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GRADUATION!

By Sally Lane

t's time... time to top off that scrapbook named "School Years" with a photo of you in your cap and gown. It's time to celebrate this milestone, to remember and reflect. As you change that tassel on your graduation cap to "graduate," your life changes forever.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER ECRWSS CORTLAND, OHIO 44410 In 1999, the year most of you were born, the population of the world clicked over to 6 billion people. One of YOU may have been the 6-billionth baby! Other facts about 1999 include that Barbie, the doll, turned 40 that year. Little boys loved Power Rangers. Star Wars Episode 1, "The Phantom Menace," was the most popular film. Bill Clinton was President. The world was gearing up for the year 2000 Y2K celebration and worried that computers would crash.

But, the most important event of 1999 for your parents was you! As a baby, were you hungry, wet, sleepy, happy, healthy? Those were the main considerations for parents and grandparents for the first few years as they surrounded you with love. They were, and are, the first team in your life. Now, pride fills their hearts and tears fill their eyes as they prepare for the next part of your life, as well as theirs.

Then, the next team entered your life. That giant step into the big yellow school bus took you to the next important part of your life. If you lived in Cortland or Bazetta, you spent the

first five or six years at one or both of the elementary buildings. At some point in that time period, Bazetta Elementary School housed kindergarten and grades one and two, while Cortland Elementary housed grades three and four. Were you learning how to read, do math and write? Caring teachers spent hours worrying about you and planning great lessons and experiences. It is a fact that most of us remember our elementary school teachers and some of the lessons for the rest of our lives. What teacher had snakes in his room? Who was the dinosaur expert? Other elementary school memories are the holiday programs and the talent show.

Then it was on to the middle school. Perhaps you learned to play a band instrument, sang in the chorus, played basketball and enjoyed the track. The curriculum became more complicated as subjects needed deeper interpretation. You had several teachers during the day instead of just one or two. Girls were taller than boys at least for a year or two at this age.

In high school, well, YOU are the

experts about high school memories! Friendships, boyfriends, girlfriends, learning to drive, playing in the sports and/or arts programs. Cheering, dancing, studying, learning to handle

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MEETINGS

City Council – first and third Monday of each month Monday, June 5, 7 p.m. Monday, June 19, 7 p.m.

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

Parks and Recreation – second Monday of each month Monday, June 12, 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning - second Monday of each month

Monday, May 22, 7 p.m.

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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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Monday, May 22, 6 p.m. - A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding. Monday, June 12, 6 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, June 12, 6 p.m. - Lakeview High School Media Center

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT CALENDAR MAY 20 TO JUNE 10

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

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www. lakeviewlocal.org.

American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood. org or 1-800-733-2767.

American Red Cross Swim lessons, various dates, www.warrenschools. k12.oh.us or 330-392-2552.

Johnston Senior Center offers hot meals Monday through Friday at noon. **Sutliff Museum exhibit: "The Language of Flowers"** through July 2017.

The National Packard Museum's 17th Annual Antique Motorcycle **Exhibit, "British Invasion,"** through May 27.

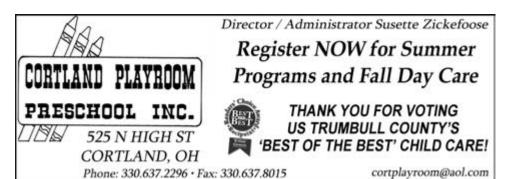
Upton Association events, 380 Mahoning Ave., Warren, various dates. *See*

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit https://www.facebook.com/ytownnigthhawks

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- **20 Cortland Lions Club Annual Rummage Sale,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Lions Club building, 197 W. Main St., Cortland.
- 20 Trumbull County Master Gardeners plant sale, Agriculture Center, Main St., Cortland, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 20 The 18th Annual Kentucky Mountain Dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Cortland United Methodist Church.
- 20 G.A.B. (Garage, Attic, Basement) Sale, Howland Community Church, 198 Niles Cortland Road, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **20** Warren Philharmonic Orchestra fund raiser, 3-5 p.m., Greene Eagle Winery. See pg. 11
- The Geauga County Historical Society grand opening 2017 costume exhibition, "The Best of the Best," noon-4 p.m., Law House in the Church on the Green, Burton. See pg. 24
- 21 USA Dance Cha Cha lessons and general dancing, 5 p.m., Orthodox Center, 1025 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown. See pg. 18
- 24 Trumbull County Master Gardeners "Bearded Iris," 6 p.m., Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
- 24 Niles Historical Society hosts writer Larry Brough, "The Electric Pullman: A History of the Niles Car & Manufacturing Company," 7 p.m., Ward-Thomas Museum, 503 Brown St., Niles. See pg. 13
- **26,27** West Mecca United Church Trash and Treasure sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., corner of state Route 88 and Bazetta Road, Mecca Twp. See pg. 26
- 27 75th anniversary of founding of Century Village Museum, 5 p.m., Eleazer Hickox House on grounds of Century Village, Burton See pg. 9
- **27,28** Civil War Encampment, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Century Village Museum, Burton. See pg. 8
- 29 Johnston VFW Post 7614 Memorial Day service, Johnston Twp. Cemetery, 10 a.m. See pg. 20

- 3 Howl at the Moon 5k Night Run, sponsored by the Cortland Rotary, 5k race begins at 9 p.m., fun walk 9 p.m., kid's race 8:45 p.m. The race begins and ends at Lakeview High School. See pg. 7
- 3 Spin The Lakes Bicycle Tour and Stay and Graze Reception, to benefit Homes For Kids/Child and Family Solutions, registration 8 a.m., Mastropietro Winery, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center. See pg. 25
- Trumbull County Master Gardeners "Pollinators," 6 p.m., Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
- Southington United Methodist Church chicken dinner, 3:30-6 p.m., state Routes 305 and 534, Southington. See pg. 26
- 10 14th Annual Safety Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mosquito Lake State Park. See pg. 4







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'AMERICA PICKERS' TO FILM IN OHIO

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Ohio! They plan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout the region in June 2017!

"American Pickers" documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items.

The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.





Wollam announces promotions/additions







Brian White

Corey Schrecengost

Ryan Mansfield

Wollam Chevrolet is proud to announce the promotion and addition to their award winning body shop. Brian White has been promoted to Body Shop Manager. He has been in the automotive repair business 27 years, the last three at Wollam and holds numerous certifications and accreditations. "My goal is to continue the legacy of the quality of work that Wollam is known for. We repair any make or model vehicle, foreign or domestic and accept all insurances," he said. Brian is married to Michelle White and they have four children and three grandchildren.

Ryan Mansfield joins Wollam's body shop after 20 years in the industry, most recently at Midway Chevrolet. He holds numerous certifications and accreditations and is thrilled to bring his expertise to Wollam. Ryan lives in Bristol with his wife Candace and their four children. He coaches softball, basketball and is active with his children in 4-H.

Corey Schrecengost is excited to be joining Wollam's well known body shop. He lives in Fowler with Bethany and their two children. He coaches soccer at Matthews and has played for 32 years.

SAFETY DAY TO BE HELD AT Mosquito Lake State Park

The Bazetta Twp. Police Dept., in conjunction with Mosquito Lake Marina, will be hosting its 14th Annual Safety Day, Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mosquito Lake State Park. This year's event will have a wide variety of things to do for both children and adults. The event will include vehicles and representatives from local police and fire departments, state and federal agencies along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This event will have numerous various from organizations along with public safety features. Special highlights this year include; the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team tactical vehicle "The Bear" safety trailer, Trumbull

Drug Enforcement, U.S. Air Force Security Forces, Heather Merritt's Birds in Flight Sanctuary, Ohio Dept. of Wildlife and Watercraft, Army Corps of Engineers, Taser and K-9 demonstrations and other safety forces. The Metro Life Flight helicopter will be landing at noon. There will be a special appearance by Creekside Garden's Mudzilla Monster Truck.

There will be drawings for free kid's bikes, Mahoning Valley Scrappers tickets and many more prizes. So bring the family out for an enjoyable day at one of the Ohio's most prestigious state parks and a day of educational fun and safety awareness.

For more information contact the Bazetta Twp. Police at 330-638-5503 during normal business hours of 8 a.m. County HazMat Team, Trumbull - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday or County Sheriff's Dive Team, T.A.G. Mosquito Lake Marina at 330-637-2075.



COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD STARTS IN JUNE

Beautification The Cortland Association wishes to remind everyone that the next Cortland Community Pride Award will be given in June and all nominations need to be at City Hall by June 15 to be considered for this award. This award is made possible by Chemical Bank.

The award recognizes city homeowners who have made significant improvements to the exterior appearance of their homes. This award will also be given to homeowners in July and August and an annual award for businesses will be

presented in September. Nominations for each month must be submitted to City Hall by June 15, July 15 and Aug. 15. Awards will be given shortly following these dates. Business award nominations should be submitted by Sept. 1.

Nomination forms may be obtained at City Hall or can be downloaded from the city website www.cityofcortland. org. Click on "forms." You can also submit a nomination by calling or writing to Flo Hutton at 330-637-1079 or 258 South High St., Cortland, OH 44410.

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Did you lose your ERIE agent and need to find one? Look no further than **Noble Reynolds Insurance** in Bristol.

