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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH March

New mayor has 2020 vision

By Sally Lane

January welcomed a new decade in the new millennium along

with a newly elected mayor, Deidre Petrosky. As a 21-year veteran in City Council, Petrosky brings a wealth of experience and insight about Cortland's government to the office of mayor. She also brings a bachelor's degree with a double major in Public Administration



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A giant leap for women

By Sally Lane

The year 1920 was a leap year, just like 2020. The difference is that 1920 was finally the year that the United States made a giant leap forward for women. The 19th Amendment granting women suffrage into law. Before that, some states had passed women's suffrage, but this was for the entire country. My grandmother was 25 years old and had married a World War I veteran just a few months before the amendment. She voted in every election until she passed away in 1972.

The suffrage for women movement had been ongoing in the United States since 1848, but it was an issue in Europe and Australia also. Australia enabled women to vote in 1902, while Finland was the first country in Europe to implement the right to vote and run for office in 1906. Other European countries followed the suffrage movement during the 20th century with the Swiss canton of Appenzell Innerhoden being the last

one in 1986 to grant women the right to vote. Saudi Arabian women were first allowed to vote in December of 2015 - in municipal elections.

Suffrage for women, of course, was just the beginning of positive changes for women in the United States, but it was probably the most important. Women had always been partners, but not always treated as equals. It is no surprise that their importance in settling our country was first formally recognized by law in the western movement. Wyoming was the first to grant women suffrage in 1869. All through the west women worked next to their husbands in the fields, fed and clothed the family, all while taking care of children and the home. Recognizing their part in settling our country was the first step toward equality.

One of my favorite historical stories about Bazetta/Cortland

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 Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.

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 Monday, March 9, 5 p.m.

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
 Read the minutes from
 Cortland City Council meetings at
www.cityofcortland.org under City
 Council Minutes.

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 Second Monday of each month
 Monday, March 9, 7 p.m.
 Meetings and agenda of Council and
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www.cityofcortland.org

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

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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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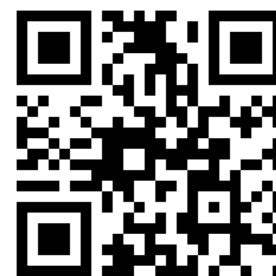
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Community Events Event Calendar February 29 – March 21

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. *See pg. 2 and 18*

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.

Lakeview Elementary kindergarten registration, various dates. *See pg. 10*

Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon, 5922 Warren Road, Cortland.

Johnston Senior Center weekly activities, 5922 Warren Road, Cortland. *See pg. 10*
Howland Community Church fish fry every Friday during Lent through April 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 198 Niles Cortland Road, Howland. *See pg. 14*

"Mustang vs. Camaro – Battle for Supremacy" exhibit, through April 15, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

20th Annual Vintage Motorcycle Exhibit, "Two Wheels at the County Fair" through May 16, National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

SCOPE Senior Services/AARP Foundation free tax preparation and assistance. *See pg. 13*

Warren SCOPE Senior Center Help Heal Veterans art creativity classes, Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Warren Senior Citizen Center at YWCA, 375 North Park Ave., Warren.

The Upton Association's Women's Suffrage series of talks, first Wednesday of March and April, 10 a.m., the Upton House, 380 Mahoning Ave., Warren.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks

FEBRUARY

29 Lakeview High School Drama Department's winter production, "Shakespeare Scenes," 7:30 p.m., Raidel Auditorium.

MARCH

1 Lakeview High School Drama Department's winter production, "Shakespeare Scenes," 3 p.m., Raidel Auditorium.

7 Charity pancake breakfast hosted by Cortland Masonic Lodge to benefit Four Seasons Garden Club, 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street). *See pg. 7*

7 Men of Faith monthly breakfast, 9 a.m., the Restaurant in the Airport, Vienna. *See pg. 14*

11 Trumbull County Master Gardeners In the Garden Series, "Hostas," 6 p.m., Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland, free.

14 Cortland Christian Church Sausage Gravy and Biscuit Breakfast, 8:30-11 a.m., 153 Grove St, Cortland. *See pg. 14*

14 Cortland United Methodist Church corned beef/roast beef dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 155 North High St., Cortland. *See pg. 15*

14 St. Stephen Parish Luck of the Irish fund raiser, 5:30 p.m., Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 N. Main St., Niles.

19 OSU Master Gardeners Want to Learn More Series, "Native Plants," 10 a.m.-noon, Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland, \$20. CEUs available to Master Gardeners.

21 CHOW's "Just for Fun Quiz Night," 6:30 p.m., St. Robert parish hall, chowohio@gmail.com.

21 The 7th Annual Warren Relay for Life fund raiser "Run for the Roses" Night at the Races, 5:30 p.m., Hippodrome Banquet Center, 150 High St NE, Warren. *See pg. 17*

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and Political Science (1984) and a law degree (2013) from the University of Akron Law School.


When Deidre and her husband Don decided to move to Cortland in 1992, they were mainly interested in the schools for their children. They had married shortly after Deidre's 1984 graduation from Miami University of Ohio and soon had a young girl and boy. "Although I was raised in Warren and graduated from Warren G. Harding high school in 1980, both my grandmother and great grandmother were married into the Biggin family of Cortland. It was family and the school system that brought us to Cortland," she said. She said that their children were enrolled in Lakeview. All three children, Katie, David and Hannah (born a few years later in Cortland) are Lakeview graduates. The girls are married and the Petroskys have one granddaughter.

Although Deidre and Don spent their first few years in Cortland establishing Don's construction business, Deidre's interest in the city's administration led to an invitation to fill an opening in City Council in 1998. While serving on council, she decided to attend law

school. "I wasn't interested in becoming a lawyer, but I was interested in law and being a public servant." During that time, she was re-elected for each term on council until her election as mayor, with her term beginning in January 2020. She is the third woman mayor in Cortland's history. The first was Sandra Roscoe (1988 - 1992). The second was Melissa Long (2000-2003).

As the mayor, Deidre's goal is to work and create a new Comprehensive & Strategic Plan for the city. "The most recent one was written in the 1990s. Reviewing goals and objectives is important," she said, for the city to move forward. "But even more important are that applications for grants need to be made. It is imperative that land use be discussed and decided upon. To do this," she said, "the city will conduct two public meetings." Residents will be notified when meeting dates are planned.


The new mayor appreciates the work that has been done in this new century by former mayors Curt Moll and Jim Woofter and is enthusiastic about being part of bringing the Cortland Vision into even clearer focus. Please watch for notices for the public meetings.



