

By Thom Foley

Ahh, Valentine's Day. That time of year where we express our love of others. When we let those that are special in our hearts know that we appreciate them. And in today's climate, we say those three little words that we all want to hear ... "Yes, I'm vaccinated."

Life and love in particular, has certainly changed the last two years. Nothing is the same and some things never will be the same again, whether that is good or not depends on your own personal point of view. But humans are emotional and adaptable. We learn, we grow, we change. Hopefully the last two years has taught us to appreciate each other more and realize that life is short. Like most of you, I have lost loved ones in that time span. My dear cousin, Diane, passed in December. I have had several friends and classmates pass also. Were they all due to COVID? Not sure we will ever know the answer. But it doesn't matter. I've learned that you better say "I love you" to those that you love while you still have the opportunity. The last conversation I had with Diane [she lived in Texas] I told her that I loved her, she responded the same and we discussed how we hadn't said

that enough through the years.

I like to talk about how Cortland/ Bazetta is "the best place in the world to live!" I love it here! Well maybe not the cold weather, but if I'm going to be somewhere where it is cold, I want it to



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There is so much to love here. So much to appreciate! The entire NE Ohio area gets a bad rap. But we have so much to do and see. We live, literally, right next to a Beautiful State Park! We have great neighbors and friends. We are an hour away in any direction from anything you would want to do, to go, to see.

Is it perfect here? Of course not. But nowhere is. Home is where your heart is. My heart is in Cortland. I did not grow up here, but I chose to live here and to do my little part to make it the best place in the world to live.

So, I want you to know that even on this cold winter day – I LOVE IT HERE! I hope you do also. I hope you love helping to make Cortland the best place in the world to live! Once someone has had the good fortune to share a true love affair with a Golden Retriever, one's life and one's outlook is never quite the same. - Betty White

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Tuesday, Feb 22, 7 p.m.

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Monday, Feb 14, 6 p.m.

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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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Community Events

Event Calendar February 5– February 26

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 14

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.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnigthhawks

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

FEBRUARY

- Charity Breakfast benefitting Lakeview Little Bulldogs 5 Masonic Lodge - 9 AM - Noon
- 7, 14, 28 Toddler Tales at Cortland Library 11 AM
- 8,15 Preschool Storytime at Cortland Library - 11 AM
- Book Discussion at Cortland Library 11 AM 9
- 9, 16, 23 Bible Study at Cortland Christian Church 6 PM
- 10 Online Library: Book Discussion - 2 PM
- 10 Awesome Origami at Cortland Library - 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- 10 Johnston Sr Center - How to Avoid a Scam - 11 AM
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- 25 Casino Night fundraiser - Sleep In Heavenly Peace - 6 PM

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

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Did you see the article about Chrissy's Lake Tavern bringing back live entertainment? Check it out in this issue.

Cortland Lanes has COSMIC BOWLING. If you haven't tried it yet you really should. A lot of fun and you have been serving our area for decades!!

NEO Junk Removal reminds don't have to be a good bowler. You just have to like fun!

Cortland Playroom and Preschool is taking registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Hurry because they fill up fast and they are the elite preschool in the area. Celebrating their 35th year serving the children of our community.

Speaking of kids, check out the great offer Jo Marie's School of Dance, **Gymnastics and NINJA Warrior Room** has. A sweetheart of a "Valentines SPECIAL!" 6 weeks of Gymnastics OR NINJA WARRIOR ROOM for only \$65! Call Aeron at 216-906-4220"

Did this cold weather cause trouble with your water well? Call the professionals at TNT Water Well. They

Snow Shoveling Tips

By Joseph Cvengros, D.P.T., Peak Performance

In order to avoid back, shoulder or hip pain from shoveling all this snow, handle, no straining. here are some helpful tips on how to shovel properly:

spine by stretching first.

- Bend your knees and keep your back straight.

- Keep your feet apart and have a overdo it. strong low stance.

- Lift the snow upwards with your legs, not your back.

- Don't shovel more than you can

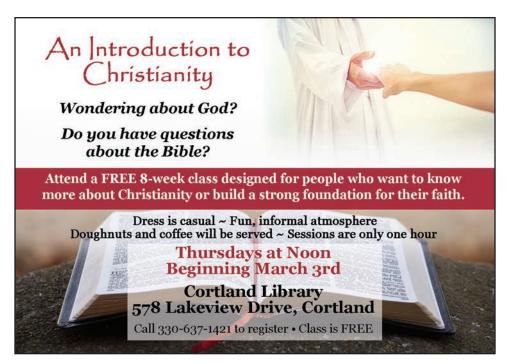
- Keep the shovel close to your body. - Point your feet in the direction you

- Before shoveling warm up your want to throw the snow and don't twist. - Push the snow forward, when

possible, instead of throwing it to the side. - Take frequent breaks and don't

If you do encounter pain or discomfort, contact a qualified Physical Therapist immediately.







Live Entertainment is Back at Chrissy's Lake Tavern

Live entertainment has returned to Chrissy's Lake Tavern! Here is a list of the upcoming entertainers. We encourage you to come out and support a great local restaurant and local performers.

- Jimmy Mitrega Feb 4
- Danny Lopez Feb 11
- Joshua Lee Nelson Feb 18
- Shane Mcgee..... Feb 25
- Travis & Jeff.....Mar 4
- Gary Pirrung Mar 17
- Joshua Lee Nelson Mar 18
- Rich Oswald Mar 25
- Matt Skeen April 8
- Nathan Henry April 22



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Braxton is a guy who knows how to have fun. He loves to run and play fetch or relax on his own with a good toy. Cuddles and back scratches are in his top 3 favorite things to do and he loves Children and adults alike. Braxton is about 4yrs old and has been waiting for his forever home since September of 2021. If you're looking for a companion who is as active as you with tons of love to give come on in to AWL during our walk-in hours on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3pm-6pm and Saturday's from 12n-4pm!





Rutabaga is a 3yr old lady with loads of love to give. Food is the way to this sweet girl's heart and cuddle sessions are the way to stay in it. She currently lives by herself but lived with other cats in her previous home. Rutabaga isn't the biggest fan of being held but absolutely will seek you out to cuddle and play. She has been at the AWL since June of 2021 and is excited to finally go home! If you would like more info come down to AWL or call us at 330-539-5300 and ask about Rutabaga!

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Otherwise, if you meet the following requirements you can apply to see if you qualify:

- 1) Have Medicare Part A & Part B.
- 2) Live in the United States.

3) Yearly income is \$19,560 or less single, \$26,370 married.

4) Combined savings, investments, and real estate are not worth more than \$15,510 single, \$30,950 married. You do not count your home, car, personal possessions, life insurance or burial plots. You do not count your Social Security or Supplemental Security Income.

If you think you may qualify for

this program, contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or apply online at SSA. gov. Your local insurance agent can also help you apply. If approved, you may receive help for all or part of your prescription costs and premiums.

If you have both Medicare and Medicaid, you may qualify for a special type of Dual Special Needs plan. These plans are designed to provide care and extra services geared toward people who have Medicare and who qualify for the Ohio Medicaid program. These plans may provide expanded benefits and benefits differ from plan to plan.