The Lake Tavern will be hosting their Annual St Joseph Cancer Drive on Saturday, June 10 from 3–11 p.m. There will be 10 bands, a Chinese Auction and much more. Donation \$8.

Beef'O'Brady's tell us that fathers eat free on Father's Day with the purchase of an entree for equal or lesser value. Also their next Sip and Paint is June 25 at 6:30.

Brookside Greenhouse is open and has hundreds of baskets and thousands of plants. Visit one of the area's largest growers and get the highest quality plants at unbelievable prices. They will be open Memorial Day.

Cortland Playroom is accepting registration for summer programs and the all semester.

Valley View is coming to Cortland. Keep watching the old McQuaid's location on S High St

Centerra [Western Reserve Country Store] says now is the time to apply Step 2 to your lawn

Auntie V's Pizza is your graduation open house headquarters. They have Party, Salad & Deli Trays, Meats, Cheeses, Fruits, Veggies, Wraps – you name it – they have it.

Greenwood Insurance remind us that we still need insurance while on vacation. Renting a car or house? Are you covered? Check with your agent to find

Mackenzie Catering at Gardenbrook is the best caterer around. Hold the event at their place or yours ... either way the food is great.

Mark Thomas Ford has an award winning service department. They service all makes and models.

Rite Aid has a large selection of greeting cards for graduation, weddings, Father's Day and any occasion.

The Sweeperman has a great sale going on for new sweepers thru June. And they offer six months same as cash!

Did you get your landscape material from **Buckeye Bulk** yet? The largest selection anywhere and great prices.

Furniture Décor and More has something new every single day. You miss a day, you miss a lot.

Mother's Day tea party





The children at the Cortland Playroom made special gifts for their mom's along with a special treat for them to eat. Each class had songs, fingerplays and read a special book to help make this even more special. There was so many kisses, hugs and even tears...what a wonderful day!

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA RETURNS TO OUR AREA

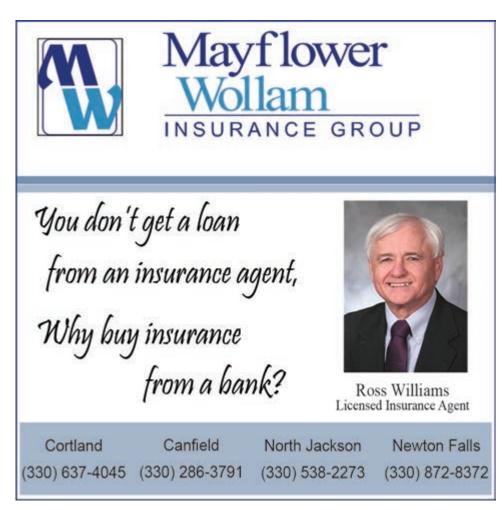
By Jean Bolinger

Save the dates of June 20-24 when Marie Curie, Chief Cornstalk, Mary Shelley, Dian Fossey, and Theodore Roosevelt come to Warren. Sponsored by Ohio Humanities, this free event combines living history performances, music, education and audience participation in a one-of-a-kind event the whole family will enjoy.

I have attended these events over the years and look forward to them with anticipation, knowing they only happen every other year. I also know that Warren is one of only four cities in the entire state selected to host Ohio Chautauqua again this year. With the support of the city of Warren, the Trumbull 100, the public library, and numerous other groups, you and I and our families have the privilege of participating in a very special week of educational activities.

Free daytime workshops for both youth and adults are capped off each evening by a portrayal of one of the historical figures mentioned above. This takes place in a giant red and white striped tent on the grounds above the amphitheater. Plan to bring your favorite lawn chair and sit back to meet some very important people in Ohio history.











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BAZETTA CORTLAND OPTIMIST CLUB TURNS 50



The Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club will host an open house on June 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the club's facility on Bazetta Road to celebrate this milestone. Residents and children are invited to attend. There will be refreshments and activities for children.

Throughout the years the club has raised money to support the community and schools. The club hosts an annual Fishing Derby, Halloween Party and November Free Skate for children. The club also supports and provides the use of the facility for the area's disadvantaged children's programs.

The Club was chartered in March of 1967 and had 36 members, which was sponsored by the Hartford Optimist

Club. The club purchased eight acres of the Betsy Marvin property in Bazetta and later donated three acres to the Bazetta Twp. for their township park. In the 1970s the club purchased 37

acres of the former Candlelight Knolls on Bazetta Road and later added a 10,000 square foot building. In the mid-70s the club built five baseball fields on 13 acres behind the Lakeview High School football stadium. In 1993, four new baseball fields were added to its current location. The club is nonprofit organization run by volunteers from the community and its primary source of revenue comes from bingo. For more information visit www. optimistclubbazettacortland.org.

FASHION INFLUENCES GARDENING TRENDS FOR EASY, EYE-CATCHING FLOWERS

(BPT) - You're getting ready for the day and decide to wear a chic blouse paired with your skinny jeans from your favorite designer. You'll be feeling and looking good with minimal effort thanks to ready-to-wear fashion.

In fashion circles, ready-to-wear clothing is what designers produce for shoppers to easily buy and wear without modifications. Essentially it makes your life easier because you get on-trend

life easier because you get on-trend clothing that instantly looks amazing.

Fashion influences a variety of

Fashion influences a variety of industries and gardening is no exception. The ready-to-wear fashion concept has evolved into what flower experts call "grab-and-go gardening."

"People want a stunning, standout garden without a lot of hassle, and that's why the concept of flowers that are ready to go and grow is so popular," says Claire Josephson, garden decorating expert. "These grab-and-go styles are easy for gardeners to plant and are full of instant, long-lasting blooms in modern color mixes that enhance your outdoor living space." outdoor living space.′

This season, you'll see fashion's influences as soon as you enter your local gardening retailer. Josephson says petunias are the perfect example: expertly designed premixed petunias take the guesswork out of decorating and mixing colors, so it's easy for experts and beginners alike to design eye-catching pots, hanging baskets, flowerbeds and more. Try any of these 2017 ready-made gardening trends this

Bold colors: Pops of color can bring energy to your wardrobe and your garden. Bright, bold colors are always on trend for the summer. Select flower mixes make a statement in your seasonal decorating with festive, vibrant hues. Wave Firecracker mix petunias add richness to your landscape with a



crowd-pleasing combination of coral, purple and blue. Unlike real fireworks, these colors won't quickly fade.

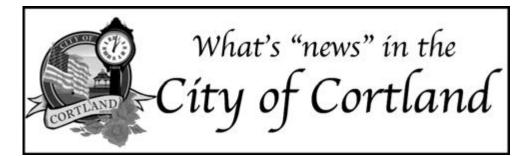
Mixing it up: Mixing patterns and textures is popular in fashion, and it's starting to be seen in gardening trends, too. Have fun blending texture combinations to create a customized look that reflects your personality and makes your home stand out from any other on the block.

Explore combinations like Lemon Dream and Razzle Dazzle that feature Wave's signature spreading petunias and incorporate additional colors and textures with high-performing annuals like verbena, calibrachoa and phlox.

Classic styles: Basics are the foundation of any wardrobe, and a classic approach to style is always in season. If you prefer to stick to the classic gardening styles, choose mixes that are perfect for subtle splashes of color, making decorating easy, simple and timeless.

The Wave Lovin' It petunia mix is an excellent choice; designed by experts, this mixture of violet, pink and yellow is a classic splash of color that creates full, eye-catching garden containers and flowerbeds and complements any

For more information and to see pictures of ready-to-wear gardening examples, visit www.wave-rave.com.



By Terri Barnovsky, administrative assistant

Zoning Code Violations

City employees do look for zoning code violations. However, the city primarily relies on complaint-based notification to initiate inspection and enforcement of the zoning code. The citizens of Cortland serve as zoning inspectors and can notify the city of suspected zoning violations.

What type of activity does the Zoning Code regulate?

In general, the zoning code regulates the location of structures on property, the maintenance of the yard area, parking of cars and length of grass. Specific activities that are regulated can be found in the text of the zoning code.

How to get a copy of the Zoning Code?

1. Request a copy at City Hall – 400 N High Street

2. Visit the city's website www.cityofcortland.org

Select Codified Ordinances under "Government"

Zoning Ordinances are found in Parts Eleven and Thirteen

How can I file a written complaint?

1. Email to planningandzoning@cityofcortland.org

2. Drop off or mail written complaint to City Hall, 400 N. High St.

3. Fax to 330-637-4778

What to include in the written complaint:

1. Location address and property owner's name (if known)

- 2. Suspected violation specifically state what portion of the property/structure is violating a city ordinance. Provide enough information so that an investigation into the violation can resolve your concern.
- 3. Provide your name, address, and contact numbers so additional information can be obtained and status updates can be provided. Complaints can be made anonymously but may hinder enforcement of the violation.

2017 Mosquito Spraying

7 p.m. to midnight
June 1 July 27
June 15 Aug. 10
June 29 Aug. 24
July 13 Sept. 7

For effective mosquito control, it must not be raining, the winds need to be between 5 to 10 miles per hour and the temperature above 50 degrees. If the proper conditions are not present, the spraying will be cancelled and a make-up date will be scheduled the following evening.