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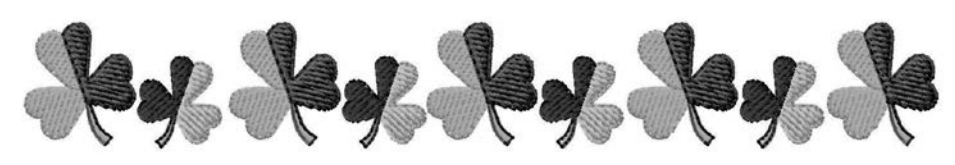
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By Thom Foley

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Save the date April 4 for the first annual **Chrissy's Cortland Community Cottontail Celebration**. A free Community Easter Egg hunt sponsored by **Chrissy's Lake Tavern Restaurant**. Watch their FB page and The Cortland News for more information.

Cortland Playroom and Preschool has now opened registration for the 2020-2021 school year. This is our area's premier PRESCHOOL. Not just baby-sitting - but a real preschool. No wonder there are limited openings - so you better hurry. They fill up fast and have a variety of options.

Dr. Lynn Johnson, Cortland Pediatrics tells us that is more important now than ever to have your child immunized. Be smart and protect your children.

I had a great conversation with **Jody Sova, Realtor** the other day about the housing market. She tells me that it is a great time to both buy and sell. She is not just your Realtor, she is your neighbor, too.

Dog lovers, did you know we had a store right here in Cortland that is all about dogs? Premium dog food and products, dog grooming and dog training. Check out **Totally Dog** on Main Street.

If you have a slip or fall this winter, or are recovering from surgery remember that **Action Physical Therapy** is the place to go get back in shape.

I had lunch at **Iron House Bar & Grill** the other day. What a great burger they have. Check out their full menu. A great family restaurant right here in town. And, on the bar side they tons of TVs that will have all the March Madness games.

Tired of the impersonal 'cookie cutter' service from those big box chain tax preparers? **Champion Income Tax Service** has been giving personal service for 40 years. And you will see your friends and neighbors there to help you.

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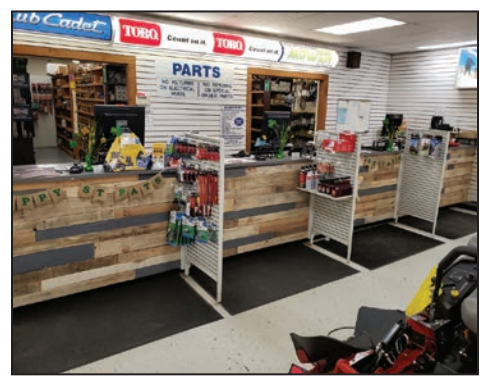
Cortland Lanes has Cosmic Bowling on Friday night. You don't have to be a great or even a good bowler. You just have to want to have fun. This is a great family atmosphere and there is nothing like it anywhere around.



Cortland Mower is 'green aware'

Cortland Mower & Sales is one of the Cortland business leaders in being

environmentally conscious. They recycle all of the cardboard packaging and paper that runs through this very busy business. "We are trying to be as green aware as possible. We, as a business want to minimize our carbon footprint," said Manager Sam Boyd. "Our Toro and DeWalt battery equipment produce less emissions than gas machines yet some are just as powerful. The technology is developing rapidly." Recently they repurposed old skids to remodel the front counter. It recycled wood and gave the store a fresh new look.



Campbell Carpet & Flooring adds hard flooring showrooms

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John Dunn, owner of Campbell Carpet & Flooring.

Congratulations Donna Bilek



Logan Feronti, Erie Insurance Ohio district manager (right), presents Donna Bilek of Greenwood Insurance with the Erie's Founders award. Superior customer service plus finding the best coverage at the best price is what Donna has been doing at Greenwood Insurance for the past 20 years.

Meet Christine Broberg of Shafer-Winans Chapel

Christine Broberg first felt her calling for funeral directing as a young child after attending a funeral for her four year old cousin. This passion followed her while growing up and graduated from Wayne State University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in mortuary science.



Upon getting her license to practice in Michigan Christine took time out to be a full-time mother, when she soon discovered having a career made her a better wife and mom. Going back to work part time she managed a pet cremation company. Though she enjoyed this work, Christine wanted to practice her trade in a conventional funeral home. In 2001 Christine found the perfect fit with Rupert, Durham, Marshall & Gren Life Story Funeral Homes when they were looking for a part-time funeral director. After 15 years with Life Story Funeral Homes in Portage, Mich., Christine then joined Lane Family Funeral Homes.

and is active in the Cortland Lions Club. They have two daughters. Kelly, who works in corrections and her husband Cameron who live in Tennessee. Daughter Allison, who is still at home, currently is working for the Moose Lodge in Mecca. The Brobergs also have two granddaughters.

Since 2016, Christine has been a constant presence at Lane Funeral Homes, Shafer-Winans Chapel. "No one wants to come into our building, so my goal is to make the experience personal, comforting, creative and educational. Using my almost 25 years of experience and a more modern approach to funeral services, it allows me to enhance the experience within the funeral home not just for the family, but for everyone in attendance, as well," Broberg explained. She said that funeral services in general are changing. Many families are no longer finding that traditional style services are what they want and add that "making sure that honoring the deceased in the most relevant way possible is the goal of Lane Funeral Homes."

Christine and her husband Scott are residents of Cortland. Scott works in IT Project Management for Eaton Corp

Chrissy's Community Cottontail Celebration

Save the date April 4 for the Free Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Chrissy's Lake Tavern. You can meet the Easter Bunny, hunt for over 1,600 filled Easter eggs or win one of the Easter baskets in the big giveaway.

There will be face painting, family yard games and a magician. Watch for more information in the next issue of The Cortland News. Chrissy's is located at 6071 state Route 46 in Mecca.



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Cortland's Women in Business

By Thom Foley

As we celebrate Women in Business it is interesting to recognize how quickly some things have changed. When I was in college over 50 years ago it was rare to see a female in one of my business classes. Those that dared to do so were often openly maligned by some of the "stuffy old white male professors." They actually listed the classes as "Business classes for Men" and Business classes for GIRLS!" And those were usually typing, filing and secretarial type classes. When I retired from teaching business classes at Kent about 50 years later my classes were easily 65-75 percent women. And YES, they were the better students! LOL! Things have come a long way!

In this issue of The Cortland News we feature Cortland's Women in Business. Most of the businesses that support your Cortland News are owned, co-owned or managed by women! We

could have our own chapter of Women in Business right here in Cortland and Bazetta!

We asked several of these women to contribute a bio on themselves and their businesses. Read and enjoy as you learn how women are changing the world.

