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## Independence Day

By Jim Woofter

July 4th is Independence Day, the most important holiday in the United States. It commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, when the 13 American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain.

The Declaration of Independence was a bold and revolutionary document that proclaimed the right of people to govern themselves. It was a document that inspired other countries to fight for their own independence, and it continues to inspire people around the world today.

Independence Day is a time to celebrate our nation's freedom and to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made to preserve it. It is also a time to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of liberty and equality that our nation was founded upon.

The importance of July 4th to our nation cannot be overstated. It is a day that we should all cherish and celebrate.

Here are some of the reasons why July 4th is so important to our nation:

It is the day that we declared our independence from Great Britain. This was a momentous event that marked the beginning of a new chapter in our nation's history.

It is a day that celebrates our freedom. We are a free nation, and we

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## Fireworks

By Heather Sensabaugh

July 4th is famous for fireworks in our country. Fireworks have been used to celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th since 1777. Fireworks have been used for centuries on other parts of the planet, however, and their history is fascinating!

In 200 B.C. in Ancient China, bamboo was used for early communication. People would carve words on the hollow bamboo and dry it in the fire. On occasion, these early scrolls were left too long and would explode with a loud bang. Apparently, there were some unsavory "giant" mountain men in Ancient China and the loud bangs the exploding bamboo created scared them away, so bamboo segments were then exploded purposely in outdoor fires. These "giants" were really only 6.5 feet tall, but the average person in China then was usually around 5.5 feet tall.

In the year 600, Chinese medicine men were attempting to develop a magic elixir for immortality, and they accidentally (and ironically) created gunpowder. Gunpowder was then

added to the original bamboo segments and tossed into fires, and the resulting loud booms (now improved with orange sparks) were used to celebrate weddings, deaths and births (but not in that order).

In 1295, Marco Polo brought fireworks to Europe for the first time, with his other treasures (and a fun swimming game). In 1486, England had a booming industry where 'firemasters' (pyrotechnicians) and their green men (named for the green leaf hats they wore to protect them from burns), were tasked with celebratory firework displays (which were in paper tubes instead of bamboo by then).

In 1830, Italians invented the aerial shell and began adding different metals to create the color combinations we marvel at now, and if they hadn't, we might still only have orange! Barium is used for green, copper for blue,

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**CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
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Council Minutes.

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Our theme will be *Vacation*

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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](http://www.lakeviewlocal.org).  
American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-733-2767.

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

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League Schedule-  
[www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks](http://www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks)

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

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## Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Thanks to a great staff and wonderful customers Cortland Mower Sales was recently recognized as Cortland Rotary Business of the Year. And they were also voted Tribune Chronicle Readers Choice Gold!

Lakeside Sports Shop has new summer hours. Mon-Thu 7-8, Fri & Sat 6-9, Sun 6-8.

Does your dog get nervous around the fireworks? SO does mine. I stopped in at **Totally Dog** and they had some great solutions. Check it out.

Your Favorite pizza place, **Auntie**

V's Pizzeria is closed July 3 & 4 for a well-deserved minivacation.

For all your garden needs be sure to stop in at **Centerra**. They have SEVIN and Spectracide on sale this week!

Twisted Creek Outdoor Adventures is now open and renting kayaks. Find their upcoming events on Facebook and Instagram and visit the website at [twistedcreekoutdooradventures.com](http://twistedcreekoutdooradventures.com) to book your kayak adventure. To schedule a birthday party, team building paddle, or other custom event, call 330-282-6088.

## I Want That! And So Will You!

A cool new variety store has come to town that has something for everyone. Called "I Want That!" it is located at 164 S High St. next to Mr. Hero. The store offers new and good used merchandise at very fair prices. It really has something for everyone along with a few unique items and a some antiques. You will find music, sports, clothes, shoes, jewelry, fishing and hunting gear, art, video games, trading cards, movies, furniture, kids toys, puzzles and much more.

Merchandise is constantly changing as new items are brought in as fast as current inventory is moved out. In the near future they will do buy, sell & trade. Anything bought will have to be new or very good, used items.

Looking for something? The staff is always interested in what the customer may be looking for and can try to find it if it's not in the store now. Owner Jeff Martin works at the store weekends and evenings. Dawn Dunn, Lori Martin and Julie Beldon work at the store during the week. You will find them there Monday through Friday 9-7, Saturday 10-8 and Sunday 10-5. Stop in or call them at 234-855-6526.

## Fireworks... *continued from front page*

magnesium for silver and sodium for yellow, to name a few. Currently, work is being done to make fireworks more environmentally friendly.

Fireworks are quite dangerous, and several people are injured in the USA each year setting off their own. Sparklers burn at 2000 degrees Fahrenheit and have burned many fingers (including

should never take that for granted.

It is a day that unites us as a nation. We come together from all walks of life to celebrate our shared heritage.

It is a day that inspires hope. The Declaration of Independence is a document that speaks to the universal human desire for freedom and equality.

It is a reminder that anything is possible if we are willing to fight for it.

On July 4th, we should all take a moment to reflect on the importance of this day. We should celebrate our freedom, our unity, and our hope for the future. We should also rededicate ourselves to the ideals of liberty and equality that our nation was founded upon.

Here are some ways to celebrate Independence Day:

- Attend a parade or fireworks show.
- Go to a cookout or barbecue.
- Play games or sports.
- Spend time with family and friends.
- Reflect on the meaning of Independence Day.

No matter how you choose to celebrate, make sure to take some time to appreciate the importance of this day. Independence Day is a special day that should be cherished by all Americans.

mine). If you plan to set off your own fireworks, or have the kids play with sparklers, it is recommended that there is a garden hose and bucket of water nearby - but a green leaf hat is optional!

*Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!*

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Mark Alberini and Patti L'Amoureux

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enjoy a coffee and muffin from Cortland Main Street Coffee. \$30-\$50 per person if you are renting a kayak, \$15 per person if you have your own kayak. Check-in starts 30 minutes prior to the start time. Paddle lasts approximately an hour and half. We will meet at and launch from Mosquito Lake State Park Beach, 1439 Wilson Sharpsville Rd.



