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A Glimpse Into 2025: Navigating A Year Of Transformation

By Alex Irman

As the familiar countdown echoes into the past and the confetti settles, we stand at the precipice of 2025. A new year always carries with it a sense of anticipation, a blank slate upon which we project our hopes, dreams, and anxieties about the future. But 2025 feels particularly significant, a year poised on the edge of significant shifts across various facets of our world.

The relentless march of technology will continue to shape our lives in 2025. We can anticipate further advancements in artificial intelligence, with AI becoming even more integrated into our daily routines, from personalized recommendations to automated tasks. This increased integration, however, will also bring heightened scrutiny regarding ethical considerations, data privacy, and the potential impact on the job market. Debates surrounding AI regulation and responsible development will likely intensify.

Virtual and augmented reality will also continue to evolve, offering more immersive experiences in gaming, entertainment, and even professional training. While widespread adoption might still be a few years away, 2025 will likely see significant progress in making these technologies more accessible and user-friendly.

The global landscape will continue to be marked by complexity and uncertainty. Geopolitical tensions, economic fluctuations, and the ongoing effects of climate change will demand international cooperation and innovative solutions. The focus on sustainability will



likely intensify, with increased pressure on governments and businesses to adopt environmentally friendly practices.

The year 2025 will also likely see continued discussions and actions surrounding global health. Lessons learned from recent years will continue to shape public health strategies and preparedness for future health challenges.

Societal values and cultural norms are constantly evolving, and 2025 will likely see further shifts in how we interact with each other and the world around us. Discussions surrounding diversity, inclusion, and social justice will continue to be at the forefront, driving changes in policies and practices.

The way we consume information and engage with media will also continue to evolve, with social media platforms playing a significant role in shaping public discourse. The challenge of combating

misinformation and promoting media literacy will remain crucial.

In the midst of these global and societal changes, the focus on personal well-being will remain paramount. Increasingly, individuals are prioritizing mental and physical health, seeking ways to manage stress, improve their overall well-being, and cultivate meaningful connections. The trend towards mindfulness, self-care, and work-life balance will likely continue to gain momentum.

While predicting the future with absolute certainty is impossible, 2025 appears to be a year of significant transformation across various domains. It will be a year that demands adaptability, resilience, and a willingness to embrace change. While challenges will undoubtedly arise, so will opportunities for innovation, growth, and positive change.

As we step into 2025, it's important to approach the future with a balanced perspective. Acknowledging the challenges while maintaining a sense of hope and optimism will be crucial for navigating the year ahead. By embracing collaboration, fostering open communication, and prioritizing human well-being, we can collectively shape a more positive and sustainable future for ourselves and generations to come. The year 2025 is not just a destination; it's a journey, and the choices we make today will determine the path we take.

New Beginnings

*How often we look for another chance,
to make a fresh beginning.*

*A chance to blot out our mistakes,
and change failure into winning.*

*And it does not take a new year,
to make a brand new start.*

*It only takes the deep desire to try
with all our heart.*

To live a little better.

And to always be forgiving.

*And to add a little sunshine
To the world in which we're living.*

*So never give up in despair,
And think that you are through.*

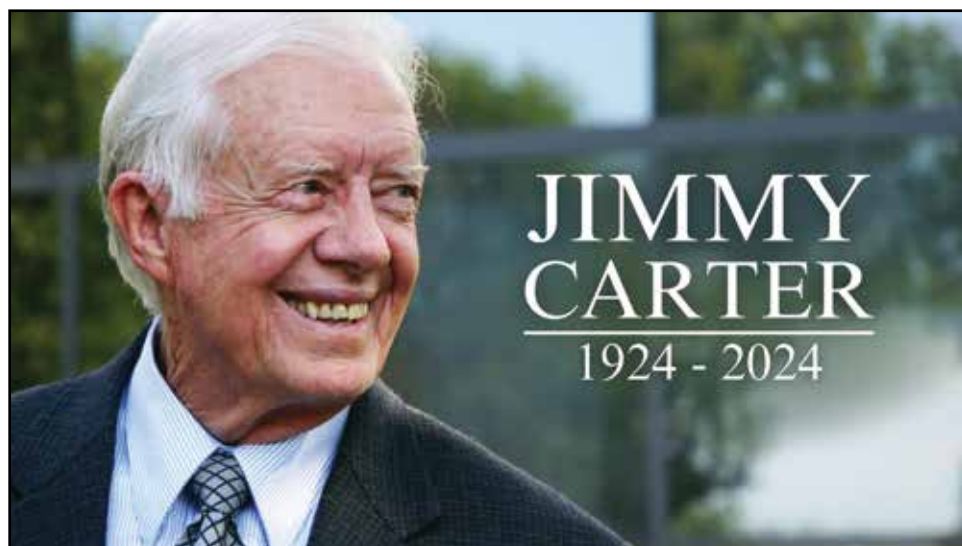
*For there's always a tomorrow,
And a chance to start anew.*

By Helen Steiner Rice

Jimmy Carter - A Life Well-Lived

By Alex Irman

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, passed away peacefully at the age of 100 on December 29, 2024. His life was a testament to



service, compassion and unwavering dedication to human rights and peace.

Born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia, Carter's journey from a humble peanut farmer to the highest office in the land is nothing short of remarkable. He served as a Georgia state senator and

governor before winning the presidency in 1976. His tenure was marked by significant achievements, including the historic Camp David Accords, which brought peace between Egypt and Israel. After leaving office, Carter's commitment to humanitarian causes

only grew stronger. He founded The Carter Center in 1982, which has worked tirelessly to promote peace, fight disease and improve human rights worldwide. His efforts earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

Carter's personal life was equally inspiring. He was married to Rosalynn Smith Carter for 77 years, and their love story is one for the ages. Together, they raised four children and were blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Even in his final years, Carter remained active, teaching Sunday school and working with Habitat for Humanity. His legacy is one of kindness, humility and a relentless pursuit of justice and equality.

