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Spring Time In Cortland

By Alex Irman

Our city of Cortland, a community known for its close-knit spirit and appreciation for the outdoors, eagerly anticipates the arrival of spring. With the vernal equinox on March 20th, residents are ready to shed the winter doldrums and embrace the season of renewal.

The transition from winter to spring is a gradual, yet palpable, shift. The first signs appear with the lengthening days, the subtle warmth of the sun and the return of birdsong. After months of gray skies and chilly temperatures, these small changes bring a sense of optimism and excitement.

The change of seasons is also reflected in the work by our city Service Department. With spring comes the necessity of road repairs and city cleanup. They work to make sure everything is clean and ready for the warmer months. As seen in local news, they work hard to create a clean and safe city.

Spring signifies the return to outdoor activities in Cortland and Bazetta. Gardens begin to beckon with residents eager to prepare their soil and plant the seeds of future flowers. Homeowners start to emerge, cleaning up yards and

preparing for the warmer months. There is a general feeling of revitalization that spreads through the town.

One of the most beloved areas during the spring is undoubtedly Mosquito Lake and its surrounding parks and trails. As the ice recedes and the water begins to shimmer, the lake transforms into a hub of activity. Anglers, eager to cast their lines, flock to its shores, hoping to catch walleye, crappie and northern pike.

The trails around Mosquito Lake see a surge in foot traffic, with hikers,

joggers and cyclists enjoying the fresh air and scenic views. The budding trees and emerging wildflowers create a picturesque backdrop for outdoor enthusiasts. Birdwatchers are also drawn to the area, as migratory birds return to the region, filling the air with their melodies.

The community itself also experiences a springtime awakening. Local businesses prepare for increased activity, with restaurants opening their patios and shops displaying their spring merchandise. Local parks within the city and township

see increased activity, children playing on playgrounds and families enjoying picnics under the budding trees.

Our local greenhouses and nurseries become popular destinations as residents seek out flowers and plants to brighten their homes and gardens. There is a real sense of community as people share gardening tips and celebrate the return of greenery.

Furthermore, spring in Bazetta and Cortland is a time for community events. While specific events vary from year to year, there is always a general sense of community celebration. Many people look forward to the chance to get out of their homes and enjoy the company of their neighbors.

The change in the weather also brings a change to our general mood. People are more apt to smile and to stop and chat with each other. There is a feeling of hope that permeates the air.

In essence, spring is a time of rebirth, a period when the community comes alive after the stillness of winter. It is a season of outdoor recreation, community gatherings and the simple joy of witnessing nature's renewal.



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St. Patrick's Day

By Alex Irman

Saint Patrick's Day, a day now synonymous with vibrant green attire, lively parades, and festive gatherings, holds a rich and complex history that has evolved significantly over centuries. Its roots lie in the 5th century, with Saint Patrick himself, a Romano-British missionary credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

Originally, March 17th, the day of Saint Patrick's death in 461, was observed primarily as a religious feast day. Early celebrations in Ireland were characterized by solemn religious observances, with devout followers

attending church services. Over time, however, the day began to incorporate elements of cultural celebration, blending religious piety with emerging expressions of Irish identity.

The transformation of St. Patrick's Day into a widespread secular celebration largely began in the United States, fueled by the waves of Irish immigration. In cities like Boston and New York, Irish immigrants sought to maintain their cultural heritage and assert their presence in their new home. These early celebrations often took the form of parades, which served as displays of community pride and political influence.

The Great Potato Famine in the mid-19th century further intensified Irish immigration, leading to a surge in St. Patrick's Day celebrations across the United States. These events became powerful symbols of Irish-American identity, providing a sense of unity and belonging for a community facing discrimination and hardship. The parades, in particular, grew in scale and spectacle, becoming elaborate displays of Irish culture and heritage.

Over time, the holiday's focus shifted from purely religious observance to a broader celebration of Irish culture. The color green, now inextricably linked to St. Patrick's Day, gained prominence, as did the shamrock, a

symbol traditionally associated with Saint Patrick. The legends surrounding St. Patrick, such as his driving the snakes out of Ireland, became ingrained in popular culture.

In modern times, St. Patrick's Day has become a global phenomenon, celebrated by people of all backgrounds. While its religious origins remain important to many, the holiday is now widely recognized as a day for celebrating Irish culture, heritage, and community. From the dyeing of rivers green to the raucous parades that fill city streets, the holiday has taken on a distinctly festive character.

In Ireland itself, St. Patrick's Day has undergone a transformation. Once a more subdued religious holiday, it is now a major national festival, attracting visitors from around the world. The Irish government has actively

promoted St. Patrick's Day as a showcase of Irish culture, with elaborate parades and cultural events taking place throughout the country.

While the modern celebration may seem far removed from its origins, the core themes of community, identity, and celebration remain. St. Patrick's Day continues to be a time for people to come together, to celebrate their heritage, and to enjoy the spirit of the occasion.

The growth of the holiday shows how cultural traditions can adapt, and grow, to fit changing times, and cultures.



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 Monday, April 7 - 7 p.m.

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 Monday, April 14 - 5:30 p.m.

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Second Monday of each month
 Monday, April 14 - 5:30 p.m.

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Regular meetings the second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted.
Tuesday, April 8 - 7 p.m.
 A 60 minute caucus with department heads preceding.

Meetings held via ZOOM. Visit www.bazettatwp.org

THE CORTLAND BAZETTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Second Wednesday of each month at 5 PM at The Opera House

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

Based on the policy of the Cortland News to print positive news about our community, we reserve the right to reject contributed material considered inappropriate. We reserve the right to edit information accepted for publication for accuracy, style, length, spelling, grammar, and clarity.

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 15

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.

MARCH

15 Cortland Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast

Benefiting the Jobs Daughters -- Rainbow Girls / 9-11:30

15 God Provides a Meal / Cortland Methodist Church / 11 - 1

18 Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12 - 5:30 PM

19 Drive thru Dinner / Cortland United Methodist Church / 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

19 Trumbull Town Hall Celebrity Series / Louis Masur, Authority on

Abraham Lincoln / Packard Music Hall / 10 AM

19 & 26 Lenten Services / Cortland Christian Church

Wednesdays / 6:30 pm throughout Lent

20 Soup And Sandwich / Cortland Christian Church / 11 - 1

22 Blood Drive / Fowler Community Church / 9 AM - 2 PM,

22 Tails Of Hope Fund Raiser / 3rd Annual Breakfast at Kitteny's / 10 AM

27 Pasta & Politics Fundraiser / Democratic Headquarters / 10 AM

28 & 29 Geauga Home and Garden Show

APRIL

5 Cortland Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast 9-11:30. 1st 100 visitors eat FREE

6 Easter Eggstravaganza / Johnston Fire Station 4424 Greenville Rd. NE, Farmdale, OH 44417 / 1-3 pm

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Think Spring! **Bacconi's Lickety Split Ice Cream** is now open for the season! Don't let the weather fool you - it's always a good time for good ice cream!

Its tax time - that means its time to see the pros at **Black Cat Taxes** in Champion. Make your appointment now.

Centerra CHICK DAYS are coming soon. Pre-order your chicks now.

Cortland Playroom is now taking signups for the 2025-2026 school year. Better hurry - they are usually the first to fill up - and there is a good reason for that!

Cortland Pediatrics reminds us that it is time to schedule your child's physical for summer sports.

Champion Tax is who you want to see to get your taxes done right and on time. They have been serving the area for over 50 years!

