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February - the heart of winter

By Sally Lane

Groundhogs have their day today, but whether we have six more weeks of winter weather, or not, we are

still only six weeks until the spring equinox. The history of the day goes back centuries in Europe. Now we use modern ways to predict the arrival of the planting season, but today groundhog's day is welcomed with a wink and a smile and a bit of fun that sets the stage for a month with lots of "heart."

Of course, the most important day in February for school children, lovers and retailers is Valentine's Day. Christmas was barely over (after a six-month reign of decorations, holiday music, movies and advertisements) then hearts, flowers and candy took their place at businesses. And, if that's not enough in February to get your heart pumping, there is the Super Bowl, Heart Health Month and Presidents' Day.

At school this is the second semester. It is basketball season, and a winter dance. Kindergarten

registration starts and it is time for spring parent-teacher conferences in February. Go to Lakeviewlocal.org for calendar dates and details. For a short month, there is certainly a lot going on. Check out our events calendar for local happenings.

Behind all the hoopla, though, February is a month to show our love. Valentine's Day gives us an excuse to be sentimental. Perhaps that is why there are more proposals during this month than any other. This is the perfect month for our wedding planning issue. You will find several informative articles to help you or your children plan a perfect wedding.

While I'm glad those wedding planning days are over for me and my children, it is only a matter of time (well several years, I hope) before our grandchildren start thinking about dating. Right now, though, Mom and

Dad are their favorite people, and I LOVE the valentines they make for me and Granddad! Treasures, every one of them.

During a recent visit, I gave the kids, ages five to nine, some valentine candy and stuffed toys. What was even more precious were the conversations that we had while they are cutting, drawing and pasting some homemade cards.

"How big is a heart?" one of the granddaughters, age 6, asked. She had been talking about people she loved and how they were in her heart. I had told her that love makes your whole heart larger with happiness when you think of them. Telling someone you love them fills their hearts, too. There is no end to the power of love in our lives. May this month fill your hearts and lives with love.

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 Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

Cortland City Council meeting minutes
 Read the minutes from Cortland City Council meetings at <http://www.cityofcortland.org/> under City Council Minutes.

Parks and Recreation - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month
 Monday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Meetings and agenda of Council and Planning meetings area available at www.cityofcortland.org

All meetings are held at City Hall and are open to the public

Cortland City Council Meetings are now on TV

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 Tuesday, Mar. 12, 3 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building unless noted

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Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lakeview High School Media Center, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m. - Special meeting, office of superintendent
 Monday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. - Lakeview High School Media Center

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Our theme will be Women's History Month

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Community Events

Event Calendar February 2-February 23

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 and 7

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.

Bristol Public Library events. See pg. 16

Cortland Branch Library events. See pg. 16

"Corvettes of the Valley," National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, through April 14.

19th Vintage Motorcycle Exhibit, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, through May 18.

Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon.

SCOPE Senior Services free tax preparation and assistance. See pg. 8

Trumbull Art Gallery classes, 158 N. Park Ave., Warren. See pg. 6

Trumbull County Travel Club upcoming trips. See pg. 5

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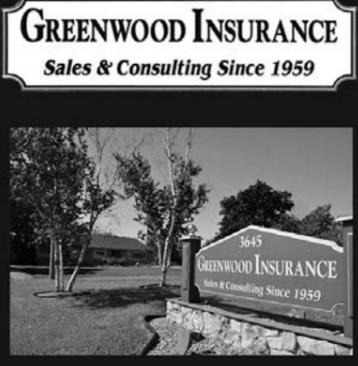
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- 3 **Sunday Afternoon at the Warren Heritage Center**, 2-5 p.m., Kinsman House, 303 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.
- 5 **Guardian Angels of Trumbull County meeting**, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. See pg. 7
- 7 **Lakeview Kindergarten Registration opens.** See pg. 20
- 8 **Lakeview Band Boosters Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser**, 5-9 p.m., Lakeview High School cafeteria. See pg. 21
- 8 **St. John Orthodox Church fish fry dinner**, 4-7 p.m., 2220 Reeves Road NE, Warren.
- 9 **Western Reserve Masonic Lodge spaghetti and meatball dinner fund raiser**, 4-6 p.m., 216 East Main St./Rt. 88, West Farmington. See pg. 9
- 9 **Every Dog Matters Rescue dance party "Bow Wow Boogie,"** 7-11 p.m., Rolling Mills Bar & Grill, 1025 S. State St., Girard. See pg. 13
- 9-24 **Cortland Lanes Warren USBC Championship.** See pg. 4
- 10 **Warren Women's Club's "Victorian High Tea,"** Warren Women's Club, 708 N. Park Ave., Warren, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. See pg. 9
- 12 **Trumbull Co. Genealogical Society meeting**, 10:15 a.m., Warren-Trumbull County Library, Thomas Meeting Room, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. See pg. 17
- 13 **OSU Trumbull County Master Gardener's program "Fairy Gardens,"** 6 p.m., Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 18 **President's Day**
- 18 **Cortland administrative offices closed**
- 18 **All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations closed**
- 22 **St. John Orthodox Church fish fry dinner**, 4-7 p.m., 2220 Reeves Road NE, Warren.



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Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Chrissy's Lake Tavern has so much new going on! They have come out with a new menu and new daily specials. Online ordering is now available with some really delicious new items. Check it all out. Check out its new website www.thelaketavern.net.

WYTV.com is holding a contest online to see which pizza place is the best in all of Trumbull County. As of this writing **Vasilio's Pizzeria and Restaurant** is 4th in the county! Log on and vote for your favorite pizzeria!

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Are you looking for a great place to take your sweetheart for Valentine's Day? **Beef 'O' Brady's**, **Chrissy's Lake Tavern** and **Vasilio's Pizzeria and Restaurant** all have some great deals.

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Mark Thomas Ford carries re-released Ford Ranger



Ford is reintroducing its popular midsize truck line - the Ford Ranger, which hasn't been in production since 2011. And right now, Mark Thomas Ford is the only area dealer to currently stock the vehicle. It comes in either the full 4-door model or the popular extended cab. There are more accessories available this time than ever in Ford's history. The truck is designed to be perfect for camping, bike trips and all kinds of adventures, even if it is just to the corner hardware store. Steve Botts, sales manager at Mark Thomas Ford, is shown with the new Ford Ranger.

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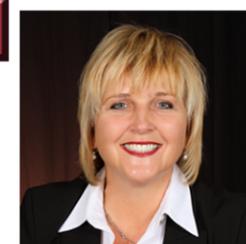
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The heat is on: Five getaways to kindle the romance

(ARA) - Romance is in the air. Whether you are celebrating Valentine's Day, planning a honeymoon or just looking for a fun getaway with your better half, these trip ideas are guaranteed to ignite a spark.

Escape on a cruise

Put away your smartphone, shun the hassle of cooking and don't even think about making the bed. A cruise ship is the perfect place for couples to skirt reality for a while. Pretty much anything you could want is at your disposal and you hardly have to lift a finger. The top cruise lines have really upped their game in the culinary realm, so try a few different entrees and a few different desserts, and splurge for a drink package. For uber-relaxation, book a couples' massage. Celebrity Cruise's AquaSpa, for example, pampers its guests as they literally watch the ocean float by.

Splurge for a dream vacation

Hawaii embodies the words dreamy, romantic and sensual like almost nowhere else. The Big Island of Hawaii was named by Away.com as a top-10 destination for a honeymoon vacation on a budget. "Hawaii is a great choice for a honeymoon, but many people think they can't afford it. The trick is to look beyond the name-brand places on the Big Island, like Kona, in favor of a hidden-gem like Kealahou Bay," says Away.com's senior editor Kate Chandler. Hawaii is known for its sandy beaches, but it has so much to offer, such as snorkeling expeditions, rolling golf courses, interesting cultural and natural history, and plenty of yummy food choices. You can also choose to do nothing at all besides just basking in your love somewhere indescribable.

Take a hot air balloon ride

What better way to experience the beauty of Napa and Sonoma wine country than with a birds-eye view? Book a sunrise or sunset tour, complete with a mini-picnic and local sparkling wine to set the mood as your drift above the vines and wineries. Very few things can match the serene energy you feel as you watch the first rays of sun begin to paint the morning sky.

