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Labor Day: A Celebration of Workers' Rights and the Rust Belt's Resiliency

By Alex Irman

As we gather to celebrate Labor Day, it's a time to honor the countless individuals whose hard work and dedication have shaped our nation. This annual observance is a testament to the significance of labor movements and the enduring spirit of workers.

The roots of Labor Day can be traced back to the late 19th century, a period marked by significant industrial growth and burgeoning labor unions. In response to the harsh working conditions and long hours faced by factory workers, labor leaders advocated for reforms to protect workers' rights and improve their quality of life. The first Labor Day celebration was held in New York City in 1882, and it soon became a nationwide tradition.

In the Mahoning Valley, a region deeply intertwined with the history of American industry, Labor Day holds a special significance. The valley's economy was once fueled by the steel and manufacturing industries, providing employment opportunities for thousands of workers. However, the decline of these industries helped create the "rust belt" which led to significant economic challenges and job losses.

Despite these setbacks, the people of the Mahoning Valley have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability. Many individuals who were once employed in traditional manufacturing roles have transitioned to new industries, including the burgeoning electric vehicle (EV) sector. The region's proximity to major automotive manufacturers and its skilled workforce have made it an attractive location for EV-related businesses.

The shift towards electric vehicles



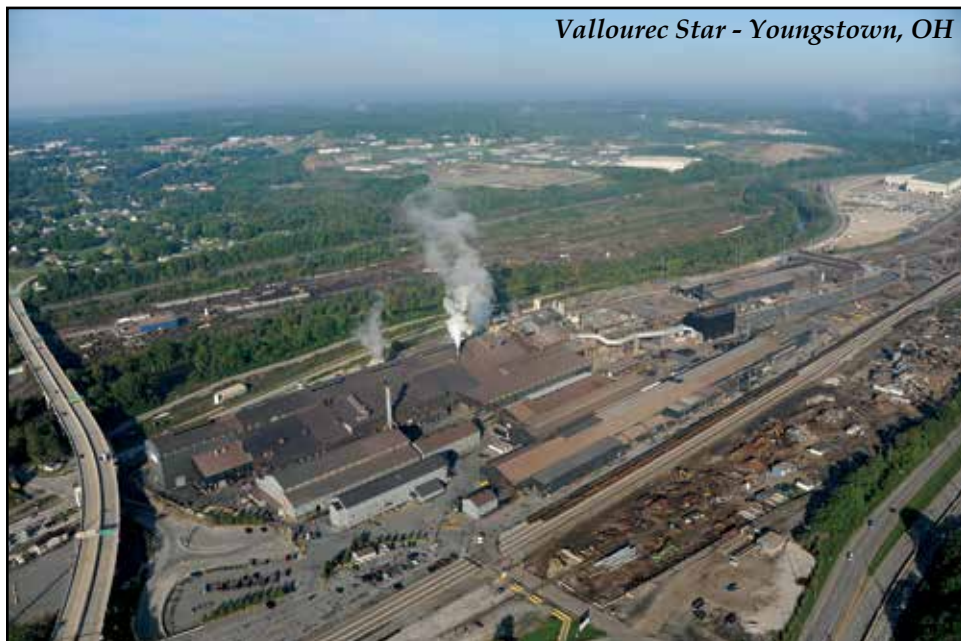
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(EVs) represents a new opportunity for the region to revitalize its manufacturing sector. As automakers invest in EV production, there is a growing demand for skilled workers with expertise in areas such as battery technology, electric motors, and software engineering. This transition presents a chance for the Mahoning Valley to leverage its existing industrial infrastructure and workforce to become a leader in the emerging EV industry.

As the automotive industry undergoes a major transformation, the Mahoning Valley is poised to play a vital role in the production of electric vehicles. This shift represents a new chapter in the region's economic history, offering hope for a brighter future. However, it also highlights the importance of protecting workers' rights and ensuring that they benefit from the growth of this emerging industry.

Labor Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for fair wages, safe working conditions, and job security. It is a time to celebrate the achievements of labor unions and the collective bargaining power of workers. By honoring the sacrifices of past generations, we can inspire future generations to continue fighting for a just and equitable workplace.

In the Mahoning Valley, Labor Day is not only a time for celebration but also a moment for reflection. As the region navigates the challenges and opportunities presented by the EV revolution, it is essential to remember the lessons of the past and ensure that workers are not left behind. By upholding the principles of labor solidarity and advocating for workers' rights, we can build a stronger and more prosperous future for all.



Vallourec Star - Youngstown, OH

Dedication of America's Tallest Freestanding Marble Sculpture

By Elizabeth Godfrey

On August 17, the tallest freestanding marble sculpture in America and the world's largest marble sculpture to be robotically carved was dedicated and unveiled in Cortland. Created and commissioned by Dr. Farid Naffah, MD, the sculpture, known as Lady Kindness, took more than six years to complete from conception to installation. The historic dedication took place at the "Evening Under the Stars" annual fundraiser event at the Cadobaz Estate in Bazetta. The evening included a proclamation from the Ohio Attorney General, as well as a 50-piece orchestra, with a classical pianist, a dedicated art exhibit hosted by Natasha Turovsky and fine dining.




The creation of Lady Kindness blends classical techniques with state-of-the-art methods. Naffah worked with local and international artisans to bring his vision to life. Through meticulous feedback, a life-sized clay model was created in Ohio. 3D scans of this model were then taken by an Italian company that sourced 200 tons of Carrara marble before digitally carving the 29.3-foot sculpture in Italy. After clearing customs in New York, Lady Kindness was shipped to Ohio where she was installed at the Cadobaz Estate.

This one-of-a-kind work is a testament to the enduring nature and boundless power of kindness. "I conceived and designed Lady Kindness during a time of strife and division in our country and

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PARKS AND RECREATION
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CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
Read the minutes from
Cortland City Council meetings at
www.cityofcortland.org under City
Council Minutes.

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Our Next Issue September 21, 2024
Our theme will be
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Article Deadline by Sept 9 • Display Advertising Deadline is Sept 11
Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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.

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.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 15

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

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

Cortland Public Library - Check out the ongoing events on page 18
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>

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

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

Church Events - See the Church News and Notes on the Faith pages.