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## Cortland welcomes a new business



Councilman Picuri and Council Piros

Cortland welcomes a new business Twisted Creek Outdoor Adventures located at 143 South High Street. Twisted Creek held their grand opening on Friday June 2, 2023, on the waterfront of Mosquito Lake. The grand opening

had free kayaking trials and had a local food truck SVF kitchen present. SVF Food truck is owned by Miller Dao an Arizona native that is currently looking to expand his footprint in the Mahoning Valley. Members of the city staff, city council, Mayor Petrosky, State Rep. Santucci, Trumbull Tourism Bureau and members of the community were present for the ribbon cutting.

If you'd like to learn more about this new business head over to their website [twistedcreekoutdooradventures.com](http://twistedcreekoutdooradventures.com).



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## Cortland Recognizes Police Officer

Mayor Petrosky honors Cortland Police Officer Brandon Rice for over 20 years of service to the residents of the City of Cortland. During his service with the Cortland Police Department, he served in a multitude of positions from Patrol Officer to School Resource Officer. We are sad to see Officer Rice go, but we wish him all the best.

Officer Rice will continue to serve residents of the Mahoning Valley as he makes a lateral transfer to another department. In addition, Brandon Rice will remain active in the Cortland community in his role as a real estate agent with Howard Hanna Real Estate.



“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty.” - John F. Kennedy

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## Cortland Welcome Bags A Letter From City Council

Dear Cortland Business Owner and/or Organization,

For several years, the city of Cortland has personally delivered "Cortland Welcome Bags" to new residents moving into the city. The bags include a welcome letter from the mayor, a list of important phone numbers, a map of the city, as well as donations from local businesses and organizations. Donations such as pens/pencils, magnets, notepads, coupons, key rings, hand sanitizer, tea bags, letter openers, recipe books, jar grippers, gifts cards are some examples of the wonderful gifts from last year's welcome bags. Each year, the bags feature new and unique donations highlighting Cortland businesses and organizations.

The city wishes to continue this tradition with your support. If you have been one of our many contributors to the "Cortland Welcome Bags," we thank you for your continued support and generous donations. If not, please consider participating. It is a creative way to advertise your organization and welcome new residents to the city of Cortland.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please drop off 100 items at the City Hall, 400 N. High St no later than Tuesday, August 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Horn at (330) 638-0142 or email her at rhorn@cityofcortland.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Cortland City Council



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## Scout Troop 4025 Plans Fundraiser Breakfast

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday morning, July 1st, from 9:00 am to Noon at the Cortland Masonic Lodge located at 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

The breakfast will benefit Scout Troop 4025 and help to support their several activities and projects.

The "all you can eat" Charity Breakfasts are held each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, and 100% of the proceeds are donated to a local charity. The public is invited, and Troop 4025 representatives will be present to answer questions about membership and their programs.

The breakfast cost is \$8.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for youth age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee. Bring the whole family and enjoy breakfast together, with take-outs available.



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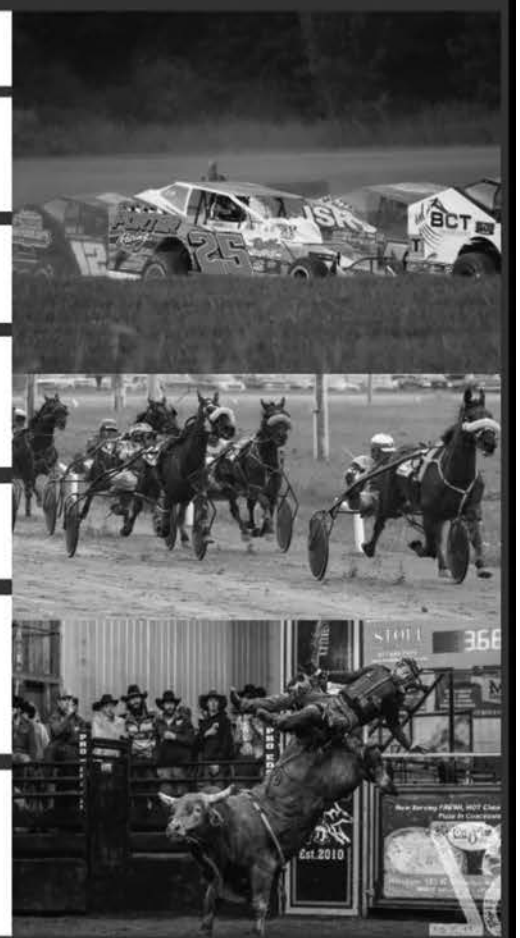


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JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> at 10:30am  
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## GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

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



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### Four Things To Look For When Considering A Move To A Life Plan Community

Submitted by Sara Pecchia

For older adults, moving to a continuing care or life plan community can be helpful in maintaining and developing new social relationships and interests, pursuing hobbies, accessing on-site services and support, and remaining active. When searching for the right fit for you or your loved one, keep these things in mind.

#### Atmosphere

If possible, try to visit in-person so that you can experience firsthand what the atmosphere and culture of the community is like, and how the staff interacts with the residents, visitors and other staff members. It can help to meet with the leadership team to learn more about the community, including their philosophy, the financial stability of the organization and what makes the community a good fit for you and your loved one.

#### Services and Staff

Different communities will have different services and amenities, and it is important to find one that meets your needs. Check that they offer the type and level of care that you or your loved one requires, as well as the quality of their staff, including their training and education. Ask how chores such as laundry and housekeeping are handled, as well as support provided during the day.

#### Physical, Intellectual and Spiritual Enrichment

Find a community that offers activities that encourage both physical health and intellectual growth for a well-rounded experience. Spiritual enrichment also plays a large role in overall health, so it is important to find a community that focuses on that aspect, whether it be religious services, volunteer opportunities or even the chance to enjoy nature.

#### Finances

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At Cortland Playroom & Preschool, the Rainbow Room children and Mrs. Sutton had fun with Purple Day making crafts and reading books.



Kona Ice visits Bazetta Christian Childcare Center each week. On a recent hot summer day the children enjoyed their snow cones.

## Retired Teachers Annual Spelling Bee

The Trumbull Retired Teachers Annual Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, July 13, at 1 p.m. on the historical stage of the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. Preregistered spellers will receive free admission (rides not included). Pre-registration runs through July 1. Call Garry at 216.262.3194 to pre-register.

