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The Benefits of Taking a Summer Family Vacation

By Jim Woofter

Summer is a time for families to relax and have fun together. It's a time to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and create lasting memories. But what are the specific benefits of taking a summer family vacation?

Here are just a few:

Vacations can help to reduce stress and improve mental health. When we're constantly stressed, it can take a toll on our physical and mental health. Vacations can provide a much-needed break from the daily grind, giving us a chance to relax and recharge. Studies have shown that people who take regular vacations are less likely to experience stress, anxiety, and depression.

Vacations can help to strengthen family bonds. When we spend time together as a family, we have the opportunity to connect with each other on a deeper level. Vacations can provide a unique setting for families to bond and create lasting memories. Studies have shown that children who go on regular vacations with their families have stronger relationships with their parents and siblings.

Vacations can help children to learn and grow. When children travel, they are exposed to new cultures, languages, and experiences. This can help them to learn about the world around them and develop a broader perspective. Studies

have shown that children who travel have better academic performance and are more likely to be successful in college.

Vacations can help to improve physical health. When we vacation, we often get more exercise than we do at home. We may spend more time outdoors, swimming, hiking, or playing sports. This can help to improve our cardiovascular health, reduce our risk of obesity, and boost our energy levels.

Vacations can help to save money. When we vacation, we often spend less money than we do at home. We may eat out less, cook more meals at home, and avoid impulse buys. This can help us to save money on our overall budget.

Of course, there are also some costs associated with taking a summer family vacation. However, the benefits of vacationing far outweigh the costs. If you're looking for a way to improve your family's health, happiness, and well-being, then consider taking a summer vacation this year.

Here are some tips for planning a successful summer family vacation:

1. Start planning early. The earlier you start planning, the more time you'll have to save money, research destinations, and book accommodations.

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 5

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

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

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League Schedule-
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Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).

JUNE

Various events at the Cortland Library - See page 18

- 9-11 Citywide Garage Sale
- 19 VBS at Trinity Lutheran Church
- 19 VBS LOAF at Cortland Methodist Church
- 22-24 Cortland Lions Street Fair
- 24-25 Empathy for Animals Raffle
- 29-30 Chautauqua at Ohio Living Lake Vista

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'?

You could help by covering area

events and programs or writing about your favorite interests. Do you like to interview people? There are lots of possibilities and you can pick your own times to help. If you are interested drop me a line at Editor@cortlandnews.com

We look forward to having you be part of our volunteer team that helps to share ALL THE GOOD NEWS in our community.

Interactive Chautauqua Event Returns To Ohio Living Lake Vista

Ohio Living Lake Vista will host its second annual Cortland Chautauqua on the Lake June 29-30. Period performers, lectures, music, a quilt show, art on display and concessions are all slated for the free event, which is open to the public thanks to generous support from donors and funds from the Ohio Living Foundation's Lifelong Learning grant.

"We believe in creating a culture of active aging," said Brian Kolenich, Ohio Living Lake Vista executive director. "Living well must touch on all the components of wellness, and Chautauqua on the Lake does just that. It helps to bring people together, gets everyone outside, and the event carries a unique educational component too."

Outdoor programming is slated from 4-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, June 30. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Here are some entertainment highlights:

Thursday, June 29

- 4-5 p.m. - Golden Age of Hollywood presented by Women In History
- 5:15-6:15 p.m. - Laura Ingalls Wilder presented by Women In History

6:30-7:30 p.m. - One Voice Gospel Music **Friday, June 30**

- 10-11 a.m. - Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln presented by We Made History
- 11:15 a.m.-noon - Mahalia Jackson presented by We Made History
- Noon-1 p.m. - Park Ave. Quintet
- 1:15-2 p.m. - Ida McKinley presented by We Made History
- 2-3 p.m. - William McKinley presented by We Made History

As part of the weekend event, the Western Reserve Quilt Guild will present a Quilt Show featuring 100 unique quilts on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Ohio Living Lake Vista clubhouse. The Western Reserve Quilt Guild meets monthly on Ohio Living Lake Vista's campus and has donated many veteran quilts and fidget blankets to residents and dignity bibs to Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice.

For additional questions about Cortland Chautauqua on the Lake, contact Denise at 330-638-2420, ext. 1000.

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2. Set a budget. It's important to set a budget for your vacation and stick to it. This will help you avoid overspending and financial stress.

3. Choose a destination that everyone will enjoy. When choosing a destination, be sure to consider the interests of everyone in your family. This will help ensure that everyone has

a good time.

4. Be flexible. Things don't always go according to plan when you're on vacation. Be prepared to adjust your plans if necessary.

5. Make memories. The most important thing is to relax, have fun, and make memories that will last a lifetime.



Cortland Rotary Club hosted Melissa Kmetz, Lakeview teacher and current Ohio Teacher of the year, at the May 30th meeting. Melissa updated the club about all her wonderful experiences this year serving as Ohio Teacher of the year. Shown is Melissa Kmetz and Rotary President Pat Leper.



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Born June 3, 1921, in Irvington, N.J., Dorothy was raised in the Northeast. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went on to work in vocational guidance with schools across the country. Notably, she worked as a school psychologist with Niles City Schools for four years and Warren City Schools for six years.

Upon retirement, Dorothy caught the travel bug and visited more than 40 destinations with friends and family, from England to Hawaii. She spent many summers in Canada, swimming and boating at her cottage on the lake. When she wasn't traveling, she volunteered as a poll worker, delivered mobile meals and assisted elders in Trumbull County with their tax returns. Dorothy has resided at Ohio Living Lake Vista since it was established in 2004. She served as president of the Lake Vista Resident Association for two years. These days, she loves to walk around the campus, visit with her friends and welcome new residents.