Trumbull County Combined Health District has numerous free upcoming Vaccine Clinics. See their website or the article in this issue.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Mark Thomas Ford 2nd Annual Bronco and Classic Fords Car Show! 11AM – 3 PM
- 7 City of Cortland 1st Annual Maker’s Market and Craft Show On West Main St / 10 am – 3 pm
- 7 Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast Cortland Masonic Lodge 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) / Supporting the Four Seasons Garden Club / 9 am to 11:30 am
- 9 Ohio Living Lake Vista Club House - Garden Myths Presentation by Vranda Thomas from the Master Gardeners / 11 am
- 10 Cub Pack 4050 Fall Open House / Cortland Lions Club West Main St. / 11 am
- 11 Last Fogging / between 7:00 and midnight
- 11 Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12 - 5:30 PM
- 12 Lake Vista Summer Concert - Girard Dixie Dandies
- 14 Blood Drive / Fowler Community Church 4665 Wilson Sharpsville Rd. / 9 AM - 2 PM
- 21 God Provides A Meal / Cortland United Methodist Church / 11 am - 1 pm
- 23 Curbside Brush Chipping & Pickup THIS WEEK
- 24 Lake Vista Summer Concert - One String Short
- 26-27 Fall Clean-up Program / Provided by Republic Services for our residents. Items will be collected with your regular garbage pickup that week.

OCTOBER

- 4 & 5 St. Robert’s Church Rummage Sale / Friday 9-5 and Sat. 9 -noon. Sat.-large items are half off and \$2.00 per bag. Lunch will be available.

Lake Vista Continues Summer Concerts

Lake Vista released their summer concerts schedule for 2024. All Concerts are at 6:30 pm under Park Place Portico (weather permitting). All the concerts are open to the community and walk-ins are welcome.

Lake Vista is located at 303 N. Mecca St in Cortland. For additional information please call Denise at 330-638-2420.

- September 12 - Girard Dixie Dandies
- September 24 - One String Short

Honoring Our Workforce Celebrating Labor Day with United Way of Trumbull

Labor Day is a time for us to come together and honor the hard-working individuals who are the backbone of our community. At United Way of Trumbull County, we recognize the dedication and resilience of our local workforce. From skilled tradespeople and healthcare workers to educators and service providers, the collective efforts of these individuals drive the economic and social vitality of our region. This Labor Day, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every worker who contributes to making Trumbull County a vibrant and thriving place to live.

As we celebrate Labor Day, it’s important to also reflect on the principles of fair wages, safe working conditions, and the right to organize—values that have shaped the labor movement and continue to guide our mission at United Way. We are committed to supporting initiatives that promote workforce development, job training, and educational opportunities. Together we can create a future where every worker is valued, and every family has the chance to thrive.

Happy Labor Day to all the hardworking individuals of Trumbull County!

Holborn Herb Growers Guild Tea Party

By Gail Repasky

The Holborn Herb Growers Guild is pleased to announce its 2024 Annual Tea Party, SUNDAY, September 22nd at the Lariccia Family Community Center in Boardman Park from 1 – 3 PM.

Adults and children are encouraged to attend this year’s planned festivities which will feature the sampling of herbal teas along with the samplings of both savory and sweet delicacies to delight the palate. Tour the Summer Kitchen herb gardens behind St. James Meeting Place. Guest Speaker Robb Coonce, owner of Full Circle Florist, will delight guests with demonstrations of flower arranging. As a take home keepsake of the event, souvenir tea cups and saucers will be gifted to each visitor. Basket Raffles will be offered along with a Komara Jewelers door prize drawing.

The Holborn Herb Growers Guild began in 1982 with the aim of educating members and the public in the use and enjoyment of herbs. The guild has established public herb gardens at the Western Reserve Village at the Canfield Fairgrounds and the Summer Kitchen Gardens at Boardman Park and has held numerous educational programs and events including scholarship awards. Tea Tickets are \$25 per person and are limited. For more information contact Bunny at 330-507-8565.



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Blessed Statue Visits Ohio Living Lake Vista

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was recently on display at Ohio Living Lake Vista, as part of its tour across Northeast Ohio. Known as the “Weeping Madonna,” the blessed statue has traveled to dioceses across the United States, under the sponsorship of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Our Lady’s Blue Army. More than 200 people joined for the Ohio Living Lake Vista tour stop.

Designed in 1947 by the Michelangelo of Portugal, José Thedim,

the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was hand-carved by Thedim’s son and given to the U.S. after being blessed by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967. On July 16, 1972, photos that depicted the statue weeping were widely circulated, resulting in its association as the “Weeping Madonna.” “This is the first time the statue has visited the area 38 years,” said Katie Moran, a Niles, Ohio resident with family ties to Ohio Living Lake Vista. “My mother was part of facilitating the

last tour, and I was excited to follow in her footsteps. People come to the statue with all kinds of needs – physical, emotional, and beyond, and they leave with graces and blessings. I was particularly glad we could visit four senior living communities, including Ohio Living Lake Vista, to spread our message of hope and peace.”

For more information about the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, visit www.fatimatourforpeace.com.



Ohio Living Lake Vista, established in 1947, is a life plan community for people 55 or older. Ohio Living Lake Vista’s campus includes home and apartment living, assisted living, short-term rehabilitation, home health and hospice, and long-term care.



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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neutered male (Grasshopper) & Spayed female (Lady Bug)• Approximately 10 weeks old• Fully vetted, FeLV positive• This pair of kittens are as bonded as can be! They're looking to go to their forever home together so they can experience the love of a family. They are precious, loving kittens who adore cuddling together and being as sweet as can be. Inquire on the Animal Pawtector's Facebook page or apply for this dynamic duo on Animal Pawtector's website: https://www.animalpawtectors.org/adopt-a-cat/ <p><i>If you're interested in Lady Bug and Grasshopper, or you'd like to learn more about the animals available for adoption through Animal Pawtectors, visit https://www.animalpawtectors.org/.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spayed female• Approximately 8-10 months old• Medium-size: about 30 lbs• Marilyn has been quite lonely at The Healthy Hearts & Paws Project, which is a shame because she is such a sweet girl. She is a high energy puppy and gets along with other dogs (cats unknown). She has the cutest personality and will win you over with her adorable head tilts. She was enrolled in training once a week at Elite K9 in Cortland and if you adopt this sweet girl you can continue to take her there so she can be the best that she can be. She doesn't disappoint, she's quite adorable. <p><i>To meet Marilyn, please message the Healthy Hearts and Paws Project Facebook page or fill out an adoption application at https://healthyheartspawproject.org/.</i></p>



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- a. State Strategic Community Investment Funding
- b. Federal CPF and CDS funding
- c. Fire Department Capital Levy fund established by voters in 2020
- d. US Department of Agriculture Loan
- e. All of the above

Find the answer at the bottom of this article.

