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Spring!

George Edward Gessner

By Sally Lane

Except for starting out 2019 with a tornado, one real doozy of a snowstorm, and weekly bouts of flurries, rain, and/or cold weather, this winter hasn't been too

bad. Most of us remember winters where we didn't see the roads without snow from Thanksgiving through St. Patrick's Day. We have had some 50 to 60-degree days and some sunshine between the storms traveling from west to east. I call those times "teaser days." You have just enough time to run the car through the car wash, leave your outdoor boots in the closet and take a walk around the block before it is winter again. That said, I'm eager for the season to change for good, at least for the next six or seven months.

Maybe the advertisements have something to do with anticipation of the spring season, or the arrival of Florida strawberries in the grocery store, but, like that first bluebird staking out her home on the Mosquito Lake bluebird trail, we know it is time to clean up our "nest." Ideas begin to pop in our thoughts as we start planning garage sales, reading books about "Tidying Up," or planting gardens. No more diffusing piney



George Edward Gessner, age 74, passed away Saturday, February 23rd at St. Joseph Hospital.

George was born January 24, 1945 in Youngstown to the late John and Evelyn (Ensign) Gessner. He graduated from Lakeview High School in 1962.

George received his bachelor's degree from Hiram College and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron. He returned to Cortland as a teacher at Lakeview High School and taught Government and Social Science. During his teaching years, his interest in students and Lakeview sports led him to coach the Boy's Cross Country team. After teaching, he joined his father in the practice of law at Gessner & Platt Co., L.P.A. where he continued to serve and counsel the community for 50 years.

George was a member of the Cortland Jaycees later know as the Cortland Men's Club, the Cortland Moose Lodge, the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society, the Lakeview Booster Club, the Committee for the Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame, the Trumbull County Bar Association and served on the Cortland Bank Board of Directors continuing as Director Emeritus.

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Meetings

City Council - first and third Monday of each month
 Monday, March 18, 7 p.m.
 Monday, April 1, 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, April 8, 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month
 Monday, April 8, 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

Cortland City Council Meetings are now posted on YouTube. The videos are usually posted no later than the next day after the meeting and can be accessed via a link on the city website or by visiting www.youtube.com and searching "City of Cortland, Ohio"

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Tuesday, April 9, 3 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building unless noted

Lakeview Board of Education Meetings

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

Monday, April 8, 6 p.m. - Lakeview PK-8 Cafeteria

Area Service Clubs

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Our Next Issue...April 6, 2019

Our theme will be Home & Garden

Article Deadline by March 22 • Display Advertising Deadline is March 27
 Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

The mission of the Cortland News is to focus on the positive aspects and events of our community. Our goal is to inspire pride and bring the residents of our community closer to one another by providing accurate, timely and useful information. We hold ourselves to high standards of journalism and strive to be a source of trust for our readers.

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Community Events

Event Calendar March 16 - April 6

- Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 2 and 11*
- 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.
- American Red Cross Swim lessons, various dates, 330-392-2551.
- "Corvettes of the Valley," National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, through April 14.
- Geauga County Historical Society's annual Pancake Breakfasts, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Lennah Bond Activities Center, Burton. *See pg. 16*
- 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. 5*
- Trumbull Art Gallery classes, 158 N. Park Ave., Warren, 330-395-4876.
- Warren-Trumbull County Library One Book-One Community Book Discussions, various dates. *See pg. 10*
- Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks

MARCH

- 16 St. Stephen Parish Luck of the Irish fund raiser, 5:30 p.m., Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 N. Main St., Niles.
- 16 Spaghetti dinner sponsored by Opal Chapter #181 OES, 4-6:30 p.m., Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett Hull Road, 330-638-3110.
- 16 33rd annual Trumbull County Women's History Celebration, doors open at 11 a.m., Divieste Banquet Hall, Warren.
- 16 Slice of the Valley Pizza Challenge, 4-7 p.m., Metroplex, Girard. *See pg. 6*
- 16 Trumbull County Republican Party monthly breakfast with State Sen. Michael Rulli, 9 a.m., the Buckeye Club, 366 N. Park, Warren. *See pg. 13*
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 The Gospel Friends Quartet, Cortland Church of the Nazarene, 6:30 p.m., 293 E. Main St., Cortland.
- 17 USA Dance "Samba & Shenanigans Party," 5 p.m., Orthodox Center, 1025 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown. *See pg. 19*
- 23 Lakeview Band Booster "Night at the Races" fund raiser, 5 p.m., Bazetta Optimist Club, 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Road, Warren. *See pg. 21*
- 23 Trumbull Mobile Meals March for Meals, registration 7:30-8 a.m., walk from 8-9 a.m., 330-394-2538.
- 23,24 Lakeview High School present's "Aladdin," on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 3 p.m., Raidel Auditorium. *See pg. 20*
- 24 The Maple Museum of Geauga County open house, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Century Village Museum, southeast corner of Burton Square. GPS, 14653 East Park St., Burton, Ohio 44021. *See pg. 19*
- 30 Lakeview Band Booster 2nd Annual Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Lakeview High School, 300 Hillman Drive, Cortland. *See pg. 20*
- 31 Lakeview Community Fund Raiser Dinner in memory of Aiden Elder and in support of Jill Hoover, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lakeview K-8 cafeteria. *See pg. 3*
- 31 Winter Crisis Program application deadline. *See pg. 12*

APRIL

- 2 Guardian Angels meeting, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 North River Road, Warren. *See pg. 17*
- 3 Kindergarten Registration for those entering into kindergarten at Lakeview, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., K-8 building.
- 3 Southington United Methodist Church chicken dinner, 3:30-6 p.m., state Routes 305 and 534, Southington. *See pg. 15*
- 5,6 St. Robert Parish rummage sale, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon; parish hall, state Route 46, north of Cortland. *See pg. 14*
- 6 Legacy Dog Rescue's 3rd Annual Reverse Raffle, 5p.m., Avion on the Water, Canfield, www.ldrofohio.org.
- 6 Gobbler Gathering hosted by Trumbull County Rod & Gun, registration 8-9 a.m., event starts 9 a.m., 6565 Phillips Rice Road. *See pg. 24*
- 6,7 Trumbull Senior Production Company presents annual musical revue, April 6 at 7 p.m. and April 7 at 2 p.m., Champion High School. *See pg. 11*

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Lakeview Community Fund Raiser dinner

There will be a Lakeview Community Fund Raiser Dinner in memory of Aiden Elder and in support of Jill Hoover on Sunday, March 31 in the Lakeview K-8 cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad and bread. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under

10. Pre-orders are encouraged, walk-ins welcome and take-out available. There will also be a Chinese auction, a 50-50 raffle and a door prize.

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Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Lots going on at **Cortland Mower Sales**. Stop in to have your picture taken in the new Toro Zero Turn Mower and then upload it to Toro for a chance to win it for FREE! And be sure to save April 27. It is their semi-annual ECHO DAY sale. Big savings on ECHO products.

Centerra reminds us that they have the 4 steps lawn care in stock along with everything SPRING! You want to put the crab grass preventer down now. Check out its supply of garden seeds, fertilizer, onions and potatoes.

Did you know that **Mayflower Wollam Insurance** has been serving Cortland for almost 100 years? Now THAT is dedication to our community.

Chrissy's Lake Tavern has an authentic Irish menu for its Irish brunch. Have a "Top of the mornin' to ya" meal the Irish way. And don't forget they will have a terrific Mother's Day brunch in May.

Cortland Lanes tells us that registration is going on now for its annual No Tap leagues. Adult spring No Tap starts Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.; kid's spring No Tap starts Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

If you're Irish - or if you want to be - head to where else, **Beef 'O' Brady's** for their outstanding Irish specials. A great Irish breakfast special, dinner specials and of course, drink specials.

Auntie V's Pizzeria has fish EVERY DAY for Lent. No need to wait until Friday to enjoy it.

Champion Income Tax Service is still taking customers that need to get their taxes done. They have been serving Trumbull County for over 40 years. Take advantage of YEAR 'ROUND experienced preparers, not the part time big 'big box' national chains.

It might sound early but if you have someone graduating this year you should call **Mackenzie Catering at Garden Brook**. They do carry out catering as well as hall rental. See their ad in this issue for all of the delicious choices.

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Thank you from the family of Aiden Elder

Aiden Elder was a precious 6 year old boy who was a student in Mrs. Haynie's kindergarten class at Lakeview Elementary. As most of Cortland and Bazetta knows he was diagnosed with Leukemia two years ago and passed away on Feb. 24. Aiden had T-cell leukemia but he also became ill in Dec. with T-cell lymphoma. It is the lymphoma that was aggressive and took him so quickly.

However, his family would like us to remember him for the joy he brought to everyone.

For someone who was only six years old he affected the world around him. He was so many things to so many people. He was a son to Aaron Elder and Courtney Callahan Elder. He was a grandson to Mitch and Jeannette Callahan and Eddie and Lori Elder. He was the spark that lit up the eyes of his uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and so many others, including his best friends Hannah Richards and "Tucker."