Bazetta Christian Daycare PreK kids posed for their graduation photo on May 24.



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- Presentation of Colors Cub Scout Pack 4050
- Welcome
- Cortland Mayor Dee Dee Petrosky
- Lions Club President Bill Lowther
- Lions Club Street Fair Chairman Basil Jarrett
- Queens Contest & Little Miss Cortland Pageant, Dawna Wiland

TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT

- Main Stage – Michael Smith
- Beer Tent – Kat Fitzgerald
- Hot Dog Eating Contest (Community Tent on N Bank St)

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FRIDAY - JUNE 23, BEGINS 6 PM

- Main Stage – Broken Reins
- Beer Tent – French Blue
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- Main Stage – Scott Gearheart
- Beer Tent – Speed Limit
- 11 PM Fireworks

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Just the Facts Trivia - How many subscribers do we currently have to the eNews?

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Scroll to the bottom of the eNews to find the answer.

Cortland is a 'Sister City' to Youngstown Air Reserve Station

The Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) is a critical part of our community as they are the largest employer in Trumbull County and number three employer in Trumbull County. The 910th Airlift Wing came to support and participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies that were held at the Veterans Memorial Monday evening.

Cortland Street Fair Parade - The theme for this year's Cortland Lions Club parade is Beach Party. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 24th.

Cortland Garage Sale Regulations

The community garage sale is NOT a City sponsored event. Garage Sale regulations apply to all sales held by a property owner or renter of property in a garage, on a driveway, porch or lawn, but not in the living area of any property. Sale items shall be limited to household items such as furniture, tools, glassware, clothing or other possessions of the person holding the sale.

Permits - A permit to hold a garage sale must be obtained at City Hall, 400 North High Street. The permit costs \$2.50 per day for a maximum of three consecutive days. Each residence is permitted to hold 2 garage sales per year, at least 3 months apart.

Signs - You are allowed to post

two directional information signs. Please remove signs by the day after the sale. Do not put signs on utility poles, permanent sign posts, rights of way or city property including the area in front of the City information sign and the clock. Signs improperly placed will be removed. Church groups of any other nonprofit organization shall be exempt the permit regulations.

Answer: a. 986

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JULY 15TH at 10:30am
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Cortland Launches Business Attraction Package

Mayor Petrosky has announced the launch of the Business Attraction Package program. The goal of the program is to attract and retain small businesses within the city's limits. The program combines discounts from a variety of businesses within the Mahoning Valley to help offset the cost of creating or maintaining a small business. Those businesses offering discounts have become partners of the program through December 2024.

All Cortland based businesses may take advantage of the program by contacting any partner directly. The package will be viewable on the City of Cortland's website under the "Businesses" tab. The city is excited to have partnerships from across the Mahoning Valley which will grow our small business community. We are extremely grateful for the partners we have and are always looking for new ways to partner with other businesses.

Please contact the City's Special Projects Coordinator, Jeffrey Jiang, for additional information at jjiang@cityofcortland.org or 330 637-4003.

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Date	Time	GrandStand Event
JULY 11 th	12:30pm 5:30pm	Harness Racing (no betting)
JULY 12 th	7pm	Tuff Truck Show
JULY 13 th	6pm	Rush Sportsmen & BRP Modified Tour
JULY 14 th	6:30pm	OSTPA Truck & tractor Pulls
JULY 15 th	2-7pm 6:00pm - 9:30pm	Motorcycle Show High Steel Rodeo (Bulls, Barrels, And more)
JULY 16 th	5:00pm - 8:00pm 9:00pm	Demolition Derby Fireworks & Closing of 2023 Fair



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Twisted Creek Outdoor Adventures Opens For Business

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There were food trucks, many local dignitaries, giveaways, free kayak rentals, and, of course, a ribbon cutting.

The company is owned by The Keller and Boyd families and located next to Cortland Mower Sales. They rent Kayaks, host kayak events, and will deliver and pick them up at different locations on Mosquito Lake.

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By Kathy Schultz, Totally Dog

Going on a family road trip? Don't forget to take the dog, they are part of the family! I am finding travel with the dog is becoming easier as overnight accommodations are becoming more pet friendly. Preparation is key to an enjoyable safe trip with your dog. Let the dog sit in your car for short periods to become comfortable. Short trips to an enjoyable location will make it more exciting for the dog and they will look forward to trips instead of becoming a nervous mess. A trip to grab a puppichino or for a little walk in the park is a good start to acclimating them to fun car rides. Dogs should not be loose in the car; it is dangerous for them and you. A good harness is a great safety measure, they attach to a securement device in the car and can be

used in tandem with collar for safety. It never hurts to double leash for safety.

When you are ready for the actual travel be prepared with a few simple supplies, Water bowl, bottles of water, their regular food. Frequent rest stops for a drink and potty are a good idea. (Feeding should wait until arrival at evening destination.) When making a stop for gas it's best to fuel the vehicle then drive close to a green spot to let dog out, avoiding oil, gas, antifreeze etc. all toxic.

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Baseball, Slider And Hot Dogs, Cait Style

By Cait Morgan

Ahh, the joys of summer are just around the corner. Yet one of the basic American pastime is already in swing. Literally. The joy of baseball!