There are two other special needs plans that may be available to Medicare recipients. Some plans cover beneficiaries with specific severe or disabling chronic conditions. Examples include Endstage Renal Disease, End-stage Liver Disease, dementia, diabetes, and some autoimmune, cardiovascular and lung diseases. Another plan that may be offered covers beneficiaries who reside in or move in or out of an institution.

Kolenich Awarded status of Fellow with Strategic Doing Institute

The Strategic Doing Institute has named Brian Kolenich, Executive Director at Ohio Living Lake Vista in Cortland to the rank of Fellow. The Strategic Doing Institute is aligned with the University of Northern Alabama's Agile Strategy Lab.

The Strategic Doing Institute uses an agile methodology that rapidly designs and guides new networks to generate innovative solutions, with measurable outcomes. Strategic Doing is a strategy discipline that is lean, agile and fast, meeting the needs of today's organizations, communities and regions allowing them to innovate and thrive in today's complexities.

Experienced Certified Workshop Leaders may be invited to become Strategic Doing Fellows after demonstrating an advanced skill set as a practitioner and in teaching the methodology. Fellows are the teaching corps of Strategic Doing, leading the practitioner and certification trainings. Kolenich has been employed with Ohio Living for 31 years, serving as the executive director of Park Vista since 2006, before moving to Ohio Living Lake Vista in 2020 as its executive director. In addition, he serves as a Master/Alumni Examiner with the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program.



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Maxton Bush wins Cortland News Contest

Right before MLK Day and the 'Great snow fall of 2022' we announced a surprise contest on the Everything Cortland page on FB. We asked readers to share how their children enjoyed the



snow and had FUN, FUN, FUN!

We are happy to announce that Maxton Bush won the contest! He spent MLK day/snow day building a snow fort in his back yard. His warm smile melted our hearts for the win! He is the son of David and Mesa Bush of Cortland. Maxton is a third grader at Lakeview Elementary.

Auntie V's Pizzeria has rewarded Maxton with his own personalized pizza! Thank you to all who submitted entries. Looks like all the kids in town had a lot of fun in the snow!!!

Johnston Senior Center Workshop

"How to Avoid a Scam"

The Johnston Senior Center will be hosting a workshop entitled "How to Avoid a Scam" on Thursday, February 10, starting at 11:00 a.m. The Center is located at 5922 Warren Meadville Road (Rt. 5, approx. ½ mile East of Rt. 11).

The one hour workshop is free for Trumbull County senior citizens and a nutritious lunch will be available following the workshop. The "How to Avoid a Scam" session will be led by retired corporate public relations executive and Cortland resident Matt Miller.

"Scammers have become more sophisticated and are growing in numbers; hardly a week goes by that we don't learn of another scam victim in the country," Miller said. "Scammers use new technology to change phone numbers that appear on a caller's I.D. They have invented innovative ways to get people, especially seniors, to respond to 'critical' phone or email messages. They are really good at 'phishing' and are getting better every day. The Center's goal is to provide information seniors can use to prevent from becoming a victim."

Due to limited space, reservations for the workshop are required. Please call 330-924-0412 or 330-442-9669 for more information or to reserve a seat.

Have news you would like to share?

The Cortland News is always looking for news about happenings in our area.

Whether it's about an event, a budding college student, club news or business news, we want to hear from you. Simply send it to us at editor@ cortlandnews.com and we'll take it from there. The Cortland News... "The Good News Newspaper."

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Casino Fundraiser

Please join us at Candywood Winery on Feb 25th at 6 PM for a fun filled Casino Night fundraiser to benefit Sleep In Heavenly Peace Trumbull Co. Limited tickets available! \$100 per person which includes buffet dinner, one drink ticket (cash bar available) and \$50 worth of starter chips for table games! At the end of the evening, winnings will be cashed in for basket raffle tickets. Sponsorship Opportunities are available for local businesses! We are also looking for generous basket raffle donations. Please email Chelsea. Munroe@shpbeds.org for more information or to purchase tickets. Tickets are also available for purchase at Candywood.



Another of Cortland's Hidden Gems

By Diane Jordan, Scope

Did you know Cortland has a hidden gem? Tucked away inside the Cortland Christian Church is a facility called SCOPE. We offer a friendly place to socialize, do activities, have lunch or a cup of coffee. We offer a wide range of activities for seniors Many of our instructors have been with SCOPE 15 years. Instructor Sally's arthritis exercise class offers a "no judgment, do what you can do" approach. She can really put you through a workout and yet modify it if needed. Chair yoga with Instructor Kathy on Tuesdays offers a fun, relaxing, quiet and friendly class to renew your mind and spirit. Gentle voga with Instructor Roe offers balance and stretching as well as breathing.

We also offer two line dancing classes per week. Instructor Jan has the beginner's class. Soft and easy to take instruction. Instructor Dori has a faster paced class with upbeat music and lots of fun. Tai Chi with Instructor Mallory joins us 2 days a week for a slow paced but effective workout with unique moves to improve balance and coordination. Need help with your computer, tablet phone or watch? Family Tech Connect with Vince can give you the help you need. Very knowledgeable and friendly they understand the struggle seniors face with new technology. Bible study with Pastor Casey is Wednesdays at 6 PM. All are welcome come share the gospel of the Lord. Want to know your blood sugar, blood pressure or cholesterol without going to an outpatient facility? We offer Nurse Stephanie from Mercy health 1 time a month to check that for you. Stephanie and others offer health education classes on many subjects.

Enjoy Billiards? We have 2 pool tables available for use. Visit anytime with your friends, practice on your own or start your own pool league. Your Cortland Scope Center offers acceptance of all, respect and friendly smiles. They are always willing to interact with new guests to make them feel welcome. Stop in Monday to Friday 9 AM to 3 PM.















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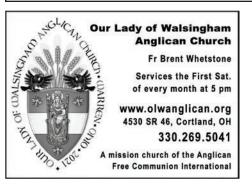
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Bible Study at Cortland Christian Church

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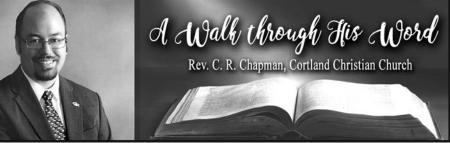
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February so dubbed the month of love for its Valentine's holiday. Couples are preparing gifts, romantic get-aways, and simple acts of love for each other. Then, there are those who are single. They simply may not be in a relationship or perhaps this is the first Valentine's Day that their dearest has departed this earth. It can be a time of inner reflection and loneliness. This particular feeling reminds one of what it is like without the Savior in their life. In the life where Jesus the Christ is absent there is an emptiness that cannot be filled. There is a deep longing.

Perhaps people who have this void do not realize the cause of their eternal seclusion that produces this longing for something more. Many try to fill the God shaped hole in their lives with worldly remedies, but these remedies have fleeting results. Only Jesus can

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Rise Against Hunger

LOAF has received a "Thank You"

from Rise Against Hunger for our

September 18th food packing event at

Lakeview High School. Those present

that Saturday morning prepared over

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received, those 10,000 meals were

part of 285,120 meals from the greater

Pittsburgh area that will be sent to

Haiti. Rise Against Hunger partners

with World Help International which

has a receiving facility in Haiti. More

information and various stories are

available at https://rise againsthunger.