Curbside Brush Pickup

Pick-up for the entire city is now the week of the fourth Monday. Brush should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to the week of collection. See the full policy on the city website.

Upcoming Dates:

Week of May 22 – Place brush at curb no later than May 21 Week of June 26– Place brush at curb no later than June 25

Dates to Remember:

May 22 – 7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Commission

May 29 – City Offices Closed June 5 – 7 p.m. – City Council June 12 – 5 p.m. – Parks Board

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Awards for the event include Men's and Women's Overall (1st, 2nd and 2rd place) ago group awards (1st)

Awards for the event include Men's and Women's Overall (1st, 2nd and 3rd place), age group awards (1st, 2nd and 3rd place), and age brackets. The entry fee is \$20 if registered by May 19 or \$22 after that date. For more information or to register, go to gopherarun.com.





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By Chief Tom Andrews. Cortland Police Department

There are numerous events coming up in Cortland within the next few months. On June 22, 23 and 24, the Cortland Lion's Club will hold the Cortland Street Fair. This long standing community event transforms W. Main Street into one big block party with food vendors, events, entertainment and even cold beer. The fair usually starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday night and runs until midnight. The Saturday time starts early with a kiddie day event and the street opens earlier

(usually around 1 p.m. or so).

One of the highlights of the Street Fair is the parade that starts promptly at 6 p.m. on Saturday night. The parade will start at the intersection of Fowler Street and S. High Street. Heading north on S. High Street, the parade turns left (west) down W. Main Street for a short distance until another left on Grove Drive, down Grove Drive. and a right (north) onto Erie Street and then a right (east) back up W. Main Street. The parade turns left (north) onto Park Avenue where it finishes at the intersection of Park Avenue and Market Street.

Some of the roads around the Street Fair such as W. Main from Park to Erie, Bank Street near the fire department and Erie from W. Main to Market may be blocked during the Street Fair times. If you park on W. Main, Bank or Erie Street, please plan on using an alternative during this time. We will also route traffic around Cortland on the day of the parade. Basically, High Street (state Route 5) will be blocked to all traffic from Speedway through Pearl Street from about 5:30 p.m. through the completion of the parade (usually about 7:30 p.m.). We will detour traffic via Mecca Street (state Route 46) and possibly along the lake to get back to High Street. We will have plenty of officers and detour signs but make adjustments to get to your parade seat or float early to avoid being detoured.

On Saturday July 1, a 5k/1 mile color run will be held in memory of Jarrett Hutton and the LoveLife Foundation. There will be many events and entertainment to follow for the whole family. The race will begin at 9 a.m. and the route will include areas of S. High Street to Fowler Street through the residential areas to W. Main Street and all the way down to and back from the Lake. Runners will come back down S. High Street and finish where the event started at Fowler Street. Officers will be blocking some of the key intersections such as Fowler and High, High and Main and Main and Mecca.

Not to wish summer away before it begins, but keep in mind that and Octoberfest celebration is being planned possibly in mid-October around the W. Main Street area. Tentative events may include a craft and art show, family entertainment and festive music and of course beer and brats as well as other great foods.

We will post more events when they become available via our Cortland Police Department Facebook site and you can also subscribe to the city of Cortland website for events and local

Authorship of this column alternates between the Cortland and Bazetta Police Departments.



CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT PLANNED FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Geauga County Historical Society invites everyone to attend the 2017 Civil War Encampment on Memorial Day weekend. The event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Century Village Museum in Burton. Over 300 reenactors are expected to be on hand, representing the Union and Confederate armies. Skirmishes, battles, artillery fire and other military exercises will be presented.

This is a great opportunity to talk with knowledgeable men and women who will share their love of history and their passion for remembering and sharing the stories of the Great War of Rebellion. Learn about local residents who served during this war, the units in which they served, their uniforms and weaponry, camp life, forced marches, the major conflicts between combatants, diseases and suffering, war-time prisons, and the trials and tribulations faced by soldiers and citizens of the time. It is rumored that even Abe Lincoln will be making an appearance.

Come prepared to ask questions and obtain answers. The reenactors will be ready and anxious to respond to your inquiries.

Sutlers, the roving merchants of that time, will also be on the grounds selling period articles. Food and drink will be available. Civil War music will be played throughout the weekend. Several buildings at Century Village Museum will also be open for viewing

The society is still accepting reservations for reenactors. To register, reenactors should contact Terri at Century Village Museum at 440-834-1492.

The cost of the event is \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 years, free for those under age 6. Families should consider a membership in the society because such memberships will entitle the family to free admission to all four major events at the museum this year, easily covering the cost the membership. For more information, call Century Village Museum at 440-834-1492.

28TH ANNUAL STRIMBU MEMORIAL BAR-B-QUE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Lakeview student wins \$10,000 scholarship



Haylee Mathews with parents Lisa Mocella and Don Mathews

The 28th Annual Strimbu Bar-B-Que drew a large crowd of almost 1,600 on May 3 at the Yankee Lake Ballroom in Brookfield as part of a fund raising effort for the Strimbu Memorial Fund. First National Bank was the major sponsor of the event.

This year, the fund rded thirteen \$2,000 awarded and one \$10,000 college scholarships to local high school seniors planning to further their education. Leadership and self-reliance are the two most important criteria that are required to

receive one of these scholarships. The requirements were established to mirror the example that Nick Strimbu Jr. demonstrated during his lifetime. The fund's philosophy is simple: one of the most substantial ways to enhance our community's future is to

is simple: one of the most substantial ways to enhance our community's future is help educate the young people who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Those receiving scholarships and the sponsors that provided the funding are:

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 West Middlesex High School – Alex Palmer
 Scholarship sponsored by Primary Health Charitable Foundation
 The overall \$10,000 scholarship winner was Haylee Mathews from Lakeview High

School.

The \$500 Essay Award Winner, funded by the Angelo & Jenny Mastrian Charitable

Trust, was Kiernan Coburn of Reynolds High School.

Since its inception in 1990, the Strimbu Memorial Fund has provided over \$3 million in support of academic scholarships, local economic development and numerous charitable organizations. At this year's BBQ, it awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to local high school students. Ninety-nine percent of the proceeds of the Strimbu BBQ go to these scholarships and grants.

The 29th Annual Strimbu Memorial Fund BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR GEAUGA CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Century Village Museum in Burton on Saturday, May 27 at 5 p.m. It is a re-creation of an early settlement on the Western Reserve of Ohio. The ceremony will take place at the Eleazer Hickox House on the grounds of Century Village.

Payne Bolton generously purchased the first land and buildings and then donated that same property that the museum day's activities associated with the 2017 became a real place to visit and learn Civil War Encampment, also held at the about the history of Geauga County. The museum that weekend.

The Geauga County Historical Society instrumental efforts of Mrs. Lottie Fox in the creation of the village will also be highlighted. The museum has since grown to almost two dozen historic buildings, many staged as the homes and the businesses of the early settlers of the

The society invites you to attend this The event will recognize the individuals and families responsible for physically establishing the museum in 1942.

Even though the society predates the creation of Century Village Museum by many years, it was not until Frances

Payno Bolton generously purchased the property of the control o 834-1492 or e-mail info@geaugahistorical. org to make your reservation. Short talks will be given and light refreshments will be served. It should be noted that this event will take place at the close of the



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June 16 Jim Mitchell and the Repeat Offenders

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ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES NEW **MEMBER**

The Rotary Club of Cortland was pleased to welcome Tom Harrison to the volunteer organization as a new member. Harrison is a retired Lakeview teacher and current salesman at Greenwood Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge in Cortland. He was assigned to assist the "Howl At The Moon" race committee for the race scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 7 p.m. The race is open to the entire community and begins at Lakeview High School parking lot.

Donna Zuga, the Rotary Club of Cortland Club Service Chair, welcomes Tom Harrison as its newest member.





Got a phone call. Went for a drive. Took a casual stroll. And enjoyed a delightful woodland garden. I'll start over with the phone call from a friend recently, inviting my husband and me to a private garden tour. She suggested an evening visit because most gardens look their best in the mornings or evenings.

My friend is the proud caretaker of a mature woodland garden, complete with a dry river bed (definitely not dry this time of year).

(definitely not dry this time of year), two bridges and stone/pebbled paths throughout the front and rear designed 10 years ago, and the trees, shrubs, bridges and paths were professionally installed, the garden is definitely a reflection of Genevieve's love for nature.

While shades of green dominate in a woodland garden, textures are important. There are Hemlocks, and Oaks and "look John, a Heptacodium." Also known as Seven Sons Tree, it has pealing bark and fragrant creamy white flowers in clusters of seven, followed by clusters of showy purples followed by clusters of showy purple fruit with bright purple-red calyxes, blooming late summer early autumn. Then we saw Trillium, red and white; and columbine, and violets, and ivy, pachysandra and wild buttercups and Exbury azaleas in bloom and Kalmia (better known as mountain laurel). Have I mentioned lots of ajuga in full bloom (blue), along with the bloom (blue). bloom (blue), along with the blue of grape hyacinths, and red heuchera here and there?

here and there?