Music 101 has a great deal for beginners. Try a 4 week package and get the 5th week FREE! But hurry - this is a limited time offer.

Cortland Lanes has open bowling several nights a week. And the Cosmic bowling is on the weekend. So much affordable family fun!

Greenwood Insurance has been selling life insurance for 70 years. Make sure you and your family are protected. Call them today!

Totally Dog has a great deal on rain gear and other outer wear for your dogs. Check out the sale today!

Yellow Brick Place Announces Raffle Benefitting Local Cancer Patients

Yellow Brick Place Cancer Support Center is excited to announce its Spring into Our New Decade Raffle to support local cancer patients and those closest to them. Every ticket purchased directly benefits cancer patients by funding YBP programs. These programs include brand-new wigs for clients, wellness activities, support groups, community educational events, beauty classes and so much more—all provided FREE of charge! YBP is the only cancer support center in the Valley.

As Yellow Brick Place celebrates 10 years of service, it continues to be a lifeline for cancer patients, caregivers and loved ones. Recently voted Non-Profit of the Year, Yellow Brick Place has become an essential resource, and with

costs rising, the need for community support has never been greater.

Tickets for the raffle are available for \$25 each or five for \$100. By purchasing a ticket, you have a chance to win huge cash prizes and fantastic gifts while also helping those battling cancer in our local community.

Prizes include Grand Prize: \$2,025, 2nd Prize: \$1,525, 3rd Prize: \$1,025. Therei also an Early Bird Drawing on March 20th. Prizes include a lucky day lotto + cash, jewelry, dining, shopping gift cards, and more. Winning tickets are added back into the drawing on April 3rd.

Tickets can be purchased online yellowbrickplace.org/donate/ or by calling 234-228-9550 for more information.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

By Kim Starcher

Join us in Johnston Twp for an Easter Eggstravaganza! This event will be on Sunday, April 6th, from 1 pm to 3 pm, at the Johnston Fire Station, 4424 Greenville Rd. NE, Farmdale, OH 44417.

There will be 3 age groups for the outside egg hunts, rain or shine. Join us for cookie decorating, free face painting, pictures with the bunny, door prizes, and a coloring station.

Head Start of Trumbull County will be there to answer any questions you may have on signing your children up for the upcoming year.

Hop to see you all there!

6th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

By Jodi Clark

The 6th Annual Citywide Garage Sale is scheduled for June 13 & 14. Registration includes address on our sale list, advertisement in Tribune and on our interactive map. If you live in Cortland you are required to have a permit which you will have to obtain yourself. We are no longer permitted to get your permit for you. Keep in mind that City Ordinance prohibits more than 3 days per sale. Registration will begin May 1 and end May 31. For more information email Cortlandohgaragesale@gmail.com or check the Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/44410garagesale/



A Sixth Year Celebration


Healthy Hearts and Paws Project is going to be celebrating it's sixth year anniversary of saving the lives of dogs and cats throughout Trumbull County.

This wonderful shelter has been at it's new location for one year. It's growth is ongoing so that it can continue to provide safety and forever homes to stray, neglected and surrendered pets. The all-volunteer staff puts in many hours of love and caring because they all know and see the need in our community first hand.

An Anniversary Dinner and Basket Raffle will take place on Saturday, April 19th, from 5-9 p.m. Please join us at Enzo's Banquet Hall to celebrate this wonderful achievement. Tickets are \$30 each or 2/\$55 or a table of 8/\$200. This includes an Italian-Style Buffet, Large Basket Raffle, 50/50, Door Prizes, Music, and Cash Bar.

For more information about this fundraiser or how to donate, please message the Healthy Hearts and Paws Project Facebook page. Tickets sold at eventbrite.com

Please visit healthyheartsproject.org to find out more about our mission, adoptable animals, upcoming events and ways you can help. Thank you!


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Geauga Home and Garden Show

Special to The Cortland News

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The show will feature top-tier home improvement experts, landscapers, and builders, along with handmade goods by Amish Country artisans, from furniture to garden décor. There will be exclusive products and deals on tools, furnishings, and outdoor essentials.

"This year's expansion reflects how much this event has grown," says show organizer Paul Wengerd. "Four buildings across two locations allow us to offer even more variety, more vendors, and a truly unforgettable experience for everyone who attends."

What's New This Year? There are 2 locations for the show:

- Heritage Marketplace: 15848

Nauvoo Road, Middlefield,
 • Fisher Flooring: 16286 Nauvoo Road, Middlefield, (just 1 mile east of Heritage Marketplace, same side of the road)

When you're not exploring the Home and Garden Show, take time to visit the charming shops and attractions at Heritage Marketplace, including:

- Country Arts and Jewelry: Southwest-inspired home décor, artwork and jewelry.

- Geauga Amish Library: A cultural gem with Amish history and artifacts.

- Yoder's Bargains: Amazing deals on household items and salvaged goods.

- Byler's Engine: Lawn and garden equipment with full repair services.

- Valley View: Quilting fabrics, books, and supplies for DIY crafters.

- Heritage Trailers: High-quality trailers for every hauling need.

- Pine Craft Storage Barns: Custom storage solutions with on-site construction available.

For event updates and more information, visit theheritagemarketplace.com or follow Heritage Marketplace on Facebook.

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New Insurance Agency Brings 25 Years Expertise To Cortland

Special to The Cortland News

We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of Legacy Insurance Advisors, LLC, dedicated to providing exceptional service and personalized insurance solutions to the residents of Cortland.

Proudly owned and operated by Danielle Jimison, Danielle is a seasoned insurance agent with 25 years of experience. She has spent the last 17 years helping the Cortland community navigate the complexities of insurance.

"I am excited to embark on this new journey and continue to serve the people of Cortland with the same dedication and care that has been the hallmark of my career," said Danielle. "My goal is



to offer tailored insurance solutions that meet the unique needs of each client, ensuring they have the protection and peace of mind they deserve."

The agency has partnered with over 15 of the top well-known carriers to offer a variety of products, including home, auto, life, and business insurance, as well as Medicare enrollment/benefit options. With a commitment to exceptional customer service, Danielle and her team are dedicated to building lasting relationships with clients and providing the support they need to make informed decisions about their insurance coverage.

Danielle is now offering FREE policy reviews and Medicare consultations to ensure you are receiving the best possible coverage. Don't miss this opportunity to work with a trusted advisor who genuinely cares about your insurance needs.

For more information about Legacy Insurance Advisors or to schedule a consultation, please visit www.legacyinsadvisors.com or contact (330) 777-7806.

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 Saturday • 8AM - 3PM

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 Middlefield, OH
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Cortland Collaborative

By Jamie Bledsoe and Matt Derrick

A new movement is working to help develop the business districts in Cortland and surrounding areas. They are working in conjunction with the City's long term planning to keep business areas relative in our community. Both business owners and all citizens are welcome and encouraged to help.

The movement is being led at this point by Jamie Bledsoe and Matthew Derrick.

Our Mission: To foster the success of local businesses by creating opportunities for strategic networking and offering educational resources in both group and individual settings. We support entrepreneurs in building, expanding, and sustaining their enterprises through a robust platform designed to help them achieve their business objectives.

Our Focus: Community-centric approach: Our primary focus is on supporting local businesses within Cortland and surrounding areas, fostering collaboration and referrals among them.

Targeted Networking: The organization actively connects businesses with relevant partners and clients through structured networking events and introductions.