As we mourn his passing, we celebrate a life well-lived and a man who truly embodied the best of humanity. Rest in peace, President Carter. Your legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

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 Monday, Jan 13 - 7 p.m.

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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.

Cortland Public Library - Check out the ongoing events on page 18
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>

Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.

Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).

Church Events - See the Church News and Notes on the Faith pages.

Trumbull County Combined Health District has numerous free upcoming Vaccine Clinics. See their website or the article in this issue.

JANUARY

11 SCOPE Senior Showcase / Robbins Theater / 2 PM

18 Charity Breakfast benefitting Scout Troop 4008/5025
Masonic Lodge / 9 - 11:30 AM

18 Special Olympics Ohio Polar Plunge / Mosquito Lake
For more information go to mosquitolakepolarplunge.org

19 Cortland Church of the Nazarene hosts a concert from local singers
"The Stevens Family" / 10:45 am / All are welcome.

20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Banks, Post Office & Government offices CLOSED

21 Dirty Dancing in Concert / Packard Music Hall / 5-8 PM

Start The Year Right - With An Earthquake

By Cait Morgan

Digging in the recesses of my brain, one New Year stands out to me as being very much on the side of 'unique' but not for the reasons one would think. It involved an afternoon of making fried rosette cookies, a relatively new marriage and lessons that needed to be learned.

The Curmudgeon and I had only been married a few months. I was enjoying being a stay home wife whose main jobs were to care for our Herd of dogs, dust once in a while, cook and bake and do the shopping. This was a new concept to me and we can safely say "Suzy Homemaker" was not my thing. Plus he was on 12-hour swing shifts which was normal for him, alien to me. So I decided to surprise him with fried cookies with strawberry preserves and powered sugar as toppings. Yum!

It was around 3:30pm when I decided to change out the oil. As I was walking across the kitchen with the electric fryer, the house shook like nothing I have ever felt before. The dogs went nuts. A very loud crashing BOOM followed within seconds then nothing. I managed not to spill the oil, set the fryer in the sink and ran to the front door fully expecting to see a truck embedded in the side of the house or the garage. Nothing!

I ran to the lower level and headed for the garage door when I felt what I can only describe as a "woosh" and

heard a crack. Nope. Not going out there. I called Curmie.

What followed was me telling him that something shook the whole house with a loud boom and I wasn't sure what happened, but something was going on in the garage. His comment? "Maybe a box fell off the workbench".

No, no I think not.

Then, he offered this sage advice: "I'm sure it was nothing. I'll check when I get home." Ok then, that would be in seven hours. Nope.

I headed into the garage. At the top of the steps, I noticed I had to step down again a few inches once I got to the floor level. This was new. The side of the garage with my car on it had sunk about 2-3" and the man door to the back yard was... well... not quite fitting anymore. I moved my car the heck out of there. Just then the phone rang. It was Curmie.

He sheepishly explained that the security folks had just announced we had an earthquake. They would be suspending the shift. That would explain the boom, the crack and the shaking pretty well, huh?

"Nothing", huh?

Lessons learned: Wives, when there's something wrong, just deal with it. Husbands, if the wife calls and describes something going on, believe her. Do not be condescending. You will only have to suck it up later. She will like that part.

Cortland Was Once The Big Cheese In The County

By Curt Moll

This excerpt was taken from a book entitled "Cortland Area 1980", compiled by Leonard R. Lucas and funded by advertisements from local businesses.

"During the 1860's and 70's This was the period that cheese was on the move in Baconsburg. There were two major cheese producers in the village. In 1868 Lewis Oatley was the chief agent for the Cortland Cheese Factory which could produce upwards of 23 cheeses a day. F. G. Kingdom, the manager of the plant, set the prices at 10 cents a pound for cheese and 25 cents a pound for butter." "David Evert opened a second cheese factory in 1875 and called it the Diamond Cheese Company...."

And from "History of Trumbull &

Mahoning Counties, Ohio, 1882".

"The Cortland Cheese Factory is the largest factory in the township and was built about 1868. It is now operated by a stock company, each stockholder a patron, partaking mutually and in proportion to the amount of milk he furnishes. At the present time the milk is brought in by farmers from a large section of the county, and representing the product from eight hundred cows, from which the factory, under the management of F. G. Kingdom, produces about twenty-three cheeses per day. Butter is also extensively manufactured. Lewis Oatley is the business manager, who sells the products, the receipts of which—

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Salvatore's Italian Grill: A Howland Gem

By Jim Woofter

Salvatore's Italian Grill, located in the heart of Howland, Ohio, has been a beloved local favorite for over three decades. This family-friendly restaurant offers a warm and inviting dining experience, featuring a menu of authentic Italian cuisine and a full-service bar. With its friendly and courteous staff, Salvatore's has become a go-to destination for residents and visitors alike.

The restaurant is owned by the Salvatore Coppola family, first starting off in the Eastwood Mall under the name of Scott's Pizza. The pizza shop is still located in the mall but goes by the name of Salvatore's Pizzeria and will celebrate 50 years in business this February.

The menu at Salvatore's in Howland boasts a wide array of classic Italian dishes, all prepared with fresh,



high-quality ingredients. Appetizers include a variety of antipasti, such as bruschetta, calamari, and mozzarella sticks. For pasta lovers, there's a selection of dishes like spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, and fettuccine Alfredo. Seafood enthusiasts can indulge in shrimp scampi, mussels and clams or bourbon salmon, while those seeking a heartier meal can opt for chicken parmesan, veal marsala or a variety of perfectly prepared steaks.

