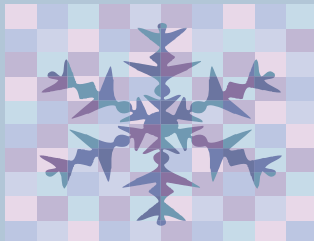


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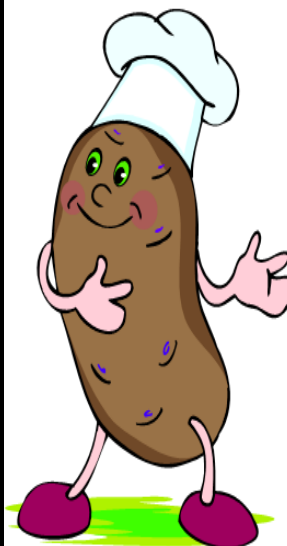


Annual Winter Dinner

Cortland Community Center

March 21, 2010

11a.m. – 1 p.m.



Please join us for a
fabulous dinner
which includes a
loaded baked potato,
ham, meatballs,
green beans, roll and
homemade desserts!

Adults: \$8.00

Children 12 & under: \$4.00

Proceeds going to CIA activities and improvements to the town!



Looking back ... 2009 CIA Events

From the President...

- On January 25th we started out with the first of our Sunday winter movie matinees. Additional dates were February 1st, and 15th, March 1st and April 19th for a total of five showings. They all went well for the first year! We had an average of 30 people per show. Total concessions sales were \$150.00.
- In February we gained approval from the Village Board to use the old board room at the community center for our meeting room. This gave us a permanent meeting room, a place to store inventory and props, and rid us of many headaches!
- On March 7th we sponsored a benefit concert for four year old Marshall DeBoer of Cortland who has a rare cancer of the kidneys, Wilms tumor. Musical entertainment was provided by Gospel Road and Closer Walk. We raised \$2,660.35 and Modern Woodmen of America matched our funds up to \$2500.00 for a total check to Marshall's family of \$5,160.35. Cookies and refreshments were provided by members after the concert.
- Our first business mingle was on March 17th hosted by Ray and Joann Vrbka and their son Jerry of Rays Used Cars. It being St. Patrick's day and with the luck of the Irish, there was a good crowd and lots of good food.
- March 29th was the annual Sunday baked potato dinner. The food was wonderful! We had less people than in past years but we were still able to earn some money to put towards Cortland Fest.
- The Easter Bunny was here on April 11th. Wow! The look on the faces of the helpers when they realized there was twice the number of kids they had planned for. Priceless! Rich and I learned not to go to the store for more prizes— you miss everything! It turned out great with games, prizes and photos with the bunny.
- Our second business mingle was on April 23rd hosted by John and Carolyn Allen at the community center. John's business is called The Framing Place and his talent for picture framing is awesome and unforgettable. Who knew there were so many different ways to frame not only photographs but other things as well! An evening of good people, good food and we even learned something!
- On April 30th we planted 15 flower barrels to be displayed at various businesses around town. We had a good turnout in front of Rich's shop on Main Street and were able to complete the project in a couple of hours. When the flowers were in full bloom at mid-summer it added nice color around town.
- The village cleanup day was on May 2nd. We helped fill three dumpsters that day. Amazing what people can get rid of to help clean up the town!
- May 30th and June 6th were two Saturdays where members worked in the community park painting picnic tables, renovating the basketball backboards and hoops and trimming up all the trees. It was a lot of work but in the end it made the park look great!
- The community garage sales were held on June 12th and 13th. As far as we could tell, everything went smoothly so it will continue to be an annual event.
- "A Day at the Beach" on Saturday, June 27th. That was the theme of this year's Cortland Fest. The anvil firing started everything off with a bang at 7 a.m. There was a good crowd until it "rained on our kids' games" late morning. DJ Tom Shoestring, Sarabande Jazz and Cowboy Rhythm provided musical entertainment throughout the day. There was a tremendous turnout for the tractor show and contest on Main Street this year— best ever. The car show, vendors, fun run, Little Tuggers, Club Kicks, phot5 contest, bake sale, museum, trolley rides, rock climbing wall, sand volleyball, PUTTS the clown, bingo and the chicken dinner made for a day full of activities. The sun and the crowd returned in time for the parade it was wonderful, with 85 entries of which 12 were floats. The day ended with raffle prize drawings and fireworks at the ball park. Who could ask for anything more!
- Our Summer outdoor movies were held on July 18th and 25th, August 1st, 8th and 22nd. We had good weather and fair crowds. Concessions sales totaled \$154.75. We even bought our own tiki torches at the end of the season sales so we're all ready for this summer!
- Spookfest was held on October 24th. The Mad Lab was a big hit. It was lot of work but also a lot of fun for members and visitors. Some new games were played this year as well as lots of Halloween goodies to eat! The crowd was smaller than last year due to other events that same day. Already have some good ideas for next year!
- The middle of November we received funds from the Village Board to renovate the Christmas decorations that go on the light poles on Main Street. The task was completed and they went up on the evenings of November 23rd and 24th along with lights and greenery down the poles. They looked terrific! We've had lots of compliments about them.
- We convinced most of the downtown businesses to put lights on their buildings for the holiday season. ON November 27th and 28th members put up lights for those who were not physically able and for those who donated funds to us. We also obtained enough free tree clippings to decorate 5 of the 10 main street flower barrels with greenery, red berries and red bows. We hope to get enough next year to do all the barrels!
- "Christmas in the Park" was a big success with 34 out of 36 trees decorated in the community park. The lighting ceremony on December 5th was a very cold evening and along with the Huskers playing on TV that night it kept everyone indoors. Everyone except the tree lighters!
- Santa arrived on December 19th. Our outdoor park scene was a hit—everyone was talking about it! The kids had a great time coloring, playing and decorating their frames for their photos with Santa. The kids received a bag of goodies from Santa and a candy cane. Refreshments were cookies, punch and hot chocolate.
- One last thing, let us not forget the gazebo. Members worked here and there over several months this fall/winter to get the footings poured, the ramp moved and the gazebo ready to be moved. Unfortunately, it didn't happen this year. Can hardly wait to see it in the park this spring!
- I would like to say "Thank You" to all our members and non-members who volunteered their time to help make these events possible. A job well done!