Educational Support: Providing access to educational resources, workshops, and mentorship programs to equip business owners with the knowledge and skills needed to grow.

Individualized Approach: Offers one-on-one consultations or tailored support to address specific business challenges faced by individual entrepreneurs.

What to Expect:

- **Regular networking events:** Monthly mixers, industry-specific meetups, or themed business luncheons to facilitate introductions and lead generation.

- **Educational workshops:** Courses on marketing strategies, financial management, social media marketing, customer service, and more.

- **Mentorship programs:** Pairing experienced business owners with new entrepreneurs for guidance and advice. Additionally, providing veteran entrepreneurs with innovative strategies and methods to enhance their current business operations.

- **Online platform:** A specialized website designed to facilitate member connections, share valuable resources, manage event registrations, and offer advertising opportunities.

Our community-centric approach focuses on supporting local businesses in Cortland and the surrounding areas by fostering collaboration and referrals among them. We actively connect businesses with relevant partners and clients through structured networking events and introductions. Additionally, we provide access to educational resources, workshops, and mentorship programs to equip business owners



Jamie Bledsoe



Matthew Derrick

with the knowledge and skills they need to grow.

Our individualized approach includes offering one-on-one consultations to address specific business challenges faced by individual entrepreneurs. This initiative operates through regular networking events, such as monthly mixers, industry-specific meetups, and themed business luncheons, facilitating introductions and lead generation. We also offer educational workshops covering topics like marketing strategies, financial management, social media marketing, and customer service. Furthermore, our mentorship programs pair experienced business owners with new entrepreneurs for guidance and advice.

To enhance connectivity and resource-sharing, we have developed an online platform. Our dedicated website connects members, shares resources, and manages event registrations. Our membership model ensures continuous support and access to all these resources. Additionally, advertising opportunities are available to promote local businesses and expand their reach within the community.

Elevate your businesses potential with our membership benefits and a wide range of advertising and digital marketing opportunities. Join our growing community by visiting Cortlandcollaborative.com. The website will be up and running by April 1. Call Jamie at 330-333-8360 for more information.

Collaborate, Create, Succeed Together

Irish Beef and Beer Pot Pie

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

1 pound ground beef
1 cup stout beer
3 tablespoons flour
1 can (15 ounces) tomato puree
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 cup beef broth
1 bag (28 ounces) hashbrowns with peppers and onions
1 can (14 ounces) carrots, drained
1 can (14 ounces) peas, drained
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste

1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
1 egg
Heat oven to 400 F. In large skillet or Dutch oven, brown ground beef; drain and set aside. Over medium heat, deglaze skillet with beer and whisk in flour. After thickening, whisk in tomato puree and add Worcestershire sauce. Mix in ground beef, garlic powder and beef broth. Add hashbrowns, carrots and peas. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Simmer 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Place puff pastry sheet on cookie sheet. Beat egg and brush over pastry. Bake 10 minutes. Place hot puff pastry on top of beef mixture and serve.

American & Ohio - 250

By Beth Kotwis Carmichael

Recently the Trumbull County Tourism and Historical Society hosted a Community Information meeting regarding American & Ohio-250 at the Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center in Cortland.

During the meeting, attendees reviewed Ohio-250 plans, learned about activities planned by the Trumbull County Historical Society and Trumbull County Tourism and heard about other 2026 events and activities communities are working on. Recognized communities in Trumbull County include Trumbull County, Mecca Township, Braceville Township, City of Cortland, Bloomfield Township, Howland Township, and Vienna Township.

About Ohio-250: The America 250-Ohio Commission is leading Ohio's celebration of the 250th anniversary of

the United States in 2026. This statewide initiative aims to highlight Ohio's unique contributions to the nation over the past 250 years, involving all 88 counties in a bold, inclusive, educational, and fun commemoration.

About Trumbull County Tourism: The Staff and Board are passionate advocates for Trumbull County, committed to driving economic growth by inviting people to experience the unique charm of our community.

About the Trumbull County Historical Society: The Trumbull County Historical Society preserves and interprets the history of Warren and Trumbull County. It offers programs and exhibits, including John Stark Edwards House tours, and aims to foster a better understanding of the region's historical significance.

Trumbull County Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

The Travel Club has their "Breath of Spring" day outing scheduled for May 8. Traveling to Fannie May Chocolates, The Blueberry Patch for lunch included at their cafe/winery/gift shop, a new stop for members at Wayne's Market and the onto Mansfield to visit the Richland Carrousel Park. A stop will be made last at Alta Green house for perennials, potted wonders and a look in their gift shop. Mother's day treasures just in time!

All reservations need to be made by April 8, 2025. Please call Peggy at 330-609-3971.

The Travel Club is open to all who wish to get out and explore the world. There are no membership fees to belong. The club meets 3 or 4 times a year at the Warren Library. The next meeting will be in April for a predeparture meeting for those traveling to the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Members can also attend to pick up literature on future day trips. The Lancaster trip on July 8, 9 & 10 has 4 seats remaining. The club will be seeing Cats, Wizard of Oz and Noah. These trips are by motor coach but the club also uses trains and planes to arrive at destinations far-and-wide.

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Curbside Brush Pickup Policy 2025

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up for the entire city is the week of the 4th Monday of each month. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to the collection week to ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street.

In the event of a storm, no special accommodations to these rules will be made. **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Branches and limbs need to be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday before the scheduled collection week. One pass will be made on each street.

- Only branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free). Not ornamental grasses or thorns

- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 8' in length and can be up to 3" in diameter.

- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 8' long x 6' wide x 4' high per household.

- Do not combine piles with your neighbors.

- Branches and limbs must be stacked in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.

- No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.

If you have any questions, please call the Administration Building at (330) 637-3011.

2025 Brush Chipping Schedule

- Week of April 28th
- Week of May 26th
- Week of June 23rd
- Week of July 28th
- Week of August 25th
- Week of September 22nd
- Week of October 27th

Private roads not included are: Arcaro St, Blake Blvd, Eagle Pointe Dr, Hawks Landing, Liberty Blvd, Tournament Trail, Bayview Cir, Creekside Commons Dr, Golf Dr, Harneds Landing, Sunshine Ave, Woodland Trace



Just The Facts - What happened on this day, March 7th, in 1876?

- Chutes and Ladders board game was released.
- A magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley.
- The American Civil War began.
- Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent for the telephone.

Find the answer at the bottom

Support Renewal of State Capital Improvement Program for Local Infrastructure Projects

The next proposed renewal is scheduled for the May 6th Primary Election. Some examples of past Ohio improvements have been paving of roads, repairs of sanitary sewers, bridge updates, water main replacements.

City Of Cortland Scrap Tire Program

- 2025 Drop Off At Willow Park, April 7th thru April 30th, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the City Service Garage. Please drop in the designated

location. The City of Cortland received a grant from the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and will provide a scrap tire collection program again. Please note that the district will not be providing a collection date at its facility this year. The city will accept tires at the City Service Garage, 184 Willow Dr., on weekdays from April 7th thru April 30th. There will be a limit of 8 passenger tires per vehicle on or off the rim. Large truck or tractor tires will not be accepted.

Sled Hill - 433 N Mecca St (St Rt 46) is open from dawn to dusk, weather permitting. Be safe.

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for May 8th and 9th.

Just The Facts Answer - d. Alexander Graham Bell was granted a patent for the telephone. The Patent Office awarded him what is claimed to be one of the most cherished patents in history.