Registration will also take place on the day of the Bee from noon to 12:45.



## Hiram School Reunion

Our Annual Hiram School Reunion will be held Sunday, July 16 at the Troy Community Center, 13950 Main Market St. (Rt. 422) Burton, (Welshfield -Troy Twp) Ohio from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Beverages, meat and table service will be provided. Those with last names A through R, please bring salad, fruit or vegetables. Last names S through Z, please bring a dessert. We will be celebrating our 59th, 60th, 65th, 70th and 75th Reunions. If you have questions, contact Maryann at 330-569-7057, Barbara at 330-296-3732 or Gary & Carol at 330-527-4457. This may very well be our last Hiram Reunion, so we hope to see you there.



Alex Holden

## LHS/TCTC Student Wins Award

Alex Holden, an incoming senior at Lakeview High School, received a Student Production Award June 17 at the Central Great Lakes Emmy Awards hosted in Westlake, Ohio. Alex's student group from Trumbull Career and Technical Center, that included fellow students Brooklyn Ciminero, Talan Ramsay and Andrew Cornelius, earned this prestigious award for their Non-Fiction, Short Form Film entitled "Endangered". It was about endangered African Elephants. They filmed zoologists and elephants at the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Zoos and did an interview with National Geographic. Their group competed as TCTC's Business Professionals of America at the National Leadership Competition at a regional level during the school year at Kent Trumbull and went on to Nationals in Columbus.

*Congratulations to Alex, Talan and Andrew!*

## From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

Happy Summer! With July 4, family picnics, and days spent at the lakefront, our community is celebrating all that small town USA has to offer. We just had our annual Street Fair and it seemed like all of us were there to enjoy each other's company and the awesome concession food that tempted us at every turn.

Speaking of the Street Fair, have you ever just taken a moment to count the many ways that this community is so very special? From hearing the church bells play during the day to catching a gorgeous sunset on the lake, there are so many unique attributes that make this place home. While not everyone gets along every day, this is truly a community that works together when the chips are down.

Lakeview Schools hope to continue to be a big part of making this area a thriving and successful place to call home. If you know of any way we can contribute more to our community's way of life, we want to know.

In the meantime, our senior citizens are reminded that we have your senior citizen passes ready for you to pick up in the Board Office during the weekdays between 8:00 and 1:30. These passes will provide admission to any athletic event throughout the school year (except for playoff games). We look forward to seeing you soon.

Those of us at the schools hope you will have a continued safe and healthy summer season—be sure to take time to pause and truly appreciate all our community has to offer.

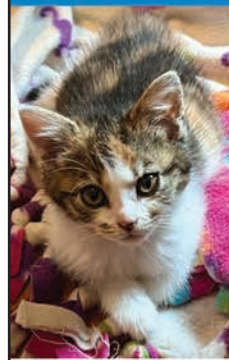
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## A 4th Of July Picnic - Eleanor Style

By Cait Morgan

Organization was something foreign to Eleanor, but it wasn't for the lack of trying. Must be a genetic flaw, because I admit I can organize anything into a system that would make the Dewey Decimal System look amateurish, yet revert quickly to general chaos.

So one day around the 4th of July, Eleanor planned a picnic for herself, my father and me. Not being a cook, fried chicken was out of the question, but she made sandwiches, purchased some potato salad and threw in a delicacy for our household - potato chips. Dad's cardiac diet was such that we didn't have things like that in the house much, but on occasion he would splurge and a picnic was one of those times. Everything but the chips was placed in the refrigerator so it would be cooling and refreshing on our outdoor meal.

She got out the old picnic basket, plates, cups and made some manner of drink in the Coleman cooler. Being concerned that it might not all fit, she filled the basket with items of similar sizes as our meal and found that with a little creative packing, it would all fit. She even managed to fill a hot water bottle with crushed ice to sit under the potato salad to keep it cool. I do not think this had anything to do with poisoning as I doubt that connection had been made yet, just that she liked it chilled. She found an old blanket, grabbed some cushions and stuffed them in the back of the Rambler wagon and announced it

was time to get dressed.

Once we were all properly dressed, she grabbed the basket, Dad grabbed the Coleman and I grabbed my stalwart companion, Super Bear, and off we went. We spread out the blanket and pillows and laid back to watch the clouds and see what we could "find" in the various formations - something I love to do to this day.

You know what else I still love to do? Eat. I like to eat. And eating was something we did not do on our picnic. Despite being as organized as she ever could be, our food was still at home in the refrigerator. We had plates, cups, napkins, silverware, some empty containers, two small bags of chips and a cold hot water bottle. And as many memories go, I recall Dad looking at her and saying "Eleanor, what the ...?"

But as I have said before, being Eleanor's daughter came with the experience of knowing how to improvise. Dad and I split the one bag of chips, Mom "lost her appetite" so I ate hers, too. We had something to drink, watched more clouds, Dad and I took a short hike and then went to Parker's for ice cream. As events planned by Eleanor went, this one worked out fairly well. Plus when Dad went to work the next day, he already had sandwiches prepared, and I had gotten to have ice cream. Win-win.

Hope your picnic this holiday is as successful!!!

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### American Legion Boys State 2023

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Josh Hudson and Evan Hyde, Lakeview High School, joined about 600 others from around Ohio attending Buckeye Boys State at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 11 June - 18 June 2023. These young men were sponsored by American Legion Post 540 and will start their senior year at Lakeview this fall.

Buckeye Boys State provides an educational and leadership development program that exposes young men to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities, and the love of country necessary to being self-governing citizens. Through a practical, objective, truly nonpartisan approach, participants are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county, and state elections which prepare them for leadership roles throughout their lives. Similar programs are held in every state.

Congratulations to Josh and Evan for stepping up to becoming better citizens of our great country.

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### Quilt of Valor

U. S. Army Vietnam Veteran Dave Shields of Vienna received a Quilt of Valor on Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend. Cindy Cox, area representative for Pennsylvania and Ohio, and group leader of "Pieceful Pursuits Quilts of Valor" handled the presentation.

Dave's nomination was made in 2020 by his mother-in-law Jean Cramer. His family was present for the ceremony.



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## Life's A Beach Thank You Street Fair Sponsors!