Rise Against Hunger and LOAF

org/global-impact/.

By Carole Wiley

"Look!"

bring you true fulfillment. If you have found yourself being the person described here, then my simple offering to you is to the word of the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 45:22 is my theme this year. It reads, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I Am God, and there is none else," (KJV). It does not matter your estate in this life. Rich or poor, healthy or bed ridden, everyone can look. Look to God and His Son, Jesus. Look upon Him and be saved. Be saved from sin that condemns all equally. Look upon Jesus. Make Him your focus. Where you look you go. Follow after Jesus earnestly and be ye saved. Are you miserable today, then look! Are you

lonely today then look! Look, for His gaze is upon you wanting you just to look up at Him. **Bishop to Celebrate**

White Mass for Health Professionals

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will be the principal celebrant for the twentysixth annual White Mass on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 West Wood Street in Youngstown. The White Mass celebrates all health professionals, including mental health workers, and recognizes and the ministry of all those in the healing professions. For those who cannot participate in person, the White Mass will be livestreamed through the Diocese of Youngstown's website: go to www.doy.org/live



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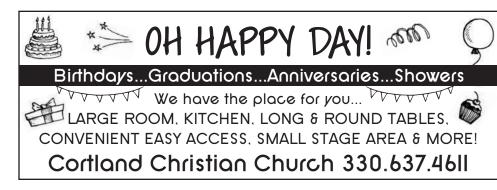
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70 Round Spelling Bee to Crown Lakeview Elementary Winner

A Spelling Bee of EPIC proportions on January 10, 2022 at Lakeview Elementary School! It took 90 minutes, 70 rounds, and 2 sets of words to crown the final winner. In the end, the last student standing was 3rd grader Chloe D. who correctly spelled the words purse and mossy to secure her victory. She and runner up Brennen N., who is also a third grader, started going head-tohead in round seven. Spelling bee rules state that when the contest comes down to the final two contestants, the winner must correctly spell two consecutive words - the first being the one the other contestant misspelled and then a second word immediately following that word. Chloe and Brennen did this for 63 rounds, spelling and attempting to spell well over 100 words, many of which were beyond the elementary level. Both did an amazing job of staying positive in difficult moments and rising to the challenge. Chloe will go on to represent LES at the county bee in February.

Other spelling bee contestants included third graders: Mason C., Luke E., Ryder E., Ava L., Lorenzo M., Paisley M., Jaxon M., and Ellie N. Fourth graders participating in the contest were: Tyler B., Olivia D., Victoria D., Hunter H., Isabella H., Mason P., Samantha S., Elijah S., Ethan S., and Brooke S. Congratulations again to Chloe, Brennen and ALL of our LES Spelling Bee contestants - we're so proud of all of you!



Chloe D. - 1st Place & Brennen N. - Runner Up





Three-Peat for Lakeview Middle School Spelling Bee Champ



Congratulations to our Lakeview Middle School Spelling Bee Champion, 6th grader Joey C. This is the third year he has won the school spelling bee! Joey has now won the Spelling Bee as a third, fourth, and sixth grader (there was no spelling bee his fifth grade year due to COVID) making him a three-time champion! The runner up for the LMS Bee this year was 8th grader Avery O. More than 30 students in grades five through eight competed in the LMS Spelling Bee, with Joey and Avery being the last two standing after seven rounds. Joey won after correctly spelling the words arduous and unchangeable. Joey will now go on to represent Lakeview in the County Spelling Bee.



Joey C. - 1st Place & Avery O -Runner Up

Other spelling bee participants included fifth graders: Jack F., Derek R., Ella G., Evangeline Z., Emily B., Regan M., Alyssa L., Jordan B., Blake P., & Anja P.; sixth graders: Sophia O., Sydney R., Bryn R., Adalyn S., & Kristian S.; seventh graders: Easton, B., Antonio B.,

Lexie D., Isaac H., Hudson L., Jester S., & Elijah V.; and eighth graders: Landon B., Delaney G., Lillian H., Will K., Preston P., Maddie P., Olivia P., Blake T., and Melena Z. Congratulations Joey, Avery, and all our Spelling Bee winners and participants!

LHS Student Accepted into Ivy League University

Doing something on a "whim" can often change your life. Just ask Lakeview High School senior Emily Bennett. Applying for college at Columbia University was a last second choice, and wouldn't you know it, she's been accepted!

The life-changing news came in mid-December atter a rigorous application process. "Excited would be an understatement," Bennett says when asked about how she felt when she got her acceptance email and video. "It is so exciting and rewarding to see all of my hard work pay off." Emily is the fourth LHS student in three years to be accepted into an Ivy League School and will be the second Lakeview Bulldog to attend Columbia. Two other graduates currently attend Princeton. At LHS Emily is currently one of 14 seniors at the top of the 2022 class and participates in cross country, track, National Honor Society, Sr. Beta Club, and is a gifted artist. She plans to continue in the arts at Columbia, studying art or architecture.

world-renowned research university. It is the oldest institution of higher learning in New York and the fifth oldest in the United States. Bestcolleges. com ranks Columbia as the hardest university to get into, giving it a 3.9% acceptance rate.

Emily is the first Lakeview female to earn acceptance into an Ivy League school, and she hopes her accomplishment serves as an inspiration for all our younger Bulldogs! "Find your passion and dedicate time for it," she says. "There's no shame in living what you love and no shame in following your dream." Congratulations Emily!





January 24 Kenley J., Aubrey P., Calliope B., Everest E., Mason C., Dominic M., Allie P., Emily L., Ava L., Kyrah S., Alison S., Ava S., Milo J., Nora M., Angie A., Owen G., Faith M., Olivia S., and our Big Pawsitive Kids, Principals Mr. Stowell and Mr. Taylor.

Located in New York City, Columbia University touts itself as a



Winter Fun

well used during this past snowstorm. On a cold, Wednesday, January 26 these men were enjoying the hill with the

Cortland's Eastlake Sled Hill was children. The hill is open dawn to desk and is free to use. One more reason why Cortland is the best place in the world to live!



Wayne Brusseau and his niece Harlow Rigg of Howland, Devin Egbert & his daughter Hana of Cortland and Joel Judice and son Daxton of Cortland.

Warren City Federation Donates to Veteran's Haven of Trumbull County



David Ewing, Jr. BSW, Case Manager and Brandi Parker, MPA, Program Manager for Veteran's Haven with Terri Crabbs, President, Warren City Federation.

City Federation of Women's Clubs welcomed Brandi Parker from Veteran's Haven of Trumbull County. The goal of Veteran's Haven is to promote a wide

At their December meeting, Warren range of outreach services to local male and female Veterans in the area and their families, specifically resolving any immediate crisis of homelessness. The club members were extremely generous in their monetary and gift card donations as well as personal care items for the veterans.

The next meeting of the 21 member clubs of Warren City Federation will be on Tuesday, February 8 at noon at Warren Women's Club. Tina Gill from Caring Heart Ministries will be the speaker and the clubs will be collecting items for the Hope Cancer Center as the monthly outreach.

