monday thru Friday 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.



Five Things People Can Find On IRS.Gov - Besides Tax Filing Info

Many people know IRS.gov has the latest filing info and tax forms, but they may not be aware that it also has a wide range of other tax-related topics. Here are five things people can find on IRS.gov besides filing info.

1. Find the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Each taxpayer has a set of fundamental rights when dealing with the IRS. It's important for taxpayers to know their rights and the IRS's obligation to protect them.

2. Learn how to apply for 501(c)(3) status. The requirements and process to apply for 501(c)(3) status can be a lot. The IRS' webinars and resources help organizations apply for and maintain federal tax-exempt status.

3. Discover IRS tax volunteer opportunities. People can learn to prepare taxes and make a difference in their community at the same time by

volunteering to prepare taxes free of charge with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

4. Keep up with the latest tax scams. Knowing how identity thieves and fraudsters work is one way taxpayers can keep themselves safe.

5. Use the Interactive Tax Assistant. People can get personalized answers to tax questions with the Interactive Tax Assistant. This tool provides answers to many common tax law questions based on the taxpayer's individual.

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Lakeview Choral Patrons Society

For over 50 years the Lakeview High School Choral Arts Program has been using music to enrich the lives of students, parents, and community members. The purpose of patronage is to support, in all aspects, the ongoing growth and excellence of the Lakeview Choral Arts Department.

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people, to educate them in a cultural sense and to help them better understand community involvement.

You are invited to become a member of this prestigious organization. Patron's names will be printed in all 2022-2023 choral programs. When you choose to accept this invitation, please contact Mrs. Megan Mullins, Choir Director at megan.mullins@lakeviewlocal.org to become a patron

Girls Scouts Make and Donate Quilts

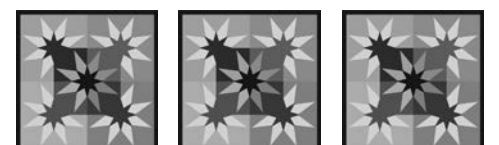
Cortland area Girl Scout Troup 80011 made "Fidget lap quilts" at Quilter's Fancy recently and are donating them to a local nursing home. Shop owner and teacher Cindy Oravec presented the 13-year-olds with ideas of items they could learn to sew for themselves.

"What really made the girls happy was giving and doing something to help out others in the community. They jumped up and down and applauded when I asked them if they wanted to sew a project to help elderly patients at the local nursing home."

The girls each chose colors, textures, fabrics and fibers and then cut and sewed it all together at Quilter's Fancy into fidget quilts. Fidget lap quilts provide sensory activities for people suffering from memory loss.

"They had great fun learning to machine sew, and I had great fun sewing with them," Oravec said.

"Sewing, once taught in public schools, is a great way to learn because it combines reading and cognitive skills with physical dexterity and fun," Oravec said. "Children as young as 7 have taken classes and learned to sew by machine or hand embroider at Quilter's Fancy."





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The Art of Rebalancing

Striving for balance is a principle that applies to investing just as it does to other areas of life. When one area gets out of proportion, it can disrupt your financial goals. There are, however, practical strategies to keep your portfolio in balance and your long-term goals on track. In this article, we discuss the basic tenets of not just why you should consider rebalancing your portfolio, but when and how to do so.

Why rebalance your portfolio?

The chief purpose of rebalancing is to ensure your portfolio remains allocated according to your long-term financial goals. Over the last two years, the stock market has experienced periods of volatility. Inflation, supply chain problems, global conflicts and other factors continue to affect stock values. More downside volatility is expected in contrast to the pre-pandemic stock market boom. Under these uncertain conditions, it's especially important to review your portfolio and rebalance your assets as appropriate.

Here are some tips to help you achieve a balanced portfolio:

Assess the big picture. Ideally your portfolio is some combination of the four asset classes (stocks, bonds, cash, and in some cases alternatives). Too much of your portfolio in stocks may expose you to too much risk. Treasury bonds and other reliable municipal and corporate bonds can help insulate your portfolio during times of volatility. Alternatives are nontraditional investments that include everything from precious metals, real estate, cryptocurrencies, and carbon credits. Many alternative investments are considered highly speculative and come with greater risk, so they typically will make up a small portion of your portfolio. It's smart to have a certain amount of cash on hand for emergencies. However, there's no reason to keep excess amounts of cash in low-interest-bearing accounts if you can get better results in higher yielding investments. Your financial advisor can help you determine the ideal distribution

of assets across these groups.

Diversify to insulate your portfolio.

Diversification is a strategy of owning a variety of investments within asset classes. The goal is to spread your risk across stocks or bonds in different sectors, industries, and even geographical regions.