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Save The Date: Women Veterans Forum

In recognition of Women's History Month, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) will host a Women Veterans Forum on Friday, March 21, in the Atrium of the Ohio Statehouse. The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 11 a.m. and is scheduled to run just past noon. This year's theme, titled "Women Veterans Leading the Way," will focus on the stories of former service members who have ventured into

private business successes following their military careers.

ODVS Director Deborah Ashenhurst will moderate the panel discussion, which will be livestreamed at ohiochannel.org.

Stay tuned for more information on this program, including a listing of panelists and their bios. An update will be viewable in the coming days at OhioVets.gov.

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Pasta & Politics

The Trumbull County Democratic party will hold a "Pasta & Politics" fundraiser on Thursday, March 27 from 5 - 7 PM at their headquarters in McKinley Heights. The address is 36 Youngstown-Warren Road, Niles.

This is the first in a series of fundraising events to bring together fellow Democrats, volunteers, Central Committee members, and friends for an evening of camaraderie, conversation, and, of course, delicious pasta!

This fundraising event will support the ongoing operations and activities of the Trumbull County Democratic Party—helping us continue our vital work of electing strong leaders, advocating for policies that matter, and protecting our democracy.

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Shop Local For Your Furry Friends

By Samantha Ensminger

Editors Note: this is a condensed version. To see the full article and listing of locally owned pet stores go to Truly Trumbull's website.

If you're looking to treat your pet while supporting local businesses, check out these must-visit pet stores in Trumbull County!

Whether you're a proud pet parent or just an animal lover, Trumbull County has a fantastic lineup of locally-owned pet stores that go above and beyond for your furry (or feathered!) friends. From specialty animal nutrition hubs to full-service pet resorts, these businesses provide everything from premium pet food and accessories to grooming and training services.

Pet-Friendly Hotels, Stores and More! There are more than just great pet stores in our county! Both the Elm Rd Triple Drive-In and Skyway Twin Drive-In in Warren are dog-friendly theatres and The 1547 Project, a brewery in Cortland, as well as The Five 4's Distillery in Newton Falls are happy to host your pups too! And if you have a winery dog, ALL our local wineries have outdoor sections perfect for your pals.

And you can make it a weekend! The Grand Resort in Howland has amazing, pet-friendly rooms that provide a luxurious stay for both you and your beloved dog or cat. Many other local hotels like the Residence Inn and Fairfield Inn in Niles also allow dogs to stay the night!

But now, the local, small shops:

These locally-owned pet stores aren't just places to shop—they're passionate businesses that truly care about the well-being of your pets and proof that Trumbull County has a vibrant pet-loving community ready to welcome you and your furry friends.

Totally Dog - Cortland [see Lindy Lu's picture]. For dog lovers, Totally Dog

in Cortland is a must-visit! This shop is dedicated to all things canine, offering specialty dog treats, toys, grooming products, and accessories. If you love to spoil your pup, this locally owned store has everything you need to make tails wag including locally sourced and American-made products. Of course, you can't enter this shop without saying hello to the shop manager: Lindy Lu the therapy dog!

Animal Welfare League (AWL) - Vienna. More than just a pet store, AWL in Vienna is a rescue and adoption center dedicated to finding forever homes for pets in need. While visiting, you can shop their pet supply section, which is the only animal thrift store in the county (like their human thrift store Menagerie, but ALL for pets!) and all proceeds go directly toward caring for rescued animals.

Plus you can say hello to the cats hanging out by the shop! If you're looking to adopt, donate, or volunteer, AWL is a wonderful place to support.

Please visit <https://trulytrumbull.com/we-love-trumbull/shop-local-for-your-furry-friends/> for the entire article.

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The Rotary Club of Cortland recently made a \$1000 donation to the Rotary District 5280 foundation of California.

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LESSONS OF HOPE
 Pastor Jonathan Williams, Cortland United Methodist Church

As children we learn to apologize and say sorry. It is not always easy to admit we have done something wrong, or that we have hurt someone. It may be embarrassing and may strike our pride. Yet it is important for us to apologize and say sorry. It is a humble act that shows our neighbor we care for and love them and that we want to try to do better than we did before.

In our faith life toward God and in relation to our sin we call this repentance (to turn from our sin). This week we entered the solemn season of Lent. A season that we focus on repentance and the need we have of salvation from our sin, death, and Satan. It is also a season that the Lord brings spiritual growth to His people in His Word and Sacraments (Baptism, Absolution and the Lord's Supper).

In the book of Acts the Lord reminds those who hear the words of St. Peter at the portico that in our sin we are ignorant and separated from God and He calls us back to Himself to receive what He has promised to us, the Word of God says, "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom

heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago." (Acts 3:17-21, ESV).

During this season of Lent we learn from God what it means to repent and be closer to Him. We learn what it means that He promised salvation by the prophets and that in Jesus that promise is fulfilled.

The promise of God for you is that He was sending a savior, His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, God in the Flesh, Jesus Christ to bare the sins of the World and pay what was owed with His blood on the cross by being that final sacrifice for the sins of all people. During Lent we remember our need for that forgiveness won at the cross and we repent (say sorry to God and turn from our Sin) and receive that forgiveness. In God's promise and fulfillment thereof in Jesus, with that forgiveness is always salvation, and eternal life.

So as we enter Lent and Spring together we turn to the Lord in repentance, and are forgiven and as we hear His Word and Promise and receive what He has given we grow by the faith He has given to us and we can have confidence that the ancient enemies of Sin, Death and Satan no longer hold power over us; and that in Jesus we have Forgiveness, Salvation, and Eternal Life.

God bless you in this time of repentance as you walk closer to Him this Lenten Season.

Spring will arrive soon. It is not fully here yet, but there are signs of it: Trees that spent the winter without leaves now have buds. Flowers that hid beneath the soil and snow have begun to sprout and bloom. The days are growing longer and warmer. Spring is the season of new growth and new beginnings, and soon, we will get to enjoy its beauty.

In this season of newness and growth, many of us may also be in a season of personal or spiritual growth. Our journeys into newness may be voluntary, or they may be necessary steps because of our circumstances. Either way, they are opportunities for discernment, and the coming of spring can offer us some guidance for those journeys.

First, we know that what grows in the spring was planted beforehand. Seeds that fell from trees or blew into the ground from distant dandelions did so long before we see them sprout. Like them, most of our growth is not spontaneous. If we are intentional about planting and tending new seeds and ideas, they will flourish in time, but the first growth we experience will always be rooted in what was already there.

Thus, in our discernment, we must take time to understand our past more

deeply, for it will shape our new growth, even if we do not understand it.

Next, we know that spring is a time of abundant warmth, sunshine, and rain. All three are necessary for young plants. Like them, our lives are shaped by many influences: memories, lessons, circumstances, relationships, and competing visions of the future. We need this variety to flourish, but as we seek to grow in new ways, we may have to add or remove an influence. Discerning what to change is hard but necessary for us to grow successfully.

Last, as each flower sprouts and blooms, it adds to the beauty of nature – beauty that is already there. Other flowers have already bloomed or soon will. Spring does not transform only one tree or flower, but all of them. Like them, we do not face change alone. As each of us discerns how we must change and grow, countless others are also growing. If we can see ourselves as part of a larger transformation in the world, it will give us courage for the work that we need to do within ourselves.

So, as Spring arrives, may you embrace the invitation to grow however God calls you to grow, and may you rejoice in the beauty of transformation in yourself and in the world.



