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Happy Fourth of July!

By Sally Lane

Summer may have just started meteorologically, but for over 200 years our sense of time and seasons seem to coincide with the time that school children are on break. On this year's somewhat newer schedule, the summer is almost two-thirds over. The kids have been out of

school since May 16, and they return Aug. 16. It didn't use to be that way - when more people were needed at home on the farm. Technology and air-conditioned schools have changed the need for the traditional summer break from June to September.

However, our economy still depends on that three-month summer break, whether it starts in May or June. What would we do without a nice long break for a family vacation? Do you remember when you were growing up (lots of years ago in my case) that your father could hardly wait to build up enough time at the steel mill for a 13-week vacation? But I digress. Now my age group waits until the "off season" to schedule vacations.

Regardless, the Fourth of July is still the high point of the summer. Fireworks, parades, picnics and family fun provide this half-time like entertainment. With new rules on the purchase and use of fireworks in Ohio, this year is bound to be a "blast!"

For the first time in many years, the Lions Club Street Fair was not held in June, but it WILL be Aug. 12- 14, just

before students head back to school. After a tense, no fun, COVID summer last year, we are more than ready for our hometown favorite summer event.

Don't forget the Trumbull County Fair that is scheduled for July 13 to the 18. Our Cortland Bazetta Historical Society will have a booth in the old church at the fairgrounds. Be sure to check out our display and those of other historical societies. Besides the rides and the food, the most important part of the county fair are the displays by various organization, the flower show, and the 4H animals. Our 4H Club members have worked all year grooming and feeding their animals for their projects. There truly is something for everyone at the fair.

If you play an instrument and are interested in joining the Cortland Community Band, rehearsals this summer are Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Cortland Opera House. Bring your own music stand. The parking lot is behind the Cortland Methodist Church on N. High Street. Rehearsals for winter concerts resume at the Lakeview K-8 building after

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Our theme will be Summer Fun

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

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

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Community Events Event Calendar July 3 – July 24

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Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.

American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

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

JULY

- 4 4th of July
- 4 W.D. Packard Concert Band and Fireworks, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave., Warren, 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Summer Concert Series By the Lake, Youngstown Community Band, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 10 Charity Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Jobs Daughters of Warren, 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). See pg. 7
- 11 Summer Concert Series By the Lake, Spiritual Music with Terry Leonard, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6-7 p.m.
- 11 Summer Concert - The Packard Band, "Big Band Sound of Packard," Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, 7 p.m.
- 13 Summer Concert Series By the Lake, We Made History Presents: First Lady Lucretia Garfield, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 2-3 p.m.
- 13-18 175th Trumbull County Fair, 899 Everett Hull Road, Cortland, www.trumbullcountyfair.com.
- 15 Summer Concert Series By the Lake, Todd Cutshaw, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 17 5K on the Runway, Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport, 1453 Youngstown Kingsville Road NE, Vienna, OH 44473, 8 a.m., <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Vienna/5KontheRunwayYoungstown>
- 18 W.D. Packard Concert Band - Dr. Frank Tracz, guest conductor, "Fun Music," Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, 7 p.m.
- 21 Summer Concert Series By the Lake, Dixieland Band from Girard, Ohio Living Lake Vista, 303 N. Mecca St., Cortland, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 21-25 Warren Greek Festival, St. Demetrios Hellenic Orthodox Church, 3223 Atlantic Ave. NW, Warren, www.warregreekfest.com.

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

We just heard that Cortland Playroom has a few openings for the fall and for the rest of the summer program. Due to the restrictions being loosened they are able to accommodate more children. But they are still adhering to strict safety guidelines for your children and the staff. Better hurry as these opening won't last long.

Cortland Mower would like to thank its understanding customers during the supply chain issues that are plaguing not only its industry, but all industries across the country. They are operating on lower than normal inventory along with delays on incoming shipments.

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Supply chain affecting every industry

By Thom Foley

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The other day I was in Cortland Mower and upon seeing the sparse inventory a customer asked if they are going out of business! Nothing could be further from the truth! Like most companies, they just can't get products to sell. "We have several mowers and other equipment presold but we just can't get delivery yet," said Manager Sam Boyd.

This is affecting restaurants, medical facilities and every retailer. It may be up to another year until things are back to normal so please be patient and continue to support businesses, especially our locally owned businesses that are struggling to stay in business to service all of us. I can assure you that they appreciate it more than you know. Thanks!

