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SUMMER FUN

By Sally Lane

Summer took longer than usual to get up to speed this year. We can

blame it on the pandemic, but the July fireworks, and the Trumbull County Fair brought back the excitement. The upcoming Cortland Street Fair Aug. 12 to the 14 should top off our season and kick start the school year on a positive note. We can also look forward to reopening of places we like to visit and a return to some kind of normalcy. Stay tuned.

Besides being the hottest month of the year, August is when the produce in our gardens ripens faster than we can eat it. I am so lucky to have neighbors who have gardens - and they love to share! My childhood family used to freeze beans that we raised and buy sweet corn to preserve for the winter. We canned tomatoes, made chili sauce, and peach or blueberry jam. It was a busy time, but one we all enjoyed. When

I grew up, my husband and I continued the tradition of preserving produce and making jam and jelly.

Until my parents moved to Warren in 1965, we lived in Conneaut, less than a mile from Lake Erie. By August, the lake was warm enough for us to run into the water and jump through the waves without shivering. No one had a pool. Going to the lake almost every evening was entertainment for many families.

Almost all my parents' friends were veterans of World War II. Back then everyone brought an Army or Navy blanket to the beach to sit on. Some of the blankets were the Army's brown, and some were the Navy's cream color that together made a patchwork design on the sand as all the families sat, talked and laughed with each other.

As we children became teenagers, we met our friends at the beach during the day. Now, 50+ years later, we meet at the pavilion at the lake for class reunions, always an August event.

Our Cortland friends and our children's friends remember Farmer Jim's and Willow Lake, tents in the backyard, and block parties. Our kids remember going to Brother's Pizza, the old library, the elementary schools. They remember the ice cream in a plastic baseball cap from Tom Foolery's. One of their favorites is the Street Fair and its parade. Summer is a time to remember, to meet old friends, and to laugh. Enjoy!



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Our Next Issue August 14, 2021

Our theme will be Back to School

Article Deadline by July 30 • Display Advertising Deadline is August 4
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The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

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Community Events

Event Calendar July 24 – August 14

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 6

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.

SCOPE Senior Services bus trips, various dates. See pg.

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

JULY

- 25 **Summer Concert Series By the Lake, Spiritual Music with Rochelle Joy**, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6-7 p.m.
- 27 **Summer Concert Series By the Lake, The Jazz Band**, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 29 **Summer Concert Series By the Lake, Ed Madej One Man Cello**, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 31 **W.D. Packard Concert Band – "Packard Dixieland Band,"** National Packard Museum Lawn, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, 12-1:30 p.m.
- 31 **Packard Museum Corvettes and Classics Benefit Car Show**, 1899 Mahoning Ave., Warren, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1 **W.D. Packard Concert Band – "Summer Night Music,"** Dr. Stephen Gage, conductor, Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, 7 p.m.
- 5-14 **Annual Charming Quilt Hop Shop Tour.** See pg. 8
- 7 **Charity Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Animal Charities Humane Society**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). See pg. 11
- 12-14 **Cortland Street Fair**, Thursday, opening ceremony, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Street Fair Parade, 6 p.m.

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Jody Sova, Realtor is the Realtor you want to call to have your home SOLD. Honest, experienced and knowledgeable. She is not only your Realtor, but your neighbor.

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I just scheduled **MD Denna Heating & Cooling** to check out my A/C. Not taking any chances during these DOG DAYS of summer – I'm using Cortland's best!

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As of this writing **Cortland Playroom** only has a few openings for the Fall Semester. Due to the restrictions being loosened they can accommodate more children. But they are still adhering to strict safety guidelines for your children and the staff. Better hurry as these opening will not last long.

It isn't too late to make your home the showcase of the neighborhood. **The Roman Supply Co.** (formerly Buckeye Bulk) still has plenty of landscaping supplies – they are a year 'round supplier and have some of the best prices anywhere.

Girt's Music 101 has both online and in-person lessons. They also have a full line of every instrument! Check out their rental program – nobody has a better one – 2 months FREE!

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11:00 – 12:00 ages 5 – 8
12:00 – 2:00 ages 9 – 11

Happy 4th of July at the Playroom

The children at the Cortland Playroom were ready to celebrate and what better way to start by making their own red, white, and blue starred T-shirts and hair ties for the girls! The children also got to have a "good old-fashioned" picnic with hot dogs,

chips, pickles-and watermelon! But the best was the ice cream bar! There was sprinkles, chocolate, strawberry, caramel and butter scotch syrups, and so much more! And of course, whipped cream and a cherry on top!