Tracy McCarty Watercolor Works Exhibit At JCC

By Elise Skolnick

The works of Tracy McCarty are featured in the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Art Gallery from through April 20.

"Beginnings" is a collection of watercolor works that explore the fluid, ever-present influence of water in our lives, its movement, its memory, and its meaning.

"Beginnings" is a story of water and its influence in our lives," said McCarty. "Water is where life starts. It shapes landscapes, nourishes bodies, and stirs emotions."

McCarty is a self-taught artist who

created her own technique that allows "water to be water." In her process, she applies deep pigments to clear "moving" water, lifting and tilting the paper to let the color move with the motion of the water. Her work is a balance of control and complete freedom, letting the water define the space, creating an abstract view of the healing energy of this powerful natural element.

"Through this collection, I invite you to reflect on the role water plays in your own story—where it has been, where it is going, and the transformations it brings," she said.

Church News & Notes

Cortland United Methodist Church will host "GOD PROVIDES A MEAL" Saturday, March 15 from 11 - 1. The menu: Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich, French Fries, coleslaw, dessert & beverage. Donations accepted but are not required.

They also will have their Corned Beef & Cabbage Drive Thru Dinner on Wednesday, March 19 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, green beans & cookie. Please PREORDER at 330-637-2571 / \$14.

Finally, they will host a blood drive on March 18 from Noon - 5:30 PM.

Cortland Christian Church, Where All Are Welcome is holding Lenten Services at Cortland Christian Church on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm throughout Lent.

They are also hosting their "Soup And Sandwich" on March 20th from 11 am-1 pm. Menu is Vegetable, Chicken, Ham and Bean Soup, Chicken Salad and Sloppy Joes. All homemade! Various Assorted Pies, mostly homemade. Dine in or call and place an order to be delivered or you can pick it up. Phone: 330-637-4611 or email Officeatccc@gmail.com.

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Girl Scouts Favorite Season: Cookies And Camp Season

By Belle Campos and Tori Campos

Spring is in the air! And so is the sweet smell of Girl Scout cookies. That's right, it's Girl Scout cookie time! One of the most exciting times for girls in Girl Scouts, whether it's their first year, sixth year, or last year, is when cookies finally come in and they start delivering them to their customers.

The Girl Scout cookie program is where girls develop skills that will help them as they grow. The program works with girls to learn goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. You may see these girls while driving through town; you will notice them smiling and excited to greet customers when they stop by to pick up their favorites.

This year, you will see the usual lineup: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, and the rest of your favorites. We will be saying goodbye to our beloved S'mores after this season, so be sure to stock up while you can. While visiting the girls at the booth, feel free to ask what they are planning to do with the funds they raise. Many troops have big goals and are excited to share where they are going or where they have been. Maybe they are planning on going to camp or using the money to help achieve one of the Girl Scouts' three highest awards: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Cookies aren't the only thing that comes in spring that Girl Scouts look forward to. Camp season is here and girls are checking their gear, picking out sites, and making menus. Many of our troops enjoy camping together over the summer at Kinsman's finest, Camp Sugarbush. With many recent improvements, including a larger pond and an observatory with a new telescope to study the stars, the girls are excited to get back to nature and explore.

The Girl Scouts look forward to trying out new opportunities or honing their skills in our target sport oasis,

which includes an indoor archery/CMP air rifle range, ax throwing, and a beautifully designed slingshot range where girls as young as kindergarten can get their first experience hearing the ping of success when the biodegradable pellet hits the bell. Girls not only enjoy target sports but also overcome challenges on our low ropes course, which helps develop teamwork skills as well as self-confidence.

Camp Sugarbush also offers opportunities for girls to come for day camp from June 9 to June 13, with this year's theme being Sugarbush Holidays, celebrating holidays from around the world. Girls will learn about Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras and even get to celebrate the 4th of July while spending time with their friends hiking, swimming and earning badges to proudly display on their vests. The best part is, there is still time to join in the fun!

This is also the time of year we encourage our adult volunteers to get in on the fun. April 4 to 6 will be the time of year our volunteers get to go to camp! Leaders and troop helpers love attending A.L.E. (Adult Learning Experience), where they learn skills to teach how to take their troop camping, new fun ways to cook outdoors, camp songs, and knot tying. Many may even choose to be trained in how to facilitate archery, low ropes, or canoeing.

These classes are the kindling and fuel of our Girl Scout program. It is an amazing feeling to walk away from a weekend of adult training with new skills and excitement to take your troop camping. I love seeing the looks of grown men and women walking off camp property at the end of the weekend, so excited about their new skills and exchanging numbers with new friends.

For those interested in joining the fun or learning more about Girl Scouts, please visit gsneo.org/join

Cait & The Spruce Goose Vs Technology

By Cait Morgan

I decided that my Spruce Goose (my Pontiac G6) was looking more like I lived in him than drove him, so I decided to clean him up today. Took everything out of the door pockets, the console, the back seat and the trunk - tossed what I didn't need and reorganized what was left. Realized in process that my hands-free gadget had not been paired with the new phone, so I brought it in to do that in the comfort of the chair. Only problem was I couldn't pair it to save my soul. Suddenly it started beeping and dialing The Curmudgeon's number then blurted out with "pairing complete" and began playing 80s rock music. I shut it down and it came back to life this time with 70s rock.

And beeping.
Lots of beeping.

I couldn't get it to shut up so I lowered the volume and threw it in a drawer. And then here comes The Curmudgeon stating how he is obviously too old and too dumb to figure out the radio. He couldn't get the iHeart radio to work and he wasn't able

to remember his OnStar password and nothing wanted to pair. Suddenly it was all very clear.

Somehow, instead of pairing with my phone, his Buick [Ruby Car] took over and hijacked my hands free device and through that, his phone. As we were sitting at the table getting the dogs' dinners ready, strange noises started coming from the living room. It was my hands-free thing blasting out some country song (which was louder than the lowest volume control on the device) and beeping its little heart out.

I finally got it to shut down and I think once I get Spruce Goose away from RubyCar, it might pair up with my phone properly and we should be OK. Otherwise, those two will be talking to each other all freaking night and we are screwed. It could be a very long night.

I am getting really tired of being outsmarted by phones, dishwashers, computers and now cars. If this really is what the future holds, I shall be living comfortable in my Time Bubble with my transistor radio and old flip phone.



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TourismOhio Debuts New Spring Events Guide Over 400 Ohio Spring Events You Can't Miss

As flowers bloom and warm breezes return, so does a fresh lineup of can't-miss events across Ohio. To help travelers make the most of the season, TourismOhio is launching the official 2025 Ohio Spring Events Guide, now available at Ohio.org.

The guide highlights five standout events from each of Ohio's 88 counties, showcasing a total of 440 must-see happenings and experiences across the state. Organized by month and region, the guide is the ultimate roadmap to discovering Ohio's most unique and

unforgettable spring adventures.

TourismOhio research shows that 12 percent of overnight trips in Ohio in 2023 were to attend a special event. In addition, 84 percent of Ohio's 2023 overnight visitors said they were likely to visit Ohio again in the next 12 months.

TourismOhio will continue rolling out seasonal travel inspiration in the coming weeks at Ohio.org, helping travelers plan the perfect spring escape. Learn more about our work at development.ohio.gov.




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Lakeview Capital Improvement Project Underway

Lakeview High School is currently in the process of replacing three rooftop HVAC units as part of an important capital improvement project that is budgeted as part of the 5 Year Facilities Plan for Lakeview High School. These upgrades will enhance climate control and energy efficiency throughout the building, ensuring a better learning environment for students and staff.

