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**"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."**  
**OPRAH WINFREY**

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## Gratitude

By Heather Sensabaugh

Gratitude is the state of being thankful for what we have. It is beneficial for our mental and

physical health. Counting our blessings can make us more optimistic and less anxious, give us more patience and more happiness. It is easy to cultivate gratitude, and can be done just by talking about what we are thankful for. I know that I need to cultivate gratitude. I will start here, by mentioning some things that I am thankful for here in Cortland.

One thing I am thankful for in Cortland is the "magic curb effect". Prior to moving here 13 years ago, I wasn't aware of this phenomenon, whereby if there is something you no longer want or need, you can put it on the curb, and it (oftentimes) magically disappears! Half of my furniture has come from the magic curbs of this town, and I am always thankful for the treasures I find. My favorite time of year in Cortland

is Spring Clean-Up and Fall Clean-Up. I tell friends and family back home (Western New York) about these events and their eyes get big and they almost always say, "That sounds wonderful!" I am thankful for the Everything Cortland Facebook page and "Cortland Kathy" who works hard to keep it the wonderful virtual gathering place that it is - full of facts and history, information and viewpoints, wonderful photos and announcements. She is a great asset to this town, and loves it so much. The page provides everyone (native and not) with an opportunity to engage with neighbors, and to feel like part of this community.

I am thankful for our school system in Cortland. Lakeview is amazing. I began my professional life as a teacher, and feel that the faculty and administration

here are terrific. This district scores highly on the state report card every year, and High School students can earn college credits before they even graduate from High School! The Music Department has received the NAMM foundation's Best Community for Music Education Distinction, two years in a row, and the Band Program consistently receives Superior or Excellent ratings at the State Level. The Art department at Lakeview has inspired many students to pursue successful careers in Art, and the Athletic Department is awesome! I am thankful to live in a community that values a well-rounded education!

Thank you, to every person that works every day to make this town such a great place to live!

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**CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
Read the minutes from  
Cortland City Council meetings at  
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Council Minutes.

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Meetings held via ZOOM. Visit [www.bazettatwp.org](http://www.bazettatwp.org)

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Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.  
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### Our Next Issue ... November 26, 2022

Our theme will be *Shop Small - Small Business Saturday*

Article Deadline by Nov. 12 • Display Advertising Deadline is Nov. 16

Email articles to [editor@cortlandnews.net](mailto:editor@cortlandnews.net)

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

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

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

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## Community Events

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](http://www.lakeviewlocal.org).  
 American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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.

### NOVEMBER

- 6 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
- 6 Children's Holiday Celebration / Bazetta Christian Church
- 6 Conference with Bob Gillespie / Calvary Bible Church
- 6 Swiss Steak Benefit Dinner / Mecca Community Church / 12-4
- 6 Veterans Day Observance / Veterans Memorial / 2 PM
- 8 Election Day
- 10 Lakeview Graduate Shaina Vencel performs with 'America's Sweethearts' Packard Music Hall
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Family Board Game Night-Friday / Wildare Methodist Church / 6 PM
- 12 Charity Breakfast / Masonic Lodge / Benefitting the "Shop With A Cop" Program
- 16 Louis Masur Lecture - *Hamilton vs. Jefferson: The Rivalry that shaped America* / Packard Music Hall / 10:30 AM
- 20 Victory Trio / Cortland Church of the Nazarene / 10:45 AM
- 26 Holiday Craft show / Cortland Christian Church / 10AM-3PM
- 26 Downtown Christmas Tree lighting / Santa coming to town!!

## Cancer Caregiver Thank You Dinner National Caregiver Month November

There will be a Cancer Caregiver Thank You Dinner sponsored by Yellow Brick Place Cancer Wellness Center November 9th, 5:30 pm (doors open at 5) at Ciminerio's Banquet Center 123 N Main St, Niles, to celebrate all our selfless caregivers. November is National Caregivers Month, and all cancer caregivers and their guests are welcome to attend! The event is free of charge. However registration is required. Please call Yellow Brick Place at 234-228-9550 to reserve your spot.

Yellow Brick Place Cancer Wellness Center has a Caregiver Support Group that is held every third Wednesday of the month at Yellow Brick Place, Suite

10. The event will provide caregiver support group information and literature on services and programs offered by the local organization.



## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Girt's Music101 is very proud to announce that our Annual Winter Recital (for participating students enrolled at any Music101Ohio.com location) is planned to take place the evening of Friday, December 9th at St. Roberts Bellarmine Church.

Staton-Borowski Funeral Home reminds our readers that their website ([www.Staton-Borowski.com](http://www.Staton-Borowski.com)) offers valuable information about the various services they offer. Whether you visit their site to make arrangements or for information about upcoming services they've added new web features-ordering flowers, enhanced obituaries with a guest book, new ways to send condolences such as food, gifts and sympathy cards.

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Cortland Mower is offering free pick-up and delivery on your riding mower from now through February when you schedule your Spring Tune up. I do this every year and it is reassuring to know that my mower will start and be in midseason form next Spring.

Rose Beauty Salon's Miranda Kraynak, Esthetician is offering \$5 OFF on a Dermaplane or relaxation massage for the month of November. Save even more and get \$15 OFF if you schedule them for the same time.

Greenwood Insurance reminds us that it is Medicare time - and that means it is time to call Barry Piper or MaryJo Gisewhite for the expert advice you need.

My favorite sandwich shop, Mr Hero, has some great coupons in this issue. Guess where I'll be eating lunch at - A LOT - this month!

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## Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting Returns Kicks Off 2022 Holiday Season And Small Business Saturday!

“Last year’s Christmas tree lighting was such a huge success that we are excited it is coming back again this year.” Those words from Mayor Deidre Petrosky echoed the feelings of many area residents. The second annual Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting community event will be held on Saturday, November 26, to kick off the 2022 holiday season and celebrate Small Business Saturday!

“Come join us for a day full of festivities and feel like you’re in a Hallmark movie! Begin your journey throughout Cortland with visiting and shopping at multiple local businesses and organizations to show your support and help celebrate Small Business Saturday! Most shops open at 9 am or

10 am” said event organizer Christina Benton of Just Pizzelles.

The following activities will take place in the courtyard green area and large parking lot on West Main Street across from the old Cortland Bank:

- 3 pm-7 pm -Enjoy FREE horse-drawn carriage rides along with complimentary hot cocoa, cider and assorted cookies

- 4 pm-6 pm - Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus to tell them what’s on your Wish List. The jolly couple will arrive by horse-drawn carriage at 4pm and will visit with kids until 6 pm. Be sure to bring your cameras/phones to take pictures! Kids will also receive a special goodie bag during their visit (while supplies last)



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- 6 pm - Experience the magic of the season with our Tree Lighting in the courtyard green area across from the old Cortland Bank. We will be joined by Santa and Mrs. Claus along with many visitors and YOU!

- You’re welcome to come early and bring an ornament to hang on our Community Christmas Tree and help decorate it throughout the day!

- Students of the Lakeview High School choir/band will honor us with their presence and lead the visitors in caroling during the tree lighting.

- Have the kids join us with an ornament making station. Stop by to make an ornament to hang on our community tree or take it home with you!

Join us and get a jump on your holiday shopping in the quaint city of Cortland while supporting our ‘Shop Small’ initiative on Small Business Saturday! There may be a few more surprises to come!!!!

**SHOP SMALL**

**MAKE A BIG IMPACT SHOP SMALL**

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2022**



## Cortland Mower to "Bag Hunger"

Cortland Mower and Sales is teaming up with three local organizations to help combat the hunger problem in our area. Many families, including those with school aged children, do not have enough to eat. You can help feed them and maybe win a new Toro Flex Force 60v Mower. Model 21357. A \$529.00 value.

Stop into Cortland Mower at 118 Walnut St. in Cortland and pick up a green Cortland Mower Tote Bag from Nov. 1 through Dec. 17. Bring the bag back to Cortland Mower filled with nonperishable food items before Dec. 17. You can fill as many bags as you like. Each time you return a filled bag you will receive one entry for a chance to win the TORO Mower.