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Costs can be incurred though copayments/coinsurance or deductibles. Coinsurance, also called a copayment, is an amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for services after you pay any deductibles. Coinsurance is usually a percentage, for example, 20%, that you are responsible to pay. A Deductible is the amount you must pay for health care or prescriptions, before Original Medicare, prescription drug plans, or other insurance begins to pay. The Medicare-approved amount for Original Medicare is the amount a doctor or supplier that accepts assignment can be paid. It may be less than the actual amount a doctor or supplier charges. Medicare pays part of this amount, and you are responsible for the difference.

Diabetic medications and supplies are either covered under Part B or Part D of Medicare Insurance. Generally, Part B Medical Insurance, covers diabetic supplies including self-testing equipment and supplies (lancets & test strips), insulin pumps and other items such as therapeutic shoes or inserts.

Also covered under Part B are the medical costs associated with screening and treating diabetes along with the conditions that diabetes can cause. Medical costs can include screenings and bloodwork, self-management training, and nutrition therapy services. Other covered services would include foot exams and treatment, glaucoma tests, some vaccines and preventive (well care) doctor visits.

Medicare Part D, prescription drug coverage, covers medications associated with the treatment of diabetes. These include Insulin for injection along with the syringes, needles, alcohol swabs and other supplies to administer insulin and anti-diabetic drugs to maintain blood sugar (glucose) levels.

Some items that are not covered by Medicare include eye examinations for glasses, these are considered vision services and not medical services for the health of the eye. Medical screening and treatment would be covered under Part B. Although if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan there may be vision services as part of the extra benefits of that plan. Orthopedic shoes for people whose feet are impaired but intact are also not covered, and cosmetic surgery is not covered.

For more information visit Medicare.gov or speak with your insurance agent. Your insurance agent should be able to explain the benefits and coverages associated with your policy and compare options in your local area to find the best option for your specific situation.

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Jo Marie's Dance Team competes at nationals

Students from Jo Marie's School of Dance and Gymnastic Center completed their 2021 competition season at the VIP National Competition at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Their teachers, Jo Marie Ferradino, Hannah Hall and Brittany Arcuri were delighted with their outstanding performances. Every routine received a Platinum score. They also received specialty awards such as first place in their division, first place overall, and a judges' choice award.



Students included Layla Alakash, Hope Conley, Malena Crosby, Lexi Dye,

Julianna Gomez, Mallory Kurtz, Claire Marble, Hailey Piersant, Ashley Solis, Cassandra Ursu and Chloe Wagner. Other team members competing in three regional competitions were Rylee Barnot, Elaina Burnett, Cecelia DeToro, Lydia Kopey, Becca Landis, Olivia Norris, Ayanna Provitt, Alexis Rodgers and Hannah Shea. Congratulations team members for such a remarkable season!

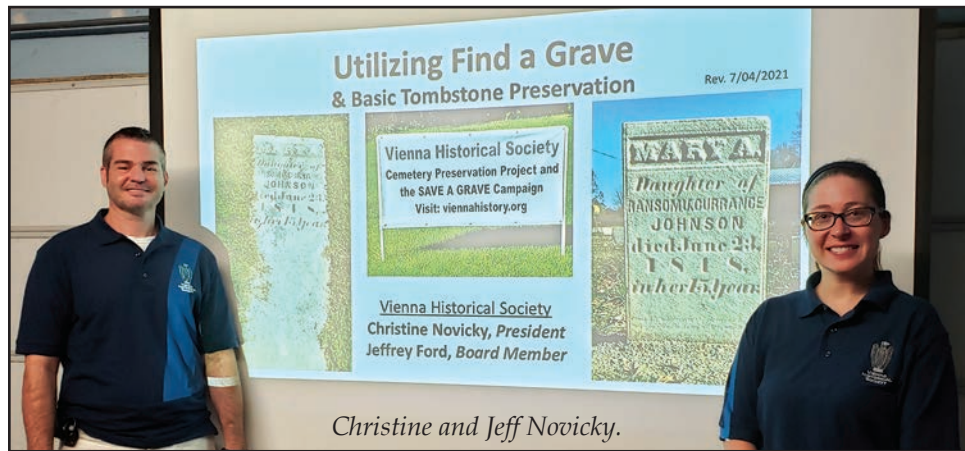
Baseball tryouts for 2022 season

The Creekside Baseball Organization will conduct tryouts for its 2022 18u and 16u teams. Contact Zach at 330 978-2738 for 18u and Frank at 330 718-8997 for 16u.



Local groups helping Hillside Cemetery save old grave markers

By Sally Lane



Christine and Jeff Novicky.

Many of us remember accompanying parents or other loved family members to decorate the graves of relatives when we were younger. While planting flowers or placing a flag, little stories of each person were told. My husband's aunt used to tell our children about an uncle or their great grandmother: "He was a pilot in the war," or "She made the best apple pies from our orchard." Family history is passed on in those moments. They become part of us, not just names of relatives, but a recognized part of our family history.

