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Cortland's Lincoln Highway Mural Dedication

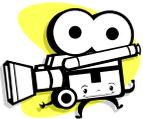
A mural depicting early road construction methods is Cortland's contribution to the Illinois Lincoln Highway Scenic Byway mural program. There will be a dedication ceremony on Saturday May 29 at 1:00 pm and the public is invited.

The mural is located at 55 W. Lincoln Hwy. on the Cresswood Recycling Systems building on Lincoln Highway (IL 38) immediately west of the Kelley-Williamson mini-mart. The mural is the latest in 43 murals that will be displayed along the Lincoln Highway across Illinois.

The Lincoln Highway, also known as "America's greatest road," was the first coast-to-coast paved highway in America. It ushered in the Good Roads Movement and became the symbol of a national crusade to create a highway system for the country. In 1919, to call attention to the need for paved roads and national preparedness, then-Colonel Dwight David Eisenhower participated in a military expedition along the highway and stopped in Cortland, possibly near the location of our mural. The Lincoln Highway was used by cross-country racers and was the subject of numerous poems and songs back in the day.

We are extremely grateful to **Mr. Jack Cress** for the long-term commitment he made to Cortland and the Lincoln Highway Scenic Byway Coalition to use the side of his building for this mural.

For more information about the Illinois Lincoln Highway, visit www.drivelincolnhighway.com.



MOVIE NIGHT



The Cortland Parade & Festival Committee invite you to join us for movie night

The featured movie is Disney's UP and will start playing at dusk on Saturday, May 15 at the former Cortland Elementary School on West Maple Street.

Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase. Dough Brothers will also have pizza slices for sale.

The cost for this event is free!

Donations to the Cortland Festival and Parade Committee will be accepted and appreciated.



Mayor Seyller presented Nicholas Paul Keller with a Meritorious Achievement Award at the March 26 Town Board meeting. This award is for recognition of his years of scouting and service to his community. Nicholas will advance to Eagle Scout at a Boy Scout (Troop 18) Ceremony on Saturday, May 1.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 19 Free community meal
Cortland Community Park 5:30-7
- 24 Town Board meeting

June

- 5 Helping Hand Weekend
- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 14 Town Board meeting
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 28 Town Board meeting

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For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.

Cortland Elementary PTA

Please join us, Saturday, May 15th, for our 2nd annual Karen Mack Memorial Walk for Ovarian Cancer.

The 3K/5K walk will kick off at the new Cortland Elementary School promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your family and friends to help support a very worthwhile cause. For registration forms call Jessica Lucas @ 815-748-0033 or Dawn McAllister @ 815-748-4300 or they can be picked up at Cortland Elementary School or the Cortland Public Library.

Proceeds will benefit the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

The week of May 3rd-7th is Teacher/Staff appreciation at Cortland Elementary School. If you would like to donate items or volunteer your time to help please contact Mary Yaeger at 815-748-3167,

Important PTA dates

- 5/4 Spring Sing Grade 3-5
- 5/11 Spring Sing Grade K-2
- 5/5 Market Day Pick 5-6
- 5/15 Walk for Ovarian Cancer



Lend-A-Hand Weekend Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to lend a helping hand in performing minor home repairs and maintenance and yard work for Town residents in need on the weekend of June 5, 2010. Typical activities will include cleaning out gutters, repairing fences, yard work, repairing a broken screen or door, minor painting, and generally anything to help a neighbor get their property in tip-top shape. A trailer will be provided to collect anything that needs to go to the landfill.

"I know it's beginning to sound like a broken record, but we all are feeling the effects of the economy," says Trustee Doug Corson, "and we all know some family in town that is truly suffering from loss of income, health issues, or some other misfortune that has hit them. This would be one way we can do the neighborly thing and help a neighbor in need and help the Town look better in the process." Trustee Corson added that the Lend-A-Hand weekend is not about remodeling a house or garage or planting new landscaping on a lot. "We'd like to help those who, due to circumstances, are not able to keep their property up to community standards." We are looking for volunteers to perform the work as well as a homeowner or two who needs some extra hands around the house and yard to finish some projects. If you are interested in helping or have some needs at your home—or, if you are a business that can donate supplies—please call Trustee Doug Corson at 630.673.3129.