And no Italian meal is complete without a delicious wood fired pizza, made with a crispy crust and a variety of toppings along with a selection of calzone or stromboli sandwiches. There are almost too many delicious options to mention in this article.

In addition to its delectable food, Salvatore's offers a full-service bar with an extensive selection of wines, beers, and cocktails. The bartenders are skilled and friendly, creating handcrafted drinks that perfectly complement the Italian cuisine. Whether you're looking for a pre-dinner cocktail or a nightcap, the bar at Salvatore's is the perfect place to unwind.

One of the many reasons Salvatore's has earned a loyal following

is its exceptional staff. The waitstaff is known for their friendly and attentive service, ensuring that every guest feels welcome and well-cared for. They are knowledgeable about the menu and happy to make recommendations, making the dining experience even more enjoyable.

Recently, Salvatore's has expanded its offerings with the opening of a new banquet hall. This spacious venue can accommodate up to 130 guests, making it ideal for a variety of events, including weddings, corporate functions, and family gatherings. The banquet hall features elegant decor and a warm atmosphere, creating the perfect setting for any special occasion.

Salvatore's Italian Grill is more than just a restaurant; it's a place where families and friends can gather to enjoy delicious food, great drinks, and excellent company. With its warm and inviting atmosphere, friendly staff, and mouthwatering cuisine, Salvatore's has become a true gem in the Howland community.

For more information call 330-609-7777 or go to their website www.salvatoreshowland.com. Salvatore's is located at 8720 E. Market St. in Warren.



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Geauga Home And Garden Show Brings Spring Buzz To NEO Amish Country!

By Kim Breyley

Get ready to jump-start your spring plans with the 18th Annual Geauga Home and Garden Show, happening Friday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heritage Marketplace, 15848 Nauvoo Rd, Middlefield. This popular, two-day event is now bigger than ever. Admission is \$5 and children under 18 are free.

Whether you're planning a home renovation, looking for garden inspiration, or hunting for that perfect décor piece, the Geauga Home and Garden Show has it all. With roofing specialists, builders, landscapers, and home improvement experts all under three roofs, visitors will find everything they need to kick-start their spring projects. From tools and materials to furniture and finishing touches, you can shop directly from trusted local businesses — many of them offering exclusive deals and inspiration for your next project.

Set in the heart of Northeast Ohio Amish Country, the show also highlights the rich craftsmanship of local artisans, featuring handmade home goods, furniture, garden accessories, and more. Don't miss the chance to explore the beautiful and unique products from the area's finest makers and suppliers, all in one convenient location.

The Geauga Home and Garden Show offers visitors a chance to win amazing prizes throughout the weekend, including lawn furniture and a storage building courtesy of Pine Craft Storage Barns! Plus, you can enter many silent auctions and take home plenty of valuable door prizes.



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Apostolakis Honda Donates to Second Harvest Food Bank

By Jess Briganti



Renee Fuller, Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley, Director of Development John G. Apostolakis, Apostolakis Auto Group President Jess Briganti, Apostolakis Auto Group Marketing Director Rebecca Page, Mercer County Food Bank Executive Director

Apostolakis Honda presented Second Harvest Food Bank with a \$1,000 check and Shenango Honda presented Mercer County Food Bank with a \$1,000 check! Along with the monetary donations, we're collecting non-perishable food items in our Service Centers through the end of the month.

Apostolakis Honda & Shenango Honda collected over 224 pounds of food and numerous boxes were filled for the final pickup on December 27th! "Giving back to the community is what being a local business owner is

all about" says John G. Apostolakis, Apostolakis Auto Group President. "I strongly believe in helping those in need in many different capacities and helping to fight hunger amongst our neighbors is a mission I deeply support."

City Of Cortland Expresses Gratitude

The City of Cortland would like to extend its sincere appreciation to U.S. Congressman Dave Joyce, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, and Beth Carmichael, Director of the Trumbull Tourism Bureau, for their vital roles in securing essential studies for Mosquito Creek Lake State Park through the Water Resources Development Act. These studies are a critical step forward in preserving and improving one of our region's most cherished natural assets.

"We are truly grateful for the unwavering support of Congressman Joyce, Senator Brown, and Director Carmichael in advancing this initiative," said Mayor Petrosky. "Their dedication highlights the significance of Mosquito Creek Lake not only to our local economy, but also to the community members and visitors who hold this area dear."

Authorized under the Water Resources Development Act, the studies will provide a comprehensive evaluation of Mosquito Creek Lake's environmental and structural health. This proactive effort will empower local leaders to develop strategies aimed at safeguarding the lake's future and enhancing its role as a hub for ecological balance, recreation, and tourism in the region.

"Mosquito Creek Lake State Park is an invaluable resource for both the City of Cortland and Trumbull County," said Petrosky. "These studies will equip us with the data necessary to preserve and enhance this vital asset for future generations."

The collaborative efforts among federal, state, and local leaders serve as a testament to the power of partnership in addressing challenges related to our natural resources. The City of Cortland eagerly anticipates working with the community coalition to implement the study's findings and advance projects that will elevate the lake's ecological and recreational value.

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Is There Anything New?

Ecclesiastes 1:9

What has been, will be again; what has been done, will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

We can understand what Solomon means as we look around us. Even with all the new technology & changing times in which we live, it seems that everything old does in fact come back in style.

In the 70's, I used several words that are still being used today by younger generations. "Cool" being one of them. The fashion industry often repeats itself as well.

What Solomon was really lamenting was not the lack of things to play with, but rather he was lamenting the fact that even the newest 'gadgets' & 'experiences', lose their flare. It's possible Solomon was bored & restless. How could Solomon be bored with life when he had it all? He had written 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. He built many structures, including the Temple & Palace in Jerusalem, He had 700 wives & 300 concubines. He never lacked anything new to see & to experience. Solomon collected experience after experience! It's been said that my generation 'collects experiences the way others collect baseball cards.

Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes late in

life when he began to realize that 'stuff' just won't satisfy.

Solomon figured that when God rested on the 7th. day & said "It is good" that He was finished, that what you see is what you get, that God would not do anything new. But He was wrong.

Man can only create using the resources that God has made available to us, but God is the Creator. He is the only One who can make something out of nothing. Solomon so wrapped up in his experiences, did not know that God had a plan in the works. The coming of Jesus Christ to Earth is said to have changed the world in many ways, including: A Revealed God, God Provided salvation, changed how people view children, gave women dignity, changed human rights. changed how time is kept. Have you noticed: Many people are restless. Many of us hunger & thirst but we know stuff just won't satisfy.

That is why Jesus said: John 7:37 *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

May you have a blessed New Year.

Greeting the New Year...

Stepping into the new year, who do you want to be?

One of the questions I learned to ask when I was training to be a clergy coach is, "what's in the way of your goal?" That was often followed by "how will you overcome it?" But I want to focus on that first question with a glimpse back.

When I studied Karate in my 30's, I learned many traditional karate practices in the school I attended. One of them was called "o-soji". Now while there may be differences in how it might be spelled in English, the general translation is relatively consistent - "big cleaning". In the school where I practiced, on the last day of the year the students would come and clean the dojo from top to bottom, scrubbing every nook and cranny. If it helps, imagine the difference between your daily cleaning and when you clean for a big family gathering.

While the physical cleaning was important, we were also taught that mentally we were cleaning our past mistakes, bad habits, and poor choices from the dojo. We were setting aside the bad to make room for more good in the year to come.

Back to the first question. "Who do you want to be?"

I'm hoping its an improvement upon who you are. I don't know anyone that doesn't somehow want to be better.

For many of us, our version of better is determined by something or someone else in the world. We want to be thinner, or fitter. We want to have more money, or spend more time on vacation. We want to be able to retire early, or change the course of our lives.

Which brings up the second question, "what is in the way?" And I'm going to rephrase that question, "what do you have to sacrifice to get there?"

While I'm in the "I want to be thinner" crowd, I've learned that there are other things in life that I have found to be more important. Paul's list of the "fruits of the spirit" in Galatians 5 has become a deep, abiding push in how I want my life to be shaped. In the New International Version, his words read "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

There is a lot of 'me' that needs to get aside for the fruits of God to come to life more fully in me. There are changes I need to make, and changes I cannot make without help. But I long to be the type of person in which those "fruits of the spirit" bear generous fruit in which others can share. As I ponder being a new person in a new year, I know who I want to become. Who are you hoping to become?

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Cortland-Bazetta Christmas Concert 2024

By Bob Mangold

The sweet melodies of Christmas song filled Raidel Auditorium on Sunday, December 15. Over 200 Bazetta and Cortland residents were treated to music of the season by the Cortland Community Band, directed by Craig Wiencek and assisted by Garey Watson. Also performing was the Cortland-Bazetta Community Chorus directed by Michelle Robbins Jones.

We Believers put aside football and basketball games and another mall trip to spend an afternoon reflecting on the meaning of the season accompanied by live music. Also enjoyed was a holiday Sing-along of Christmas carols which brought the house down.

Following the program a special treat awaited all; homemade cookies of every size, flavor and design baked by ladies of our great community. What a treat! Left overs were given to the Cortland/Bazetta police and fire departments.

An extra bonus was generous donations given to the Salvation Army. Our communities stepped up and donated \$1252 including \$500 from American Legion Post 540.

Thank you all and Chairperson Carole Wiley aided by Donna Pate, Lynda Priddy, Charlie Harper, and Theresa Hutton of Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship for this wonderful event.



The Cortland Church of the Nazarene is hosting a concert by local singers "The Stevens Family" Jan. 19th @ 10:45 AM. All are welcome.

Church News & Notes

Cortland United Methodist Church hosts "God Provides A Meal" Saturday, January 18, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Applesauce, Dessert & Beverage.

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Lakeview School News

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Lakeview 5th Graders Take On Camp Fitch



Lakeview Local Schools' 5th grade class recently embarked on an exciting educational journey to Camp Fitch, an outdoor adventure camp in North Springfield, Pennsylvania. After a multi-year hiatus, the district was thrilled to bring back this unique experience for their students three years ago, offering them an opportunity to explore the great outdoors while building confidence, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of nature.

For several days, the students engaged in a wide range of activities designed to challenge them physically, intellectually, and socially. They

participated in rock climbing, which not only tested their physical strength but also their mental fortitude as they worked to overcome fears and push their limits.

In addition to rock climbing, students had the chance to explore the natural world around them through a hands-on amphibian study, where they learned about the diverse species that inhabit the area. The Lake Erie study offered students a unique opportunity to observe and learn about the region's vital ecosystem and the importance of preserving the lake's environment.

The camp also featured a variety

of interactive experiences, including a challenge course that required teamwork and problem-solving skills. Students navigated obstacles and worked together to complete the course, fostering a sense of camaraderie and boosting their confidence as they supported each other through each challenge.

The pioneer crafts session allowed the students to step back in time, learning traditional skills used by early settlers. At this station students got to make candles and butter. Meanwhile, the survival skills course provided students with the practical knowledge necessary for outdoor survival, teaching them how to build shelters, start fires, and identify resources in the wilderness. Camp Fitch is a special place, no one fails at camp. Our kids learn to try new things and build relationships with their classmates outside of school. Camp Fitch offers a rare combination of learning and adventure that helps our students develop important life skills such as teamwork, confidence, and resilience.

It is also wonderful to see our high school students working as camp counselors and role models for our 5th graders. The high school students make camp an even better experience.