Fall Clean -Up

Republic Services will be providing our residents with the Fall Clean-up program again this year! September 26th or 27th - have your trash out on your regularly scheduled pick-up day.

Recycling Bin

There is a cardboard only recycling bin located at Willow Park. Please break down the empty boxes before putting them into the bin.

Mosquito Fogging

The last scheduled fogging is September 11th between 7:00 and midnight. The correct weather conditions must be present for it to be effective. It cannot be raining, the temperature must be above 50 degrees, and the winds need to be between 5 to 10 miles per hour. If proper conditions are not present, it will be cancelled and rescheduled for the following evening. The complete schedule can be found on our website.

Brush Pick Up

As always, the city's Curbside Brush Chipping is the 4th Monday of the month. The next pick up is the week of September 23rd. Remember to follow the rules and regulations that can be viewed on our website, cityofcortland.org. Only one pass per street, they will not revisit an address after passing it once and be mindful of pile sizes.

City of Cortland 1st Annual Maker's Market

This will be a combination of a farmer's market and craft show on Saturday, September 7th from 10 am - 3pm on West Main St.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 2 - Labor Day - City Administration Offices closed for the holiday
Sept. 3 - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.
Sept. 9 - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
Sept. 16 - City Council - 7 p.m.

Answer The answer is e) All of the above. The city received \$2.15 million from the State Strategic Community Investment Funding. We are awaiting the results of our requests for \$3.5 million from Federal CPF and CDS funding. The Fire Department Capital Levy fund, established by voters in 2020, and current money from the General Fund will make the payments to the US Department of Agriculture Loan.

EPA Requires You To Identify Your Water Lines

The EPA is requiring all Public Water Systems to identify all service lines by October 2024. That includes the water line that is coming into your home or business (between the meter and the wall) and the water lines throughout your home or business. These are sometimes the same and sometimes different. The City of Cortland is asking for your help in identifying these lines, it takes less than 1 minute. Our web site, cityofcortland.org has pictures explaining how to identify your lines.

We are providing three different ways of reporting this information back to us. The form included in your water/ sewer bill that you can fill out by hand and return to us by mail (by itself or with your water bill), drop box at city hall or hand deliver to city hall. Water Department, 400 N. High St., Cortland, OH 44410

OR go online and complete the form from a cell phone, tablet or computer. Visit our web site at cityofcortland.org, scroll down to the News Flash and click on "Identify water lines". That will take you to a link to complete the form. The information will be sent directly to us.

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If you are not comfortable identifying this information for us, we would be more than happy to help. Just call 330-637-3011 and Christine will make an appointment to have someone from the service department stop out and identify your lines for you.

THIS IS MANDATORY. If we do not receive information back from you and because this is required by the EPA, lack of information submitted to us could result in a possible shutoff of your water. We greatly appreciate your help with this requirement.

How To Identify Water Lines. First, find a strong magnet. If the magnet sticks to the pipe, then you have a galvanized (steel) line. If it does not stick, then move on to the scratch test.

Second, take a coin and scratch the pipe. What do you see? If it's a shiny copper color, then you have a copper line. If it's a shiny silver color, then you have a lead line. If there is no shine and the line is black, white, red or blue, you have a plastic line.



Dedication of ... Marble Sculpture
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the world," said Naffah. "She offers a rose, a symbol of love, to all, especially the neglected, the abandoned, and the forgotten. Lady Kindness is the most important art project of my life to date. Her figure represents the culmination of my life's work to embody kindness, a lesson introduced to me by my grandmother and then instilled in me by my mother."

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Naffah moved to New York City to pursue his education. He graduated from Columbia University and earned his M.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed a three-year residency in Internal Medicine at the Mayo Clinic, followed by a three-year fellowship in gastroenterology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, during which he also earned a Master's Degree in Computer Science from the Johns Hopkins School of Engineering.

All proceeds go towards providing temporary financial assistance for medications needed by those 55 and older. Learn more online at avamarfoundation.org.



The Avamar Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to help the needy elderly in Northeastern Ohio pay for medical prescriptions they otherwise could not afford. The volunteer-run foundation hosts the annual fundraising event, An Evening Under the Stars, to provide this temporary financial assistance and to promote arts in Ohio.

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Mark Thomas Ford Hosting 2nd Annual Bronco & Classic Ford Car Show



Mark Thomas Ford is hosting their 2nd annual Bronco & Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 7 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Last year's show was a huge success. Bronco owners from

miles around brought their vehicles for display. There were Broncos that were newer and some were several years old. Many were modified and customized while others were in original condition. This year will include other classic cars also.

The family event this year there will include entertainment by JunkyardDawg, a 50/50 raffle and local food trucks.

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Sci-Fi & Fantasy Museum Coming To Warren

By Meghan Reed

A science fiction and fantasy museum is moving forward in Warren. A year ago, the idea for the museum began when Warren native John Zabrocky donated hundreds of props he created through his company, Hollywood prop house Modern Props, to the Trumbull County Historical Society. Among the over 200 movies and tv shows Zabrocky designed for are icon sci-fi classics Blade Runner, Ghostbusters, Men in Black, and most of the Star Trek series.

Now, a year after accepting Zabrocky's collection, the museum has a name: Museum of Science Fiction & Fantasy Arts. "Our goal is to create a nationally significant museum that looks at the art of worldbuilding, the science behind science fiction and the rise of science fiction & fantasy in mainstream culture," says TCHS Executive Director Meghan Reed.

TCHS Director of Operations & Outreach, Ryan MacLennan, has also been a part of the steering committee since the beginning. "It seemed like the best name for a museum that could sustain itself long term, that could be a national draw," MacLennan said. "Other names that were suggested seemed a little bit more kitsch, a little bit more localized, and we want to make this a museum that is sustainable long term and impacts our community."

In addition to selecting a name, the museum's steering committee has engaged Hickok Cole, an architecture firm based in Washington D.C., to lead the design process after purchasing a building at 410 Main Ave as the museum's home. Hickok Cole's resume includes The International Spy Museum, National Geographic Pavilion and the headquarters of National Public Radio.

"Hickok Cole has just done such impressive work. They've obviously worked with museum collections and museum buildings. They have a full team of people who are very capable and competent doing this work. They speak the language, so to speak. For all of our committee members, it was a unanimous decision that they were the ones to lead this project forward," said Reed.