RADIO TIME

TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.



CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5
website: www.cortlandlibrary.com

Summer is coming to Cortland Library: Starting Saturday, May 1, teens are invited to enjoy “**Back to the 80’s**” movie nights between 7-9 p.m. at Cortland Library. Pre-registration is required. This activity is for teens (age 13 & older). Preteens must be accompanied by a parent to attend. Come enjoy classic teen movies and snacks. No movie night on May 29 as the Library will be closed for maintenance.

Beginning May 4, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. there will be a weekly **Baby Lapsit Program** for infants through age 14 months. Moms and little ones will share gentle songs, action rhymes, and simple board books to encourage cognitive and language development. Coloring pages will be available for older children during this time so you and your baby can focus on one another.

Dates to remember:

June 8	7 p.m.	The Amazing Tim Adamz	June 15	7 p.m.	Chris Fascione
June 9		Summer reading	July 24		Summer Celebration Cortland Community park

We will be closed from May 27 through June 1 for maintenance. We are sorry for any inconvenience to our patrons.

MS Tour de Farms Bike Ride Returns to Cortland

The 2010 Bike MS Tour de Farms Bike Ride returns to DeKalb County and will be in Cortland on Saturday June 12. Over 2,000 men and women of all ages will gather with their bicycles in a 175-mile fundraising bike ride. The Bike MS Tour de Farms Bike Ride benefits the national Multiple Sclerosis Society—Greater Illinois Chapter. The money raised through this event—and others hosted by the chapter—support advocacy, research, local programs and services that enhance the quality of life for people with multiple sclerosis and their families.

The Saturday bike ride will travel through Cortland and Cortland Community Park will serve as a rest area for bike riders. Persons interested in volunteering or registering to ride are encouraged to contact the Illinois chapter at www.bikemsillinois.org.

When you see the bicyclist, please encourage them. While you should always be alert for bicyclists while driving, pay particular attention on June 12 and 13 because there will be many of them in Cortland and the DeKalb area. Ride on!

2010 Census



As you may know, the 2010 Decennial enumerators will begin their follow up enumeration May 1. The success of this operation is critical to our community, these enumerators will contact residents who have not mailed back their Census Questionnaire.

Here are some points you should be aware of: Enumerators will not enter your homes. They will have a census badge, without a photo, and a black census bag with a white logo. They will make multiple attempts to reach a resident and ask a neighbor when resident is usually home or the best time to reach them. They will not ask for bank account numbers, income or social security numbers. The Questionnaire does ask for the number of people at a particular residence along with their name, age, birth date, gender, ethnicity, race and usual residence.

Each resident counted through the 2010 Census will insure that our community gets its fair share of state and federal funding. Thank you for participating.

Town Board Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Agendas for all meetings are typically available on the Friday before. To view agendas go to www.cortlandil.org.

Hello,

Spring is finally here and we have a lot going on in Cortland the next couple of months. The Parade and Festival Committee is planning a movie night on May 15 and June 17. This will be a great time to see old friends and neighbors and meet new ones. On Saturday, May 29 we will dedicate the Lincoln Highway Scenic Byway mural. I hope everyone can come and enjoy refreshments and see the vehicles that traveled Lincoln Highway in the 20's and 30's as the Fox Valley Model T Club joins us (see article on page 1 for details).

We are currently coming to a close on our new water tower project. We will be completing an addition to our irrigation project. We continue to work with the bankers who are now in control of several development properties in order to complete basic improvements and to re-start development.

Please watch your mail and respond to the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transit System survey regarding regular bus service from Cortland to Elburn's train station or from Cortland to various shopping and medical destinations. This is a very important survey that will find out the needs of Cortland residents.

For residents that have concerns about the DeKalb County Landfill expansion there is still time to contact your County Board representatives and express your view. As of now, the recommendation from the full County Board is scheduled for May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the County Legislative Center. Their recommendation will be passed on to the Illinois Pollution Control Board which makes the final decision. The most up to date information on County Board/Committee meetings is available on the County's website, DeKalbcounty.org

I want to assure everyone that I have always, and will continue to, look out for the interests of the residents of Cortland and I will also continue to be proactive with the challenges and opportunities that are presented to us.