Aiden was excited to be a big brother to his baby brother, Noah Aiden Williams, expected to arrive this summer.

He loved school, he loved to learn, and he loved to make people laugh. Once when he was looking particularly worn out when he was first diagnosed, His



grandma asked him, "How is Aiden doing?" And he put his palm on her cheek and said, "Don't you worry Nana, I will always take care of my mommy." And she wanted to cry because he always protected his mom and he knew she worried about him.

Please remember Aiden as the little boy who loved to play Fortnite, going to the movies and being with his friends. Aiden enjoyed playing every sport imaginable, which led him to have a strong spirit and a fighting will to never lose and give up even through his illness. Aiden always had compassion for everyone and never met anyone that didn't smile after he said hello! And Aiden would always thank everyone. He was open, and honest, and affectionate.

Aiden's entire family would like to thank everyone in our community for their continuous outpouring of support through his difficult journey. They are so grateful and humbled by the outpouring of love they received.

If you would like to help the family offset the tremendous expenses incurred there are two ways to do so. There is a spaghetti dinner at Lakeview K-8 Cafeteria on Sunday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Preorders are encouraged. There is also an account at Farmers Bank called "Aiden's Benefit Fund."



SCOPE free tax-aid locations and times

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.

Tax preparation is free for low to moderate income families and all seniors. Free transportation can also be provided by calling a week in advance of the appointment to SCOPE at 330-399-8846.



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Pizza and beer—it's a winning combination. That's why this year's Slice of the Valley Pizza Challenge is adding a new category to its competition: beer. You could get it at the event in previous years, of course, but this time attendees have the chance to vote for their favorite local beer in addition to their favorite local pizza shop.

D'Astolfo, Andy Gray and Billy Beck, is open to all ages and will feature several guest appearances, live musical entertainment, a Chinese raffle, and dessert offerings from Mocha House of Warren.

Fifteen pizza shops and eight breweries will compete for the People's Choice and Judges' Choice awards at the Metroplex Expo Center on March 16 from 4-7 p.m. The event, judged this year by celebrity judges Greg Pruitt, Kevin Mack, Preston Steele, Justine Thomas, Stan Boney, Guy

Slice of the Valley offers Mahoning Valley residents a fun opportunity to taste and vote on the best pizza and beer in the area. Major sponsors include the Eastwood Mall, Ohio Commerce Center and Seal Master, with proceeds going to Someplace Safe, Habitat for Humanity-Trumbull County and the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County. Tickets and additional information are available at sliceofthevalley.com.

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Food allergy epidemic: An escalating problem

(StatePoint) Thirty-two million Americans are now living with food allergies, according to new data published by The Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open and Pediatrics. This equates to roughly one in 10 adults and one in 13 children (or about two in every classroom). What's more, over 50 percent of adults and 42 percent of children with food allergies have suffered a severe food allergy reaction such as potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis.

of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016. The results illustrate the gravity of this growing epidemic, with a 377 percent increase nationwide.

Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), the largest private funder of food allergy research in the world, recently commissioned a state-by-state report analyzing the rise in diagnoses

Advocates say that the increasing prevalence of food allergies demands action and escalates the need for new treatments and diagnostic tools that save lives and help alleviate the burden of this disease. To that end, FARE's "Contains: Courage" campaign is seeking to raise a historic amount of money for research and education efforts. To learn more, visit foodallergy.org.

Food allergies are at epidemic levels. However, new treatments and greater awareness promise to change the lives of millions of Americans.

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scents, as lavender and citrus oils cheer the atmosphere in our houses as much as thinking about opening windows again. We begin to plan a pancake breakfast outing to celebrate the maple syrup harvest.

twice-a-year favorite: Trash Clean-up. It should be called "Trash or Treasure Day" judging from the number of those who pick through discarded items looking for reusable items before Republic Services arrives. Those days are May 2 or 3, depending on which side of town you live on.

We have had a flock of robins in our yard in February. This month white-crowned and white-throated sparrows will visit our feeder. With the juncos that have been here all winter, they will leave for more northern climes. Woodpeckers have started "drumming" on warmer days. That rat-a-tat-tat makes female woodpecker hearts beat faster, just as the pace of our lives becomes more inspired with warmer and longer days. Now through May is the "Birding Superbowl" time for area birdwatchers as a huge variety of birds travel through on migration.

We are also coming down on the last grading period of the school year. Testing is almost over for state requirements. Seniors are nailing down acceptances to colleges, joining the military or other future plans. There are weddings and showers, of course. 'Tis the season. Those planning to add a paver to the Veterans Memorial park area need to purchase one so that they can be added soon. Forms are available at City Hall.

Spring in Cortland is lovely. So many neighborhoods have beautiful flowering shrubs and trees that it is truly a pleasure for all of us, as well as joggers and walkers as they get some exercise. The city also provides ways for us to take care of our yards. Branches and twigs that fell this winter will be picked up from your curb and chipped starting April 22, which is also Earth Day. Look for events in the next Cortland News.

The Cortland Community Band is rehearsing for their 36th summer concert series. Two or three of the six summer concerts are in Cortland. If you are thinking about joining the band, this is the time to do it. They rehearse every Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the Lakeview Pre-K to 8 building until the end of the school year on Wakefield Drive. No auditions, just lots of fun with awesome music.

Look for more spring events all through this issue, as we throw off the effects of winter. Happy Spring!

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What's "news" in the City of Cortland

By Christine Dorma, administrative assistant

Spring cleaning time is fast approaching. Allow the city to help you by partaking in the brush pickup or spring clean-up.

Curbside Brush Pickup

The city of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up for the **entire city** is the week of the **fourth Monday** of each month. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and work load. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to collection week to ensure removal. **One pass will be made on each street.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Place branches and limbs at the curb **no later than the Sunday** before collection week. Only one pass will be made on each street.
- Branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free). No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and up to 6" in diameter.
- Arrange in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.
- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household. Do not combine piles or place on your neighbor's property.

2019 Brush Chipping Schedule

- Week of April 22
- Week of May 27
- Week of June 24
- Week of July 22
- Week of Aug. 26
- Week of Sept. 23
- Week of Oct. 28

Spring Clean-Up

Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for May 2 and May 3. Items will be picked up with your regular trash. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services within the city of Cortland.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for those entering into kindergarten at Lakeview will be held Wednesday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the K-8 building.

Dates to Remember

- March 18 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 1 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 8 - Parks Board - 5 p.m.
- April 8 - Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 15 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

Class of '69 reservations due April 15

Are you a member of Lakeview's Class of 1969 or do you know someone that is? Let them know that their membership will never expire! Invitations have been mailed out to all of the classmates with many already returned from different parts of the country. Classmates are coming home to see you. There may not be another time as this! Your classmates coming together for your 50th Reunion on Saturday, May 18 at Enzo's Restaurant and Banquet Center on Elm Road starting at 5 p.m. Reservations need to be mailed in no later than April 15. If you have any questions, please email Dan at danschultz@hotmail.com or Jeff at jcline3699@gmail.com or call 330-638-3699.



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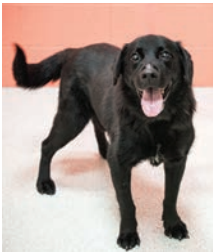
Gerald is ready for the warmer weather to arrive so he can stop to smell the flowers more often. This affectionate boy does a great job at reminding us to slow down and enjoy the little things in life. He arrived at Animal Welfare League in October 2018 after he was found as a stray. Gerald is currently undergoing heartworm treatment, but he is a champ and does not let that keep him down. He has a gentle soul that is happy to greet anyone that comes to visit. Gerald does well with other pets and kids, but would thrive best in a laid-back environment. His adoption fee is \$120 and includes his neuter, vaccinations, heartworm testing and treatment, microchip with registration and more.

Shelter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Adoptions close at 5:30 p.m. The shelter is closed on Sundays and Mondays. AWL shelter is located at 812 Youngstown Kingsville Road SE in Vienna, across the street from Avalon at Squaw Creek. For more information call 330-539-5300 or visit www.awlrescueme.com.

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FROM the Garden

By Kathleen Ferris, Master Gardener

Sometimes when a gardener wants that something extra, something more than your average garden perennial, they have to take the good with the bad. Few perennials can match a clump of red/orange Oriental poppies when in full bloom. Even though the May-June flowering time is of short duration, its vibrant flowers are easily spotted, even from a distance. The flowers usually last for ten days unless tattered by winds and rain storms.

Each flower has purplish-black blotches at the base and a tufted black center setting off the bright flower colors. They come in a variety of colors; the original fiery reds and oranges, pinks, whites, apricots and violets. Showstoppers in the garden, their flowers have a translucent, crepe paper texture with 4 to 6 petals measuring 2 to 6" across. Mature height depends on the variety with most Oriental poppies growing between 3-4 ft. tall, with a spread of 1-2 ft. However there are several compact varieties that grow to 2 ft. The foliage is coarse and hairy on bushy plants.