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The missing piece ... and a surprise

By Sally Lane

One of the most treasured items in our local Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society is the piano that sits on the stage of the Cortland Opera House. In 1882, David Marvin had shipped the beautiful square grand piano by oxen from Boston, across the Allegheny Mountains to his family's beautiful old house on Warren-Meadville Road. It was for his daughter Bessie's seventh birthday. She was a talented musician who soon was giving music lessons. Bessie and the piano stayed in that house until 1967 when health problems caused her to sell the house and move into a rest home. She died just a month short of her 100th birthday in 1975.

When the house was sold, the piano was placed in a shed on the property ... for 15 years. The old shed leaked. Animals built nests, chewed the keys, and stored acorns inside the case. One decorated leg was broken. By 1982, 100 years after its delivery to the house, the piano was a mess, but the historical society wanted to try preserve it, not knowing whether it would ever be playable again. It took thousands of dollars and several years before the piano was restored.

In the meantime, the historical society purchased the Opera House. It had been the Grange Hall for some time, then it was the education building for the Methodist Church. It took work, money, and more work, but finally the Opera House was restored. The piano had a home. Talented restoration had brought the piano back to its original beauty. A new leg was hand carved

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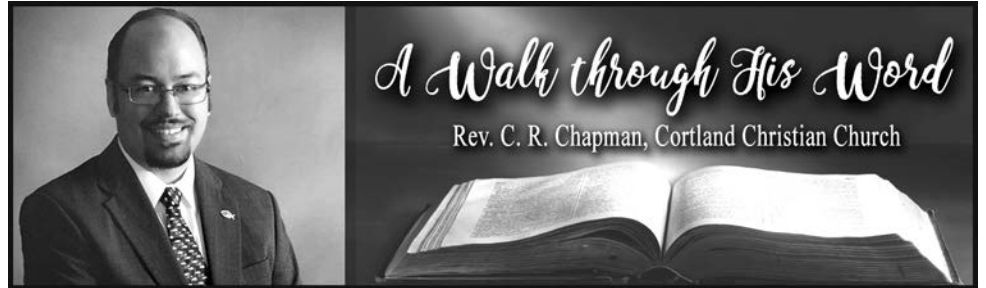


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“Coming to the end of his sermon, Peter Muhlenberg turned to his congregation and said, ‘In the language of the holy writ, there was a time for all things, a time to preach and a time to pray, but those times have passed away.’ As those assembled looked on, Pastor Muhlenberg declared, ‘There is a time to fight, and that time is now coming!’ Muhlenberg then proceeded to remove his robes revealing, to the shock of his congregation, a military uniform.”

“Marching to the back of the church he declared, ‘Who among you is with me?’ On that day 300 men from his church stood up and joined Peter Muhlenberg. They eventually became the 8th Virginia Brigade fighting for liberty,” (blackroberg.org/history.html).

We celebrate Independence Day because of brave men like the 300 from Rev. Muhlenberg’s church. The pulpit has always been a voice for God to call

His people to action through His pastors. A pulpit ought not be politically sided, but God centered. There are thousands of men and women willing to take a stand for God’s Word, for God’s Justice, and for the sake of the Gospel. Yet often it takes the voice of God to stir them to action.

This Fourth of July we remember those who had the boldness to allow God to speak through them His message of hope and freedom. Do you have boldness to allow God to use you for a great and powerful purpose? Listen to God’s Word from Matthew 26:18-20. “Then Jesus came near and said to [the disciples], ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age,’ (HCSB). If the disciples of the Early Church thought that the end of days was near, then, how much closer are we to Christ’s return? Never has there been a more important time to reach the lost with God’s loving message. Take boldness from this minister in this Year of Our Lord 2021. Be encouraged and embolden to tell about the freedom found in Jesus Christ today.

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(one has to guess which one is the new one.) Even the strings were restored, and it could be played. For several years bus tours and elementary students toured the Opera House and heard the amazing story of the piano and the Opera House.

However, there was a surprise recently. We all knew the story of the piano in the leaky old shed, but what we didn’t know was that sometime before the piano was removed from the shed for restoration, a young boy had entered that shed and looked at the piano.