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

Help "BAG HUNGER" in our community.



## Charity Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 12th

Cortland Masonic Lodge has scheduled their next Saturday morning Charity Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at their location at 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) from 9 am to Noon. This month, the breakfast will benefit the "Shop With A Cop" program involving needy children in the Trumbull County area.

The "all you can eat" Charity Family Breakfasts are held each month 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 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee.

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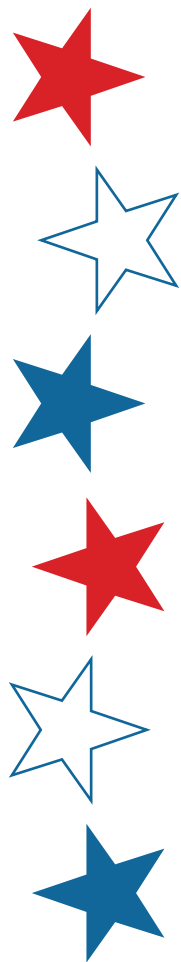
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## Bazetta Christian Church's Holiday Celebration

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 Christian Church "Holiday Craft Show"

Cortland Christian Church is hosting a Holiday Craft show on Saturday, November 26 from 10 - 3 at the Church Hall. There will be 35 crafters and vendors participating with many wonderful Christmas gifts. There will be lunch available, soups and sandwiches, chips, hot and cold drinks. Also, a "bake sale".

This Craft Sale is just in time for Holiday shopping, either starting or finishing with some fun and unique items. Lots of stocking stuffers. Fun for everyone. Come join us for a great time the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

## Calvary Bible Fall Bible Conference

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



## Victory Trio to sing at Church of the Nazarene

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Victory Trio Ministries will be in concert at the Cortland Church of the Nazarene, November 20th, 10:45 AM. A freewill offering will be collected for the group and a potluck meal will be served afterward. Everyone is welcome.

The Victory Trio has been traveling for the last 13 years spreading the "good news" of the gospel of Jesus Christ in song. God has blessed them with 12 radio songs that are currently being played on Christian radio stations nationwide and the current single "I've Got A God" at #5 on Christian Voice top 100 radio chart. Most recently they had the privilege to sing at the Ark Encounter during the 40 days and nights of gospel music. They are looking forward to coming to Cortland Church of the Nazarene November 20.



## A Walk through His Word

Rev. C. R. Chapman, Cortland Christian Church



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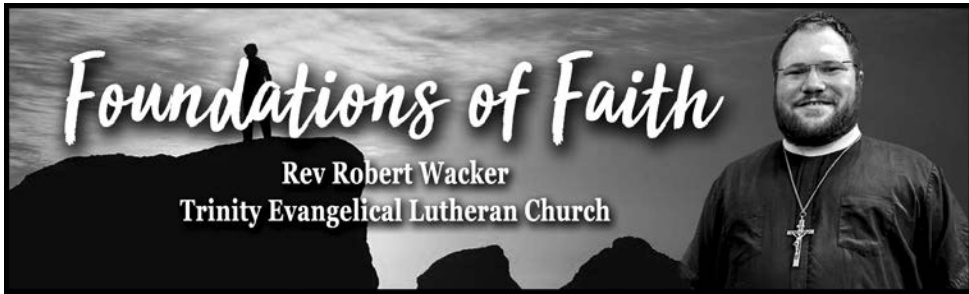
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In God's Word we are reminded that all who believe in the Lord God (The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit) are Saints of God along with all who have gone on before us. St. Paul specifically reminds us of this in Ephesians 2, "18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members

of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

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### Mecca Community Church Hosting Benefit Dinner

The Mecca Community Church is hosting a Swiss Steak Benefit Dinner on Sunday, November 6 from Noon to 4 PM to benefit Melvin & Wanda Tolley. This will help with medical expenses as Melvin has been in and out of the hospital and nursing home facility. There will be a Chinese Basket Raffle also. The suggested donation is \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 5 - 12, kids under 5 free!

### Wildare Methodist Church Events

There are a lot of interesting things happening at Wildare Methodist Church this month. First up is Family Board Game Night on Friday, November 11 from 6-9:00 pm.

Everyone is invited to come Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and find out how STEM activities and Bible stories can work together to provide a whole lot of fun! If you are in 2nd through 6th grade, you are invited to join in the fun. Bring a friend! Contact Barb @ wildarebw@gmail.com if you are interested in case days/times change.

Youth Fellowship every Sunday 4-6:00 pm @ Wildare UMC- 7211 North Park Ave., Cortland (Corner of Bristol-Champion Townline Rd & North Park)



This is David and Jensen McElrath. Daddy teaches his son to ride his bike in the safety of the Cortland Church of the Nazarene's parking lot. Churches offer a safe space for many different reasons.



### Cortland Lions Club Update

Our Cortland Lions Club is wrapping up a busy year. Thanks to all who supported our Cortland Lions Club by buying our French Fries at Lakeview home football games this season. We are tallying up our sales and will report in the next edition of the Cortland News our donations to Lakeview Band Boosters and Lakeview Athletic Boosters. We proudly donate 50% of our sales split equally with the Band and Athletics. Thanks also to our members who donated their time to work our Fry Stand at five home games this year.

We also donated \$200 to the Lakeview Athletic Boosters Soccer Teams and will be donating \$500 to meet the needs of Second Harvest Food Bank as they support various communities Food Banks.

Our Lions Club and NEO Junk partnered to have a community Scrap

Drive in September to benefit Cortland Parks and Recreation's Safety City. This event netted \$580. Unfortunately, the scrap market was \$90 per ton lower than what it was at our Spring Scrap Drive. We will be making a presentation to Cortland City Council at their November 7th meeting.

Our Cortland Lions Club voted to participate in the Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting in November.

We are looking for new members (women and men) to help us carry on our mission of meeting area needs, Eyeglasses Recycling, and help for residents needing eye exams and glasses. We have about 28 members and all members can't be 100% active due to age and health related issues. So please, if you've ever considered getting active in serving your community consider making application to join with us. For further info call Ralph McCord 330-219-4879.

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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 Lily Ramos. Lily is the child of Miguel and Christina Ramos and Lily's whole career has been with the Lakeview Schools. Lily attends TCTC as an Interactive Multimedia student and is the student president of TCTC's Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter. Lily's BPA project during the last academic year placed 7th overall in the United States. Awesome video skills enabled Lily to be one of 27 students (the only one from Ohio) to be selected as a 2022 PBS Student Reporting Labs Summer Academy Fellow. Lily was able to spend a week at the esteemed Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University in Phoenix, learning from PBS as well as the best in the industry.

Lily is a past participant in Lakeview's Drama Club and had a prominent role in the spring musical. If you ever eat at Cockeye's BBQ in Warren, you might catch Lily working as a server.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well?
  - I think I'm good at being a leader for my peers but I also know when I need to push other people to lead instead of me because they know better as well.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District?
  - The staff. [They] are really helpful. I know that I can reach out to anybody over here and get a nice response.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland?
  - El Torero
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland?
  - The quarry behind the church. I had a picnic there one time.
- 5.) You might catch me ...
  - Editing videos.
- 6.) What are your future aspirations?
  - My main goal is to be a director and to also dabble in haunted house production.



Lakeview 2022-23 Varsity Cheerleaders



Lakeview 2022-23 JV Cheerleaders



Lakeview 2022-23 Freshman Cheerleaders

### From the Desk of the Superintendent

By: Velina J. Taylor

On Tuesday, November 8, mid-term elections will take place in Ohio. There are several items on the ballot including two issues for our local school district. As our residents consider these school issues, we hope they will take the time to check the Trumbull County Auditor site online. When property owners look up their home's tax information, they will see the Auditor provided a "Levy Estimator." This information helps to clarify the question everyone asks when considering new taxes, "What will this cost me?"