Buy and sell strategically.

Your financial advisor can help you evaluate stock returns and weed out losers. You may also be advised to reduce your position in a high-performing investment if your portfolio is overweighted. Selling higher-performing investments that are not in tax-deferred accounts such as your IRA may result in capital gains taxes. If you sell an asset at a loss, you may be able to use the loss to offset your capital gains to reduce your tax obligation. This is called tax-loss harvesting.

Revisit your portfolio periodically.

Let your financial advisor know about life events that may alter your risk profile. Marriage, divorce, job advancement, and retirement – these and other life changes can affect your investment goals. At a minimum, schedule an annual review with your financial advisor to discuss rebalancing needs.

Consider professional advice.

Resist the temptation to manage your portfolio on your own, without the advice of financial professionals. A trusted financial advisor with fiduciary responsibility can help you select suitable investments to meet your investing goals. They can access tools and apply market insights to help you improve your position. Consult your tax professional regarding the tax consequences of your investment activity.

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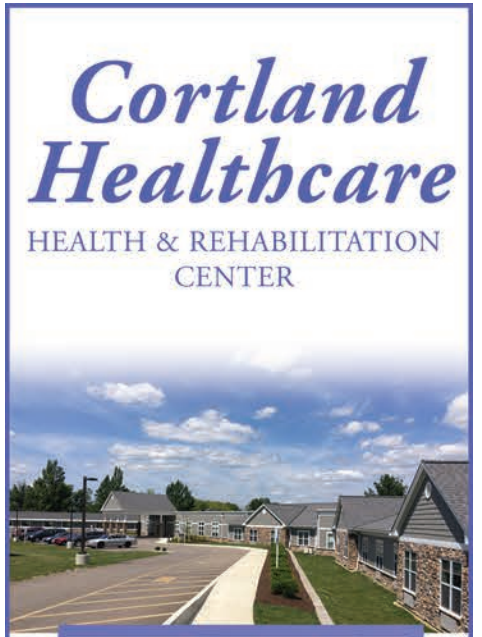
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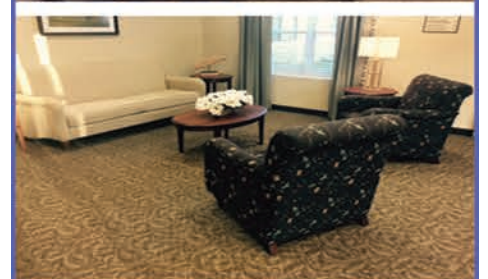
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These advertisements are simply solicitations for your business. This time of year, we are overwhelmed with TV ads, mail, and phone calls. Mailings are often designed to look like "official" notices from Medicare, but most of the time they are advertisements. Be aware, if you call the 1-800 number, you will be directed to a sales agent looking to sell you a new plan. These agents should be licensed to sell insurance products in your specific state, but they are probably not local and may not understand the market in your area or care what is best for you. Additionally, we receive numerous unsolicited phone calls, and they may imply they are calling from Medicare. Medicare does NOT call beneficiaries unsolicited to review plans. In the state of Ohio, insurance agents are NOT allowed to call you regarding Medicare Insurance plans without your prior consent.

Oftentimes as agents, we receive phone calls from clients who either called the 1-800 number or answered a call and had their insurance plan switched without their knowledge or permission. If this happens, there are options available to correct this. Your local agent can help navigate you through the process which will probably involve contacting the insurance company and possible Medicare.

Consider calling a local insurance agent instead of the number on the advertisements. Your local agent understands the Medicare Insurance choices for your area. They should be able to review plans from several different companies, including the ones advertised. Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance and

Prescription Drug plans differ from county to county and state to state. Can someone who calls you from another state or answers a call to a 1-800 number understand the provider network and plans available in Ohio and in your county? Do they help you compare plans to find the best one for you or just try and sell you the one for the company they represent? You can review options at Medicare.gov.

When it comes to Medicare Insurance, one size definitely does not fit all. For example, for 2022 in Ashtabula, Trumbull & Mahoning counties we have more than 70 different Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans that may or may not include prescription drug coverage and more than 20 different stand-alone Prescription Drug (Part D) plans, in addition to several different Medicare Supplement Plans.

Prior to the Annual Enrollment Period that begins October 15th, insurance companies will release information on the plans that will be available for 2023. There may be plans that are available in Trumbull County that are not available in other counties and vice versa. Plans will vary by price, coverage options and extra benefits offered. It is especially important to review physician networks and current prescriptions to make sure your plan is a good fit for your current situation. Physician networks can change throughout the year and each plan develops its own prescription tier level. Typically, the lower the tier the less a medication will cost. Therefore, finding a plan that classifies your medications favorably compared to other plans can create cost savings throughout the year. Between October 15th and December 7th you can review your options and make any necessary changes.