Hear a gig

The saying goes that it takes two to tango. But in Austin, Texas, you might well swap in the two-step instead. Orbitz.com named Austin one of its top Hotspots, and for good reason. Austin is the self-proclaimed "Live Music Capital of the World," and this music mecca is living up to its reputation. It's home to more live-music venues per capita than anywhere else in the United States, so any time, day or night, just follow the sounds to find something playing. While you listen, loosen your belt and enjoy the good eats that Austin has to offer. The city is well known for its barbecue and Tex-Mex dishes.

Watch the stars

For those who prefer to experience the outdoors with a touch of luxury, head somewhere like Amangiri in Canyon Point, Utah. This resort rests on 600 acres and was consciously designed to blend into its surroundings; every window has a sweeping view toward Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. One of the best aspects of the American Southwest, whether you're staying at a ranch or roughing it in a tent, is that you're never too far from an unobstructed view of the night sky. Grab a blanket or two and snuggle up for some truly romantic stargazing.

Courtesy of ARA content

Trumbull County Travel Club's upcoming trips

The Trumbull County Travel Club invites anyone wishing to travel this spring to join them on their one day excursions and their Tulip Festival mini-vacation. Jump on board from May 7-9 to head north to Holland, Mich. This is a three-day, two-night mini-vacation to see the Tulip Festival and it has one of the biggest parades outside of New York. There are two breakfasts and two dinners included as well as two live shows. There will also be time for shopping and sightseeing.

Also on the calendar for March 14 is a St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Members will be in Walnut Creek for a live showing of "When Amish Eyes are Smiling." Lunch is included along with two stops for chocolate and candle making. The club's brown bag outing to Ohio Dutch Country is on April 17. This trip has 20 seats remaining.

From Sept. 9-17, club members will be going west to South Dakota with a train ride out of Chicago to LaCrosse, Wisc. In LaCrosse, the morning will include a Mississippi River cruise.

There are no fees to belong to the club. The club's goals are to travel with friends and make new friends to travel near and far in a safe environment. The club travels mostly by motor coach but does use trains, cruise ships and air. When traveling by air, the members leave from Howland and travel to and back from the airports together as a group. This eliminates the hassle of getting to the airports and paying for parking. The club holds meetings twice a year.

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Friends asking to help longtime Cortland resident

Recently diagnosed with cancer, longtime Cortland resident Mary Williams is scheduled for surgery in Cleveland to remove the remainder of a tumor after undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. An active, upbeat person, Mary has always been involved in the community and could often be seen walking and participating in sponsored walks and runs. She is a member of the Lakeview Board of Education and has been for several years, as well as active in the Cortland Rotary and community

events. After having a constant sore throat, she consulted a doctor who did a scope and biopsy that confirmed cancer of the esophagus. Since that diagnosis, she has been unable to work, and most of her medical expenses are not covered by insurance. Her friends have organized a Go-Fund-Me account online to give her financial assistance. Checks (no cash) made out to Mary Williams are also being accepted at Furniture Décor & More, 212 North High St., Cortland.



Human trafficking awareness

By Officer Julie Bevilacqua
Cortland Police Department

There is a serious drug problem going on not only in our community, but also worldwide. It is no surprise that drug trafficking is the largest criminal enterprise in the world. The second largest, and rising, is human trafficking. Likewise, human trafficking is not only a worldwide problem occurring in foreign countries, but is an issue right here in our own backyard.

There are two types of human trafficking: sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Victims may be compelled into complying by force, fraud or coercion. The perpetrator may threaten harm to them or their loved ones, or may actually physically hurt them. The trafficker is very controlling of their victim.

One scenario, for example, is a female who is not allowed to speak for herself or make eye contact, cannot move without the permission from whomever is accompanying her, and is not allowed to do things for herself, such as paying for services. If you locate an employment opportunity that requires no experience or very little prerequisite employment history, but pays a lot of money, and seems too

good to be true, it probably is. Research the company history and the person you will be consulting before meeting for an interview.

Parents, attempt to monitor your child's online activity and whom they talk to in chats. Be aware of any new relationships they may make and any amount of inordinate gifts they may be receiving early within the relationship. Juveniles that frequently run away are considered "at risk" for victimization and have a higher possibility of becoming victim.

I would like to point out that just because you observe a potential sign of human trafficking that does not mean that is necessarily what is occurring. If you see any suspicious activity and would like an officer to respond, feel free to contact the non-emergency dispatch number at 330-675-2730. Or, you can always dial 911 in case of emergencies. You can also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to report a potential human trafficking case. There is a plethora of online resources you can familiarize yourself with if you are looking for more information.



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Registration is underway for February and March classes at Trumbull Art Gallery, 158 N. Park Ave., Warren.

- Moscato, Massage & Masterpiece – An "acrylic paint class where creativity meets total relaxation" meets from 6 to 9 p.m., Feb. 5. Cost is \$35;
- Anyone Can Paint – Three-session painting class meets from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 5, 7 and 8. \$50 with supplies included;
- Acrylic Pour Painting – Class covering dirty pour, puddle pour, swipe, ribbon and dip techniques meets from 1 to 3 p.m., Feb. 16. \$30 with supplies included;
- Portraits in Acrylics – Portrait painting class meets from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and 28 and March 1. \$50 with supplies included;
- Kids Creation Class – Class for children ages 6 to 10 meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 23. \$20 with supplies included;
- Introduction to Acrylics – Four-week painting class meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in March. \$50 for TAG members and \$55 for nonmembers with supplies included;
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Local resident honored for support of fair

David Lynn was one of 44 individuals and one group recently recognized at the 94th Ohio Fair Managers Association annual convention at the Greater Columbus Convention Center for outstanding service to their local fairs. He was recognized for his work at the

Trumbull County Fair. Of this group, eight received the Director's Award for Innovation and Excellence for their progressive ideas and actions to improve and strengthen their fairs. Ohio Department of Agriculture Interim Director Tim Derickson presented each winner with a certificate.



By Christine Dorma, administrative assistant

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Snow and Roads

The city makes every effort to keep our roads safe during winter storms. Parking bans are only issued during snow emergencies and will be communicated through our website, special edition of the e-news and notification of local news media. Even if a parking ban has not been issued, residents can help our plow drivers and keep the roads safer by not parking on the street until the snow has been removed.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 4 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11 - Parks Board - 5 p.m.
- Feb. 11 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

TCAP Winter Crisis Program accepting applications

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- If the household meets income requirements;
- If either the main heating source and/or secondary heating source is in disconnect status or has been terminated.

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For an appointment call 1-866-747-1041. Please wait for confirmation number to secure an appointment.

For anyone who cannot apply at TCAP in Warren, there are satellite sites to make application by appointment only.

- Tuesday - Niles Community Services, 401 Vienna Ave Suite 2 (Tiffany Square), Niles, Ohio 44446, 330-393-2507 ext. 227;
- Wednesday - Newton Falls United Methodist Church, 334 Ridge Road, Newton Falls, Ohio 44444, 330-393-2507 ext. 232;
- Thursday - City of Hubbard Municipal Building, 220 West Liberty St., Hubbard, Ohio 44425, 330-393-2507 ext. 229.

To apply provide:

- Photo ID of applicant
- Proof of U.S. citizenship for everyone in the home (Social Security cards, birth certificates, U.S. passport, voter registration card)
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in a nursing home, or a visit at home. Angels are also involved in planning special events for seniors. Please join us for our next meeting on Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. For further information contact 330-675-2521 or go to www.trumbullprobate.org.

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These facts are stated by the American Dental Association and the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario. Your dentist and oral hygienist can see

the evidence in your mouth. Quitting tobacco products can greatly reduce serious risks to your health.

When you are ready to quit, ask your dentist if they have suggestions to help you calm nicotine cravings with medications, such as nicotine gum and patches. You can also directly contact the Mercy Health Regional Tobacco Treatment Center by calling 330-306-5010, extension 101; the Ohio Quit Now line at 1-800-784-8669 (1-800-QUIT-NOW); or if you are pregnant, you can get help by contacting the Trumbull County Combined Health District at 330-675-2590, extension 3 for more information about the Baby and Me, Tobacco Free program.

