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Unveiling Ohio's Gems: A Vacation Guide For Every Traveler

Ohio, often overlooked as a vacation destination, boasts a surprising variety of hidden treasures. From the thrill-seeking amusement parks of Sandusky to the serene beauty of Hocking Hills State Park, Ohio offers something for every kind of traveler. So, pack your bags and get ready to explore the Buckeye State's hidden gems!

Calling All Thrill Seekers: The Rollercoaster Capital Awaits. Sandusky, on the shores of Lake Erie, is a haven for adrenaline junkies. Cedar Point amusement park, nicknamed the "Rollercoaster Capital of the World," features a record-breaking collection of heart-pounding coasters, water rides, and family-friendly attractions. From the iconic Millennium Force to the spine-tingling Valravn, Cedar Point guarantees an unforgettable day of thrills. For a touch of waterpark fun, head to Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, offering a massive indoor waterpark complex with slides, pools, and wave action for all ages.

Nature's Playground: Hiking, Scenery, and Serenity. Venture beyond the amusement parks and discover the breathtaking natural beauty of Ohio. Hocking Hills State Park, a wonderland of cliffs, waterfalls, and gorges, is a hiker's paradise. Explore the trails leading to Old Man's Cave, a massive sandstone formation, or marvel at the cascading Cedar Falls. Kayak or canoe down the scenic Hocking River, or simply relax in a cabin nestled amidst the lush greenery.

For a taste of the Great Lakes, head to Put-In-Bay, a charming island town on Lake Erie. Rent a golf cart to explore the island, visit the historic Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, or simply relax on the sandy beaches. Geneva-on-the-Lake offers a

similar lakeside experience with a touch of sophistication. Stroll along the scenic boardwalk, enjoy boat tours on the lake, or indulge in delicious fresh seafood at a waterfront restaurant.

History Buff's Paradise: Stepping Back in Time. Ohio's rich history comes alive in its many museums and historical



sites. Immerse yourself in the world of aviation at the National Air Force Museum in Dayton, where you can see the Wright Flyer, the very first airplane. History buffs will also appreciate a visit to the breathtaking National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, which sheds light on the fight for freedom before the Civil War.

For a glimpse into Ohio's agricultural heritage, explore Amish Country. Take a buggy ride through the rolling hills, visit working farms, and shop for locally made crafts and souvenirs. The small towns of Berlin and Sugarcreek offer a unique cultural experience, allowing you to witness a traditional way of life.

Urban Delights: Culture and Entertainment in Ohio's Cities. Ohio's vibrant cities offer a wealth of cultural experiences and entertainment options. Columbus, the state capital, boasts the renowned COSI science center, perfect for families with curious minds. Art enthusiasts will appreciate the impressive collections at the Cleveland Museum of Art, while music lovers

Safe Travels: Essential Tips for a Worry-Free Summer Vacation

SECURITY SAVVY ON THE GO:

- Pack Smart:** Leave expensive jewelry and flashy accessories at home. Avoid carrying excessive cash; utilize credit cards or travel debit cards with chip and pin technology. Consider a money belt for discreetly storing travel documents and a small amount of cash.

- Accommodation Awareness:** Choose well-regarded accommodations with good security measures. Upon arrival, check the door locks and ensure all windows fasten securely. Utilize the hotel safe for valuables like passports and travel documents. Familiarize yourself with the building's emergency exits and evacuation plan.

- Tech Traveler:** Download offline maps and translation apps to your phone in case you lose internet connectivity. Consider a portable phone charger to stay connected, especially if venturing off the beaten path.

Road Trip Ready:

- Vehicle TLC:** For road trips, have your car serviced before departure. Ensure proper tire pressure, fluid levels, and functioning lights. Pack an emergency kit with a flashlight, jumper cables, flares, a first-aid kit, and a blanket.

- Road Rules Research:** Become familiar with traffic laws and regulations in the areas you'll be driving. Respect speed limits, road signs, and local driving customs. Always wear seatbelts and ensure proper child seat installation for younger passengers.

- Planning Your Route:** Map your route in advance and share it with travel companions. Allow ample buffer time for your journey, factoring in potential traffic delays and rest stops. Consider taking breaks every two hours to stay alert and avoid driver fatigue.

Sun, Sand, and Safety:

- Sun Smarts:** Overexposure to the sun can ruin a vacation. Pack sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and reapply liberally throughout the day, especially after swimming. Wear protective clothing like wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses.

- Water Wise:** Stay hydrated, especially in hot climates, by carrying a reusable water bottle. Be cautious of swimming in unfamiliar waters; adhere to posted warnings and swim in designated areas only. If encountering strong currents, stay calm and float on your back to conserve energy until help arrives.

- Wildlife Encounters:** Research potential wildlife encounters at your destination. Never approach or attempt to feed wild animals. In areas with bears,

you'll cherish, not anxieties you'll regret.

PLANNING FOR PEACE OF MIND:

- Research is Key:** Familiarize yourself with your destination's customs, laws, and cultural norms. This can help you avoid unintentional faux pas and navigate unfamiliar situations with confidence. Knowing about potential health risks like mosquito-borne illnesses allows you to pack necessary repellents or get recommended vaccinations.

- Itinerary Intel:** Share your travel itinerary with a trusted friend or family member, including your accommodation details and estimated return date. This way, someone has a record of your whereabouts in case of emergencies.

- Emergency Preparedness:** Program local emergency numbers into your phone, including the police, fire department, and ambulance. Research the location of the nearest embassy or consulate, especially if traveling internationally. Pack a basic first-aid kit and any essential medications you require.

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MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

First and Third Monday of each month.
Monday August 5 - 7 p.m.
Monday, August 19 - 7 p.m.

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Read the minutes from
Cortland City Council meetings at
www.cityofcortland.org under City
Council Minutes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Second Monday of each month
Monday, August 12 - 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING & ZONING

Second Monday of each month
Monday, August 12 - 7 p.m.

*Meetings and agenda of Council and
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Regular meetings the second Tuesday of each month,
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August 13 - 7 p.m.

A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings held via ZOOM. Visit www.bazettatwp.org

LAKEVIEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
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August 12 - 6 p.m.

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Our theme will be
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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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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.

JULY

- 22 Brush pick up city of Cortland
- 25 Food Truck Night / W Main St / 5 - 8 PM
- 25 Lake Vista Free Concert / 6:30 PM / Bill Bevec Band
- 31 Creamed Chicken "N" Biscuit Drive-thru Dinner / Cortland United Methodist Church / 4:30 - 6:00 PM / PLEASE PRE-ORDER 330-637-2571
- 31 Mosquito Fogging / Cortland City / 7 PM - Midnight

AUGUST

- 2 Coffee with Cortland / Main St Coffee Shop / 9 AM - Noon
 Come meet the Department Heads
- 3 Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge 3263. E. Main St. Cortland
 9 - 11:30 AM / Benefits Cub Scout Troop 4050
- 4 Upton House celebrates 35th Anniversary / 2 - 4 PM
- 6,7,13,14 JoMarie's Registration for 2024-2025 Year / 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.
- 7 Lake Vista Free Concert / 6:30 PM / Jim Frank Band
- 10 Blood drive / Bazetta Christian Church - 4131 Hoagland Blackstub Rd.
 9 AM - 2 PM. All presenting donors will receive a \$20 Amazon eGift Card
- 14 Mosquito Fogging / Cortland City / 7 PM - Midnight

Safe Travels

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familiarize yourself with safe food storage practices to avoid attracting unwanted visitors.