Of the two issues, there is a 1-mill School Safety and Security ballot item. This tax can be used ONLY for safety and security measures that will help to better protect our students, staff, and property. Our plan is to use these funds to continue the School Resource Officer program in both buildings, to complete equipping all school buses with camera systems, and to modernize and improve surveillance camera systems and storage capabilities in both district buildings. The safety issue is a five-year renewable levy.

The other levy is for new operating funds at 5.85 mills. Taxes collected from this levy will be used for the operation of the district. The term operations includes districtwide expenses like utilities, food and supply purchases, diesel fuel, and all salaries. This is a ten-year renewable levy.

As we prepare ourselves to go to the polls, it's important to fully consider each issue and candidate. Doing our homework prior to voting will help us to make the best decisions for ourselves as well as for our community and beyond.



### Bulldogs Fight For Their Seniors

By Cayden Buhala, LHS student

As the Bulldogs soccer boys go into their senior night, the last home game for the seniors on the team, they are looking for redemption from their first game against Girard earlier in the season. The Bulldogs took a tough loss against Girard losing 4-0 earlier in the season. They are looking for redemption against Girard as it is their seniors' last home game.

The seniors for the Bulldogs soccer team consist of Cayden Buhala, Thomas Spencer, and Gavin Franks. All three of these seniors are hard workers and great leaders on and off the field.

Here is what coach Nicholas Facciolo had to say about the players as they go into the game, "Going into the game I could tell that the players had a very different attitude than I was used to seeing. They were upbeat and ready

to play. I felt that we had a real shot at winning this match."

The Bulldogs ended up taking a tough loss against Girard once again losing 4-1. Despite some of the mistakes, the players made they still feel as if they played their hearts out.

Here is what Buhala had to say about the outcome of the match, "It was a tough loss for sure knowing that it was my last home game. We went out there and played our hearts out, but unfortunately, not everyone is perfect and we all make mistakes. This then ended up causing some of the goals Girard scored. They noticed our mistakes and capitalized on them."

Coach Facciolo also had some remarks about the match, "Overall I am very happy with how the team performed against Girard, despite the



loss. I was most impressed with the way the team responded after going down by one. Not a single player put their head down and we were able to tie it up within two minutes. We had momentary letdowns that resulted in Girard scoring and ultimately winning."

Coach Facciolo also had to say, "The outcome of the game was obviously not the result we hoped for but I was very happy with the way the players performed. From start to finish I can say that every player left it all on the

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## Lakeview Senior Aims High

By Caitlin Mark

Lakeview senior Kylie Schwartz was one of the 1.5 million students that entered the National Merit Scholarship Program and she is now ranked in the top 1.5% of high school students. Through her efforts, Schwartz recently received the Letter of Commendation through the program. She said she hopes that other Lakeview students see how her work provided a great addition to her resume when applying to colleges and scholarships.



Each year the program is held and students from all over the country apply in hopes to be recognized academically for a chance at a scholarship. Students can win the National Merit \$2500 Scholarships, Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, or College-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. When asked how she heard about applying for the scholarship, Schwartz replied with, "Mrs. Schnurrenberger told me about the benefits of taking the PSAT. Also, all my friends in Texas, which is where I lived for ten years, were required to take the test at their schools. I grew up hearing about it, so I was more informed than my peers at Lakeview."

During Schwartz's junior year, she took the PSAT where her scores were then sent to the National Merit Scholarship Program. Students' scores are then calculated by doubling the sums of all areas on the test. The index score then determines if a student's score will be used for entry and higher recognition or if a student's score will not be used for further entry. In September, around 50,000 out of the 1.5 million entries are notified by their school if they have become semifinalists

or if they have qualified as Commended Students.

Her PSAT score was ranked in the top 1.5 percent in the United States. In the past two years Schwartz has been one of the top students at Lakeview to rank that high along with 2022 graduate Carly Hawn.

Only 34,000 students out of the 50,000 students with the highest scores on the PSAT are commended. Schwartz was one of those 34,000 in which Mr. Herrholtz said, "Kylie being one of the 34,000 that was commended is a pretty big deal here at Lakeview."

Commended students are no longer able to compete for the National Merit Scholarship, but some of them do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. Schwartz also said, "I received the Letter of Commendation, which is a high honor and I can put it in my achievements on my resume. This will be beneficial when applying for colleges" when it came to explaining to what she was awarded from the program.

More than 16,000 test takers are chosen as semi-finalists and then 15,000 are chosen to be finalist. Finalists are chosen by abilities and skills. In the following months around the beginning of March continuing to mid-June about 7,250 finalists are notified that they have been chosen for either three of the scholarship awards. Most students who take the test are awarded nothing, so for Kylie to be commended is a major accomplishment for future colleges to see her listed on her resume.

Earlier Schwartz said that Lakeview should try and be more vocal about the Merit Scholarship so students can begin preparing for the PSAT earlier on in their high school career.

She offered this advice to underclassmen, "I definitely recommend taking the PSAT. There are so many benefits, including being considered for the scholarship, as well as the scores being sent to colleges. You never know if you don't at least try."

Schwartz plans to major in biomedical engineering but is still deciding on a school and preparing applications.

Congratulations Kylie, we wish you the best of luck for your bright future ahead of you!



## Lakeview Majorettes March to Another Successful Season

By Izzy Haines and Ellie Davies, LHS Students

As the school year begins to kickstart, football season has begun.



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## Lakeview High School Students Celebrate Former Teacher's Award

By The Bulldog Bulletin Staff

The Lakeview community couldn't be happier when the 2023 Ohio Teacher of the Year Award was given to Lakeview Elementary teacher Melissa Kmetz. Associated with ice cream and dogs, Kmetz has been popular in students' eyes for many years. Some Lakeview High School students still hold dear the memories of Kmetz's classroom years ago.

Sophomore Mattie Parrish remembers of Kmetz, "She gave me a box of chocolates for Valentine's Day for being the best behaved kid in class that day."

Junior Alex Holden said, "Miss. Kmetz is one of the greatest teachers I have ever had. She always made me feel safe and welcome. She didn't even feel like a teacher, she felt like a friend, someone I could trust, someone I could talk to if there was anything bad or good going on. She truly is a remarkable teacher and deserves this award 100%, no question."

Kmetz's welcoming personality was echoed by junior Trenton Nehlen, "I distinctly remember her being very genuine and caring about her job."

Miss Kmetz is known for inspiring greatness in her students and they remember. Sophomore Melena Zervas said, "One of my favorite memories with her was when she gave me the award of Most Likely to Change and the World, but every day with her was a memory for me."

"I always remembered her as the teacher that had a huge love for dogs and always did that dog shelter collection," added sophomore Tristen Townsend. "And she was the ice cream

lady, and her room was always colorful and full of ice cream."

The ice cream was a hit with freshman MaKenna Doran who added, "I always loved the fun activities that she planned and she was a very understanding and nice teacher that I will never forget."

Freshman Sophia Shuster said, "My favorite memory was on the first day of school, she made "jitter juice" which was a juice that helped us get rid of the "first day jitters" which looking back now was really fun, helpful, and exciting for a 3rd grader."

Everyday assignments were made enjoyable according to freshman Jacob Terry, "When I was in her class what I enjoyed most was when we would write in our notebooks and tell made up stories and personal narratives. Her class was a joy to be in."

Understanding why her teaching still makes an impact years after students leave her class can be felt through her speech after receiving the award.

Kmetz directly addressed the students, "Kids, everything we do is for you. We want you to feel safe, loved, and special every day. We want you to learn to think critically, help others, and be the best you can be. We want you to believe in yourselves as much as we believe in you, and we want you to use all you learn, plus what's in your heart, to find your voice and change the world. I hope you know how much all the adults in this building love you, and that even when you're grown and gone, you will always be our kids."