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Again this year SCOPE Senior Services will partner with AARP to offer free tax preparation and assistance. Please call ahead to set an appointment for any of the SCOPE locations during tax season. Locations and times include:

- Warren SCOPE Senior Center, YWCA building, 375 North Park Ave., Warren, every day Mondays - Fridays from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are also evening hours on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 330-399-9946 for reservations.
- Howland Township Building, located in Trustees Hearing Room, 205 Niles-Cortland Road, Howland next to the fire department on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.
- Lordstown SCOPE Senior Center is located at back door of elementary school, 1776 Salt Springs Road in Lordstown on Thursdays from

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.

The Niles SCOPE Senior Center is located across from the fire station, 14 East State St. on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. Appointments are required by calling Niles Senior Center direct at 330-544-3676.

Please bring photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), last year's return, income information, Affordable Care Act Forms 1095 or proof of hospitalization insurance. If you plan to have direct deposit of your refund, then bring a copy of one of your checks with you. Both taxpayer and spouse should be at the appointment.

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SCOPE Senior Services offers free consultations to review changes to health insurance in 2019. "The questions that we hear from senior citizens or retirees are 'should I keep the same plan, or change to another carrier or will it cost more' and so on? Don't be sold anything until you have checked all your options by SCOPE's trained professionals," said Mike Wilson, director of SCOPE Senior Services. "Not enough seniors check or review their plans every year and miss out on money saving benefits and programs. The nice thing is SCOPE will review benefits for free."

For issues or questions dealing with Social Security, Medicare prescriptions and hospitalization benefits, call Debbie Zador to make an appointment at the Warren Senior Center at 330-399-8846, extension 202. She is also handling those with governmental plans such as PERS and SERS where retirees must review their benefits on a yearly basis.

SCOPE can provide this free Medicare, PERS, SERS consultation service at any of its senior centers located in Trumbull County.

An invitation to a Victorian Tea

The Warren Women's Club is hosting its second "Victorian High Tea" on Sunday, Feb. 10. The setting for the tea will be in the main living quarters of the historic Warren Women's Club house located at 708 N. Park Ave., Warren. The afternoon tea will have two seatings available to guests, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be obtained by calling Sandy Mahaffey at 330-518-6927. The club house is handicap accessible with free parking available in the lot located at the rear of the club house.

The Warren Women's Club was established in 1947. The club house was purchased by the club in 1969 and is open for meetings and celebrations of all types. Information on becoming a member of Warren Women's Club will be available at the tea. On conclusion of the tea, preparations for the Rose Luncheon held in April will begin.

WR Masonic Lodge spaghetti dinner Feb. 9

The Western Reserve Masonic Lodge is having a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lodge, 216 East Main St./state Route 88, West Farmington. The dinner will also include salad, bread, pie, coffee and juice. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for those aged 5-12 and free for those under 5. Carry-outs are available for \$7.50.



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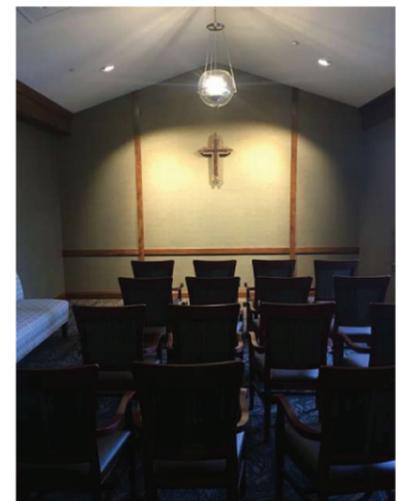
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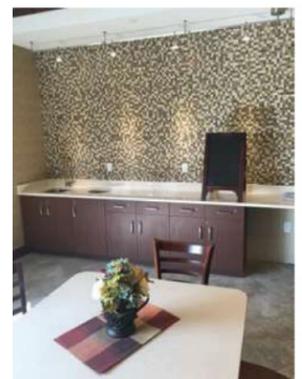
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Republican Women assist Salvation Army



The Trumbull County Republican's Woman's Club ended the 2018 year volunteering to ring the kettle bells for the Salvation Army. Assisted by members of the GOP, members took turns ringing the bell to help raise monies for the Salvation Army. In the front row are Gerry Fusselman, Gail Drushel, Debbie Gilger, and Karen Combs; back row Sandy Mahaffey, Jack Deal, Barbara Rosier-Tryon, Jean Cramer, Mary Toepfer and Cathy Lukasko. Volunteers not pictured are Greg Scerbo, Al Haberstroh, Diane Chopko, Marilyn Thomas, Martha Yoder, Regina McManus and Dorothy Davis.

The Feb. 7 meeting for the club will be at Ciminero's Banquet Center in Niles. The program will be presented by Dale Fellows, Lake County GOP chairman with a portrayal of George Washington. Interested parties wishing to attend the luncheon should contact Gail Drushel at 330-847-6488.

Chapters celebration



Mary Bumstead, Wendy Spoerr, Ann Fetrow, Debbie Haas, Nancy Countryman and Maranel Tallman reigned over a recent joint meeting of two Delta Kappa Gamma chapters, Beta Chi and Alpha Omega. This group of officers organized the annual group social that was held at Trumbull Country Club. Beta Chi served as the host club and next year it will be Alpha Omega. The evening included entertainment by the Lakeview Jazz band, a meal, raffles and gift baskets. Photo by Roselyn Gadd.



Ohio law allows increased penalties for hate crimes

By Terry K. Sherman
Terry Sherman Law

Ohio law broadly defines hate crimes as criminal acts motivated by prejudice or intolerance and directed toward a member of a gender, racial, religious or social group. Ohio law does not, however, consider hate crimes as stand-alone offenses. Rather, they are considered as factors in determining penalties or sentences for other crimes.

The only Ohio statute that speaks directly to hate crimes is the "ethnic intimidation" provision under the Ohio Revised Code, which prohibits commission of the misdemeanor crimes of aggravated menacing, menacing, criminal damaging, criminal mischief and some types of telephone harassment, when done "by reason of" the race, color, religion or national origin of another person or group of persons. The statute does not currently include any specific reference to crimes motivated by prejudice or intolerance with respect to sexual orientation or gender identification.

Hate crime penalties

Penalties for hate crimes vary according to the criminal acts with which they are associated. Ohio law provides that the "hate" aspect of a crime is punishable either through a "penalty enhancement" or as a "discretionary sentencing factor." Penalties vary depending on the underlying criminal act.

When the penalty for a misdemeanor offense specifically named in the ethnic intimidation statute (such as menacing or criminal damaging) is "enhanced," the potential penalty is increased. In an ethnic intimidation prosecution, the motivation behind the specific underlying offense becomes an element of the crime. This means that a judge or jury must find, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the criminal act was motivated by race, color, religion or national origin of another person or group of persons. Once this additional finding is made, the offense is elevated into a higher-level misdemeanor or felony.

If, for example, someone is charged

with a first-degree misdemeanor offense of telephone harassment, which carries a possible penalty of up to six months in jail, that offense may be enhanced to become a felony of the fifth degree if the offender is also determined to be guilty of "ethnic intimidation." This higher-degree offense will carry the greater possible penalty of one year in prison.

In addition to allowing for penalty enhancement when certain offenses are found to be hate-motivated, Ohio law also allows judges to consider the hate crime aspect of an offense when imposing sanctions in felony cases.

Ohio judges must follow mandatory minimums, statutory maximums, presumptions and sentencing factors when sentencing offenders, especially in felony cases. When applying these guidelines, Ohio law allows judges to consider "hate" circumstances in sentencing if, "in committing the offense, the offender was motivated by prejudice based on race, ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or religion." At the sentencing hearing, the judge has broad discretion to decide how much consideration, if any, will be given to "hate crime factors."

About the Author

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Wedding dresses

By Allison Campbell

Shopping for wedding dresses can be extremely fun, somewhat frustrating initially or somewhere in between. Even before entering a bridal shop, though, your first goal should be to browse through several current bridal magazines and see what jumps out at you. Be sure to keep in mind the time of year as well - if you are planning a destination wedding on the beach, for example, you'll probably want to focus on beach wedding dresses or simple wedding dresses for the big day.

Next, compile a collection of wedding dress pictures to work with, and if you find something you particularly love you can look online to see if the gown is available at a local bridal shop. If your dream dress is not in stock or not carried by your local store, you may want to check to see if they can order it for you to try on in-store. Bridal shop consultants are also great at suggesting similar (and possibly less expensive) gowns to the styles you're envisioning - so take advantage of their knowledge and feel free to ask them for their suggestions and advice when you arrive.