Now I may not be the biggest baseball fan around, but I do enjoy the game. So a few years ago, a friend offered up some tickets to attend an Indians' game. Second row, first baseline. Yeah, pretty good seats! So the Curmudgeon and I were off to Cleveland. Now, without going into too much detail I was early into a diagnosis of a systemic issue which was wreaking havoc on my

GI system without warning or pattern. I had been feeling pretty decent for a few days and figured it was safe to go. As usual I was wrong. Oh so wrong.

I knew better than to eat anything, which had me somewhat grumpy. Imagine it: Baseball without hot dogs, pretzels, peanuts, cotton candy - unheard of! But I abstained. The Curmudgeon, on the other hand, was having a fine feast while I scowled and drooled. I believe it was around the fourth inning when things started to take a turn for the ugly. I felt the usual sharp pain and knew I had a very short time to find the proper facilities. As I started up the steps I kept my head down to be certain not to trip or miss a step - time was of the essence! Suddenly I ran smack dab into something large and soft. And fuchsia. Slider. I freaking ran into Slider. And he wanted to dance. Now picture him bouncing from side to side on the step while I bounced the other direction trying to get around him. We must have looked like it was choreographed. But bouncing in the state my guts were in at that moment was not a stellar idea. In reality it simply wasted precious moments of the very little time I had to get around the purplish blob of polyester fur.

I am not totally certain of everything I said, but I do recall telling him I needed to get past several times which fell on

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Lakeview School News

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The Lakeview District Art Show

The show was on Monday May 15. Students from K thru 12 featured their art. Here are some of the many talented exhibits.



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From the desk of the Superintendent

By Velina Jo Taylor

Summertime—our students have completed another year of learning, our seniors have turned their tassels and tossed their caps, and our teachers have closed up their classrooms for the next several weeks. In addition, the Lakeview Local School district congratulated several long-time employees, Scott Taylor, elementary principal; Sandy Ash and Joe Applegate, bus drivers; Kerri Briceland, Kim Weber, and Elisabeth Wilson, teachers, on their retirement. Our district's loss is their community's gain as these people join the ranks of the retired with great enthusiasm. We send best wishes to each of them.

As you might guess, for schools, the beginning of summer break signals big changes as people come and go, improvement projects are launched, and deep cleaning commences.

While some may think that our school buildings are quiet places in the summer, they might be surprised to know how busy things can be. At this writing, we have several spring athletes still in the mix of tournament time and other extra-curricular groups are planning summer camps and activities to keep their skills sharp and build youth experiences.

Despite how active things are behind the scenes, we hope everyone associated with our schools will find the time to enjoy some lazy afternoons and warm summer nights while the weather is accommodating and pleasant. Soon enough, we will be talking about opening days in our buildings and looking forward to a fresh new school year. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and be safe. Those of us at the schools will be busy getting ready for what's next.

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Meet Cortland's Newest Fire Fighter

By Chief David Rea

This month we would like to introduce you to our newest full-time employee, Jared Kitt. We feel he is a great asset to our city and will serve the department with distinction for many years to come. Let's take a moment to let Jared introduce himself.

"I began working in the Fire Service in 2010 as a volunteer with Springfield Township Fire Department in Mahoning County after graduating from Cardinal Mooney High School. I continued

volunteering with Springfield while attending Youngstown State University pursuing a degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. While in College I began working full-time with Rural Metro Ambulance Company in the City of Youngstown. During this time, I also served Beaver Township Fire Department as a firefighter for 3 years.

"After Graduation, I spent a short time as a full-time high school math teacher before realizing that I wanted to pursue a career in the fire service full time. I was hired onto the City of Struthers Fire Department full time and served that city for 5 years as an engineer before transferring to the Cortland City Fire Department. I currently hold certifications in the State of Ohio as a Firefighter II, Paramedic, Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Instructor, Live Fire

Instructor, and EMS Instructor as well as a Paramedic certification in the State of Pennsylvania. I am also an instructor with the American Heart Association and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.

"Currently I work full time with the City of Cortland fire department, as well as part time for the Lordstown Fire Department, Lane LifeTrans Ambulance, and Springfield Township Fire Department. I continue my passion for education as an active Fire and EMS instructor with the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, teaching in both the high school and adult education firefighter and EMS education programs. I am also a fire training officer II with the Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg teaching a variety of basic and advanced firefighting classes around the state.



I currently live in Boardman with my Fiancé Ashley, who is a Cortland native, and our dog Harley."

Now that you have met Jared, the next time you see him at an event the department is participating in please feel free to say Hello. Welcome Jared and may you have a long and rewarding career with the city.

Yours in Service, Chief David Rea



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City Partners With Heritage Ohio to Improve Main Street



On May 31 over 65 people gathered at the Opera House to learn about the city's new partnership with Heritage Ohio. Heritage Ohio is the designated Ohio Main Street coordinating program for the National Main Street Center. They will provide participating local Main Street organizations with the training, tools, information, evaluation,

accreditation, and networking they need to be successful.

It is an historic preservation and downtown revitalization strategy that uses the four points of sustainable organization, quality design, effective promotion, and economic vitality to guide our city efforts and make the greatest impact.

Mayor Petrosky hosted the program and invites everyone in the city to step up and help. The key to this program is having many volunteers help to improve the overall city, not just downtown.

You can play a small part or a large one - but everyone is welcome to help and everyone's opinions and efforts are appreciated. For more information contact the Mayor's office.

18th Annual Bazetta Safety Day

Bazetta Township celebrated its annual Safety Day on June 3. The Police and Fire Departments put the annual event on at the Trumbull County Fair Fairgrounds.

There were local, state and federal rescue vehicles along with safety services. The event is sponsored by area businesses and community members as was FREE for all to attend.