By following these essential safety tips, you can approach your summer vacation with confidence, allowing you

to fully embrace the adventure and create lasting memories. Remember, a little preparation goes a long way in ensuring a safe and enjoyable summer getaway.

Unveiling Ohio's Gems

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can catch a performance by the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra.

Cincinnati, known for its rich German heritage, offers a delightful mix of historical sites and lively entertainment districts. Explore the Findlay Market, one of the oldest public markets in the country, or catch a baseball game at the Great American Ball Park.

Ohio's Hidden Gems: Beyond the Expected. Ohio surprises with its quirky and unique attractions. Step back in time at the Merry-Go-Round Museum in Sandusky, housing one of the largest collections of carousel animals in the world. Or delve into the world of professional wrestling at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Canonsburg.

No matter your interests, Ohio offers a surprising variety of vacation experiences. From the heart-pounding thrills of amusement parks to the serene beauty of nature reserves, Ohio guarantees an unforgettable vacation. So, ditch the preconceived notions and embark on a journey to discover the Buckeye State's hidden gems!

Charity Breakfast for Cub Scout Troop 4050

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 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 Cub Scouts. They are raising money for their various Scout programs and community projects. Interested parents will be able to meet the leaders and get information about joining the Cub Scouts.

The charity pancake breakfasts are held monthly by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, who donate all 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.

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.

- July 25 - Bill Bevec Band
- August 7 - Jim Frank Band
- September 12 - Girard Dixie Dandies
- September 24 - One String Short

THANK YOU! Love Life Foundation Running Canvas 5K & 10K

By Daynelle Hutton-Sanner

On behalf of the Love Life Foundation, we would like to thank each of our participants for joining us for the Running Canvas 5K & 10K, Jarrett Hutton Memorial event that took place on Saturday, June 22 at Lakeview High School. It was a beautiful day and the perfect venue for the race. We appreciate everyone coming out to show their support and raise funds to benefit the Animal Pawtectors organization.

A special thank you to our Sponsors for their kindness, generosity and support! Our gold sponsors: The Center For Progressive Dentistry and Clarky's Closeouts. Our silver sponsors: Cooper's Cycle & Fitness, Flash Appliance Repair, and GCXC Racing Youngstown, All Occasions DJ and Tracy Rafail.

Thank you to our First Responders, Officer Watson and Officer Chovan of the Cortland Police Department and Mr. Dillon from the Cortland Fire Department. These gentlemen followed the racers, monitored traffic and ensured the safety of everyone during the event. To each of our volunteers that helped with behind the scenes, course set up, registration, traffic control and cheering the racers on, this would not have been possible without your help.

Be sure to follow the Love Life Foundation social media pages or visit the Love Life Foundation website at www.lovelifefoundation.net. to stay updated with the donation amount for Animal Pawtectors, scholarship opportunities, future race dates and more.



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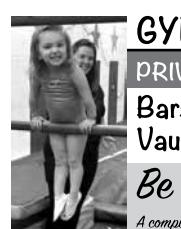


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Special Offer Band & Orchestral Instrument Rental Sale

By Candice Girt

Girts Music 101 is holding their annual introductory special offer band & orchestral instrument rental sale at Music 101 (OH-305) & Girt's Cortland Music (197 South High Street -by Sparkle Market). It's Our Biggest Sale of the Year! Prices starting as low as \$8.95/ 1st month rental for flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, drum kit, bell kit, bell/drum combo kit, Violin, Viola. As low as \$20/1st month for Alto sax, Cello. Other instruments available upon request. Introductory Special Offer pricing good in-store only. Must be 18 yrs or older with proper ID and a Credit Card/ No credit check.

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Cortland Masonic Lodge Honors Distinguished Craftsman

By Dick McClain

Thirteen members of the Cortland Masonic Lodge #529 were recently honored for their dedicated service and support given to the lodge projects. They

each received a special embroidered lodge apron recognizing them as a Distinguished Craftsman.



Left to right, front row, are Justin Bryan, Bob Barasch, Dan McMillin, Don Murphy, Roger Elliott, Tim Bauer, Jack Hineman, John Streiferdt, Frank Gillespie, Russ Hippo and Dick McClain. Back row are Patrick Bailey, Jim Johnson, Ken David, and Ernie Stewart.

JoMarie's Ninja Warrior Room

At Jo Marie's Dance & Gymnastics, not only do they offer dance and gymnastics but they have a ninja warrior room. Starting at age 3, children can climb, jump over obstacles, and swing on the rings. This helps with motor skills for the younger children and helps build core strength for the older students. The Ninja program helps ignite a passion for fitness and helps nurture life skills like determination. Students engage in a series of strength focus activities, such as the warp wall, unstable bridge and rock wall. Students can fine-tune their reflexes, coordination, and balance. The Ninja program is inspired from the hit show, American Ninja Warrior. Students leave class with a smile and feeling of accomplishment like a true Ninja Warrior.

The registration dates for the 2024-2025 year are August 6,7 and 13, 14 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.





What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Just the Facts

The city has many projects on the books for this year. Which of the following are actual projects?

- a. 2024 Annual Resurfacing
- b. W. Main Street waterline replacement
- c. New emergency back-up generators for the water system
- d. Outdoor event and education space - former bank parking lot
- e. All of the above

Find the answer at the end of this article.

Property Maintenance

Please be sure to maintain the exterior of your home and property. Included in this is keeping the yard cut and free of debris and upkeeping the structure itself. During the summer months, calls of complaint increase dramatically. As a property owner, this is your responsibility.

Just The Facts BONUS

How many cats and kittens have been spayed/neutered within the city so far this year?

A) 10 B) 33 C) 18 D) 48

Find the answer at the end of the eNews.

Mosquito Fogging

Our residents can enjoy outdoor activities more because of the mosquito control that is occurring. The next scheduled fogging is July 31st and then August 14th 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

The city's Curbside Brush Chipping is the 4th Monday of the month April through October. The next pick up is the week of August 26th. 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.

Second Notice- Identify Water Pipes

Please disregard if you have already provided us with the needed information. The EPA is requiring all Public Water Systems to identify all service lines by October. This is mandatory.

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.

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.

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Food Truck Nights

The City has announced that Food Truck Nights will be held on the 4th Thursday every month. The next three dates are July 25, August 22 and September 26. The lone exception is Saturday, October 26 when it will be combined with Trunk or Treat for Halloween. The events are on West Main St. from 5 - 8 PM. The trucks and possible entertainment may vary each time.



New C-130J-30 Super Hercules At YARS - The 910th Airlift Wing



The Youngstown Air Reserve Station - The 910th Airlift Wing welcomed the first of its new fleet of C-130J-30 Super Hercules aircraft at an event Tuesday, July 16. A group of guests representing the 22nd Air Force, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, the 910th Airlift Wing as well as YARS federal, state and

local community partners attended that was kicked off with a flyover by the C-130J, concluding its maiden voyage from the production plant in Marietta, Georgia to YARS.

Because our press deadline was ahead of this event, we will have a more complete story in the August 10 issue.

City Of Cortland Receives \$2.15 Million For New State-Of-The-Art Safety Service Complex

The City of Cortland is proud to announce that it has secured \$2.15 million in funding for the construction of a cutting-edge Safety Service Complex, thanks to the successful passage of the State's Strategic Community Investment Fund. This new facility promises to enhance public safety operations significantly and cater to the evolving needs of our community.