Lastly, as you research wedding gown designs and styles in magazines and online, you might also want to write down the name of any wedding dress designer that catches your eye and that you might want to explore more at your appointment.

TIP: When you're ready to start trying dresses on, you might feel more comfortable having your best friend or a family member with you - a second pair of eyes and some moral support can help tremendously, and the day will automatically become more fun!

Designer Wedding Dresses

Some designers might come to mind when you simply mention the word wedding dress - Vera Wang wedding dresses are arguably the most well-known - but there are many other top designers including Alfred Angelo, Maggie Sottero, Jessica McClintock and Monique Lhuillier.

An important note to keep in mind, however, is there are hundreds of smaller designers as well, and you may just fall in love with a designer you hadn't considered before. Keeping an open mind throughout the process may even help you snatch a great deal on a bridal gown by a lesser-known maker.

Discount Wedding Dresses

For brides on a budget (and who isn't these days!), you may want to explore alternative options for purchasing your wedding gown, including dress sample sales offered by larger bridal shops including David's Bridal (nationwide), Kleinfeld's (of "Say Yes to the Dress" fame; NYC area) and others. If there is a Filene's Basement in your area, you can check to see if they have any of their famous bridal gown sales scheduled.

You might even check out prom dresses at your local department store; you never know what you might stumble across! The formal gown section at Macy's, Lord & Taylor and other upscale department stores is also a great place to look for mother

of the bride dresses, both in stores and online. David's Bridal also offers huge discounts on bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses and flower girl dresses in their online outlet.

For the more adventurous, you might find truly cheap wedding dresses at such outlets as thrift stores, consignment boutiques or advertised online on Craigslist, eBay, etc.

TIP: Consider letting your bridal party select their own dresses for the big day. Simply send each bridesmaid a fabric swatch and some general ideas about types of dresses to look for, and leave the rest up to them! Not only will they be able to shop within their own budget by having more options to choose from rather than having to purchase a specific bridesmaid dress, they'll also likely be able to wear the new dress they pick out to other occasions in the future.

Bridal Accessories

In addition to your dress, other accessories that you might want to buy now include:

- Veil
- Headpiece
- Bridal undergarments (you can bring these with you if purchased previously)

Before your first fitting, you should aim to purchase your shoes so that you can wear them at the fitting.

Other bridal accessories that are often added include:

- Bridal Jewelry - Earrings, Necklace, etc.
- Bridal Purse
- Hair Accessories
- Gloves and/or Wrap
- Garter

Other attire-related wedding items may be purchased later on in your planning and include:

- Rehearsal Dinner Dress
- Honeymoon Attire - including an outfit you can change into after the reception and any lingerie items for the first night of your honeymoon.

TIP: When transporting your new wedding dress by car before the wedding, do not leave your dress unattended in plain sight (a prime target for theft, unfortunately.) Also, be careful not to leave your dress in the trunk for extended periods if the weather is warm, as wrinkling may set in quickly.

Allison Campbell is the editor of The Little Wedding Guide

'Green' ideas for winter-white weddings

(BPT) - You're ready to say your "I do's" in front of your family and friends. Planning a memorable celebration of your commitment to each other, however, doesn't mean you have to compromise on your commitment to the environment. It's possible to create the wedding of your dreams and stay "green," even in the cold, white months of winter.

Environmentally correct weddings are a hot trend, according to TheKnot.com, a leading wedding-planning website. If your vision of the perfect wedding marries eco-friendly green with winter white, here are some tips and ideas to help you turn your vision into reality:

Friendly feasting

Great food is an essential part of any wedding, whether you're serving a sit-down dinner or just hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. When you're planning your menu, however, keep in mind how the foods you choose may impact the environment. For example, is that fish entree net caught, line caught or farmed?

A dish's environmental impact depends on several factors, including how the product was raised and harvested, how it was transported and how far it had to travel from point of origin to plate. By choosing locally grown products or those grown and harvested using sustainable practices, you can reduce your wedding feast's impact on the environment.

Reuse, recycle and revel

Brides in bygone generations once gladly wore their mother's wedding dress, but the practice fell out of vogue as more brides wanted their own unique look for their wedding day. But the green movement has breathed new life into the practice, since reusing and recycling eliminates the need to consume materials and energy making something new. More brides are finding that recycling a wedding dress has other advantages too. It's possible to achieve a great vintage look with a used wedding dress - whether it's one handed down from your mother or one you found in a second-hand store. A new gown can cost thousands of dollars, while a repurposed dress can be had much more cheaply.

Wedding favor wonders

Sure it's a cool idea and the groomsmen will likely use theirs often, but just how environmentally

correct is that custom-imprinted beer cozy? Wedding favors are a way of thanking guests for sharing in your special day, but many popular items are made from less-than-eco-friendly materials.

To green your wedding, consider favors that are useful and organic, such as organic baking mixes or spice mixes. You can find a plethora of these great-tasting, green-minded options from purveyors like Simply Organic. They even have holiday-appropriate varieties like Cranberry Bread and Pumpkin Cake at www.simplyorganic.com. Dress up favors with decorative netting and ribbons, and you have a unique favor that's good for guests and the environment, too.

Greener invitations

The invitation is often the first impression guests will have of your wedding. While every bride wants invitations that will wow guests, keep in mind the costs - both monetary and environmental - of all that paper. Many eco-minded brides are switching to invitations made with recycled paper or, better yet, electronic invitations.

No raw materials are consumed to create e-vites, and what's more, you can find online services that not only help you create an e-vite, but send it and monitor responses all online. Using such a service can help you keep better track of RSVPs.

There is the option of sending invitations printed on recycled paper with flower seeds imbedded in the paper. Your guests can plant the invitation in their garden, and remember your special occasion every time they see the beautiful flowers growing. Visit www.greenfieldpaper.com to learn more.

The little things that mean a lot

Some other steps that may seem small - like choosing locally grown, in-season flowers rather than out-of-season ones that must be imported - can also make a big difference in how your wedding impacts the environment. Whether you opt to replace cut bouquets and centerpieces with artificial ones that can be reused, or choose acoustic music that requires no electricity to keep guests dancing, it's possible to find green options for almost every aspect of your wedding.

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By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

A friend recently sent along a suggestion for a column and I do take requests, so wilt it is. Why do plants wilt? Usually because they are thirsty. On a hot day or after several days with no rain or watering, the water balance within the plant can get off, and the dehydrated stems and leaves cannot stay erect and start to wilt. Wilting also acts to conserve water loss, as the drooping leaves expose less surface area to the sun's evaporating rays. Most plants recover quickly when given water, though prolonged dehydration can cause leaf death or prove fatal.

A wilt disease affects the vascular system of plants. Attacks by fungi, bacteria and nematodes can cause rapid killing of plants, large tree branches and even entire trees. The infections that causes wilting diseases invade the vascular tissues and cause the "xylem" to stop transporting water to the foliage, causing stems and foliage to wilt. Xylem is one of the two transport tissues in vascular plants, phloem is the other. Xylem sends water and nutrients up to the stems and leaves from the roots, phloem sends food from the leaves downward.

Oak wilt is a fungal disease caused by the fungus 'Bretziella fagacearum'. Symptoms may vary by

tree species, but generally consists of leaf discoloration, wilt, defoliation and death. Red oaks are highly susceptible to oak wilt, often dying one to two months after becoming infected. This includes northern red oak, pin oak, scarlet oak and black oak. White oak species, including swamp white oak, burr oak, post oak and chestnut oak are less susceptible but can get infected. They may survive an infestation.

So what kind of oak tree do I have? Red oaks (generally) have pointed leaf lobes, and white oaks have more rounded leaf lobes. Oak wilt is spread two ways, through the root systems from adjacent trees or by certain kinds of beetles that carry spores between infected trees and logs to fresh wounds (like pruning cuts) on non-infected trees. Pruning during vulnerable times or moving infected fire wood can cause new infections. Spurs should not be worn when an oak is being pruned, only when it is being felled.

If an oak becomes wounded, immediately paint the wound with a light coating of latex spray paint. This is the exception to the no paint rule for painting branch or tree cuts. The paint tends to mask the smell of fresh sap which attracts sap-feeding beetles.