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Lakeview High School Choir

By Kylie Schwartz and Ella Chadwick, LHS

The Lakeview High School choir department is enacting some changes to better the program and experience for students and community. Megan Mullins accepted the position as choir director at the high school in 2021 and has done her best to bring her fresh ideas to life. With the help of the Choir Council, Mullins works to engage the community in exciting events and fundraisers throughout the year. The Choir Council includes President Avery Jones, Vice President Clo Wagner, Librarians Jacinta Sutliff and Olivia Menz, Concert Choir Representatives Connor Walker and Lauren Brown, Madrigals Representative Kathryn Powell, A Cappella Representative Ashley Graczyk, Tri-M Representative Ethan Baker, as well as two 8th grade Representatives that have not yet been determined.

Senior Ethan Baker says, "Most of the changes we are doing is we're trying to get more involved throughout the school and trying to get more people involved with the choir."

One of the biggest changes in the choir program this year is the lack of a Madrigals Feast, an annual dinner and performance put on by the choir department.

Mullins explains, "COVID has hit the arts, specifically choir, very hard. We are still rebuilding from this and lacking in men singers is a main component of the reason for no Madrigal dinner."

To replace the Madrigals Feast, the choirs will join St. John's Episcopal Church near the YSU campus in Youngstown for their Boar's Head Feast. The group will sing with their choir and participate in their program on January 8th, 2023.

In addition, the department is introducing the Showcase Concert, which will allow students to audition for solos, duets, or small group numbers to showcase their talents and song choices. This concert will focus on a new theme each year, to which the performances will adhere.

Also new this year is the Fall concert, An Evening in Jazz. This will be a unique collaboration with Lakeview High School Band Director Nathan Sensabaugh and the Lakeview High School Jazz Band. The concert will feature the 8th Grade Choir, high school Concert Choir, Madrigals and the Pop A Cappella group, as well as a Jazz Band feature number.

Sensabaugh says, "This concert is an opportunity for our students to be

exposed to situations they are not used to. Concerning the Jazz Ensemble, it will teach them about the role change of accompaniment vs melodic material and how to adjust for each."

The music department also made a big leap into modernizing Lakeview High School's program with the introduction of their new Pop A Cappella group.

Mullins explains, "They are an a cappella group performing music from more popular genres from oldies to any trending songs popular today."

The group currently consists of 9 singers - a mix of Lakeview High School and Trumbull Career and Technical Center students. Rehearsals are every day during 7th period and after school on Tuesdays.

Senior Avery Jones says, "In my opinion, the choir adding our pop A-Capella group gave us a nice jumpstart into pivoting into a more exciting musical experience."

The addition of the Tri-M Music Honor Society furthers the development of the choir program. Mullins describes the organization as "A new student group geared towards high achieving students in the realm of music. It is essentially a National Honor Society for music students and is a nationally recognized organization through the National Association for Music Education"

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is open to both middle school and high school students that meet the GPA requirement. They also must audition before being inducted into the Society. The Tri-M name is derived from the group's original title "Modern Music Masters."

The Choir will perform at the OMEA Honors Choir, October 21 & 22 at Stambaugh Auditorium, OMEA Chamber Choir at Lakeview High School on November 15, Fall Virtual Solo and Ensemble, In-person Solo and Ensemble, and the Cedar Point trip in May.

Please consider supporting, the ongoing growth and excellence of the Lakeview Choral Arts Department by becoming a patron. The support enables the department to provide increasingly enriching experiences for our young people, to educate them in a cultural sense and to help them better understand community involvement. Patron's names will be printed in all choral programs. If interested, contact Mrs. Mullins at megan.mullins@lakeviewlocal.org.

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Melissa Kmetz named Ohio Teacher of the Year...continued from page 10

would help us figure it out.”

Another current student shares Kmetz’s fondness for a favorite sweet treat. Third grade student Avery shared, “I think she is nice and she likes Ice Cream like me. We have lots of fun in Language Arts class.”

Kmetz also addressed who she called her Lakeview family, “Where do I even begin? By family, I don’t just mean teachers, I mean all of you. Administrators, teachers, aids, secretaries, counselors, nurses, social workers, our cafeteria staff, our custodians, our psychologist, and our school resource officer. All of you. I’m in awe of you and the ‘magic’ that’s done here each day. You are the best people I know, both personally and professionally, and there’s not enough time up here to tell you how much you mean to me or our kids. You are my best of friends, you help with all of my crazy projects, and I’d do anything in the world for you.”