Fitness Classes at Warren Scope

SCOPE Senior Services is happy to announce that it's Warren Senior Citizen Center located at the YWCA building 375 N. Park Ave. is now offering an urban line dance and various adult fitness classes. Thanks to a grant from the Mercy Health Foundation, SCOPE is hosting FREE adult fitness classes such as Zumba with Tamara, kickboxing, kettlebell exercise, and boot camp fitness with Ava, as well as urban line dancing with Kissa on evenings and Saturdays.

Class schedules: Tuesday 6 p.m. Kickboxing with Ava, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Kick Butt Kettlebell with Ava, Thursday 6:30 p.m. Urban Line Dancing with Kissa, Saturday 9 a.m. Boot Camp Fitness with Ava, and 10 a.m. Zumba with Tamara.

Call 330-399-8846 with questions or just show up at the assigned times. SCOPE thanks Mercy Health Foundation who will pay for and provide the certified instructors for these FREE classes.





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Trumbull County MetroParks Sets Meeting Dates

The Trumbull County MetroParks Board has set the 4th Thursday of the Month at 4:15 pm as their regular meeting date for 2022. The meetings will be held at the Park office in Howland, 3983 North River Rd NE.



Valentine's Day images abound from advertisements to social media to greeting cards. Images of hearts are everywhere. Even the Cortland United Methodist Men's annual sub sandwich sale has a new tag line this year -"Super Bowl-Sweetheart Subs". Yet, it was the memory of three snow covered crosses that kept coming to my mind as I reflected on Valentine's Day.

When I saw those snow-covered crosses several years ago, it reminded me of how we are all cleansed from our sins. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Today that memory reminds me of the love that cleanses us from our sins. The Apostle Paul says, "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but



A Creation at **Prince of Peace**

Prince of Peace is in the process of creating one of the most valuable and meaningful items a church can produce. Every year after the Christmas holidays, we begin to create a special booklet the Lenten Devotional. This booklet contains relatively short writings by members and friends of the church. Some of these friends are from New Jersey, Florida, North Carolina, and other locations in Ohio. The writers use this opportunity to tell of their sometimes-personal experiences with God and what He has done to help them. Others write about their observations or beliefs or doubts or sorrows or joys.

In addition to the story, each entry contains a scripture that relates to their writing and a short prayer. Help is available to anyone who wants it. Occasionally the "ghost writer" writes the entire submission. The entries must be submitted by February 13th. Then Carol Cleal, the editor, organizes the booklet putting one story on each of the 47 days in Lent. They are then distributed to members and anyone interested in having one the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. When the Devotionals are distributed, the idea is to read one story a day from Ash Wednesday though Easter Sunday. But there are those of us who cannot adhere to this and read the entire publication on day one! The desire to read what your friends have written is pretty strong. It appears that friendships within Prince of Peace may have been strengthened by learning the inner thoughts and concerns of fellow members. This endeavor also enhances our love and knowledge of the Lord. There is a multitude of blessings that come from this little book! If by chance, anyone would like to submit an entry or has questions, contact Carole Wiley. 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.

rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends... And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8, 13).

In the diversity of our culture, there are those with whom we disagree on a variety of topics. Unlike the romantic love of Valentine's Day, the words of Paul call us to a love that isn't dependent upon feelings or circumstances. May you aspire to love with the abiding love that Paul describes. Remember, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). Be assured that on Valentine's Day and every day, the cross of Jesus Christ reflects the steadfast love God has for you.

Cortland United

Methodist

Church selling

Super Bowl Subs

up Feb 13th following worship.

Cortland Trinity Baptist Church offer FREE Program

Rev. Dan Barker of the Cortland Trinity Baptist Church is offering a free 8-week program to the public starting March 3. It will cover the basic teachings of Christianity.

"In a very casual, fun and informal atmosphere we will discuss several questions about the Bible and explore foundational questions about Christianity. If you are wondering about God or who Jesus is then this is the perfect time to learn and discuss those, and other, topics" said Rev. Barker.

Topics to be discussed include:

1. What is the Bible?

2. What is God like?

- 3. What is man's biggest problem?
- 4. Who is Jesus?
- 5. What did Jesus do?
- 6. What does it mean to be Born Again?
- 7. Seven Steps to God.
- 8. What is Baptism all about?

"This is an ideal opportunity to know more about Christianity or build a strong foundation for your faith" said Barker.

Sessions are only one hour and doughnuts and coffee will be served. It will be held Thursdays at Noon beginning March 3rd at the Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Drive and is FREE to everyone. Call 330-637-1421 to register.

Sip n Paint at JCC of Youngstown

The Paul and Yetta Gluck School of Visual Arts is offering a "Celebrating Love" sip n paint for ages 18 and over from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane. Participants will create a heart-themed painting with a friend or partner. They will also enjoy cocktails, mocktails, and charcuterie. The cost is \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for nonmembers. Visit jccyoungstown. org/visual arts to register by Feb. 4.







High School Students Learn they Help Set Guinness World Record

Last month we told you about a group of 9th grade students who were trying to help set a Guinness World Record... well the results are in and THEY DID IT! The group that participated in the online lesson for assistive technology are among the 1,816 people that helped set the record and raise awareness for the need for affordable assistive technology. "I'm really glad my students were able to have this opportunity to participate in a worldwide challenge," teacher Mrs. Milliron says. "This activity broadened students' perspectives to realize how they can positively impact people who have a different daily experience than their own. Ilove that students combined a variety of skills -- research, problemsolving, creative thinking, and additive technology -- to create something useful and helpful. And now they have set a Guinness World Record! That's such a unique high school experience and memory for them!"



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LHS hosts GLO Fundraiser for Family

Members of the Lakeview Local School District and the community came together on Friday, January 21, 2022 in support of one of their own. Celina Oriti is the older sister of current LHS student Cole Oriti, and she is battling cancer. LHS students came up with a plan to turn the JV/Varsity basketball game that night into a fundraiser for the family. T Shirts were made and sold, a 50/50 raffle was held, and attendees could purchase special glow sticks and glasses to wear during the blackout halftime performance by the cheerleaders. At the end of the night, more than \$1,300 was raised; all the money will go to Celina to help in her fight against cancer. Thank you to everyone who supported the cause!





Oriti family with Celina (white mask in the middle)

Online Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023 Now Open

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. Students must be five years of age by August 1, 2022 in order to enroll. All registrations must be done online via

the Parent Portal. Instructions on how to add a student to an existing portal account or create a new account are available on our website: lakeviewlocal. org/registration. Once the online account is created and forms are complete, additional documentation will need to be submitted to the school to complete the registration. A list of those documents is also on our registration webpage. They can be submitted via email at registration@ lakeviewlocal.org or you can drop them off to the Lakeview Elementary School office located at 640 Wakefield Drive, during the following days:

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Online forms must be completed and submitted through the Parent Portal before required documentation can be turned in. Families who need assistance accessing the Internet should come to school on the listed dates and times for computer access. We can't wait to meet the Class of 2035!