By Daynelle Sanner

Splash in the water, play in the sand, when you're at the beach, life is grand! After watching the 2023 Cortland Street Fair Beach Party parade, we hope these were your thoughts, it brought a smile to your face and gave you a beach vibe feel! Thank you to all our parade entries for participating in the 2023 Cortland Street Fair Beach Party Parade!

We had over 100 entries that included various businesses, non-profit organizations, athletic and sports teams, service vehicles, classic cars and tractors! Each year to help defray the costs of the parade, we offer a Parade Sponsorship opportunity. Anyone is welcome to enter one vehicle at no cost. Some very special people and businesses step up to the plate and pay \$50.00 to become a parade sponsor!

All sponsors receive a parade sponsor sign to keep and place on their dashboard during the parade, their vehicles are positioned at the front of the parade and they receive name recognition on social media, parade banners and in the newspaper.

This year, the parade had 23 sponsors, many who have sponsored in the past and a few newcomers! The sponsors are staged at the Cortland Roller Rink parking lot prior to the start of the parade. Many of the entries decorate their floats and participate in the float judging contest, their creativity always adds excitement to the parade and we appreciate their team efforts.

Our 2023 Beach Party Parade sponsors included; 717 Credit Union, Bazetta Christian Church, Bud's Towing & Recovery, LLC, Cortland Christian Church, Cortland Mower Sales, Cortland Roller Rink, DAWN incorporated, Girl's Cortland Music 101 & Music 101, Hamrick Diesel & Repair, Integra Excavating, LLC, Jo Marie's School of Dance & Gymnastics Center, Just Pizzelles, Lakeview Little Bulldogs, Lakeview Local Schools, Love Life Foundation, Mecca Community Church, Mr. PC, Inc. Reliant Insurance, Starstruck Dance Academy, The Law Offices of Marty D. Nosich, LLC, The Suites at Continuing Healthcare of Niles, Tri County Cleaning Crew, Twisted Creek Outdoor Adventures.

We would be remiss to not thank the Parade Team for their hard work prior to, during and after, it is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to always ensure a safe, well organized and fun event for both participants and spectators. The Cortland Street Parade is a long-standing tradition in our quaint town of Cortland and it's great to see the comradery of our community coming together for a fun event.

We hope you enjoyed it and until next year, remember life's too short to not enjoy the beach!

*Thank  
you!*



## 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@thecortlandnews.com

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

### A Nation's Strength

By William Ralph Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high  
And its foundations strong?  
What makes it mighty to defy  
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
Go down in battle shock;  
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
Of empires passed away;  
The blood has turned their stones to rust,  
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
Has seemed to nations sweet;  
But God has struck its luster down  
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make  
A people great and strong;  
Men who for truth and honor's sake  
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**Splashing Good Time**

*By Heather Sensabaugh*

We have had a magnificent asset here in Cortland since 2016, the Cortland Splash Pad! It is a wonderful way to cool down on a hot day, and it is free! There is also a fun playground right next to it! Located at Pearl Park at 140 Pearl Street, it is open 11 am to 7 pm daily. It's a marvelous place to let the kids splash around and have a good time, and there are picnic tables under a roofed area for adults to relax and watch them.

Splash pads are a great way to cool down, and they also help children

to develop social skills and patience. Playing with the fixtures at splash pads can help them to learn cause and effect, as well as math and science concepts like trajectory and its relation to distance, all while improving their motor skills!

We are very lucky to have such a terrific and free way for children to cool down on hot days and enjoy themselves. Kudos to all those who helped make it happen (and continue the upkeep)! It is one of the only two splash pads in Trumbull County. Make a point to visit this summer!!

**Benefit Ride for John Lawrence**

*By Michelle Bednarcik*

John Lawrence was in a near-fatal motorcycle accident on May 9th. He was in the ICU being treated for internal bleeding, removal of his spleen and part of his colon, a minor brain bleed, a broken jaw, broken ribs, 2 broken shoulder blades, 2 broken feet, shattered right leg. Unfortunately the damage to his arm was so severe they had to remove it. They have already done multiple surgeries and he still has more surgeries scheduled. He is expected to be in the hospital for a lengthy amount of time with continuous physical therapy for his long road to recovery. To help with the numerous medical bills and the costs of helping him return to living his daily life, his many friends are having fundraisers.

The first will be a Benefit Ride on July 15 with the first bike out at 11 AM from the Yellow Dog Saloon. Sign ups



will be from 9-10 AM. There will be food, Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle and live Bands. The cost is only \$20.00 per bike and \$10.00 for additional rider. Come join us for a great ride to help benefit John.

They would like to thank Yellow Dog, Jak's, and Monty's for all their support during this time. If you are unable to attend but would still like to help, donations can be dropped off at Monty's by the Lake, 1241 Greenville Rd, Cortland. Monty's also donated 10% of every Big Monty that was sold to help in June.

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## Flo Hutton Still Keeping Cortland Beautiful At 89

Ever wonder who keeps Casterline Cemetery, next to China House, looking so beautiful? The answer is 89-year-old Flo Hutton and a few friends.

Flo has been volunteering her time and efforts to different projects in Cortland for decades. We aren't sure if anyone, even Flo, can name all the different projects she has worked on. For years The Cortland Beautification group "retired." That is a polite way to say they 'aged out'. There were only a few ladies left and there was more to do than they could handle at their age.

So they gave their bank account with over \$2,000 to another wonderful group, The Four Seasons Garden Club. Among the numerous projects the Garden Club does to keep our area

beautiful are the downtown flowers and the Christmas Decorations.

One project that they didn't take over was the upkeep of Casterline Cemetery. Even though it is located in the city of Cortland, basic maintenance of it is done by Bazetta Township. However the flowers, flags and other decorations are done by Flo Hutton with a LOT OF HELP from Elaine Hofius, Kathy Futey and Mary Markovich.

Flo said at 89 she's going strong. (stronger than us younger ones) and will continue to do what she can.

It is people like Flo, Elaine, Kathy and Mary along with all of the wonderful members of the Four Seasons Garden Club that help make Cortland/Bazetta the best place in the world to live!

*Thank you, ladies!*



## Flower Barrels Brighten West Main Street

By Barb McClain, Four Seasons Garden Club

It is time for Cortland to be decorated for summer. The flower barrels will once again brighten up West Main Street thanks to the Four Seasons Garden Club and several local businesses and community organizations.