## LHS Debuts New and Improved Dog Pound

Mason Littleton, LHS Student

For years, the school store has been a part of the school rarely visited by students. This year the school store is starting off fresh with new ideas and a whole new attitude. The school store is slowly becoming a place of positivity and social activity amongst the students. Business teacher Chris Romano, the teacher who runs the school store, is a first-year teacher at lakeview high school. Running the school store is a large undertaking for a first-year teacher.

Romano states, "We are selling more products that people will buy. I feel like people actually enjoy being in the store and they like the environment that surrounds the store. I feel very strongly that the store should be one-hundred percent student run and that the students need to learn how to operate a business without any supervision."

A student worker at the store, Junior Jacob Spencer, believes the community inside the store is the biggest factor in its recent success.

Spencer said, "It is very easy to run and the community inside the store is great. I actually enjoy working at the store and look forward to running it during the last period of the day, rather than leaving school early."

Mostly everyone who works in the store can attribute its recent increase in popularity to the outgoing and likeable workers as well as the reasonably priced snacks. The majority of workers would rather work at the school store than sit in their study hall or leave the school early. This overall enjoyment of serving their fellow students just adds to the likeability and overall pleasant feeling that surrounds the school store.

A senior who frequently shops in the store, Andrew Miller, loves the school store. Miller tends to spend his entire third period study hall conversating with whoever is working the store.

Miller said, "The store has seen great

improvements such as the organization of our resources and I love going in the store to talk with my friends and buy a snack."

A senior who worked in the store last year, Andy Orfin, believes the store is worlds better than the previous year. He stated, "Nothing was physically labeled or priced in the store last year, there was also no track of money and it was nowhere near as professionally run as this current year. Everything this year is priced on the board and it is very clear what each item costs."

It is very clear that Romano has brought a lot of organization to the school store and that he has cleaned it up so that students feel much more comfortable. With the ability to easily read the prices of foods by looking at the blackboard, Romano has increased the convenience of the school store for students.

Some student workers, like Junior Oniah Russo, believe that each student brings their own set of characteristics to the school store.

Russo said, "Every shift I bring in my LED open/close sign to bring in more customers and build up a good aesthetic around the shop. I enjoy relating to the customers and giving them a pleasant experience whenever they come into the store."

As the school store continues to be a trademark area for Lakeview Highschool more and more improvements will continue to be made to fit the student bodies demands. Student workers will also continue to personalize the store to make it more appealing. Advertisements, although already present, will grow in numbers so that everyone is aware of the school store and all it has to offer the students. Good luck to the school store as it continues to improve and draw in more customers!

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It's no secret that many Americans are experiencing shrinking savings as high inflation persists. While many people have come to terms with rising costs, there are minor adjustments that can make a big difference to help reduce the sting on your finances. Here are some tactics to consider.

**Pare back on convenience services.** During the pandemic, many of us turned to convenience services that come at an extra cost. Did you get in the habit of takeout delivery from your favorite restaurants? Are you paying to have your groceries delivered? Are you shopping online and spending extra for shipping? You might be surprised by how you can save by running your own errands.

**Cancel unused subscriptions and memberships.** Do you subscribe to multiple streaming services? Are you getting packages in the mail from box subscriptions that became popular during lockdown? Are you paying for one or more club memberships that you're not using? Decide what you can live without, then cancel any that aren't necessary and keep more dollars in your bank account each month.

**Look for deals.** Talk to your cell phone provider to review your plan. Shop around for better rates on home and auto insurance and bundle if it makes sense. Consider eliminating cable or satellite if you can get by with a cheaper entertainment alternative. Coupons, rebates, and thrifting are back in fashion.

**Don't pay for your own money.** Stop paying convenience fees charged by many ATMs. Check with your bank to locate cash machines with no fees. Many grocery stores offer cash back options if you need a few bills in your wallet.

**Avoid late fees.** Pay your bills on time to avoid late fees. Enroll in automated payments whenever possible so you don't have to worry about forgetting payment deadlines.

**Postpone big-ticket purchases.** If your vehicle is still a good runner, and your appliances are working, put off plans to trade in for newer models. With prices surging, you'll pay top dollar for inventory that is still scarce due to supply chain challenges. For financed purchases, higher interest rates will drive up your overall cost.

**Stick to the essentials.** If you can curtail indulgences for now, you'll do your budget a favor. If you're going to the store, make a shopping list to resist impulse buys.

**Review your housing expense.** You may not have much control over your monthly rent or mortgage payment, but you can address the extras. It may be time to let go of your covered parking space or the extra storage unit. Consider getting a roommate to share costs. Downsize if you can no longer afford your current living arrangement.

There's no way to know just how long this period of high inflation will last. Nevertheless, taking these steps can help you save money.

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## Bulldogs Fight...continued from page 8

field that night. Fortunately, this was the catalyst that the team needed for the players to realize they could compete at another level. With tournaments beginning the week after that game it came at the perfect time."

With the Bulldogs losing their last home game it created a lot of anger for the players. Going into one of the last games of the season against Hubbard it is going to be a difficult match for the players.

The Bulldogs ended up being the underdogs of the match and ended up beating Hubbard 2-1. The Bulldogs went up 1-0 in the first half with a goal coming from freshman Tyler Simonyi. Hubbard then tied the game up with only a couple of minutes left in the first half. The Bulldogs didn't let that get to them and they came out with the same intensity as they did when they started the match. Freshman Brandon Toot ended up scoring the game-winning goal early on in the second half. The Bulldogs then continued to play their

hardest and they were able to win against one of the top teams in the area. Here is what Captain Luca Comichisto had to say about the game, "It felt good knowing that we can compete with some of the best teams in the area. Coming out with the win over Hubbard just shows how far we've come as the season progressed."

With the season coming to an end the players are working their butts off to make it as far as possible in the later stages of the post-season tournament. The Bulldogs won their first tournament game against Jefferson 2-0.



## Adjust tax withholding now to pay the proper amount of tax

The Internal Revenue Service has urged taxpayers to check their tax withholding while there's time left in 2022 to benefit from any necessary changes. An adjustment made now will help people avoid a big surprise, such as a big refund or a balance due, at tax time in 2023.

Life brings constant changes to individual financial situations. Events like marriage, divorce, new tax law, a new child or home purchase can all be reasons to adjust withholding.

### Tax Withholding Estimator

The Tax Withholding Estimator, also available in Spanish, can help people determine if they have too much income tax withheld and how to make an adjustment to put more cash into their own pocket. In other cases, it can help taxpayers see that they should withhold more or make an estimated tax payment to avoid a tax bill when they file their tax return next year.

The tool offers workers, retirees, self-employed individuals and other taxpayers a user-friendly, step-by-step tool for effectively tailoring the amount of income tax they should have withheld from wages and pension payments based on their complete set of facts and circumstances.

### Pay as you go

Taxes are generally paid throughout the year whether from salary withholding, quarterly estimated

tax payments or a combination of both. About 70% of taxpayers, however, withhold too much every year. This typically results in a refund. The average refund in 2022 is just under \$3,000. A few other facts about refunds:

- Taxpayers do not have to get one. Proper withholding adjustments help people boost take home pay rather than be over withheld and get it back as a tax refund.

- While most are issued in 21 days or less from an error-free and paperless tax return, many take longer for different reasons.

- Taxpayers are advised not to rely on a refund for big purchases.

- Direct Deposit is the easiest and most convenient way to get a refund. More than 90% of all refunds are issued this way.

- Paper return processing delays stemming from the pandemic are six months or more. The IRS COVID-19 operations page offers complete details.

- For more information about estimated taxes and tax withholding, see Tax Withholding at IRS.gov.