Captain Kirk's communicator from Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.

Mark Ramirez, managing director of Hickok Cole, said "I'm a sci-fi nerd. I grew up watching sci-fi and reading sci-fi and being involved with sci-fi. All of my friends had a similar interest. When this opportunity came about, for me and one of my other colleagues in the office, it was very close to home. In a lot of respects, it was a passion project."

"We thought the storytelling component could be really powerful, whether it's storytelling about sci-fi or storytelling about Warren or storytelling about John. All of these things were really exciting for us."

The committee is now in the process of developing a business plan and creating a logo and brand for the museum, with the goal to soon launch a campaign to fund the construction and exhibit design of the museum.

"John Zabrocky spent most of his career imagining what the future looked like and creating props from that vision" said Reed. "There is something extremely meaningful and relevant to his work, both as an art form and as a way to understand our world today. We're in a great place to build a nationally significant museum that is exciting for science fiction & fantasy fans and captures the heart of the genres."

Are you a part of a science fiction or fantasy fan group? The museum's steering committee is looking for your help. For more information, contact the Trumbull County Historical Society at www.trumbullcountyhistory.org.

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It will be presented by: Judge James Fredericka, Probate Court; Tod Latell, Recorder; Christopher Schiavone, Magistrate Probate Court; Karen Infant-Allen, Clerk of Courts. It will be held Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 P.M. at Lakeview High School Auditorium, 300 Hillman Drive in Cortland and is free for all to attend. No reservations required.

Say Hello To Our New Medic 13!

Earlier this year the Bazetta Fire Department received funds totaling \$200,000 from Trumbull County ARP funds. This money was used to purchase a brand-new ambulance and related equipment for our department. This was such a great need for our department and our personnel. We officially put this unit in service last month after receiving communication equipment, painting, striping and decals. We want to thank Trumbull County for providing these funds to make this purchase possible.



\$2,000 Donation To Animal Pawtectors

By Daynelle Sanner - Hutton

"Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever." - Karen Davidson

On June 22, 2024 the Love Life Foundation in memory of Jarrett Hutton hosted the Running Canvas 5K & 10K run/walk event. Proceeds from the event benefited the Animal Pawtectors. This organization provides low-cost spay and neuter services to the overpopulation of cats and dogs in our community. They are also dedicated to helping many animals by placing them in foster homes, providing veterinary care, rehabilitation services, spaying and neutering and finding them permanent loving homes. For more information and ways you can help, please visit their website at animalpawtectors.org.

Thank you to all our participants, sponsors and volunteers who participated in the Running Canvas 5K & 10K event. Together, we were excited to extend a \$2,000.00 donation to Sarah Ulam, with the Animal Pawtectors to aid in their efforts.


Animal Pawtector was a non-profit that Jarrett supported and used the quote by Karen Davidson often in his photography and paintings. Jarrett loved animals and he had a great relationship with the Animal Pawtectors Team. Our vision through



Rick Hutton, Sarah Ulam, Theresa Hutton, Daynelle Hutton-Sanner

the Love Life Foundation is to continue his efforts of encouraging creativity, fostering innovation, inspiring potential within and cultivating programs that are based around positivity, ingenuity, faith and his love for life!





Animal Pawtectors mission is to provide high-quality, high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter services as a humane, sustainable solution to the overpopulation of cats and dogs in our community. In alliance with our mission, we are dedicated to helping any animal in need by placing them in foster homes, providing all veterinary care, rehabilitating them physically and emotionally, spaying and neutering and finding them permanent loving homes.

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MINISTRY to the WORLD

Rev Timothy McGollum, Bazetta Christian Church

Labor Day is listed as the unofficial end of summer and I thought summer just started. The first day of fall is on Sept. 22, according to the Farmers Almanac. Labor Day is on Monday, Sept. 2. My calendar says hunting season starts at the end of September. It reminds me of the cartoon where a man asked a lady what comes after summer and she answered hunting season.

Labor Day became a national holiday in 1894 under then-President Grover Cleveland. The holiday was slated to be observed on the first Monday in September annually, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Labor Day's history dates back to the labor movement of the 19th century, where labor activists pushed for the holiday to recognize that it was workers who were behind America's prosperity, according to the federal department.

The first recorded Labor Day celebration took place in 1882 in New York. In the late 1800s, many worked 12-hour days for a basic living, and children worked in mills, factories, and mines, earning far less than adults, according

to the History Channel. During this time, labor unions increased their efforts to call for better working conditions, hours, and pay. It used to be wearing white after Labor Day was taboo contrary. This rule can be traced back to the late 19th century and the old money elite trying to "elevate themselves above" the newly wealthy. Another possibility behind this rule is that people swapped their light summer clothes for darker tones and thicker fabrics due to the changing seasons, USA TODAY reported. I am hoping we can still wear white after labor day here in Ohio because that would mean the weather will stay warm, however, I have learned after living here almost three years one has no idea what to wear, given the fact the weather here is unpredictable.

1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain". Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters". I was raised with a strong work ethic. My father worked long hours to provide for the family and handed that down to his family. I am thankful for that. I'm still an advocate of working, especially now that I have received Social Security for several years, so when I see people going to work, I can be happy knowing that money is being put back in the cofferers. I stand on the promise where Jesus said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest". John 6:1

Dr. Seuss is widely recognized as providing some of the most timeless, and most interesting books for children. The rhyming nature of them often makes them fun to read, both as children and later as parents. They are often filled with a sense of innate silliness and deeper meaning at the same time. And as much of the U.S. is preparing to start up a fall school season again, perhaps one of the best quotes I know comes from a book titled I Can Read With My Eyes Shut published in 1978.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss.

From very early on in our homes with young children, we recognize the importance of being read to and of learning to read. Many of us, in the days before electronic books, remember the value of local libraries where we could borrow the books we read for school work and for simple enjoyment. Learning and growing are an essential mark of a life lived well.

In many of our communities, there is tremendous support for our local schools. In others, there support is often lacking. The current debates about the importance of colleges compared to trade schools and military life are often very meaningful and important conversations that are worth listening to and processing together. Regardless of where one might fall in the conversations, the importance of learning is still valued even as that learning might come in different ways.

Albert Einstein is quoted as saying, "When you cease to learn you cease to grow". And Henry Ford had a similar belief that learning is key to keeping your mind young.