This plant does not like to be transplanted, so plan where you want it. *Papaver orientale* can take a season or two to mature, once established, it can be resilient and remain for many years. Like most perennials, Oriental poppies have a dormant period. Usually by July the foliage is an eyesore and is ready to enter summer dormancy as temperatures rise. New foliage appears in the fall and stays through winter. Gardeners can avoid an empty space by planting poppies behind *Gypsophila*, *Siberian iris*, *Peonies* or by filling in with annuals.

Poppies are sun lovers, needing a full 8 hours of sun to flower well. They want well drained neutral soil and will

not tolerate winter wet soil which will rot their fleshy roots. If planting bareroot stock the soil should be deeply dug and prepped with the crown covered with 3" of soil. Shallow planting is often the cause of failure as is too wet soil. Oriental poppies are seldom bothered by insects or disease.

For the gardener with a shady woodland garden, consider *Celandine poppy*. *Stylophorum diphyllum* is a perennial poppy native to eastern North America and does well in moist soil with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0 with bright yellow flowers on stalks 12 to 18" tall.

California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*) are annual poppies and are the state flower of California. Grown from spreading seed, they do well in soils that have a pH of 6.5 to 8.0 and can take temperatures to 90 degrees. California poppies spread 12" wide with silvery blue lacey foliage and the flowers on 2 to 18 inch stalks can measure 1 to 4 inches across.

Then there are Iceland poppies (not from Iceland) and Red poppies (the Flanders poppy), both annual types. Iceland poppies like cool temperatures (USDA Zones 3-7) and produce fragrant flowers on 3 foot stalks that can be 3 to 4 inches across. Red poppies do better in slightly warmer zones (USDA 4 to 9) and in soils with pH 6.5 to 7.5) with flowers on 2 to 4 foot stalks that can be 2 to 4 inches across.

The secret to success with poppies is to select the best species for your zone and soil type. Luckily for us in North America, there is one or more type of poppy that will grow in every zone. So select a color, form and variety and grow a poppy!

Happy Gardening!

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

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Participants work up to 20 hours per week and earn the current minimum wage. Because the goal is to get people hired into unsubsidized work outside of the program, participants receive individual job search assistance and frequent check-ins from professional staff. According to the Older Americans Act Amendment of 2000, the wages does not count as income when determining eligibility for subsidized housing and/or food stamps.

The requirements to be enrolled are 55 years of age or older, unemployed and looking for a job. Participants can be assigned to non-profit community based or government agencies. Assignments are based on the current needs of the

workforce and the participants skill set and interests. Common assignments include administrative, retail, food service, driving, healthcare and cleaning.

"SCOPE would like to thank Vantage Aging for conducting this training job service for seniors in Trumbull County," stated Mike Wilson, SCOPE Senior Services director. "There are many benefits to participating seniors with upgrading their job skills, especially with computers all the while contributing to community service. I know that we at SCOPE are in need of drivers to deliver free groceries each week to the homebound in Trumbull County," Wilson concluded.

For additional information or to receive an application call Vantage Aging at 330-782-0978 or SCOPE Senior Services at 330-399-8846.

Vantage Aging is an equal employment opportunity and service provider. SCSEP is funded by the Department of Labor and the Ohio Department of Aging.

Four Seasons Club hears from Wild Life officer

By Stephanie Canzonetta

Martin Cisine, Wild Life officer, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, recently shared the evening with the Four Seasons Garden Club. The evening was well received with the educational information that Martin offered our group in reference to how he represents District 3 with all that is needed, from hunting and fishing regulations, to how do we handle the wonderful and annoying creatures that we come across in our own backyards. Even though he does not have a central office location, Martin travels all over Trumbull County to help with all that is needed. Martin knows where people can go and view the nesting locations for eagles and other interesting birds in our area. He also shared that each city has its own rules for hunting, so you should check first with them.



Martin Cisine is shown with Debbie Williams, club president.

As Martin continued to offer information, you could feel the love he has for his job and the animals that we share our county with. We all asked- "How do we keep the deer, skunks and raccoons out of our yards?" So with a smile he replied "Well, not an easy task," but he did supply us with contact information and some reading material including "Uninvited House Guests," which can also be obtained by contacting wildohio.com or 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543).

Thank you Martin for a fun evening with the Four Seasons Garden Club.

Autism Society opens registration for Special Bunny morning for special needs children



The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley will be working with the Cafaro Co.'s Eastwood Mall to bring supportive events to area children with special needs. This includes the Autism Society's Special Bunny: An Inclusive Easter celebration. It will take place on Sunday, April 7 from 9-11 a.m. in the Eastwood Mall concourse. Families are strongly encouraged to visit AutismMV.org to learn about this private event.

Started seven years ago by the Autism Society, this annual event is dedicated to making sure that families with children with special needs have the opportunity to enjoy seasonal traditions like the Bunny Photo Experience. The project has been expanded into a celebration with the addition of arts and crafts, train rides, a 1,000 Easter egg hunt, and also features therapy bunnies from F5RS Bunnies in Baskets - Therapy Rabbits.

F5RS Bunnies in Baskets -Therapy Rabbits, pictured above, join the Easter Bunny to welcome children with special needs to the Autism Society's morning of spring fun at the Eastwood Mall.

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LIBRARY NEWS

One Book/One Community 'Shoeless Joe'

Trumbull County is invited to be part of One Book/One Community 2019 as local libraries join together to read and discuss "Shoeless Joe" by W.P. Kinsella, the novel that inspired the hit movie "Field of Dreams."

One Book/One Community is an annual initiative that encourages everyone to celebrate reading through conversations and events related to one book. Public discussions about the novel will be held at libraries throughout Trumbull County, and a unique series of films, guest speakers, and events related to the book are planned throughout March.

Set in 1979 Iowa farm country, "Shoeless Joe" blends fact and fiction into a sentimental story that will delight baseball enthusiasts and literary fans. The story is both a rich, nostalgic look at one of our most cherished national pastimes and a remarkable story about fathers and sons, love and family, and the joy of finding your way home.

Copies of the book in paper format, eBook, eAudiobook, and book-on-CD are available to borrow from many of the libraries in Trumbull County.

"Shoeless Joe" was adapted into the 1989 Academy Award nominated movie "Field of Dreams" starring Kevin Costner.

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library One Book Events:

Book Discussions

Public discussions about "Shoeless Joe" by W. P. Kinsella will be held:

Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m. at the Lordstown Branch Library, 1471 Salt Springs Road;

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cortland Branch Library, 578 Lakeview Drive;

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren;

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Howland Branch Library, 9095 East Market St.;

Thursday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at the Brookfield Branch Library, 7032 Grove St.;

Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Liberty Branch Library, 415 Churchill-Hubbard Road.

The Black Sox Scandal of 1919

Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

Learn more about the 1919 World Series scandal. Guest speaker Leslie Heaphy is associate professor of history at Kent State University Stark and is the editor of "Black Baseball and Chicago" and coeditor of "Encyclopedia of Women and Baseball." She serves as vice president of the Society for American Baseball Research. Free admission.

Beekeeping

Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m. at the Brookfield Branch Library, 7032 Grove St.

Kimmer and Ed Wolfinger operate Farm Girl's Honey in northern Trumbull County. They will discuss basic beekeeping, equipment, and how they manage their hives with IPM method (Integrated Pest Management) by not introducing chemicals to the beehive. Free admission.

Actor Dwier Brown: If You Build It....

Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kent State University Trumbull Auditorium, located in the Classroom/Administration Building, 4314 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library and Kent State University Trumbull invite you to spend an evening learning about the making of the movie "Field of Dreams" and how its impact on audiences led one of its actors to write a book about the experience.

In 1988, actor Dwier Brown - an Ohio native - travelled to Iowa to play a pivotal role in the movie "Field of Dreams." His scenes with Kevin Costner created one of the movie's greatest moments and changed Brown's life. He will share stories about the making of "Field of Dreams" and how the impact of the film led him to write a book titled "If You Build It....". Brown will take audience questions and will have copies of his book and photos available for purchase and signing.

Tickets to the event are free but seating is limited. Tickets are required and are available by calling the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library's Public Relations Dept. at 330-399-8807, ext. 128.

For more information about One Book/One Community 2019, visit www.WTCPL.org or contact the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library at 330-399-8807, ext. 128.



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Cyber Security Safety

With technology and the internet so readily at our fingertips, there are plenty of cybercriminals scheming to use our addiction to electronics against us. The internet can be a safe community as long as you are careful to maintain safe habits. Restrict the personal information you post online and make sure to utilize privacy settings provided. Ensure your internet browsing device's operating system and security software is completely up-to-date. Create a unique, complex password with a combination of special characters, numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters for every account. You might also want to look into enabling stronger authentication features, such as biometrics or having to verify a code before logging in.

Phishing is when a scammer sends you some type of correspondence, like a text or an email, attempting to solicit your personal and/or financial information. Do not click on suspicious links or respond to these messages. If an account is called into question, check the status of it by contacting the website or phone number listed on the statement you receive in the mail. Forward any phishing emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov.