The ODNR [Ohio Department of Natural Resources], Trumbull County Wildlife Officer Marty Cisine, Friends of Mosquito Lake Dog Park, United States Core of Engineers, Champion, Liberty, Howland and Kinsman Township Police, TC Sheriff's Office, ODOT, Bud's Towing, Goodyear, US Safety Gear and Dog Smart Training all participated.

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Bazetta Fire Department Buys New Truck From Mark Thomas Ford

By Rob Waser

The Bazetta Fire Department purchased a new pickup truck from Mark Thomas Ford. It's a brand new Ford F-250 Super Duty. It will be replacing a 2011 Chevy 2500 pickup. It will be used as a chase vehicle for EMS support, towing our water rescue boat, carrying water rescue equipment and

for some utility purposes as needed. It will get department decals, radios, sirens and emergency lights over the next several weeks and be placed in service once these things are completed. The money came from government grants the Township acquired.



Steve Bott (MTF), Tom Levak Jr (MTF), Mike Morelli (Trustee), Tom Levak (Owner of MTF) handshake, Mike Hovis (Trustee), Bob McBride (Trustee), Brad Hall (Firefighter) handshake.

Burn Ban In Effect

By Chief David Rea, Cortland Fire Department

As we drive through our community you will notice many trees were felled by the recent storms. With this comes the need to clean up the debris. Please keep in mind that open burning is extremely restricted in the city.

More information on this can be obtained at the City's Web page cityofcortland.org.

Additionally, the State Fire Marshalls Office has placed a burning ban between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm in March, April, May, October, & November. Please

make sure you are being vigilant and follow all requirements when burning.

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TCTC Students Place Top 10 Nationally

Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) students advanced to the 2023 National Leadership Competition hosted by the Business Professionals of America (BPA). In total, 16 students from TCTC placed in the top 10.

BPA is a career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology, and other related career-fields. Students learn and achieve through skills competitions at the local, state, and national levels.

More than 20 students from TCTC's Interactive Multimedia, Networking & Cybersecurity, Visual Design & Imaging, and Web Design & Application Development programs advanced to nationals. The national competition took place in Anaheim, CA, from April 26 - 30, 2023. The awards ceremony was on Saturday, April 29, where students from TCTC earned the following:

Best in Show - Virtual Multimedia Showcase Individual

- Lily Ramos, Senior, Lakeview High School

3rd Place - Virtual Multimedia Individual

- Lily Ramos, Senior, Lakeview High School

3rd Place - Podcast Production Team

- Malani Croyle, Senior, Lordstown High School

- Nathaniel Driscoll, Senior, Lakeview High School

- Wyatt Glancy, Senior, Liberty High School

- Arijha Wright, Senior, Howland High School

6th Place - Virtual Multimedia Team

- Alayna Ford, Senior, LaBrea High School

- Tracie Shockey, Senior, Lakeview High School

- Emma Smith, Senior, Warren G. Harding High School

- Jayla Eastlake, Senior, Homeschooled

7th Place - Virtual Multimedia Team

- Joseph Lincoln, Junior, Niles McKinley High School

- MacKenzie Bluedorn, Senior, Girard High School

- Ronald Levak, Senior, Lakeview High School

- Arijha Wright, Senior, Howland High School

10th Place - Virtual Branding Team

- John Hershberger, Senior, Lakeview High School

- Kaz King, Senior, Champion High School

- Tyler Mann, Senior, Warren G. Harding High School

- Aiden McGee, Senior, Mathews High School

"We were thrilled to see our students advance to the Business Professionals of America National Competition. BPA is a very competitive organization, and our performance in Anaheim was outstanding," said TCTC program supervisor Rachel Gensburg. "Placing Top 10 in the nation is a wonderful achievement and something that our students and instructors worked towards the entire school year."



Students that placed 3rd at nationals.

Wyatt Glancy, Nathaniel Driscoll, Arijha Wright, Malani Croyle, and Lily Ramos

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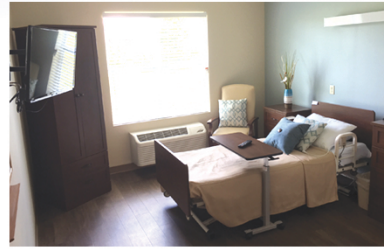


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Teacher Of The Year Helps Santa

Editors note: Lakeview's own Melissa Kmetz is this year's "Ohio Teacher of the year." With the honor comes yearlong responsibilities and some grant money. Over the next several issues we are going to highlight how she has taken this opportunity to continue to help Lakeview's students and others around the Ohio.

Ms Kmetz's classes went to Santa's Hideaway Hollow. Her class conducted a fundraiser to help terminally ill children at the facility. Since we spearheaded the fundraiser, we went the first day. We brought the check for

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Rev Timothy McCollum, Bazetta Christian Church



A Walk through His Word

Rev. C. R. Chapman, Cortland Christian Church

St. Therese of Lisieux once said "The sun's light that plays on the cedar trees, plays on each tiny flower as if it were the only one in existence; and in the same way our Lord takes a special interest in each soul."

One of the great aspects of summer is simply the freedom to get outside and share in the blessings of the natural world. The extended daylight hours give us time around our work days to hike amid rocks and trees, go out on a canoe to enjoy the waters, even just to sit in the shade and let the breeze blow over us as we find a moment to rest. Some of the best celebrations of summer are gifts wrapped in the creation all around us.