Never voluntarily prune an oak between April 1 and Oct.1. Avoid pruning during the growing months of April to June and use the more conservative approach advocated by OSU Extension of extending the no prune time to October. The chance for developing oak wilt from an open pruning wound is at high risk. Prune all varieties during the dormant winter months when the internal fluids are not actively moving through the tree.

The Shawshank Tree featured in the 1994 movie "The Shawshank Redemption," was a white oak. Approximately 180 to 200 year old, the tree was split by lightning in 2011 and was eventually knocked down by heavy winds in 2016. Just something to think about.

Happy gardening!

Kathleen Ferris is a Trumbull County Ohio State Extension Master Gardener and a Cortland resident.



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10 hidden wedding costs

It's all those pricey extras that slide in under the radar. We've asked the experts to clue us in on their insider secrets for avoiding those little-known financial pitfalls and sticking to your wedding budget.

1. Wedding band equipment

Why it's hidden: The cost of the wedding band includes fees for the musicians' time and the minimum amount of equipment needed. If your reception space is extra-large, then additional speakers and microphones could possibly be required to project the best sound quality.

The cost: Anywhere from several hundred to several thousand dollars.

How to avoid it: Before booking your wedding band or DJ, you need to clearly explain the layout of the space (or have them check it out, if they're willing) so the vendors know exactly what they're working with. If they want to add in extra equipment, you should have them explain why it's necessary before you sign a contract or agree to pay for anything else.

2. Postage stamps

Why it's hidden: Stationers don't advertise the shipping costs; if they did, you might decide to go with simpler (read: cheaper) invites.

The cost: Oversized, awkwardly shaped and bulky invitations will most often run you as much as \$2 each to mail.

How to avoid it: Skip the fancy boxed invitations and multilayer cards, which can bulk up quickly and cost a lot more than you bargained for.

3. Wedding dress alterations and steaming

Why it's hidden: Most stores don't include alterations (or steaming!) in the price of the wedding dress, and they're not doing it for free -- it can take up to three hours just to alter the bustier!

The cost: A simple hem can be less than \$100, but completely rebuilding a bodice or moving zippers can send the price upward of \$500.

How to avoid it: Ask about what the store charges for every alteration you may need before you purchase the gown.

4. Overtime costs

Why it's hidden: Your band, DJ, wedding photographer and videographer are booked for just a certain amount of time, so if your wedding runs a little longer than you expected, they'll charge per hour.

The cost: Starting at \$250 per hour.

How to avoid it: Factor in additional time for getting dressed and taking photos; that way, you can book your vendors for a more realistic timeline. Get overtime costs in writing (they shouldn't be more than 50 percent more per hour than the regular rate) so you'll know what to expect if you decide to keep the party going.

5. Welcome-bag delivery

Why it's hidden: Most hotels don't factor in a welcome-bag delivery fee when you block rooms. And they may fail to mention the rate unless you ask -- they'll just add it to your final bill. Inquire within; they may even charge you a fee for holding the welcome bags if you drop them off before the guests arrive!

The cost: Up to \$7 per bag.

How to avoid it: During the booking process, ask about the hotel's policy on receiving and delivering welcome bags to guests' rooms. It may be free or cheaper if they hand the bags out at the counter as guests check in. If

you don't want the extra charge, you can distribute them at the rehearsal dinner.

6. Rental transport

Why it's hidden: You'd assume that the rental companies would include these extra fees in the per-item costs (do they honestly think you're going to fit 150 chiavari chairs in your own car?), but surprisingly, they don't.

The cost: From \$50 up to more than \$500

How to avoid it: Ask the rental company what their shipping and packaging fees are up front -- if the cost is too high for your budget, shop around a bit. You just might find that you'll actually save some money by renting items from a more expensive company that includes delivery costs at no extra charge.

7. Taxes and gratuities

Why it's hidden: Even though these aren't exactly hidden -- we all know that there are taxes on almost everything -- most couples don't think about how much they'll end up owing during the planning process.

The cost: This will depend on the total amount of money you're spending as well as the location of the event (taxes vary in different areas).

How to avoid it: There's no getting around paying taxes, but paying the entire bill in one lump sum can help lower the overall price. A safe bet: Tack on an extra third of your total costs to your budget for tips and taxes.

8. Cake-cutting and corkage fees

Why it's hidden: If you use the cake or booze provided by your reception site, the charge is typically wrapped into the cost. Going with an outside baker or vino can raise the price. Why? Because your venue's workers are responsible for slicing and serving each piece, then cleaning the dishes. This means more work for their staff!

The cost: From \$2 to \$5 per guest for the cake; from \$1.50 to \$3 for every bottle the venue opens.

How to avoid it: Calculate the cake-cutting and corkage fees before you decide to go with an outside source for either.

9. Cleanup and breakdown costs

Why it's hidden: Many brides spend so much time planning the actual day that they forget to budget for what happens when it's all over.

The cost: While a full-service venue won't charge for these things, if you're paying a flat fee to rent the space only, anticipate fees for garbage removal (up to \$250), freight elevator use (up to \$150) and cleaning (up to \$500). And even most full-service venues require same-day setup and cleanup. So if you're getting married on a weekend, expect to pay time and a half for labor, and if your party goes into the wee hours of the morning, you may face extra charges for late-night pickup and cleanup.

How to avoid it: Read your contract carefully -- the setup and breakdown costs should be included in the labor charge.

10. Non-approved vendors

Why it's hidden: Some venues require you to use caterers or florists from their preferred vendor list -- and tack on a fee if you don't.

The cost: Usually an extra 20 percent or more

How to avoid it: Stick to the list, or choose a venue without one.

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'Bow Wow Boogie' benefits dog rescue

Every Dog Matters Rescue will hold a benefit dance party "Bow Wow Boogie" on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Rolling Mills Bar & Grill, 1025 S. State St., Girard. The evening will feature The John Reese Project.

Advance tickets are \$10 and are available from volunteers at EveryDogMatters@yahoo.com, ShamPoochies Grooming Spa, 1728

Raccoon Road, Austintown or the Rolling Mills Bar & Grill. Tickets will be available at the night of the event for \$12. The evening will also include basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle with 100 percent of proceeds going to support the Every Dog Matters Rescue. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting EveryDogMatters@yahoo.com.

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Eagle of the Cross nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the 25th annual Eagle of the Cross Awards, which recognize high school juniors or seniors active in their parish and/or diocesan Catholic school who are role models of Christian leadership.

Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 13 or delivered to the Diocese of Youngstown no later than 3 p.m. Feb. 15. The nomination form can be downloaded from the office website at: <http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/eagle-of-cross-awards.html>.

The awards banquet and liturgy are set for 6 p.m. April 30 in Youngstown.

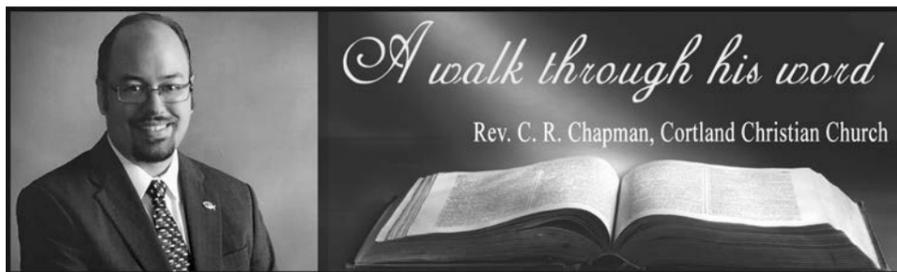
The award is presented to youth who show particular zeal for the improvement of their parish youth ministry program, high school ministry teams or other ministries within the

diocese.

The nominees must be practicing Roman Catholics and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayerful/spiritual life, personal outreach to church and community, contribution to parish and/or school programs, and Christian leadership. Involvement in diocesan programs will also be considered.

Nominees in the Catholic high school category must attend one of the six Catholic high schools within the six-county Diocese of Youngstown.

The liturgy is open to the public, however the banquet with awards ceremony is by invitation only. For information, contact Cindee Case at ccase@youngstowndiocese.org, or call 330-744-8451, extension 280.



'True Love'

Have you ever wondered what "true love" is? I recently heard on the radio that at last count there were over 13,000 types of love that the world has defined. With all of our society's definitions and opinions on love it is no wonder many ask the question, "What is true love?" 1st John 4:8 tells us what love really is. "God is love." Our society has left the true definition of love. The world has discovered 12,999 pseudo types of love while in search of true love.