On our way to the front garden, we passed more shrubs and groundcover plants and hostas and dogwoods in bloom. I have always liked trillium, but in Genevieve's garden I saw the largest clump I have ever seen. Usually trillium is a single flower poking out here and there in a woodland garden. This clump of white trillium was impressive, couldn't miss it couldn't miss it.

The front garden was full of blooming dogwoods, tall shade trees, Japanese maples and a Carolina silver bell. I have read about this tree, recommended for our growing zone recommended for our growing zone (5), but had never seen one. There is always something new to learn. Pieris Japonicas peeked out from under the leaves of large hostas. Siberian iris edged the bank of the bubbling dry river bed along with other plants. Violets, and large hostas along with Hakonechloa grass and Pallida Variegata (gold striped leaf iris) added color. Large older rhododendrons wait to bloom along with wildflowers and red heuchera are growing with tiarella and heucherella (a cross between coral bells and foamflowers). I can just go on and on about spending a very pleasant evening. John and I both love spring gardens and a good glass of wine. Thank you Gen for the invite. On the drive home, John remarked, "there was no grass." Just how you planned. Oh, the bonsai story: a Japanese maple she dug and how you planned. Oh, the bonsai story: a Japanese maple she dug and planted in a hypertupha 10 years ago. For a few years, Gen planted it in the ground every fall to over winter the tree, now she just mulches it with oak leaves close to the house. Looks good

The point of my story, take a drive, go for a walk and enjoy what springtime has to offer. Gardens, landscapes natural woodlands are places of beauty and constant change. There is still time to enjoy this spring.

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



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To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In April, the United States Postal Service promoted National Dog Bite Prevention Week. I am writing to ask our customers to extend their efforts and help make this "National Dog Bite Prevention Year."

Pet owners' efforts are critical when you consider the number of Postal Service employees attacked by dogs last year reached 6,755 - more than 200 higher than the year before. Within the Eastern Area there have been 47 dog attacks since the beginning of the year.

My concern is not only for our employees, but with the general population as

well. Here are three critical points to remember:

• If a letter carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners should keep the family pet secured.

Parents should remind their children and other family members not to take mail directly from letter carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the letter carrier handing mail to a family member as a threatening gesture.

• The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority. If a letter carrier feels threatened by a dog, or if a dog is loose or unleashed, the owner may be asked to pick up mail at a Post Office until the letter carrier is assured the pet has been restrained. If the dog is roaming the neighborhood, the pet owner's neighbors also may be asked to pick up their mail at the area's Post Office.

I am asking everyone to become a responsible pet owner during the coming summer in order to ensure the safety of all of our citizens. Together, we can safeguard all from unnecessary and potentially devastating dog attacks.

Thank you for your help with this very important issue.

Sincerely, Diane Monte Calvo Postmaster Cortland Post Office

TIPS TO LOOK YOUR BEST WHEN DRESSING CASUALLY

(StatePoint) From fitness conscious consumers to busy moms who are always on the go, casual athletic attire is becoming a socially acceptable and on-trend style. In fact, it's so popular, it carries its own name: "athleisure."

It may sound like a piece of cake to dress in casual and relaxed clothing. However, avoiding a "just rolled out of bed look" is not so simple. If you find that comfy yoga pants or joggers are increasingly becoming a staple in your wardrobe, consider these tips to ensure you always look put together when

sporting them.

• The right shoe goes a long way: Forgo the traditional or "core" running shoe for this look. Such brands as Adidas, Converse, Nike and Vans have introduced updates to their classic offerings. While still inspired by an athletic lifestyle, variations in color height patterns and variations in color, height, patterns and textures accommodate the growing trend for casual wear. In addition to looking good, they are breathable and functional -- just in case you wanted to sneak in a light workout during the day!

For example, the popular Adidas Baseline still comes in a classic white. However, this year they introduced a version in peach, a fun

and new spring color.

• Get the family involved: Did you grow up loving your Chuck Taylors? The good news is that new athleisure wear is available as a full family offering, so that infants, tweens and teens can also enjoy comfortable, yet stylish, shoes. In response to this trend, family-friendly retailer Rack Room Shoes recently introduced The Athletic Shop, a shop-within-a-shop concept that highlights nationally recognized name brand products for

those with an active lifestyle.

"As we see the athleisure trend

continue to grow, we're continually

athletic brands for the entire family,"

manager of The Athletic Shop, Rack Room Shoes.

 Polish off the look: Consider taking some extra time to do hair and makeup on the day you select a casual outfit from your closet. Or try pairing joggers and athleisure footwear with a nice handbag, statement scarf or leather jacket. This will help put the look together nicely.

With all this in mind, the experts at Rack Room Shoes are focusing on comfortable, functional and stylish athleisure-inspired footwear. More information is available at rackroomshoes.com.

To look your best when dressing casually, be sure to craft your outfits with care.

WARREN PHILHARMONIC FUNDRAISER TO FEATURE BIG CHUCK AND LIL' JOHN

Television personalities Chuck and Lil' John headline the next fundraiser for the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra to be held at the Greene Eagle Winery on Saturday, May 20. Big Chuck and Lil' John will perform from 3 to 5 p.m. Also performing after 5 p.m. is the popular Take II Band. Dr. Bob and Ellie will set up in the winery for all to enjoy.

Tickets for Big Chuck and Lil' John are \$10 per person and will be sold at the gate. Pre-event tickets can be purchased using the reservation form on the Fundraiser Flier linked from the WPO website. Ticket sales help underwrite WPO concerts and youth projects.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from the Greene Eagle Winery and other vendors. Big Chuck and Lil' John merchandise will be available for purchase, and an autograph session will be held after their performance. The event also features a pizza eating contest sponsored by Sunrise Inn and a 50/50 raffle.

Big Chuck Schodowski and John Rinaldi (Lil' John) have been Northeast Ohio TV personalities for decades, mainly on WJW-TV (Fox 8). Introducing movies broadcast by the station is secondary to the off-beat skits Big Chuck and Lil' John produce and star in that accompany the films. Their reputation has grown, with many celebrities adding their talents. Big Chuck and Lil' John participate in many charity events in the region each year.







DISCLOSURE OF SLOT RETURN PERCENTAGES NOT GUARANTEED

Dear Mark: Are casinos required by law to inform the customer what the slot return percentages are for their slot machines? Mary Ellen P.

Because slot machines hold some of the highest percentage returns for the casino, yes, Mary Ellen, consumers should be granted those numbers so they can shop for value by comparing percentage returns. Unfortunately, Mary Ellen, it strictly depends on the

state where you are playing.

Disappointingly, some casinos are NOT required by their state to release information on slot machine percentage paybacks; other states break down casino returns by geographic area, and in some states, it's easy to find out the average slot payback percentage on all slot machines for an individual casino. It's posted right in the newspaper.

Nevertheless, no matter where you play, every slot machine has an accounting system built in that contains the data needed to make that hold percentage calculation. Whether the casino releases that information to the general public is based on whether the state requires it to, or not.

Dear Mark: Basic strategy states that when you have a soft 18, and the dealer is showing a 9, 10, or an Ace, you are supposed to hit that hand. If I have more than two cards that make a soft 18, should I continue to keep hitting? Zach S.

You are correct, Zach, that when you have a two-card soft 18, basic strategy dictates that you stand against a two, double down versus a three through six, stand if the dealer is showing a seven or eight, and hit against a nine, 10 or ace. Having a soft 18 consisting of more than two cards doesn't change that strategy. You should continue to hit it.

Yes, Zach, it does seem odd, but you are still slightly better off by hitting a soft 18 with multiple cards than you would be by standing pat.

UPGRADE YOUR SUMMER GRILLING GAME

(Family Features) The days are getting longer and hotter and you're itching to head outside to kick off grilling season. After a few weeks of eating the same boring burgers and hot dogs, you're looking for something a little more exciting (and so are your guests). These recipes can help take your grilling skills to the next level and make your next party something to brag about.

When people come over for Buffalo chicken, they expect authentic flavor, so give the people what they want by making Buffalo chicken sandwiches with Frank's RedHot Buffalo Wings Sauce. Frank's RedHot was the secret ingredient

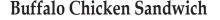
used in the original Buffalo wings recipe in 1964.

For maximum flavor, each Buffalo chicken sandwich gets a quarter of the bottle of sauce to bring in just the right blend of flavor and heat. Take it to the next level by marinating the chicken in the sauce for at least 30 minutes so it can absorb the unmistakable Buffalo flavor that will send any party into overdrive. Add the tangy blue cheese and cool, crisp lettuce and tomato and you've got the perfect bite for a

Now that you've proved your grilling chops to most of the party crew, it's time to kick it up a notch. Every party's got a few tough critics, so it's key to make something impressive and delicious that appeals to a different palate. Enter: Sweet

Start with two full racks of pork spareribs then load them up with Frank's RedHot Sweet Chili Sauce, garlic and ginger, making sure to spread that mixture all over the ribs. Grill them low and slow for 2 hours then pour another half-bottle of sauce over top for good measure and grill for another hour. After your guests have a chance to taste these sweet and tangy, fall-off-the-bone ribs, they'll talk about them all summer long.

For more grilling tips and recipes, visit franksredhot.com/recipes.