Kathy Schultz Owner of Totally Dog on Main Street in Cortland. I drove school bus for special needs and regular education students for 30 years, a job I thoroughly enjoyed. Early hours, old bones and cold weather made retirement sound like the life for me, but life gets a bit boring without a purpose, or reason to get up and get going in the morning. I love dogs and have a friend who runs a doggie daycare and training business. Looking for a building that would house her business in Cortland evolved into me buying a building that would house her business and had so much extra space it was natural to add

a business that was Totally Dog! We sell dog (and cat) food that is healthy premium grade food. We have treats, toys, apparel, grooming supplies, medicinal supplies, leashes, collars and everything you might need. We are still new at this, but the first two years have flown by and we look forward to our future of serving new customers and making new friends.

Jo Marie Ferradino of Jo Marie's School of Dance, Gymnastics Center, and Ninja Warrior Room started her business in Warren in September of 1973. It was a dance school that also offered acrobatics. She began her first year in the Dance Teachers Training College of the Dance Masters of America in New York City that summer, later to continue and completed her studies at Kent State University. She attained certification from the Dance Masters of Ohio, Dance Masters of America,

and The Cecchetti Council of America for Classical Ballet. Jo Marie relocated her business to Cortland in 1991 and expanded the curriculum into the gymnastics genre. The program offered training on floor, bars, balance beam, and vault. In 2007, she ventured into further expansion. It was a renovation of the warehouse located on Erie Street in the Inner Office Building. The new home for her school opened its doors in January 2008. Many joyful years glided by until the construction of the Ninja Room began. The concept for this new endeavor was to create a challenging obstacle course for children that would be fun as well as building strength, coordination and endurance. The activities are instructed by personal trainers devoted to coaching their students. New obstacles continually are being created for the course. The dance school offers a recreational and competition program. The competition team has won many regional and national titles. The gymnastic center offers classes on basic to advanced floor skills as well as apparatus training. Jo Marie's has the recipe for the secret sauce for success. Kids are little people that have big hearts. Teach them with love and respect, they will find their wings yet never grow apart.

Jenny Double Palmer of Mayflower Wollam Insurance Group. We are a full service insurance agency providing home, auto, commercial, life and health insurance solutions. I have been involved for 13 years. Previously I worked for over 15 years for Electronic Data Systems supporting Delphi Packard Electric as a systems analyst and also worked in computer system support for other companies such as Haines Criss-Cross Americalist in North Canton and Nashbar Associates in Boardman. During college, I worked for Tom Foolery Pizza & Eyes Cream in Cortland. My husband John has been in the insurance field for over 24 years. When he purchased his first agency, we decided that I would start working for the agency when the time was right, after the birth of our third child (Jaelyn). I was able to help him manage the business while working from home. As Jaelyn entered school, I started working more and more in the office. I have a BS degree in computer science from Youngstown State University and possess an Ohio insurance license, have acquired my CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor) through The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research. I am focusing on growing the agency in our four locations. We strive to provide quality insurance solutions for our customers. I am very honored to operate a business in the Cortland community. I was raised here and have many wonderful memories of the streets and sounds. It's always a pleasure to drive into town and see the familiar places and faces. I am a member of the Cortland Rotary. My son Joshua is also an agent at our Cortland location and is working towards his CIC designation also. Keeping the business local is our goal. When I was at Lakeview High School, I had the most amazing teachers that encouraged me to learn and pursue those items that interested me. Cortland was a great place to grow up and learn.

Toula Tambures "the heart" of Vasilios Restaurant and Pizzeria has been in the business for 38 years. Our

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WJWL brings Valentine's Day to Someplace Safe

Members of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League recently delivered a homemade Valentine's Day dinner to the woman and children residing at Someplace Place. Club members donated items so each resident could receive a Valentine Gift Bag to celebrate the day.



Pictured from left are Lisha Pompili-Baumiller, Mary Swift, Club President Mary Lou Jarrett and Regina Gatti.

Monday Afternoon Club holds first meeting of the year

Members of the Monday Afternoon Club recently held its first meeting of 2020. Members of the group are seated from left, Donna Beatty, Nancy Forrester and Jane Pollis. Standing are Sondra McGee, Sue Smith, Diana Bauman, Carol Olson, Debbie McCleery, Gail

Maurice, Liz Clark, Elaine Conklin, Pat Hebberts and Katylu Herriman. Not pictured are Mary Cole, Roselyn Gadd, Joyce Hamilton, Eileen Hazel, Kathryn Helweg, Janet McGeough, Kareen Palm and Sally Thomas. Photo by Roselyn Gadd.



WJWL hold annual Valentine's Day party for LEAP

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League hosted its annual Valentine's Day party for the LEAP group. LEAP members were treated to balloon hats, arts-n-crafts and a pizza party. LEAP provides children and young adults with special needs the opportunity to enjoy and learn from activities they normally would be excluded from due to their disabilities.



Members of the LEAP, Life Enrichment Activities Program.

Charity pancake breakfast for Four Seasons Garden Club March 7

The public is invited to enjoy a Saturday family breakfast, hosted by Cortland Masonic Lodge, to benefit the Four Seasons Garden Club in their beautification projects in Cortland, particularly for flowers and flags.

The Charity Breakfast is held once a month at the Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street), from 9 a.m. to noon. The proceeds from each monthly breakfast is donated to a local charity.

The breakfast cost is \$7 for adults and \$6 for youth age 6 to 10, and free for children age 5 and under. "All you can eat" pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served.

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Kids who stutter have a lot to say, and friends can show them how in "Stuttering: For Kids By Kids," a DVD in English and Spanish starring kids who stutter, available at most public libraries or through interlibrary loan.

Many children who stutter have never met others who struggle with the same disability. In this DVD from the Stuttering Foundation, they meet kids who recount how they handle challenges such as teasing, speaking out in class, and teaching others about stuttering.

Swish, a lively and engaging animated basketball character designed by students at Purdue University, narrates the DVD. The children, who range in age from first-graders to high school students, offer frank and sometimes differing views of stuttering.

For example, Matthew, age 10, says about his speech difficulties, "It's no big deal," but Kate, age 9, worries about talking, what is going to happen next and whether or not she'll stutter. Arianne, age 14, says, "The hardest part about stuttering is to get through it and to stay in there when you're stuck." Umang, age 12, agrees, "Sometimes it

gets kind of annoying when you want to say something and you can't. I also get worried what other people might think if I do stutter and wonder if I'll be able to get out of my blocks and things."