For many students, this trip was their first opportunity to experience the outdoors in such a hands-on way. The camp provided a perfect environment for students to step out of their comfort zones, develop a sense of independence, and forge lasting friendships.

Teachers and chaperones reported seeing tremendous growth in their students over the course of the trip, with many students showing newfound confidence and leadership skills.

"It's incredible to see how much these kids grow in just a few days," said Mr. Vastag, Principal at Lakeview. "The challenges they face here help them learn so much about themselves, and they bring that growth back to the classroom with them."

The trip to Camp Fitch was a resounding success, and the Lakeview Local School District is looking forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come. By providing students with the chance to connect with nature, develop essential life skills, and build strong relationships, Camp Fitch has once again proven to be an invaluable experience for the 5th-grade class.

Class of 2025 Spotlight Bulldog

By Michael DeToro

This tri-weekly installment will spotlight an outstanding graduating senior at Lakeview High School. Each showcased student will be someone who represents their family, Lakeview Schools, and most importantly, our Bazetta/Cortland community with integrity, commitment, and loyalty.

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Mason Pratt, an exceptional student and the son of Logan and Jessica Pratt. Since moving to Cortland from Northern Georgia during the 2021-2022 school year, Mason has stood out as a remarkable addition to our school community.

Currently enrolled in the Engineering Technology program at TCTC, Mason demonstrates leadership and a strong commitment to service. He is a distinguished member of the National Honor Society, Senior Beta Club, and National Technical Honor Society. Through his program at TCTC, Mason participates in the national SkillsUSA organization, which prepares students for careers in technical, skilled, and service occupations.

Beyond Lakeview and TCTC, Mason serves as the First Sergeant of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) at the reserve station in Vienna. CAP, a civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, offers its cadet program to youth ages 12-18, fostering leadership and aerospace education. In addition to his studies and service, Mason works at Chick-Fil-A in Niles.

Next year, he plans to pursue a degree in Aviation Management and Operations at Bowling Green State University while participating in their Air Force ROTC program.

Get to know Mason better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.

1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I would have to say public speaking. I have had the luxury and honor to speak in front of a few thousand people at SkillsUSA.

2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The community. It's a small, powerful community and I love it.

3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - I like me some Subway!

4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - Normally Walmart. I like to go to Walmart, walk around and meet some friends.

5.) Describe your fashion style. - Just like a business casual. I usually wear business casual and it's just the attire I normally put on for what I got going on.

6.) You might catch me ... - Playing games, working on homework, doing military stuff.

7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now? - I'm currently reading The Call of Cthulhu for a school project and I like it.

8.) What are your future aspirations? - Work for the Air Force as an officer and get into an aviation career.



LMS 6th Grade Wins Second Place



Three Lakeview Middle School Prep Bowl teams competed at the TCTC 8th annual Academic challenge tournament on December 7th. Lakeview's 6th grade team won 2nd place. Congrats to all the teams on their hard work. Go Bulldogs! Student for the 6th grade team (pictured holding plaque): Ezra B., Louis B., Maxton B., Henry D., Lorenzo M.

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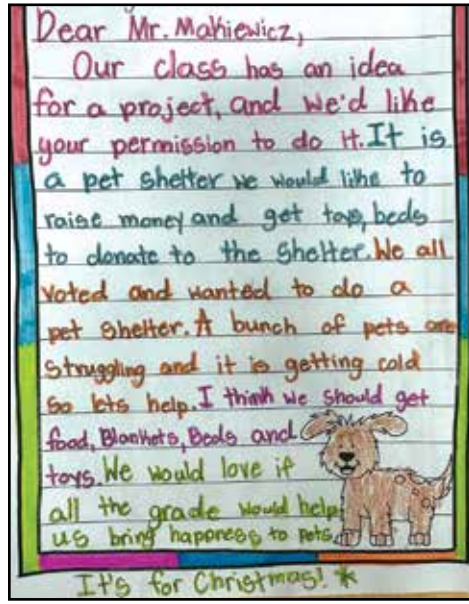
Third Grade Class Provides Blankets & Food For The Holidays

The students in Miss Kmetz's classes spearheaded a holiday fundraiser! They collected blankets, food and monetary donations for two local animal shelters who desperately needed items. They wrote letters and presented to Mr. Mackiewicz and then spoke with teachers, made posters and encouraged the entire school to join them.

They helped two local shelters: Animal Charity of Ohio and The Healthy Hearts and Paws Project of Warren.

They chose these shelters for specific reasons:

- The Animal Charity of Ohio is the only humane society in Mahoning County and they've put out many urgent calls for help lately. Being a humane society means they not only house animals, but they actively respond to reports of abuse and neglect and rescue animals from devastating conditions as well. They receive no government



funding and rely solely on donations to continue the difficult work they do.

This year, their intakes are the highest

they've ever been, and their donations and supplies have completely bottomed out. Currently, they are caring for 275 animals who need loving homes. They are in desperate need of food and blankets and will graciously accept any donation that comes their way.

- The Healthy Hearts and Paws Project is an animal shelter in Trumbull County that rescues, cares for and homes heartworm-positive and emergency-medical-needs dogs. Currently, they have over 140 animals in their care, and they need food and supplies. One of our very own student's volunteers there and so this is a cause near and dear to one of our own!

To give the animals a warm barrier between themselves and the cement floor, they collected blankets, comforters, large towels, dog beds, or sheets [the warmer the better!] These items can be new or used, whatever you have to share. The shelters are in desperate need of these items, and the animals are not picky and appreciate anything soft and warm!