What happens, though, when no one is left to tell the stories? Grave markers: headstones, symbols and flags on veterans' graves give us clues. Not only do these headstones tell a family story, but they serve as reminders of local business owners, teachers, farmers, illnesses that took babies, soldiers in wars, heartbreaks and victories. However, "written in stone" does not always mean readable. Many stones have become covered in algae or weathered by rain and wind. Many stones have fallen over or become broken by storms, falling trees, and, yes, vandalism. We are reminded that "it takes a village"... not only to raise a child, but to help us all appreciate our local history and strengths of our forefathers (and mothers, too).

Several organizations, from Boy Scouts to the Lakeview High School

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Crossing Main Street, now on the bridge, the sound of water falling is heard. Pausing we stop and our gaze draws to the fountain, and a reminder of all the fallen who have given us this carefree stroll.

Our journey continues down the aisles of Sparkles. An older lady struggles to reach an item, shall we lend a hand? Indeed, we shall, and a conversation strikes up, this previous stranger has now turned into a neighbor. And so, we leave with groceries in hand and return from our stroll through the streets of Cortland.

Each and every day there is an opportunity to be the light in someone's day. We live in a small city that has that

old town feel. Yet some say the days of friendly neighbors are gone. How have you loved your neighbor? Have you done a small and friendly act or are you wanting what was without giving in return?


Jesus responds to a question in Matthew 22:37-39 as to "what is the greatest command." Jesus says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (HCSB). Let us put these two great commands into practice and thus maintain our wonderful, friendly, loving town.



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Audrey is a patient advocate and prioritizes good connections with her patients and their caregivers. As a mother of three, she knows the importance of the provider-patient-parent relationship and instills trust in the care she provides through the demonstration of empathy, compassion, and understanding.

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What's "news" in the
City of Cortland

By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

The Splash Pad is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. We do not take reservations for the pavilions at our public parks; first come, first served. Stay cool Cortland!

Cortland has a **cardboard only** recycling bin located at Willow Park.

Street Fair

The 2021 Cortland Community Street Fair is planned to begin on Thursday, Aug. 12 and run through Saturday, Aug. 14. Come eat, play and enjoy the company!

Cortland Library

The Cortland Branch has summer operating hours for release:

Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pickup service along city streets that started in April and continues through October. Pick-up is the week of the fourth Monday of each month. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to collection week to ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Place branches and limbs at the curb no later than the Sunday before collection week. Only one pass will be made on each street.

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- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and up to 6" in diameter.

- Arrange in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.

- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household. Do not combine piles or place on your neighbor's property.

- Week of Aug. 23
- Week of Sept. 27
- Week of Oct. 25

Mosquito Spraying

For effective mosquito control, it must not be raining, the winds need to be between 5 to 10 miles per hour and the temperature above 50 degrees. If the proper conditions are not present, the spraying will be canceled and a make-up date will be for the following evening. The spraying is done between 7 p.m. and midnight. This year's schedule is below:

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| Aug. 4 | Aug. 18 |
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eNews

The city issues a weekly eNews with news items and calendar events happening in our community as well as agendas for City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. Sign up on our website www.cityofcortland.org or send an email to admin@cityofcortland.org.

Dates to Remember

- Aug. 2 - Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
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Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
1 Corinthians 1:18

48. I would not have guessed, but take my word for it – there are 48. I counted them myself. Forty-eight crosses in my office: adorning wall hangings, photographs, book covers, knick-knacks, coffee cups, and vestments. Mind you, I'm not a "cross collector," at least not intentionally. Seems they accumulate naturally, like moss on a stone (not the best analogy, sorry). Guess maybe it says something about me – and all those others that have experienced the same spiritual phenomenon. Words don't suffice, but the image of the cross speaks volumes. Don't want to be long-winded, but the cross tells me I'm OK – and that not of my own accord. Consider the following:¹

A certain medieval monk announced he would be preaching next Sunday evening on "The Love of God." As the shadows fell and the light ceased to come in through the cathedral windows, the congregation gathered. In the darkness of the altar, the monk lighted a candle and carried it to the crucifix. First of all, he illumined the crown of thorns, next, the two wounded hands, then the marks of the spear wound. In the hush that fell, he blew out the candle and left the chancel. There was nothing else to say.
¹Gwen Smith, "Broken into Beautiful"

Local groups helping Hillside Cemetery

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football teams, businesses and societies are helping in the effort to revitalize Hillside Cemetery. Members have painted fences, trash cans and created a new sign for the entrance. "We know we can't do everything, but it is a start," said Rick Hutton of the Love Life Foundation. This organization will serve as the home for gathering the materials needed for the project. Donations are needed for pea gravel, D2, brushes, as well as workers.