Kindergarten Registration

Lakeview Local School district's enrollment is now open. Register for the 2022 - 23 school year online at lakeviewlocal.org.

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

Utility Aggregate Rates

If you need help understanding aggregate rates, please call City Hall at 330-637-3916, or visit Constellation (Dominion) and Energy Harbor websites. **Ohio Department of Health**

CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transmission, regardless of vaccination status. You can stay informed and up to date with the latest COVID-19 information on their website or schedule a vaccine.

City Council Meetings are available on YouTube. eNews

The city issues a weekly E-News with events happening in our community and news items as well as agendas for City Council and Planning &

Zoning Commission meetings. You can subscribe at the bottom of our website www.cityofcortland.org or by sending an email to admin@cityofcortland.org.

Sled Hill What a busy time the sled hill had over the winter snowstorm! Bundle up and head out to the hill at Eastlake Park, 422 N. Mecca (Rt. 46). For the safety of you and others, please follow the posted rules.

Snow Removal

Please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalk clear of snow and ice for pedestrians. Do not blow or pile snow that would obstruct the vision of motorists and do not put your snow in the street. Also, during times of snow, try not to park on the street. City snowplows need to clear the roads. Watch the eNews, city website and the community sign in front of Speedway for parking ban announcements. Thank You.

Dates to Remember

The City Administration Offices will be closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 21st. You may leave your water payments in the secure drop box next to the front door.

Bazetta Fire Department offers Cutting Edge Services By Rob Wasser, Bazetta Fire Dept

The Bazetta Fire Department was established in 1948 as a volunteer fire department to serve the community in times of emergency. Back then responses were rather limited to fires and other general emergencies. Today, BFD is a professionally staffed, highly trained fire department that provides a large array of services and programs. While the fire department has always responded to fires, we also respond to medical and weather emergencies, automobile accidents, water rescue emergencies and other public needs for assistance.

The fire service has evolved significantly more in the past 20 years than in the past century. Technology and new equipment change frequently to adapt to the new challenges firefighters and EMS personnel face every day. Your Bazetta Fire Department has put this new technology and equipment to excellent use. Firefighters have more protective gear, more efficient ways to fight fires, better tools to help facilitate rescues, enhanced training and other ways to expedite emergency responses

and mitigation. We have infrared camera devices that allow firefighters to see victims and heat signatures during fires. We have watercraft and other related equipment that enables us to respond to any water surface to save someone in distress and cutting-edge technology and lifesaving medications that help us save lives during medical emergencies.

In addition, we know how important community access is to our residents. We have created several exceptional programs that have are beneficial to those that live in the township. These include free smoke detector programs (when we receive grants for them), CPR, First Aid and fire extinguisher training for residents and organizations, public events such as community food drives, apparatus exhibitions for safety days, fire prevention for child care facilities and home inspections for caregivers and foster parents. If any resident has any questions regarding any of the programs discussed in this article, call Bazetta Fire Department at 330-637-4136.

Safety City Coming to Pearl Park

The City of Cortland Parks and Recreation Board is excited to announce plans to construct a Safety City at Pearl Park. A Safety City is an interactive, educational space designed to teach children a variety of everyday safety topics and life skills that they can practice in a miniature, real-world setting through playing with friends and interacting with community partners, like our police officers and members of our fire department. A \$15,000 sponsorship from Wollam Chevrolet and the Chevy All-Stars is kicking off efforts to raise a total of \$45,000 through corporate sponsorships



and community donations. Additional information can be found on the City of Cortland website: cityofcortland.org

American Red Cross needs Volunteers



The American Red Cross has an urgent need for Northern Ohio Volunteers. The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. Please call 216-931-3328 for how you may be able to help.





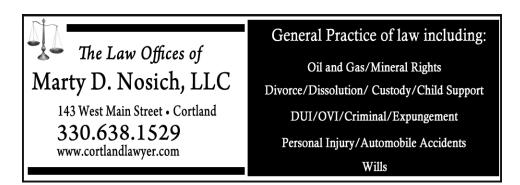
Outstanding Job

A tip of the hat and BIG THANK YOU to all of the snowplow drivers for Cortland City and Bazetta Township who did such an outstanding job during last month's heavy snow fall. Most drivers worked 12-hour shifts, went home to rest up and came back to work another 12-hour shift. In Cortland several of them had to stay over several hours to fix water line breaks two days

in a row. They did a great job and we thank them for their heroic efforts.













Tracking down donation substantiation

If you're like many Americans, letters from your favorite charities may be appearing in your mailbox acknowledging your 2021 donations. But what happens if you haven't received such a letter? Can you still claim a deduction for the gift on your 2021 income tax return? It depends.

What's required - To support a charitable deduction, you need to comply with IRS substantiation requirements. This generally includes obtaining a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from the charity stating the amount of the donation if it's cash. If the donation is property, the acknowledgment must describe the property, but the charity isn't required to provide a value. The donor must determine the property's value. "Contemporaneous" means the earlier of the date you file your tax return or the extended due date of your return. So, if you donated in 2021 but haven't yet received substantiation from the charity, it's not too late (as long as you haven't filed your 2021 return). Contact the charity and request a written acknowledgment.

Keep in mind that, if you made a cash gift of under \$250 with a check or

credit card, generally a canceled check, bank statement or credit card statement is sufficient. However, if you received something in return for the donation, you generally must reduce your deduction by its value and the charity is required to provide you a written acknowledgment as described earlier.

Deduction for nonitemizers -Generally, taxpayers who don't itemize their deductions (and instead claim the standard deduction) can't claim a charitable deduction. But, under the CARES Act, individuals who didn't itemize deductions could claim a federal income tax write-off for up to \$300 of cash contributions to IRS-approved charities for the 2020 tax year. Fortunately, the Consolidated Appropriations Act extended this tax break to cover \$300 of cash contributions made in 2021. The law also doubled the deduction limit to \$600 for married, joint-filing couples for cash contributions made in 2021.

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Annual N.O.P. Art Show Rescheduled

The Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County will be rescheduling their 5th annual NUDE on PARK art show to Saturday, February 26th 2022 at the Art on Park location in downtown Warren, Ohio, 180 N Park Ave.

NUDE on PARK is a celebration of the nude form, and is open to works in all mediums, both two-dimensional and three-dimensional, as well as performance art.

Adam Kajtar will be doing live music

and DJ set. The art studios within Art on Park will be open during the event, featuring additional art on display and for sale. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Admission is free and up to 3 works can be submitted. Artists keep 100% of all sales. Works must have proper hardware if to be hung. Works can be dropped off Saturday, February 12th, 2-6 p.m. For more info, email David Wheeler at 3093694@gmail.com



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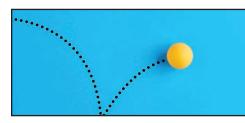


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Leah T. prepares to fire the shot.





Kara L. lauches her ping pong ball.

American Association of University Women Ready? Aim. Fire! Ping pong balls were sailing across the cafeteria last month as students tested their classmade projectile launchers for precision and accuracy. Students were firing ping pong balls from the launcher to see how various factors (angle, trigger too loose or tight, etc.) affected the accuracy and precision of each landing. Students measured distance and made adjustments to get their ball to go farther. Students did a great job and made some good discovery!