We count on our schools to

provide such important education as students expand their ability to think, to understand, and to relate to one another and the world in an ever increasing scale. The values of the "three R's" for those that remember the old language, "reading, (w)riting, and (a)rithmetic" remain important. And we are learning as communities that there is so much more to understand. As technology has evolved faster, and we carry supercomputers in our pockets, we have such an incredible wealth of information always on hand. And yet, one of the greatest lessons we are still learning together remains, "what we do with the information matters."

Teachers and students, while sharing in the tried-and-true lessons of the past, are also living into an era the likes of which we have never seen at a pace that many of us cannot keep up with today. As learning is constantly changing, and the value of what is learned is constantly moving, they need your help. Whether it's an opportunity to support the schools as volunteers, to be voices of encouragement in the midst of constant criticism, or simply to pray, do what you can to bless those who are learning together.

As a Christian, I believe the same is also true of our faith stories. I've been a pastor for almost 25 years. I've been through the scriptures countless times. And still, when I pick them up and read them, I am learning new things. Belonging to a community of faith, sharing in the stories and perspectives of others, still invites me to grow beyond what I already know. It makes space for me to be better than I am. And that's better for all of us.

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Whatever work you do is a blessing from God to sustain this life. Yet our earthly work often feels like toil. There are days we struggle and don't want to go to work. There are days when we don't get along with those we work alongside. There are days when the same work day in and day out feels tedious. Our work in this life can at any time end due to loss of job, injury, or even death. It's temporary. The other thing is our work cannot fix our eternal reality. Nothing we can do redeems us from what is owed due to sin. We can save ourselves from sin, death and Satan.

Each year our country celebrates on the first Monday of the month of September the holiday Labor Day. Many people get off work but not all. It's nice when we can get some time off from our

work and take a break. Whatever your work is I hope you can find the time to take a rest. The work of Jesus is different than our earthly work (and yes Jesus while on earth would take a rest from the earthly life and go by himself to pray, he slept), but his work of salvation is an eternal work that is far beyond our earthly understanding.

St. Paul writes in Colossians chapter 1, "19 For in him [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him"

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Flying HIGH Inc.'s Grow Urban Farm Supports Local Organizations

Grow Urban Farm, a division of Flying HIGH Inc.'s Access Healthy Foods Mahoning Valley initiative, and cornerstone of sustainable agriculture and community wellness in the Mahoning Valley, is expanding its impact beyond its renowned Mobile Markets. The farm is now supporting a variety of local organizations by providing fresh, homegrown produce to those in need. This initiative, part of the "Share Our Surplus" program, addresses food waste and hunger by distributing excess crops to community partners.

"We believe in not just growing food, but growing connections," said Jeffrey Magada, Executive Director and Founder at Flying HIGH Inc. "Our goal is to ensure that no harvest goes to waste, and that our community has access to nutritious, locally-grown food."

Organizations receiving support include Adult & Teen Challenge Ohio Valley, Big Reach Center of Hope Food Distribution Center, Evergreen Seventh-Day Adventist Church Food Pantry, Mahoning Valley Second Harvest Food Bank, The Salvation Army of Mahoning County Youngstown Citadel Food Pantry.

Grow Urban Farm encourages the community to get involved by volunteering or donating to help sustain this essential program. Together, we can turn our local harvest into hope and health for everyone in our community. For more information about Flying HIGH Inc. and our programs, please visit www.flyinghighinc.org and www.fhipdc.org or contact Olivia Cooke-Murphy at 234-264-0037.

Church News & Notes

The Cortland Christian Church

Multi Family Rummage Sale is Sept 28 & 29. Friday 9 - 5 and Saturday 9 - 2.

Cortland United Methodist Church

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The Cortland Church of the Nazarene

Now that summer is almost over, we have started our 5 PM Sunday night campfires with all the fixings. There are always extra hotdogs, you are welcome to come and have some fun. ALSO - we are looking forward to

our craft show on Oct 19th, 10-3 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Bible Studies on Sundays at 9 am - On Sundays we are going through the Bible book by book. We are finishing Genesis. Also on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm - On Wednesdays we are going through the Book of James.

Katharina's Closet donation drop off is the first Monday of every month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. For September we will receive donations the second Monday on September 9th at the normal time.

Fall Hymn Sing on Saturday September 21 5:30-8. We will have an Oktoberfest themed potluck followed by singing of hymns. All are welcome to join us for the meal and singing to the Lord.



The Cortland Church of the Nazarene has had a busy summer. We recently celebrated our 60th anniversary of being in this community. It was great seeing former friends and pastors. August 4th was a wonderful day at Mosquito Lake with a church potluck picnic, baptismal and gospel concert with Juanita Phillips.



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- To improve the environment at our school by providing volunteer and financial support.
- To enhance the educational experience by supporting academic and enrichment activities.
- To develop closer connections between school and home by encouraging parental/guardian involvement.

We serve 100+ teachers and 800+ students in the Elementary and Middle School Building. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000 through individual donations and local business sponsorships.

The sponsorship will support our expanded enrichment programs

that would bring experts and new experiences directly to our students in the areas of science, history, physical education, health, and safety. We also run a literacy program with the implementation of the book vending machine last year to promote positive reading relationships and access to child-owned books. These two highly beneficial programs lead us to reach out to business leaders.

In addition, your funds would allow us to sustain our ongoing efforts in providing supplemental materials and supplies to our teachers and staff, hosts multiple book fairs, plans fun days, holiday parties, and field days, teacher/staff appreciation events, and covers the cost of off-site programs for enrichment and field trips for our students.

Sponsorship partners will have an opportunity to promote your company to our teachers, staff, students, and the families of Lakeview Elementary/Middle School. We understand the impact of the economy and other factors that your business faces, and we hope you will consider supporting at one of these levels for the 2024-2025 school year:

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Checks can be mailed to Lakeview Elementary/Middle School or can be picked up by a board member. Contributions are tax-deductible. A receipt with Tax ID can be provided upon request.

Sponsorship Deadline: August 1, 2025 If you would like additional information, please contact Jessica Darby at 330-941-0394, Melissa Maki at 330-219-6720, or via email at lakeviewelempto@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration!

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The Bolinger Family, Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship (LOAF) and Lakeview High School invite members of the community to participate in the 5th Annual Rise Against Hunger Event at 9 AM on Saturday, September 21 in the Lakeview High School cafeteria.