With tax season upon us, it is all the more important to be vigilant about your online safety. The amount of potential scammers increases around tax filing time. The IRS will never contact you via email or phone call without first sending correspondence through the mail. Likewise, they will

never demand immediate payment or threaten to arrest you. If you are hiring a professional tax preparer, check into their background and credentials like you would before hiring any other professional. There are individuals with a false front as a tax preparer who steal private information and/or your tax refund. You may want to verify your tax preparer's credibility by requesting their Preparer Tax Identification Number and their CPA status.

Children have more access to the internet now more than ever and it is never too early to start teaching our kids internet safety. You can use television shows or news stories as a way to segue into an informative conversation. Bullying is a problem that can carry over to online activity as cyber bullying. Remind juveniles that once something is posted online it cannot be taken away. Images, videos and words can not only hurt the intended victim but friends, family, and even the individual who created the post. Our teenagers should keep in mind that people associated with schools, employers, law enforcement, and coaching, check social media and they should be aware of what they post online.

These are just a couple of concepts to keep your time spent online safe. There are a plethora of resources online for more information and ideas. If you think you have become victim of identity theft, feel free to contact the non-emergency dispatch number at 330-675-2730. Or, you can always dial 911 in case of emergencies.

Trumbull seniors present musical show

The Trumbull Senior Production Company (TSPC) will present its annual musical revue at Champion High School on Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. (See ad on page 4.) The title of the 2019 presentation is "Our Greatest Show" and the circus theme will run throughout the show.



TSPC is a non-profit company of singers, tap and jazz dancers, and other musicians age 50 and older. Prior to each annual show they practice for several months at their Parkman Road studio in Warren, always striving for professionalism.

The company is directed by Jason Burgermyer who has created and choreographed shows in the area for over 30 years. TSPC members come from all over Trumbull and Mahoning counties. Cortland residents who are performing are Donna Blasek, Karen Combs, Lupe Cohen, Leslie Wilkinson, Jean Bolinger, Kathy and Gary Kovell, Carol Scroggins and Sherry Mills.

Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door. Proceeds from the show support the company throughout the year as well as provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a local student who plans to major in college in the performing arts.



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Jorgensen named senior vice president, director Private Banking

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Jorgensen attended Ohio University. She currently serves on the board of the United Way of Trumbull County and United Way Women United. She previously served on the board for Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber and the American Red Cross as well as past president for the Howland Rotary Club. She has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, as well as a past Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce Athena Award nominee in 2007.

Her office is located at the bank's Howland branch, 4625 N. River Road in Warren. She can be contacted at TJorgensen@homesavings.com or 330-286-2873.




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Simple tips to streamline your morning routine

(StatePoint) Let's face it, most people are so used to their morning routine, they may not even be aware of how it's slowing them down. Here are three ways to save some valuable time every morning.

Disable Snooze

Did you know that on many smartphones, it's possible to disable the snooze button? Transform your morning with a few swipes of the thumb and become the kind of person who gets out of bed at the scheduled hour. You'll give yourself more time to get every task on your morning to-do list complete and be less rushed in the process.

One-Stop Breakfast

If you're like many people, you are particular about your coffee as well as the first meal of the day. Luckily, it's easy to ditch the habit of picking up your morning brew at one specialty store and your breakfast at another. Save substantial time each morning by seeking out one location that specializes in both. For example, Caribou Coffeehouse is now inside all Einstein Bros. Bagels, serving artisan,

small-batch roasted coffee and blended drinks alongside breakfast items like 12 different fresh-cracked egg bagel sandwiches with 18 choices of bagels. For those who need an afternoon coffee fix, this can be a one-stop shop for lunch or a mid-afternoon snack, too. Prepping for a morning meeting? Feed the team with the Caribou Coffee Canteen and Einstein Bros. Bagels Baker's Dozen Box.

Prep Ahead

The rush to get out the door can make anyone forgetful, even a morning person. Take a few minutes in the evening (and earn yourself a bit more shuteye) to prep your bag so you can just grab and go in the morning. Check the forecast and your calendar the night before and lay out a weather- and event- appropriate outfit head to toe, so that it's completely ready to be worn -- matching socks to their companion, pressing anything that needs it and selecting accessories.

With a few streamlining strategies and proactive steps that help you stick to the program, mornings will be a cinch.

Winter Crisis Program applications nearing deadline

The last day for application for the Winter Crisis Program is March 31. The Trumbull Community Action Program is taking walk-ins for the entire last week, mornings only. The afternoons are by apportionment only.

Prior to the last week, there are walk-ins every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings only; all afternoons are by apportionment only. The satellite sites in Niles on

Tuesdays are by appointment only and can be made by calling 330-393-2507, ext. 227; Newton Falls, Wednesdays by appointment only and can be made by calling 330-393-2507, ext. 232; and Hubbard on Thursdays by appointment only, 330-393-2507, ext. 229. These site appointments are offered to those who cannot apply at TCAP, 1230 Palmyra Road SW, Warren.



Should tobacco products be sold to customers under the age of 21?

By Teresa Merrick, R.N., PHN

Why should we even consider this? Because 95 percent of current smokers started before the age of 21 and having the first cigarette product by age 18 makes it twice as likely to become a lifelong user. Thousands of young people start smoking cigarettes and using tobacco products every day according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A teen's brain development continues until the mid-20s and adolescent brains are uniquely vulnerable to the effects of nicotine, effecting the youth's brain stronger and more rapidly. This makes it harder for our youth to quit.

In 2009, the Family Smoking Prevention & Tobacco Control Act set a federal minimum age at 18 and gave states authority to have stronger regulations. By increasing the purchase age to 21, it will put the legal purchasers outside the social circles of most high school students, making it more difficult for 15 to 17 year olds to pass as legal purchasers or have legal purchasers as a friend.

Over 340 cities and counties, and six entire states have passed/adopted Tobacco 21 policy covering a population of over 90 million Americans. Tobacco 21 is endorsed by health departments, boards of health, local hospitals, health experts, faith-based and social justice groups, business communities, local chambers and/or businesses and American veterans.

American veterans endorse this policy because they are in support of a healthy and strong military. Military leaders recognize the toll tobacco takes on troop readiness and on the military health care system. The Department of Defense estimates that 175,000 current Active Duty Service members will die from smoking unless they are able to quit.

Tobacco use is not a rite of passage or a sign of adulthood. It is important to remember that age 18 is not the age of majority for everything,

from buying alcohol to running for certain political offices, and so on. According to the Institute of Medicine, Combating Tobacco in Military and Veteran Populations, 2009, the military recognized the negative impact of tobacco on troop readiness and soldiers' health and has initiated a series of actions to curb tobacco use in the military. The Department of Defense and the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force have each set goals to become tobacco-free.

General Robert Magnus, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, has stated, "Tobacco impairs reaction time and judgment. It stands in the way of a Marine's number one priority: to be in top physical and mental shape-combat ready. Rear Admiral John Fuller, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific stated, "I've heard this argument by some shipmates against cracking down on tobacco: 'If someone is young enough to die for their country, they should be free to be allowed to smoke.' But, turning that argument on its head: 'If someone is young enough to fight for their country, they should be free from addiction to a deadly drug.'"

Tobacco use is a deadly and addictive behavior that compromises the readiness and health of our military and youth and prematurely kills half of its adult users, according to the Surgeon General. Raising the tobacco sale age to 21 is an important step that will protect young people and service members from a deadly addiction and will complement other tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

By letting your city government know your stance on Tobacco 21 policies being currently discussed, maybe we can better protect our youth in the very near future.

For more information on how to address this issue with your city government, contact the Trumbull County Combined Health District.

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Rulli to address TC Republican Party

The Trumbull County Republican Party will hold its monthly breakfast at the Buckeye Club, 366 N. Park, Warren, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 16. Guest speaker will be State Sen. Michael Rulli of Salem, R-33rd. Sarah Fowler will also give an update on what is happening at the Ohio State Board of Education. There will be a full course buffet breakfast. Cost is \$12. Call GOP at 833-878-6285 for questions or further information.

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Something to Think About

By Rev. Donald P. Barnes, Chaplain

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23: 1

We call them our "children" - Bleu, Weez, Tiny, Lillie, Millie, Billie, Charlotte, Charlie, Wilbur, Griff, Pip and Chewey. Ten of the twelve are rescues, left homeless by circumstances beyond their control. Lorra and I serve as surrogate parents for this motley bunch of puppies. They had nowhere to turn - we could not turn away. At this point in time, they all reside comfortably in a loving home caught in the embrace of two dotting masters. When they were lost, the "shepherds" came looking. When they needed rest and relief, we offered "green pastures" and "still waters." Grace arrives in the midst of the storm.

