

By Ben Garlich

The fall season is here and many organizations have held events, and many are still being planned. The weekend before last, the Geauga County Airport held their semi-annual Airport Fly-in or Drive-in Day, which drew many locals as well as many from outside our immediate area. Geauga County Tourism, lead by Lynda Nemeth, held their annual Hoe-Down which is a large event requiring a great deal of planning but also draws many people from all over.

Cardinal High School held their first Hall of Fame weekend. Kiwanis Fish Fry's are also well attended and provide great food and great local networking. On Oct. 15, the Library is holding their traditional Chapman Award Ceremony; it is also very enjoyable, as it honors a local citizen that contributes above and beyond. I know the M.A.C (Middlefield Activities Committee) is planning their second annual Christmas Tree Lighting and at a later date Snacks With Santa. The Fire Department is planning their annual Halloween Party for Nov. 1. They will provide gift bags and refreshments for adults and children after Trick or Treat. The Historical Society has scheduled their Fall Historical Program. Last year, Abe Lincoln spoke, and provided not commonly known details about my favorite president, which was extremely interesting.

Our Village Police Department has set dates for Fill-A-Cruiser and the annual Shop With a Cop. The Chamber of Commerce has their fall and winter schedule set, including the annual Cardinares Concert in December. All of these events provide an inexpensive opportunity to spend an enjoyable day or evening socializing and networking with friends and neighbors. These events take planning, for all of you who volunteer your time and energy to add value, preserve tradition and help maintain and build our sense of community, thank you.

Before my next article, voting day will be behind us. It is more important than ever to exercise your privilege to vote. I've never been a fan of the old adage "It doesn't matter who is in office; nothing changes". Political office holders do have an impact on our quality of life and future freedom. It is important to vote, but in addition to voting, it is also important to know the candidates, to ensure they share your ideals for present and future. Please place your educated vote on Nov. 4, for local, regional, state and federal candidates that will act in our best interest to maintain our freedom and the quality of life we enjoy.

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