True love is measured in this way. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16. God sacrificing His only Son for you is what true love looks like. John 15:13 tells us that "No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends." That is what Jesus, the Son of God did for

you. 1st John 4:7 tells us that "love is from God." If God is love, then why are people looking for love from everywhere but God? The truth is that Satan wants to deceive you. He wants you to move from relationship to relationship hurt. He wants you to feel like a failure so that you will curse God. God does not want to see you get hurt. As a matter of fact God loves you so much that He died for you and rose again to give you the gift of everlasting life in a place where there is no more suffering, no more hurt. God loves you.

My friends, as we approach Valentine's Day, know that you are loved. You are very important. Humans fall and stumble and will hurt you from time to time, but God never will. He will show you His great love. So whether you are spending this Valentine's day with someone special or by yourself, know that God is looking upon you on this day as He does everyday with love.

Gospel Friends Quartet to perform

The Cortland Church of the Nazarene invites the public to attend a gospel concert featuring The Gospel Friends Quartet on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 293 East Main St., Cortland.

The group's passion is to deliver the good news through Southern Gospel Music. The members include Debbie and Brad Ashburn, Jim Rudesill and Wes Kretzer. Their hometown is Aurora, Ohio. A free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be available after the concert in the Fellowship Hall.



Faith in church

Adults seeking to learn more or deepen their understanding of topics in faith and Catholic Church practice can take advantage of online and onsite opportunities outlined in a new brochure released by the Office of Religious Education of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Courses such as "A Survey of Catholic Spiritualities," "Your Life with the Saints," and "Jesus, The Compassionate Savior," are among offerings online, and "Catholic Belief

and Tradition" and "Elementary Catechesis" are offered at diocesan parishes.

In addition to courses, the brochure also lists lectures, activities and other learning events around the diocese aimed at shaping the mind and touching the heart of faith. For information, call 330-744-8451, extension 302, email jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org, or go to <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com>.

'Luck of the Irish' fund raiser March 16

St. Stephen Parish, Niles, will be holding its "Luck of the Irish" dinner and reverse raffle on March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 N. Main St., Niles. Cost is \$50 and includes a chance at the reverse raffle as well as a four course dinner, open bar and an opportunity to win over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. Tickets can be purchased by calling St. Stephen Parish rectory at 330-652-4396.

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Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes
Corporate Chaplain
Shepherd of the Valley-Howland and Niles

*My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.
Psalm 119: 20*

Bought an Auto iQ Nutri Ninja Blender System. That's code for: healthy diet. The Nutri Ninja is a "Cadillac" blending system that turns fruits and vegetables into delicious smoothies and scrumptious salads. It required a significant financial outlay, but we anticipate a significant return on our dollar. Lorra and I are determined to lead a healthier life-style and that begins by addressing what we put into our bodies. Apples, green peppers, strawberries, mangos, celery, tomatoes, and avocados - here we come. Work your magic. Convert these "dry bones" into healthy, physical specimens.

Psalm 119 is an alphabetical acrostic, each chapter begins with a letter from the Hebrew alphabet (to put it in modern parlance: A is for all the love I can offer; B is for the beauty of your smile; C is for constant thoughts about you; etc., etc.). In Psalm 119, the psalmist waxes eloquent in regards to the deep love he has for the word of God - his deep yearning to understand and live out its precepts. He longs to be spiritually "lean and mean" - in tip-top spiritual condition. The call to be Christ in this world is born out of a spirit of longing - a longing to grow in our faith and knowledge of the Divine. Spiritual longing and religious piety walk hand in hand. Study and discipline provide the required nutrition. My question: Are you feeding your spirit with a healthy diet of God's word?

According to John H. Morgan:

Our life in Christ can be compared to an aqueduct, the stone waterways that brought water from nearby mountains into parched cities in Italy and Spain, and that are still used in some countries today. The objective foundation of our spiritual lives, the Word of God, is like the huge stone aqueduct itself. The subjective elements, our daily experience of Christ, are like the fresh water flowing through it. Some Christians neglect the Word and seek only the subjective experience. But without the solid Word of God to contain and channel that experience, the experience itself drains away into error and is lost.

I have little doubt that Lorra and I will reach our goals. We will make adjustments to realize a healthy new day. Diet and a solid exercise regimen will work together to enliven these "dry bones." I also intend that my spiritual life will follow a similar course: discipline and exercise. "The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. I want to run all the way with the flame of my torch still lit for Him." (Joseph Stowell) Spiritual longing and religious piety walk hand in hand. Study and discipline provide the required nutrition. My question: Are you feeding your spirit with a healthy diet of God's word?

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed Monday, Feb. 18 in observance of President's Day.

FOR CHILDREN
Preschool Storytime
Mondays at 6 p.m.: Feb. 4, 11, 25
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: every week through Feb. 12; Feb. 26

Preschool Storytime features stories and a craft related to a weekly theme and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write, and mastering these skills now helps children grow up to be good readers! For children ages 3 - 5.

LEGO Club
Drop-in Saturday between 1-2:30 p.m.: Feb. 16

Let your imagination run wild and create with our collection of LEGO building bricks. All structures will remain at the library. For children in grades K - 6.

Lib-ratory
Friday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m.

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Toddler Tales
Wednesdays at 11 a.m.: every week through Feb. 6

Storytime for toddlers 19 - 35 months old with a parent or caregiver. Registration is required.

Parachute Party
Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.

Come and enjoy 30 minutes of planned parachute games and play! For children ages 3-5. Registration is required.

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Teens in grades 7 - 12 can stop by the library every Wednesday after school for different activities!

Teen Advisory Board
Tuesday at 3 p.m.: Feb. 12

For teens in grades 7 - 12.

Tuesday Crafternoons
Tuesday at 3 p.m.: Feb. 12

Teens in grades 7 - 12 can spend the afternoon snacking and crafting at the library! Registration is required.

FOR ADULTS
Restorative Yoga by Candlelight
Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.

Restorative yoga is a practice that is all about slowing down and opening your body through passive stretching. Stephanie Perrine, certified yoga instructor, will teach this relaxing class. Class size is limited. Registration is required. Free.

Bristol Public Library news

Children's programming will resume in February at the Bristol Public Library. Story Time, for 3, 4 and 5 year olds, will be held on Fridays at 10 a.m. Sessions are held through March 29. There will not be a class on Feb. 15.

Children will enjoy stories, songs and games during each session. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn to interact and socialize as they make new friends as well as learn to be away from parents or caregivers.

Registration is required, due to limited space. Visit the Bristol Public

Library for more information and to register or contact the Circulation Desk at 330-889-3651.

Now on display at the Bristol Public Library is a collection of antique coffee cups. The collection, owned by Mrs. Judi Sheridan, is located in the display case on the second floor of the library. The cups featured are from the early 20th century, mainly the 1910s and '20s. With over 30 dazzling designs and antique coffee tins, this display will perk up your day. The collection will be on display until the end of February.



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Whether it's set in the great outdoors, a lavish ballroom, the couple's favorite restaurant or at home, the wedding reception is a special time for newlyweds to celebrate with family and friends.

The signature dessert - cake - is usually the centerpiece for this occasion, a continuing reflection of the wedding theme and colors. An assortment of cupcakes or a tower of layers allows today's cakes to take almost any form - from square to round, even pillow or heart-shaped. This stunning all-white creation from the wedding experts at Wilton is both simple yet elegant. Cake layers are covered in pure white fondant, while additional bands of fondant glistening with white sparkling sugar decorate the bottom of each tier. Dots of sugar pearl sprinkles, resembling perfect pearls add a hint of texture, while a gem-studded monogram topper adds the finishing touch.

This unique do-it-yourself wedding topper kit can easily be customized...with one initial, two or a trio. Self-adhesive crystal-like gems are used to trace the initials onto the clear disc. Gems can also be used to create a border or other complementary design. After the reception, it makes a perfect keepsake for the couple that will be treasured for years to come.

Guests will want to raise a glass in honor of the newlyweds with the timeless custom of a champagne toast. Decorated flutes for the bride and groom create a long-lasting memory of this special tradition.