Many thanks to this year's sponsors: Pizza Joe's, Jo-Kar's Grooming, Helping Hands Community Outreach, Masonic Lodge #528, Lane Family Funeral Homes - Shafer Winans Chapel and Farmers National Bank. These sponsors are vital to make sure that this beautification project continues each summer.

Residents may have also noticed the American flags on High Street and Main Street. These are provided by the Four Seasons Garden Club and put up by the Cortland Service Dept. staff. These are examples of what makes Cortland the



best place in the world to live, when organizations, businesses, and the city all work together.



Members of the Four Seasons Club were raising money for their many projects by selling Mother's Day flowers & baskets. They use the money for the flags over Rt 11 on King Graves Rd, the flower barrels and the American made flags throughout the city and the Christmas lights. In the Fall they sell Mums. Pictured here are members Mary Lou Jarett, Jan Elliott, Jeanne Clements and Kathleen Ferris. This is yet another reason why this is the best place in the world to live.



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### Happy 4th Of July

There's so many things that we need to keep in mind as we celebrate July 4th. Some of these reminders are our birthday as an independent nation since 1776, our freedom compared to other nations, and our armed service men and women who fought to protect our liberty, just to name a few. We also should keep in mind that our great nation as a whole has been very blessed. As I reflect on our history, there is one thing that seems to be overlooked that should be acknowledged and celebrated during this time, our freedom of religion. Our rich heritage of religious faith has carried this country for generations. In the pages of history and founding principles we see a "dependence" in the midst of our proclaimed independence. The poem "Star Spangled Banner" written in 1814 has a fourth verse that states "Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation, then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto IN GOD is our trust. Even our forefathers acknowledge that we are not alone in our endeavors. George Washington stated, "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible."

The best quote, in my opinion, is by Benjamin Franklin that reads, "The longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise with his aid?-- We have been assured in the sacred writings that except the Lord built the house, they labor in vain to build it. That without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel. We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word down to future ages."

So as we put on our "Murica" t-shirts and fire up the grills, let us not forget to give thanks to God who has not forsaken us. A God that longs to give us spiritual freedom as well (John 3:16). Let us remember our heritage roots of faith that have brought us this far. Let's remember Celebrate God's goodness and grace!

*Have a blessed 4th of July!*

### A Different 4th Of July

On July 4, 2014, I did not watch fireworks. I was in Tallinn, Estonia. Before my trip, I read about the struggles of the people to maintain their national identity during 70 years of Soviet occupation and eventually regain their independence.

But to be there in person was eye-opening.

Most Estonians are not Christians. Christianity in several forms was introduced to them by various conquerors throughout their history, but it was never something that they universally embraced as their own. As was true of other things that are now commonplace in their culture, it is never truly theirs. Some have kept it, but most do not claim or love it. What they do claim is what helped them to resist their decades of oppression: their music.

On July 3 of that year, I was present at their national song festival. The program was designed to let the choir of over 20,000 voices sing their way through their history, including their darker chapters. And when the program reached the 1950's, there was a moment of silence to honor the oppression they had suffered and the way they had been forbidden to sing

their own songs in public. The choir and the crowd of nearly 100,000 stood in absolute silence for a full minute. And in that moment, surrounded by their silence, as I remembered what I had read of their history and the way they eventually won by refusing to stop singing their own songs, I understood something important about God. Their silence, their song, their resolve - these were the work of God among a people who did not identify as Christian, but God was present with them. Their love for their country fueled them but did not cause them to become violent. Instead, it galvanized them to stand firm and lift their voices together. They sang. They stood shoulder to shoulder, refusing to move or yield, and they sang. And their songs, their courage, and their belief in their own identity were strong enough to outlast the Soviet Union.

I experienced a form of patriotism on that trip that I have seldom encountered here, but I will never forget it. In their resolve, in their love for their country, and in the songs they sang and the silence they kept together, I felt the presence of God.

Through our songs, may God inspire in us a peaceful patriotism like theirs.

### Church News and Notes

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran**  
 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](mailto:pastortrinitywarren@gmail.com) check out our website [www.trinitylutheranwarren.org](http://www.trinitylutheranwarren.org) or on Facebook

### Annual Kentucky Mountain Drive-Thru Dinner

For the 23rd year Cortland United Methodist Church is supporting the Appalachian Work Camp and School in the Red Bird District of Kentucky. They do this by having a 'Mountain Drive-Thru Dinner'. This year the fundraiser is July 19 from 4:30- 6 PM at the church located at 155 North High Street.

Dinner includes Chicken "n" Biscuit, chicken gravy and biscuits, green beans, sweet potato casserole, bean soup and a brownie. The cost is only \$12.00. Preorder please by July 18 by calling 330-637-2571 .

Over the years they have provided home renovations and materials as well as upgrading of camp facilities and support for school activities. Come and support those less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks for supporting their Ham dinner in May. All profits go to the Red Bird Project.

### Honoring Fr. Kish

*By Donna Zuga*

Father Carl Kish was honored with a retirement reception on Sunday, June 25th, beginning with celebration of Mass at 11:00 AM, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Cortland. A reception followed from noon until 4:00 PM. After 61 years as a priest in the Diocese of Youngstown, Father Kish is retiring on July 1st.

Father Kish was born in Youngstown on Sept. 23rd, 1936, the son of Charles and Sophie Kish, and was ordained as a priest on May 26th, 1962. He served at Holy Family Parish in Poland for 3 years, at Immaculate Conception in Ravenna for 10 years, at St. Joseph Parish in Newton Falls for 10 years and has been pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine parish in Cortland since 1988.

He has been active in Ministerial Associations, worked with and promoted



support for youth and been involved in community outreach everywhere he has served. As a much-loved priest and friend, we welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to him for the positive impact he has in all our lives.



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## Can I Change My Medicare Supplement Plan?

Medicare Supplement Insurance, also called Medigap Insurance, works as a secondary insurance to original Medicare Insurance. These policies do not replace original Medicare Insurance but work with it to cover the costs you are responsible for after Medicare has paid their part. There are several different options available. These plans are identified by letters, for example Plan G or Plan N. They are offered by many different insurance companies, but each specific plan is required to offer the same core benefits. Each insurance company individually determines the premium rate they will charge for the policy, the timetable for increases to premiums, and any underwriting conditions if you are not in a guaranteed issue situation.