A member of Kmetz’s extended school family is the person who nominated her for the Teacher of the Year Award, Lakeview PTO co-president, Mesa Bush. Bush said, “I nominated her because she goes out of her way to make sure all of her students know that they matter and that what they do out in the world matters. She places great importance on fostering

social awareness and understanding by getting the students excited to learn about other cultures and being involved in their community through charity work. She leads them by example and with infectious passion and positivity, inspiring her students to do the same.”

In the nomination letter, Bush added, “In short, her students leave her class with a curiosity about the world, a consideration for others along with a drive to leave the classroom and do good things, and considering they are only third graders, that is a pretty remarkable thing!”

Kmetz, in turn, thanked and praised Bush and all in attendance, “When we say, ‘We are Lakeview’, the ‘we’ means all of us. It’s our administrators, our Board, our staff, you kids, our amazing PTO, and our incredibly supportive parents. Without the support of any one of you, we wouldn’t be who or where we are today.”

Editor’s note: This was such a big and important story for our community and we wanted to give it all the publicity that it truly deserved. So we decided to let the people who benefitted the most from this award write the stories ... the students of Lakeview Schools. There was so much to tell and we thought you would enjoy reading it from those that know her best. Thank you to our wonderful students!

Meet The Candidate Night October 27

The Kinsman Free Public Library will be sponsoring a Meet the Candidates night at the Badger High School

Auditorium on Thursday, October 27th from 6 - 8 pm. All candidates were invited and it’s open to the public.



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Dates to Remember

October 17th - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.

November 7th - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.



Note from the Mayor

Mayor Diedre Petrosky

I had the privilege of being present when Melissa Kmetz received the 2023 Teacher of the Year award. Many people from the State Board of Education and the Ohio Education Association made the trip from Columbus to celebrate with her. Also present was Kurt Russell, from Oberlin High School, who was 2022 Ohio Teacher of the Year, and is currently serving as the 2022 National Teacher of the Year!

We were invited to attend the presentation under the auspices of a Leader in Me program, which I will explain in a later article. I was most amazed by the humility and caring in the room, an example of which was set from the top downwards. Principal Scott Taylor spoke of Melissa with care giving her kudos for all her accomplishments. When Melissa spoke, she spoke highly of Mr. Taylor as a mentor and as someone who genuinely cared for and respected her. Melissa

spoke of everyone that way, letting all of us know that it was everyone in that building that enabled her to do the work she does, the cafeteria workers, the bus drivers, her fellow teachers, the administration, everyone. All these people serve our students in and out of the classroom. Everyone in that room had so much to be proud of!

As we toured the building, I could not help but overhear the visitors from Columbus speak so highly of what they were seeing happening in our classrooms! It was very impressive, and I felt a great source of pride to have this quality of education in our community. I say this because it is important for our community to truly realize what is happening in our schools and the caliber of people who serve and teach our students. As Melissa said, she is but one of many in the school district who teach, serve, and lead our students.



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Shawn Littell, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul and Molly Halliday, WJWL First Vice President.



'Chapstick War' In Maplewood

The Maplewood High School will be holding a 'CHAPSTICK WAR' the first 3 weeks in October. Starting on Monday October 3rd and running through Thursday October 20th. It will be a competition between each grade level, with the winning grade level receiving donuts from "Dunkin Donuts". The Chapstick will be collected for Our Food and Personal Hygiene Pantry that we have located here at Our High School. Students utilize the pantry daily for both food items as well as personal hygiene items and Chapstick is a very common item that is available for the students. We are having the fundraiser to stock up the pantry for the upcoming weather change. Whenever we make our fundraisers into a competition, the students seem to get more involved, plus who doesn't like Free Donuts. If interested, please contact Maplewood High School or Mrs. Kim Starcher at kstarcher@maplewoodschoools.org



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The presentation will be held Wednesday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Farmington Senior Center 150 College St. (next to the Fire Station). Lunch will be at Noon for \$4.00. Phone 330-889-2733 for more information.

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November we will be donating canned goods for a local family in need for the Thanksgiving Day. November & December we will have our "angel tree" in the foyer with children's names from the "Salvation Army" on it. You can come in and sign out an angel and bring back what is on the child's wish list.

January, we will be collecting food, blankets, toys, etc. for the "Animal Welfare League". Animals need our love too! We hope to have a successful Caring and Sharing Year!



Bazetta Christian Child Care Center participated in the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon on Monday, October 3, and Tuesday, October 4. The children learned how to ride their trikes, bikes, and scooters safely and raised a total of \$725.00.

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