The event will be held in memory of Clyde and Jean Bolinger who organized the previous years' events as well as the area Peace Day celebration for over a decade. Jean passed away in March 2020 and Clyde died in May 2022. Their children and grandchildren are



continuing this event in honor of them. Participants will help fill and pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger, a national organization that supplies food for people in need around the globe. In 2023, the organization distributed almost 79,000,000 meals.

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City Of Cortland Curbside Brush Pickup Policy

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up for the entire city is the week of the **4th 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

- Branches and limbs need to be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday before the scheduled collection week.
- One pass will be made on each

street.

- Only branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free).
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in diameter.
- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household.
- Do not combine piles with your neighbors.
- Branches and limbs must be stacked in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.
- No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.
- If you have any questions, please call the Administration Building at (330) 637-3011.

Ohio Driver's Licenses And Ids Can Now Be Added To Apple Wallet

Ohio announced today that Ohioans can now add their Ohio-issued driver's license or state identification card to Apple Wallet for use in person at select businesses, in select apps, and at Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security checkpoints, including at John Glenn Columbus International Airport and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

Ohio also launched a free age verification app for businesses, enabling them to securely and privately accept customers' mobile driver's licenses and ID cards in person using an iPhone.

"Ohio has always been a leader in innovation, and now we are the fifth state in the country that gives residents the option to securely add their driver's license to Apple Wallet," said Governor DeWine. "This is another example of how Ohio is using technology to better serve its customers and residents."

InnovateOhio aims to make Ohio the most innovative, entrepreneurial state in the Midwest while enhancing convenience for residents through technology. Adding your Ohio driver's license or ID to Apple Wallet is the latest example of modernizing the

BMV and simplifying processes for Ohioans. They have also launched an app for businesses to read Ohio Mobile IDs, enabling them to utilize this new service.

InnovateOhio and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) collaborated with Apple to give Ohioans the option to add their mobile driver's licenses and identification cards to Apple Wallet, which provides a secure and private way for residents to add and present their IDs on iPhone and Apple Watch.

The free age verification app for businesses is called Ohio Mobile ID Check. The new app, enables businesses to securely and privately accept customers' mobile IDs in person using an iPhone.

To get started, businesses can download the Ohio Mobile ID Check app in the App Store and follow the steps within.

Ohio residents can tap the + button at the top of the screen in Apple Wallet on their iPhone, select "Driver's license or State ID," and follow the on-screen instructions to start the set-up and verification process.

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You Can Fund Your Children's College Education And Retirement Simultaneously - Here's How

Many parents face the challenge of saving for their children's college education while also building a nest egg for retirement. Funding both priorities simultaneously can feel like a juggling act - and the stress can intensify as high school graduation and retirement dates draw nearer, particularly if you're coming up short on your savings goals.

As your time horizon narrows, which should come first - funding your kid's tuition or your own retirement? The answer depends on your situation, but here are some factors to keep in mind:

Prioritize college bills or retirement? In most cases, saving for retirement should take priority over saving for your child's higher education. To understand why, consider the following:

- **You may not get to choose your retirement date.** Becoming injured or disabled, needing to care for an aging parent or being laid off from your job are just a few scenarios that could unexpectedly accelerate your retirement date, leaving you with less time to save than you were counting on.

- **You don't want to run out of money in retirement.** As a college student, your child may have access to scholarships, grants, loans or other financial aid to help pay the bills. The same isn't true for your retirement. If your nest egg comes up short, you may need to work longer, reduce your living expenses (or perhaps both) to make ends meet.

While it's imperative to focus on your own financial security in retirement, funding higher education is still an important goal for many parents. The key is striking the right balance between saving for both goals. Consider the following tips as a starting point:

1. **Paying for college doesn't have**

to be all-or-nothing. Many parents choose to pay a percentage of the total bill, cover certain expenses (e.g., tuition, technology fees or room and board), pay for a set number of years, or contribute as much as they are able to save by the first day of school instead of funding the full cost. Revising your college savings goal in one of these ways could allow you to direct more money to retirement.

2. **If your child has sights on graduate school, decide whether you will contribute to those bills, too.** This decision is particularly important if your child needs a graduate degree before entering their field of choice. If you intend to provide financial support, calculate how much the total cost will be so you have a clear savings target in mind.

3. **Discuss your intentions with your child.** No matter how much you plan to contribute (or not), talk to your child about your financial commitment so they know what to expect. Discuss what your contribution will look like at their preferred colleges. For example, if you agree to pay a set amount, perhaps this money will fully cover community college or a substantial amount at a state school, but it may leave a larger portion of the bill outstanding at a private college. Breaking down the costs for your child can help them make an informed decision about how much student debt (or scholarships, grants, etc.) are needed to cover the bill.

No matter your financial situation, know that it is possible to make meaningful progress toward both goals, particularly if you are intentional about how to allocate your savings. Consult a financial advisor and tax professional if you want help setting specific savings goals and understanding the various investing options available to you.

Garden Club Holds Pancake Breakfast

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7th, from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at Cortland Masonic Lodge located at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

The public is invited to enjoy the

"all you can eat" breakfast and help support the Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland. They are raising money for their various community projects including the flower barrels on West Main St., the flags on the bridge over

Rt. 11, the Christmas wreaths and snowflakes, the flags placed on West Main Street and High Street. and the flowers placed at the city entrance signs and at Willow Park.

The charity pancake breakfasts are

held monthly by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, who donate all of the supplies so that 100% of the proceeds can be provided to a local charity. Since the pancake breakfasts were initiated about 4 years ago, the lodge has donated \$48,000 to community groups and organizations.

The breakfast cost is \$9.00 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, with take-outs available.

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Several changes are coming in 2025 to the basic plan formats as part of the Inflation Reduction Act that was passed in 2022. Currently there are four phases to Part D coverage costs: deductible, initial coverage, coverage gap and catastrophic coverage. Next year the coverage gap, also referred to as the donut hole will be eliminated.

For 2024 the annual deductible could have been between \$0-\$545 in 2025 insurance companies can set their deductible between \$0-\$590. This is the phase where the individual pays 100% of the costs of the prescriptions until the deductible is met. After the deductible is met, the initial phase is where you pay a set copay amount or coinsurance percentage depending on the drug tier, and the plan pays the remainder of the costs.