As work continues, our high school kitchen is temporarily without heat, but our dedicated staff is adapting to ensure meal service continues without disruption. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our students and staff as we complete these necessary improvements.

Grants: Lakeview Local Schools is also taking proactive steps to improve both school safety and energy efficiency through two major grant applications submitted by Superintendent Handrych. These grants, if awarded, will bring significant upgrades to our district, benefiting both students and staff.

The first grant application is for the Attorney General's School Safety Grant, requesting \$40,000 to fund wearable panic buttons for staff. These devices would provide an added layer of security, allowing for immediate communication with emergency responders in the event of a crisis.

Prioritizing the safety of our students and staff is a top concern, and this grant would enhance our emergency preparedness measures.

The second application seeks approximately \$200,000 from the Ohio Department of Development's Energy Efficiency Program to replace all existing lighting at Lakeview High School with new, energy-efficient LED lighting. This upgrade would significantly reduce energy costs and provide improved lighting for classrooms, hallways, and common areas, creating a more sustainable and well-lit learning environment.

"These grant opportunities would make a real difference for our district. Investing in safety and sustainability is essential, and we are hopeful for a positive outcome," said Handrych.

The district will provide updates as the grant review process moves forward. Stay tuned for more information on these potential improvements for Lakeview Local Schools.

Lakeview BOE Sets New Meeting Day

The Lakeview Board of Education has changed their monthly meetings to the 4th Monday of each month at 6 PM. They meet at the LHS Media Center. The next meeting will be March 24.

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 Addison Briell, an outstanding student and the daughter of Jason and Jamie Briell. A proud member of the Lakeview school district since kindergarten, Addison is a valedictorian candidate for this year's graduating class. Academically, she excels in a combination of high school coursework and College Credit Plus classes through Youngstown State University. Beyond the classroom, Addison shines as an outstanding dancer. She represents Epic Dance Complex in Boardman, OH, and last summer, she was awarded 2nd Runner Up in the Title Showdown at a national competition.

She is currently auditioning for several college dance teams, including Michigan State, West Virginia, and Penn State, with hopes of continuing her passion for dance at the collegiate level. In addition to her success in dance, Addison is a varsity letter winner in track and field and an active member of the National Honor Society.

Looking ahead, she plans to pursue a degree in journalism and business in college.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Time management. I go to dance, work and still have all of my classes to worry about.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - I enjoy the sports programs and the coaches are supportive.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - I like El Torero
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - The Cortland Roller Rink
- 5.) Describe your fashion style. - I fall more into the comfy side. I like baggy clothes.
- 6.) You might catch me ... - Dancing or working out.
- 7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now? - Big Bang Theory.
- 8.) What are your future aspirations? - I want to work for a local news station as an anchor or journalist. I would love to continue dancing.





Lakeview 6th-grade Prep Bowl Coach Mariah DiLullo with team members Henry D., Louis B., Maxton B., Ezra B., Lorenzo M., Jaclyn Rausch, Supervisor of Gifted and Talented from TCESC

Lakeview Wins Prep Bowl

By Mesa Bush

Congratulations to the 6th Grade Lakeview Prep Bowl Team members; Louis B., Ezra B., Maxton B., Henry D., Lorenzo M., and Coach Mariah Dilullo on their accomplishment of winning the 2025 Trumbull County Educational Service Center's annual Elementary tournament.

Twenty Trumbull County teams competed in head-to-head matches with students answering questions covering a wide range of topics. Lakeview went undefeated in every round before receiving 1st place. Way to go Bulldogs!



Lakeview 6th-grade Prep Bowl team members; Lorenzo M., Louis B., Maxton B., Henry D., Ezra B.



Applications Open For LHS Athletic Hall Of Fame

By Michael DeToro

Applications are now being accepted for the Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025. Inductees will be celebrated during an induction weekend that includes recognition before the varsity football game and a post-game mixer on Friday, September 12, 2025. The celebration will continue with an awards dinner on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at DiLucia's Banquet & Catering Facility.

Nomination forms can be accessed online at lakeviewlocal.org/athletics or through the district's Facebook page. The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2025. For more information, please contact the Lakeview High School Athletic Department at (330) 637-8821.

The Hall of Fame honors former students, coaches, teams, and community members who have made significant contributions to the athletic programs at Bazetta, Cortland, or Lakeview High Schools.

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Warren Women's Club

By Peggy Boyd

The Warren Women's Club at their February meeting installed a new member, Sandy Kellerman into active membership. Presented roses by Louise Kline, membership chairman, Sandy was welcomed by all attending the luncheon that afternoon.

The Warren Women's Club meets monthly from September to June on the third Monday of the month. The monthly meetings feature a luncheon prepared by the ladies of the club, fellowship and an interesting program with a speaker. If interested in attending a meeting to find out what the organization is about, please contact Louise Kline at 330-399-4661.



Louise Kline & Sandy Kellerman



Masonic Lodge Hosts Special Charity Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 5th, for the next charity pancake breakfast held by Cortland Masonic Lodge. After hosting nearly 50 charity breakfasts, and donating over \$65,000 to various community organizations, the Masonic Lodge plans to make some improvements in their kitchen and dining room, to better accommodate their future charity breakfasts.

Special Announcement: to show their appreciation for the community support shown for their Charity Breakfast program, the Masonic Lodge has arranged for a **FREE BREAKFAST for the first 100 guests** to arrive at the lodge on April 5th.

The public is invited, especially anyone interested in learning more about Cortland Masonic Lodge. The breakfast is served from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, and it includes "all you can eat" pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice, with take-out available. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for youth age 6-10, and free for age 5 and under.

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Test Drive Your Retirement Plan

Two emotions are common for those who are nearing retirement - excitement and fear. Leaving the working world behind can feel empowering, however, apprehension about entering a new life stage may also creep in. If you're nearing retirement, you've likely taken steps to prepare financially for the future. But there's one important thing you might not have considered adding to your pre-retirement checklist - a practice run. Test driving aspects of your plan before you're actually in retirement can help provide a sense of security for this next phase of life.

Consider what an ideal retirement looks like in the long term. How you choose to spend your time (and in many cases, your money) in retirement is your decision to make, but it's not always an easy one. As we age, our interests, hobbies and relationships change. What you may consider your "ideal" retirement when you're 55 may not be the same as when you're 65. This evolution can make it hard to plan accurately for retirement. Consider sitting down with your spouse or family members to explore how aging and future milestones may alter your retirement. Your financial advisor can help you make a plan that aligns your ideal retirement with your financial situation.

Test drive your retirement lifestyle. Many people pledge a significant amount of savings towards a particular lifestyle in retirement. This could be a home in another part of the country, a timeshare or a trip abroad every year. Problems can arise if you have cemented a financial commitment to a certain lifestyle but change your mind down the road. It's natural to change your mind about what you want, but it's better to understand the potential implications of altering your plan before you actually retire.

For example, those who have based their financial plan for retirement on the idea that they will be living in a new location may benefit from a practice run before making the big move. Consider an individual who has lived their entire life in New York but moves to Florida when they retire - where taxes and cost-of-living are generally lower. Deciding after several years to relocate back to New York to be near family - where cost of living and tax rates differ - can mean savings may not go as far as planned. Be prudent and build some flexibility

into your plan to avoid unintended consequences.