Individual insurance companies will determine the initial monthly premium for each Medicare Supplement Plan they offer. Once an individual is enrolled in the plan there are typically annual increases to the premium. The amount, frequency and timing of this increase is dictated by the insurance company. In addition, there may be increases in monthly premiums as policy holders get older. As these premiums increase, you may want to consider changing to a different Medicare Supplement Plan or to a different insurance company if they offer a lower rate.

In most cases Medicare Supplement Insurance is guaranteed acceptance at age 65 when first starting Medicare or during the first 6 months you are enrolled in Part B of Medicare if you delay Part B. There are a few other specific situations where a policy could be issued without questions. Each state has its own rules regarding open enrollment and guaranteed issue. If you are outside the open enrollment period and do not qualify for guaranteed issue, you can change plans at any time, but the application will be subject to

underwriting. Each insurance company has its own underwriting criteria, and the health questions will vary from company to company. As part of the application and underwriting process medical records are reviewed. If there are no issues, the new policy will typically be issued at the current rates for that company and plan. If you do have health conditions that are flagged during underwriting, the policy may be issued at the standard rate, issued at an increased rate or it may be declined.

It is important to keep your current coverage in place while exploring other options. Your current Medicare Supplement Insurance policy cannot be cancelled if you continue to pay the premiums. Once a new policy is approved, in place and paid for then the original policy can be cancelled. This provides continuous coverage and protection in case the new policy is not approved, or the premiums are higher than expected due to the underwriting process.

If premiums on the Medicare Supplement Insurance policy become too high and unaffordable, another option is to consider switching to a Medicare Advantage Insurance Plan (Part C). This can be done during Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period each fall or throughout the year if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. However, it is important to review the current available plans and basic coverage differences between Supplement Insurance and an Advantage Plan before making this decision. It is always helpful to consult your local agent. They can answer questions and look at the different options for your specific situation.

*Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234-244-4014 or JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com*



## Scope Technology Support

SCOPE Senior Services is offering free technology services for all Trumbull County senior citizens at its Warren Center located at 375 N. Park Ave. next to the Carl W. Hall Funeral Home.

Here is a general list of free services provided by Kevin Weber SCOPE's IT Director, but other services can be provided upon request.

- Diagnostic, Maintenance and Repair services for Phones, Laptops, Tablets, iPads and Computers.
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As an ongoing effort to support our senior citizen's needs Scope Senior Services continues to provide a large variety of Free Technology Support Services.

Please call the Warren Senior Center at 330-399-8846 to schedule an appointment with Kevin.



## A Sad Farewell To Father Kish

By Carole Wiley, LOAF

We all know this man.  
He's special and so true!  
All around he is beloved,  
And we all think we're part of his crew!

We feel special because we know him!  
And because he knows us too!  
All are equal in his vision -  
His love for us is very true!

Ordained in 1962,  
Then served in several places  
In Poland, Ravenna, even in Virginia.  
We'll just say he hit all the bases!

For a moment, let's go back to Ravenna,  
Where he was named the best  
in the town!  
Was he named "Best Priest"  
in the area?  
No - he was named  
"Best Dressed Man" hands down!

His door is always unlocked,  
Just exactly like his heart!  
He says to just walk in -  
Then of his family, you are a part!

By God's word is how he lives;  
God is his life's cord.  
Through both good and bad times,  
He always walks with the Lord.

The devotions that he contributes  
Are meaningful with very little fuss.  
He so often talks about his  
common thread -  
Which is the "Mystery of Jesus".

He said his name was Father Carl;  
Very early that was his wish!  
But for some silly reason -  
The name that stuck was Father Kish!

It's true we all love humor -  
Each of us enjoy a good chuckle!  
At this, Father Kish is a true champion!  
He could almost pop open your buckle!

Some of us just learned  
We had his church's name wrong!  
There is no "S" on St. Robert -  
And that hit us like a bong!

So now we've come to say  
"Thank You!"  
To this man we've come to love!  
He was all that was ever needed  
Surely sent from above!

We'll think of you often,  
So, take with you today  
All our love and best wishes  
As you go on your Godly way!

**WE LOVE YOU FATHER KISH!**

## Trumbull Town Hall Program

The upcoming Celebrity Series for 2023-24 promises to bring fresh energy and new light to this highly anticipated next season. The Trumbull Town Hall Program Chairs have engaged old favorites and will present dynamic local talent to entertain and delight.

The season kicks off in September with the lovely Hollywood Star and Conservationist Stephanie Powers. You'll recall her from the TV series "The Girl from U.N. C. L. E. and the dramady "Hart to Hart. Her personal experiences

and wide-ranging endeavors will inspire us all.

Ultra versatile Michael Minor has something for everyone. He'll take us down nostalgia lane with Favorites from Tennessee Ernie Ford and deliver us Rascal Flats. His program is peppered with celebrity impressions and other surprises!

Lastly THE First Ladies Man, Andrew Och, award winning television and multimedia producer ends the series' season as he shares inciteful

and fascinating stories and facts of America's First ladies. He imparts how influential they are and have been, Such a pleasant afternoon he will bring. All programs take place at Packard Music Hall in Warren. Doors Open at 9:30 a.m. Programs begin at 10:30 with light refreshments sold.

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## Riverside Railroad Club Model Train Show

The Riverside Railroad Club (RRC) recently held their third annual large scale Vendor Sale/Train Market and show at the Warren Senior Citizen Center.

Railroad vendors from as far away as Georgia sold their trains, tracks, and large-scale model railroad items. The trains were also running on the permanent layout located in the lower level of the SCOPE Center. Hundreds of people from all over the region attended this event.

The RRC meets every Tuesday in the lower garden level from 4 to 6 pm at the Warren Senior Citizen Center at 375 N. Park Ave. in the old YWCA building, next to Carl W. Hall. All model railroad enthusiasts are welcome to watch the trains run. Visit [riversiderrc.org](http://riversiderrc.org) for details.