"All those interested in helping kids learn more about stuttering will want to see this tape," said speech-language pathologist Bill Murphy of Purdue University. "The children featured are a perfect example of how to openly and honestly handle stuttering." "This is an important tool for families and teachers of kids who stutter," added Jane Fraser, president of the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

Other professionals and specialists in stuttering in this production include Kristin Chmela of Northwestern University, Joe Donaher of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Lisa Scott of Florida State University, and Lee Caggiano of Friends.

The 72-year-old nonprofit Foundation has provided free materials to public libraries nationwide. A library that will shelve them can download a request form at www.stutteringhelp.org/libraries-information.

Fine Arts Council to celebrate Earth Day with art show

Earth Day is turning 50 this year and the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County will be celebrating the month of April by hosting an art show open to artworks that raise awareness, appreciation, and depict the natural beauty of the Earth's environment. Up to five works per artist or collaborative may be entered.

There will be an opening reception on Saturday, April 4 from 6-8 p.m.

Hand deliver entries to Art on Park, 180 N. Park Ave., Warren, on the drop-off dates: Friday, March 21, 2:30-6 p.m., and Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There is no fee to enter, and artists may enter one to five works. All works will be accepted and displayed, so long as they fit the theme and there is enough room. Exhibited works can be picked up on Friday, May 1 between 2-5:30 p.m.



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establishment is full service restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. We have beer and wine and also cater many events. Our business also has a canning license. Our staple spaghetti sauce is now in over 20 stores around Ohio including Sparkle right here in Cortland. We pride ourselves in giving back to the community. We are very grateful to the Cortland community. I love my customers and love that I get to work with my family every day.

Janet Yohman of Lakeside Sport Shop. The business was started in the 1950s by the Parke family, and then purchased by the Wallace family around 1996. Janet purchased the store 10 years ago in January 2010. While working in IT at AVI Food Systems, Lakeside Sport Shop came up for sale. Driving by twice a day I always thought this place would be a good business. After purchasing the business I continued on at AVI for another year (just to make sure I wanted to change professions.) Lakeside Support Shop is everyone's store. For fishermen and fisherwomen we carry a good selection of fishing supplies including rods, reels and tackle. We also carry many types of bait including minnows, leeches, crawlers, maggots, wax worms meal worms. Bait is also used as food for your pet turtles, geckos and other critters. The meal worms are especially popular with bluebird watchers. For beer drinkers: there is a beer cave in the store for your browsing pleasure, including domestic, craft and seasonal beers. For wine drinkers: they have a large selection of wines. Ohio wines include Firehouse, Debonne and Ferrante. There is a large selection of instant tickets and online games. We cash tickets up to \$599. In January a lucky lottery player scratched a \$1,000,000 ticket. Another lucky player scratched a \$20,000 ticket.

Morris, the store cat, loves to greet everyone and get a scratch on the back. For convenience you can go through the drive thru starting at 10 a.m. daily where little ones get a sucker and Milk Bones for the four legged little ones.

Cheryl A. Gyure of Auntie V's Pizzeria. We have been open since Feb. 11, 2008, first in Kinsman for 7 1/2 years and then we moved to Bazetta in Aug 2015 and have been open for last 3 1/2 years in Bazetta. When I was in Lake County I was involved with Valewood Electric for 18 years. At Auntie V's we have pizza, salads, subs, wings. We also make fresh baked cookies, with our chocolate chip as the most popular.

Gayle Ruddy of Cortland Lanes, has been opened and family run since 1961. I have been co-owner with my husband and coaching youth bowling for 45 years. We provide a place for families and individuals to come and enjoy time away from the fast-paced world. Either by getting out and rolling a few games or by bringing out friends to watch the big games at the bar. We have leagues for all ages, from three-year-olds all the way to the senior citizens. Bowling is a sport that everyone can do. Before I became an owner of Cortland Lanes, I was a school teacher. With this background in teaching, I took that and applied it to the bowling world. Forty-five years ago, there wasn't much in kid's leagues/programs, but now we have one of the strongest kids programs in the tri-county. With that now there are scholarships available for our youth bowlers.

Chrissy Long of Chrissy's Lake Tavern. The Tavern has been around for several years, but Chrissy took over two years ago. So many changes have been made to an already successful business and she has brought new excitement along with great food ideas and innovations to the business. You can now order online! Her 10+ years of previous business experience really shows in the new and exciting changes she has brought to the restaurant. Our mission is to blend good food and good people into good times and great memories. We believe it is about bringing back a simpler way to life by providing warmth and happiness through food, music, entertainment and genuine smiles! It's been a crazy two years with lots of behind the scenes work, and more to come. But I am really looking forward to spending more time with our regulars and patrons; they have been so welcoming and supportive. I've definitely found HOME!

Lynn Johnson MD of Cortland Pediatrics has been a practicing pediatric physician for 15 years, the last 10 right here in Cortland. She is the owner of a busy pediatric practice, providing medical care for children from infancy to 18 years of age. "Life is short. Live life to the fullest," said Dr. Johnson.

Mary Jo Gisewhite, Healthcare Advisor with Greenwood Insurance. Mary Jo holds a license with Anthem, Medical Mutual, United Healthcare/All Savers, Aetna and Coventry under the markets of Senior, Group (1-100+ employees), short term and individual Market Place. Unlike many other

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City Federation offering scholarship

Warren City Federation of Women's Clubs is seeking applicants for a \$500 scholarship to assist a non-traditional female student pursuing a college degree at an accredited post-secondary college university. Applicants must be in good academic standing and must have a 3.0 GPA in their freshman and sophomore years. A transcript must be provided. The applicant must be 24 years or older, a resident of Trumbull County, female, in her junior or senior year of college and full/part time.

Each applicant applying must submit an essay about herself stating career goals and why she is worthy of this scholarship. Please include your name on this essay. A "thank you" note must be received before the funds are released. The deadline is April 15, 2020. Recipient will be notified on or before May 1, 2020. To receive an application form please contact Jodi Raiti at 330-637-4013. This scholarship will be posted to the recipient's account.

Kindergarten registration for 2020-2021 school year

Lakeview Elementary has begun kindergarten registration. The district enrollment process (including kindergarten registration) is now done electronically and online. Your child must be 5 by Aug. 1, 2020 to enroll.

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

- Click on Forms and Link
- Click on Electronic Registration (under the Enrollment heading)
- Be sure to complete all three forms that are required

On the following dates the school district will provide access to a computer to register a child if you do not have access to a PC connected to the internet to complete the enrollment forms elsewhere. All parents/guardians should plan to bring their required documentation on Tuesday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; or Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

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- Custody documentation with court seal and judge's signature (if not living with both parents) or a statement from an attorney documenting process of a divorce.
- Parent/Guardian photo identification

The legal custodial parent/guardian must enroll the student. Incoming students do not need to attend the above dates. Screening information, which students will attend, is listed below.