Simulate your retirement expenses. Practice can also be beneficial in another way - simulating how to manage your expenses in retirement. The idea that your cash flow no longer comes from a reliable paycheck, but from other sources like Social Security and personal savings can come as a shock - even to those who are well prepared for this change.

One idea to achieve a sense of financial security is to run two accounts for a certain period of time. Through one account, manage all your household and lifestyle expenses that you expect during retirement. This includes the costs for necessities like food, clothing, shelter, utilities, taxes and insurance as well as "nice-to-have" items like dining out, traveling, etc. Keep in mind that you may have to estimate or inflate your lifestyle expenses for retirement as they could rise when you have more free time.

Through the second account, manage all of your expenses that are expected to end in retirement like principal and interest on a mortgage payment (if your home will be paid off), current car payments (although car payments can certainly happen again in retirement), college costs for your kids and contributions to retirement plans. Keeping these two separate accounts will help you more appropriately plan for and quantify your expenses in retirement.

The best way to get a handle on these expenses is to experience them while you're still working. Take that trip to Europe before retirement and find out first-hand what you can do within your budget. If the cost is different than expected, adjust your financial projections to more accurately reflect reality.

Perfecting life in retirement. A little practice can go a long way toward easing emotional and financial concerns when it comes to making the jump into retirement. Consider working with a financial advisor who can help you determine a budget and a retirement income plan that fits your needs and desires.

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Hospital Indemnity Insurance pays a benefit based on a predetermined lump sum or an amount for each day in the hospital or for a specific service such as an ambulance or therapy. Plans can be customized to cover the gaps in your current insurance and can

include additional coverage for specific situations. For example, an accidental injury rider will pay a lump sum for injuries like a fracture or ligament tear; or a cancer rider will pay a lump sum for different types of cancer diagnoses. Other possible coverages could include skilled nursing stays, outpatient surgery or ambulance services. The costs of these plans are based on age and health.

There are many other types of policies to supplement medical insurance policies and help defray costs of life events. Some policies can be geared toward specific conditions like cancer, heart attack or stroke. While others can be for specific services such as short-term home health care. You can also pick up a supplemental dental or vision policy to cover gaps in coverage or to provide coverage if you do not have a policy. If you are interested in any of these options, consult your local insurance agent. They can help you figure out what works best for your individual situation.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234-244-4014 or JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com

Sound The Siren On Suicide Youth Video Challenge

By Katie Cretella, Director of Clinical Services Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board

The Trumbull County Suicide Prevention Coalition (SPC) released its third annual Sound the Siren on Suicide Youth Video Challenge. For this year's "Sound the Siren on Suicide" Student PSA Video Contest, Trumbull County students in grades 9-12 were tasked with raising awareness on the impact of loneliness and social isolation while providing hope and strategies to increase social connection and a sense of belonging.

In Trumbull County, deaths by suicide in 2023 have doubled since 2021. In 2023, there were 32 deaths by suicide, and in 2024, we saw no change in that number. The video submissions were judged by a panel of judges from a variety of organizations and were evaluated based on content, technical elements and the creative brief written by each student team. The creative brief summarized the objective of the video and offered insight into each team's creative approach.

After careful consideration, the judges have picked the winning

videos. First place- Southington High School: Seniors, Erica Westenfelder and Colleen Castle, \$1,000 split amongst team members and \$500 for the school district to use for mental health resources. Second place- Hubbard High School: Taila Odem, Rome Odem, and Cassandra Phillips, \$750 split amongst team members and \$250 for the school district to use for mental health resources. Third place- TCTC: Austin Merriman and Antonio Sagnimenti, \$500 split amongst team members and \$150 for the school district to use for mental health resources. Honorable mention- Hubbard High School: Gianna Rotunno and Maria Rotunno, \$250 to split amongst team members and \$100 for the school district to use for mental health resources.

With the support of WFMJ and WKBN, the top three winning videos will receive free airtime on each station. The Suicide Prevention Coalition will also share the video submissions on social media and streaming networks.



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The mission of the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board is to improve the well-being of our community by establishing and maintaining a person-centered, recovery oriented system of mental health and addiction services in Trumbull County.

Does Your Home Insurance Cover Water Damage?

Amelia Gavolas, Licensed Agent, Platt Insurance

Water damage is one of the most common and costly problems homeowners face. But when it comes to insurance coverage, not all water damage is treated the same way—and many homeowners are caught off guard when they learn their policy doesn't cover certain types of damage.

If water enters your home from above, such as from a leaking roof, broken window, or burst pipe, your standard home insurance policy will likely cover the damage. However, water that comes from below—like a sewer or drain backup—is usually not covered unless you've added a Water Back-Up endorsement to your policy. This endorsement can be a valuable addition for homeowners, especially those with basements.

Even more importantly, flooding is almost never covered by basic home insurance. If water seeps into your home from outside—due to heavy rain, melting snow, or an overflowing river or creek—you'll need a separate flood insurance policy to be protected. Without this coverage, homeowners are responsible for all flood-related repairs and losses out of pocket.

To ensure your home is properly covered, it's best to review your policy with a local independent insurance agent. They can help identify coverage gaps and recommend options to keep you fully protected before disaster strikes."

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Northeast Ohio Big Buck Contest

By Mike Currington

The Mathews, Badger, Bloomfield and Southington Local School Districts are excited to support the Northeast Ohio Big Buck Contest. This contest began in 2019 by Mike Currington, Fowler's Chief of Police and Steve Smith, School Resource Officer, Trumbull County Sheriff's Department. They wanted to get kids outdoors enjoying nature and learning how to hunt to off-set the negative impact of the Covid pandemic. The goal of the contest is to provide Mathews, Badger, Bloomfield and Southington students with a friendly opportunity to showcase their hunting

talents. There is NO entry fee. All prizes have been donated by the community.

The contest is for post-gutted weight which consists of three age brackets, 8-19 yrs., with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. There will also be a big buck contest, based on the deer's rack for students ages 8 to 19. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at a banquet after the completion of the contest.

For questions on how to enter your child, please contact Mike Currington, Fowler Chief of Police at mcurrington@fowlertownship.org

Have fun, be safe & good luck!



Special congratulations to Payton Palette (Badger High), who took home the Biggest Buck Award for harvesting the largest deer! He received a special plaque in recognition of his achievement.



The event, attended by over 250 people, also emphasized gun safety – a crucial aspect for all participants. With the generous support of approximately 100 sponsors, every participant walked away with a prize.



The traveling trophy for Biggest Buck, which stays at the high school of the year's winner, documents the past winners.

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Local Musician Gaining Regional Notoriety



Photo by Alaina Woofter

Special to The Cortland News

Hailing from Youngstown, Jacob Dombrowski, known professionally as Dombrowski, is an alternative artist who has become a staple in the local music scene. With an electrifying stage presence, Dombrowski was voted Best Live Performance at the Youngstown Marathon 2022.

Dombrowski's collaborations reflect his diverse range of musical talents. He worked with Franklin Dead Rose, a 2024 Federal Frenzy performer, who played lead guitar on Dombrowski's track Trench in the Sun (Alternative Version). Dombrowski has also worked with Dave Stump, whose song Vampire Summer was featured on 88.9 The Alternation, and Kirk Vincent on the track Destiny. Kirk, a former lead guitarist for a band that opened for Hinder, briefly joined Dombrowski live.