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## Understand Your Financial Situation Before Cosigning Your Child's Loan

As your child heads off to college or starts life as an independent young adult, he or she will likely face new financial responsibilities, such as a car purchase, rent or college tuition payments. Given their lack of credit history, it may be difficult for them to obtain a loan without a parent or another adult cosigning the loan. Your natural inclination may be to help them out and sign the dotted line, but before you do, make sure you're clear on the terms of the loan and what it may mean for your finances.

### Cosign with your eyes wide open

Even though you may not consider it "your loan" if you cosign, lenders will identify you as one of the borrowers. That means you may be at risk if different circumstances arise. Keep in mind:

- If any of the balance remains unpaid by the borrower (in this scenario, your child), you as the cosigner will be required to repay it.
- If your child defaults or even misses one or two payments, it can damage your credit record.
- Even without a default, other lenders may look on the cosigned loan as an additional liability you will need to pay, which could also affect your credit record.
- In some states, the creditor has the right to collect payment from you, as the cosigner, without first trying to collect from your child
- If you were to pass away, it could trigger "auto default" provisions in the loan contract. This would require your child to immediately pay the debt. Regulators discourage this practice, but it still exists in some loan agreements.

### Steps to protect your position

Fortunately, there are often alternatives to cosigning a loan. For example, if your child is enrolled in college, they may be eligible for federal student loans or financial aid. Another option, if you can afford it, may be to lend your child money directly -

thereby forgoing the paperwork and stipulations introduced by a third-party lender. If you decide to take this action, make sure you and your child have a clear and consistent understanding of the terms of the loan, including a repayment schedule that he or she will be accountable for sticking to.

If you do decide to cosign a loan, take steps to help protect yourself:

- Read the fine print and fully understand the terms of the loan and the expectations of the lender.
- Avoid pledging property, such as a car, to secure the loans as it could create additional risk.
- Arrange to receive duplicate copies of all paperwork and ensure you have complete online access to the account so you can stay on top of your child's record of repayment.

In short, treat the situation with the same diligence that you would if you were borrowing money yourself. Do what you can to ensure sure your potential act of generosity doesn't impair your ability to obtain credit in the future.

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## Why It's Important to Control an Aggressive Dog

Submitted by Jim Woofter

Dog aggression is a serious problem that can have devastating consequences. Aggressive dogs can bite people, other animals, and even their own owners. They can also be a danger to themselves, as they may try to run away or attack other animals to protect themselves.

There are many different reasons why a dog might become aggressive.

Some dogs are born with aggressive tendencies, while others develop aggression as a result of their environment or experiences. Some of the most common causes of dog aggression include:

- Fear: Dogs that are afraid of people, other animals, or certain situations may become aggressive as a way to protect themselves.
- Pain: Dogs that are in pain may become aggressive because they are feeling threatened or vulnerable.
- Resource guarding: Dogs that guard their food, toys, or other resources may become aggressive when someone tries to take them away.
- Lack of socialization: Dogs that are not properly socialized may be more likely to become aggressive when they encounter new people or animals.
- Mental illness: Dogs with mental illnesses such as anxiety or obsessive-compulsive disorder may be more likely to exhibit aggressive behavior.

If you have an aggressive dog, it is important to take steps to control their behavior. This may involve:

- Muzzling your dog when they are in public. This will help to prevent them from biting anyone.

- Keeping your dog on a leash at all times. This will help to control their movement and prevent them from running away or attacking someone.

- Training your dog to obey basic commands. This will help you to have more control over their behavior.

- Seeking professional help from a dog trainer or behaviorist. If your dog's aggression is severe, you may need to seek professional help to correct the problem.

It is important to remember that an aggressive dog is a dangerous dog. If you are unable to control your dog's aggression, it is important to rehome them or have them euthanized. The safety of others is more important than the emotional attachment you may have to your dog.

Here are some additional tips for controlling an aggressive dog:

- Be consistent with your commands and discipline. Dogs learn best when they know what is expected of them.
- Avoid situations that are likely to trigger your dog's aggression. If you know that your dog is afraid of other dogs, for example, don't take them to the park.
- Provide your dog with plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. A bored dog is more likely to become aggressive.
- Be patient and understanding. It may take time and effort to correct your dog's aggression.

With patience and consistency, you can help your aggressive dog learn to behave in a more appropriate manner.

## Time To Howl At The Moon

The Cortland Rotary is bringing back their annual 'Howl at the Moon Family Fun Festival.' The 2-Mile Color Run/Walk is August 5 from 6-8 PM at Lakeview High School. Starting at 6 PM there will be food trucks, basket raffles and popular local band 'Speed Limit'. The Run/Wal starts at 7 PM. For more information contact any Rotary member.



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## Mecca VFD K9 Search Team and Ohio Branch K9 Search Team

By Becky Saltzmann

My name is Becky Saltzmann and I am the team leader for the Mecca VFD K9 Search Team and the founder of Ohio Branch K9 Search Team.

Our team is a 501c3 based out of Trumbull County. We are an all-volunteer team that is fully insured and completely free to the community. We provided Certified K9 team in 3 disciplines Trailing, Recovering water, land, crime scene and live Area search.

We belong to the Ohio Federation of K9 search teams so we have other qualified teams to request if for some reason we are not able to provide the needed resources. We are here to help locate lost and missing persons and to provide closure to families of lost individuals.

In May my team organized an event to train 10 individual K9s and their handlers in the Trailing Discipline. We utilized Cortland Main Street and the surrounding areas on one of those mornings. We also used the Cortland Moose Lodge property, the Trumbull county Metro Parks and the Trumbull Kent State college campus training from 8 AM to 10 PM most days. These teams work hard to be the best available resources the public could ask for. We had 10 K9 handlers participate.



All the fees tools and training we do to make quality K9s is out of our own pockets. All donations are used to pay for our insurances and State fees. And hopefully eventually be enough to pay for Certifications which are required every other year.

We got started when Mecca VFD was looking for a Trailing K9 Chief Woofter gave my dog Kate a chance. And she nailed the evaluation. Kate's little size makes her a good candidate for search's for small children and mentally challenged.

Trainers and their dogs were Alex Kacenko, Becky Saltzmann & K9 Kate, Deb Montague K9 Ranger, Sarah Gentry K9 Augie, Deborah Orr K9 Ranger, Molly McDonald K9 Mauser, Angie Sharp K9 Koda.