4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (if thick, cut horizontally into two even pieces)

1 bottle (12 ounces) Frank's RedHot Buffalo Wings Sauce, divided

1/4 cup blue cheese or ranch dressing

4 hard rolls, split 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles

lettuce leaves (optional)

tomato slices (optional)

red onion rings (optional)

Marinate chicken in 6 ounces Buffalo wings sauce for 30 minutes, or up

Mix remainder of Buffalo wings sauce and dressing together. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

Grill chicken 12 minutes, turning once, or until no longer pink in center. Place 2 tablespoons of mixed sauce on each roll half. Place chicken on top

of roll half and top with 1 tablespoon blue cheese crumbles. Add lettuce, tomato and onion rings, if desired. Top with second roll half. Repeat for remaining sandwiches.

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full racks pork spareribs, trimmed (about 6 pounds)

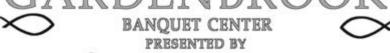
tablespoons fresh ginger, minced

cloves garlic, minced bottle (12 ounces) Frank's RedHot Sweet Chili Sauce, divided

Heat grill to 250 F and prepare for indirect cooking. Spread ribs with ginger and garlic. Place ribs on rib rack or in foil pan. Cook on covered grill 2 hours.

Spread 6 ounces sweet chili sauce evenly over ribs then cook another hour, until tender.

Baste ribs with remaining sweet chili sauce during last 15 minutes of cooking. If desired, at end of cooking time grill ribs over direct heat to char slightly.



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the pressure of tests, SATs and ACTs, visiting colleges, planning your next step after the graduation ceremony. In a few months, you may have to stop at the high school office to pick up some information. You will be buzzed in, and will sign a visitor's pass. As you walk down the hall your photo will be on the wall of graduates... for all time. It will be weird!

Besides parents and teachers, your community has done a good job of building memories and support as you were growing up. You won't forget the Cortland Lions French Fry trailer, or its Street Fair, the Cortland-Bazetta Optimist Club's Halloween parties or fishing derbies, the Cortland Rotary's Santa or school activities, the Lakeview Santa or school activities, the Lakeview

Outreach And Fellowship providing a place for Baccalaureate, and all of the churches and organizations and people who provide scholarships.

For 18 years, your life has been supported by parents, teachers and community members. Besides your parents, many teachers also attend graduation ceremonies. It is an emotional day for them as well as the parents. As a former teacher, NOTHING, and that means nothing, makes a teacher happier than to see his or her students succeed, and to hope that in some way we made a difference in your journey. It *does* take a village to raise a child, and now it's your turn to become part of the "village." We wish you love, happiness, peace and all the good luck you will ever need.

TIPS TO STEP UP YOUR PATIO EXPERIENCE THIS SEASON

(StatePoint) Ready to step up your outdoor living experience this season? You're not alone. Nearly 70 percent of design and build firms report an increased demand for outdoor living space, according to the American Institute of Architects.

When updating your outdoor living areas, focus on additions that stylishly and seamlessly blend your spaces together. Consider elements that accent your home décor, enhance comfort, create beauty and offer low-maintenance upkeep so you can kick back, relax and enjoy the space.

Here are two ideas for achieving these goals.

Fireplace

Fire features are the most popular outdoor design element, according to the American Society of Landscape Architects. This is understandable; outdoor fireplaces offer privacy, warmth and create a distinct focal point around which to gather when spending time outdoors. Outdoor fireplaces also offer a great return on investment: 90 percent of real estate agents say an outdoor fireplace increases a home's value, according to a Houzz.com study.

One major consideration to keep in mind is the type of entertaining you want to do. Those who want the convenience of a gas fireplace may wish to consider the clean, modern lines and utility of a model such as the innovative and sleek Palazzo from Heat & Glo, which features an industry-first power screen that moves up and down at the touch of a button, allowing for an uninterrupted view of the flames. Marine-grade stainless steel ensures it maintains its luster and multi-colored LED lights shine through crushed glass.

NILES HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS PROGRAM ON HISTORY OF NILES CARS AND TROLLEYS

The Niles Historical Society will be hosting an author talk and book signing on Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Ward-Thomas Museum, 503 Brown St. in Niles. Writer Larry Brough will discuss his book "The Electric Pullman: A History of the Niles Car & Manufacturing Company." This car company produced railway cars/ trolleys in Niles from 1901 until 1917. Brough was born in Newark, Ohio and grew up there and in Cleveland. He is a graduate of Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University) and Xavier University in Cincinnati. He has authored three published books, two on electric interurban car builders and an award winning one on the Great Lakes automobile carriers of the early 20th century. He currently resides with his wife, Shirley, in Newark. Railroad enthusiasts and local historians can purchase his book for \$30 at the event. There will be a \$5 donation and light refreshments will be served.

Others may be looking for something a bit more nostalgic -- like the scent and crackle of smoldering pine to bring back great memories and set the tone for outdoor gatherings. One popular choice that can achieve that effect is the Longmire wood-burning fireplace from Heatilator, which has a clean, contemporary shape that features a drawbridge gate and hinged glass door to make loading wood and routine maintenance simple.

Learn more about outdoor fireplace options at Fireplaces.com/outdoor.

Kitchen

Add ease and charm to dining al fresco by creating an outdoor kitchen. These days, it's possible to include many of the same amenities you would find in a traditional indoor kitchen -- from a working faucet and stovetop to even a dishwasher. If space or budget are limited, think about what features matter most to you and consider working with an architect to plan the most efficient and attractive layout. Architects can also serve as a great resource when it comes to building with materials that can withstand local weather.

Outdoor friendly lighting can help you keep up the culinary adventures, even after nightfall. And don't forget, you'll also want to make space for a bar. Frozen daiquiris, anyone?

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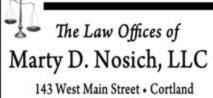
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LHS GRAD ADMITTED TO UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA'S Ph.D. PROGRAM

Marisa Pesa, a 2013 Lakeview High School graduate and 2017 Capital University graduate, has been granted admission this fall to the prestigious Ph.D. program in Rhetoric, Composition and Teaching of English (RCTE) at the University of Arizona (UA) at Tucson. The faculty unanimously voted to accept Marisa for the doctoral program, which offers scholars of rhetoric and composition ample opportunities including the chance to study and practice the art of teaching, not only in first year composition courses, but also in introductory and advanced technical, business, and professional communication courses.

UA's RCTE graduate program ranks in the top 10 in the U.S., preparing students to conduct research in rhetoric and composition, teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the field, and develop writing programs in school settings and on the job. As part of this nationally recognized writing program, Marisa will be offered exceptional writing teacher and writing program administrator preparation, which will begin with her first day of training as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) on Aug. 10.

In May, Marisa received her



undergraduate degree, a B.A. in English/Professional Writing and History, from Capital University in Columbus. She has served as managing editor of "The Chimes" student newspaper and as an Academic Success Peer Tutor at the university. She has also worked in various internship roles throughout Columbus and was a founding member and president of the Women's Empowerment Alliance (WEA) student organization. Marisa will be working this summer for 614 Media Group in Columbus before beginning her graduate studies in Tucson.

LOCAL PROFESSOR EARNS PRESTIGIOUS President's Award

Dr. David Hacker, associate professor, Department of Geology, Kent State University at Trumbull, has been named one of this year's President's Faculty Excellence Award recipients. This annual award is given to a small number of tenure-stream faculty across the entire Kent State University system for outstanding research, scholarship, and creative activity; remarkable teaching; and/or exemplary service with national or international significance

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Last year, Dr. Hacker won the Charles J. Mankin Award from the Association of American State Geologists for best publication from a state geological survey and the Excellence in Education Award from Ohio Magazine. In 2015, he received Kent State Alumni Association's Distinguished Teaching Award.

Along with his regular class load, he is also the Director of Kent State University's Geology Summer Field

Camp (six-credit experiential learning course taught in South Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho).

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Dr. Hacker has directed nearly 40 undergraduate senior research and honors projects, several of which were funded by the National Park Service and the Ohio Geological Survey.

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He authored "Earth's Natural Hazards: Understanding Natural Disasters and Catastrophes," one of the standard textbooks in the field. His article on volcanic mega-landslides in Geology, the top-ranked international journal in geoscience, drew coverage from Smithsonian Magazine, CBS News, and Science Magazine.

"Dr. Hacker is a tremendous asset to Kent State, the Trumbull campus, and our community," said Dr. Lance Grahn, dean and chief administrative officer. "He, along with our other outstanding faculty demonstrates that we offer our students a world class education, close to home and with an affordable tuition."

LAKEVIEW RANKED IN 2017 BEST HIGH SCHOOL RATINGS

U.S. News & World Report recently released its 2017 Best High Schools rankings. Lakeview High School was ranked 99th in the state of Ohio among the 866 Ohio high schools examined. Nationwide, Lakeview High School earned a ranking of 1,912 out of over 22,000 high schools. Lakeview High

School was awarded a prestigious silver medal. Annually, U.S. News & World Report analyzes public high schools across the country. Comparative data includes proficiency rates on state math and reading tests, graduation rates, disadvantaged student's performance, as well as college readiness.

JOHNSTON VFW AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Johnston VFW Post 7614 recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to two students from the graduating class 2017 Maplewood High School. The awards were presented by Roy Gregory to Margaret S. McCartney, daughter of Philip and Michele McCartney; and Kenneth Begley, son of Joseph and Renate Begley.