Jax T. sets the lauch pad to the correct angle.



Multiple High School Students Win Art Awards

Lakeview High School Art students shine bright at the Northeast Ohio Scholastic Art Show. LHS art teacher Mr. Piper says this is the best showing the district has ever had, with four students winning a total of ten awards at the show. Winners include Emily Bennett (two Gold Keys, one Silver Key, and the American Visions Award); Grace Mazur (Silver Key); Mason Parks (two Silver Keys); and Molly Stein (two Gold Keys and one Silver Key). Student work was on display inside the Solomon Gallery in Bliss Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University last month. All award winners were recognized during a special ceremony held on January 22. Congratulations to all our Lakeview Award winners!



LHS students Grace Mazur, Emily Bennett, Molly Stein, and Mason Parks earned a total of ten awards at the Northeast Ohio Scholastic Art Show. Emily Bennett also received the American Visions Award.



Scholarship

The Warren-Trumbull County Branch of AAUW is accepting applications for a \$1000 scholarship. Applicants must be female, in the 12th grade, with a 3.2 minimum grade point average. When the scholarship is awarded, the applicant must be enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree level program at an accredited college or university located in the State of Ohio. The applicant must be pursuing a STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) or STEAM (includes Art) field of study. Applications are available from the warrentrumbull-oh. AAUW.net website. Deadline to apply is Feb. 28, 2022. Please direct questions to the following email: AAUW. TrumbullCounty@gmail.com





LOAF "ResQ's" Bazetta and Cortland Police Department

Every year LOAF seeks a government agency to assist with items they need to better serve us. This year they chose the Bazetta and Cortland Police Departments who asked for 24 Res Q Discs. The Discs are used to assist the police in rescuing someone who has fallen through the ice.

With both departments adjoining Mosquito Lake, many times it's police officers that are first to arrive at a water emergency. The Res Q Discs are a compact water floatation device that can be thrown by officers up to 80' away to persons in the water under duress or those that have fallen through ice so they can be pulled to safety by the rescuer. The device looks and functions like a frisbee. More information on the Res Q Disc, including video, can be found at www.water-rescues.com

Carole Wiley of LOAF said, "Due to Covid our annual fundraiser, the

concert with the Cortland Community Band, fell far short of our goal for the discs." When Earl Parthememer of American Legion Post 540 heard of this he asked the Legion to donate \$1,000 to bring the drive over the top. The Cortland Community Foundation was the first to donate with a contribution of \$500. This allowed every police vehicle from both departments to be equipped with a Res Q Disc.

Both departments wish to thank LOAF, Post 540, The Cortland Community Foundation and the individuals that donated funds to these groups to make this purchase possible. Should you want to see a Res Q Disc in person stop by either department, or flag down an officer on patrol, and they would be glad to show you one.

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Bazetta Trustee & Police liaison Mike Morelli, Bazetta Officer Pat Swiger, Earl Parthememer of American Legion Post 540, Bazetta Police Chief Christopher Herlinger, Cortland Police Chief David Morris and Carole Wiley of LOAF

Bazetta Fire & Police offer "Senior Watch" program

By Rob Wasser, Bazetta Fire

The Bazetta Fire and Police Department work together to offer a wonderful program which helps protect our Seniors. The Police have had this program in place for several years but a few years ago it has been done in conjunction with the fire department. The program provides a variety of services that include: weekly phone calls to check on people's welfare, free smoke detector installation, free in home safety inspections to eliminate or reduce common household hazards, drug take back program (to assist those in need of proper unused medication disposal) and providing free information about how to securely provide home access to first responders in case of an emergency or you being unable to open your door.

Bazetta Fire Department will continue to assist our community in any way possible. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has drastically limited our interactions



in some ways with several of our nonemergency programs. We share the community's frustration. However, our residents will always be our number one priority. Rest assured we will always be giving nothing short of our best effort to keep our residents safe, provide lifesaving and community services and be the best resource possible for those that lives and travel within our township when the need arises.

OIU Offers Online Alcohol Server Knowledge course

The Ohio Investigative Unit's (OIU) Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) program is now available online. Previously, agents have been holding ASK training in person at community centers and liquor permit premises. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, OIU officials began working with AB InBev

Foundation to bring the training online.

Much like the in-person class, the training includes alcohol sales, false identification, identifying human trafficking, tobacco sales, food stamp fraud, trace-back investigations, labeling and refilling, among other topics. The *Continued on page 15*





Financial Wellness Programs Benefit Both Employees and Employer

If you're a small business owner, chances are that at least some of your workforce is stressed and distracted by worries about money, making them more frazzled and less productive on the job. Studies show that 73% of Americans say their finances are the number one cause of stress in their life. And for those who are employed, nearly half say that personal financial issues create distractions at work.

These statistics could paint a worrisome picture of the mental health of your employee population. They could also impact your company's bottom line. Each year, employers lose an average of \$1,900 per employee in lost productivity due to financial stress. This helps explain why more and more employers are making financial wellness programs available as a workplace benefit.

Employee financial wellness programs are programs that help employees better manage their finances and reduce financial worries. As such, they contribute to a better overall financial wellbeing for employees.

When it comes to employee financial wellness, employers can implement a variety of different programs and offerings. Some focus solely on financial education, while others layer employer matching, financial assistance, and other opportunities into the equation.

Educational-focused programs, for example, may provide employees with financial workshops about homeownership, retirement savings, budgeting, or debt management. Employer matching programs may involve matching a certain percentage of retirement contributions employees make to their 401(k) or to student loans. And other types of financial assistance could include tuition assistance, medical bill negotiation, or financial planning subsidies.

In a recent survey, nearly 70 percent of employers say they recognize the value in offering financial wellness programs to make them more competitive in hiring and retaining employees. If you haven't explored a financial wellness program for your employees, you may want to consider how adding one could benefit your organization. Doing so may provide

• The potential to enhance workplace satisfaction as your employees gain greater confidence about their financial direction in life.

• Improved productivity among employees who are no longer overwhelmed with concerns about their financial situation

• Better retention of employees, who find enhanced gratification from work that they are confident is fulfilling their financial needs

• The potential that employees who carry less stress about their financial well-being will enjoy greater health, resulting in fewer medical issues and reduced health care costs.

Financial wellness programs should be looked at as an attractive add-on to your company's total compensation plan.

Plans can be structured to suit the needs of your business. Reach out to your financial advisor. Ameriprise Financial and other firms have programs that can be designed to benefit your employees.

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segments and a comprehensive exam at the end. Once the participant has successfully completed the course, they are presented with a certificate. "It's a wonderful opportunity for us to educate people involved in the sale and handling of alcohol on the rules and regulations that govern liquor permits," said Senior Enforcement Commander Erik Lockhart. "In the process, we formed a partnership in the private sector that shares a common goal - responsible alcohol sales and consumption." OIU became aware of the opportunity to partner with AB InBev from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. "As regulators of alcohol in Ohio, our goal is to promote social responsibility of alcohol in the state,"

participant must watch the videos and go through each topic before they can complete the course. The topics have scenarios and questions relating to the segments and a comprehensive exam at the end. Once the participant has



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The partnership with AB InBev began as a pilot program with six cities worldwide to participate in Global Smart Drinking Goals - which is reducing the harmful use of alcohol by 10 percent in six cities. OIU submitted a plan for Columbus, which can also be used for all of Ohio. The other five cities are located in Belgium, Brazil, China, Mexico and South Africa. To learn more about the partnership, log onto https:// abinbevfoundation.org/initiatives/ city-pilots/.