The funding allocation was approved with overwhelming support, thanks to the dedicated efforts of several key legislators. Senator O'Brien, Senator Dolan and Representative Santucci played pivotal roles in advocating for Cortland's infrastructure development. Their commitment to improving public safety and investing in community resources has been crucial in securing this funding.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous allocation which will enable us to build a state-of-the art Safety Service Complex" said Mayor Petrosky.

"This facility will not only house our emergency services but also serve as a hub for community engagement and disaster response coordination."

In addition, the City of Cortland received \$330,350.00 for the treatment of hydrilla at Mosquito Creek Lake State Park. This funding for treatment will safeguard Warren City's drinking water. Mayor Petrosky would like to thank the US Army Corp. of Engineers, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Trumbull County Commissioner's and Trumbull Tourism Bureau for all the collaborative work they've done on this project to ensure funding was secured.

The City of Cortland expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator Dolan, Senator O'Brien, and Representative Santucci for their unwavering support and dedication to the city's growth and safety initiatives. For more information please contact the office of Mayor Petrosky at (330-637-4003) or mayor@cityofcortland.org



Thank you to Senator Sandra O'Brien and Representative-elect David Thomas for attending our most recent Coffee with Cortland and answering questions about school funding, property taxes, and more! The crowds are growing! The next Coffee with Cortland is being held on Friday morning, August 2 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, instead of Saturday, so that you can speak with our Department Heads.



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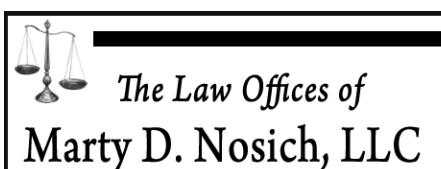
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So Whatever Happened To ... the restroom and upgrades to ODNR parking area at the west end of W. Main St?

The delay in the project has been an expired sublease agreement between the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) involving several parks throughout the state and several USACE districts. According to an email to the city that was received on Tuesday 7/9 from Tim Robinson, Recreation Services Administrator, ODNR, Office of Real Estate, the new lease agreement between ODNR and the USACE has been signed by ODNR and sent to the USACE to be executed. **We are getting close!**

We initially received \$404,000 from the Capital Budget in 2022. If you recall, the first phase of the project includes new restroom facilities, grading, reclaiming about one half of the parking lot for green space, picnic tables, and benches. There is no intent to remove the two existing trees from the parking lot shoreline, but there will be removal of brush between the parking lot and the old roadway near the cemetery. State funding is still in place; it was reappropriated with the current budget.

A Thankful Farewell From Rite Aid

As most of you know, our local Rite Aid is closing as are most of them in Ohio & Michigan. We have been blessed to have wonderful local people working there that cared for our health needs. The two Pharmacists each wanted to say 'Thank You' to the community.

Pharmacy Manager David Ross, RPH said: "I would like to thank the city of Cortland and surrounding communities for allowing me to be your pharmacist for the last 20 years. I've always tried to be professional and compassionate to all the friends and families that frequented our location. That being said you can find my smiling face at Walmart at 2016 millennium Blvd off Elm Road.

A special thanks to our great staff: Anna, Amelia, Rebecca, Franklin, Kati and especially Jessica, because without your hard work and dedication I would not be able to perform my job at its highest level of performance.

Although one door has closed another has opened and I look forward to seeing some of you real soon!"

Jessica Judeh, PharmD, Rite Aid Pharmacist added "It was heartbreaking to close the doors for a final time at our Rite

Aid pharmacy in Cortland on Monday July 15. This pharmacy has been a trusted and valued business for many generations and it was sad to say goodbye.

First, I want to say THANK YOU to our loyal Rite Aid customers. It was my pleasure serving as your pharmacist and I will be forever grateful for the many customers, now friends, that I have made during my 4 years here.

Also, THANK YOU, to David Ross (Pharmacy Manager) for your partnership, friendship and guidance. You're a tough act to follow here in Cortland and I will truly miss hearing, at least once a day from our customers, "you're not David ... but, can I ask you a question, anyways."

David, I wish nothing but the best for you and your family. And to the Rite Aid team, aka "Rite Aid Family", THANK YOU for showing up and for a job well done. Best of luck with your next endeavors, please keep in touch. You guys ROCK!!

As for myself, I am looking forward to the next chapter and expanding my position with Rite Aid. I will be serving customers in the Sharon and Hermitage, PA region and I am excited to grow my leadership role there. Again, THANK YOU CORTLAND!!"

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We greatly appreciate your help with this requirement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kim Blasco, Service Director, at 330-637-4637.

City of Cortland 1st Annual Maker's Market

Saturday September 7th from 10 am - 3pm on West Main St. This will be a combination of a farmer's market and craft show. If you would like to be a vendor at the event, there is a \$25 fee for each 10'(approximately) spot. You must bring your own table, chairs and tent. There is no electricity available. A vendor's application can be picked up at city hall and/or printed from our website, cityofcortland.org.

The Civil Service Commission meets on an as needed basis. Civil Service deals with the testing, selection, promotion, demotion, discipline and removal of the city's Police and Fire personnel. For more information, please see: <https://cityofcortland.org/boards-commissions/civil-service-commission/> or contact the mayor at mayor@cityofcortland.org or call 330-637-4003.

Dates to Remember

August 5th - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.
August 12th - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
August 12th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
August 19th - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.

Just the Facts Answer - The answer is e.) All the above.

a. 2024 Annual Resurfacing - paid for by the City of Cortland and \$100,000 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

b. W. Main Street waterline replacement - paid for by funding from OPWC and Appalachian Regional Community grant program

c. New emergency back-up generators for the water system -paid for by funding from the Trumbull County Commissioners

d. Outdoor event and education space - former bank parking lot -paid for by the Strategic Community Investment fund through the Cortland Community Foundation

Just the Facts BONUS ANSWER

The answer is B.) 33. The city, with the assistance of Sarah Ulam, Audrey Brown, Animal Pawtectors, and Steel Valley Spay and Neuter has trapped and spayed/neutered 33 cats and kittens so far this year. Feral cats are released after surgery. Thanks to Sarah and Audrey, Animal Pawtectors has taken in 14 kittens for adoption. If you would like to volunteer to house or foster the cats/kittens, please contact the mayor.

Autism Society Adds Career Exploration Program At Camp FRIEND

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley (ASMV) is proud to announce the addition of an innovative Career Exploration Week to its annual Camp F.R.I.E.N.D. summer program. In collaboration with Vista AST, a component of the Youngstown Business Incubator, ASMV will offer a specialized curriculum focused on developing critical career adaptability skills for young adults with autism aged 18-25.

"We are thrilled to expand Camp with this transformative program designed to bridge the gap between education and employment for our young adults on the autism spectrum," said Robin Suzelis, Director of ASMV. Founded in Summer 2014, Camp F.R.I.E.N.D.: Finding Rewards In Every New Day was the first program in the Mahoning Valley offering an inclusive day camp experience for students with autism and their friends. "By providing hands-on experience across various employment sectors, we aim to enhance their job readiness and empower them to thrive in the workforce."

The Career Exploration Week, scheduled for August 5-9, 2024, will accommodate 18 participants.

Facilitated by experienced autism educator Jennifer Groce from Potential Development, the program will leverage Vista AST's distinguished curriculum and the expertise of ASMV's autism specialists.

"This partnership represents a significant milestone in our long-standing goal to create meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with autism," said Groce. "We are grateful for the support of Vista AST and our financial partner, State Farm Insurance, which has made this innovative initiative possible."