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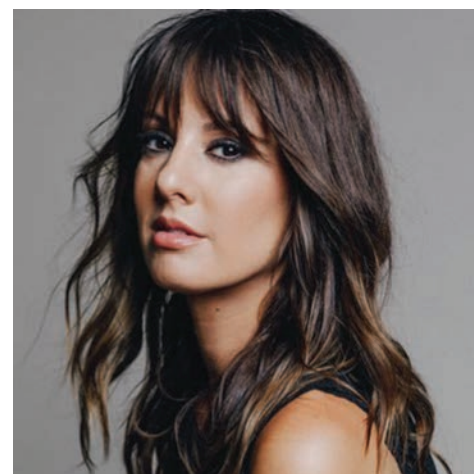
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## LHS Graduate Performing With America's Sweetheart

By Aydin DiBell and Michael Burns

2002 Lakeview graduate Shaina Vencel will be performing with the NYC based vocal group America's Sweethearts November 10th at Packard Music Hall as part of the Warren Civic Music series. Vencel is excited to be returning to Ohio for this performance and recently shared with Lakeview High School's The Bulldog Bulletin student newspaper information about her upcoming show, her time at Lakeview, and her pathway to stardom. Vencel was born in Warren and fell in love with acting when she played the lead in her school play in 2nd grade at Garfield Elementary. When she was 9 years old, her parents took her to NYC where she saw her first Broadway musical - Disney's Beauty and the Beast on Broadway. The theater bug had bitten and she began dreaming of a future where she could live in New York City and one day get to sing and act for a living.



In addition to her years on Lakeview's Raidel Auditorium stage, Vencel spent all her free time and summers performing in productions with Kent Trumbull Summer Stock, Trumbull New Theater, the Youngstown Playhouse, and honing her craft at the Dana Vocal Performance Clinic.

Shaina graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Music and a minor in Theater with several professional theater productions under her belt. She spent two summers working at the Huron Playhouse in Huron, Ohio playing several lead roles, and was able to spend four months in Cleveland after graduation, performing at the Beck Center. Soon after, Shaina moved to New York City. Her first job came four months after moving to NYC - as a mainstage singer with Disney Cruise Line, playing Belle, and wearing the iconic Broadway-style gold gown that she had poured over pictures of as a child.

It's clear that Vencel would be a fountain of advice for any aspiring performers and she shared with The Bulldog Bulletin motivational words, urging hopeful performers to "JUST KEEP DOING IT." The only way you won't make it is if you stop. Persistence is key, and DON'T compare yourself to others. Especially now, when you're young, you can LEARN anything! Not a great dancer? You can learn. Wish you could sing better? You can learn! Train, train, train. Whether this means going to college for performing, taking private lessons, or just learning by doing as much theatre as you can...you can truly transform your abilities if you stick out. Set small goals, and before you know it, your talent will grow and bloom. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it, or that it's not a viable career option. America is the entertainment capital of the world...there are so many jobs available in the arts, particularly if you're willing to move to NYC, LA, Atlanta, Vegas, etc. Also— don't go into this profession for fame—you won't last. This industry can be very unkind - so much rejection - but don't be afraid of that! It's all a part of the job, and even if the yeses are few and far between, it makes all the no's worth it. And lastly, don't change who you are. Thankfully the industry is headed in direction where inclusivity and representation is celebrated and prioritized, and there is no "cookie cutter" ideal of who an actor should and shouldn't be. Never try to fit a mold of who you think casting or directors or producers would want you to be. Be YOU!

Shaina still lives in NYC, living the dream she had as a 9-year-old. She is a member of The Actors' Equity Association and has performed professionally as a singer and actor all over the world—in professional theaters, commercials, television, on cruise ships, as a voiceover actor and studio singer, and for The Walt Disney Company. In 2021 she won the Broadway World Regional award for Best Performer in a Musical for her portrayal of Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors. Other favorite roles include Fantine in a regional premiere of Les Misérables, Sara in the one-act rock musical Murder Ballad, and as a fin-donning Mersister in the NY regional premiere of Disney's The Little Mermaid, with original Broadway cast member John Treacy Egan as Ursula. Her latest roles from 2022 include Rosina in A Bronx Tale at the Engeman Theatre in New York, and Daisy Buchanan in a stage adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby at Ozark Actors Theatre.




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## Maplewood Chapstick War

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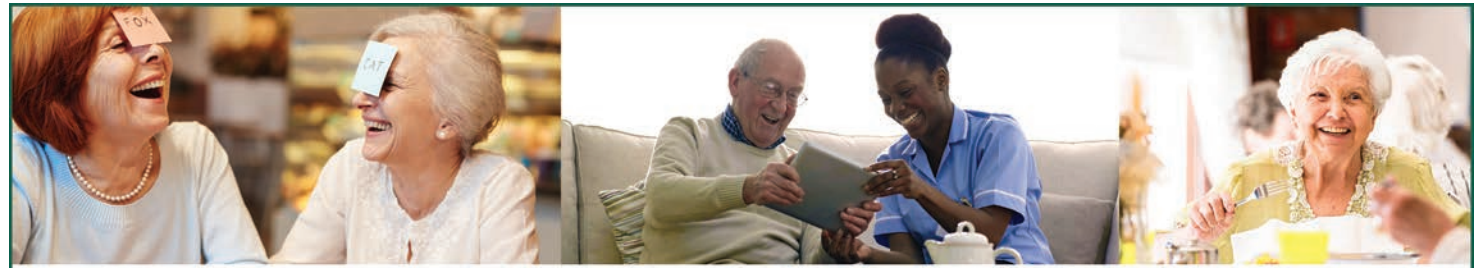
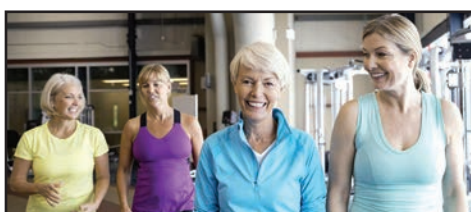
## Cortland Rotary provide new winter coats

Each year Rotary District 6650 and Cortland Rotary provide new winter coats for children in the district. This year 24 new coats have already been donated. Over nearly 3 decades, more than 25,000 coats worth \$500,000 have been provided to Operation Warm by Rotary District 6650 of Northeast Ohio. Shown are Debbie Ebsenshade of Rotary District 6650 and Operation Warm with Lakeview School Superintendent Velina Jo Taylor.



## 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.



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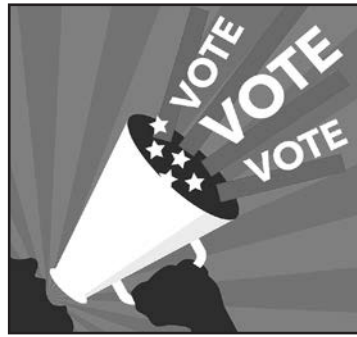
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## City of Cortland Welcome Bags

For over 17 years, the city has personally delivered welcome bags to new property owners moving into the city. A list is generated monthly as new residents open a water/sewer account with Cortland's Water/Sewer Department. Welcome bags are then assembled and given to the Cortland Police and Fire Departments to deliver to the homes. There are typically 100 welcome bags handed out each year.

### Who donates to the Welcome Bags?

Any Cortland business/organization that wants to participate! There is no fee. Each year, organizations drop their items off at City Hall. Most items have the name of the organization on them which is a creative way to advertise.

### What are in the Welcome Bags?

The welcome bags are delivered in a nice "Welcome to Cortland" canvas bag containing many wonderful items that vary year to year. The city supplies a

welcome letter from the mayor, a map of the city and a list of important phone numbers. Donations from past years include pens, pencils, notepads, post-its, coupons, gift certificates, menus, key rings, hand sanitizer, jar grippers/openers, chip clips, mini flashlights, mugs, tea bags, book marks, koozies, tire air gauges, nail files, magnets, frisbees, travel dog dishes, dog biscuits, pop sockets for cell phones, hot/cold packs, sunglasses, wristbands, lip balms, recipe books, water bottles, sewing kits and more. Each year the welcome bags feature new and unique donations from our community.

### A big THANK YOU!

The City of Cortland would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for generously donating to the 2022 Welcome Bags and all the contributors throughout the years for continued support. Without them, welcome bags would not be possible for new residents moving into our community.