The ASK program is still available in person and both are free for all participants. The online class can be found by logging onto https://learning. dps.ohio.gov/ask.

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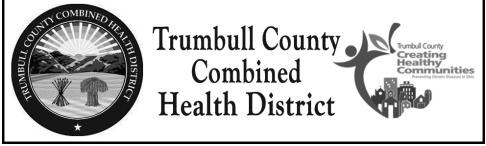












Vaping: What is It?

By Olivia Commins, Eva Reebel, Jaycob Whitmore - Lakeview High School Students

I am sure you have heard of vaping as it has taken over our world by storm for the past couple years. Say goodbye to smoking and hello to vaping. This new addiction seems cool and fun to most individuals, but it is most definitely not. In this article, we will discuss what vaping is, facts and statistics about this harmful activity, the dangers and health risks of teen vaping, why vaping is so addictive, and what teens eighteen and under can do to quit vaping. What is Vaping?

Vaping is the practice or action of inhaling and exhaling vapor carrying an illicit drug, flavoring, or nicotine provided by a small handheld device. Although vaping and smoking may seem similar, they are set apart in their ways. For one thing, vaping is a chemical process while smoking involves a combustion reaction. This leads people to believe vaping is better for you than smoking which has led to thousands of people becoming addicted, especially our youth. Personally, I have witnessed countless kids my age participate in this unhealthy activity. They do it in school bathrooms, during class, and pretty much any time they are able. I have even endured peer pressure as they tried to force me to "take a hit" when I did not want to. This addictiveness is going to cause countless health issues as these teenagers grow in age. **Facts and Statistics**

Megan Hall "A recent Harvard study found that more than 90% of flavored vape liquids had harmful effects of the flavoring chemical diacetyl and 2,3-pentanedione. Inhalation of these chemicals is associated with the development of bronchiolitis obliterans ('popcorn lung'), a debilitating disease that damages lung tissue and causes chronic cough and shortness of breath and chronic pulmonary obstruction disorder (COPD)."

Beasley Allen Law Firm from USA TODAY- "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the outbreak currently involves 1,888 lung injuries and 37 deaths nationwide." (From the outbreak of vaping products) Medical expert Myrna Busier Schnur informs of a statistic to help at this age can be the most impactful further support that vaping increases the and lasting. You must consider your risk of contracting COVID-19 "Young long term goals and current interests, people who had used both cigarettes and recognize that vaping is an issue and e-cigarettes in the previous 30 that must be solved as soon as possible.

days were almost five times as likely to experience COVID-19 symptoms, such as coughing, fever, tiredness and difficulty breathing as those who never smoked or vaped."

Dangers and Health Risks of Teen Vaping

There are many negative side effects and potential life-threatening health risks that come with teens participating in vaping. Because it's so addictive, putting their personal health on the line doesn't worry them at the least. Megan Hull from The Recovery Village poses that "daily usage of e-cigarettes doubles the risk of heart attacks. It also affects brain development and can deviate areas on the brain that specialize in their attention, learning, and impulse control.

Why is Vaping so addictive?

There are a multitude of reasons as to why vaping is so addictive for not only adolescents but adults as well. On



the condition that they are in the belief that vaping is healthier than smoking cigarettes, presents no health risks, and is "cool." It is so addictive because of the nicotine within the vapor that someone is inhaling into their lungs. According to Megan Hull, "nicotine-free vaping can instill powerful behavioral dependency issues. Many people who use flavoronly vape pens during routine 'smoke breaks' find that they begin to anticipate the scheduled vape session." This leads into a lifetime of addiction and ruins the lives of many adolescents.

What can a teen 18 years old and under do to quit vaping?

When you are young enough, you still have most of your life ahead of you; however, the decisions you make



The My Life, My Quit program provides teens 18 and younger with the resources needed to overcome addiction. These resources include youth coaches, coaching sessions by phone, websites, support text messages, and other educational materials. By becoming involved in this program teens are much more likely to break free from their addiction.

Bill Ayres Selected as New KSU Trumbull Dean and Chief Administrative Officer

Following a national search, R. William (Bill) Ayres IV, Ph.D., of Toledo, Ohio, has been selected as the new dean and chief administrative officer of Kent State University at Trumbull. Ayres is



currently a professor of political science at the University of Toledo, where he previously served as senior vice provost for academic affairs and vice provost for academic affairs. He will join Kent State on Jan. 18, 2022.

"I am really excited to be coming to Kent State Trumbull," Ayres said. "As I shared during my interview, I think Trumbull is doing some of the most important work at the heart of Kent State's mission: changing the world to be a better place. I'm thrilled to join folks there as a part of the team to make that change happen."

Melody Tankersley, Ph.D., Kent State's senior vice president and provost, said Ayres is an excellent fit to serve as dean of Kent State Trumbull. "We are thrilled that Bill Ayres will lead Kent State's Trumbull Campus," Tankersley said. "He brings tremendous talent, creativity and excitement to our students, to our faculty and to the communities we serve. With Bill's leadership, I'm confident that the Trumbull Campus will achieve great things in the coming years."

Prior to the University of Toledo, Ayres worked at Wright State University's Graduate School, serving as assistant dean, interim dean and then associate dean. His key accomplishments included standing up the first completely online degree programs at Wright State, launching new marketing campaigns based on new graduate-focused branding, and developing and implementing a new graduate student orientation program.

Ayres also served as the director of the Center for Global Citizenship at Elizabethtown College, becoming the first full-time director in the center's history. In this role, he was responsible for programs in international studies, service-learning and community engagement, and peace and conflict studies. He also was the founding director of the international relations program at the University of Indianapolis.

Ayres earned his Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts in political science from Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Williams College. He will succeed Daniel Palmer, Ph.D., who has been serving as interim dean and chief administrative officer of Kent State Trumbull since July 1, 2019.

TCHS Received NEH Grant for Expansion

The Trumbull County Historical Society received an Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant totaling \$119,200 from the National Endowment for the Humanities last month. This grant, to be matched over the next two years, will fund an expansion to the Morgan History Center on Mahoning Avenue.

The expansion will include increased exhibit space, a larger public research center that will hold over 10,000 archives, and a publicly accessible collections storage area that will preserve 20,000 items related to our local history.

"This project is an exciting one for us," said Meghan Reed, Director of TCHS. "The expansion will make artifacts and research more accessible to the public, increase transparency, promote tourism and boost economic development on Warren's Millionaire's Row."

Reed noted that the expansion will allow TCHS to display large and fragile items that are not able to be currently on view. A locally made Civil War flag, for example, signs from historic restaurants, and architectural pieces that have been salvaged from demolished homes.