If you do not have all of the above documentation submitted on one of the above dates, your registration will not be processed. Screening will be held at LES the week of May 26-29.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Laura DePizzo at 330-638-2145.

Join in the fun at the Johnston Senior Center

The Johnston Senior Center offers a variety of activities throughout the week. Some of the members just completed a Valentine's Day craft. You can also get fit at the center as they offer chair yoga on Mondays from 10-11 a.m.; an exercise program that includes weights, balls, and bands on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.; and on Fridays from 1-2 p.m. for a meditative yoga class.

You can also come to the center to unwind and relax with a chair massage

on Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Other daily activities include a coffee bar, daily newspaper, Wii bowling, puzzles, blood pressure checks, needlework, bingo, a licensed social worker on staff, computers, and more. Call the senior center at 330-924-0412 for more information or with any questions. The Johnston Senior Center is located at 5922 Warren Road, Cortland, and is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.




Members who recently completed a Valentine's craft are from left Cheryl Lamosek, Flo Harvey, Bernice Thompson, Michele Kubicina, Marlene Gracey, Winnie Workman, Darlene Hancock and Bill Lehto.

Hawaii Day at Cortland Playroom

Aloha! The children at the Cortland Playroom finished off the month of January "specials fun week" with a Hawaiian theme. What a better time to dress in your shorts, flip flops and Hawaiian clothes? And, who doesn't like pineapple, coconuts and whole varieties of snacks that the teachers and parents provided? The children played fun games that included coconuts, hula hoops and so much more.






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Meet Dorothy! She is one of our super sweet seniors residing at the Animal Welfare League. This 11-year old lady loves to cuddle up on a window ledge and soak up the sun. Dorothy is a very quiet and independent kitty, but likes to get pets and cuddles. She arrived at the Animal Welfare League in April 2019 when her owner could no longer care for her. She does well with other cats, but would prefer a calm and quiet environment to spend her retirement.

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5th Annual Lakeview PTO K-8 Walk-A-Thon April 19

By Mesa Bush
Lakeview PTO board member

The Walk-A-Thon is our biggest fundraiser for Lakeview K-8, bringing in more than 50 percent of our spending budget for the year... and we need the community's help and participation to make it happen!

We are inviting everyone to join in the fun and support our elementary and middle school students as they walk for Lakeview on April 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lakeview High School track, 300 Hillman Road in Cortland (rain out contingency date is April 26).

There will be a DJ, food trucks, tons of raffle baskets, vendors, inflatables, face painting, a balloon artist, mascot appearances and more!

This year the K-8 principals have issued a challenge: If the walk-a-thon raises \$15,000, they will spend the night on the roof of the school! Help us reach that goal! And, if you can't make it to the walk, but still want to help, monetary donations made out to Lakeview PTO, can be mailed or dropped off at the Lakeview Elementary School, 640 Wakefield Drive, Cortland, OH 44410, c/o PTO walk-a-thon.

Plus—anyone in the community can walk the day of by signing up at the registration table to be a "walk-in-walker," and with a minimum \$5 donation, you will be entered to win a special raffle. So get your friends and family together for some exercise and join us!

- We need volunteers! If you or your group needs community service hours or just want to help out during the walk, please contact Amy Newton at 330-256-3364 by April 13 to sign up.

- Interested in donating items for the raffle/being a sponsor? Contact Mesa Bush at 330-240-0698 by April 13. A donation gets your business name displayed at the walk, a shout-out on our social media and you can provide us with 300 business cards/coupons for the registration bags.

- Interested in being a vendor? Come and showcase your business/sell your products! Contact Amy Marsco at 330-501-6530 by April 13.

Follow us on FB at Lakeview Bulldogs PTO/events for more info!

Love is in the air...

The teachers at the Cortland Playroom love to have fun with the children. And that was exactly what happened on Valentine's Day. The party started with a week of making valentine boxes/bags, crafts to decorate the walls and down the halls for the party. They also decorated the class tables and had the best snacks (the parents do a wonderful job). The children had a special way to pass out their own Valentine's, not only was it fun, but they were learning too, then played games, listened to stories and they just had plain old fun.



Maplewood Rockets Marissa Ventura sets new records

Maplewood's Marissa Ventura set new school records for points and 3 pointers in a single game at home on Feb. 10 against Ashtabula St. John. Marissa set the new single game record for points with 42 breaking the old record of 38 points. She also set a new single record for 3 pointers made in a single game with 12; the old record was

8 made in a single game. In addition, Marissa was named Player of the Week on Maxprep.com, a site for high school and football athletics.

The Girls Maplewood Rockets are 21-1 and champions of the Northeastern Athletic Conference heading into the Division IV Grand Valley District Tournament.



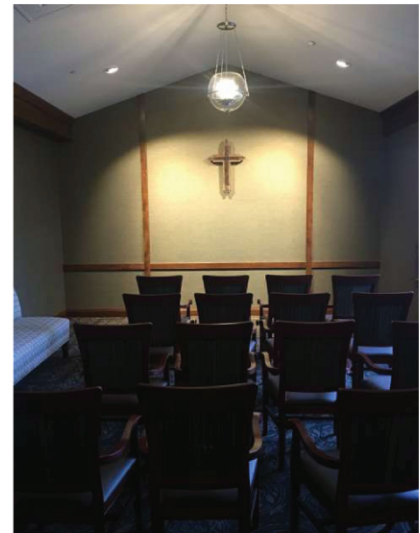
Marissa Ventura, Kaitlyn Kirch, Abbey Nay, Emily Butler, Alexis Parthemer, Hannah Gaylog, Emily Kohlmorgan, Madison Murray, Baylie Starcher, Brooke Smith, Ella Mae Parthemer, Lucia Chapman.



Marissa Ventura, Maplewood Sophomore

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Is pet insurance worth it?

If you have a pet, you know the costs of keeping them healthy can add up quickly. From annual vet visits, to medication to special diets, pet ownership often includes a variety of expenses. Plus, you never know when they may need emergency care, surgery or other expensive treatment. You may wonder, is pet insurance a smart way to manage these unexpected expenses? Read on for a financial advisor's perspective on considerations to keep in mind.

No two plans are alike. Like medical insurance for humans, pet insurance is often complex. Shop around and read the fine print to fully understand the coverage offered. In addition to price, consider what's included and any exceptions that might limit the value of the plan. Be aware that some plans cover only accidents and illness, leaving you to pay for wellness visits out of your own pocket.