I grew up camping, whether church camps or boy scout camps, learning to see what's right around us was an inherent part of my life. I remember going on a hike at a scout camp one year while I was working on my botany merit badge. The man who was leading our little three person hike loved every plant and tree he came across. All of a sudden, he started hooping and hollering about a plant he found on the edges of the camp. It was relatively rare to Ohio and he was excited beyond belief. The plants of the hills were an amazing storybook to him.

For many of us, summer often brings with it the work of tending lawns and gardens. Often there are those projects that have been set aside til we had more time. Even our vacations

have become hallmarks of buzy-ness trying to master how many places we might go or things we might do in the short time we have set aside to "have fun". Then, when we get back, we are exhausted from the strange irony that having a bit of fun seems like so much work.

St. John Paul shared "The aesthetic value of creation cannot be overlooked. Our very contact with nature has a deep restorative power; contemplation of its magnificence imparts peace and serenity. The Bible speaks again and again of the goodness and beauty of creation, which is called to glorify God."

So I have a different kind of invitation for you this summer. Take a moment, a day, or even longer, to relax and catch your breath. Rest on a porch swing and watch the squirrels. Feel free to rock a bit in the shade while watching the birds at a bird feeder. You might just find God moving all around us. Enjoy the flowers as they bloom, perhaps even marvel at the daily growth of something alive in your garden. As you might consider all the blessings of God's handiwork revealed in the creation all around us, take a deep breath and make space in your life for God to speak of wonder and love through the very revelation of God's creative artistry. For if the Lord cares so wonderfully about the blade of grass, imagine how much God cares about you.

God loves you so much more...

Farewell Cortland

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," (Eccl. 3:1 KJV).

For five delightful years I have enjoyed writing this column, "A Walk Thru His Word". I especially took joy in writing for you some special editions of captivating stories as requested of me about this lovely town. It was my great honor to write a front-page story during these years, but now my ministry in Cortland is coming to a close, and a new season awaits me on the Great Plains out west.

I was very nervous writing to such a large audience at first. Many of you fine folks stopped me in public and told

me about a writing that touched you and your generous words encouraged me greatly.

I wanted to write this last note for those who have looked forward to the next column to say goodbye. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Keep centered around Jesus Christ always. Farewell.

Editors Note: Rev Chapman was instrumental in helping develop these Faith pages for The Cortland News. Without his guidance and help they may not exist. On behalf of the community, The Cortland News thanks Rev. Chapman for the positive impact his efforts have made throughout the community. We wish him the best.

Final Boarding For VBS

By Theresa Hutton

Hello to our community! The L.O.A.F (Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship), which currently is comprised of seven local churches, are once again coming together in sponsoring this year's Vacation Bible School week. The themed program will be Rocky Railways. The kids will learn five different bible stories teaching how Jesus's power pulls us through life in the valleys to the mountain tops.

Expected faith discoveries through scriptural storytelling, games, crafts and snacks will all be a part of the Rocky Railway VBS adventures.

Vacation Bible School will take

place at Cortland United Methodist Church. Located at 155 North High Street, Cortland. Beginning Monday, June 19th through Friday, June 23, 2023 from 9 am - noon. The pre-registration weekly cost is \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 for the household. The cost at the door will be \$7.00 per child for the week. Children going into pre-kindergarten up through 7th grade are welcome. Please pre-register at www.cortlandchristianchurch.com/loaf_vbs or call 330-637-4611 for more information.

All aboard, sign your children up today!

Church News and Notes

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 This year our VBS will be June 19 - 23 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Dinner is provided. Our theme is "Mission God Possible". Come join us for this mystery VBS and become agents of faith. We encourage the whole family to join us each night and we look forward to seeing you there. To RSVP call George at 330-223-4165.

- Friend and Community Sunday: service will be July 16 at 10:15 am with a picnic to follow. We invite everyone from the surrounding communities to

join us for this event. We look forward to meeting you.

-Our 80th Anniversary Celebration service will be on September 17 at 10:15 am. With Sunday School Rally day at 9 am and meal to follow service. If you have connection to Trinity or stories to tell or pictures to share, we would love to hear from you; RSVP to call/text Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402 or email: pastortrinitywarren@gmail.com

- check out our website - www.trinitylutheranwarren.org or on Facebook

Teacher Of The Year Helps Santa

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over \$8,000, and between 35-40 parents met us there to help plant flowers, make flower beds, and landscape! Then, we

had ice cream and pizza with Santa. The following week, the remaining 100 third grade students went.





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Most Veterans are covered under one of two insurance programs, Veterans Administration or Tricare. The Veterans Administration (VA) program is available to most who served in the active military, naval or air services and did not receive a dishonorable discharge. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and your active-duty service began after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months to be eligible however, there are some exceptions. If your service was through the Reserves or National Guard, you must have been called to active duty by a federal order and served the full period for which you were called. Service that started prior to September 7, 1980, does not follow the same restrictions. Individuals can contact their local VA for more information and to see if they qualify for benefits. TRICARE is health insurance for current service members and their families, survivors, former spouses and Medal of Honor recipients along with their families. TRICARE For Life is the insurance program for retired military personal who are eligible for Medicare Insurance.

There are some distinct differences between VA coverage and TRICARE For Life. It is important to understand these differences to receive all the benefits that you are entitled to and find the best coverage for each specific situation.

According to the VA website, those with VA coverage are encouraged to sign up for Medicare Insurance. If care or prescriptions are needed outside of the VA system, you will be able to go to other providers and facilities to receive the care you need. Part A of Medicare Insurance (hospital insurance) is provided premium-free to those who qualify. With Part B of Medicare Insurance (outpatient services), if you delay signing up you may pay a penalty when you do sign up as the VA is not considered credible coverage for Part B of Medicare. In addition, funding for services is provided by Congress and funding for future years is uncertain.