In 2024 you remained in the initial coverage phase until the total drug costs reached \$5,030 at which time you would enter the Coverage Gap (donut hole). It is important to remember this amount is based on the actual retail cost of the drug not the amount you pay to the pharmacy as a copay. For 2024, during the donut hole or coverage gap phase individuals are responsible to pay 25% of the actual retail cost of the prescription until your true out-of-pocket costs reach \$8,000. At that point you would enter catastrophic coverage and pay \$0 through the end of the year.

Coming in 2025 the initial phase threshold will be lowered to \$2,000 and once the individual reaches that amount in total drug costs, they will pay \$0 for the remainder of the year for their medications. The Coverage Gap or donut hole will be eliminated in 2025. One other component of the new regulations is the option to participate in a monthly payment plan. The

details of this program are still being worked out, but it will be an optional program where those with high costing medications can choose to participate in a program through their insurance company where payments are divided by the remaining months of the year and made to an account that is then used to pay for the prescriptions similar to a budget plan for utilities.

One exception to this format will continue to be insulin medications. There are insulin savings programs that limit the cost of insulin to \$35 per month without regard to the different Part D phases. Each plan can decide if they will participate in the program and which specific insulins they will include for this price.

If you cannot afford your medications, there are different options that may be available to help with these costs depending on your specific situation. You may qualify for "Extra Help" through Medicare if you meet certain income limits or receive both Medicare and Medicaid. Many manufacturers offer assistance programs to help offset costs. Information for these can be obtained from your insurance agent, Medicare.gov and oftentimes your physician's office. If you are a veteran, it might be helpful to check and see if you can receive prescriptions through the VA.

Specific plan information will not be available until October 1st and now it is unclear how these changes may affect individual plans. Your current plan is required to send you an "Annual Notice of Change" to inform you of any changes to your plan including costs or coverage changes. These notices are typically mailed in late September. Each year during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period which runs October 15th through December 7th you can change your Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan or stand-alone Prescription Drug plan for the next year. With all the changes to prescription coverage costs it will be especially important to review your options for 2025. Reach out to your agent if you have any questions or concerns.

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



Pawsitivity - Donating to a Cause

Happy Labor Day, Cortland & Bazetta! If you've been blessed financially and are able to give, this article is for you. Choosing a cause and organization to donate your hard-earned money can feel overwhelming, especially with so many options out there. **Remember that when you give directly to a local charity almost always 100% of your contribution goes directly to that local organization. When you give to a national or regional organization only a portion winds up with your local organization.**

Here's a simple guide to help you make a choice you can feel good about.

What Cause are you Passionate About? First things first—think about what matters most to you. Is it education, healthcare, animal welfare, or something else? Narrowing down what type of cause you want to invest your donation dollars in will help you focus on charities that align with your values. For example, if you're an animal lover, you might want to investigate organizations such as Animal Pawtectors, Empathy for Animals, All About the Pawz, Healthy Hearts & Paws Project, etc.!

Time to Research. Once you've chosen a cause, it's time to dig a little deeper. A quick online search using resources such as Charity Navigator and GuideStar can tell you a lot about a charity's mission, history, and how they spend their funds. Look for charities that are transparent about their operations

and that allocate a good portion of their funds directly to the cause, rather than administrative/overhead costs (money spent on payroll, marketing, etc.). Large organizations that spend much of their funding on overhead may not be a good fit if you're looking for your donation dollars to be mostly spent directly on programs and services that will help the cause you're supporting.

Check for Legitimacy. Unfortunately, scams are common in the world of charitable giving, so it's important to make sure the charity is legitimate. Verify that the charity is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization—this also means your donation will be tax-deductible. Most reputable charities will provide their EIN (Employer Identification Number), which you can use to look them up on the IRS website.

Trust Your Instincts. Finally, trust your gut. If something feels off about a charity—whether it's a lack of information, what people are saying about the organization, or anything else—don't hesitate to give to another organization. There are plenty of worthy causes out there that will appreciate your support.

Giving is about so much more than just money; it's about supporting a cause you believe in and helping to create positive change in the world. Email questions, feedback, or suggestions for future topics to Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com.



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Breaking Rabies Boundaries

By Soraya Hejazi

This year marks the World Health Organization's (WHO) 18th World Rabies Day, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness and accelerating efforts towards elimination of the world's most fatal disease. World Rabies Day was established by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) and takes place every September 28, which is the anniversary of the death of Louis Pasteur, who developed the first rabies vaccine and laid the foundations for rabies prevention as we know it. This year's theme "Breaking Rabies Boundaries" underscores the urgency to transcend limitations that are hindering our fight against this deadly disease.

Professor Louis Nel, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control - the coordinators of World Rabies Day, said, "Vaccinating animals saves lives, and the global elimination of rabies is possible. World Rabies Day reflects the fundamental principle we must unite against rabies to save the lives of people and animals."

About Rabies

Protecting pets against rabies helps protect you and your family, too.

- Rabies is a zoonotic disease, which means it can be transmitted from animal to human through a bite.
- 22 million people are exposed annually to Rabies.
- 95% of Rabies exposures in people are from dogs.
- According to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Rabies is endemic on several continents, and it is estimated that every year around 59,000 people in the world die from it - over one person every ten minutes, with around half of the victims being children younger than 15 years old.
- Rabies has a 100% fatality rate.
- Rabies is 100% preventable by vaccination.

Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic at Tails of Hope - In honor of World Rabies Day, Tails of Hope joins the global rally to break boundaries that currently inhibit progress and pave the way for a world free from this preventable disease. Serving our community, and in alignment with the belief that essential, life-saving vaccines should be made available and affordable to everyone, Tails of Hope is offering free Rabies Vaccines for cats and dogs, by appointment only, during the month of September. Clients will only pay a \$10 Tech Fee per animal.

In honor of World Rabies Day, don't delay-make an appointment today! Limited appointments available. Contact Tails of Hope at 724-346-4673 to schedule your pet's free Rabies Vaccine! To learn more about Tails of Hope, its programs, FUNdraising events, how to make a tax-deductible donation, and opportunities to get involved and be a part of our lifesaving community, visit <https://tailsofhopewpa.org>.



Don't Over Load Your Child's Back Pack

By Dr. Joseph Cvengros, Peak Performance

Back to school season is upon us! Returning to the classroom can be exciting and fun for many students, however, going back to school can also mean new sports seasons, writing papers, and carrying backpacks from class to class. At times, these changes can easily affect the body causing pain and discomfort due to over packed bags or even poor posture.

Here are some hints and tips on how to prevent injury this school year. Peak Performance is here to help! If your child is experiencing pain or has an injury, please do not hesitate to call our office to get scheduled.