Area Church News

Pastor: Casey Karges

Music Director: Kay Miller

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Praisetime Rehearsal
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 (Communion 1st Sunday of the month)
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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*Confirmation classes meet during Sunday school hour each week.
 *Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening.
 *Praisetime rehearsal at Music Director's home 6:45 p.m. Wed evenings.

Monthly Events

*CUC Women Circle 1 - 1:30 p.m. first Wed of the month.
 *Church Board Meeting 7 p.m. fourth Thur. of the month.

Cortland United Church

Lenton Events

February 17th 7p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Tri-County Rural Church Lenten Coffees, all 9 a.m. On Saturdays.

February 20th - Cortland United Church

February 27th—Sprague Community Church

Friday, March 5th World Day of Prayer, noon salad luncheon, Denton Community Center.

March 13—Martell United Methodist Church

March 20th—Trinity Chapel

March 27 - Hallam United Methodist Church

Christ Lutheran Church

Corner of 25th and E. Cherry Rd. Pickrell NE

Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. Worship

Followed by Sunday School and Fellowship Join us Wednesday evenings starting Feb. 17 for soup at 6p.m. and worship at 7 p.m.

Pastor: Greg DeBoer

(402)673-4095

St. James Catholic Church

500 W 1st

Mailing: St. James Rectory 255 W 1st. St.
 Cortland, NE 68331

Mass

Sundays

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

For daily Mass schedule, please consult the weekly bulletin on our website:

<http://home.windstream.net/pxc95656/>

Father: Leo Seiker

Area Church News

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

10126 SW 72nd Rd., rural DeWitt

www.lutheransonline.com/soapcreeklutheranchurch

Pastor: Rick Johnson

Mailing Address:
10126 SW 72nd Rd
DeWitt, NE 68341
(402) 6834645

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Youth Choirs
10:15 a.m. Sunday School: Senior Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Lenten Services

Beginning Ash Wednesday
February 17th
6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper
7:30 p.m. Worship

Special Event:

Welcome To "Still Growing In Christ." Pastor Rick Johnson will be holding a bible study on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall at st. Paul's Lutheran Church, rural DeWitt. We will be spending time with the gospels of Luke and Mark, and additional readings as appropriate. Coffee will be provided. See you then.

Countryside Alliance Church

24005 S 12th Princeton

Services

9:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer & Youth Group

Pastor: Nate Reckling
Youth Director: Jared Baker

Mailing Address:
24005 S. 12th
Princeton, NE 68404
(402)798-7318

www.princetonchurch.net

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Hwy 77 & Apple Rd.
Cortland, NE 68331

Sunday Services

10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Adult Bible classes (every other Sunday)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Adult Bible Classes also meet every other Thursday at 7 p.m.

Lenten Services

Starting February 18th there will be mid-week Lenten services on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

We are making plans for our 125th Church Anniversary which will be celebrated with a special service on Sunday, September 12, 2010. For additional info about our church or church activities, contact Pastor Karhrs at 989-4775/ 989-2049 or Todd at 791-5439

Pastor: Steven Kahrs
Chairman: Todd Bowman



Cortland Fest

June 2010

This year's theme is

"A Day at the Races"

There are lots of different things you can race!
Start thinking NOW about your parade and float entries!





SUNDAY MATINEE MOVIES



Cortland Community Center

4:00 p.m.

2010 Winter Showings

January 10

January 24

February 7th

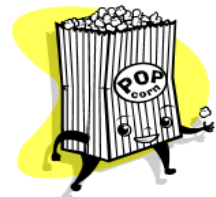
February 28th

March 14th

Free Admission

Popcorn & Pop

\$.50 each





Easter Egg Hunt

Easter bunny will be arriving on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:30 to 11:00 at the community park.