The VA has priority groups, if you are in one of the lower groups you could lose your VA benefits in the future. For more specific information visit the VA website at: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/>.

The VA and Medicare Insurance are two separate entities. With a few exceptions, care is either provided at VA facilities and by VA providers or from Medicare approved providers and facilities. If services are provided by the VA, they fall under VA Insurance. If services are provided outside the VA system, they are not covered unless Medicare or some other type of insurance is in place. There are several Medicare Insurance approved Advantage Part C plans available at little or no cost to cover the gaps in Medicare Insurance when services are provided outside the VA system. This provides individuals the ability and peace of mind to see the doctors they prefer, and fill prescriptions locally or seek outside care when specific services are not covered under the VA system. Contact your local Medicare Insurance agent with questions or to review your options.

With TRICARE For Life (TFL), those who qualify for the premium-free Medicare Part A are required to sign up for Part B of Medicare Insurance to continue their TRICARE For Life coverage. TFL insurance works in combination with Medicare insurance. Recipients can go to any Medicare approved facility or provider to receive care. Medicare is billed as the primary insurance and the portion that is not paid by Medicare is then sent to TFL. There is no premium paid to TFL, but recipients must continue to pay the Medicare Part B premium to continue to receive TFL coverage. Part D prescription coverage is optional with TFL.

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Empathy For Animals Raffle

Please join Empathy For Animals for our Summer Basket Raffle at Pet Supplies Plus in Niles to help raise funds for our foster cats and kittens veterinary care as well as our Trap-Neuter-Return efforts for our local community cats! It will be June 24 and 25 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. It's going to be so much fun and we'll have a wide variety of baskets to win from, we can't wait to see you there! We will have self care baskets packed with wins from

our local spas, gift cards of all sorts, a beautiful wreath, a date night basket, a summer gardening basket and so much more!

We will be posting the baskets in our Facebook event as well as we get them in. You're welcome to purchase tickets ahead of time for early entry if you can not make it in person! Thank you so much!

Adopt@empathyforanimalsrescue.org for any inquiries or questions!

Stand Up to Antisemitism Campaign

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is partnering with the Foundation to Combat Antisemitism and a wide coalition of Jewish and non-Jewish groups to raise awareness and empower all Americans to come together to prevent hatred and intolerance towards the Jewish community. On social media and around the Federation campus we are sharing Stand Up To Jewish Hate, a campaign to educate all Americans about the rise of antisemitism and mobilize people outside the Jewish community to help address growing hate and intolerance.

Why the **BLUE** Square? The blue square on the image represents 2.4 percent of the image, the same percentage as the Jewish population in the United States. Although Jews make up 2.4 percent of the American population, they are the victims of 55 percent of religious-based hate crimes. Here are a few actions individuals can take to #StandUpToJewishHate and join this national movement:

- Post and share # - an emoji already available on most mobile devices

- on your social media channels, email signatures, and text messages, alongside a message of support against hate and intolerance. Visit jewishyoungstown.org for a guide on how to post and share # .

- Speak up and share your personal story with antisemitism.

- Follow the #StandUpToJewishHate campaign on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok to keep up-to-date with and learn more about antisemitism.

- Visit StandUpToJewishHate.org for more information and education opportunities.

- Show your support by wearing a Blue Square pin. If you would like a pin, please contact Nicholas Bush at nbush@jewishyoungstown.org or 330-746-3251 ext 114. Donations are being accepted to support programs fighting antisemitism.

Today and every day, the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation stands against antisemitism. Together, we can educate and empower more Americans to join us in the fight to Stand Up to Jewish Hate.

Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Updates

Street Fair Rides Update

In the last issue of the Cortland News, we mentioned due to a new Ohio Law regarding the safety of mechanical rides and circumstances beyond our control -we are unable to have mechanical rides at this year's Street Fair. While we are disappointed, we have secured three bouncy houses to have at this year's Street Fair. These Bouncy Houses will be manned on Thursday and Friday evening by the Lakeview Band Booster Parents. We are looking for an organization to provide the manning on Saturday evening. We would sincerely appreciate the help and if you can help-our Street Fair Board will make a donation to your organization. Contact Basil Jarrett-if your organization is interested-please call-330-307-2876. **ADMISSION TO THESE BOUNCY HOUSES WILL BE FREE AS WE PROVIDE A FUN ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR AREA.**

Hot Dog Eating Contest

Do you want to be Cortland's "Top Dog" at the Cortland Street Fair? How many hot dogs can you eat in 5 minutes to earn the Top Dog Crown? This is the 3rd Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest and will be held Thursday June 22nd at 8 pm at the Cortland Lions Club Street Fair. To enter call or text Becky at 330-720-8995 or sign up at the Lions Club Fry Trailer, in front of the Lions Pavilion, by 7:30 pm Thursday evening during Street Fair.

Ice Cream Sandwich Eating Contest

Our annual Ice Cream Sandwich eating contest will be held Friday evening at 7 pm across the street from Just Pizzelles on Main Street. Contestants must be entered by Tuesday June 20th- please call 330-638-8707 to enter. Contestants will be given 5 Ice


Cream Sandwiches to eat and timed-the contestant who has the best time will be declared the winner. You will receive a Plaque and a year's supply of Just Pizzelles Cookies. Our contest is sponsored by Just Pizzelles and Elm Road Dairy Queen. Our sponsors are not responsible for Brain Freezes....