The Lions Club recently hosted a program by Christine and Jeff Novicky about the correct way to restore algae covered gravestones as well as remount fallen stones. The Novicky's are preservationists who have restored many old gravestones in Vienna's Doud Cemetery and are dedicated to doing the restorations the correct way. "You can't just spray the

stone with any old cleaner like Clorox or vinegar," said Jeff, "It causes more damage in the end that ruins the stone." Instead, he recommends a chemical called D2, available on Amazon and some hardware stores. It kills the algae and removes dirt, which restores the gravestone's natural color. He cautions also that only soft brushes must be used when removing the residue.

Stones may be reset by very carefully removing and resetting the base. "Never, never use a pry bar to remove the base," he said. Jeff and his wife Christine, who is the president of the Vienna Historical Society, will be presenting a program in September to the Cortland Bazetta Historical Society at the Opera House. It is open to the public. More information will follow in the next Cortland News.

Military collectibles on display at Bristol Public Library

Now on display at the Bristol Public Library is an assortment of war memorabilia from WWI, WWII and Vietnam. The items are from the collection of Bristol resident, Gabriel Illes. Mr. Illes is an avid war collector and is part of a reenactment regiment.

The display contains bayonets and knives from the various conflicts. The bayonets are a variety of U.S., Japanese and German issued. The knives are from various U.S. branches. Also included are unique items that include top soil from Clervaux, Belgium, soil from Omaha Beach, and a pine cone from near Foy, Belgium.

This historic collection is on display in the Bristol Public Library's display case located on the second floor through August. For more information or library hours contact the circulation desk at 330-889-3651.

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**Quilters Fancy
Charming Hop Shop
begins Aug. 5**

More than 800 quilters and sewing enthusiasts are expected to travel to quilting stores throughout northeast Ohio to benefit local charities, celebrate the joy of quilting and win prizes during the 10th Annual Charming Quilt Shop Tour this August. The tour runs from Aug. 5 through Aug. 14 at 12 different quilting stores.

The Hop raises money for local charities. The 12 shop owners are hoping the Christmas-themed shopping bag will raise even more donations for each shop's selected charity this year. In the last 9 years, the tour shops have donated to local food banks, missions and women's shelters in their areas.

Shoppers visiting all 12 stores can become eligible for many prize giveaways. This year's grand prize valued at \$800 is an Accuquilt GO! Big Electric Fabric Cutter Started Set donated by Barnes Sewing Center, Cuyahoga Falls and a Qube die set. Second prize is a Bernina sewing machine chair valued at \$450. Third place prize is a group of Quilter's Select rotary cutting rulers donated by Sew Déjà vu Quilt Store in Stow. In addition, each shop is donating two \$25 gift certificates and two gift baskets valued at \$100 and \$150 each filled with sewing notions, tools, books, fabrics and patterns.

Sewing manufacturers from around the world have donated bundles of fabric, patterns and sewing tools for the event.

The theme of the Hop is Christmas Charms. Each store will give away two free patterns. Shoppers can collect 24 different Christmas patterns by visiting each store.

"Free fabric, free quilt patterns and the chance to win sewing prizes makes for happy quilters coming to our quilting stores," said Mary Lou Kalb of Craft Cupboard in Middlefield.

Participants can purchase a passport and shopping bag at any of the 12 shops for \$5. "Carrying the shopping bag gives customers a discount on merchandise at all 12 shops throughout the next year," said Jeanette Gage of The Quilting Block in Rock Creek. "There are only so many bags available so we hope that this will inspire shoppers to get their bags early and help out local charities," said Gage.

The tour also is about creativity. Each shop designs a quilt or quilt related item like placemats, table runners, purses or wall hangings for the shop hop. On the first day of the tour, each shop unveils its special project at their store.

During the nine days of the tour, shoppers receive a free pattern for two Christmas charm squares and five squares of fabric that are each 5-inches square at each store. Shop hoppers visiting all 12 stores will have 60 charm squares. Quilters often make quilts from just collecting these squares. During the tour, shops will show ideas on how these charm squares can be used in sewing projects.

"It is all about sewing. Quilt Shop Hops are a way for retailers to join together and inspire quilters and stitchers to create beautiful sewn works of art and have fun with other stitchers," said Gage.

To register for the Charming Shop Hop Tour and receive a passport, tote bag and free brochure describing all the details of the tour, visit any participating quilt shop. For more information, visit "a charming quilt shop tour" on Facebook or call Quilter's Fancy at 330-637-3106.