Participants will engage in interactive learning experiences guided by Vista AST interns and ASMV's dedicated support staff. The curriculum cultivates essential skills such as design thinking, collaboration, problem-solving, and creativity while introducing participants to digital equipment and technical resources.

ASMV invites young adults with autism and their families to register for this transformative program. Limited spots are available. For more information or to secure a spot, please call (330) 333-9609.

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Love Life Foundation, Running Canvas 5K & 10K Winners

By Saynelle Sanner

In the Love Life Foundation, Running Canvas 5K & 10K race that took place on Saturday, June 22 the winners were:

10K Female

- 1st Place - Angelique McKowan
- 2nd Place - Stephanie Pierce
- 3rd Place - Diane Raible

10K Male

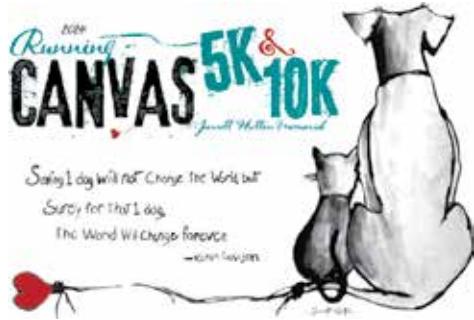
- 1st Place - Troy Lewis
- 2nd Place - Sean Voorhies
- 3rd Place - Jon Gillespie

5K Female

- 1st Place - Amada Bartel
- 2nd Place - Kaitlin Atwell
- 3rd Place - Catena Shortreed

5K Male

- 1st Place - Marcus Grube
- 2nd Place - Ryan Barringer
- 3rd Place - Niko Raptis



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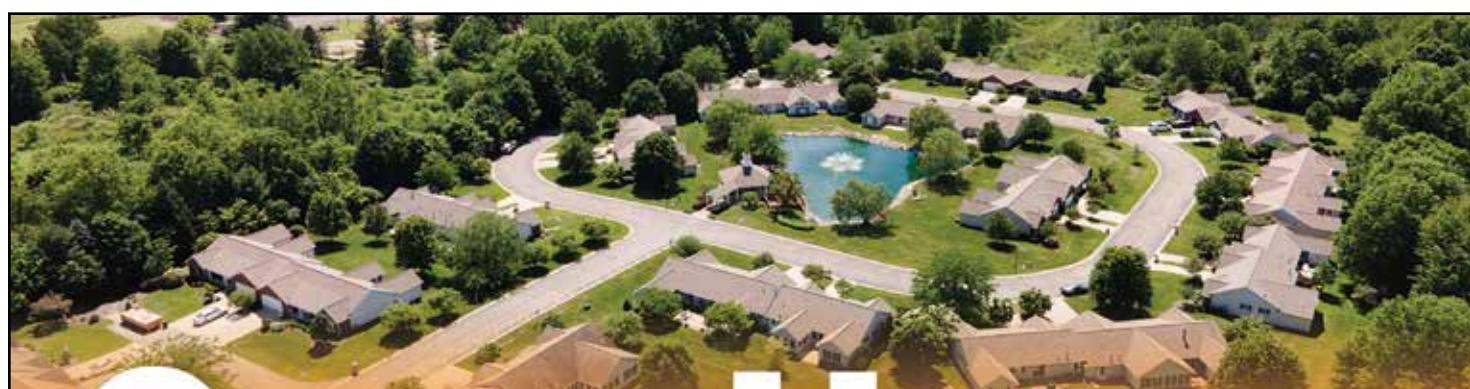
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LESSONS OF HOPE

Pastor Jonathan Williams, Cortland United Methodist Church

Who can you find in Cortland this summer? Retirees who have the freedom to go on vacation whenever they please, or to joyfully stay at home. Hard-working people whose livelihoods may depend on tourism, but who dream of the vacations they will take, with or without their kids. And tourists and visitors who have come here on vacation to see the lake, or family, or are simply passing through.

Vacation is on everyone's mind. A vacation can be many things. It can be the opportunity we need to do something fun, or something challenging that we don't usually have the energy to attempt. It can be a chance to reconnect with family or friends, or to get away from everyone you know for a while. A vacation should be a change of pace, though it doesn't always involve slowing down. It might give us a chance to see new sights, explore new places, and try new foods, or just give us the chance to sit and read and breathe the fresh air without worrying about tomorrow.

This last point is especially important. Vacation is supposed to be a temporary escape from the anxiety of

everyday life. Even if you stay home the whole time, it is a short period when you are allowed to let go of some of the stress you carry and worries that flood your mind. This is important because human beings are not machines. We are not designed to thrive under constant stress and activity. We are supposed to pace ourselves, alternating periods of activity with periods of rest, and take the time we need to recover and heal after our work.

Those of us who do not find time to rest and heal tend to burn out, and the world in which we live is not gracious about giving us time to do that resting. But we need it.

We have a seven-day week because ancient people understood the importance of resting - Even God rested after creating everything. And a vacation is an extension of our need to rest, because one day-off per week is not sufficient to fully refresh us.

So, I hope you take some time this summer for a real, relaxing vacation; to let go of your stress for a while and have fun, or try new things, or reconnect, but no matter what, to rest, and de-stress, and breathe, and heal.

by Amy Popichak, Elder Chairman, Cortland Christian Church

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

As the verse above suggests, we are to walk by faith and not by sight; however, there are many unbelievers in this world because of what they cannot see. We are constantly surrounded by negative influences and the evil that exists in the world and it gets hard to focus and believe that good exists. I am a firm believer that God is in control and chooses us to focus on the beauty and goodness that we often take for granted - so thus my favorite summer getaway.

I have traveled to many places and went on cruises and to foreign countries but nothing holds quite the appeal as our cabin in the woods. My husband and I own a cabin in Tionesta, Pennsylvania. It holds a special place in my heart because it is where we established our relationship and we both love going there.

My favorite past time while we are there is to go kayaking in the early morning when the day is just awakening. So close your eyes and come with me on my journey: You slide into the kayak while the early morning mist is rising from the water. All is quiet

except for the singing of the birds and the ripples of the water as you paddle through the water. The air is clean and as the sun rises you feel the warmth upon your skin. The view is spectacular. Blue skies with white fluffy clouds and the mountainside on both sides is filled with beautiful green trees and foliage.

Wildlife comes to the creek for their morning drink and occasionally an eagle will swoop down to catch its morning breakfast. The stillness and beauty are not only captivating but inspire a deep peace within my soul that is unexplainable.

Now slowly open your eyes, what do you see? I see God! Only God could create such overwhelming beauty that literally takes my breath away. It reinstates my belief and hope in this world that all things are possible with God as our focus in our life. I cannot see the wind but I can feel it and experience it as it whips through the trees.

Truly open your eyes my friends, and keep the faith - for God is definitely with us.

Sadie

By Bob Mangold, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Psalm 34-18: "The Lord is near for the broken hearted and saves the crushed spirit...."

Ecclesiastes 12-7: "...and the spirit shall return to God who gave it."

Yes-I am broken-hearted and will be for some time. I have been through this seven times: Greta, Gina, Doc, Abby, Wyatt, Red and now Sadie--my little girl. All rescues; all throw aways; all dachshunds. Tears flow as I look into their eyes up close with the very last thing they see is me as they close them. And I say, "See you on the other side."

Like a lot of dog owners I have humanized every dog I have ever had. They exhibit a personality of who they are (all are different just like humans) with all the emotions therein. They reason/decide, consider options, I see wonder in their eyes, and the list goes on. I read on Christianity.com that our soul, the human soul, is the humanity that makes us feel emotions. I believe my dogs emotions duplicate in many

respects human emotions. We speak and cry; they bark and cry/whimper. As I understand it these are attributes of a soul.