Robotic Demonstration

Area high school students have been combining their skills to build robots to compete at local, regional and state Robotic Competitions. Their hard work will be on display with free Robotic Demonstrations on Friday, June 23 from 6-8 PM and on Saturday June 24 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. This event will be held on Main Street at the annual Cortland Lions Club Street Fair. Robots from several local High Schools, including Warren G Harding, Girard and Austintown Fitch, will demonstrate their robotic skills.

Queen's Contest and Little Miss Cortland Pageants

Thank you to Natalie's Dance Company who has graciously sponsored the trophies for our Miss Cortland and Little Miss Cortland Pageant. Also, Thank You to our photographer for this year's pageants: L&N Images from Struthers, Ohio-which is owned by Brittney Morales.



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Spay/Neuter Your Pets, Part 2

It's me, Pawsitivity! This article continues the conversation about spaying and neutering your pets, a crucial part of responsible pet ownership.

Is my pet already spayed/neutered? It's likely your pet is already fixed if you adopted them through a shelter. Their adoption paperwork should provide this information. If you got them from someone else or found them as a stray, figuring out if they're fixed can be complicated.

Female dogs and cats may have a small bluish line tattoo on their abdomen if they've been spayed, or a tattoo inside their ear. For cats part of TNR (trap, neuter, return) programs, one of their ears may be "tipped" (tip cut off) as a means of identifying the cat as spayed/neutered. If your female cat/dog goes into "heat" it's a clear indication they're not spayed.

These methods aren't foolproof so if you don't have paperwork that confirms your pet is fixed, talk to your veterinarian.

Scheduling the Procedure: It's great you've decided to get your pet

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5 Financial Considerations When Moving to a New State

Deciding whether to move to a different state comes with many considerations. Top of mind might be factors like the weather, job market conditions, and education systems. Finances likely come into play, as well. Here are five key considerations to take into account as you evaluate your options:

#1 - Recognize cost-of-living factors

Living expenses vary from one place to the next. Moving across state lines means your housing costs are likely to change. Commuting expenses are another consideration, as well as expected monthly payments for services like utilities and internet connections. Health insurance costs may also differ depending on where you live. Make sure you are prepared for your new financial realities - whether they'll ultimately help or hurt your bottom line.

#2 - Understand your moving expenses

If you're moving for a new job, some employers will cover moving costs, but if that isn't the case, it's important to estimate what your out-of-pocket expenses will be. If you have few personal belongings, costs can be minimal. But, if you are moving a whole household, you'll need to rent a moving van or hire a professional service. Moving costs can add up quickly, so make sure you include them as you build out your budget.

#3 - Become familiar with tax laws in your new state

State income tax rates vary dramatically across the U.S.. Some states have higher sales taxes, while others offer sales tax exemptions on items like food and clothing. This is another "living cost" consideration as you assess how your bottom line may be affected by a move out of state.

#4 - Consider the impact on your investments

Investment income such as dividends or capital gains may be taxed differently in your new home state versus the state from where you are moving from. Make sure you are aware of the potential impact and determine if it might be beneficial to make changes to your portfolio. In addition, if tax-exempt municipal bonds from your current home state are part of your portfolio, be aware that you will lose the state tax exemption benefit if you change your state of residency.

#5 - Review your estate plan

Laws affecting estate plans vary by state. You'll likely need to update your wills, trusts, and any other key estate-related documents such as health care and financial power-of-attorney documents. Consider your decision to move across state boundaries a perfect opportunity to conduct a thorough review of your estate plan.

Work with a professional

If you have a relationship with a financial advisor, it makes sense to discuss the financial ramifications of your move with him or her. Keep in mind that they will need to be licensed in the state where you intend to move if you plan to keep working together. If that's not feasible, you may need to seek advice from an advisor with the right credentials to serve your needs. Start the process as soon as you can to ensure a smooth transition of your finances as you settle into your new living situation.

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Baseball, Slider

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deaf ears (does Slider even HAVE ears?) until I screeched at the of my lungs "Get out of my way unless you want brown feet, you moron!" Luckily I made it in time, saving what was left of my pride. I went back to my seat by using the next aisle over, going down to the first row and climbing over the empty seat in front of the Curmudgeon.

Fast forward to the sixth inning. Slider was doing his dance thing up

the baselines in between the top and bottom of the innings. He was doing a reverse home run or something as goofy as that, heading to the left of home plate and dancing his way to third, then second, then first. But then, he stopped. Our eyes met. And, then he turned and went 'home' the loooong way, never ever coming near the seats alongside the first base line. He may be a fuchsia moron, but he isn't stupid.



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By Jennifer J. Slywczak



ROTH IRA for Young Earners

Roth IRAs are one of the most useful tax-advantaged investment tools available to most Americans. While most people start investing sometime after their first full-time job, the younger generations are eager to get in on the game. As long as you earn income, you can open an account, there are no age limits to open a Roth individual retirement account (Roth IRA). As a minor, parents will have to open a custodial account in the child's name and control the investments until they come of age. Children pay low to no taxes, so contributing after-tax dollars maximizes benefits and time for investments to grow.

So as long as the minor has earned income, a custodial Roth IRA can be established and allows the minor to contribute up to the maximum contribution limit for the year or 100% of their earnings, whichever is less. For 2023 that the maximum is \$6,500.00.