Evaluate reimbursement options. Pet insurance plans typically reimburse policyholders one of two ways. With a percentage-based reimbursement plan, you get back a portion of what you pay for medical care for your pet. With a benefit plan, you receive a set amount back based on the particular condition being treated. Both types of plans require the pet owner to pay the provider before submitting claims for

reimbursement.

Understand deductibles. Some pet policies impose per-incident deductions rather than an annual deductible. Run the numbers to determine whether this is a cost-effective approach or too costly to be a good value.

Not just for cats and dogs. Don't despair if your beloved pet is a snake, rabbit or other less common domestic creature. You should be able to find at least one pet insurance company that will cover your animal.

Consider your limits. What you would do if the cost of your pet's care ran into the thousands of dollars? Most pet insurance policies offer predictable fixed costs in exchange for a safety net if medical costs increase rapidly each year. If you have ample resources, you might be comfortable with the off chance your pet racks up a big vet bill.

Savings might do the trick. As an alternative to pet insurance, you might consider creating your own pet care emergency fund. Set aside a lump sum or grow a savings account monthly instead of paying a monthly premium. With this approach, if your pet's medical needs don't eat up the money you've set aside, the savings will remain available to you.

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A giant leap for women...continued from front page.

occurred during the War of 1812 when only about a dozen families were settled around the High Street and Walnut Run areas. The men had been called to active duty to fight in the war. It was harvesting time for the oat crop. As the days dragged on, the crop was in danger of spoiling. The women gathered, placed their little children in the care of the older children under the shade of tree, and harvested the crop. When the men returned home, the crop was neatly tied and piled and safe.

There are many more stories of the contributions of women in our local history. Much of the work was unpaid. I remember that funds for the carpeting

in the Cortland Christian Church were raised by a few women who collected pennies for years. Women organized dinners, craft shows and programs. They volunteered at Vacation Bible Schools. What would we have done without the dozens of lunches, cookies and church suppers that women organized?

Women showed their strength in keeping the economy running during the World Wars. They showed ability, grit and determination as they did the heavy work in factories for the war effort. The program honoring the "Rosie Riveters" of WWII at the 2019 Veterans Day program at Kent State Trumbull was an eye-opener to many of us baby-boomers born after the war. It was a fantastic program.

During the 1970s and 1980s women started the town's Specialty Shops to bring more business to Cortland. Carol Caronite opened the very first shop, "Grandma's House" in the big yellow house on Mecca Street, now a reflexology doctor's office. "After that several more women opened shops around town," she said. Bus tours visited the town to tour our craft, quilt, needlework and antique shops. The Opera House was a favorite stop for the tours where Dorothy Klein, Mary Case and Ann Hoover related the history of the town in an entertaining way.

Today 56 percent of the businesses in Cortland are owned by women. Be sure to read Thom Foley's "Women in Business" article. We've come a long way!

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By Jennifer J. Slywczak

IRS launches Identity Theft Central

Focuses on needs of taxpayers, tax professionals and businesses

The Internal Revenue Service has launched Identity Theft Central, designed to improve online access to information on identity theft and data security protection for taxpayers, tax professionals and businesses.

Located on IRS.gov, Identity Theft Central is available 24/7 at irs.gov/identitytheft. It is a resource on how to report identity theft, how taxpayers can protect themselves against phishing, online scams and more.

Improving awareness and outreach are hallmarks of initiatives to combat identity theft coordinated by the IRS, state tax agencies and the nation's tax industry, all working in partnership under the Security Summit banner.

Since 2015, the Security Summit partners have made substantial progress in the fight against tax-related identity theft. But thieves are still constantly looking for ways to steal the identities of individuals, tax professionals and businesses in order to file fraudulent tax returns for refunds.

The partnership has taken a number of steps to help educate and improve protections for taxpayers, tax professionals and businesses. As part of this effort, the IRS has redesigned the information into a new, streamlined page – Identity Theft Central – to help people get information they need on ID theft, scams and schemes.

From this special page, people can get specific information including:

- Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft, including what to do if someone becomes a victim of identity theft
- Identity Theft Information for Tax Professionals, including knowing responsibilities under the law
- Identity Theft Information for Businesses, including how to recognize the signs of identity theft

The page also features videos on key topics that can be used by taxpayers or partner groups. The new page includes a video message from IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig, warning signs for phishing email scams – a common tactic used for identity theft – and steps for people to protect their computer and phone.

Tax professionals and others may want to bookmark Identity Theft Central and check their specific guidance periodically for updates.

This is part of an ongoing effort by the IRS to share identity theft-related information with the public. The IRS continues to look for ways to raise awareness and improve education and products related to identity theft for taxpayers and the tax professional community.

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Howland Township Building is located in Trustees Hearing Room at 205 Niles-Cortland Road in Howland next to the fire department on Tuesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.

Assistance is also available at the Liberty Township Administration Building on Churchill on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Appointments are required by calling 330-399-8846.

Lordstown SCOPE Senior Center is located at back door of elementary school at 1776 Salt Springs Road in

Lordstown on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 pm. Call 330-399-8846 for reservations.

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

Please call ahead to set an appointment for any of the SCOPE locations during tax season. Bring a photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), last year's return, income information, and if you receive an Affordable Care Act Forms 1095, bring that also with 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. For joint filing both taxpayers 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 SCOPE at 330-399-8846.



Rotary Golf Classic July 22

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... therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42: 6

I'm blessed by the first signs of spring in northeast Ohio - snow flurries, freezing rain and sub-freezing wind chills. You know what I'm talking about. Either winter is a "die hard" or spring has lost its vigor. All kidding aside, residents along the Snow Belt know the change of seasons in these parts is a slow process, not a rapid transition. Warm weather will eventually gain its hold - new life will break through thawed tundra - downy buds will burst into leaf and flower. The constant ebb and flow from death to new life is part of the planet's DNA. Thanks be to God that life always seems to win the battle.

I'm sure some of us have been gearing up for spring for a good while, in a spiritual sense, that is. The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday beckons us to a new season of reflection and contrition. Spiritual disciplines gone dormant have taken on renewed meaning and purpose. Wednesday evening "couch potatoes" discover

mid-week Lenten services more enlightening than the latest sit-com. There is something fundamentally important to be gleaned from prayerful contemplation of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the cross. A battle is being waged. It's a matter of life and death. All Creation stands vigil awaiting the outcome. Death, life, death, life - which will it be? Who will be the victor?