So the question I have never dealt with successfully is: Do dogs have a soul? For me, they at least have a soul or something akin to it. I connect with them in multiple ways. They understand me and me them. They communicate with me through a physical response. Yes-Sadie bit me twice the first day I had her. Was that ever a physical response! But over time that changed and like the others she licked my hands and face and could not get enough lap time. Even laying on her side, the last two days of her life, she followed me with her eyes and wagged her tail when I pet her.

These are parts of a soul, or

something akin to a soul. I believe God retrieves the human and my dog's soul. But what about the spirit which is surrounded by a soul some say? To this question I have to say my spirit is retrieved. But dogs have no spirit. To have a spirit dogs would have to be spiritually alive which they are not. One man's opinion. Let me know yours.

Prayer. Father, you have placed in my care over the years so many of your creatures named dogs. Each was a trusted companion, provided great comfort in good and bad times, and brought a smile to my face every time I entered my house. You see to my every need. All I must do is maintain my FAITH. In Jesus name, I pray.

Scripture taken from Spark Bible, NRSV, Augsburg Fortress, 2009.

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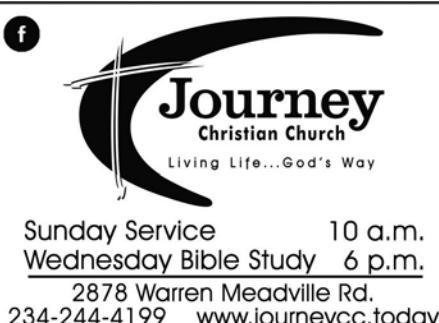
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SCOPE Offers A 'Senior Friendly' Designation To Area Businesses

By Mike Wilson

The 'Senior Friendly' partnership with SCOPE Senior Services offers businesses and organizations who want to advertise and connect with senior citizens an opportunity to feature their products and services. SCOPE will vet those who seek the designation to assist seniors in knowing which businesses to use or buy from.

SCOPE will also provide a SCOPE 'Senior Friendly' logo for use on official partner's literature and advertising.

"We have had businesses enter our centers to sell senior citizens goods and services or to promote their facilities," stated Mike Wilson, Director of SCOPE Senior Services. "We are working on vetting companies to assist in protecting our seniors from unscrupulous businesses. I have even been at widow's homes while contractors make presentations, as so not to allow questionable contractors to

prey on our most vulnerable citizens," Wilson concluded.

Only SCOPE 'Senior Friendly' businesses can participate at SCOPE operated centers. SCOPE is the largest senior citizen organization in Trumbull County. There is no cost to the senior to participate at any SCOPE operated Senior Citizen Center. Some of the classes and fitness programs do have small fees for the instructors.

This sponsorship provides 'Senior Friendly' partner's access to attend events and visit SCOPE centers. This also allows for pamphlets and promotional materials to be displayed and handed out at any of the five Trumbull County SCOPE Senior Centers serving some 3,800 seniors annually.

For more information contact SCOPE Director Mike Wilson at mwilson@fcsohio.org or by calling 330-399-8846 ext. 206

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Cortland Christian Church Burns Their Mortgage

On Sunday, June 23rd, the members of Cortland Christian Church, located on Grove Drive, held a special outdoor ceremony following their Sunday worship service. About 50 members gathered outside to witness as Chuck Chagnot, President of the General Board, lit the mortgage document on fire.

In 2001, the church took a construction mortgage to build the fellowship hall, the kitchen, and the narthex -- connected to their historic sanctuary, which was erected in 1858. In 2017, they refinanced the mortgage to

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Lakeview School News

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

There's a common misconception out there that school employees only work nine months a year. You may find it interesting to learn how far from the truth that is.

While it is true that teachers do not have their classrooms filled with students in July, they often are in classrooms themselves in order to become even better instructors. Thanks to the efforts of our

Trumbull County Educational Service Center, our teachers have dozens of courses and seminars they can take to improve their skills. Administrators also are signed up for classes in order to prepare for the year ahead. This year, especially, our administrators are required to learn about the Science of Reading. The time spent learning is greatly appreciated because

these efforts help everyone to maintain the high level of quality across the board that our students and families deserve.

Speaking of high quality, the custodial staff continues to deep clean, repair, and improve all facilities so when students and staff return, they will walk into buildings that look their very best. Already carpets are cleaned and floors are waxed. It's a credit to our custodial and maintenance staff that our buildings look great inside, and once the inside is in top shape, they move to the outside to work their magic.

Our bus mechanics continue to repair some of our aging buses where rust has had its way with body pieces. In order to pass Ohio State Highway Patrol inspections, all structural elements of a bus must be in excellent condition, and that can take some extra TLC if a bus has been on the road for several years. In addition, they inspect all mechanicals on all buses, change fluids,

and give each bus a once-over to make sure they are road ready.

Our technology staff is preparing each student's Chromebook as we are a one-to-one district, meaning every student has a computer to use. They make repairs as needed, inspect all units, and prepare new machines by installing software and protection programs. This group also makes sure all classroom equipment is set up correctly and functioning as expected so teachers and students can get right to work when school starts.

Summer camps have been in full swing with student athletes attending with their coaches to get ready for the coming sports season. It won't be long before we hear the band practicing, too. It's then that we know for sure, fall is on the horizon.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy your summer. Be safe out there, and remember, *Together—We are Lakeview.*

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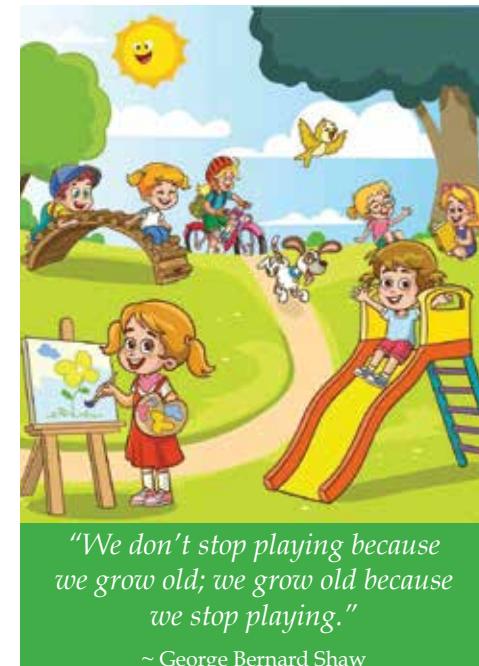
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LBAA Scholarship Is Now “Carl Sayler Memorial Scholarship”

By Chris Cheuvront

The Lakeview Bulldog Alumni Association board of directors has changed the name of the LBAA Cortland Scholarship to the Carl Sayler Memorial Scholarship. Given annually to a graduating senior at Lakeview High School through the Lakeview Bulldog Alumni Association board of directors, the scholarship helps its recipient defray the cost of higher education.

Carl's family was overjoyed at this acknowledgement. Here is what was written by the family: [From Sue Sayler and Linda Sayler-Rappach]

“Our father, Carl Sayler, was an avid Lakeview Bulldogs fan and through the years you would see him and our mother at the games cheering the team on. This would lead to their involvement in the Bulldog Booster Club and Lakeview Band Boosters for many years.

“When he was approached to start announcing for the halftime band shows, he eagerly accepted. The bands run on was first implemented during his first season as announcer. His enthusiasm, as the band ran on to the field, generated so much excitement for the band from students, parents and all the fans alike.