Both shelters are still in GREAT need of the following specific items:

- Animal Charity: Purina One dog food, Purina cat food, peanut butter (all natural) and Milk-Bones
- Healthy Hearts and Paws Project: Pedigree CHOICE CUTS in gravy (dog food)

As the students acquired donations they sorted through and organized all of it. They also accepted monetary donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation to either shelter, you can through the links below, or you can send the donation to school. If sending to school, we ask that you send it in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and the shelter it's to be donated to, written on the front.

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announced at the assembly.

The assembly took place on December 19th, and third grade students decided to lead the assembly by going over how to be kind in different areas of the building. They then announced the positive behavior students of the month, and then ended the assembly by leading a sing-along, just like in the town of Whoville.

With the help of our music teacher, Mr. Moore, third graders led the entire school in Christmas carols. What they didn't know was that the Grinch was going to interrupt their sing along to surprise them!

Courtney Wilcox (parent of a third-grade student) graciously agreed to play the Grinch, and Jason Smith (our school resource officer) and Mr. Mackiewicz (principal) were in on the plot! With the help of our technology team, Grinch music blasted over the children's singing. Officer Smith shocked the children by dragging the Grinch into the assembly. Mr. Mackiewicz, Officer Smith, and the Grinch then whispered to one another. Then Mr. Mackiewicz explained that the Grinch had been seen hanging around the school. Officer Smith brought him in because he thought he was up to no good. However, the Grinch was really there to tell the students that they helped make his heart grow three sizes with their kind acts. Before leaving, the Grinch announced the winner of the kindness challenge.

Mrs. Salvaterra's second grade class won the challenge, as did all third-grade classrooms (tied for kind acts).

LES Students Kindness Helps Change The Grinch's Heart

By Melissa Kmetz



Because we are a Leader in Me school, each month, a different grade level plans and leads a school-wide positive behavior assembly. The assembly is on a topic of the students' choice, is led completely by the students and honors Positive Behavior Students of the Month at the end.

Third grade's assembly fell in December. So, as a grade level, we decided to do a Grinch-themed assembly about kindness. Kindness is the reason for the Christmas season, and kindness is ultimately what caused the Grinch's heart to grow three sizes!

Instead of just having a Grinch-themed assembly, we decided to create a school-wide, Grinch-themed, kindness challenge for all students grades K-12 to participate in.

A giant grinch backdrop was hung in the cafeteria. We created a presentation explaining the challenge and using a clip from the Grinch movie where kindness caused his heart to grow. We challenged all students for the month of December to demonstrate kindness in as many ways as they could.

Teachers, administrators, secretaries, aids, cafeteria workers and bus drivers were all given red hearts. Any time a student was seen being kind to another student, they were given a red heart. They would write their name on the heart, and then tape it to the wall next to their teacher's name in the cafeteria. Whichever class earned the most hearts, thus demonstrating the most kind acts for the month, would receive a special surprise and win the challenge. The students were told the winner would be

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<p>Stormie came in so afraid she would never get off her bed and come to the front of her kennel ... fast forward a week later, girlfriend is ready for her walks and to be loved on by all the volunteers! She's still somewhat timid and needs slow intros to new people. She's a petite little thing, and just a little bit sassy ... she does cover every now and again, but that must just be her past sneaking back in ... only brighter days ahead my little friend.</p>	<p>Nitro is truly a sweet soul, so loving and full of snuggles to share. Which is perfect for the winter cold. Although he's big and strong and has times he likes to rough house, he's knows how to play and take treats gently. Nitro is also an undercover land seal, he LOVES swimming. So there will lots of fun times in the warmer weather too. Nitro does get along with other pups in a play setting, so there is potential for a fursibling. But as mentioned he's being an independent bachelor for a few years now, so he would need plenty of time to decompress once in a home setting especially if there are other furbabies. Nitro is quite loved and there will be many bittersweet tears shed when his person finally finds him, but Nitro deserves to be in a loving forever home that will love and cherish him as much as we do. To meet me, message the Healthy Hearts and Paws Project Facebook page, contact us at healthyheartspawspj.org/contact-us/ or fill out an adoption application at healthyheartspawspj.org</p>
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Should I Downsize My Home In Retirement?

If you are approaching retirement or are already there, you may be considering downsizing your home. It's a big decision, with ramifications for both your finances and your lifestyle. As you think about downsizing, here are some things to keep in mind:

Decide if a move makes sense. You can expect your needs and priorities to shift in retirement. Perhaps you won't require as much square footage as you did when raising children, or you may find it challenging to keep up with home maintenance like you used to.

It may be financially prudent and personally necessary to get out from under the costs and responsibilities of maintaining a larger property. Your location preference may shift, too. It is common for retirees to desire living closer to family members or in warmer climates.

Create a timeline for your move. Discuss the pros and cons of selling your family home now or in the future. External market factors can affect your next step. Timing the sale of your home and the purchase of a new one can be tricky. Be prepared in the event your home doesn't sell quickly.

Consult a real estate professional. A real estate professional can help you determine what needs to be done before putting your house up for sale. Your home may need repairs to meet code or maximize its list price. Get an appraisal of current market value and decide what you'll be comfortable spending on a new, smaller home.

Review your housing options. Once you decide to downsize, you can start looking for a new place that meets your needs and budget. If you're considering a condo or townhome (two popular options for retirees) make sure to factor in any fees or assessments that are charged to residents when calculating the overall cost of ownership. If you're in need of assisted living services, you'll also want to get a handle on those costs - and whether they can be offset by any long-term care insurance you may have - so you can plan accordingly. In terms of location, you may want to think about the proximity of amenities and services including grocery stores, transportation and your doctor's office.

Be prepared for a multi-gen conversation. A change as impactful as selling your home may prompt

conversations with family members on the topic of your estate. Downsizing usually requires whittling down the personal possessions you've acquired over the years. If you're moving to a residence with managed maintenance, you won't need the lawn mower, snowblower, or other tools in your garage. That extra set of dishes might be more useful to someone else. If you're thinking of giving items to family members, be prepared for the possibility of different generations having different interests and attachments to your home and belongings. It can be a good idea to establish how you want to explain to family members your lifestyle goals for retirement, so they can support you through the process.