Let's face it, when you're lost your lost. You can't find your way home on your own. You need help. According to D.L. Moody:

Dr. Andrew Bonar told me how, in the Highlands of Scotland, a sheep would often wander off into the rocks and get into places that they couldn't get out of. The grass on these mountains is very sweet and the sheep like it, and they will jump down ten or twelve feet, and then they can't jump back again, and the shepherd hears them bleating in distress. They may be there for days, until they have eaten all the grass. The shepherd will wait until they are so faint they cannot stand, and then they will put a rope around him, and he will go over and pull that sheep up out of the jaws of death. "Why don't they go down there when the sheep first gets there?" I asked. "Ah!" He said, "They are so very foolish they would dash right over the precipice and be killed if they did!" And that is the way with men; they won't go back to God 'til they have no friends and have lost everything. If you are a wanderer I tell you that the Good Shepherd will bring you back the moment you have given up trying to save yourself and are willing to let Him save you His own way.

Unfortunately, according to this account, folks often don't realize they're lost until it is too late. The initiative to offer saving grace is always in the hands of the shepherd. Our puppies offer a fitting analogy: They had nowhere to turn - we could not turn away. At this point in time, they all reside comfortably in a loving home caught in the embrace of two dotting masters. When they were lost, the "shepherds" came looking. When they needed rest and relief, we offered "green pastures" and "still waters." Grace arrives in the midst of the storm.

A Farewell

By Carole Wiley

For the last several weeks, we at Prince of Peace have been blessed by having Pastor Donald Barnes present for Sunday morning worship. He was working as our "supply," or substitute pastor. This gentleman brought true joy to our church every Sunday morning! He possesses so many admirable characteristics. He quickly learned everyone's name. He stood down on the floor where we were, not up and away from us, to deliver his message. He used no notes. Every message was meaningful to all. He frequently spoke God's word, enhancing the presence of the Spirit. And he is oh, so kind!

But due to circumstances beyond his or our control, he is no longer with us. This is a true loss for Prince of Peace at this time of transition, but we are grateful for all he did and all he was while he was with us.

Our sincerest thanks to Pastor Barnes and his wife, Lorra.

St. Robert to hold rummage sale in April

St. Robert Parish will be hold a rummage sale on Friday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the parish hall, state Route 46, north of Cortland. There will be clothes, shoes, dishes, toys, books and so much more. Lunch will be available. Saturday will be \$2 a bag day.



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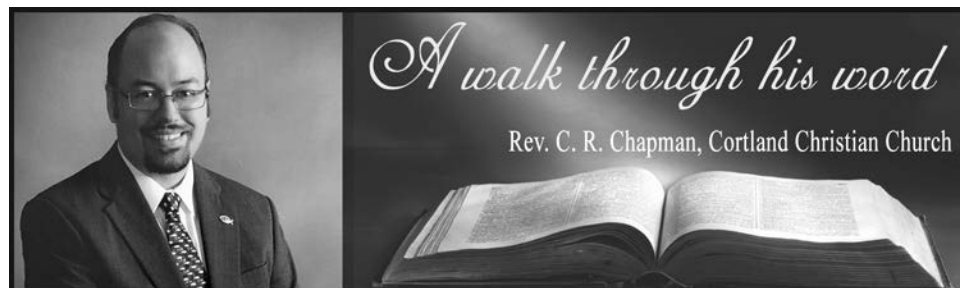
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'David's Idle Spring'

Spring begins March 20th. With the dawn of spring one becomes more and more active; from planting gardens and preparing fields to hiking, biking, golfing, and more people will stir their winter slumber and begin increasing in their activity. There was a man in the Bible who, when spring came, remained idle and did not resume his duties that came in the warmer weather. His name was David.

1st Samuel 11:1 says, "In the spring when kings march out to war, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem." (HCSB) From David's idleness would come an affair that would lead to him murdering Bathsheba's husband because he had a child with her and wished the nature of the child's birth to remain secret. David's sin would have far reaching consequences that would haunt him until his death, indeed his sin would affect Israel greatly, and it all arose out of idleness. Cawdray once said that "Idleness is very dangerous to those that are rich, and feel no want in this life; for, while they give themselves to it, voluptuousness overcomes reason,

and they are snared in the deadly traps and deceits of the world, and are poisoned with carnal pleasures and fleshly delights, which are enjoyable for a little while, but at length leave them to shame and confusion." Indeed, idleness is dangerous to all people.

King David had the duty of leading his armies to battle in the spring, but instead sent Joab in his place all while choosing the idle life and palace comforts. In his idleness he saw something that caused his mind to dwell more and more upon it until he acted upon his sinful, carnal desire. His first sin led to another sin, which led to another until an unstoppable snowball had built itself up, leading him to murder. The Bible says that King David was a man after God's own heart, (Acts 13:22). Even a person of great spiritual maturity can fall into the temptation of the flesh if they do not safeguard their heart. Idleness is a breeding ground for sin, just like a petri dish for bacteria. Winter has had us cooped up indoors and idle for far too long, now that spring is upon us it is time to shake of the dust and resume our lives filling them with the work that the Lord has placed before us for this season.

St. Stephen Church planning tours of Pittsburgh churches

St. Stephen Parish, Niles, has arranged a bus trip for Thursday, May 2, "Holy Pittsburgh" that will include visits to St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill, Penn., Old St. Patrick Church and St. Stanislaus Church, both in Pittsburgh.

The cost of the trip is \$49 per person and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, a guided tour of St. Anthony Chapel and all other admissions and church donations. The tour will depart St. Stephen Church at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

St. Anthony's Chapel, under the direction of Fr. Suitbert G. Mollinger, was dedicated on the feast of St. Anthony on June 13, 1883. Since then, more than 4,400 relics of saints and blessed have made their way into the chapel. These include splinters of the True Cross and of the Last Supper table, pieces of instruments from the scourging of Jesus and other elements of the Passion.

St. Patrick Church was established in 1808 by Fr. William Frances Xavier

O'Brien and is Pittsburgh's first Roman Catholic Church. Guests will see the outdoor monastery garden and the "Holy Stairs," which were replicated from the original Holy Stairs in Rome. The garden features a large outdoor grotto built in honor of our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Stairs includes 28 steps that represent Christ's ascent to Pilate. The group will then visit St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a beautiful European-style church that traces its roots back to the 1800s. The church has become known as the "Mother Church" of Pittsburgh's Polish community.

In addition to the stops, passengers will also have time to enjoy free time for lunch and shopping on their own in Pittsburgh's historic Strip District.

Payment is required to reserve a seat by April 14. Checks should be made payable to St. Stephen Church and be mailed to the church at 129 West Park Ave, Niles, OH 44446. For more information call Anna Marie Granny at 330-652-2474 or 330-646-1071.



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(Family Features) It may be a celebration in honor of a patron saint of Ireland, but you don't have to be Irish to join the revelry that marks each St. Patrick's Day. This year, gather some friends for a party that brings a bit of luck o' the Irish to all.

Perfect Party Menu

It's just not a party without a scrumptious spread of eats and drinks, and an occasion like St. Patrick's Day makes it fun to plan your menu. From green frosted cookies to a green-hued punch, countless options are available. A buffet-style meal allows guests to nibble as they wish and enjoy a wide range of foods.

Be sure to think beyond the food itself and also consider how you can get creative in serving it. For example, a hearty stew might be served in bowls that resemble pots of gold. Or display traditional finger foods, such as slices of cucumber, on a platter in the shape of a shamrock.

Try creating a signature cocktail for the affair using a classic green liquor like Midori, sour apple schnapps or rum, or even a creme de menthe.

A Theme to Celebrate

With so many prominent icons

associated with the holiday, decorating is probably one of the easiest aspects of your party planning. There's no shortage of images that scream St. Patrick's Day: shamrocks, rainbows, pots of gold, leprechauns, top hats and more. You might choose just one for your party's theme or create an everything-is-more ensemble that celebrates all things Irish.

For a more subtle approach, simply think green. Lots and lots of green. From streamers to balloons to photo booth props, if it's green, it will fit your theme. You can use plants to add greenery in elegant ways, green table and glassware for festive dining and even green-hued lighting for an all-Irish ambiance.

Festive Fun

Sure, the food and drinks are a big part of the party fun, but St. Patrick's Day also lends itself to some playful party entertainment. A soundtrack with classic Irish tunes is an ideal backdrop. You might invite guests to compete in a limerick writing contest or a scavenger hunt to find prizes like gold-covered chocolate coins and a candy-filled pot of gold.

4 things you might not know about boat shows

(BPT) - Boat shows are taking place across the country, offering opportunities to plan now for warmer days ahead. Special pricing and incentives on new boat models and marine accessories are a major draw for the 142 million Americans who take to the water each year, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association. For those ready to plan their summer adventures on the water, boat shows are a good place to start.

Explore all boating curiosities and interests, from fishing and sailing to riding personal watercraft and wakesurfing. Boat shows not only offer the opportunity to browse and board the latest boats and marine accessories, but also offer those looking to get started in boating a taste of the boating lifestyle during the off-season. Most boat shows have educational opportunities and ways to get on the water - from rentals to boat clubs and more.

Discover Boating, the national awareness program to help get people on the water, offers four reasons to visit a boat show near you this year:

- Warm up with hot deals. Unlike auto shows, boat shows are the place to buy. Hundreds of new models are available to buy right on the show floor at some of the best prices of the year. Boat shows make it easy to shop all the region's dealers in one location, and it's the right time to order a new boat to ensure it arrives by spring.