KENT STATE TRUMBULL THEATRE HOLDS SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOPS

To help celebrate its 40th anniversary, Kent State Trumbull Theatre is holding summer workshops for youth between the ages of 8 and 15.

Throughout six exciting workshops, led by the Dana Warren-Tolios, youth will explore numerous techniques to unleash their creativity and polish their scheduled meeting dates for June 5, skills for their next show or audition.

Warren-Tolios has been involved with Kent State Trumbull Theatre since 1990, when she began acting in various plays and musicals. After graduation and three years of service in the U.S. Army, she returned to Kent State to pursue a degree in business management with a minor in theatre. During her time at Kent State Trumbull, she took over as president of the Drama Club and was an active

member and president of the Live Wires Improvisational Troupe. In 2002, she began teaching children's acting classes for Summer Stock as well as choreographing many of the Summer Stock's musicals.

Summer Youth Workshop have 7, 12, 14, 19 and 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 117 of the Technology Building, KSU Trumbull, 4314 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren. The fee is \$50 for the entire series.

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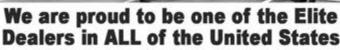
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BAZETTA CORTLAND OPTIMIST CLUB HONORS TCTC STUDENT

The Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Charles Marin, a student in the Web Design Class at the Trumbull Career & Technical Center for the design of the club's new website. The club treated the class to lunch at the school's Cove Restaurant.

Pictured are Mike Piros, vice president Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club; Charles Marin TCTC student; Michael Pozega, instructor.



MAHONING VALLEY NEEDS MORE AFFORDABLE, QUALITY PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

Quality preschool and childcare is expensive. In Mahoning Valley, cash strapped centers struggle to deliver good programs, while parents struggle to afford them. To bridge the gap, the Valley needs deeper state investments, according to a report released today by Policy Matters Ohio and Eastern Ohio Education Partnership.

The report examines early childhood programs in Mahoning and Trumbull counties, including public preschools, childcare centers and home childcare providers. Only about half of centers in each county are rated by the Step-Up-To-Quality program, and about a quarter are rated highly, with three to five stars. While the Valley has enough programs to serve all 3- and 4-year-olds, many families still cannot access them – especially top rated programs.

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Families often turn instead to programs with extended hours while parents work. High costs coupled with the need for wraparound childcare lock many children out of preschool and keep their parents out of the workforce. The median center based preschool costs

\$7,550 per child in Mahoning County and \$9,370 in Trumbull – one-fifth of the typical family budget. Even at those rates, programs struggle to meet the costs of top quality benchmarks.

"Providers want to deliver the best early education to the children they serve," said Stephanie Shaw, executive director of Eastern Ohio Education Partnership. "Meeting Step-Up-To-Quality standards is expensive, and our strategy is to get the state to reimburse programs at a level where they can remain competitive."

Staff plays the largest role in determining the quality of a preschool or childcare program. Yet Ohio childcare teachers earn less than 97 percent of all the state's workers. Turnover is high and disruptive.

"Good preschool with wraparound childcare is both an investment in children and a vital work support for families," said Michael Shields, Policy Matters researcher and report coauthor. "We need deeper state investments to make quality programs available to all Mahoning Valley families."

FIRST GRADE FIELD TRIP TEACHES LIFE LESSONS

By Sally Lane







First graders at Lakeview Elementary took a break from classroom lessons to practice other important life lessons like team building, cooperation, the art of conversations and learning about nature. Members of the Bazetta-Cortland Optimist Club recently hosted a field trip for the students at their property on Bazetta Road.

Although the air was a little chilly, it wasn't raining, so the children could complete all six stations. The stations were a good mix of active participation, like kickball, corn hole, a nature walk, alternated with less strenuous activities like a craft, lunch and listening to speakers talk about bees and animal tracks. Each activity was carefully designed for an enjoyable learning experience.

The favorite station, of course, was fishing in the pond. Members of the Optimist Club handled baiting the fishing poles and instructing the children about safety. Some of the

volunteers from the Optimist Club were Mike Piros, Charlie Harper, Mike Popadak, Earl Parthemer, Myron Bronson and Dennis Taylor.

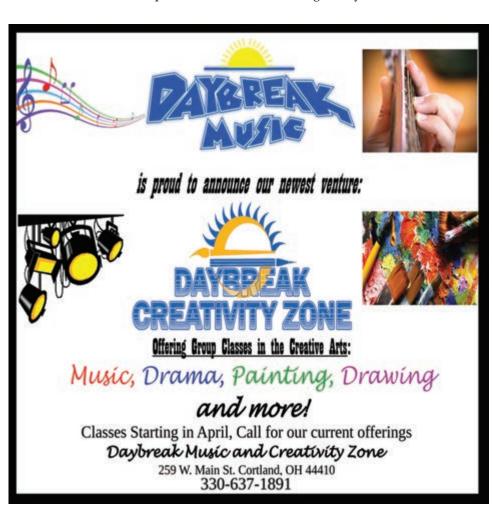
Lunch was furnished by DiLucia's Catering, and provided the opportunity for the students to try out the "Table Talk" activity with classmates. A printed conversation starter was pulled from a jar, and the groups at the tables responded.

First grade teachers commented on how well the field trip was organized with the Optimist Club. "This was an awesome field trip, and we hope to make this a tradition," said teacher Carrie Probst. Mike Piros of the club, said that the organization is "all about kids." The club hosts free skates during the school year, as well as a Halloween party, a Fishing Derby (this year's derby is May 20) and scholarships. The Bazetta-Cortland Optimist Club celebrates 50 years on June 17 (see the article on page 26).

USA Dance lessons

USA Dance will feature Cha Cha lessons and general dancing at the Orthodox Center, 1025 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, on Sunday, May 21. The evening will feature: 5 p.m., Cha Cha basics workshop; followed at 5:30 p.m. with intermediate/

advanced Cha Cha and from 6:15 to 9 p.m., open dance to Ballroom, Latin, Swing and Hustle. It is sponsored by Gary Jones from "A Time To Dance." The cost is \$5 for USA Dance members, \$10 for Non-members and \$2.50 for students.





CORTLAND PLAYROOM STARTS ACADEMIC SUCCESS

By Sally Lane



Mrs. Susette Zickefoose, Director and Administrator of the Cortland Playroom



Carrie Barringer with her Pre-K2 class at the Cortland Playroom

A little more than 50 years ago pre-school and day-care facilities, if they existed at all, were little more than play dates. Kindergarten programs in the schools were usually half day. All that began to change as Baby Boomers came of age. More women entered the work force, and were influenced by the women's rights movement. Competition with Russia in the new "space age" brought changes in education.

In response to a need in the community for organized child care in Cortland, Gloria Zanin began a center at Cortland Christian Church. She soon built the school where it is located now at 525 N. High St. When Susette Zickefoose purchased the building in 1987, she saw the chance to start the academic program for which she had been searching. "Children who attend a preschool program do better

in school. They flourish in the atmosphere of learning as well as playing," she said.

After conversations with Joseph Guido, then principal of Cortland Elementary, and teacher friends, as well as attending many conferences, Mrs. Zickefoose worked out a preschool program that would meet the developmental needs of the young children who would be attending a public school kindergarten after being in the Cortland Playroom's preschool program. She also set up an after-school program for children who need a place to stay until working parents can pick them up.

Child Development Associate (CDA) licensed teachers and degreed teachers are employed in the classrooms and summer programs. "Many of the teachers we employ have been here for

years," commented Mrs. Zickefoose. The Playroom also works with Jobs and

Family Services.

In 1992, an infant room was added to Cortland Playroom, for children ages six weeks to a "non-pottied" age of 36 months. The school also provides hot

lunches to all attendees.
Since 1997, Cortland Playroom has offered a "Pre-K2" program, taught by Carrie Barringer. "This is for children who aren't *quite* ready for kindergarten or have summer birthdays," said Mrs. Zickefoose. "Instead of going to a public school kindergarten and perhaps being held back at the end of the year and seeing their classmates move on, these kids have their own class here to get ready for the their own class here to get ready for the transition to regular kindergarten the next year, joining a class that they will be a member of for the rest of their public education."

When it is summer time and after school, parents of children up to age 12 often need child care. The Cortland Playroom has one of the best programs in the county for summer day care. It earned the "Best of the Best" award for overall daycare/preschool programs from the Warren Tribune Reader's Choice Gold Award. "We try to have one field trip a month during the summer: Wagon Trails, Skate Zone, Putt-Putt, bowling, and more," said Mrs. Zickefoose. They also walk to the Cortland Splash Pad on hot days and offer crafts and activities.

The Cortland Playroom is now registering for summer programs and the 2017-2018 school year. Call for details: 330-637-2296, Email is cortplayroom@aol.



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PRACTICAL FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR PARENTS-TO-BE

By Nathaniel Sillin

Planning for a baby is exciting and sometimes a little frightening for expectant parents, especially first-time parents. The months will fly by and soon you'll be at home embarking on an adventure along with the newest member of your family. Welcome to the excitement, exhaustion, fascination, bewilderment and love that is parenthood.