Participating shops include: Anna Louisa's Needle Arts in Navarre,

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By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

From the Garden

Hooray for me! A problem finally solved! I have found the perfect plant for a very troublesome area.

If you are a flower gardener or amateur landscaper, you have probably encountered an area or two where nothing wants to grow. My problem area is at the rear of my house, facing north. Actually it is a corner, formed by house and deck. Get the picture? Even the pachysandra wouldn't completely fill the space and the Annabelle hydrangea struggled to survive.

I was at my wit's end. What to do, my poor hydrangea. The one on the other side of the deck—large and beautiful and healthy. Now I am partial to large, tall and straight flowering plants. Astilbes usually do not have those characteristics, but one caught my attention. Astilbe Purple Candles is a tall variety growing 3 to 4 ft.

Here is the official catalogue description: "Statuesque purple-red plumes glow against bronze green foliage. This tall variety blooms in early summer." Zones 4-8. Loves a moist, shady spot. I ordered six. I don't think I have ever ordered one of any flowering plant. Did I need six, no. I planted three in the corner area and the other three in a sunnier, drier location.

Come spring, all the pachysandra was removed. Goodbye moles, voles and chipmunks. Japanese painted ferns were added for a ground cover. The results? Annabelle went from a single

stick to multiple stems and flowers. The astilbe is over 4 ft. tall and the transplanted ferns are growing and sending up fiddleheads. Love it when a plan comes together.

The other Purple Candle astilbes, have grown too, and are also blooming. With more sun and in a drier location, this group has topped out at 3ft. It has been awhile since I have had such good growth and number of stems and blooms on perennials during their first year planted. What a good strong astilbe.

If you have damp, partial shade and like tall flowers give this one a chance. It gets late afternoon and evening sun high on the flower stalk, not much at the root level in the corner where it is planted.

FYI : Astilbes are the back-bone of the shade garden. They produce plumes (flower stalks) in many colors, red, white, pink, apricot, peach and purple. To really enjoy the colorful blooms throughout the summer, you can plant early (mid-June through early July), mid (July), and late blooming (mid-July through - August), varieties. Astilbes are heavy feeders, so to encourage those showy plumes, apply an organic slow release fertilizer like Plant Tone or a synthetic one like Osmocote into the soil in early May.

Happy gardening!
Kathleen Ferris is a Trumbull County Ohio State Extension Master Gardener and a Cortland resident.

Vlad Pediatrics welcomes Audrey Swank

Vlad Pediatrics welcomes Audrey M. Swank, PA-C to its practice. Audrey graduated from Youngstown State University in 2012 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and then obtained her Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Mount Union in 2016. She has been practicing as a pediatric provider since graduating in 2016 and is versed in caring for patients from newborns to young adults.

As a pediatric provider, Audrey is especially focused on preventive medicine, which she believes is one of the most important aspects of healthcare. She considers herself a patient advocate and prioritizes establishing good connections with her patients and their caregivers. As a mother of three, Audrey recognizes the importance of the provider-patient-parent relationship and hopes to instill trust in the care she provides

through the demonstration of empathy, compassion and understanding.

As a Trumbull County native, Audrey is very excited to be practicing in the community she has always called "home" and to be working with the experienced staff at Vlad Pediatrics.



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Lakeview 8u wins Mill Creek All Star Tournament



The Lakeview 8U All Star Team recently won the Mill Creek 8U All Star Tournament by beating the Austintown All Stars 11 to 6. Front row from left are: Dominic Massary, Landon Whitmore,

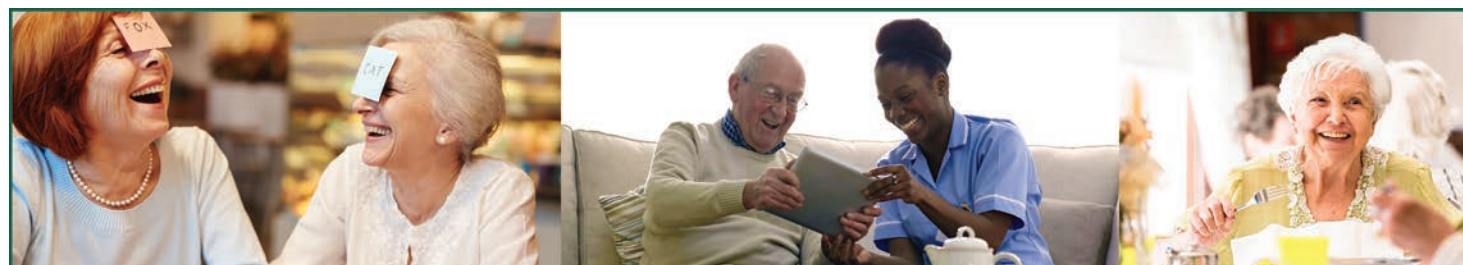
Brentley Simonyi, Robbie Marsco, Loukas Costas and Nico Perrell. Back row: Jak Keck, Drew Swinning, Ben Terbovich, Luke Elliott and Levi Booth.