- Navigate the boating lifestyle. You can learn the ropes of boating and take advantage of onsite training, offered at little to no cost. Beginners can learn about boating, and more

experienced captains are able to hone their skills. Plus, boat shows offer interactive activities for the whole family from knot-tying and boating 101 seminars to remote-control docking ponds and virtual reality boating simulators and more. Most shows also have charters, boat clubs, rentals and boat schools for show-goers to research ways to get on the water before buying.

- Invest in your health. In addition to the thousands of steps you will achieve from browsing the latest products, boat shows could also be an investment in your health. According to a recent survey, 72 percent of Americans reported feeling healthier after spending time on the water. Plus, recent research has confirmed what many boaters already know - you experience health benefits, like reducing stress, by being near, in, on or under water, and while participating in activities like boating. Learn more about the health benefits of boating by visiting DiscoverBoating.com/your-brain-on-a-boat.

- Look for the seal of approval. When shopping for a boat at a show, online or at a dealership, always check to make sure it is NMMA Certified. NMMA Certified boat and trailer manufacturers have been independently inspected to ensure they meet strict industry standards for safety and construction, as well as all federal regulations. Look for the sticker near the helm of a boat.

Visit DiscoverBoating.com to find a boat show near you, a list of certified boat manufacturers, a Boat Finder tool that matches your on-water interests with different boat types, plus more interactive tools and resources for getting started in boating.

Southington UMC holding chicken dinner

The Southington United Methodist Church, state Routes 305 and 534, will be holding a chicken dinner, on Wednesday, April 3, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The menu includes: one fourth of a chicken, scalloped potatoes, green

beans, applesauce, coleslaw, homemade desserts and beverage. Price is adults \$9; children (ages 4-10)/chicken tenders dinner, \$4.50; and children 3 and under, free. Carry outs available. Call 330-898-2156.



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The breakfasts will take place on March 17, 24 and 31 and April 7, serving from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., available before or after Sunday morning worship.

Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes served with the Society's maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage and a beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 years old and free to children 4 and under. Served in the Lennah Bond Activities Center on the grounds of Century Village Museum, southeast corner of Burton Square. GPS, 14653 East Park St., Burton, Ohio 44021. For more information or group reservations call 440-834-1492. Bus tours, church, fraternal, and social groups, and family gatherings are all welcome.

In addition, the Maple Museum of Geauga County will be open free of charge on March 24 and April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

George from page 1

George loved to spend time outdoors with his family and friends, often at the cabin he and Linda built in Jamestown, PA.

George was a friend to everyone he met. His compassion and generosity for the community and its members was unparalleled. He always had a smile on his face and a pleasant greeting to offer. He will be remembered as an advocate, teacher, counselor and friend for so many. George loved sharing stories of old Cortland and enjoyed music of all kinds, particularly Bluegrass. He was a loyal fan and supporter of all Lakeview sports, especially cross country and basketball.

Besides his parents, George is preceded in death by his wife Linda (Krug) Gessner, and an infant daughter.

He is survived by his daughters Jenna Gessner (Aaron) Polak and Leesa Gessner (Mike) Montandon, two grandchildren Payton and Grayson Polak, and close cousins John (Sue), Burke (Beth), Terry (Sandy), and Judy Ensign.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the "George E. Gessner Memorial Scholarship Fund," which will aid Lakeview cross county athletes in their pursuit of higher education. George will forever be missed by many family members, friends, colleagues and former students. You can find the George E. Gessner Memorial Scholarship Fund under the "Fund Name" drop-down menu on webpage <https://hcf2.advisorwebsite.com/donate>. Or mail to Hudson Community Foundation at PO Box 944, Hudson, Ohio 44236 for the benefit of the George E. Gessner Memorial Scholarship fund.

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How to deal with volatile markets as you approach retirement

Retirement is an important milestone that often comes after years (or decades) of careful planning. For those who've saved diligently and are nearing the end of their careers, the mere thought of market volatility can send shivers down their spines. Will a sudden drop in the value of their portfolios impact their ability to retire? Will they really have enough money to live off of for the rest of their lives? Should they put their retirement plans on hold so they can maintain a steady paycheck?

If you are in this situation, now's a good time to assess whether you have the right plan in place to help you transition confidently into retirement, no matter what happens in the broader market. Here are some tips to keep in mind.

1. Pick your retirement date.

If you haven't already, take time now to decide the year and month when you (and potentially your spouse or partner) want to retire. You may find it is closer than you think, just a few years away. Or you may decide you want to extend your time in the workforce - whether it's continuing your current career or moving into a new full or part-time role. Either way, your answer can have a big impact on your investment decisions from this point forward.

2. Ensure your investments are diversified.

Various parts of the market react to headlines and economic drivers differently. For those nearing retirement, the recent spike in volatility is a reminder of how having a broadly diversified portfolio can help reduce your investing risk. The goal of diversification is that if some of your investments lose value, those losses could be offset by gains with other investments.

How do you know if you're properly diversified? The simplest answer is to check to see that your portfolio contains a mix of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, short-term cash investments, savings and other investing vehicles that take into account your goals and comfort-level with risk. Going a step further, ensure you understand how each asset or investment in your portfolio is helping you reach your financial goals. If you're unsure or want a second opinion, consider consulting a financial advisor for guidance.

3. Balance your need for protection with growth.

Protecting your portfolio from current or future market downturns becomes more important as you approach the day when you start living off your savings. Consider investing the money you plan to use for income in the first few years of retirement more conservatively in liquid vehicles that are easy to access. This can help give you peace of mind that you are prepared to handle upcoming expenses should the markets swing.

It's also important to remember that your retirement could last 20, 30 or even 40 years. Balance your need for protection with continuing to grow your nest egg. Assets you won't need for some time could be more aggressively positioned. At a minimum, ensure your assets can keep on pace with rising inflation.

When the market moves, it's an opportunity to compare your investment strategy to your goals. Are you on track? No matter the answer, there are steps you can take to feel more confident about your ability to retire when and how you want to. For additional help talk to a financial advisor who is willing to discuss your personal circumstances and provide guidance on how to manage your money for today's market.

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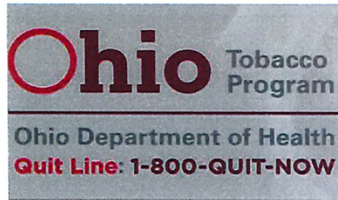
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Cortland Bancorp announces NASDAQ stock exchange listing

Cortland Bancorp., the bank holding company of The Cortland Savings and Banking Company (the "Bank"), announced that shares of its common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market stock exchange effective with the opening of trading on March 8, 2019. Shares of the company's common stock will trade under the symbol "CLDB" (NASDAQ).

James M. Gasior, president and chief executive officer stated, "The transition to the NASDAQ Capital Markets signifies an important step under our strategic plan. As we continue to grow and develop as a company, the NASDAQ listing will provide us with increased liquidity and greater exposure to the investor markets. We are committed to continuing to manage balance sheet growth, enhance earnings and improve overall shareholder value as part of our strategic business

plan."

The NASDAQ announcement follows closely on the heels of the Bank's 2018 earnings announcement in January in which Cortland Bancorp reported record net income of \$8.8 million, or \$2.04 per share. As a result of the Bank's strong financial performance, the board declared a special dividend of \$.05 per share, which is in addition to the regular dividend of \$.11 per share.

Cortland Bancorp, headquartered in Cortland, is a Bank holding company with total assets in excess of \$674 million. The Bank operates 14 full service banking centers and an LPO office in Fairlawn, Ohio. The Bank just opened its 14th full service banking center in the community of Strongsville in early February 2019, marking the third new branch in the past four years. Additional information is available at www.cortlandbank.com.



By Jennifer J. Slywczak

Tax Time Guide: Seniors who turned 70½ last year must start receiving retirement plan payments by April 1

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers that, in most cases, Monday, April 1, 2019, is the date by which persons who turned age 70½ during 2018 must begin receiving payments from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and workplace retirement plans.

This news release is part of a series called the Tax Time Guide, a resource to help taxpayers file an accurate tax return. Additional help is available in Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax, and the tax reform information page.

Two payments in the same year

The payments, called required minimum distributions (RMDs), are normally made by the end of the year. Those persons who reached age 70½ during 2018 are covered by a special rule, however, that allows first-year recipients of these payments to wait until as late as April 1, 2019, to get the first of their RMDs. The April 1 RMD deadline only applies to the required distribution for the first year. For all following years, including the year in which recipients were paid the first RMD by April 1, the RMD must be made by Dec. 31.

A taxpayer who turned 70½ in 2018 (born July 1, 1947, to June 30, 1948) and receives the first required distribution (for 2018) on April 1, 2019, for example, must still receive the second RMD by Dec. 31, 2019. To avoid having both amounts included in their income for the same year, the taxpayer can make their first withdrawal by Dec. 31 of the year they turn 70½ instead of waiting until April 1 of the following year.

