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Cortland's Lincoln Highway Mural Dedication

The Cortland Mural depicting early road construction methods in Illinois along Lincoln Highway and is part of the Scenic Byway mural program was dedicated on May 29. Mayor Bob Seyller and Lincoln Hwy. Coalition Project Director Bonnie Heimbach dedicated the Cortland mural. As you can see from the pictures, the Fox Valley Model T Club participated in the dedication which added to the nostalgia of times gone by. Civic Leaders, Trustees, Town Staff and many residents enjoyed looking at the old cars while enjoying cookies and lemonade.

Cortland is 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.



MOVIE NIGHT



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

The featured movie is **"Night at the Museum"** and will start playing at dusk on Saturday, July 17 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.



CORTLAND SUMMER FEST



The Parade & Festival Committee is hard at work planning Cortland's Summer Fest on Saturday, August, 7 from 4:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. at Cortland Community Park.

There will be several bands that evening. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

DATES TO REMEMBER**July**

- 4 Independence Day
(Town Hall closed on July 5)
- 8 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 17 Movie Night
- 26 Town Board meeting

August

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
- 7 Summer Fest
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 23 Town Board meeting

Did you know that July is National Hot Dog Month and August is National Golf month.

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

Department of Building Safety Answers to Some of the Most Frequently Asked Questions

Can we burn leaves? Town Code 4-1-3: Burning Restrictions: No hay or straw or other combustible materials shall be burned in any of the streets or street rights-of-way of the Town without written permission from the Director of Operations and Maintenance nor on any lot in the Town within thirty feet (30') of any building. Any person violating any provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1998 Code).

Burning is allowed within the Town limits. Burn pits must be 30' from a structure. You may burn dry grass, dry leaves, dry branches and wastepaper generated at the home property.

You may not burn green vegetation, construction waste or garbage.

Be considerate of your neighbors—check wind direction before and during burning. If smoke becomes an issue a resident can call the police non-emergency number at 815-756-2558.

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

Find us on Facebook at our fan page. Look for "Cortland Community Library" We share photos and our events. Become a fan.

Summer Reading continues until August 7th. Come join us anytime. Enjoy reading or listening to audio books. Weekly prizes for kids who read (or are read to). Monthly prize drawings for teens & Adults..

NEW: Thursday afternoon programs. Some are limited to grades 4 and up. Crafts and more. Pre-register at the library. Come in and see what next week will bring.

SAVE THE DATE: Library "Fun at the Park" Saturday, July 24. Featuring Rob Erdman performing at 1:00 and 3:00. Games, prizes and crafts. There will be fun for the whole family. There will be food sold by local vendors or bring your own picnic. The library will be serving free cupcakes, juice and iced tea.

Watch the Town Sign for announcements. Visit the library or our website for details.

Lawn and Garden Waste Disposal

We appreciate everyone's efforts in maintaining your yards (keep up the good work!) but please do not dump your yard waste on vacant property or farmland. Dumping of any sort is unlawful and makes property maintenance on the vacant property more difficult. It may result in harboring unwanted wildlife and other unintended consequences. In some instances, dumping yard waste on vacant property may lead to violations from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. We had experiences earlier this summer with residents dumping yard waste in detention basins which led to major flooding issues in several areas. If you need to dispose of your yard waste you may bring it to the landfill or call your waste company for a pick-up (there is a fee associated with yard waste disposal).

2010 Census



As you may know, the 2010 Decennial enumerators will begin their follow up enumeration. 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,

Things are pretty quiet in Cortland these days. We are trying to provide all of the service that we are accustomed to on less money, as the state is late on paying out the money they owe us. This is not unique to Cortland; the State owes the school districts, universities and most municipalities in Illinois money.

I hope everyone can take some time this summer to enjoy all the activities in Cortland and the surrounding communities. I look forward to seeing you all at the outdoor movie in July and Summer Fest in August. I appreciate all the work and effort that the volunteers that are organizing these events have put into providing some fun and entertainment for the Town.

I would like to remind everyone that the Senior Services Center of Family Service Agency has arrived in Cortland with socialization and activities for seniors. These include card and board games, a mild exercise program, health screenings, and special speaker presentations. The Cortland Lions Club Shelter House, 70 South Llanos is the ideal location - easy access, ample parking, and plenty of space. The activities are being held three times weekly - programming will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM which can include lunch. There is no membership fee and all programs offered are free. Trans Vac will provide transportation to persons in need. Call 815-758-6641 to make arrangements. If you plan on having a lunch on any scheduled day, please RSVP by 10 a.m. the day before by calling (815)758-4718. This is a tremendous asset to have in Cortland and I encourage all of you to go and meet some new people and have some fun...

Kudos to Sam's Restaurant for the awesome remodeling project, inside and out.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July and summer.

Mayor Bob



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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)756-1668 with your information.