Quilt Tour

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Bernina & Sew Much More in Boardman, Craft Cupboard in Middlefield, Fabric Obsession in Medina, Mara's Fabric & Gifts in Eastlake, Polka Dot Pincushion in Richfield, Pomegranate Place in Hartville, Quilted Thimble in Chesterland, Quilter's Fancy in Cortland, Quilting Block in Rock Creek, Sew Déjà Vu in Stow, Tiny Stitches Quilt Shop in Middlefield.

All 12 shops will keep the same hours of 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Aug. 7 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Aug. 14. The tour is closed on Sundays. Check with each shop as some shops may have extended hours.



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By Jennifer J. Slywczak



IRS: Families receiving monthly Child Tax Credit payments can now update their direct deposit information

The Internal Revenue Service has upgraded a key online tool to enable families to quickly and easily update their bank account information so they can receive their monthly Child Tax Credit payment.

The bank account update feature was added to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal, available only on IRS.gov. Any updates made by Aug. 2 will apply to the Aug. 13 payment and all subsequent monthly payments for the rest of 2021.

Families will receive their July 15 payment by direct deposit in the bank account currently on file with the IRS. Those who are not enrolled for direct deposit will receive a check. The IRS encourages people without current bank account information to use the tool to update their information so they can get the payments sooner.

The IRS also urges people to be on the lookout for scams related to the Child Tax Credit. People who need to update their bank account information should go directly to the IRS.gov site and not click on links received by email, text or phone.

How to update direct deposit information

First, families should use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to confirm their eligibility for the payments. If eligible, the tool will also indicate whether they are enrolled to receive their payments by direct deposit.

If so, it will list the full bank routing number and the last four digits of their account number. This is the account that will receive their July 15 payment, and if they don't change the account, all future payments will go there as well.

Next, if they choose, they can change the bank account receiving the payment starting with the Aug. 13 payment. They can do that by updating the routing number and account number and indicating whether it is a savings or checking account. Note that only one account number is permitted for each recipient—that is, the entire payment must be direct deposited in only one account.

How to switch from paper check to direct deposit

If the Update Portal shows that a family is eligible to receive payments but not enrolled to receive direct deposits,

they will receive a check each month. If they want to switch to receiving their payments by direct deposit, they can use the tool to add their bank account information. They do that by entering their bank routing number and account number and indicating whether it is a savings or checking account.

The IRS urges any family receiving checks to consider switching to direct deposit. With direct deposit, families can access their money more quickly. Direct deposit removes the time, worry and expense of cashing a check. In addition, direct deposit eliminates the chance of a lost, stolen or undelivered check.

Families can stop payments anytime

Even after payments begin, families can stop all future monthly payments if they choose. They do that by using the unenroll feature in the Child Tax Credit Update Portal. Eligible families who make this choice will still receive the rest of their Child Tax Credit as a lump sum when they file their 2021 federal income tax return next year.

To stop all payments starting in August and the rest of 2021, they must unenroll by Aug. 2, 2021.

For more information about the unenrollment process, including a schedule of deadlines for each monthly payment, see Topic J of the Child Tax Credit FAQs on IRS.gov.

Who should unenroll?

Instead of receiving these advance payments, some families may prefer to wait until the end of the year and receive the entire credit as a refund when they file their 2021 return. The Child Tax Credit Update Portal enables these families to quickly and easily do that.

The unenroll feature can also be helpful to any family that no longer qualifies for the Child Tax Credit or believes they will not qualify when they file their 2021 return. This could happen if, for example:

- Their income in 2021 is too high to qualify them for the credit.
- Someone else (an ex-spouse or another family member, for example) qualifies to claim their child or children as dependents in 2021.
- Their main home was outside of the United States for more than half of 2021.

What is the Child Tax Credit Update Portal?

The Child Tax Credit Update Portal is a secure, password-protected tool, available to any eligible family with internet access and a smart phone or computer. It is designed to enable them to manage their Child Tax Credit accounts. Right now, this includes updating their bank account information with the IRS or unenrolling from monthly payments. Soon, it will allow people to check on the status of their payments. Later this year, the tool will also enable them to make other status updates and be available in Spanish.

To access the Child Tax Credit Update Portal, a person must first verify their identity. If a person has an existing IRS username or an ID.me account with a verified identity, they can use those accounts to easily sign in.