Types of retirement plans requiring RMDs

The required distribution rules apply to owners of traditional, Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) and Savings Incentive Match Plans for Employees (SIMPLE) IRAs but not Roth IRAs while the original owner is alive. They also apply to participants in various workplace retirement plans, including 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b)

plans.

An IRA trustee must either report the amount of the RMD to the IRA owner or offer to calculate it for the owner. Often, the trustee shows the RMD amount on Form 5498 in Box 12b. For a 2018 RMD, this amount is on the 2017 Form 5498 normally issued to the owner during January 2018.

Some can delay RMDs

Though the April 1 deadline is mandatory for all owners of traditional IRAs and most participants in workplace retirement plans, some people with workplace plans can wait longer to receive their RMD. Employees who are still working usually can, if their plan allows, wait until April 1 of the year after they retire to start receiving these distributions. See Tax on Excess Accumulation in Publication 575. Employees of public schools and certain tax-exempt organizations with 403(b) plan accruals before 1987 should check with their employer, plan administrator or provider to see how to treat these accruals.

IRS online tools and publications can help

Many answers to questions about RMDs can be found in a special frequently asked questions section at IRS.gov. Most taxpayers use Table III (Uniform Lifetime) to figure their RMD. For a taxpayer who reached age 70½ in 2018 and turned 71 before the end of the year, for example, the first required distribution would be based on a distribution period of 26.5 years. A separate table, Table II, applies to a taxpayer married to a spouse who is more than 10 years younger and is the taxpayer's only beneficiary. Both tables can be found in the appendices to Publication 590-B.

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Lyme disease symposium on May 11

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Tickets can be purchased online at <https://neohiolyme.eventbrite.com> or at the door at the day of the event.

Connectivity is king this home-buying season

(BPT) - The spring home-buying season is just around the corner and that means people are busy making improvements to get their homes ready to sell. These days, home upgrades are increasingly focused on one key feature: connectivity. In 2019, buyers want smart homes they can easily control from anywhere. From smart HVAC and sprinkler systems to connected garage door openers, it's all about creating convenience and comfort.

Security gets connected

Security systems are nothing new, but the technology used to arm those systems is changing rapidly. More and more home security companies now offer fully connected systems that allow users to protect and monitor their homes from any smart device. Whether it's a live video feed, the ability to lock and unlock doors remotely or just checking that all sensors are working properly, integrated security systems offer peace of mind. Having the infrastructure in place can be a selling point for buyers who want to make sure their new home is as safe as possible, given they'll only have to set up the monitoring subscription upon move-in.

Updated garages add value

According to Remodeling Magazine's 2019 Cost vs. Value survey, a garage door replacement is the number one home improvement project in terms of return on investment. But these days, more homeowners are taking it a step further and installing new technology to make the garage more user friendly. For example, the SilentMax Connect garage door opener from The Genie Company comes with Aladdin Connect technology built-in to improve convenience and functionality. Not only is the opener super quiet - ideal for attached garages - but the connectivity features allow you to check whether your garage door is open or closed, grant individual access with virtual keys, instantly know when someone is operating your garage door (authorized or not), and provide a log of when each opener was used - all from

your phone or smart device. Thanks to this technology, you can open the garage door remotely for delivery people, a housekeeper or for your child coming home from school. Considering your garage is one of the most accessed points in your home, this functionality is a great security feature and proves that garages offer more than just storage space. With the right connectivity tools and features, they can provide convenience that will be attractive to future owners.

Save energy, increase comfort

As home improvement trends go, increased connectivity is rivaled only by the desire for more energy-efficient homes. Smart thermostats accomplish both these aims and can increase the value of your home in the process. Smart thermostats let you easily control the temperature in your home from any connected device. You can set a daily schedule for your heater, adjust the temperature in individual rooms or let the system program itself based on your usage history. For energy-conscious buyers, this kind of technology provides a way of living that's as aspirational as it is attainable.

Lighting the way

Smart lighting has turned from a novelty to a practical tool as products have gotten more advanced. Programmable lighting allows you to schedule when your lights will come on, turn on and off lights remotely or change the lighting to improve aesthetics. With a smart lighting system, you'll never have to get out of bed to turn the lights off downstairs, and you can always come home to a fully lit house, boosting your sense of security. With these kinds of applications, your home's lighting can go from a 'given' to a must-have, attracting buyers like a moth to a flame.

New, smart products are hitting the market every day. For homeowners savvy enough to incorporate this new technology into their homes, they'll not only be more connected, but they'll likely see more offers rolling in when it comes time to sell.

Maple Museum open house

The Geauga County Historical Society will open the Maple Museum of Geauga County to visitors, free of charge, on two upcoming weekends.

The Maple Museum of Geauga County, the newest of the many historical exhibits, will be open on March 24 and April 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and learn more about Geauga's rich history of maple sugar and syrup production by viewing

this exhibit, located just yards from the dining facility at Century Village Museum, southeast corner of Burton Square. GPS, 14653 East Park St., Burton, Ohio 44021. If you have not yet seen this presentation of one of Geauga County's proudest claims to fame, now is the time. Bus tours, church, fraternal, and social groups, and family gatherings are all welcome.

Samba & Shenanigans Party by USA Dance

USA Dance will hold a "Samba & Shenanigans Party" on Sunday, March 17 at the Orthodox Center, 1025 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, and will feature fun, dancing and Samba lessons. The evening will include Basic Beginners at 5 p.m.; Samba lessons,

sponsored by Jessica Ruff, from A Time to Dance Studio, at 5:30 p.m.; and open dancing to Ballroom, Latin, Swing and Hustle from 6:15 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for non-members and \$2.50 for students.



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Cortland Rotary considers short term Youth Exchange Program

Members of the Rotary Club of Cortland recently heard a presentation on the international club's Short Term Youth Exchange Program (STEP) for high school students. Kelli Hulea, Rotary District 6650 coordinator of the program, explained that STEP is an opportunity for young people to spend time in another country with a screened host family. She explained that STEP students spend 3-4 weeks abroad during the summer in either France, Italy, Spain or Japan. Foreign language skills aren't required. "The students are able to experience living in another country without needing to miss school at home," Hulea explained.

Pictured are Kelli Hulea (left) with club president Donna Zuga.



Tickets for Lakeview Drama's production of 'Aladdin' now on sale

By Marty Young

Lakeview High School will present the Broadway version of Disney's "Aladdin" on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. in Raidel Auditorium. With music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin it is pure spectacle and Disney magic. Since the show is currently on national tour, the version available to schools is called "Aladdin, Jr." which has changed the keys of some of the songs to make them more accessible for high school students. The show is being presented by permission of Music Theatre International, New York.

The cast includes Sean Galela as Aladdin and Molly Stein as Jasmine. Aladdin's friends are Stephen Gorman (Kassim), Griffin Becker (Omar) and Noah Mooney (Babkak). Jasmine's friends are Anna Rider (Isir), Karlynn Baker (Manal) and Maggie Bork (Rajah). The Sultan is portrayed by Jacob Batchelor and his nemesis Jafar is played by Bobby Coller. Jafar's sidekick, Iago, is portrayed by Rachel Gorman.

The Genie comes to life in the performance of Douglas Gurdak. Mitchel Meadors-Matheson is Prince Abdullah and his attendant is Colin Beebe. Cameron Edie is Razoul and his guard is Josiah Pinkard. The cast is rounded out by the ensemble playing the parts of Agrabahns and Entourage. They are Calista Hall, Reagan Lew, Leah Manns, Mikaela McKenzie, Emily Reebel, Jessica Roach, Morgan Rolley, Emily Kirchens, and Audrey Parrish.

The cast is supported by a crew led by Ashley Hetherington, stage manager and Alissa Rodgers, assistant stage manager. The technical crew is Kobe Lam, Lynn Acosta, and Eric Portzer. Michael Thomas is sound technician. Properties manager, Lita Ramos, is assisted by Trent Walk. Doing costumes, make-up, painting and tickets are Savanna Means, Danielle Turner, Kaileen Stevens and Alyssa Olejnik.

Choreography was created and taught by Ashley Olejnik. Marty Young, drama director, serves as music director and set designer also. Her husband, Ken Young, auditorium manager, built the beautiful sets that include the marketplace of Agrabah and the Cave of Wonders. Musical assistant is Laurie Jones. The Lakeview Drama Department is very appreciative of James Williams, photographer for donating many wonderful set pieces to the drama department.

"Aladdin" is an excellent family show that appeals to all ages. It includes such familiar songs as "Whole New World," "Friend Like Me," "One Jump Ahead" and "Arabian Nights." New songs incorporated into the stage show are "High Adventure," "These Palace Walls," and "Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim."

You won't want to miss being transported to "Arabian Nights" as only Disney can do it. Come and be swept away into the magical world of flying carpets and Genies. Tickets are available at Daybreak Music for advanced, reserved seating. General admission tickets will be available one hour before each show in the auditorium lobby, Lakeview High School, 300 Hillman, Cortland. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students.