Individual boxes are ideal for truffles or other candies to send home with guests. Tie with ribbons reflecting the color theme of the wedding. Another fun memento is a mini champagne bottle favor that can be filled with small candies. Attach a label with a personalized message. Make it elegant or simple... and always make it meaningful and memorable.

For more do-it-yourself wedding ideas, favors and accessories, visit www.wilton.com.

Family Features

Genealogical Society meeting Feb. 12

The monthly meeting of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 10:15 a.m. in the Thomas Meeting Room at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. The program for February is "Memories of Liberty Township." All meetings are free and open to the public. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/trumbullcountyohiogenealogy> or www.trumbullgenealogy.com for more information.

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By Guidelight Financial Group



Insights on the newest trends for your money

Technology has inspired new ways for investors to manage their finances – often with added convenience and efficiency. Yet anything new comes with a degree of risk. Here is an introduction to four new money trends, including what each one is designed to do and some considerations before you decide whether to incorporate them into your life.

Transfer money electronically

Online services, mobile apps and social media sites allow you to transfer money to another person or small business electronically, eliminating the need for cash, checks or even credit card transactions. Transfers can occur almost instantly and, in some cases, without a charge. Many sites and apps also enable you to move money overseas, from one currency to another, with only a modest cost. Make sure you fully understand the terms, fees and security protections before you sign up for any of these services.

Pay for purchases with your phone

Those who don't go anywhere without a smartphone may appreciate the ability to make routine purchases using an app, eliminating the need to pull out your credit card at checkout. Smartphone carriers, banks, credit card companies and retailers, among other businesses, offer mobile pay apps. Your favorite coffee chain or clothing store may connect purchases to their loyalty programs, which allows you to stay on top of rewards. Apps make it easy to spend money with just a tap or two, so it's important to remain mindful of your budget.

Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are unregulated digital currencies that are "mined" through sophisticated algorithmic programs using powerful computers. This form of payment has emerged as a way to move money quickly, because banks and intermediaries are not needed. Instead,

a system referred to as blockchain is used to calculate value and execute the transactions. (see more on blockchain below). While the currency can be used as a form of payment, mostly online and exchanged through other bitcoin holders, there are few goods that consumers can buy using digital currencies. Many in the financial industry, including the SEC, have expressed concerns about cryptocurrencies – namely that they're not insured by the FDIC, are vulnerable to hacking, and can fluctuate drastically in a matter of minutes.

Understanding blockchain

Blockchain is an electronic ledger that can transfer large amounts of complex data efficiently. What makes blockchain appealing is its enhanced security compared to other digital databases or ways of sharing data. An individual block (e.g. a transaction or record) in the chain cannot be altered unless all the blocks before it are also changed. This technology enables peer-to-peer transactions and the ability for collaboration among multiple parties relatively quickly and inexpensively. Daily headlines often talk about blockchain in connection with bitcoin. However, today it's more prevalent in the transportation, logistics and health care industries. And, the technology is expected to play a bigger role in the global economy in the years to come.

Whether or not you adopt these trends is up to you. Keep in mind that as these trends evolve and others emerge, it's important to remain focused on reaching your financial goals. Consider incorporating technology that enhances your ability to accomplish your goals – and is aligned with the level of risk you're willing to accept.

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First established in 1971, "Help Heal Veterans" has provided therapeutic arts and crafts kits to hospitalized and homebound veterans. The craft kits help injured and recuperating veterans

improve fine motor skills, cognitive functioning, manage stress and substance abuse, cope with symptoms of PTSD and TBI, while also improving their sense of self-esteem and overall physical and mental health.

Since inception, Help Heal Veterans has delivered nearly 31 million of these arts and crafts kits to veterans and veteran facilities nationwide, along with active duty military overseas. Kits range in categories including woodworking, leather, models and a variety of needlecrafts, paint-by-numbers and many others.

Call 330-399-8846 for more information and to register.



By Jennifer J. Slywczak

Taxable vs. tax-advantaged: Where to hold investments

Taxable vs. Tax-advantaged: Where to Hold Investments

When investing for retirement or other long-term goals, people usually prefer tax-advantaged accounts, such as IRAs, 401(k)s or 403(b)s. Certain assets are well suited to these accounts, but it may make more sense to hold other investments in traditional taxable accounts.

Know the rules

Some investments, such as fast-growing stocks, can generate substantial capital gains, which may occur when you sell a security for more than you paid for it.

If you've owned that position for over a year, you face long-term gains, taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent. In contrast, short-term gains, assessed on holding periods of a year or less, are taxed at your ordinary-income tax rate — maxing out at 37 percent. (Note: These rates don't account for the possibility of the 3.8 percent net investment income tax.)

Choose tax efficiency

Generally, the more tax efficient an investment, the more benefit you'll get from owning it in a taxable account. Conversely, investments that lack tax efficiency normally are best suited to tax-advantaged vehicles.

Consider municipal bonds ("munis"), either held individually or through mutual funds. Munis are attractive to tax-sensitive investors because their income is exempt from federal income taxes and sometimes state and local income taxes. Because you don't get a double benefit when you own an already tax-advantaged security in a tax-advantaged account, holding munis in your 401(k) or IRA would result in a lost opportunity.

Similarly, tax-efficient investments such as passively managed index mutual funds or exchange-traded funds, or long-term stock holdings, are generally appropriate for taxable accounts. These securities are more likely to generate long-term capital gains, which have more favorable tax treatment. Securities that generate more of their total return via capital appreciation or that pay qualified dividends are also better taxable account options.

Take advantage of income

What investments work best for

tax-advantaged accounts? Taxable investments that tend to produce much of their return in income. This category includes corporate bonds, especially high-yield bonds, as well as real estate investment trusts (REITs), which are required to pass through most of their earnings as shareholder income. Most REIT dividends are nonqualified and therefore taxed at your ordinary-income rate.

Another tax-advantaged-appropriate investment may be an actively managed mutual fund. Funds with significant turnover — meaning their portfolio managers are actively buying and selling securities — have increased potential to generate short-term gains that ultimately get passed through to you. Because short-term gains are taxed at a higher rate than long-term gains, these funds would be less desirable in a taxable account.

Get specific advice

The above concepts are only general suggestions. Please contact our firm for specific advice on what may be best for you.

Sidebar: Doing due diligence on dividends

If you own a lot of income-generating investments, you'll need to pay attention to the tax rules for dividends, which belong to one of two categories:

1. Qualified. These dividends are paid by U.S. corporations or qualified foreign corporations. Qualified dividends are, like long-term gains, subject to a maximum tax rate of 20 percent, though many people are eligible for a 15 percent rate. (Note: These rates don't account for the possibility of the 3.8 percent net investment income tax.)

2. Nonqualified. These dividends — which include most distributions from real estate investment trusts and master limited partnerships — receive a less favorable tax treatment. Like short-term gains, nonqualified dividends are taxed at your ordinary-income tax rate.

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Legacy Dog Rescue annual fund raiser in April

Legacy Dog Rescue is hosting its 3rd Annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, April 6 at Avion on the Water in Canfield. Only 125 tickets will be sold. The cost is \$65 per ticket, which includes two dinners and one chance to win the grand prize of \$1,500. Doors will open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the raffle at 7 p.m. Try your luck at the mega Chinese Auction, games of chance and not your typical 50/50

drawings. Reserve your ticket today by emailing Jenn at legacy_jenn@aol.com, text Heather at 330-717-0635 or send a check to Legacy Dog Rescue, P.O. Box 3643, Youngstown, OH 44513.

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If you currently have a student enrolled in Lakeview Schools, please log in to your OneView account and simply select "Enroll New Student." If you do not have a child enrolled at Lakeview, follow these steps: To start your registration from home, use a PC (phones will not complete all tasks) that is connected to the internet. You will start by going to the website, www.lakeviewlocal.org. From there:

- Click on Forms and Link
- Click on Electronic Registration (under the Enrollment heading)

On the following dates the school district will provide access to a computer to register a child if you do not have access to a PC connected to the internet to complete the enrollment forms elsewhere. All parents/guardians should plan to bring their required documentation on Thursday, Feb. 7, 4 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; or Wednesday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regardless of where you complete your enrollment forms, you must bring in the required documentation outlined below on one of the three dates above.

The following items are REQUIRED to process your child's registration:

- Proof of residency - Two forms are required (mortgage statement, lease contract, pay stub, utility bill, etc. - must list your residential address).
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Immunization record
- Custody documentation with court seal and judge's signature (if not living with both parents) or a statement from an attorney documenting process of a divorce.