“I took the music rest off the piano,” said Lynn Beda, a 1978 Lakeview graduate, now of Lake Villa, Ill. “I didn’t know whether I was stealing it or saving it, but I really thought that the piano was going to be destroyed and I wanted to save a part that was beautiful.” A decorative piece, it hung on a wall of his house for years. Then, recently Beda bought a copy of my book, “Cortland and Bazetta Township” and saw a photo of the restored piano. It had a music rest. “It was close to the original, but I knew that it wasn’t original. I knew that I needed to bring it home.” Beda called me, and told me he would be visiting his mother, Eloise Beda in the next few weeks and would bring it.

Curt Moll, who is the resource manager for the historical society, and I met him and his mother at the Opera House. It was amazing that the original music rest was so similar to the replaced one. “The restoration person had obviously found a music rest from another old piano.”

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Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes

Twenty-five years in the parish and ten as hospice chaplain; mission work in the ghettos of Progreso, Mexico and among the poor in Appalachia; a tornado outbreak in Birmingham, Alabama; working the recovery effort in south Florida following Hurricane Andrew; rebuilding in Joplin, Missouri in the wake of a Category 5 tornado; six expeditions to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina; and two mission trips to storm-ravaged south Texas after Hurricane Rita. You could say, I've been "around the world" a few times.

There has been one common denominator. Wherever I find myself - regardless of circumstances or language barriers - folks look me square in the eye and ask: "Pastor, would you pray for me." You know, very seldom a day goes by at Shepherd that I do not hear the same request: "Pastor, would you pray for me." Catastrophes notwithstanding, most things in the life are beyond us - but nothing, absolutely nothing - is beyond God's purview. God hears, God cares, God is able, God loves us. Funny - the first thing I felt compelled to do as a "new Christian" was pray. That

conversation has continued without interruption for thirty-seven years. It's changed my life and that of countless others. Thought the following example offered a reasonable example:

At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee second baseman, offered a prayer that is a classic in brevity and poignancy: "Dear God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. Amen."

Remember the pastor in your prayers, my friends, and I will do the same.



Charity pancake breakfast Saturday, July 10

The public is invited to enjoy another Saturday family breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on July 10, at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) to benefit the Jobs Daughters of Warren.

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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Medicare Insurance for self-employed individuals and small businesses

If you are self-employed or an employee of a small business, it is important to understand your options with Medicare Insurance when you turn 65. If you are utilizing the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and receiving a premium subsidy, have an individual insurance plan or are part of a small group plan with an employer that has less than 20 employees you will need to sign up for Medicare when you turn 65 to avoid possible penalties for late enrollment later. In addition, if you continue in a plan with your employer that has less than 20 members, Medicare Insurance becomes the primary payer of claims and the group insurance is secondary. If you do not enroll in Medicare, you may be responsible for paying medical costs yourself.

For those who have insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance, or other short term individual plans, Medicare does not consider these plans "credible coverage." Therefore, if you delay signing up for Medicare Parts A, B and D, you may incur penalties on the premiums owed when you do sign up. There may also be tax consequences for premium subsidies received through the marketplace after turning 65 and becoming eligible for Medicare Insurance.

If you or your spouse continue to work past age 65 and are covered by an employer group insurance plan with 20 or more employees, the group insurance remains the primary payer, and it is not

necessary to sign up for Medicare until you lose that coverage. However, most beneficiaries will qualify for premium free Part A, hospital coverage. Signing up for Part A does not cost anything and starts the Medicare process. When you lose employer coverage, whether through loss of employment, retirement, or other circumstances, you would then sign up for Part B coverage and provide proof of credible cover through the employer to avoid premium penalties. However, if you contribute to a Health Savings Account on a high deductible plan, you will want to stop contributing to the HSA plan at least six months before applying for either Part A or Part B of Medicare to avoid possible tax consequences.

In any case, it is a good idea to look at all your options when turning 65. It may be helpful to talk to a licensed insurance agent familiar specifically with Medicare Insurance and the different rules and regulations. It is also a good idea to consider employer insurance costs compared to Medicare Insurance costs. Many times, Medicare Insurance when added to a Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage plan will have lower total out of pocket costs when you consider premiums, deductibles, copays, and maximum out of pockets costs compared to individual and group insurance plans.