“This was not his only contribution to Lakeview and Cortland. With his now popular voice in the community he announced the Cortland Street Fair Parade, organized the 4th of July Picnic in Bazetta and was on the committee that brought and built Imagination Station to the area.

“His love for Lakeview, ever so strong, led to his running for and being elected to the Lakeview Board of Education. He remained a Board member

for years after all his children had graduated from Lakeview High School.

“Carl Sayler, our father, was a Bulldog until the day he died and even after. His choice to have donations made towards the LBAA Scholarship at the time of his death, led to the first annual

LBAA Scholarship. All of us, his family, are touched that the LBAA Board wants to honor our father by naming the scholarship after him.”

You can find more about the LBAA on Facebook at Lakeview Bulldogs-LBAA, Cortland, Ohio.



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Catching Up With Joey Constantine Post-Spelling Bee

By Sophia Sutton

Lakeview student, Joey Constantine, returned home from the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. after a stellar performance on Memorial Day weekend. This is his third consecutive appearance in the Bee; therefore, Joey was no stranger to the stage and the fierce competition.

With this being Joey's last opportunity to participate in this competition, many were eager to see his hard work over the years pay off, especially after learning about the time and effort that goes into preparing for the Bee.

Joey did not disappoint as he beat out 186 other participants to tie for 46th place! When discussing his performance



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Cait Versus The Roast

By Cait Morgan

It's grilling season! We picked up a roast and decided it would be great in the rotisserie on the grill, so The Curmudgeon loaded up the charcoal and left to go to his brother's, leaving me unsupervised. But having rotisserie on my own, I was not concerned. I seasoned the roast with my usual rub and grabbed the rotisserie rod and basket. That rod has grown by about two feet since I used it last, now having a metal spear that is at least a foot longer than my arm. When I stabbed the roast it went flying across the counter and landed in the sink. Ker-Plop! Grabbed it and decided to just put it in the basket and go from there. Seasoned the roast again, put it in the basket and the stupid basket wouldn't line up. Tried to force it - now the roast learned to fly. It went one way the basket went the other. Batted the roast, mid-air, back into the sink. Grabbed the roast and took the whole shebang over to the kitchen table. Got it in the basket, got the top and bottom to line up and grabbed the rod with one hand and the basket with the other and speared that sucker.

Basket tried to fly away but it was stopped by my finger which somehow was knuckle deep in the wire mesh. That will leave a mark but at least it left my finger. I finally got everything to hold together while I speared the

roast. Went halfway and stopped. Just freaking stopped. It had, at this point, been 25 minutes of roast wrestling and I had just about had it.

Set the end of the rod on the chair and tried to force the basket down.

In retrospect, this should not have been attempted.

The shift of the weight of the roast caused the basket to pop open and the roast attempted to get away once again, sliding across the table to the waiting jaws of our dogs. With coordination I do not usually possess, I deflected the roast with one hand and the dogs with the other hand and a leg. The roast stayed on the table, dogs stayed on the floor. A small victory, but nonetheless a victory. And then I re-seasoned the roast once again. I got the whole thing together and went out to the grill. The coals were just perfect and waiting. That's when I saw the connector opposite the motor box. It was a closed loop. Closed. As in rod with basket and meat cannot pass through it. At this point I totally lost it. I put two of the grates back on the grill, laid the basket over them and dropped the hood of the grill. The Curmudgeon took over when he got home.

I didn't even make a side dish. We had roast. It wasn't very good. Needed seasoning.....

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Sending a Child to College?

Here's What to Know About Changes to the 2024 FAFSA

If you are preparing to send your child off to college within the next year, you may find yourself filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to find out if and how much financial aid he or she is entitled to as a higher education student. Whether you have completed the FAFSA before or are thinking of starting the process for the first time, there are notable changes to the process and timeline of the 2024 application that you should be aware of. Here are answers to questions you may have about the FAFSA.

What is the FAFSA? It's the application you must complete to qualify to receive federal financial assistance for higher education. The FAFSA form collects financial information about a student and their family to determine eligibility for financial aid. In 2024, the questionnaire process is simplified because required federal tax information can be imported directly from the IRS. The forms to apply can be found at www.StudentAid.gov.

Does it make sense for me to complete the FAFSA process? If your child wants access to federal loans or grants for the 2024-2025 school year, they need to complete a FAFSA application. It is important to note that all students should apply regardless of their family's financial status as some form of federal financial aid is available to most. The student also may be considered for merit-based scholarships or on-campus jobs.

If your child has never applied before, they will need to create a Federal Student Aid ID to start the process. Also, all parents or spouses that will be contributors to the FAFSA application, must create their own account. In the event you don't have online access, you can call 1-800-433-3243 to receive a printed form.

What information do I need to complete FAFSA?

Be sure to have:

- The student's information such as date of birth, Social Security number, address and contact information.
- Social Security numbers for the student's parents or spouse.
- Other identifying information such as driver's license number (if you

have one) or Alien Registration for non-U.S. citizens.

- Tax return information for family members involved in the process (spouse, parents).
- Information on cash, savings and checking account balances.
- Net worth information on investments, businesses and properties.
- The name of the college or career school your student is attending. If he or she is still in high school, you can list up to 20 schools that they are considering.

What happens after I complete the form?

Within three to five days of completing the online application (seven to ten days for a paper application), you'll receive a copy of the Student Aid Report that summarizes your student's information. Check it for accuracy and make corrections if needed. This will provide a summary of your Expected Family Contribution, which determines eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant. Ultimately, the information is passed on to the schools you listed in your FAFSA form.

What is the deadline to file for the 2024-25 school year?

Given the late release of the application this year due to the changes made, the window to complete the FAFSA form has been reduced. First, check with the colleges to which your student has applied, as they often have different deadlines. If seeking state aid, check on their filing deadlines as well. The ultimate federal filing deadline is usually June 30, but if colleges or your state have an earlier deadline, that takes precedence.

Preparing to send a loved one to college can be an exciting but stressful time both financially and personally. A financial advisor can help answer questions you may have as you navigate the milestones of preparing for higher education.

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Medicare is health insurance for people 65 and older and those that have been receiving Social Security or Railroad Disability for 24 months. You may also be eligible for Medicare if you have End-Stage Renal Disease or ALS. There are different parts to Original Medicare that cover specific services.

Medicare Part A covers inpatient services such as hospitalization, skilled nursing facilities, hospice, and some home health care. For most people, Part A has no premium if you or your spouse worked and paid into Medicare for enough time. You can pick up Part A at age 65 even if you are still working and covered under employer insurance. If you do not qualify for premium free Part A, you can buy the coverage for a monthly premium if you also choose to enroll in Part B and pay that premium.

Medicare Part B is medical insurance that covers most outpatient services such as doctors, tests, lab services, preventative services, ambulance services, and medical supplies. In specific circumstances Part B will also cover some prescription drugs including injections and infusions that you cannot administer to yourself and are received under the supervision of a doctor or other trained personnel. Part B of Medicare has a monthly premium based on income. In 2024 most people will pay \$174.70 per month. However, those with low income and limited resources may qualify for reduced premiums and those with a higher household income may pay an extra charge referred to as the income related monthly adjustment amount or IRMAA. The increased rate is based on the modified gross income from your tax return 2 years ago. For 2024 it is based on your 2022 tax return and affects anyone single or married filing separately with income more than \$103,000 and couples filing jointly with income more than \$206,000. If you receive a letter from Social Security indicating you are subject to the IRMAA

increased premium you may be able to file an appeal if there has been a change in income. For example, a decrease due to retirement.