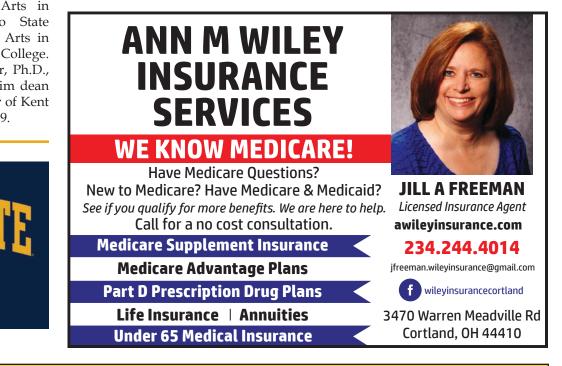
These NEH grants will support educators and scholars in enriching our understanding of the past and



Morgan History Center

enable cultural institutions from across the country to expand their offerings, resources, and public programming, both in person and online," said NEH Acting Chair Adam Wolfson.

The TCHS opens for their year 2022 in April. To schedule a research appointment, to volunteer, or for more information on the expansion project, they can be reached at 330-394-4653, or by visiting www. trumbullcountyhistory.com.



Kent Trumbull Fall 2021 Dean's and President's List

Kent State University at Trumbull proudly announces students who were named to either the President's or Dean's lists for their academic achievements during the Fall 2021 semester. In recognition of an extremely high level of academic excellence, a President's List is compiled each academic semester. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 4.00 and must have completed 15 or more letter-graded credit hours by the end of that semester. The Dean's List features qualifying students possessing a grade point average of 3.40 or greater and must have completed 12 or more lettergraded credit hours by the end of that semester.





Students from our area that made the list are:

PRESIDENT'S LIST Justin Metheny (Cortland)

DEAN'S LIST Tiffany Byrne (Vienna), Taylor Daugherty (Vienna), Connor Ferry (Cortland), Brooke Frazzini (Fowler), Rachel Gould (Cortland), Kiersten Jones (Cortland), Isabella Kellar (Cortland), Sarah McCulley (Cortland), Sophia Meadows (Cortland), Hannah Nicholas (Cortland), Hannah Nicholas (Cortland), Hailey Osika (Cortland), Alexis Parthemer (Cortland), Cole Pierce (Cortland), Madison Plock (Cortland), Zackary Stern (Cortland), Marshall Workman (Fowler)

Autism Society expands its Board

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is pleased to announce five new members to its Board of Directors to start 2022 strong. These individuals were nominated and elected based on their commitment to the Mahoning Valley and in advancing the Autism Society's national mission of - "We create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully."

"We are excited to bring these five amazing professionals to serve on the Board," says Board Chair Aundréa Cika Heschmeyer. "The board has a direct impact on improving programs and resources for Mahoning Valley families affected by autism. This influx of new energy will do great things!" The following are the newly elected board members: Magistrate Meghan Brundege, Youngstown Municipal Court, Katie DeGennaro, President/ Senior Banking Advisor, PNC Private Bank, Stephanie Gilchrist, Regional Director, Minority Business Assistance Center. David Moliterno, FSCP®

Agency owner Moliterno Insurance & Financial Services LLC. Ronald Seese M.D., Ph.D., developmental neurologist, Beeghly Campus of Akron Children's Hospital.

The Autism Society Board of Directors plays a crucial role in determining the strategic course of the organization as well as actively working throughout the year on programming and fundraising needs, ensuring that the organization continues to serve the local autism community. Learn more by visiting www.autismmv.org.

Founded in 1989, the role of the Autism Society of the Mahoning Valley is to improve the quality of life for all individuals with autism - across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan by providing broad support, activities, information, and referral. Its secondary roles are to act as an advocate on their behalf to bring about community change and create opportunities for individuals working through life with this disability.

WJWL Annual Scarves of Love project

Members of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's recently purchased hats, scarves, gloves and face masks for the annual Scarves of Love project. Members placed the items in bags on the fence surrounding the Warren's Women's Park and City Hall for anyone who needs help keeping warm this winter season. Past president, Jonnah Hetzel started the Scarves of Love project in 2016 and as a result, other GFWC Clubs have started their own in their communities.



Provisional member Jen Phillips hanging bags filled hats, scarves, gloves and face masks.





Cortland Library Events & News

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Feb. 8, 15; **Preschool Storytime**

Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write, and mastering these skills now helps children grow up to be good readers! For children ages 3 to 5. No registration necessary. Free.

Mondays at 11 a.m. Feb. 7, 14, 28 **Toddler Tales**

Storytime for toddlers ages 19 to 35 months old with a parent or caregiver. No registration necessary. Free.

Wed., Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. Book Discussion

Read "Redhead by the Side of the Road" by Anne Tyler and then join us for a discussion about the novel. Free.

Thurs., Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Online **Book Discussion**

This live online book discussion will take place using the free Zoom video conferencing platform. Featured book will be "When the Apricots Bloom" by Gina Wilkinson. Call the Adult Services Department at the Warren Library at (330) 399-8807 ext. 200 to register and get the Zoom link via email. Free.

Thurs., Feb. 10 between 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Awesome Origami

Children ages 5 - 12 can try the art of origami to make folded-paper creations. No registration necessary for this drop-in program. Free.

Wed., Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. Online Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Discussion

This live online book discussion will take place using the free Zoom video conferencing platform. Featured book will be "Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke. Call the Adult Services Department at the Warren Library at (330) 399-8807 ext. 200 to register and get the Zoom link via email. Free.

Holiday Closing, Monday, Feb. 21, Library Closed on Presidents' Day

All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed Feb. 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Thurs., Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. Online **Event: Animal Shelters-An Essential Community Resource**

We'll hear about the role of animal shelters in our community, the difference between non-profit and government entities, services the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County provides, what is involved with sheltering animals, and more. This live online event will take place using the free Zoom video conferencing platform. Call the Warren Library to register and get the link to join the event: (330) 399-8807 ext. 200. Free.

Warren Library **Temporarily Closed Starting Feb. 28**

The Warren Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, will be closed to the public beginning Feb. 28, 2022, for at least 6 weeks while materials are moved into the library's newly built addition and renovations are started on sections of the original building.

The new section that will house the Children's Department and Teen Central is tentatively scheduled to open to the public on April 11, 2022.

Due dates for books and other library materials are being adjusted so that no items will be due back to the Warren Library during the closure. Customers may return items by placing them in the library's outside return drops.

Renovations to the original library building will continue after the new section is open, and a limited selection of books, DVDs, and other materials for smartphone, or tablet at no cost through adults will be available while that work dedicated apps or through the library is completed. Both sides of the library building are expected to reopen in late

summer 2022.

The WTCPL locations in Cortland, Brookfield, Howland, Liberty, and Lordstown will remain open usual hours during the shutdown. Library cardholders will have the option to borrow books and other items from the Bookmobile, which will add weekly stops at the Warren Library to its schedule during the closure. The Bookmobile will be parked in the Warren Library parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 1, 2022.

Library customers can also access and borrow electronic resources including eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital music and movies. Digital content can be streamed or downloaded and enjoyed on a personal eReader, website at www.wtcpl.org.

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