Backpacks

Carrying heavy backpacks can lead to back, neck and shoulder pain. Most students use their backpack inappropriately. If a back pack is too heavy the weight of the weight can pull you backwards. If you compensate by bending forward or arch the back, the spine will compress unnaturally leading to poor posture.

What makes a good backpack?

Wide adjustable shoulder straps that are padded. Narrow straps can dig into the shoulder. Back padding for comfort. A waist belt to help distribute the weight evenly. Multiple compartments to organize and position contents evenly.

Wearing your backpack the proper way

Always use both shoulder straps to even out weight. Adjust straps, keeping the load close to the back. Your backpack should never be more than 4 inches below the waist.



Packing your backpack

Pack light, only take what you need. Organize to use all compartments. Place heavier items closer to the center of the back.

Weigh your backpack

It should never weigh more than 15% of your body weight. 40# student = 6# or less. 60# student = 9# or less. 80# student = 12# or less



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Girls Scouts Fall Dog Drive

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The Trumbull County Republican Women’s Club



The Trumbull County Republican Women’s Club recently held their organizational meeting for the 2024-2025 club year. Their first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th at The Chophouse in Howland. Please contact Cathy 330-719-0185 by August 31st for reservations or information.

Pictured are Lori Hineman, Carol Jochman, Judie Shortreed, Jo Anne Szczyglowski, Cathy Lukasko. (Back Row) Danuta Allen, Cathy Stocz, Peg Whitmore, Katie Tingler, Barbara Rosier-Tryon, Betzy Peacock.

Signs, Signs ... Everywhere A Sign!

The election season is upon us and soon we will be overwhelmed with political signs. However there are rules that we all need to follow. Cortland and Bazetta, as do all neighboring governmental entities, have similar but different rules.

Bazetta Township: According to Pete Pizzulo, Township Zoning Inspector, the content of the signs is a matter of free speech. The only restrictions on them are if you block a right of way or if you are obstructing the view of traffic or traffic signs etc. For more information you can email him at ppizzulo@bazettatwp.org. The office phone is (330) 637-8816. The Zoning Inspector’s office hours are Tuesdays from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Cortland City rules regarding political signs: With the General Election set for November 5, it is a great opportunity to review the city’s rules governing Political Signs, which can be found on the city’s website at https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/cortland/latest/cortland_oh/0-0-0-21489.

Two regulations that have the highest rates of noncompliance. The

first rule states that political signs are “permitted only during the period beginning forty-five (45) days prior to the election for which the sign is intended.” With the general election on November 5 this year, signs cannot be put up earlier than September 21.

The second regulation that faces noncompliance is that “all political signs shall be set back at least 10’ from the edge of the pavement of the street.” Other regulations for political signs include:

- Signs shall be removed not later than seven (7) days after said election day (November 12 this year.)
- No political sign shall be placed on any utility pole or tree in the public right-of-way.
- No such sign shall be located in a manner as to obstruct egress or ingress to adjacent property, pedestrian traffic on the public way, or as to obstruct the vision of drivers at an intersection.

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Trumbull Town Hall 47th And Final Season

The 2024-2025 Celebrity Series season of the Trumbull Town Hall will be the 47th and final season. It will feature four entertaining and informative speakers. Dr. Elliot Engel will start the season on September 25 followed by Orin Grossman on November 20. After the New Year break, Louis Masur will be the guest on March 19 and Jim Tressel will conclude the series on April 30, 2025.

The events are held at Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW in Warren. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and programs begin at 10:30 a.m. You can contact TrumbullTownHall.org or

phone 330-240-1706 (M-F, 9-5) for more information.

Dr. Engel returns to speak on The Genius of Mark Twain. He will be sharing his expertise about one of the most renowned writers of all time. Using anecdotes, analysis and large doses of humor, Dr Engel will bring to life this most remarkable of authors and of course reveal why Samuel Clemens traded in his birth name for what is perhaps the most famous and beloved pen name of all time. Dr. Engel has a delightful way of sharing his knowledge.



September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) joins with the American Library Association and libraries nationwide in celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month this September. The community is invited to discover the incredible resources and opportunities available at your local library by signing up for a library card.



This year, Optimus Prime from the TRANSFORMERS is the special ambassador for Library Card Sign-Up Month, highlighting that there's more than meets the eye at the library. Whether you're looking to enhance your skills, find valuable information, or connect with fellow avid readers, a library card unlocks a world of possibilities.

Today's libraries are vibrant community centers offering much more in addition to books. At the W-TCPL, you'll find diverse programs, computer and tech services, storytimes, book clubs, author talks, and more. From borrowing books, eBooks, and audiobooks to streaming movies, a library card helps everyone find more of what they enjoy - all without stretching their budget.

Anyone who lives, works, attends

school, or owns property in Ohio is eligible to sign up for a free W-TCPL library card. To sign up for a full-service library card, stop by any W-TCPL location (in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty, Lordstown, or Warren) or visit the Bookmobile. For information about signing up for a digital library eCard, visit the library website at www.wtcpl.org.

Don't miss out! Visit your library this September to sign up for a library card and discover all that your library has to offer.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. The annual event encourages parents, caregivers, and students to sign up for a free library card that will save them money while offering rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Taste Of Cleveland By Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

Cleveland has long been a popular attraction for members due to its history and all-time favorite shopping adventures. With door to door stops & pickup. The Trumbull County Travel Club will offer a one day outing to Cleveland on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. If you haven't been to the Westside Market recently come explore this 100 year old indoor/market where dozens of vendors sell everything from meat to baked goods.

Mitchell's Ice Cream is stop two on the travel route. Situated in an historic theatre, it is the Ohio Flagship for this company. Gus Gallucci's and the best Italian Market in Cleveland offers hot/cold foods, wines and all staples one

needs for Italian cooking. A sweet tooth stop is last at the famous Sweeties Candy Store. What's there? Vintage sodas, nostalgic candy, ice cream, novelties and popcorn of all flavors. Best of all, the price for this day trip is just \$79 per person.

Please contact the secretary at 330-856-5398 for details. The travel Club does not have a membership fee to belong. It was formed 22 years ago so those that wanted to travel could do so as a group to make friends. The club travels mostly by motor coach but does fly, use the rails and they have cruised. In October, a day trip is planned for Kentucky Knob, lunch in Ligonier and a wine taste at Greenhouse Winery.

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