Lakeview Drama Department thanks you for your continuous support!



Molly Stein and Sean Galela (Jasmine and Aladdin) rehearse a scene from "Aladdin."

Cortland Playroom celebrate Dr. Suess's birthday

"Cat in the Hat." "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and "Horton Hears a Who!" are just some of the stories you would have heard at the Cortland Playroom to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. Besides hearing the stories, the children had green eggs and ham and made some really neat crafts that look like "The Cat in the Hat."



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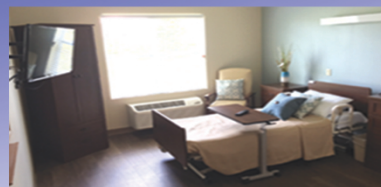
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Lakeview Band Boosters spring craft and vendor show

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WPO announces student Art in Music contest details

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is sponsoring its 11th annual Art in Music contest for Trumbull County's third through eighth grade students. The objective of the contest is to create artwork that expresses the entrant's feelings and his/her visual interpretation of one of the pieces to be performed at this year's Spring Concert, "Scheherazade, 1001 Tales of Arabian Nights," by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

Judith Solomon, WPO board member explains, "Classical music so enriches our lives that the orchestra sponsors our art contest to encourage young people to discover the thrill of this music by listening to the instruments, the performers and the composers."

Teachers are provided CD recordings of "Scheherazade" excerpts, along with notes from WPO conductor Susan Davenny Wyner that provide background and elicit critical thinking. Information about the Art in Music contest has been delivered to art and music teachers in Trumbull County schools through school courier systems. Materials and contest rules are also available at <http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/art-in-music-contest-2019.html>. Images of past contests are included on the page. Over the past 12 years, hundreds of original and colorful "Art in Music" drawings have been created and exhibited at area venues.

Home-schooled students in Trumbull County are welcome to participate.

There is no cost to participate in the contest. All entries become the property of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra

and must be submitted to the orchestra office, 174 North Park Ave., Suite 9, Warren, by Monday, March 25, by 4 p.m.

Art in Music contest winners will be introduced and their awards will be presented at the orchestra's Spring Concert on Sunday, April 7, 3 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 256 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, where their artwork will be on display. Complete concert details are posted at <http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/spring-concert---april-7-2019.html>.

Principals, teachers and parents can contact Leanna Dunaway, the orchestra's assistant executive director, for more information about the contest at 330-399-3606 or warren.philharmonic@gmail.com.



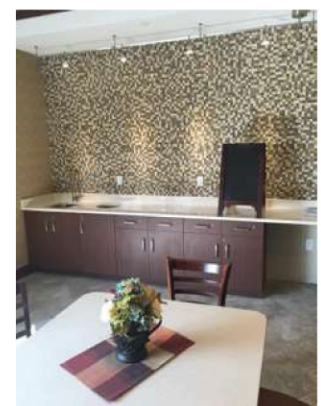
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Lakeview Band Boosters Night at the Races

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. Unsold horses may be purchased the night of the event, before the racing starts for \$10 each. Tickets to the event can be purchased through Brittany Totten at 330-502-7488 or her Facebook messenger, any band booster member or inquire with any band student.



Plastic pollution: what to know

(StatePoint) Plastics are an increasingly widespread pollutant, according to environmental experts, harming ecosystems and wildlife as well as endangering human health. One of the largest worldwide industries driving this crisis -- the fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector that offers such things as soft drinks, toiletries, foods and other consumables -- is not taking significant action to put the brakes on the growing production and marketing of single-use plastics, suggests a new report.

The report, "A Crisis of Convenience: The corporations behind the plastics pollution pandemic," by Greenpeace, found that single-use packaging is the main delivery system used by all of the companies surveyed and there is no sign of that changing. What's more, none of these companies have comprehensive strategies that include commitments to move away from single-use plastic, with some companies actually increasing the amount of single-use plastic packaging and waste they produce.

"Unfortunately, across the board, the consumer goods industry has failed to take responsibility for the single-use plastics crisis they helped create," said Greenpeace USA ocean plastics campaign director, John Hocevar. "The

current commitments corporations have made around plastics actually allow for increased use in the future. We need more transparency and substantive action immediately."

Other study findings include the fact that most solutions being explored by businesses are primarily related to addressing recyclability or recycling, not reducing or creating new delivery systems. Unfortunately, most companies know or disclose little about the amount of their packaging that is recycled and even less about the destination of their plastic waste after consumption.

Beyond personal choices, such as recycling single-use plastics and using reusable bags and bottles, Hocevar points out that individuals can make an impact by talking to their local grocery stores, restaurants and businesses about phasing out single-use plastics as well as by writing to some of the larger companies urging them to move in a better direction.

More information about the study and plastic pollution can be found by visiting www.greenpeace.org.

"The sector urgently needs to move away from throwaway plastics for the benefit of our oceans, wildlife and communities around the world," says Hocevar.

Tips to keep kids' minds and bodies active

(StatePoint) If you're like many parents, you want to ensure that your little ones' playtime gives them a chance to exercise both body and mind. Here are some fun ways to incorporate both into the equation.

- **Outdoor fun:** Outdoor fun can be had nearly any time of year. Carve out time each week for trips to the local playground or park and for short walks and scooter rides. The change of scenery will activate young minds naturally to explore the world around them.

- **Movement through discovery:** Seek out toys that inspire movement through the act of discovery. For example, Chase Me Casey, a monkey that skates, spins and wobbles across the floor, encourages children to dance and crawl after him. When your child gets close, Casey reacts with playful sounds and encouraging phrases. Five colorful shape buttons on the monkey's shirt introduce letters, numbers, body parts, music and more.

- **Music class:** For young children, music class is a great way to connect mind and body, as kids are introduced to simple rhythms, dancing, singing and percussion instruments. If music class doesn't fit into your family's schedule, you can always get the jams going at home, introducing your child to an array of musical styles.

- **Toys to grow with:** From floor play to first steps, look for toys that will assist your child with this crucial transition. For example, the VTech Stroll & Discover Activity Walker, which grows with your child, is nicely suited for floor play as its removable

activity panel is packed with features like light-up piano keys, spinning gears and shape sorter pieces to help develop fine motor skills. When kids are ready, you can attach the panel to an adjustable two-speed walker, so they can learn and discover while on-the-move.

- **Imaginative play:** Let kids create their own adventures using their imagination as a guide. Toys such as Starshine the Bright Lights Unicorn can add whimsy and adventure to active playtime. Place the seven charms on any of the three magic hearts to see the horn light up and hear colors, objects and phrases in English or Spanish. Use the charms to answer quiz questions or add sound effects to create your own special song. Squeeze the unicorn's tail to see her wings flap and hear phrases and sound effects. Starshine's majestic hooves feature wheels so kids can push her as they head off on their next adventure.

- **Simon Says:** "Simon Says" is a fun game to get kids moving while reinforcing vocabulary, from learning the names of different body parts to distinguishing sounds, such as "Simon Says cluck like a chicken." This is a game that can progress with your child's development. Start with the basics like, "Simon Says touch your nose." As kids get more coordinated, try stuff like "Simon Says hop on one leg."

Keeping kids active and engaged adds meaning to playtime and makes things more fun. With toys and activities, you can foster discovery and imagination while introducing movement to children.

Trumbull County Republican Women hear from Trump campaign managers

The Trumbull County Republican Women recently attended a luncheon at the Youngstown Country Club. Guest speakers were Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie, the 2016 Trump campaign managers. Displaying their two authored books about their experiences during this time, Lewandowski and Bossie spoke of their employment on the 2016 campaign trail with President Trump, answered questions from the attending members and signed autographs after the luncheon. The luncheon was sponsored by the Republican National Committee with many of its officers in attendance. Jane Timken, Ohio Republican chairman also spoke on future needs members need to concentrate on for the 2020 Presidential campaign.

Pictured seated from left: Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie. Standing: Jo Anne Szczyglowski and Cathy Lukasko.



Travel Club will explore Tulip Festival

The Trumbull County Travel Club will jump into spring with a motor coach mini vacation to Holland, Mich. from May 7-9. Holland, located on Lake Macatawa, like its counterpart in Europe, plants millions of blooming tulips, which will greet members in this town named the "Best Small Town Festival" in the U.S. Reflecting on the area's Dutch heritage, Windmill Island is on the agenda as well as the DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory tour. There will be time to experience traditional Klompen, photograph the Big Red Lighthouse and sit in comfortable seats for the Volksparade. Two breakfasts and two dinners are included along with the Fiddle Fire Show and the Dazzle Dinner

Theater.

To receive literature on the Holland trip please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the secretary. Information can be received by calling Peggy at 330-856-5398.

In September, the club will head west to Rapid City, South Dakota. An April and a June day trip are on the agenda. There are seven seats remaining on the April trip and fifteen on the June trip.

The Travel Club is open to any person who wishes to travel and make new friends. There are no fees to join. The club has been together since 2000 and consists of people over the age of 21. The members meet twice a year at area sites to discuss upcoming trips.

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