Along with the joy and fulfillment that a new baby brings, you'll have new financial responsibilities. Some costs are unavoidable, while others may largely depend on your discretion. Sticking to a financial plan could help you provide wonderful opportunities and experiences for your child while keeping your

family's costs under control.

Preparing for the cost of birth. Paying down debt, creating a new budget, building an emergency fund, setting up automated personal finance software and reviewing the beneficiaries on your accounts could all be on your pre-birth checklist. You might not have the time or energy for these tasks once you're a parent.

You'll also want to review your health insurance policy and get a clear understanding of your coverage during prenatal care, labor and delivery. Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and Medicaid plans always cover pregnancy and birth, but copays, coinsurance, deductibles and maximum out-of-pocket amounts can vary. You might

not be covered at all if you have a grandfathered plan.

You can change to a new Marketplace plan, and add your child, after the birth as you'll be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period.

Saving money during the first few years. As you adjust to life as a new parent — sleepless nights, bath times and diapers galore — you'll likely be tempted by a wide range of childcare products. Some are necessary, but there are many ways to save on those everyday infant purchases.

Ask at the hospital, research online and check with pediatricians for free childcare samples. They may not last long, but having a stockpile of various sample-size products can come in handy. Also ask about a free breast pump, which you may have a right to with an ACA healthcare plan.

Consumables, such as formula, diapers and wipes, can be bought in bulk at warehouse stores or shipped to you via a subscription from an online retailer. Either option could provide long-term savings compared to buying as you go.

Discuss childcare options. Some

Discuss childcare options. Some families need the income from two working parents, others can choose to stay at their job or become a full-

time parent.

Weighing the pros and cons of leaving work can be difficult as you'll want to consider a variety of ancillary costs and benefits. In the end, the decision may not be entirely financial. You could value extra parent-child time over a second income, even if it means living with a tighter budget. But even if you're unsure of daycare, you may want to sign-up for local centers' waitlists now because it can take years to get a spot

Plan for the worst-case scenario.
As a parent, you're responsible for the wellbeing of your child. Now may be the time to prepare or revise a will and consider appointing a guardian. Also, if you don't have life insurance, this is a good time to start shopping for a policy. If something happens to you, life insurance can help provide financial support for your child in the

coming years.

Whole or permanent life insurance policies will cover you for as long as you pay your premium while term life insurance covers you for a specific period, such as 10 or 20 years. Premiums on term policies may be lower than on whole life insurance, and this could be the better option if you're only looking for coverage while you support your child.

Bottom line: A new child will bring great joy to your family, and when wants or needs arise, you will want your finances to be in order. Whether you're early in the planning process or already expecting, it's never too early to prepare for the cost of raising a child. After all, a new addition to your family is the best gift and the start of an amazing adventure.

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ARE YOU TALKING YOURSELF OUT OF SAVING FOR RETIREMENT?

Saving for – and even thinking about retirement can be overwhelming. While it's natural to worry about your financial future, be careful not to let preconceived notions prevent you from actively saving for tomorrow. If you find yourself having one of the following doubts, consider reframing your thinking. A shift in perspective may be what you need to get on the

"Retirement is a long way off." It's easy to get wrapped up in your current financial obligations, telling yourself that you'll prioritize your retirement next year. However, like many worthy aspirations, a sound retirement plan takes time and discipline to achieve. If your golden years seem far away, remind yourself of the power of saving early. Time allows you to tackle your retirement goals in smaller increments with the potential for compounded growth. Retirement will likely come faster than you think, and your future self will thank you for planning ahead.

"I'll prioritize retirement after paying for my child's education." With the rising costs of college, it's understandable and even necessary for you to help your child obtain a quality education. However, your nest egg should be the top priority. Once you reach retirement, you have limited options if your savings come up short. Alternatively, your child can secure financial aid to pay for college, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs and loans. You simply don't have options like these to help fund your retirement. While retirement deserves the most attention, you can devise a strategy to simultaneously save for both important goals.

"My retirement dreams are too **expensive.**" If your dreams of traveling through Europe or starting a new hobby seem expensive, give yourself a reality check. Start by comparing your dreams to your current nest egg. Calculate the amount you need to maintain your lifestyle, cover potential unexpected expenses (such as healthcare) and achieve your retirement bucket list. If your savings come up short, create a plan to fill the gap. Lofty dreams will

force yourself to ask the tough question, "Do I want to adjust my current lifestyle to achieve this retirement dream?"

"I won't be able to retire when I want." It's true that more Americans are working longer and delaying retirement. Some simply prefer to remain active contributors in the workforce, but many others are forced to postpone retirement until they accumulate sufficient resources to retire comfortably. If you dream of retiring early, carefully assess whether your nest egg is sustainable over several decades. You'll want to make sure the money you withdraw in the early years of retirement doesn't put you at risk of outliving your assets.

"I can't afford to save." If this phrase comes to mind, give your self-talk a flip. Instead, think "I can't afford not to save". Setting aside even a small amount of money each month can make a big difference, as your assets can grow with the benefit of compounding. Consider increasing your monthly contribution to continue to build your

"My family will help me." Perhaps you're expecting a generous inheritance, or hoping that your adult kids will provide a financial cushion if you experience an unexpected expense. Regardless of who you believe may come to your aid, it's best to take your financial security into your own hands. Life is full of uncertainties that could impact the bank accounts for both you and your family members. Knowing your future is under financial control may give you, your children and your parent's peace of mind.

It's not too late to correct misconceptions about the importance of saving for retirement. Consider working with a financial advisor to create a plan for your future. Together you can determine your savings targets and explore a wide range of strategies to meet your financial goals. It's time to talk yourself back in to retirement.

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Is your smart phone smarter than you?

By Jean Bolinger

Recently we had two lovely young people from Lakeview High School come to Prince of Peace Church to give personalized help to several residents of Creekside Commons with their electronic devices, such as their Kindle, laptop, Iphone and

All Lakeview High School students are required to donate 10 hours of community service sometime during the school year. Both Sam and Mallory have had interesting experiences through their volunteer work. Although Sam had already completed his requirements for this year he said he lived close to the church and thought we could use his help. He wasn't kidding!

If your church or organization could use some helping hands next school year contact Tom Pavlansky, Social Studies Coordinator at LHS. He will be happy to work with you in finding students to do the job beginning in mid-August.



Pictured front row: Evelyn Tarlinton, Terri Smith, Winnie Nichols; back row: Samuel Van Horn and Mallory Bridgman



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By Jennifer J. Slywczak

So you just filed your taxes - could an audit be next?

Like many people, you probably feel a great sense of relief wash over you after your tax return is completed and filed. Unfortunately, even professionally prepared and accurate returns may sometimes be subject to an IRS audit.

The good news? Chances are slim that it will actually happen. Only a small percentage of returns go through the full audit process. Still, you're better off informed than taken completely by surprise should your number come up.

Red flags

A variety of red flags can trigger an audit. Your return may be selected because the IRS received information from a third party — say, the W-2 submitted by your employer — that differs from the information reported on your return. This is often the employer's mistake or occurs following a merger or acquisition.

In addition, the IRS scores all returns through its Discriminant Inventory Function System (DIF). A higher DIF score may increase your audit chances. While the formula for determining a DIF score is a well-guarded IRS secret, it's generally understood that certain things may increase the likelihood of an audit, such as:

- Running a traditionally cash-oriented business,
- Having a relatively high adjusted gross income,
- Using valid but complex tax shelters, or

Claiming certain tax breaks, such as the home office deduction.

Bear in mind, though, that no single item will cause an audit. And, as mentioned, a relatively low percentage of returns are examined. This is particularly true as the IRS grapples with its own budget issues.

Finally, some returns are randomly chosen as part of the IRS's National Research Program. Through this program, the agency studies returns to improve and update its audit selection techniques.

Careful reading

If you receive an audit notice, the first rule is: Don't panic! Most are correspondence audits completed via mail. The IRS may ask for documentation on, for instance, your income or your purchase or sale of a piece of real estate.

Read the notice through carefully. The pages should indicate the items to be examined, as well as a deadline for responding. A timely response is important because it conveys that you're organized and, thus, less likely to overlook important details. It also indicates that you didn't need to spend extra time pulling together

Your response (and ours)

Should an IRS notice appear in your mail, please contact our office. We can fully explain what the agency is looking for and help you prepare your response. If the IRS requests an in-person interview regarding the audit, we can accompany you — or even appear in your place if you provide authorization.

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Work is continuing in Pearl Park in the area around the splash pad. GC Construction completed the construction of the pavilion, benches were installed by the Service Department and Integra Excavating poured the concrete. Paving in front of the splash pad will be completed soon and picnic tables will be added.



Work continues on the Lakeview Schools Pedestrian Enhancement Project on Portal and Natale Drives.



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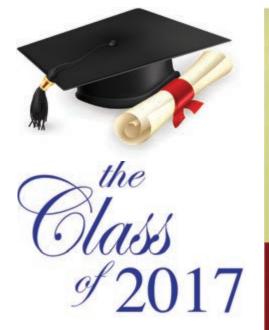


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"THE BEST OF THE BEST" 2017 COSTUME EXHIBIT

The Geauga County Historical Society is titled "Fashion Trends through the invites the public to attend the grand opening of its 2017 costume exhibition, "The Best of the Best." Each costume tour of the exhibit around 2 p.m. "The Best of the Best." Each costume exhibited has been carefully selected from the Society's extensive collection of antique and vintage clothing. The featured items will consist of articles of clothing made as early as the 1830s and as recently as the 1970s.