**Greene Eagle Winery**  
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Greene Eagle Winery hosted a Classic Car Cruise on the Sunday of Father's Day. The event was open to all makes and models with dash plaques and trophies. Dale Bliss of Greene Eagle and family once again selected SCOPE



Senior Services as the charity to benefit from this great event. SCOPE sold 50/50 raffle tickets and conducted a basket auction with the proceeds benefiting the senior centers.



Dan Schultz, incoming club President presenting a plaque to outgoing club president, Pat Leper.

## Cortland Rotary Club Presidential Reception

The Cortland Rotary Club Presidential Reception Meeting was held recently at Cortland's Country Porch Winery. A huge thank you to Pat Leper for his leadership during the 2022-2023 year. The club is in good hands with Dan Schultz as incoming President.





The Cortland Lions Club sells their famous [and very delicious] French Fries every chance and everywhere they can. Every single penny raised goes back to the community so next time you see them, stop and help yourself to a delicious treat and help our community. Thank you to the Lions Club for all the wonderful things you do.



### Pawsitivity Part 1: "Free" Kittens/Puppies

Hello - it's me, Pawsitivity! I've seen so many Facebook posts/yard signs/newspaper listings this year advertising free kittens and puppies.

Sometimes the owner will say something along the lines of "momma wasn't spayed and here we are - can't keep the extra kittens/puppies, so we're giving them away!" I talked about the importance of practicing responsible pet ownership by spaying/neutering your pet in the last two articles, which is the best way to prevent this situation. But in this issue, I'm going to focus on why it's a problem to offer kittens/puppies for free!

Why not offer kittens/puppies for free? When someone invests in (pays for) a pet, they're more likely to take care of it! On the flipside, people tend not to value what they don't pay for. Besides, people who can get a pet for free may not have the money to care for them in the first place. Pet ownership has always been costly, but it's gotten way more expensive!

The ASPCA estimates that the cost to care for a cat is approximately \$52 per month. The average cost to own a dog is \$43 - \$90 per month (depending on the size). If someone can't even afford to pay a rehoming fee, they certainly can't afford to feed and get veterinary care for the pet.

Lastly, some people look for free animals to do horrible (and illegal) things to. They torture them, use them as bait, food for other pets, etc. This is probably the most important reason not to give kittens/puppies away for free since they can suffer at the hands of an abuser before being subjected to a cruel death.

If you've put yourself in a position where you have kittens/puppies that now require a home, make sure it's a good one with people who will value the pet, have the resources to care for it, and are genuinely interested in responsible pet ownership.

Get the pet spayed/neutered prior to sending them to their new home to ensure they won't continue to breed. Ensure you ask for a "rehoming fee" to deter people who don't have the pet's best interest at heart. Encourage other

people you see giving pets away for free to (at minimum) ask for a rehoming fee. This fee can help you cover the cost of the spay/neuter surgery for the future owner, too!

Email Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com with questions. Next issue - why "free" kittens/puppies aren't actually free! Be paw-sitive, Cortland & Bazetta!

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## Local Woman's Dress On Display At Henry Ford Museum

A few years back Cindee Mines of the Vienna Historical Society donated her late 1960's and early 1970's clothing to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. When the curator came to go thru her closets and trunks, she also found things of her children from the 1980's and took some of those items. This is the second time her daughter's dress has

been in an exhibit. The first time was an online exhibit in August a few years ago for the start of school. She received this email from the curator of domestic life at the Henry Ford Museum last week.

"Hi Cindee, Hope this finds you well. Wanted to let you know that Megan's first day of school dress is on exhibit in Henry Ford Museum. (an exhibit called What We Wore, with the topic of Life Milestones.)"

The museum provided the following information:

**Life Milestones: Important Occasions, Special Clothing**

Milestones mark a significant change or stage in life. There are many milestones—though type and timing may be a bit different for everyone. For some milestones, we wear special clothing (marriage), for others, we do not (first driver's license). The customs and traditions that mark these milestones may evolve over time.

The clothing we wear for a particular milestone may reflect religious symbolism or cultural identity. It may mirror tradition or follow fashion trends. And it often becomes immortalized in photographs.



**First Day of School**

Heading to school for the first time often brings excitement, curiosity, and for some, a little anxiety. Preparing for the big day usually means fresh school supplies—crayons, pencils, notebooks, backpacks—and often a brand-new outfit to wear. Though kindergarten doesn't mark the distinct transition to formal schooling it once

did—as more kids go to child-care or attend preschool—it's still a significant moment in a child's life. They join the bigger kids in a setting of more structure and responsibility! It's an emotional milestone for parents too.

**Who wore this dress?**

Megan Mines donned this plaid dress and set off for her first day of kindergarten in Warren, Ohio, in 1980. For Megan, the transition away from home to school was not entirely smooth, seen in the uncertain look in her eyes and lack of a smile as she posed for the photographer in her first day of school dress.

Congratulations to Cindee and Megan.





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## Registration Open for Rescue Mission Point 5K

This is an event for those who love running, walking, and/or just eating donuts. The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley's Annual Point 5K Run/Walk is a fun and easy event for everyone. The proceeds provide emergency shelter and meals for our neighbors in need at the Mission.

Point 5K will take place on July 8th, 2023, at White House Fruit Farm in Canfield at 10 am. The family-friendly fun walk/run is open to everyone, regardless of age or fitness level, and is a simple lap around the pond at White House Fruit Farm. The event totals only 1,640 feet (0.5 kilometers) to the finish line. To add to the fun, there will be a donut stop halfway through the course. Lynn Wyant, Chief Development Officer, joked "Since this is a point 5k, it is quite possible that some participants will have a longer walk from their car to the registration table than the entire length of the event! This is a favorite for families and really anyone who just wants to have a little fun on the farm for a good cause. We love giving out the race bibs and seeing all the happy faces as they hit the finish line with donut in



hand ready to grab their point 5k oval car decal."

Registration for Point 5K is now open and only \$5 per person. Every registrant will receive an oval point 5K car decal, a donut, a complimentary beverage, and a race bib. Most importantly this event will help the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley continue their work of serving over 60,000 meals and providing over 32,000 annual overnight stays to those in need.

- Online registration [www.rescuemissionmv.org/point5K](http://www.rescuemissionmv.org/point5K)
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