Medicare Part D is prescription drug coverage. Part D is not included with Original Medicare Parts A&B and requires a separate Prescription Drug Plan or policy. You can obtain this coverage with a stand-alone prescription plan, or it may be included as part of a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan. You are not required to pick up separate drug coverage, however if you do not have coverage within 63 days of starting Original Medicare or losing credible employer coverage, there will be a penalty imposed on the premium when you do apply for coverage. Once again, there are programs to help people with the costs of Part D premiums and the cost of medications if you qualify and the premium rates may increase for those with higher household income due to IRMAA.

While Medicare covers many things there are co-pays and costs that the individual is responsible for when seeking care. These costs can add up quickly, therefore most people will pick up either Medicare Supplement Insurance or a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) to fill in the gaps. There are several different options available when applying for Medicare and choosing the plan that works best for your specific situation. It can be confusing and overwhelming. Most local agents are available to explain your options and help you navigate through the process of setting up your insurance at no charge. Local agents are also available to help after you have received coverage and answers any questions you may have along the way. More information can also be found at Medicare.gov and SSA.gov.

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

Upton House Celebrates 35th Anniversary

By Bonnie Hood

The officers and board of directors of the Upton House invite guests to join us on Sunday, August 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Upton Association. There will be a display of scrapbooks and memorabilia, along with tours of the house and

gardens. Hearty refreshments will be served to honor the occasion. Mark the date on your calendar and visit us to see how far the association has come since rescuing the historic house from demolition in 1989.



L - R, front: Kim Welch, Sue Stoddart, Janet Schweitzer, "Harriet Taylor Upton", Rosemary Sebring, Joyce Fleischer, Diane Williams, Bonnie Hood.
Back: Diana Tripi, Marti Flint, Todd Pippenger, Sandy Mahaffey & Ken Conklin.
Board members missing from the picture are Judi Sheridan, Diana Marchese, Karen McGaha, Linda Davis & Barb Wright.

Thank You! 2024 Wild, Wild West Parade

By Daynelle Hutton-Sanner

Each year, the Cortland Street Fair Parade brings people near and far to line the streets, catch candy and enjoy the last day festivities of the Cortland Street Fair. The 2024 Wild, Wild West parade did not disappoint. There were over 125 entries that consisted of various local businesses, church organizations, first responders, athletic teams, politicians, tractors and automotives.

We had 22 float entries that were judged on their creativity and enthusiasm for the Wild, Wild West parade theme. We would like to congratulate the following entries for placing in the float contest. First place (\$100.00) Heritage Florist; Second place (\$75.00) Eagle Ridge Farms; Third place (\$50.00) Bortnick Tractor Sales. We appreciate everyone's hard work and efforts to make this year's parade entertaining and successful!

A special thank you to our Parade Sponsors. We appreciate your kindness, generosity and support to help bring the best parade possible each year. The 2024 Wild, Wild West Sponsors included: 717 Credit Union, Apostolakis Honda, ARC

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Last but *never* least, thank you to all the volunteers that help with the parade. The committee is small, but the efforts are big. If you would like to give back and join the Cortland Street Fair parade committee for the 2025 event, please contact us at cortlandstreetfairparade@gmail.com.

We look forward to next year's Cortland Street Fair. Thank you to the Cortland Lions Club for continuing this community tradition.

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Joey shared that he had no regrets about the weekend and that he did everything in his power to do his best to make the most of the opportunity.

Looking down the road, Joey hopes his time spent involved in Spelling Bee activities will positively impact his future. The dedication, determination, and overall effort Joey displayed as a competitor in the Bee will most certainly benefit any undertakings he puts his mind to.

So, what is next for Joey? He is hoping to continue competing but on the Lakeview Prep Bowl team. Joey will also be going to band camp, marching in the marching band and running cross country. Additionally, he is open to the possibility of coaching students interested in competing in the Spelling Bee. Joey passed on some advice to those just starting out in the Bee. He said to expect anything up at the microphone, and "...if you keep your mind open to possibilities, then you can make it far in the Spelling Bee."

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The children had a great time riding on the Bazetta Christian Daycare float during the "Wild West Trail" at the Cortland Street Fair!



Kids love when the Kona Ice Truck comes to Bazetta Christian Church Daycare.



The Children at Cortland Playroom enjoyed a 4th of July Ice Cream Social, games and some fun crafts as they played and learned about Independence Day. They still have a few openings for the 2024-2025 School year.

A Little Cortland - Bazetta History Attending College In 1884

By Curt Moll, Cortland Bazetta Historical Society

Nettie Louise Beach was born March 1st, 1865. When she was seven years old, her mother married Austin Sigler, and Nettie refers to him fondly as Pa. She started writing in her diary just before she turned eighteen years old and continued to the point where she had been married and had a new baby girl.

The family lived in Cortland, Ohio in 1883, and Nettie played the organ for more than one church. Her diary, while still in the possession of the family, has been transcribed and the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society has been given the right to publish it and make it available to residents.

The diary is another valuable resource for documenting the history of our community. Here are some excerpts that relate to her first year of Music School at Oberlin College.

"Tuesday, Sep. 11th, '83. Pearl Bradley and Charles Richards started yesterday for Oberlin and last night I called to see Millie Kinnaman and we are going to Oberlin this winter. I want to go so bad, and Mamma says I can if I am well enough."

"Sunday, March 9th, 1884. Dear Old Record. Only three more Sundays and Millie and I are going to Oberlin. Expect we will get homesick sometimes but then we never will know any more if we stay here. And if we go there, we can teach music and earn our own living, sometimes."

"Oberlin, O., April 16th, 1884. "We started for Oberlin Tuesday, April 1st. We started a little after eight. We got along all right with Charles Richards as our guardian and arrived there about 5 o'clock. Charles ordered our trunks

sent to No. 32 West College St. and we walked there."

"We have a splendid teacher in Piano. His name is Prof. D. Rice. Millie and I have the same teacher but are not together in our classes. We practice from three to four hours a day just as we have time. The rules are strict, and we have to be very careful, or for three failures, we have a chance to go home. We must attend church twice every Sunday, and if we miss or are late that is a failure. And we have to attend Chapel exercises every day at 5:30 only on Thursday and then we have a lecture instead. Wednesday evenings there are rehearsals."

"Oberlin, O., June 17th, '84. I took my last Piano lesson for this term, yesterday. My teacher, Prof. Rice, wanted to know if I intended to come back next year. I told him I wanted to and now intend to."

"Cortland O., July 9th, 1884. We started from Oberlin two weeks ago last Saturday morning. Arrived in Cleveland about 11 AM, went to a restaurant and got our dinner, then took a walk through the town and the Parks. We started from Cleveland at 3 PM and arrived in Warren at the Mahoning depot about 5, where we met Mr. Emerson from Oberlin who was coming to Cortland to preach in the Congregational Church the next day. So, he joined our crowd and we walked to the park. And at last, we started for the station which we left a little after 7 PM for Cortland, where we arrived a little before 8 and found quite a crowd waiting to see us home."

The full transcript is available from the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society.



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Hello Cortland & Bazetta - hope you are staying cool in this summer heat! I'm sure the hottest days of the summer are ahead of us, so I wanted to cover a topic relevant to those of you who walk your pets.

Have you ever walked outside barefoot on a hot day? The pavement can get so hot! Did you know that on especially hot days, pavement can reach 130 degrees? That is way too dangerous to walk on without protection such as shoes. If it's too hot for our bare feet, it's also scorching their paws.