Mayor Bob



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Spring Clean

The Town of Cortland, with the assistance of its Police Department and Operations & Maintenance Department, is providing large waste containers for a week of spring clean-up activities. We would like to encourage Cortland residents to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of household trash and accumulated "junk"! These containers will be placed at the Pampas Street side of the Town of Cortland Maintenance Garage and at the Cortland Fire Station located at Avenue and will be available from **Monday, May 3, until Sunday, May 9.**

These dumpsters may NOT be used for the disposal of yard waste, large appliances, or tires, paint or other hazardous materials. Check our website at cortlandil.org for information on latex paint collections and electronics collection.

Typically, DeKalb County hosts two recycling events. For these events check the following link; recycling/collection events http://www.dekalbcounty.org/Health/recycle_events.html

Police Reminder

Scooters, Mini-bikes, Skateboards & Pocket Bikes etc

Many area businesses are selling motorized skateboards, motorized scooters and small motorcycles referred to as "pocket bikes." Their popularity has soared and some parents are undoubtedly deciding whether to buy one for a son or daughter. Before you do the Cortland Police Department wants to make you aware that these items present safety concerns and are not legal for use except on your own property or another's property with their permission.

Cortland Police Chief Russ Stokes reminds parents that the operation of these vehicles are restricted by state law. Miniature motorcycles and motorized scooters cannot be licensed for use on the street. These vehicles often lack necessary safety equipment such as headlights, turn signals, horns or effective brakes. Even though the driver may have a valid Illinois Drivers License the operation of these vehicles anywhere other than on their own private property is prohibited. Cortland police officers can issue citations for violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Convictions for these violations are reported to the Illinois Secretary of State and may affect a person's driver's license status and /or insurance rates and can affect a child's ability to obtain a drivers license years later.

Some of these vehicles reach 30 miles per hour or more and are difficult to see due to their small size. Often the riders of these vehicles are seated close to the ground and below the field of view of motorists. Because they cannot be legally licensed for operation on the streets, most drivers do not have insurance and these types of vehicles are most frequently operated by youths under the legal driving age. This means an inexperienced operator is likely unaware of the dangers they are causing. Statistics collected by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission from July 2003 through June 2004 found 10,000 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries caused by the use of motorized personal use vehicles. There were 49 deaths attributed to powered scooters between October 1998 and November 2004. 29 were as a result of collisions with a motor vehicle.

The Cortland Police Department has seen an increase in complaints regarding these vehicles. Many communities are enacting ordinances prohibiting the operation of these vehicles as a result of public complaints.

If you have any questions, please contact the Cortland Police Department at (815) 756-2558.

Department of Building Safety Reminders

The following trees are not permitted on any premises per 4-2-1 "D" of the Cortland Town Code: Cottonwood, Weeping Willow and Box Elder.

Permits are required for: replacing a roof surface, replacing or installing a hot-water heater, installing central air conditioning system or furnace, installing a deck/porch, "screening in" a deck, adding a pergola to a deck, a swimming pool (24" or more water depth), installing a fence, installing a shed, building a detached garage, any additions, upgrading electrical service, adding switches or receptacles, changing/adding plumbing lines, finishing/remodeling a basement.

Please call 815-756-9041 to determine if your project requires a permit. Permit Applications are available at the Town Hall.

Cortland's Own; American Heroes

In honor of your commitment we salute you and your families and recognize your bravery as you faithfully serve our country! We thank you for your selfless sacrifice in defending our freedom.

Private First Class Derek Armstrong United States Army

Son of Rick and Debbie Armstrong



Sergeant Adam Doden United States Marines Corps

Son of Gary and Lorraine Doden

Private Zachary Hallahan United States Marine Corps

Son of Beth Ellington

Private James Read United States Army

Son of Jim and Janet Read

Sergeant Christopher J. Reiter United States Air Force

Son of Randy and Jeanne Reiter

Master Sergeant James Kochel Army National Guard

Husband of Diane Kochel

The Town of Cortland would like to honor its soldiers by acknowledging their selfless sacrifice in defense of our country! If you have a family member in the military we would like to hear from you. We would like to post their names, rank, and branch of service in the Cortland Newsletter. Let's give them and their families the recognition and praise they deserve.

Please call Linda Clark, (815)756-1336 with your information.