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## So, It's Come to This?

*By Jeannie Kimmel, Guest Writer*

What happened to the good old days when politics was heartfelt, realistic and PRIVATE? How did we get here where we can only discuss our political views in screams, snickers and foot stomping? When I grew up, we kept our political opinions to ourselves but when we were faced with another's opposing point of view, we just nodded and changed the subject. There are some who will not speak to people in the other political party, won't let their children date or befriend them, stopped speaking to relatives and neighbors, spout their rhetoric on social media only to be bombarded by the other side. To what end?

I find that discussing politics with someone who thinks that all elected officials and candidates of their party are always right, their platforms are always what is beneficial to us and their party never does anything wrong

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Although there are many different plans available, each insurance company must follow these guidelines set by the government and offer at least a minimum standard level of coverage. There are four phases to Part D coverage costs: deductible, initial coverage, coverage gap and catastrophic coverage. For 2023 the annual deductible can be \$0-\$505. After the deductible is met, the initial phase is where you pay a copay or coinsurance, and the plan pays part of the costs of the medication until the total cost reaches \$4,660.

After the total cost of your prescriptions reaches \$4,660 you enter the Coverage Gap (donut hole). It is important to remember this is based on the actual retail cost of the drug not the amount you pay to the pharmacy as a

copay. During the donut hole coverage gap you pay 25% of the actual retail cost of the prescription until your out-of-pocket costs reach \$7,400. At that point you enter catastrophic coverage and pay 5% of the retail cost of the drug through December 31st. One exception to this is insulin medications. There are insulin savings programs that limit the cost of insulin to \$35 per month without regard to the different Part D phases and the donut hole. Each plan can decide if they will participate in the program and which specific insulins they will include for this price.

Each insurance company can develop their own drug formulary that classifies drugs into different tiers. They can also set their own plan premiums and cost sharing amounts based on these tiers. Typically, the lower the tier the lower your cost for that medication. Some companies will also waive the deductible for the lower tier medications in their formulary. In addition, some companies are now participating in the insulin drug savings program which limits the cost of insulin to a set amount throughout the year, even during the coverage gap. It can potentially eliminate the coverage gap that would have been reached due to the insulin costs and lower the overall costs of other medications you take.

It is important to review your plan each year during the Annual Enrollment Period, October 15th through December 7th. Your local agent can look at your medications and the plans available in your area to see what is the best fit with the lowest costs for your specific situation.

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gives them no credibility whatsoever. They likewise think the other party's candidates are always wrong, have accomplished nothing and are immoral, do-nothing liars. That's just not true. Every party has its share unpleasantness and failures, its share of candidates who should have never risen as far as they have.

All of us have opinions on important matters whether they be abortion, voting, guns, religion, gay marriage, taxes, what have you. Not one party is going to coincide with everything you believe in. That's why I believe it is important to vote for the candidate, not the party. If you think a candidate is totally wrong for the job, don't vote for him/her. It's not a shameful embarrassment to vote for the other party once in a while.

With the approaching mid-terms, we are being bombarded with TV ads. Par for the course. I have heard some

unbelievable allegations. Where does this come from? Can a candidate just spout such noise without backing it up? I also believe that much of this nastiness began with the inception of cable news. Prior to that, we just had the nightly news to listen to. Whether your choice was Walter Cronkite or Huntley-Brinkley, they just told us the news sans opinions and we felt informed. We never knew their political affiliations. Now people watch their cable news of choice not for information but for affirmation of what they already believe. And the talking heads are making names for themselves (and lots of money) by being as divisive and shocking as they can. This bombastic rhetoric only fuels the fire and has done a lot of damage. Think for yourselves.

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# What's "news" in the City of Cortland

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**Fall Back**

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn the clocks back 1 hour and sleep in!

**Walk Safely**

While out walking or jogging, please do so safely. Wear light colored reflective clothing and/or accessories, carry a flashlight at dusk and during evening hours, use sidewalks where available and be sure to face oncoming traffic. It is important to be visible.

**Be Neighborly**

Do not rake, shovel, or blow grass/leaves into the street. Blocked storm drains could cause street flooding and/or standing water. City ordinance states "No person shall deposit litter on any public property, on any private property not owned by the person, or in or on waters of the state or municipality". Please do not purposely rake or blow leaves into storm inlets. Part of the contract with Republic Services is that they pick up unlimited yard waste for residential customers.

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**Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting**

The tree lighting was such a successful community event last year, that we would like to do it again. Would you or anyone you know like to donate a pine tree for this year's lighting? A tree around 20 or 25 feet tall would be perfect. The Service Department can help with transport (within a reasonable distance) if needed. Call City Hall at (330)637-3011 with donation information. Thank You.

**Dates to Remember**

- November 7th - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.
- November 11th - City Offices will be closed for Veterans Day
- November 14th - Parks Board meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- November 14th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- November 21st - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.

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The Democratic Party recently held a 'Meet the Candidates' night at the Cortland office located next to Mr. Hero. From left to right are Volunteer Karen Zehr, Auditor candidate Tod Latell, Commissioner candidate Michael O'Brien, volunteers Curtis Bell, Kathy DeCristofaro and Sharon Megle.

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The Cortland Lions Club donated \$500 to Second Harvest Foodbank. Director of Development Renee Fuller said, "This donation will provide 2,500 meals in our area." Pictured are Basil Jarrett, Renee Fuller and Ralph McCord.

*Thank You!*



## Safety City Project Update

The Cortland Parks and Recreation Board is excited to announce that we are two thirds of the way to our fundraising goal for our Safety City project! To date, \$30,221.68 has been raised of our \$45,000 goal. A huge 'thank you' to all our sponsors and donors who have contributed.

Wollam Chevrolet and the Chevy All-Stars kicked off our efforts with a very generous \$15,000 sponsorship. 717 Credit Union generously donated \$5,000. The Cortland Lions Club partnered with NEO Junk Removal Inc. for a scrap metal collection drive last spring that brought in \$1,973.34 worth of scrap that was donated. NEO Junk

Removal Inc. matched this donation, for a total of \$3,946.68 going towards Safety City. Thank you to them for hosting another drive this fall that will result in another donation to this project. Wal-Mart also donated \$2000 through their community grant project.

The following community groups and businesses have generously donated \$1000; The Four Seasons Garden Club, Mosquito Lake Dent Repair LLC., and the Cortland Masonic Lodge #529.

Middlefield Bank, L.O.A.F and Cortland community members have also donated generous funds and items that have helped us get to this point.

As a reminder, we have chosen to extend our timeline for construction of the Safety City so that we can stick close to our original project cost estimate and fundraising goal. What many are experiencing personally is also extending to our project. Inflation and supply chain and shipping issues are driving up costs. Instead of spending a great deal more than our original estimate due to this, we think it is best to delay and start when these issues inflating costs associated with this project are resolved.

We will continue to raise funds and gratefully accept donations and sponsorships to meet our \$45,000 goal. Once our goal is reached, we will start construction when it is fiscally responsible to do so for our community.

Please remember, anyone can donate and all amounts are appreciated and helpful towards creating this interactive and educational play space for the benefit of our community's youth. For donation or sponsorship info, please go to <https://cityofcortland.org/safety-city/>



Henry DeToro is excitedly awaiting the construction of the Safety City Project

## Kinsman Library Holds Candidate Forum



Over 75 people attended a 'Meet the Candidates Night' on October 27 at Badger High School Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the Kinsman Free Public Library and its Board of Directors. Ms. Christine Davis coordinated the event.

Eight candidates participated and answered questions that were prepared by the Forum Board. The candidates were Dr. Matt Kilboy for US Representative 14th Congressional District, Judge Eugene Lucci for 11th

District Court of Appeals, Incumbent Judge Tom Wright for 11th District Court of Appeals, Michael O'Brien for County Commissioner

Dennis Malloy, Jr. for County Commissioner, Jennifer Donnelly for State Representative 65th District, Judge Cynthia Rice for Common Pleas Court, Tod Latell for County Auditor.