- Parent/Guardian photo identification

The legal custodial parent/guardian must enroll the student. If you do not have all of the above documentation submitted on one of the above dates, your registration will not be processed. Screening will be held the week of May 6-20, with an 11 a.m. start on May 10 at Lakeview K-8.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sally Churley at 330-637-4360.

Hey Cortland?! Hey What?!

Attention fans of The Lakeview High School Bands

The Band Boosters are excited to announce a different type of fund raiser for the much anticipated band uniforms. On March 23 the boosters will be hosting a Night at the Races at the Bazetta Optimist Club, 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Road, Warren. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with dinner starting at 6 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, which will include a buffet dinner and a chance at a \$200 Jones Processing door prize. This is an adult only event.

There will be 10 races and one auction race. Beverages are BYOB. Horses are \$10 each, and can be

purchased through Brittany Totten at 330-502-7488 or her Facebook messenger, and will be sold until March 15 in order to be put into the program. Unsold horses may be purchased the night of the event, before the racing starts. Tickets to the event can be purchased through Brittany, any band booster member or inquire with any band student.

There will be tickets available at the spaghetti dinner, which will be held at the Lakeview High School cafeteria on Feb. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets will go fast.

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Kent State's Online MBA program ranks in top 100 in nation

Kent State University's Online MBA program is ranked among the top 100 programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report's on its 2019 Best Online MBA Programs list. Kent State's Online MBA program ranks 90th in the country and 66th among public institutions. This is the first year Kent State was eligible to be ranked since its program launched in fall 2017.

"We are extremely pleased that our Online MBA program is ranked among the best in the nation," said Deborah F. Spake, Ph.D., dean of Kent State's College of Business Administration. "The strength of the program is due to our world-renowned faculty and dedicated team of instructional designers who have created engaging, collaborative and accessible courses built around the expertise of our faculty."

According to the U.S. News & World Report's ranking methodology, online MBA programs were ranked based on five categories: engagement, student excellence, expert opinion, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology.

"Our Online MBA program has been a high priority for the college," said Cathy L. Z. DuBois, Ph.D., associate dean for graduate and online programs at the College of Business Administration at Kent State. "Our expert faculty bring the material to life and emphasize practical application. The college's advising staff are also highly responsive to the needs of our students."

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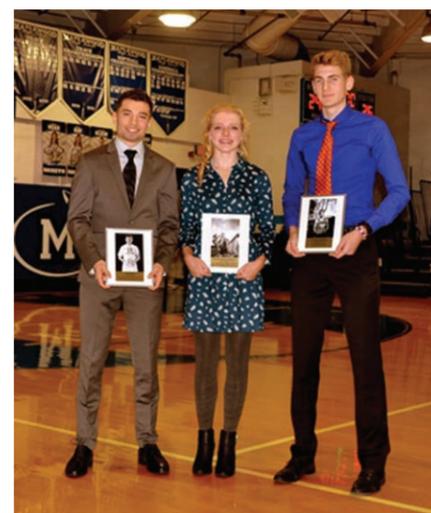
Maplewood Rockets Sports Hall of Fame inductees honored

The 2018 Maplewood Rockets Sports Hall of Fame inductees were recently honored at the half time of the Maplewood and Grand Valley Boys Basketball game. They include:

Tom Rink for Soccer, 2016 Second Team All-Ohio Soccer, 2017 First Team All-Ohio Soccer

Charlotte Crouch for Track, 2017 State Track Meet 800m - 4th Place, 2018 State Track Meet 800m - 5th Place

Ethan Sparks for Track and Cross Country, 2017 State Track Meet 1600 m - 7th Place, 2017 Cross Country First Team All-Ohio, 2018 State Track Meet 1600m - 4th Place



Lakeview High School Band to hold annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Lakeview High School Band will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Lakeview High School cafeteria. Cost is \$8 for presale tickets or \$10 at the door. Children 3 and under are free. Carry out is available. The dinner is being catered by DiLucia's and includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad and dressing, bread, butter and dessert. Entertainment for the event will include Lakeview High

School Jazz Blue, Jazz White and Jazz Gray bands along with other Lakeview High School band members and alumni. Presale tickets can be purchased before Feb. 5 by calling Heidi Harper at 330-717-4018 or email bulldogmarchingpride@gmail.com. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinner go towards the Band Uniform Fund. Come out for a great dinner while enjoying the music of the Lakeview High School bands.

Pajama Day at Cortland Playroom

Pjs, teddy bears, popcorn and a movie was the theme for a wintery day at the Cortland Playroom and what a better day to stay in your Pjs. Everyone came in their jammies and brought their favorite stuffed animal. There were bears, bunnies, dinosaurs, puppies, ducks and even an elephant. The children all gathered in the multipurpose room and got to enjoy a movie and have popcorn while they watched. What a great day to chill!



Christmas Concert... final note

By Carole Wiley

One final message regarding the Christmas concert answers an important question: How much money was collected for the Lakeview High School Band toward the purchase of new uniforms? Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship (LOAF) is happy to announce

that \$1,261.41 has been collected and given to the band! This is double the amount collected at previous concerts. It seems apparent that this issue stirred the hearts of the community, which led to great generosity. LOAF and the high school band says "thank you!"

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Destination wedding basics: how to stay sane when planning a destination wedding

By Donna Lambeth

So planning a dinner party for 200 people, including seven bridesmaids, six groomsmen, a photographer, a DJ and two mothers-in-law, isn't enough work for you. You had to throw the long-distance thing into it, too? Everyone thinks you're crazy. You're attempting the impossible -- planning your wedding in a town you don't (or no longer) live in -- and they can't wait to see you pull this one off. You'll do it without a hitch. Just get on it...right away. Here's some advice:

Get a grip

Get a handle on things early on. After all, you're competing in the Olympics of wedding planning, the long-distance affair. Be organized. Pre-think everything. Taking a trip to your wedding city? Get on the phone first. Every trip should be one fat to-do list of appointments with wedding people. Don't dawdle or procrastinate -- you have limited time in the wedding city. You need to be twice as organized as a local couple.

Distance: a good thing?

Use the situation to your advantage. Look at it this way: You *can't* spend forever making up your mind. You've got a strict time frame to work within, and you need to make decisions quickly. You'll find that if you give yourselves one weekend to find a reception site, you'll find one. Distance will make you decisive.

Delegate, delegate, delegate

Accept help, and delegate work from anyone who offers -- especially those who live in your wedding city

(and those whose judgment you trust). If they are going to be at the wedding, then they can have a job. If they have an opinion, they can make a decision (with input from you, of course!). Put each bridesmaid on a mission: One can find your florist, another your DJ, and another your photographer.

Wedding gear

Weddings come with stuff (the guest book, gifts for the bridesmaids, your shoes, and much more), and getting that stuff to and from your wedding city can be a challenge. Don't let it be. When you're there having your final meeting with your caterer, etc., bring some wedding gear with you. Find a place to store things -- your sister's, your honey's parents -- because the more you have waiting for you, the less you'll have to worry about come the week of the wedding. Pack smart: Whatever you buy to bring with you, you have to lug along. And, don't forget to allow ample room for The Dress. As far as wedding gifts, if you've got a ton to take home, maybe someone who lives in your city that can take them back and keep them for you until after the honeymoon -- or even drop them at your home for you. Find this stuff out *before* the wedding; you'll have a plan of action if you need it.

Money

A lot of people will give you cash as a wedding gift. Cash is good. It packs light. But even monetary gifts need to be considered ahead of time. Here's an idea: Open a bank account in your wedding city. Deposit your winnings after the wedding, and have the money wired to your home account when you return from the honeymoon. This way, no one needs to hang onto (and thereby take responsibility for) your money while you're gone.

Finishing Touches

With a long-distance wedding it can feel like you have twice as much to plan -- but don't forget to plan for yourselves. Brides: Book the hair and makeup thing far in advance. Like everything else, this takes forethought. You'll have to scout out your place, and do a trial run on a visit to the wedding city. (Grooms, be sure you get a haircut before you leave for the wedding, too.) Of all the things on your list, make your aisle-ready look a high priority. No matter how many people rave about how smoothly everything went, all you'll really want to hear is how great you looked!

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