Review your finances carefully. Take the time to thoroughly review the financial implications of your specific situation. Just because you are downsizing does not necessarily mean you will suddenly have a cash windfall or establish enormous savings. Remember that HOA expenses, lifestyle changes and upgrades in construction quality can add to costs.

Additionally, if you choose to move to a retirement area that has more built-in services, it can increase your cost of living, as well. Taking the time to explore the intricacies of your situation can prepare you for the next steps. And remember you don't have to do it alone. A qualified financial advisor can help you navigate this complex process with confidence.

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The Cortland Lions Club, during the month of December, made the following donations:

- Pictured below (left to right) is Amy Newton on behalf of Lakeview Athletic Boosters, our Club President Dawna Wiland and Michelle Moss on behalf of the Lakeview Band Boosters who each accepted checks for \$2000 based on our French Fry Sales at home football home games. Thank You Lakeview fans for your support.



- We also donated \$2500 to residents in need at Cortview Village, also \$2250 to help support Cortland Area Cares-our local Food Bank and also provided a Pizza Party for the residents at Boyd's Home.

- Thank you to those who supported our Fund-Raising efforts this year. Your support permitted our Lions Club to donate \$8,930 during December.

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Navigating your Insurance Needs
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When Can I Change My Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plan?

Medicare's annual enrollment takes place every year between October 15 and December 7. This is the time to consider your current situation and coverage and make any necessary changes for the upcoming year. In most cases, you must keep your plan for the entire calendar year. However, Medicare allows for some exceptions to this rule.

There are special enrollment periods based on specific circumstances. For example, Medicare Advantage plans and Stand-alone Drug plans are based on county and state of residence. What is available in one county or state may not be available in another county or state. If you move and your plan is not available in your new area, you will need to switch plans within a designated time frame using a special enrollment period to do so.

Anyone receiving a Low-Income or Medicaid has an SEP when there is a change in the level of assistance. In 2024 someone receiving a Low-Income Subsidy towards their prescription coverage or receiving help from Medicaid had an SEP every quarter allowing them to switch plan. For 2025, the quarterly options will not be available.

Medicare considers January 1 to March 31 an open enrollment period. During these months, you can make a one-time change to your plan if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan currently in place. You can switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or drop your plan and return to Original Medicare Insurance. You can not switch from a stand-alone drug plan to another stand-alone drug plan or from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan during this time.

Another option that may be available throughout the year is a one-time switch to a 5-Star plan. Medicare uses a rating system for Advantage plans with and without drug coverage (Part C) and for stand-alone drug plans (Part D). These plans receive a quality rating from 1 to 5 stars each year. If a plan receives a five-star rating and is available in your area you can use a one-time per year Special Enrollment Period from December 8 through November 30 to switch to one of these plans. This can be helpful with provider network changes and prescriptions changes if there is a plan available in your area that has received the 5-Star rating. If your provider becomes out of network with your current plan and is in the network of a 5-Star plan you can use this one-time election to switch without waiting until the Annual Enrollment Period and start the new plan the first of the following month instead of waiting until January 1st of the following year.

If you have had an Employer Group Health Plan either through your active employment or your spouse's active employment, there is a Special Enrollment Period for you to start a Medicare Advantage Plan or Prescription Drug Plan with the loss of that Employer Plan. There are also Group Medicare Advantage plans offered through some employers to retirees and their spouses. The loss of

that coverage also allows for enrollment in a different Medicare plan.

There are several different circumstances where you may be eligible for a special enrollment period depending on your specific situation. You can touch base with your local agent at any time to review your options. More information can also be found at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-Medicare.


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Lindsey Carson was recently sworn in by Judge James A. Fredericka as a Humane Society Agent for the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County. Pictured are Lindsey Carson, Agent Charles Pike and Trumbull County Probate Court Judge James A. Fredericka.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Just The Facts - How much confetti drops in Times Square on New Year's Eve?
 A. 500 pounds B. 1,500 pounds
 C. more than 1 ton D. more than 2 tons
Find the answer at the bottom

Who to Call - City Hall receives many phone calls asking questions concerning other entities. These are a few numbers that you may find helpful:
 Republic Services 330-793-7676 ~ questions regarding trash pick-up and recycling
 First Energy 1-888-LIGHTSS ~ for a streetlight issue
 Police non-emergency 330-638-1000
 Fire Department non-emergency 330-637-2891
 Bazetta Twp ~ 330-637-8816

eNews - The city issues a weekly e-News (email) with events happening in our community and news items as well as agendas for City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. You can subscribe at the bottom of our website www.cityofcortland.org or by sending an email to admin@cityofcortland.org.

Communication - When the city has news advisories such as parking bans or boil alerts, we communicate in the following ways:

- Notice on the Community Sign in front of Speedway
- Notice on our website - www.cityofcortland.org
- Notify local media outlets
- E-mail to our e-news subscribers
- City of Cortland Police and Fire Department Facebook Pages

Parking - The city makes every effort to keep our roads safe during winter storms. Even if a parking ban has not been issued, residents can help our plow drivers and keep the roads safer by not parking on the street until the snow has been removed.

Dates to Remember
 January 13th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
 January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Offices Closed
 January 21st - City Council - 7 p.m.

Just The Facts Answer - C. more than 1 ton. Wow! That is a lot of confetti! I'm glad that I'm not on the clean up crew.

Special Olympics Ohio Polar Plunge Season!