Three spokesperson talked in favor of three local issues: The MetroParks Levy, the Kinsman Levy and the Hartford levy.

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## Meet Officer Rice, Lakeview's Own Caped Crusader

Gavin Mauger, LHS Student

*Editor's Note: This from April of 2022 in the Bulldog Bulletin. We felt it important for people to know how well our Police and Schools work together and the great job the SRO officers do.*

Meet our Lakeview High School

Resource Officer, Brandon Rice.

Officer Rice has been our high school's student resource officer for 4 years, and a Cortland cop for 19 years. Rice has made a very positive impact on many students while building lasting relationships.

Officer Rice has many hobbies outside of protecting and serving our community. These hobbies include spending time with his family, and his dog Jameson, fishing, playing video games, as well as traveling. Officer Rice's dog Jameson is a golden retriever that is 9 months old. Jameson and Rice have an inseparable bond, and he often comes along on Rice's fishing excursions. Over the late winter break, Rice spent his time off in New York visiting his friends that are a part of the NYPD, with his favorite trip being to, North Carolina.

When asked about Officer Rice, many students expressed their gratitude towards him.

Senior Tyler Doran said, "Officer Rice is an amazing guy. I wouldn't want anyone else as a School Resource Officer. Officer Rice brightens my day every time that I see him. We have built a relationship that I will always remember."

Senior Dante Warner was also asked about Officer Rice. Warner said, "Man, Officer Rice is a great guy. He's so kind and is always trying to make everyone's day better, he always has a smile on his face. I'll definitely miss our daily chats once I graduate."

Junior Stefanos Makroglou also had nothing but kind things to say when asked about Officer Rice. "He is one of the most real people in the school. He will always check up on you and make sure that everything is okay. The relationships that he has with students are like no other, he is a great guy."

Senior Landon Maderitz went on to express how thoughtful Officer Rice is. He said, "Officer Rice is a great guy, he does



everything from checking up on people, to making sure no one is hungry throughout long school days by oftentimes bringing candy and snacks in."

While devoting many hours to his occupation, Rice enjoys many things outside of school, especially spending time with family and his dog. He also loves fishing.

Officer Rice has three kids who all attend Lakeview, Leo (13), Allie (8), and Frankie (4) who will be starting Preschool next Fall. Rice often talks about how amazing his kids are. Rice enjoys sharing his personal hobbies with his children through things such as spending time with his dog, he also makes sure they spend time outside in such a technology-driven environment. Officer Rice will fish any chance that he gets, as soon as the weather is ready so is he. Officer Rice's favorite fish to catch is trout. Rice oftentimes ventures to Lake Erie in hopes to score some nice Trout. You will often find Rice completing his fishing excursions in the Lake Erie Tributaries as well as streams surrounding Lake Erie. You may also find Rice dabbling in some fishing at Mosquito Lake if he is looking for a nice relaxing day.

When Rice is not fishing, he is more likely than not spending time with his dog Jameson. Jameson is a 9-month-old puppy, that is full of energy and is Officer Rice's, right-hand man. Jameson and Rice are inseparable, whether Rice brings Jameson along on a fishing trip, they are having a relaxing evening outside by the fire, or they are just going for a walk.

When asked about Jameson, Officer Rice had nothing but good things to say. "Jameson is one of the best Golden Retrievers that I have ever met. I am planning on starting obedience classes with him when he turns 1. I also plan on getting him certified as a therapy dog, in hopes to have Jameson impact others as positively as he has impacted my life."

Hopefully this article can help give you an insight into impactful Officer Rice is to our school as a whole.

*"Officer Rice brightens my day every time that I see him."*

- Senior Tyler Doran

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### Kuchta Farms

Last week our family went to Kuchta Farms, which is about a 20-minute drive from Cortland. We hadn't been there before, though we have been to other Agritourism (a term I learned there) destinations throughout the years. We were pleasantly surprised by the reasonable prices and the number of things to do!

The massive corn maze the family owned farm makes each year is impressive! Luckily for us (the directionally challenged and less motivated folks) there is a small corn maze next to the large one (we were still able to get lost, even with a map!). We rode on the hayride around the corn maze, by the pumpkin patch and the sunflower field, and our kids loved

rolling in the rail rollers and petting the goats in the Adventure Zone. Admission which included all activities was only \$10 each, making it relatively affordable for a family of four!

There are photo opportunities and food/drink options available, and their caramel corn was amazing! We were able to pick out some reasonably priced pumpkins, and I got a beautiful mum for only \$6, in my favorite color, with lots of buds still left.

My favorite part of Kuchta farms was the people that own it and work there - they were all so nice, and there is something fun for everyone to do! We enjoyed ourselves and will definitely be back! Check them out at: [kuchtafarms.com](http://kuchtafarms.com)



### Lakeview Majorettes...continued from page 9

This means the stands at Don Richard's stadium are gifted with the Lakeview band's halftime show. One of the main attractions of the show are the majorettes and their shining outfits.

Junior Elizabeth Fazekas says, "It's a lot of fun to perform every Friday night. I love performing in front of the crowd and seeing their reactions."

Sophomore Adrienne Rich feels similar to her teammate, "Being in the spotlight every Friday is such an honorable feeling knowing that you are there to support your school and all of the eyes on you in that moment."

Halftime on Friday nights are the time to shine for the majorettes. They never fail to give us a great halftime show and pump us up for the upcoming half of the game. Their positive energy radiates throughout the stands keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.

This year's halftime show has amazed the crowd with the new choreography. Rich states, "My favorite dance this year is Fly by Night because it is such a fun and energetic dance. I also just love the costume for it." The majorettes execute this dance very well and it seems to be a fan favorite.

It is not easy to be out on the field in front of a crowd. There's a lot of pressure and it's very easy to mess up. Our majorettes showcase much needed confidence and skill every time they go out there to perform. They leave their audience star struck with their incredible skills and give us a phenomenal show.

The Majorettes are working on new choreography containing Disney. Fazekas states that "We haven't learned it yet but it will be another jazz number with kicks, turns, and jumps. It will be

energetic and fun. The song is called Happy." This new dance number will definitely get the crowd on their feet.

It is evident just how hard these seven dancers work when the opposing school's band steps on to the field. Lakeview's majorettes outshine the other team every Friday night - that's not only because of our gleaming costumes.

Carrie Probst, coach and choreographer of Lakeview majorettes, does an amazing job with the dances and costumes. The two paired together make an entrancing show that the audience can't look away from.

For band camp, the majorettes have to wake up at 6:30 to have a group breakfast for team bonding. The majorettes are very into team bonding. Some of the activities they do are kickball, movie night, skit night, and a campfire night. This helps bring the girls together and make them have a stronger bond inside and outside of being a majorette.

At band camp if the majorettes aren't practicing with the band, they go to a dance studio where they learn and practice the dances and features you see on Friday night. On the last day of band camp the parents have the luxury to go and see their kids succeed as a dancer.

The seniors for the majorettes this year are Bree Wistar and Makayla Strauss. This is their last year being a majorette for Lakeview. We asked Bree Wistar how she felt about this year being her last her response was, "I am going to miss being a majorette, it has been a wonderful 4 years and I am looking forward to making the best out of my senior year as a majorette as I perform with my best friends."

## Looking for Community Volunteer Writers & Reporters

By Thom Foley

The Cortland News is looking for a few more volunteer writers to help bring all the GOOD NEWS to our community. Do you have that burning desire to write? Are you looking to get more involved in our community? Perhaps you are a budding writer or looking for an opportunity to share your thoughts. Maybe you have a 'nose for news'?

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### DAR Hears About Ida McKinley

Belinda Weiss from the McKinley Memorial Museum in Niles was the guest speaker for the Mary Chesney Chapter Founder's Day Luncheon. Belinda spoke on Ida Saxton McKinley, wife of President William McKinley.