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Former student makes big difference for tiny babies

By Sally Lane

Most of us have had friends, neighbors, or classmates who moved away. During conversations – often at class reunions – someone will say “Do you remember (name of person)? I wonder how, or where, they are?” Usually someone knows. In this case, the person who knows is ... me!

Erin Engelhardt was born in Cortland and was in fourth grade at the old Cortland Elementary school in 1991. Her older sister, Kirstin, was at the Middle School, and her younger sister, Jorunn, was in first grade. They and their parents, Tom and Joan, lived in Shepherd’s Hill in a neighborhood of families with children about the same

age who were all friends.

Long story ... shortened: After the 1990-91 school year in Cortland, the family moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, as part of the expansion of Packard Electric. Soon they moved to Laredo, Texas, where Erin graduated high school in 1999. College and medical school followed. She married Dr. George Zinkhan, a neurologist, and they live in Salt Lake City, Utah, where Dr. Erin opened a private practice. Here is her story:

Former Lakeview student, Erin Engelhardt Zinkhan M.D., is a physician who cares for growth-restricted, premature, and sick babies



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in the newborn intensive-care unit (NICU). She is also one of the world’s leading experts in intrauterine growth restriction and has published multiple research papers dedicated to unveiling the reason why growth-restricted babies are more likely to have health problems throughout life.

After completion of her medical school training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dr. Zinkhan completed her Pediatrics Residency and Neonatology Fellowship at the University of Utah. She has published many research articles and presented her research at international conferences to further the medical community’s understand of growth restriction.

Besides her private practice in Neonatology, Dr. Zinkhan focuses her time on educating the general public about growth restriction. She has written a book “Tiny But Mighty Baby: A Parents’ Guide to Navigating Your Child’s Diagnosis of Intrauterine Growth Restriction” and has a blog (www.tinybutmightybaby.com). It highlights research and parents’ experiences with their children. The book relates the experiences of parents of NICU children in easy-to-understand language that guides parents, grandparents and teachers through the maze of medical help they may be facing. Proceeds from this book are donated to a foundation started by Dr. Zinkhan to fund research that discovers ways to improve the lives of people with growth restriction.




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Local NSDAR meet

Mary Chesney Chapter NSDAR met on Saturday, June 12 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Warren. Officers were installed and a memorial service was held for Dorothy Mohn who passed away on Nov. 14, 2020. There was also a presentation on the history of the American flag by several members in honor of Flag Day on June 14. The next meeting will be held in September. For more information email marychesneydar@gmail.com.



Members of the DAR include from left: Carol Olson, chaplain; Diana Tripi, regent; Karen Mamula, 2nd vice regent; Barb Layfield, registrar; Janice Kistler, recording secretary; Kim Welch, 1st vice regent; and Donna Drakedis, corresponding secretary.

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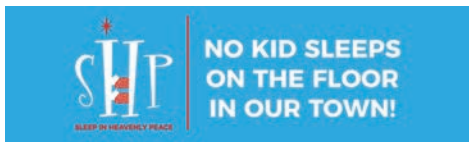
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Sleep in Heavily Peace holds "Bunks Across America"

On Saturday June 12, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Trumbull Co. participated in the National Build Day called "Bunks Across America," which was held at Cortland Lanes. SHP Trumbull Co. is a nonprofit that provides beds to children that are currently sleeping on the floor, or other uncomfortable situations. They provide children in need with a twin-size bed frame complete with mattress, pillow, and sheet set.

During build day, bed frames are constructed completely from raw wood materials. "We had over 35 community volunteers show up to help us build beds this weekend, which was amazing for our very first public build day," said Chelsea Munroe, Chapter president. With the help of these volunteers, SHP Trumbull Co. made 16 beds during the BAA build day. So far in 2021, this chapter has delivered 18 beds to children in need within Trumbull County.

"Right now we are experiencing a backorder on mattresses, but we hope to receive some soon so we can continue fulfilling our mission of providing beds," Munroe said. Sunbelt rentals, Beautiful Whirl'd, and Zoo-2-Go Mobile Petting Zoo were the local sponsors of this build day providing generators and food for the volunteers.

Erin Sanders, Chapter vice president commented "We are so grateful for all of our volunteers and the generous sponsors that make all of this possible for our chapter. We truly just can't thank them enough."