The silent respiration of Creation's order - the faithful rhythm of the seasons that we take for granted - offers a fitting metaphor for the spiritual struggle within which we find ourselves. What does God have in mind? How will the process unfold? When it's all said and done which will be the victor - life or death? That's the fundamental question. Do you know the answer? Do you know where to find it? You can search a stony precipice embedded with crosses of wood, but I have another suggestion. Look below the bluff to the tomb. You'll see that it's empty.




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Men of Faith breakfast on March 7 at new location

Men of Faith will be holding its monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month at a new location, the Restaurant in the Airport, Vienna, with open fellowship starting at 9 a.m. All men, young to seniors, from any church or background, are welcome to attend the breakfast buffet for a

\$5 donation. On Saturday, March 7, pastors from different churches will be coming together with Everett Whiteside speaking on "Kingdom come that will be done." Joel Carney will provide the uplifting praise music. Free tickets to the Rally in the Valley at the Covelli Center on April 25 will also be available.

United Methodist Women holding book sale

The United Methodist Women of Cortland is sponsoring a used book sale on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at the church, located at 155 North High St., Cortland. If you have books you would like to donate to the sale, bring them to the church beginning March 16. Church hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Southern-style breakfast at Cortland Christian Church

The Cortland Christian Church is holding a "Southern Comfort-style Breakfast" on Saturday, March 14 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Breakfast includes homemade sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, cheesy grits, fresh juice, sweet rolls and coffee and tea. Tickets are \$9 per person and \$4 for those 5 and under. The church is located at 153 Grove Drive, Cortland. They can be reached at 330-637-4611.

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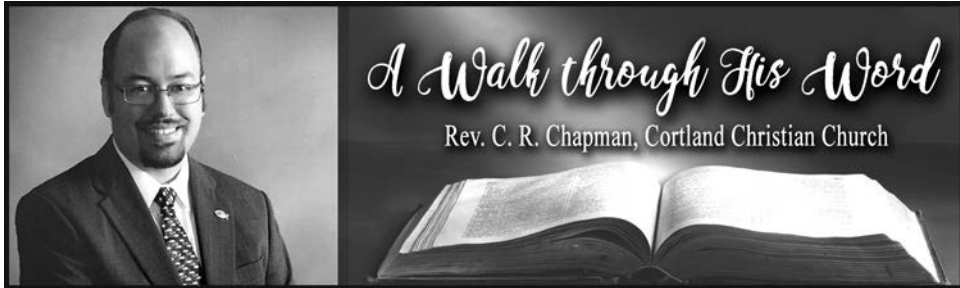
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Howland Community Church fish dinners during Lent

The Howland Community Church is holding a fish fry every Friday during Lent through April 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu includes baked or fried fish, macaroni and cheese or baked potato, green beans, applesauce, cole slaw, bread, dessert and drink for \$11 for adults, children 5-12, \$6 and children under 5, free. The dinners are also available for carry out. The church is located at 198 Niles Cortland Road, Howland.



'Noticed'

Women play key roles in our modern society, yet they have always played important parts throughout all of history. Unfortunately, some of these roles go unnoticed in part out of ignorance of knowing history, but also in part to push certain agendas in our society for better or for worse. This is not to say that there have not been hardships along the path of history for women. On the contrary, today's column is met to bring light on the things that have gone unnoticed and to say well done and thank you.

The work that a woman does is summed up in Proverbs 31:10-31. In this passage every woman of God can see parts of their life that have gone unnoticed... unnoticed by the world, but not by God. I wish I could merely copy and paste this proverb to this column; please go to your Bibles and read it and I will try my best to give light to it here.

A Godly woman is "far more precious than jewels" (v10). There is no value that can be put upon the woman of God. She is the backbone of her family. She provides in ways that are all too often taken for granted. She works diligently in the day and, also, at night - rising early and going to bed late, taking care of her family. "She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household..." (v14a). "She draws on her strength and reveals that her arms are strong. She sees that her profits are good, and her lamp never goes out at night (vs17-18). Whether a homemaker, single mother working two or more jobs, or a helper to her husband's income or even the primary provider women all over this world have demonstrated their dedication to their families through their actions.

Those silent actions that go unnoticed at times convey love and strength. In these actions comes sacrifice... Sacrifice of sleep, of personal time, of food to provide to their children, of so much more. Sometimes these sacrifices go unnoticed.

"Her hands reach out to the poor and she extends her hands to the needy" (v20). The women have a special gift of compassion. Amid taking care of their own families they also reach out to those who are in need.

We owe it to women are warmth at night. "She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all in her household are doubly clothed. She makes her own bed coverings..." (v21-22a). Does not a mother tuck in her children and make sure they are warm even today? Women are radiant with pure love. Love that at times goes unnoticed.

This month is Women's History Month, and the theme for this newspaper edition is Women in Business. From the earliest of days women have been hard workers and supporters of the family and today we all say that you are no longer unnoticed. Let us correct our error and remember the women in our lives who have impacted us in amazing ways from our childhood to our old age. I leave you with three closing verses. "27 She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle. 29 Many women are capable, but you surpass them all! 30 Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD will be praised." Ladies, no matter what your situation is in life know that you are valuable and that you are noticed. Remain in Christ and He will remain in you.

Hamilton Road Quartet to perform at Bazetta Christian Church

Bazetta Christian Church's Music Ministry Leader, Candice Girt-Stojkov, invites the public to come experience the southern gospel sounds of Columbus area Christian recording artists "Hamilton Road Quartet." They will be performing March 29 at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 4131 Hoagland-Blackstub Road in Cortland.



Cortland UMC dinner on March 14

The Cortland United Methodist Church is holding a corned beef/roast beef dinner on March 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. In addition to the corned beef and roast beef, the menu includes cabbage, green beans, potatoes, applesauce, a dessert and beverage for \$10, eat in or carry out. The church is located at 155 North High St., Cortland. For more information call 330-637-2571.

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insurance agents who are involved in a variety of products such as auto and home, Mary Jo's focus is solely on the healthcare sector. This enables her to keep on top of the increasing demand and constant fluctuation of healthcare laws, carrier networks and premium changes. As a longtime consultant and resident in this area, both in telecommunications and healthcare, Mary Jo is committed to providing you with honest and informative information so you can make a wise decision for you, your family and/or your business.

Annette Dixon of Brookside Greenhouse has been serving Cortland for 17 years. Brookside Greenhouse is a retail growing facility with a full line of annuals, perennials, vegetable plants and fall mums. We also have an extensive selection of hanging baskets featuring all the latest trends. Stop in and see our large assortment of Proven Winners. I am looking forward to helping my customers with another successful year of gardening.