EARNED INCOME

While many teenagers hold part-time jobs during the summer or after school, this isn't the only income that counts. Wages, salaries, bonuses, and self-employment income are all

considered earned income. Babysitting, mowing lawns, or other entrepreneurial endeavors would count as earned income. If your family has a business, you may employ your child and pay them a fair market wage, which can then be invested. It is best to have received 1099, w2 or at least a record of work provided to be able to prove the earnings.

TAKEAWAY

The Roth IRA is flexible. When started at a young age they can reap the benefits of this tax-advantaged plan. More than any other user, children stand to benefit from contributions at the lowest possible tax bracket and have time on their side to grow for a long period of time. Introducing them early to the practice of saving and learning about investments can create lifelong habits that will serve them well.

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Flyover Marks Cortland Memorial Day Program

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee and the American Legion Post 540 of Cortland held the Cortland Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 29th at 11 am, at the Veterans Memorial located in Point Park, which is in front of Cortland Mower.

Ian McAleer, chairman of the committee, emphasized that the public was invited. He commented that the staff at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) has been very involved in planning the special program honoring the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our country.

Highlighting the program was an Air Force flyover at 11 am, just as the program began. Senior Master Sgt. Bob Barko, Jr. the Superintendent and Community / Legislative / Media Engagement Section Chief, has been

instrumental in the planning and the arrangements for the event.

The opening ceremony included the flag raising by the YARS Honor Guard and the Boy Scouts, and then the National Anthem and the flyover. The speaker was Major Nathanael Okhuysen, an active duty Air Force Staff Judge Advocate and a new resident of Cortland. The emcee was Cortland resident William Gore, a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the Veterans Memorial Committee.

On behalf of the committee, Ian McAleer expressed their thanks to the Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland for donating the new flags hanging on the back fence at the memorial. He also recognized the Cortland City service dept. staff for their continued maintenance work at the memorial site.



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If you're interested in Tamera or Salem, or you'd like to learn more about our current animals available for adoption, please email our Adoption Supervisor at Adoptions@awltrumbull.com or call Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County at 330-539-5300. For more information about our adoption process, visit <https://www.awlrescueme.com/adopt/>

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Cortland Library Events June

HOURS

The Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Drive, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday closed.

EVENTS

Toddler Tales
 Mondays at 10 a.m., June 12, 26; Storytime for toddlers ages 19 to 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime
 Tuesdays at 10 a.m. June 13, 20, 27; Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 to 5 with a caregiver. Free.

Container Gardening 101
 Wed., June 14 at 11 a.m. Cortland resident and Master Gardener, Janet Greco will talk about the secrets of a successful container garden. Free.

Legends of Music
 Tues., June 20 at 6 p.m. Steve Dorsey, a Roy Orbison impersonator, will be performing hits. A free event.

Fish are Friends, Not Food
 Wed., June 21 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. We will make some simple vegan recipes together and send teens home with more to try! (Allergen warning.) For those entering grades 7-12. Registration is required by June 15; call the Cortland Library at (330) 638-6335. Free.

Family Storytime
 Thurs., June 22 at 2 p.m. OR 6 p.m. Come as a family to enjoy stories and activities for big kids, little kids, and the young at heart. For families with children ages 3 to 8. Free.

Sip and Paint
 Wed., June 28 at 3 p.m. Sip on a smoothie while we create unique art using beaded chains. For those entering grades 7-12. Registration is required by June 21; call the Cortland Library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

All Together Now Puzzles and Card Games
 Thurs., June 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. Assemble jigsaw puzzles and play a variety of card games at the library. For children ages 5-12. Registration is required by June 26; call the Cortland Library at (330) 638-6335. Free.

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Rock Art

By Heather Sensabaugh

The possibilities for rock art are endless! You can paint them, of course, but have you ever thought of painting them with colorful wax? Wax is waterproof and can yield some beautiful masterpieces for your garden, landscaping, or home that can last for many years!

The first thing to do is to find some smooth rocks, wash and dry them and preheat the oven to 350. Line a baking sheet with foil, and place the dry rocks on it. Heat the rocks for 10 minutes or so in the preheated oven, and while they are heating up, protect your art surface

with newspaper (not this one though!). Gather some crayons and take the wrappers off. When the rocks are heated sufficiently, take them out one or two at a time and place on your prepared surface. Then, take your crayons and put them on the hot rock, where the wax will melt and adhere to the hot rock.

Be creative and use different colors on the rocks and make designs of your liking! Any crayons would work but if you can find soy or bees wax based crayons, they are the best to use. Fun for the whole family

Pawsitivity

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fixed! You love them, and it's clear you want to take good care of them, so here's what to know about finding the right place for the procedure.

High Sterilization Standards: Ask how the clinic sterilizes their surgical tools. Autoclave is a must!

Pain Management: Any clinic that doesn't provide this isn't interested in quality care for your pet. Who would want to have surgery and then not be given anything to manage their pain afterwards?! Some type of pain management should be included whether the clinic provides oral pain medication to give your pet for a few days post-surgery or a pain injection during surgery that will last for several days after.

Cost: Spay/neuter can be pricey (this is why they say it's cheaper to adopt from the shelter rather than get them for free on Facebook!) so call around to

get quotes from different veterinarians. Ask what services the package includes because your pet needs to be current on their rabies vaccine to be seen by a veterinarian.

If you're struggling to afford the surgery, there are low-income/low-cost solutions that may work for you. Remember that paying for the procedure is much cheaper than supporting 12 new kittens or puppies if your pet gets pregnant!

Just a few places I would recommend reaching out to are:

Tails of Hope, Hermitage - call 724.346.4673 or visit <https://tailsofhopewpa.org/>

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