SHP will be scheduling bed delivery days where the group delivers and assembles the beds for the children in need and they will be seeking volunteers to accomplish this. Stay up to date on all SHP events and updates by following them on social media @shptrumbulco. More information can be found at shpbeds.org or by contacting Chelsea at chelsea.munroe@shpbeds.org.

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By Jennifer J. Slywczak



The IRS begins adjusting tax returns for unemployment compensation exclusion

On May 14, the IRS issued notification that it began making adjustments to 2020 tax returns to allow the exclusion of unemployment compensation of up to \$10,200, as included in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Here's some quick facts you need to know:

- The adjustments will be done in phases.
 - o The first phase, began on May 6, 2021, and includes single taxpayers who had the simplest tax returns, such as those filed by taxpayers who did not claim children or any refundable tax credits.

- o The second phase is scheduled to begin after the completion of the first phase and will include married filing joint taxpayers with more complex tax returns.

- The \$10,200 per person exclusion applies to taxpayers, single or married filing jointly, with modified adjusted gross income of less than \$150,000. The \$10,200 is the amount of income exclusion, not the amount of the refund.

- A notice, CP 21 or CP 22, will be issued within 30 days to inform you of the adjustment and let you know if

the adjustment created a balance due, refund, or no change. You should keep any Notice you receive for your tax records.

- Refund amounts will vary and not all adjustments will result in a refund.

- If the adjustment results in a refund, it will be issued as a direct deposit (if the IRS has your bank account information) or a check (if no valid bank account information is available), as long as no other past due amounts are owed which the IRS is obligated to collect.

- o If other amounts are owed, such as past-due federal tax, state income tax, state unemployment compensation debts, child support, spousal support or certain federal nontax debts (e.g., student loans), the refund will be offset to pay them.

- o The IRS will send a separate notice to you if the refund is sent to pay unpaid debts.

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Love Life Foundation and community groups work to improve Hillside Cemetery

By Sally Lane and Daynelle Sanner

Hillside Cemetery not only holds historical significance but certainly holds special places in the hearts of many. Flags, flowers, and decorative headstones attest to the love for those buried there. Before this land became a cemetery, it was owned by early settler William Davis. The first burial was John Godden in 1810 while it was Davis's Orchard. Since then, hundreds of burials have taken place from the earliest time in Cortland's and Bazetta's history to the present.

Many people regularly visit Hillside Cemetery to plant flowers, to mourn, pray or reflect. It is a peaceful place. This is certainly true for Jarrett Hutton's parents and sister: Rick, Theresa and Daynelle (Sanner) Hutton. Spending time at the cemetery and seeing the improvements that could be made sparked a conversation with Frank Parke, Bazetta Township trustee, and a revitalization project was born. The goal is to collaborate with the Love Life Foundation and various service organizations to give time and talent to revitalize.

The Love Life Foundation, established in memory of Jarrett Hutton (1983 - 2016), works to continue Jarrett's efforts of encouraging creativity, fostering innovation, inspiring potential within and cultivating programs that are based on positivity, ingenuity, faith and his love for life. The community has supported this foundation by helping with gifts of materials, such as paint, mulch and whatever else is needed. Most importantly the community helps with volunteers. Young people are learning how to give time and effort. They benefit by taking pride in the finished product and knowing that they can help in a real way.

Highlights of the Hillside Cemetery project include:

- New sign designed by Jillian Beck (cousin of Jarrett Hutton). She has created a new design and will be painting the entrance sign. There are various components that Rick Hutton asked to be included. The new sign was installed on June 26.

- New roof - by GC Metal Roofing of Cortland. They replaced the roof on the structure that holds the new sign.

- Landscaping - New landscape design is being completed by the Love Life Foundation and Bazetta Township. Once the new sign is secure, additional plants will be added to the design.

- Paint - Jim Gorse of the Cortland Lions Club donated paint for the fences. Boy Scouts #4040 painted a portion of the fence for a service project. (They worked ALL day)

- Trash cans - Rick Hutton with the Love Life Foundation painted the cans red so they were all uniform.


- Currently the Love Life Foundation is working with preservationists Jeff and Christina Ford to learn how to reset the fallen headstones. The Ford's will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the steps involved in resetting the stones, on July 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Pavilion.

- Theresa Hutton with the Love Life Foundation has been researching trees to meet the criteria for the cemetery. She is working with Frank Parke of Bazetta Township. The cost of the selected trees will be \$100 to \$150 each. Fifteen trees are needed. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, please email foundation.lovelife@gmail.com.