By Chad Highland

Communities across Ohio are preparing to be "Freezin' for a Reason" as the annual LETR Polar Plunge Season for Special Olympics Ohio (SOOH) gets ready to kick off. Last year, close to 2,000 participants from across the state plunged into lakes and pools, raising over \$750,000 in support of the organization. In 2025, athletes, families, friends, businesses, community members, service organizations, law enforcement officials and first responders are all invited to take part in an in-person or virtual plunge in support of the 20,000 Special Olympics athletes throughout Ohio.

From the middle of January through the middle of March, eight plunges will be held across the state to fundraise as friends and supporters submerge themselves in an icy body of water. The virtual, Plunge My Way option to participate in the Polar Plunge is available again this year for those unable to join us at one of our in-person events.

"We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our amazing partners and participants who make

it possible for us to produce this very unique and exciting event," said Special Olympics Ohio President and CEO Jessica Stewart. "Funds and awareness generated by our LETR Polar Plunge events greatly assist Special Olympics Ohio athletes in achieving their dreams and celebrating inclusion in their communities."

The impact of the Polar Plunge supports year-round sports training and competition, health education and leadership programs for 20,000 Special Olympics Ohio athletes. By fundraising \$100 or more, participants help provide opportunities for athletes at no cost to them while creating a greater sense of belonging for everyone in the community.

Participation in the in-person or virtual events are open by visiting sooh.org. Mosquito Lake is January 18. Go to: mosquitolakepolarplunge.org.

For the "Plunge My Way" option the entire month of February visit: plungemyway.org. For more information, please contact Chad Highland at chighland@sooh.org or (614) 239-7050 x600.



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By the 1880's, the population had grown to 614 people, and there were 3 churches, 2 newspapers, 2 hotels, and 2 horse liveries.

YES- The Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society is still active and meeting at 5 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to anyone. The Opera House is open on Friday afternoons from 1-3 or you can visit our internet site at www.cortlandohiohistory.org to explore stories and photos of early Bazetta and Cortland. If you are interested in helping preserve our history, contact the Society by email at info@cortlandohiohistory.org

Maplewood High School's Newest Hall of Fame Inductees



Ella Nevinski & Caleigh Richards

By Coach Jessica Urchek

Ella Nevinski is only the 3rd softball player to be inducted into the Maplewood Hall of Fame, behind the greats of Markie (Pozzuto) Ihnat Brooke (Dawson) Davis. She did this by getting voted ALL OHIO as a position player, a very difficult feat. You might not have known this by tonight's induction speech, but she was a 4 year starting shortstop, batting .579 with 7 homeruns in her last season. She was also an exceptional student, multi-sport athlete, and leader amongst the pack!!! We are so proud of you Ella!!

By Coach/Dad Mike Richards

Caleigh's accomplishments include 6 time state champion (3 times in 3200, 1 in 1600, 2 in CC); 10 times podium finish at state! School record in the 1600, 3200, and 5k and on 4x800 record team.

County record in the 1600 and 3200; County MVP all four years of HS; District records in the 1600 and 3200; Regional record in the 3200; 4 time MVP of the NAC

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Alex Donaldson

Alex's athletic accomplishments include 2023 State Cross Country 6th place All-Ohio finisher (15:54); 2023 State Track 800m 4th place All-Ohio finisher (1:56:32); 2022 State Cross Country 22nd place All-Ohio finisher (16:36); 2023 All-Ohio Track 4x800; 2023 All-Ohio 3rd place team Cross Country.

Senior Showcase Talent Show TODAY - January 11th



To prepare for the upcoming Senior Showcase Talent show at the Robins Theatre on Saturday, January 11th at 2 pm, many of the performer's practice in mini performances at local senior centers. The show will feature dancers and singers, as well as Mike Wilson as Man of LA Mancha, Vivian and Jen tap dancing, Joe Dagati doing comedy, Hank Williard on the saxophone and much more.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library January Events

By Apryl Gilliss

Holiday Closings

All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Jan. 13, 27 A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Jan. 14, 21, 28 Preschool story time features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 - 5 with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Midweek Mayhem

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: Jan. 15, 22, 29 Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout! Free.

Create a Refrigerator Magnet

Sat., Jan. 11 from 1 - 2 p.m. Adults can turn holiday cards, wrapping paper, and more small seasonal items into lovely refrigerator magnets. Participants can bring their own materials or use the library's provided patterns to create a magnet with this unique, eco-friendly way to celebrate the season all year! All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. To sign up, call the library at (330) 638-6335. Free.

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Jan. 14 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can join the Teen Advisory Board to share what they'd like to see at the library, earn service hours, and collaborate on creative ideas. Free.

Family LEGO Night

Thurs., Jan. 16 from 6 - 7 p.m. Children can practice problem-solving and engineering skills while building with the library's collection of LEGO bricks. Finished projects will remain at the library. For families with children ages 3 and older. Free.

Sip & Paint for Teens

Thurs., Jan. 23 from 3 - 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy a steaming cup of hot cocoa or warm tea while they paint or create using the library's various art supplies. Registration is required by Jan. 20 by calling the library at (330) 638-6335. Free.

Family Crafternoon

Sat., Jan. 25 between 2:30 - 4 p.m. Families with children ages 3 and older can let their imaginations run wild and make creative projects to take home. Call (330) 638-6335 or stop by the library a week before the event to find out what projects will be offered. Free.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Jan. 28 from 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.

Trumbull County Health Department Offers Free Life Saving Narcan

By Tammie Krafft

Opioid Use Disorder can be an unwelcome guest during the holiday season. Holidays can be a stressful time of year, especially when there is family tension, financial strain, loneliness, grief, or seasonal affective disorder looming around. As a result, many individuals turn to their addiction as a crutch to help them through the holiday season.

According to the CDC, the most dangerous time of the year for drug-and-alcohol-related deaths is during the holiday season, specifically December and January.

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