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Five tips for transitioning into retirement

Retirement marks the end of a chapter in your career and the start of a new lifestyle. This unique transition can bring a myriad of emotions, most commonly ones of excitement and apprehension. If you're pondering retiring in the next year or so, here are five tips to help you transition smoothly.

1. Know the transition could take weeks - or months. You likely spent decades forming a routine around your work schedule. Establishing your new normal of volunteer work, an encore career or helping family will take time. If you are married, remember that your retired status may affect your spouse's routine, too. Talk openly about how you're feeling during the transition to keep your spouse in the loop.

2. Communicate your retirement plans with family members. Your parents, kids or other family members will likely be interested in how you intend to spend your retirement days. Will you be visiting the grandkids more often? Continuing to host family get-togethers? Planning to move or purchase a retirement home? As you share your plans, don't forget to discuss your financial picture. The benefits of open communication are three-fold: it reassures your kids that you're financially prepared; allows you to introduce or remind your family of your estate and legacy plans; and it establishes a safe space for both sides to discuss potentially challenging financial topics.

3. Maintain healthy habits. Staying diligent with the activities that help you feel your best is important as you shift into retirement. Prioritize eating healthy, sleeping well, staying fit and maintaining friendships in your new routine.

4. Evaluate your finances. Prior to retirement, you likely outlined how you will manage your cash flow. (If not, today is the day to put a plan in place.) As you enter retirement, review your expenses to ensure they're aligned with your plan. It's common to revise your spending and activities after experiencing the first few weeks away from your primary job, so it's okay if you need to adjust how much you withdraw from your accounts each month. If you want to increase your spending, calculate what that means for your later retirement years, as you don't want your savings to come up short. Consult a financial advisor for guidance on how to make your money last while living the lifestyle you desire.

5. Reset your attitude. Retirement is not the ultimate finish line. Experiencing a lot of emotions is common but try to focus on what you're excited about in this next chapter. And, remember you're not alone. Talk to friends, family and professionals in your life for support along the way.

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Charity pancake breakfast Saturday, Aug. 7

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The "all you can eat" charity breakfast is held monthly by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, and 100 percent of the proceeds are donated to a local charity, thanks to a lodge member who sponsors the full cost of the supplies needed.

The breakfast cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for youth ages 6 to 10 and free for children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. You may elect to have a "take out" breakfast or you can use the indoor seating.

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Lakeview Bulldogs 12 & under win Route 304 championship

The 2021 "Route 304 Baseball Association" 12 and under league championship was won by the Lakeview Bulldogs. The Lakeview Athletic Club had two teams represented in this age group; one coached by Dale Bell and the other coached by Kevin Gavitt. Both teams had great seasons, with each finishing the regular season ranked in the top 5 of 23 teams from across the area.

Team Gavitt ended the regular season as the only undefeated team with a record of 17-0, earning the top seed of the playoff tournament held at Liberty Township Park on Churchill Road. They went on to defeat Champion, Hubbard, Brookfield and Niles in the playoffs to make it to the championship game where they defeated Howland 10-0, their fourth shutout of the year, to bring home the trophy and cap off a perfect season, 22-0.

This team received contributions from every player at various points of the season. Kevin and the other coaches on the team: Derik Lantz, Tim Stuart and Tony Ewell frequently marveled at how this team always picked each other up and how special of a season this was for these boys. The comraderie, chemistry and sportsmanship even exceeded their play on the field and made this summer a true season of dreams, not only for the players, but for the coaches and parents as well! It was a special year indeed!



Front row from left are: Nick Larson, Jackson Stuart, Liam Gavitt, Brandon Steele, Cody Rizzo, Cameron Hughes. Back row: Kevin Gavitt, Asa Lantz, Kaden Gavitt, Gavin Price, Trevin Rinck, Mason Doneyko, Dominic Ewell, Derik Lantz. Not pictured: Hayden Ferr

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13th annual 'Evening Under the Stars' coming in August

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The Dance Space studio attends national dance competition

The competition team from The Dance Space, located at 2048 N. River Rd NE Warren, traveled to compete against other studios around the region at That's Entertainment National Dance Competition in Sandusky on June 25-28.

At the conclusion of the weekend, multiple awards and titles were brought home. Those included- Kendall Tabor- "You Are My Sunshine," 2nd place solid gold, 4th place overall; Laina Kellar- "Born to Entertain," 1st place solid gold, 2nd place overall; "My Boyfriends Back," 2nd place solid gold, 3rd place overall; Kara Lewis- "Trouble," solid gold, "Lonely"- "Stunning" Judges Award, 1st place platinum, 1st place overall, "Cups"- high gold; Missy Elliott- 1st place platinum, 4th place overall, "Shake the Room"- 1st place platinum, 2nd place overall, "One Kiss" "Powerhouse Performers" Judges Award, 1st place Platinum Plus, 1st place overall; Ava Schlosser- "Love to Dance," Judges Award, Solid Gold.