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5 steps to help you successfully navigate today's housing market

In many parts of the country, home prices have been soaring. According to the National Association of Realtors, the median existing-home price rose more than 17 percent in the one-year period ending in March 2021. This reflects just how competitive the market has become for homebuyers.

If you are among those looking to purchase a new home, you should have a solid strategy in place before entering the market. Assume that any house you are interested in has drawn the attention of other potential buyers. In this environment, it helps to be prepared. Here are five steps that can put you in a more competitive position in today's home buying market:

#1 - Get your financial house in order

A top priority is to have a good handle on your current financial situation. If you are already a homeowner, this means having a clear idea of the value your home will bring in today's market and how much equity you have available. Another question is how much money you have set aside to cover a down payment on a mortgage or other expenses related to moving into a new place. It makes sense to sit down with your financial advisor so you are aware of your current financial capabilities to participate in today's market.

#2 - Look to professionals for help

Seek out the guidance of a real estate professional. Finding an agent through a referral from somebody you trust is the best way to identify a qualified agent. Don't be afraid to interview more than one to find the right fit. Also talk to a lending institution to get pre-approved for a mortgage (if you require financing). This is especially important if you are a first-time homebuyer and want to reassure potential sellers of your creditworthiness.

#3 - Consider all of your options

It is easy to get your heart set on a

particular community or neighborhood as you search out homes. If the supply is limited in your targeted areas, you may need to expand your horizons. Start by drafting a list of the priorities that help define your ideal home and setting. That can be helpful in reviewing available properties and narrowing down your choices. It can also open doors to other areas that you may discover actually meet your needs. Also be careful not to get too set on what you may represent your "perfect" home. Flexibility is important in today's market.

#4 - Set a budget and prepare to work with it

A deciding factor in assessing the affordability of a home is to calculate the maximum monthly mortgage payment and property taxes that can fit into your budget. This will help you determine a realistic price range for your circumstances. It is becoming more common today to see home prices bid up beyond the asking price. To prepare for that possibility, you might want to lower your sights a bit to make sure homes you are pursuing stay within your budget, even if you have to offer more than the list price of the home.

#5 - Be patient and persistent

Buying a home in such a competitive marketplace is not likely to happen overnight. Once you feel prepared to become active, don't be surprised if the process takes some time. In many markets, there are a fair number of potential buyers for quality homes. Sellers tend to have the upper hand right now. It may become frustrating at times, but persistence is necessary to find the right property and be in a position to present the winning offer. If buying a new home is a priority for you, stay committed to the idea and have faith that the right opportunity will come along at the right time.

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Johnson Senior Center offering balance training

Moving for Better Balance, also known as Tai Ji Quan, is a balance training regimen designed for older adults at risk of falling. The Johnston Senior Center on state Route 5 will be offering this class starting July 14 from 1 to 2 p.m.

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Keep the fun afloat

5 tips to make watersport adventures safe this summer

(Family Features) For those who enjoy outdoor and active summer lifestyles, water entertainment may be the way to go. Racing the waves with the wind flowing through your hair can be a fun and exhilarating way to enjoy fresh air; a dip in a cool lake can also help keep the heat at bay on hot summer days.

Despite world events over the past year, the watersports lifestyle is thriving - potentially due to the nature of personal watercraft riding and ability to practice social distancing. In fact, powerboat sales reached record highs, and while that momentum has slowed some in 2021, personal watercraft sales are still surging - up 77% over 2020, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association. This growth means there are lots of new riders on the water, and that can affect the safety of

riders both experienced and new.

Respecting riding etiquette, wearing protective gear and being conscious of the environment can help ensure riders have fun and continue to enjoy access to watersports. The team at Sea-Doo, a global leader in personal watercrafts, shares this advice to help keep everyone safe while having fun on the water:

Know the rules. Rules can vary from one state or location to the next, so be sure you know what the expectations are before you head out on the water. You can find more about licensing requirements and other regulations in your area through the Boat U.S. Foundation.