This means it's safest not to walk your dog (or any other type of pet) on pavement in extremely hot temperatures. Foregoing a hot pavement walk can prevent them from painful burns on their paw pads (bottoms of their feet).

Walk Safely - If you walk your dog, you don't have to stop just because of the heat. Walking with you is likely the highlight of your dog's day, so keep it up! So consider walking your pet safely

by avoiding walks outside in the peak temperatures of the day. Instead, choose a morning or evening walk once the pavement has cooled. You can also walk your pet on a different type of surface, such as sand or grass. Sand gets hot, too, so always exercise caution.

To test a surface like pavement or sand to see if it's a safe walking temperature, place the back of your hand on the surface. If you can comfortably hold your hand there for seven seconds, it should be fine for your pet's feet. If not, hold off on your walk until it cools.

Remember too that you and your pet can easily become hydrated, so for medium or long walks on a hot day, bring some water for you both!

Stay safe and enjoy the summer weather - we all know that with the Ohio weather, it will be time for a "beware of pet frostbite" article soon!

Email questions, feedback, or suggestions for future topics to Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com.

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Veterans' Outreach: A Lifeline For Local Heroes In The Mahoning Valley

By Jim Woofter

Veterans' Outreach, located at 17 Colonial Drive in Liberty Township, Ohio, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing essential services and support to veterans in the Youngstown area.



Since its establishment, Veterans' Outreach has grown significantly. In 2023, the organization moved to a larger facility on Colonial Drive to accommodate the increasing demand for their services. This expansion reflects the growing need for veteran support in the community.

Veterans' Outreach offers a variety of programs to assist veterans in overcoming challenges and achieving self-sufficiency. Some of their key

services include:

- Emergency assistance: They provide veterans with necessities like food, clothing, and financial aid to help them through tough times.
- Resource navigation: Veterans' Outreach helps veterans connect with government benefits, healthcare services, and other community resources they may be entitled to.
- Employment support: The organization offers programs to help veterans develop job skills, find employment opportunities, and reintegrate into the workforce.
- Food Pantry: Veterans' Outreach combats food insecurity by offering a well-stocked pantry with essential food items. Donations from the community and local food banks keep the pantry running, providing vital sustenance for veterans in need.
- Thrift Store: Veterans' Outreach operates a thrift store open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. It's open to the public and proceeds benefit veterans.

Veterans' Outreach goes beyond just providing services. They create a sense of community for veterans, offering a safe space to connect with others who have served their country. This camaraderie and support network can be invaluable for veterans facing challenges.

Veterans' Outreach relies on the generosity of the community to continue their vital work. Here are some ways you can support them:

- Donate: Financial contributions

allow Veterans' Outreach to continue providing essential services to veterans in need.

- Donate goods: Donations of clothing, furniture, and household items are used to assist veterans.
- Volunteer your time: Veterans' Outreach welcomes volunteers to assist with various tasks. Two ways you can help would be to host a food drive for the food pantry or host a special event to raise funds for the facility.

Veterans' Outreach plays a crucial role in supporting veterans in the Valley. By providing essential services, fostering a sense of community, and relying on community support,

Veterans' Outreach empowers veterans to thrive.

If you are a veteran in need of assistance, or if you wish to support their mission, Veterans' Outreach can be reached at (330) 755-5792 or you can visit their website at <https://veteransoutreach.org/>.



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Updates From The Cortland Lions Club

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club would like to say Thank You to our volunteers, Lions Club Members, our Street Fair Committee, our Sponsors and our Community for your support to help make the 2024 Cortland Street Fair a success. This years Street Fair was one of the hottest on record and we are thankful for all who braved the heat to come out and enjoy the Street Fair.

We are pleased to report the results of our Spring Metal Scrap Drive. The Spring Scrap Drive netted \$1,172.38, which was the value of your donated scrap. All funds were donated to the City of Cortland Parks and Recreation Board. Special thanks to Ryan Stan,

owner of NEO Junk Removal and his trucks and crews who picked up local scrap. We are planning on having a Fall Scrap Drive also-which will be reported in an upcoming issue of The Cortland News.

Our Cortland Lions Club elected new officers for the 2024-2025 year. We are pleased to report that we now have three women in key positions for this upcoming year. Our new President is Dawn Wiland. Constance Amstutz is our 1st Vice President and Chaplain and our Club Secretary is Heidi Harper. We are expecting great things from our Officers this coming year.



Elected Officers: Front row incoming President Dawn Wiland, Bill Lowther our outgoing President Second Row Heidi Harper-Secretary, John David 1-year Director, Constance Amstutz-1st Vice President and Chaplain Back Row- Frank Danso-2-year Director, Jim Gorse 1-year Director, Matt Smith Financial Secretary, Basil Jarrett 2-year Director and Dan Schwartz Treasurer.

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Street Fair Winners!

By Daynelle Sanner

Congratulations to Jared Bradley, Cortland Firefighter/EMT for winning the pizza eating contest at the Cortland Street Fair. The contest was sponsored by Pizza Joe's. He was the first to finish half the pizza in under three minutes.

Also, congratulations to the following contestants for placing in the 2024 Cortland Street Fair Pie Baking Contest!

- First Place
Kelly Smith, Strawberry Rhubarb
- Second Place
Rachel Tricket, Apple
- Third Place
Lyann Inman, Strawberry Rhubarb
- Fourth Place
Grace Mazur, Strawberry Peach



Street Fair Pizza Eating Contest Winner
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LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events ~ August 2024

Storybook Trail & Imagination Station Bookmobile Program

Mon., Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Bookmobile open 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) At Storybook Trail & Imagination Station, 3372 Warren Meadville Rd., Cortland. Children and families can enjoy an educational presentation (with live animals!) by an Ohio Department of Natural Resources naturalist and a related story time by a librarian at the Bookmobile at this special event. The program will be from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., while the Bookmobile will be open from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free.

Concert @ the Cortland Library: The Berrys.

Wed., Aug. 14 from 6 — 7 p.m. At the Cortland Library. The Berrys are a folk-rock band from Youngstown, living part time in Nashville, TN. Fronted by husband and wife singer songwriters Rob and Adrienne Berry, their new but nostalgic sound is inspired by legendary artists like Fleetwood Mac and Chris Stapleton. Free.

Storybook Trail & Imagination Station Bookmobile Program

Mon., Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Bookmobile open 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) At Storybook Trail & Imagination Station, 3372 Warren Meadville Rd., Cortland. Children and families can enjoy an educational presentation (with live animals!) by an Ohio Department of Natural Resources naturalist and a related story time by a librarian at the Bookmobile at this special event. The program will be from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., while the Bookmobile will be open from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free.

Bookmobile Beach Bash At the Mosquito Lake State Park Beach, 1439 State Route 305, Cortland.

Mon., Aug. 12 from 4 - 5 p.m. (Bookmobile open 3 - 5:30 p.m.). Children and families can enjoy an educational presentation (with live animals!) by an Ohio Department of Natural Resources naturalist and a related story time by a librarian at the Bookmobile at this special event. The program will be from 4 - 5 p.m., while the Bookmobile will be open from 3 - 5:30 p.m. Free.

D&D Adventurer's Guild

Wed., Aug. 28 from 3 — 4 p.m. At the Cortland Library. Teens entering grades 7 - 12 can become a member of a traveling adventurer's guild and fight a monster of the week. Participants will get a small notebook to track their future adventures in. Registration is required by Aug. 21. Free.

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