Ida, born in 1847, came from a wealthy family and was well educated for women at that time. She worked with her father at the Stark County Bank where he was founder and president.

She married William in 1871. Both of their daughters died young. Ida began having seizures and was labeled a lunatic. Still, her extensive education allowed her to contribute to her husband's political ambition.

When President McKinley was shot, his only concern was that they "be careful how they tell my wife."

After his death, she continued to anonymously support many charitable

organizations including education of black children, hospitals, women's suffrage and the Salvation Army. Ida was a vibrant, progressive woman! She died May 26, 1907.



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## Unleashing Generosity Challenge Match Grant Aims To Inspire Gifts To Tails Of Hope

By Soraya Hejazi, Tails of Hope

The holiday season is right around the corner and the Turner Family of Greenville, PA, invite you kick it off with a gift to Tails of Hope, the only non-profit spay/neuter clinic in Mercer County, PA. Full of many traditions, the holiday season for many includes giving thanks and making a difference. It also includes #GivingTuesday - a day set aside to unleash generosity and give back. #GivingTuesday is a

#GivingTuesday gift could be DOUBLED, up to \$2,000, thanks to a special challenge grant from John & Judy Turner and the Turner Family in honor of their daughter & sister, Dr. Jennifer L. Turner. That means your generous donation will make DOUBLE the difference for innocent animals who are counting on us during this season of giving.

"My sisters and I learned from our grandfather to love and be kind to



growing global generosity movement that drives giving and collective action in communities around the world. This year #GivingTuesday is November 29, 2022.

Despite all the challenges over the past three years, including the pandemic and the national veterinary staffing shortage, Tails of Hope has saved countless animals thanks to donations from the community. Without federal, state, or local municipality funding, gifts from generous friends of Tails of Hope have made it possible for us to serve over 12,000 animals in our community since 2017. And so many more animals need your help. With rescues & shelters full, veterinary clinics overburdened, and without spay/neuter readily available and affordable for everyone, litter after litter are left unwanted, abandoned, or worse.

When you donate to Tails of Hope from November 1 thru #GivingTuesday on November 29, 2022, your dollars are going directly toward providing lifesaving care to cats and dogs in Western PA and Eastern OH. For many of these animals, your donation will provide the one and only veterinary visit and medical care they will ever receive in their lifetime.

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animals," said Michelle Mueller, sister of Dr. Jennifer L. Turner. "We grew up supporting animal charities and Jen continued to rescue animals and work with feral cat colonies throughout her life. Our family believes Jen would be extremely happy that her legacy includes supporting Tails of Hope and inspiring others to help prevent pet homelessness."

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT online from November 1-29, 2022, at: <https://donate.tailsofhopewpa.org/GivingTuesday2022>

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

Compassionate and community-minded vet techs have recently joined Tails of Hope to help them resume scheduling for spay/neuter. To request an appointment, contact Tails of Hope at 724-346-4673.

More part-time Vet Techs are needed to further expand their service schedule. If you, or someone you know, is a Vet Tech passionate about the Root Cause of pet overpopulation and the reason animals are homeless or enter shelters in the first place, contact Tails of Hope today!



## Optimists Club Scout Troop Adventures

As we return to the new "normal" so has steadfast leadership, community service, and exploring. The scouts of Venture Crew 4054, sponsored by the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club began holding regular activities again.

During the summer months 15 youth scouts from our community got a life altering experience heading to the Alaskan frontier. This was an adventure of a lifetime that will help to shape the youth of our community as the trip reminded them of the importance of exploration, natural conservation of resources, responsibility, and leadership. Although Alaska is a part of the United States of America there is a cultural difference between us and them that most of these youth had never even considered. The scouts got to learn what it really means to be self-sustainable as they explored the remote parts of Alaska.

Additionally, the scouts got to experience life in a big city as we explored Seattle, Washington. The trip was a total of ten days, and seven of those days were spent on a cruise ship. It may not seem like cruising is very adventurous, but in fact it was the most cost effective for a group of this size. Especially, since the scouts raised all the money for this trip by themselves through fundraisers and their haunted attraction Maniacs in the Woods. The reason that they must fundraise for the entire trip is to help them learn financial responsibility and budget management. Then, they had to plan the trip with the guidance of the adult leaders which helped them to learn how to plan trips, itineraries, and how to pack for a variety of environments.

Overall, the scouts really loved this experience and are already planning their next big experience for 2024.

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## Do LHS Students Know the Health Risks?

By Saige Muresan, LHS student

Lakeview High School's Youth Led Prevention group, led by LHS School Resource Officer Rice, has been working hard to organize a campaign about the health risks of vaping. Over the course of the past couple of years, tobacco and nicotine usage has been on the rise. With the information that was provided by the Trumbull County Health Department, YLP is getting the word out on risks to Lakeview students. Vaping can be deadly. Nicotine is a highly addictive drug that is found in cigarettes and other products. Nicotine can rewire the brain to crave it more and more, and that is mostly because we teens are still developing our brains. Having a nicotine addiction during adolescence can have long-term effects. Some of these effects are increased impulsivity, mood disorder, and harm to the way synapses are formed, which are the parts of the brain that control learning and attention.

There are many different chemicals in nicotine that can be harmful to your lungs, such as vapes containing diacetyl, which when inhaled could lead to irreversible obstructive lung disease. Developing a lung disease could make it hard to breathe permanently, and

teens could develop at a young age a health problem that can plague them for the rest of their life. Vapes also contain formaldehyde and acrolein, which are the same chemicals that are found in cigarette smoke. Lastly, they contain microscopic metal particles such as lead, tin, and nickel and can be inhaled deep into the lungs, which is not good for anyone, especially still growing teens.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has published literature warning teens of the long term effects of using tobacco products, "Documentation has shown that tobacco companies have a long history of developing and marketing flavored tobacco products as 'starter' products that attract kids."

The FDA information shows how these companies try to attract youthful customers. Youth is where the most trouble we have with this problem today. Colorful packaging makes them look like candy and many can think they are harmless. One of the main reasons young people are so addicted is because of stress. Once teens have tried it maybe a couple of times, they start using it more and more frequently to

feel temporary relief.

Around 2017 there were more than 15,000 flavors available for the world to use and many of the flavors appeal to teens and thus contribute to the rise of vaping. The FDA reports that in the past month, 72.3% of tobacco users have used flavored tobacco products. These flavors can reduce the harsh taste of the chemicals in this product and make the product taste like a delicious, sugary treat. Most companies will focus their flavored products on 84% fruit flavored or 80% on candy and dessert flavors.

Lakeview sophomore William Bullock said he knew little about the risks of vaping or how many flavors there were. "I think that there are at least 60 to a max 120. I had no idea about all those risks of vaping and how bad it could have gotten."

There are about 25 million teens in the United States. The FDA estimates that within those 25 million, 8.7 million teens are at risk for experimenting with cigarettes as of 2018. However, 10.7 million teens are at risk for even using e-cigarettes. More than 1 million teens use these products daily. Little do these teens know that one JUUL has about as much nicotine as 20 packs of cigarettes.

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With all these risks, more the half of teens don't know how much impact vaping can have on them. Everyone needs to be more aware of the risks they are taking just because they wanted temporary relief. These long-lasting effects or any effects are no good for anybody at all. Lots of people are unaware of these risks and more people need to know.

Former Lakeview student Brianne Davis was also surprised to learn the vaping facts. Davis said, "I knew that there was risk involved with vaping but I did not know they were as bad or even worse than smoking."

This shows just how many people understand the risk of vaping. More than anything, Lakeview students and all teens need to understand how damaging these products can be to their future health. Youth Led Prevention group is just trying to make the risk known and the things that can happen when you don't know the risk.

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He will present his lecture: Hamilton vs. Jefferson: The Rivalry that shaped America on Wednesday, November 16 at 10:30 AM. It will highlight the Federalist party and Jefferson's bitter

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