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Garden Club places flower barrels on West Main Street

The Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland has again, this year, beautified West Main Street with several flower barrels. Elaine Larocca, club president, gave special thanks to the businesses and organizations that donated to their project: Cortland Banks, Huntington Bank, Cortland Masonic Lodge #529, Lane Family Funeral Home/Shaffer-Winans Chapel, and the Family and Friends in Memory of Dorothy

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Life IN POETRY

Burrowing Owl Poem By Bob Adkins

"Hi Burrowing Owl.
We stopped to see you on our way.
We hear you are a feisty little fowl.
We're going to the Rum Runner today."
"Slowly we sneak up on you
You look us directly in the eye"
"Why you looking at me funny,
You never see such a cutesy pie"
"Whoa, not too close.
It's against the law to harass me".
Why don't you just move on?
Stop by later and then see me"
"I will later on buzz your Vista pool.
My job is to catch bugs.
Boy, they really bug, little old me.
Look up in the night sky you will see me."
Stick crosses mark my burrows along
Chiquita way.
I will be here next winter if you come
my way Crosses Mark burrows of my
Owl family.
By Bob 3/31/2020 while walking on
Chiquita to Rum Runner

Editor's Note: We invite other aspiring poets in the community to submit their poems for consideration. We are looking for poems that follow the guidelines of the Cortland News as the "Good News Newspaper," are inspirational and put a positive spin on our everyday lives. We cannot guarantee that each submission will be in an edition, given our guidelines and space availability. For those who would like to submit work under their names should email it to: editor@cortlandnews.net.



Seeking artists for public art project

The Trumbull County Historical Society and the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County are looking for artists to participate in a public art project that will showcase historic figures of Trumbull County at the Trumbull County Historical Society's new Morgan History Center.

The society is seeking artists to paint historic figures from Warren or Trumbull County on salvaged doors from Trumbull County that will be displayed on the campus of the Morgan History Center in downtown Warren. The doors will be pre-primed and will be sealed after painting.

A total of 10 artists will be selected and will each receive \$500 for their time, materials and talent. Exterior paint must be used. Artists are encouraged to select a historic figure of their choosing, to be approved by TCHS before the project begins.

To submit, please send your name, contact information, and examples of your previous work (via Google Drive, Drop Box, or emailed images) to meghan@trumbullcountyhistory.org. Deadline to submit is July 9, 2021

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Zoning Permits
Please remember to get a zoning permit before you begin if you plan to add a shed, deck, pool, fence or similar project this year. Permits for accessory use are only \$25 and this ensures that your project complies with the city's zoning requirements.

Curbside Brush Pickup
The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets continuing 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.

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.
- Branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free). No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.
- 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 July 26
- 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:

July 7
July 21
Aug. 4
Aug. 18
Sept. 1
Sept. 15

Dates to Remember
July 12-Parks Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
July 12-Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.
July 5-Administration offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

- Republic Services garbage pick-up will not be affected.

Have a safe 4th of July!

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to your life jacket to cut power to the engine should you end up in the water. Additionally, neoprene shorts can help prevent injuries and give you a comfortable layer between your body and the saddle. Gloves and boots provide protection and improve your grip, and sunglasses can help protect your eyes from the wind and water. It's also a good idea to keep a windbreaker in a storage compartment in case weather blows in unexpectedly.

Gear up. Once you're dressed for the occasion, you won't need much other gear, but there are a few items that can help protect you. Always keep an anchor on board, along with a radio to call for help if you have trouble. A water bottle can help ensure you stay well hydrated on the water, where you typically sweat a lot due to the wind and sun.

Play nice. On gorgeous, sunny days, you can expect your local lake to be busy. Being respectful of others on the water helps ensure everyone can enjoy their water adventures safely. If you haven't already, take a watercraft or boat safety course and brush up on the basics. Beyond that, pay attention to signs, especially ones that note restricted areas and no-wake zones, and keep a safe 200-foot distance between yourself and other watercrafts.

Be earth aware. Part of being responsible on the water is respecting the environment. You can do your part by committing to green habits like refueling on land and doing maintenance work well away from the shoreline. When you're riding, getting too close to the shore can tear up your watercraft, but it can also be harmful to the fish and birds that feed on the sediment in the shallows, as well as the vegetation. Be aware noise and movement of boats may disturb bird populations. Stay clear of posted bird nesting areas. Nesting birds may fly from their nests, exposing unprotected eggs and hatchlings to the sun's heat or predators. Keeping to channels and deeper water also helps protect the wildlife and prevent shoreline erosion.

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