Cheyenne Hogue- Solid Gold, Most Valuable Competitor Award, "Dip"- 3rd place Solid Gold, "Between the Wars"- 2nd place platinum, 2nd place overall, "Black and Gold"- 2nd place Solid Gold, "Fall for You"- 2nd place platinum, 5th place overall, "Hey Ya"- 2nd place Solid Gold; Bailey Wilson- "Quake" 1st place solid gold, 8th place overall, "Money, Money, Money"- 2nd place platinum, Entertainer of the Year Award; Alyssa Godfrey- 1st place platinum, 1st place overall, Adult Miss That's Entertainment (Title Winner); Morgan Duffey- 3rd place Solid Gold; Olivia Vaupel- "Flawless" Judges Award, 1st place platinum plus, 1st place overall, Senior Miss That's Entertainment (Title Winner); Allison Rowe- 3rd place Solid Gold and "Between the Lines," "2 of a Kind" Judges Award, 1st place platinum plus, 1st place overall.

After their return home, The Dance Space competition team will rested several weeks before summer classes start (now through July 28) and Competition Team auditions Saturday, July 31.

The Dance Space was owned and run by Beth Chepke from 1990-2000. After the 2000 recital, Beth sold the studio to current owner, Nicole Tabor. Nicole carried on the traditions set forth from Beth and stayed focused on the family atmosphere we wanted in place. Becky Lewis stayed on as instructor to help with the transition and after 21 years, she still is a part of The Dance Space Family. The studio has been in business for a combined 31 years. The staff consists of all alumni dancers that have returned to teach at the studio we grew up in, as well as previous owner, Beth Chepke. Some of the staff have their own children dancing now, too.

For more information, please call The Dance Space at 330-372-5774.



TDS Team poses after final awards.



Olivia Vaupel and Alyssa Godfrey, both title winners.

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SCOPE offering bus trips

SCOPE Senior Services is once again offering bus trips to several locations each month for the rest of the 2021 year for area seniors who like to travel.

SCOPE is partnering with Anderson Tours and Travel to bring to area senior citizens some interesting trips to restart the tour calendar for the rest of this year. "SCOPE has two trip operators, John Sinclair and Sharon Grover, who SCOPE organizes trips with that are most requested by our members," said Mike Wilson, director of SCOPE Senior Services.

Starting in August, SCOPE plans on making at least one Wednesday every month a bus trip day. A two-day trip

into Pennsylvania is set for Aug. 18 and 19 to see the Dutch Dinner Theatre, a buffet dinner and to watch the evening show "Grumpy Old Men." A trip the next day is in Amish country visit to the Kitchen Kettle with 40 shops, and then onto see the spectacular religious show, "Queen Esther" at the huge Sight and Sound Theatre.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, there is a one day casino trip that is being finalized to the Pittsburgh Rivers Casino that includes a \$5 food voucher and \$20 in free play for seniors.

For more details or to make a reservation contact John Sinclair at 330-719-6778.

From the desk of the superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

It is summer and time for projects to be done across the school district. While students, teachers and some support staff are away, our custodians, mechanics, and maintenance workers are busy with improvement projects.

If you've been around the high school, you have seen progress on our biggest summer project—running a new sewer line from the stadium facility to connect at Portal. After a back-up in the spring, we discovered an issue that required us to make this adjustment. While it was not something we had planned to do, it surely was necessary.

Fortunately, we have Permanent Improvement (PI) funds available for just this kind of situation. These funds help to pay for unexpected, but necessary work as well as planned projects and purchases. For those who don't know, PI money is used only for capital improvements, maintenance and repairs of school property, and certain equipment items that are designed to last five years or more. Ohio law prevents PI money from being used for salaries or benefits.

Lakeview's 1mil PI levy currently brings in \$173,734 annually based on the

current property valuation. This year, the PI money is going to the purchase of two new school buses that were recommended to be replaced by the Ohio State Highway Patrol inspector, a replacement rooftop AC unit that services the high school cafeteria, and the sewer line.

Any unused PI money is held in a separate account that serves as a rainy day fund for unexpected repairs or other qualifying needs that may arise.

In addition to work mentioned already, our custodians are working daily to clean each school from top to bottom. Rooms are cleared, floors are stripped and waxed, carpets are scrubbed, and every piece of furniture is cleaned before returning to its classroom. By the time they are done, each school looks refreshed and as good as new. Through their hard work, our district is able to maintain its facilities and ensure student and staff safety.

Our goal is to get all the cleaning done in July, because once August arrives, the district shifts into back-to-school mode. Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer.



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'Sow a Seed' program

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