Karen Lutz of Elite K9 Training and Doggy Daycare has been in business over 20 years. I started the first K9 search team in Trumbull County 21 years ago. Also founder of a non-profit organization called Newlife K9s that trains service dogs for veterans. I have always enjoyed working with all animals. I love educating people and helping them understand how training and daycare can help their dog be mentally and physically stimulated and keep them happy. It is wonderful to own a business in the community you have lived your whole life.

Since 2016, **Christine Broberg** has been a constant presence at **Lane Funeral Homes, Shafer-Winans Chapel**. No one wants to come into our building, so my goal is to make the experience personal, comforting, creative and educational. Using my almost 25 years of experience and a more modern approach to funeral services, allows me to enhance the experience within the funeral home not just for the family, but for everyone in attendance, as well. Although I prefer to meet people at the grocery store or out to dinner, I am always privileged when called on to guide a family through their time of grief. Funeral services in general are changing. Many families are no longer finding that traditional style services are what they want and making sure that honoring the deceased in the most relevant way possible is the goal of Lane Funeral Homes.

Jody Sova, Realtor of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Northwood Realty, 25 years in business. What I do is help buyers and sellers navigate through the home buying and selling process. I like to think of myself as not only your realtor, but as your neighbor as well. I previously worked for the mayor of Kent, also as a caseworker in the food stamp department and at the Warren Tribune Chronicle, a florist, a veterinarian and I worked part time in the office for St. Robert's Church. I have an associate's degree in business management and of course, have taken all of the necessary classes to obtain my real estate license. Every day it is something different and most of the time, it is very rewarding. Feels great to help people. I plan to keep on doing what I am doing now.

I would like to thank everyone who trusted me to help them with the largest and usually, most emotional purchase/sale of their lives. For most good realtors, this is not just a job. It is a lifestyle.

Candice Girt-Stojkov of Music101 in Fowler & Girt's Cortland Music 101. Music 101 has been in business for more than 23 years, Girt's Cortland Music 101 opened in fall of 2017. I received professional status through membership in the American Federation of Musicians Union, Local #118 in 1975 and am a longstanding member of National Association for Music Educators. With an entrepreneurial spirit I opened a music store after years of professional performing and collaborative work. My father was the first band director of Lakeview Schools. I named our annex location Girt's Cortland Music 101 in memory and honor of my father following his death in 2017. With a legacy of dedication to music we as a family continue to enjoy serving the area musically. Music101Ohio.com is a full-line retail music store goods, instruments, lessons. I continue to teach piano and voice privately at our Fowler Center location. I've enjoyed being in the music industry for over 40 years.

Donna Bilek, Personal Lines/Office Manager with Greenwood Insurance Agency. Donna has been with Greenwood Insurance for 20 years and during that time has not only obtained P&C, Life and Health Licenses but also handled the administrative aspects of the office in general. She has been successful in both. Donna enjoys reviewing and educating her clients on the many facets of home and auto

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Susette Zickefoose administrator/director The Cortland Playroom Preschool. The Cortland Playroom Preschool has been in business since 1966 but for more than 33 years Susette Zickefoose administrator/director has owned and operated the Cortland Playroom Preschool Inc. It all started 33 years ago when I was looking for an academic program for my own children. At that time there was nothing that was available that fit my children or my needs. So that is when I decided to venture out and decided to open a preschool or find one that I would be able to purchase. I came across this center that I felt would have great potential to become the program that I was looking for. It was established and was well known to local families in the community. Even though the curriculum wasn't there I felt that I would be able to mold it. So, my dream became a reality in December 1987. I received my Administrative education from Youngstown State University and was licensed by the State of Ohio to provide care for the young children of our community and surrounding areas. My education didn't stop there. I attended many regional, state and annual conferences along with attending as many local educational classes. I would have communications

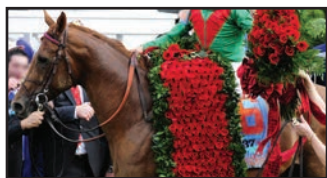
with the local educators and listened to them in what they would like to see these young children coming into their schools having. I worked hard to achieve their request and today we are known for children being ready for today's school programs. One of my biggest challenges was getting the community to recognize us as educators, not babysitters. ALL of our teachers are degreed or have their CDA. They continue educational classes all year long. Many of our staff have been with the Playroom for more than 20 years. The Cortland Playroom offers full and part time age appropriate, academic programs to meet the developmental needs of young children. Even the infants are in a learning environment. They get their tummy time, stretching, stories time and just plain old cuddling and loving them.

Over the years we have had children come to our center and now we are having their children and even grandchildren are now coming. We draw children from all over the Mahoning Valley and Western Pennsylvania.

Jeannette Callahan, Owner/Artistic Director Jeannette's Dance Company. From majorettes to competition, Jeannette has turned dance into inspired and unique works. Choreographic tributes are seen at dance competitions and recital including Packard Concert Band, dance accompaniment performances and formerly at Lakeview football halftime shows. Her dance company, JDC, has performed at Cleveland Cavs halftime shows, YSU basketball shows and benefits. Jeannette has also choreographed for high school theater musicals, ecumenical choirs and liturgical dance. She is a member and certified/graduate of the Dance Educators of America dance teachers training school as well as a former dance, baton corps director Lakeview, Labrae and Champion majorette choreographer, Jeannette has judged competitions with many esteemed organizations. She is a recipient of the National Dance USA Grand Champion Crystal Cup Trophy and the National Sophisticated Dance Outstanding Choreographer as well as Overall National winner awards. JDC has won decades of national choreography, technique, costume and overall high score awards. Former students have gone to teach fitness in MNYC, major in dance at colleges as well as become accredited physicians, attorneys, engineers and more. While proud of her many accomplishments she feels her best achievement is the gift of working with children and watching them as they grow into confident successful adults.

'Run for the Roses' benefits Cancer Association

The 7th Annual Warren Relay for Life fund raiser "Run for the Roses" Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the Hippodrome Banquet Center, 150 High St NE, Warren. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the races at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30, with advance ticket sales only, and includes a dinner buffet. A cash bar will also be available. In addition, there will be a Chinese and



Triple Crown baskets, a 50/50 auction, plus a wine auction. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Association. Tickets can be purchased by calling the American Cancer Association at 888-227-6446. Plans are also underway for the annual Warren Relay for Life event to be held on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the St. Demetrios Center, Warren.

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By Christine Dorma, Administrative Assistant

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Kindergarten Registration

The next registration for the 2020/2021 school year will be on Tuesday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may go to www.lakeviewlocal.org for more information.

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Dates to Remember

- March 2 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- March 9 - Parks Board - 5:30 p.m.
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