There will be fun activities for the kids along with the egg hunt. Watch for our flyers posting in March on the website and around town with event details.

This year registration and activities will precede the egg hunt.

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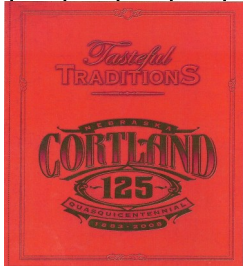
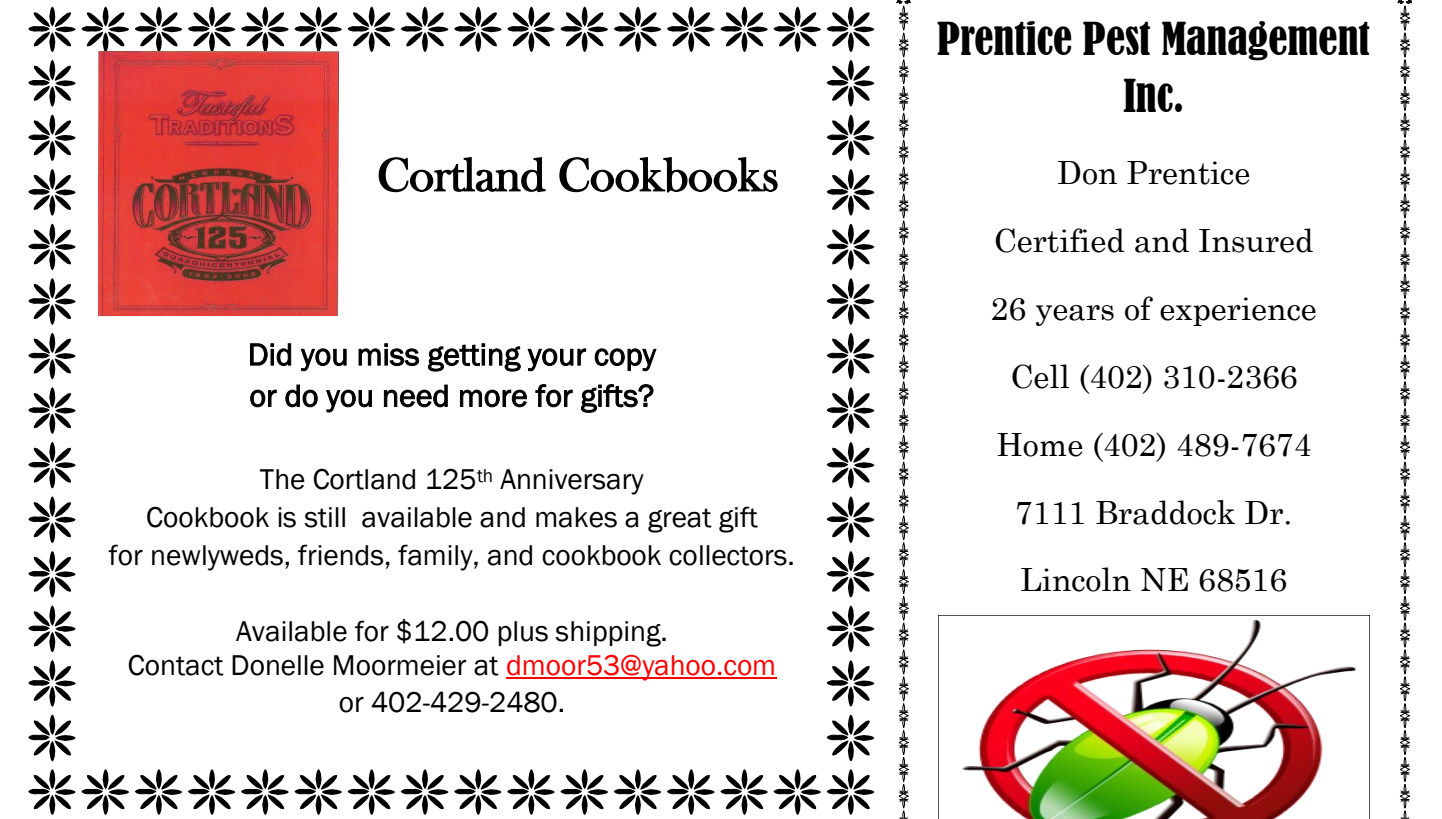
Easter Candy

Easter is just around the corner and the Bunny will be arriving soon! We are wondering if some of you might be interested in donating small bite size candies, individually wrapped, to help fill the eggs this year or money to buy them. If interested, please contact Freida Rose at 440-7609 no later than February 24.



WONDERLAND PARK

Santa Claus was a big success in December! There were 84 children who came to see Santa in our "Wonderland Park" filled with animals, lighted trees, snowmen and elves. The kids kept busy coloring and playing while waiting to see Santa. Everyone enjoyed delicious cookies and punch provided by Santa's helpers.



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