The grand opening will take place on Saturday, May 20 from noon until 4 p.m. Advance reservations are required and only a few openings remain available. The program will take place in the Society's exhibit space in the Law House and in

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preservation activities and its educational efforts. Seating is limited.

If unable to attend the grand opening, the exhibit will continue to be available for public viewing throughout the summer and early fall of 2017 on Friday afternoons at no charge. Individuals and groups are welcome. Special arrangements can be made on other days for a small fee.

To place a reservation, or for more information, call Century Village Museum at 440-834-1492.



I LIKED MY LIFE A novel by Abby Fabiaschi

Maddy (Madeline) is a devoted stay-at-home mom who is fulfilled by caring

Maddy (Madeline) is a devoted stay-at-home mom who is fulfilled by caring for her workaholic husband, Brady, and petulant teenage daughter, Eve. Perfect hostess, one who always has the right advice for a friend, smart and exacting, Maddy commits suicide by jumping off of the roof of the library.

Heartbroken and wondering what happened, Brady and Eve try to understand the woman they thought they knew. Maddy had always been the glue that held the family together so neither husband nor child knows how to survive each other without her. A father who felt his foremost family duty was to be a good breadwinner and a teenager thoroughly immersed in herself and her own loss struggle mightily to understand what each other is going through while Maddy, watching from beyond, tries to find the perfect replacement for herself and is determined to plant ideas into the heads of her beloved family members.

The plot sounds quite simple and unexciting, but the author in her debut novel has crafted a story that covers many bases—mothers and daughters, fathers and daughters, life and death—all with great insight and humor. I believe you will find it both absorbing and illuminating, sometimes funny and often heartbreaking.

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Volunteer Coordinators Sandy and Jack Slanina, joined by local ethnic radio personality Dennis Spisak (left) encourage people of all skills and interest to spend a few hours at the annual Simply Slavic Festival.

In preparation for the 7th annual Simply Slavic Festival on Saturday, June 17, organizers are looking for volunteers to help with the event. It will be held from noon until midnight on Federal Plaza East in downtown Youngstown.

Volunteers of every age, skill and ability are welcome. Help is needed for everything from set-up and takedown, ticket sales, the baking contest, to assistance in cultural display and children's areas. Various two-hour shifts are available. Every volunteer gots, free admission, and a t shirt ets free admission and a t-shirt. For more information contact help@ simplyslavic.org or call at 330-333-

Simply Slavic was created in 2011 to educate both the region's large number of Slavic descendants and the community-at-large about the Slavic heritage. It features live Slavic music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits and workshops and ethnic vendors. Since its creation, the group has developed an active regional, national and even international following that share their news and event information of interest to Slavs on the website, www.simplyslavic.org, as well as on their Facebook page.

SPIN THE LAKES BICYCLE TOUR AND STAY & GRAZE RECEPTION REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations are now being accepted for the Spin The Lakes Bicycle Tour and Stay and Graze Reception, to benefit Homes For Kids/Child and Family Solutions, on Saturday, June 3 at Mastropietro Winery, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center.

Participants will ride a leisurely 25 mile or a more intense 62 mile (metric century) course beginning and ending at Mastropietro Winery. The 25-mile loop will feature views of Lake Milton, while the metric century takes riders around Lake Milton, West Branch and Berlin Lake and through some beautiful country scenery. Riders are required to wear a helmet. A SAG Wagon will be provided by Trailside Bicycle. Pit stops will be available and the event will take place rain or shine.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The 62 miles tour departs at 9 a.m. and the 25 mile tour departs at 10:30 a.m. The Bicycle Tour includes a Stay & Graze (SAG) reception with live entertainment from Trilogy, BBQ from Drunkin' Moose, dessert by Giannios Candy, entry into a basket raffle and a silent

auction. The Bicycle Tour and Stay & Graze reception is \$30 per person. Riders may purchase a wine and beer tasting for an additional fee of \$15.

Non-riders are invited to enjoy the reception, entertainment, dessert and a wine tasting from Mastropietro Winery, a beer tasting from Paladin Brewing and Maize Valley, and a silent auction with a separate ticket for \$35 per person from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Proceeds from the event will be used to provide educational and healthy activities for our foster children and provide additional support for our behavioral health programs such as the Social Skills Group and the Bicycling Equals Empowerment Program," said Danette Palmer, marketing & development manager.

Tickets for this event can be purchased online at www.hfk.org or by calling Danette Palmer at 330-544-800, ext. 534. Riders may register the day of the event. Tickets may also be purchased for the Stay and Graze reception the day of the event. Advanced reservations are encouraged by May 20.



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UPTON ASSOCIATION NEWS

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The following events are scheduled at the Upton House: Sunday, June 4, open house from 2 to 4 p.m., featuring wedding cake toppers; July 2 and Aug. 5 open house; and July 14 and 15, annual garage sale. The home is available for rental and tours are offered. Bricks for the Women's Park are for sale by calling 330-395-1840 or visit uptonhouse.org. The Upton House is located on 380 Mahoning Ave., Warren.

WARREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN ATTEND SPRING CONFERENCE



On Saturday, May 6, seven members of the Warren Republican Women's Club attended the spring conference of the Ohio Federation of Republican Women. The conference was held at Mayfield Sand Ridge Club in South Euclid. Keynote speakers were Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General; and Jane Timken, chairwoman of the Ohio Republican Party. Pictured L-R, going up the stairs are Judie Shortreed, Roberta Shields, Jean Cramer, Jo Ann Szczyglowski, Cathy Lukasko, Cathy Stocz and Barbara Rosier-Tryon.



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COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

By Jean Bolinger

In 2014, the men of Cortland United Methodist Church launched a garden for the community. They planted and then harvested over a ton of potatoes that were donated to various organizations in the Cortland/Warren area. The following year the weather derailed their planting. Last year a variety of crops were planted including, among others, potatoes, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers and corn. Everything harvested was given away. Perhaps you noticed the small trailer of veggies in front of the church last summer or helped yourself to produce left at the LOAF Yard Sale.

The Methodist men noticed that not only did passers-by help themselves to the produce but also others left

their own surplus garden produce for those in need. This year they are offering garden space to anyone in the community who would like to plant and maintain a row or two or even part of a row of vegetables with the stipulation that anything harvested is shared with the community. You would be free to distribute your bounty as you saw fit. The men have a list of suggested recipients or you can find your own.

If you are interested in supporting this project or if you would like more information call Lynn Burkey at 330-638-6728, Harvey Feenstra at 330-637-1394, or the church office 330-637-2571. The church garden is located on Main Street, just over state Route 11 past the Masonic Hall.

News from LOAF

By Jean Bolinger

The community Vacation Bible School, which has been sponsored by LOAF (Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship) for decades, will be held at Cortland Christian Church June 12-16 for students pre-kindergarten through grade 7. This year's theme is "Hero Central, Discover your Strength in God!" Director Brian Kovach is looking for volunteers who would like to assist. He can be reached at 330-423-5094. The cost is \$8 for the week or \$5 if you pre-register. Preregistration can be made via postcards, which are available at LOAF churches: All Saints Community, Bazetta Christian, Cortland Christian, Cortland Nazarene, Cortland Methodist, Prince of Peace and St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

"Christmas in July" will be celebrated with the ringing of the Salvation Army bell during the Cortland Street Fair the following week, June 22-24. All money donated to the red kettle at the fair will be used to assist people in the Cortland/Bristol areas. Many families and individuals are helped by the Salvation Army and Adopt a Foot and will receive \$500 from them this

fall for shoes for area school children. If you can volunteer to ring the bell for just one hour, email jeanbolinger@hotmail. com and give your name, email, and phone number. You will be contacted and assigned a time to help out.

Meal Packaging event to assist rise against hunger is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30. More details will follow as plans are finalized. Contributions of both time (2 hours) and money (30 cents buys a meal for 6 people) will be needed. Watch for information here and on the Cortland Facebook page.

The community Christmas Choir and Band concert is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 11 at Lakeview High School. Again, more information will be given in the fall.

Please think about signing up for a garden plot offered by the Methodist

LOAF wishes God's continued blessings on our two pastors who are retiring: Donald Barnes of Cortland Christian Church and Paul Leone of Bazetta Christian Church. They will be greatly missed in our community.

WEST MECCA UNITED HOLDING TRASH & TREASURE SALE

The West Mecca United Church will hold a Trash and Treasure sale on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be furniture, glassware, books, puzzles and more. Saturday will be \$2 bag day. There will be a bake sale both

days (while bake goods last). On Friday hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips and beverages will be for sale. Saturday is the free lunch (God Provides A Meal) from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The church is located at the corner of state Route 88 and Bazetta Road in Mecca Twp.

SOUTHINGTON UMC HOLDING CHICKEN DINNER

The Southington United Methodist Church, state Routes 305 and 534, will be holding a chicken dinner, on Wednesday, June 7, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The menu includes: one fourth of a chicken, scalloped potatoes, green

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