Currently, Dombrowski is working on a collaborative project with The Breezeway, who have worked with Deuce of Hollywood Undead on tracks Vice (Drunk as F**) and Diamond in the Rough. Percussionist Aaron Powell from

The Breezeway has joined Dombrowski's live performances, forming a folk-rock duo with an extensive gig lineup for 2025.

Dombrowski's mentors include Leanna Binder, who has opened for Joe Bonamassa and played alongside The Clarks, and Kirk Vincent. Jacob is also currently studying at Youngstown State University, Dana School of Music pursuing a music education degree, studying jazz under Dr. Fowler, and planning a minor in vocal performance.

In addition to performing, Dombrowski has co-hosted open mics, contributing to the local music community. He auditioned for America's Got Talent in 2024 and his voice is featured on SiriusXM Turbo.

With his passion, innovation, and dedication, Dombrowski continues to evolve as an artist, pushing the boundaries of rock and alternative music.

Jacob's mother, Jeannette Dombrowski and grandparents Natalie Pestalozzi and Jim Woofter reside in Cortland.

Sharon Grover Makes Memories One Trip At A Time With SCOPE

By Debora Garvin of SCOPE Senior Services

This is the second year that SCOPE Senior Services has partnered with Sharon Grover President and Owner of Ridgeview Country Tours, LLC. She provides one day and multiple day trips to Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York, and West Virginia.

Sharon brings 25 years of experience in the group travel market, and a heartfelt love for seniors. "My main goal is to show seniors a good time while they are on the motorcoach and experiencing the tours," Grover said. The trips are narrated and supported by SCOPE's staff and volunteer trained trip guides.

The 2025 SCOPE Trips and Tours magazine outlines the agenda of Sharon's well-manicured and detailed marketing plan. The magazines are now available to the public at all SCOPE senior citizen centers. Each trip is selected through surveys of the over 700 SCOPE trip customers.

Since Sharon oversees a smaller tour company, she is available to pay close attention to the finest of details and has gotten to know the regulars.

"Sharon Grover is one of the best

I have worked with at providing tours and trips as she cares about the needs of our passengers first and foremost," stated Mike Wilson, Director of SCOPE Senior Services, which serves 5,800 older adults in Northeast Ohio.

"She took over for John Sinclair who served SCOPE by providing trips for over ten years and personally logged in more than 2 million miles on the road over a forty-year tour operator and driver career," Wilson concluded.

Sharon was raised in Trumbull County and is certainly family orientated with 25 grandchildren, which also keeps her busy. She started her career introducing youngsters on chartered trips to Amish country. She worked for larger bus companies in Cleveland and Pittsburgh before starting Ridgeview Country Tours, LLC.

The Niles Senior Center Manager Doreen Kasczak coordinates and handles all trip reservations and payments. Call Doreen at 330-574-2888 or stop by the Niles Center at 14 East Stet Street across from the downtown Niles Fire Department to pick up a 2025 SCOPE trips magazine.

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BRITE Energy Innovators CEO Elected Co-Chair



BRITE Energy Innovators is proud to announce that its President & CEO, Rick Stockburger, has been selected as Co-Chair of the National Coalition of Clean Energy Incubators (NCCEI). This role reflects BRITE's dedication to fostering innovation and supporting advanced energy startups in the Midwest and beyond.

"It is unbelievably important for the US to Americanize manufacturing in the Midwest and across the country," said Stockburger. "I believe advanced energy technology investments are the key to unlocking grid resilience, reducing costs for consumers, and enhancing national security by re-establishing American energy dominance. I'm excited to bring that perspective to leadership to this national coalition."

Stockburger will serve as Co-Chair alongside Matt Peterson, President & CEO of Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), who manages the coalition.

"Given his work with advanced energy entrepreneurs in the heart of America, Rick's insights have proven invaluable to our groundbreaking coalition for many years - I am delighted to welcome him as Co-Chair of the coalition," said Petersen. "Together we will fight for the vital resources needed to empower entrepreneurs, and to scale the energy technologies that unlock economic growth and fuel job creation."

NCCEI brings together the 34

most powerful and effective energy technology incubators in the U.S. to promote robust growth of regional energy innovation ecosystems by providing support for advanced energy-related startups and entrepreneurs. The coalition also serves as a key advocate for energy incubators, promoting collaboration, policy engagement, and resource-sharing to drive the growth of the advanced energy sector. As Co-Chair, Stockburger will play a pivotal role in representing the interests of energy startups, particularly those in the Midwest.

This announcement comes as the NCCEI prepares for its Fifth Annual Advanced Energy Innovation Advocacy Day in Washington DC from March 3-5, 2025. During this in-person event, representatives from the nation's leading energy incubators will share their successes with federal policymakers. Incubators and accelerator staff and the entrepreneurs they support will meet with federal policymakers to advocate for a budget and policy agenda that promotes American innovation.

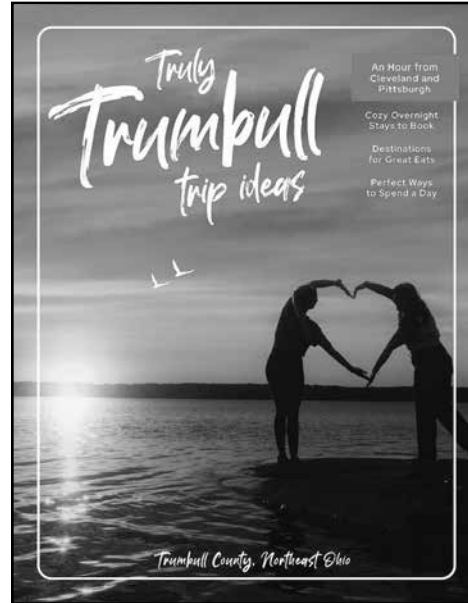
Under Stockburger's leadership, BRITE Energy Innovators has been at the forefront of accelerating energy technology startups, providing them with the tools and connections to drive innovation and growth. His new role within NCCEI will further amplify the impact of advanced energy incubators, fostering an ecosystem that strengthens the national energy infrastructure.

For more information about BRITE Energy Innovators and its role in advancing clean energy innovation, visit www.brite.org.

Trumbull Tourism 2025 Trip Ideas Guide And Co-Op Marketing Opportunities

By Beth Kotwis Carmichael, CEO Trumbull Tourism

Trumbull Tourism is excited to announce the launch of the 2025 Trumbull Trip Ideas Guide and new co-op marketing opportunities designed to enhance visibility and support local businesses in Trumbull County.



The 2025 Truly Trumbull Trip Ideas Guide is an annual visitor guide that showcases the best attractions, dining, and activities in Trumbull County. Distributed at key locations throughout Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and available digitally, this guide aims to attract visitors and boost the local economy.

In addition, and new this year, Trumbull Tourism is offering co-op marketing opportunities for 2025. These programs provide visitor-serving businesses and events with cost-effective ways to maximize their marketing efforts through digital listings, dedicated email blasts, promotional packages, and event participation. By partnering with Trumbull Tourism, businesses and events can leverage expert support and reach a broader audience.

"We are thrilled to offer these opportunities to our local visitor-serving businesses," said Beth Kotwis Carmichael, CEO. "Our goal is to drive tourism, support economic growth, and ensure that Trumbull County remains a top destination for visitors."

Residents can also benefit from the guide by using it to plan their own trips, especially when hosting friends and family. The guide offers a wealth of ideas for local adventures and experiences. Additionally, visitors and residents can build custom itineraries on our website by clicking on the "Plan a Trip" feature.

Visitors and residents can download or request a guide at www.TrulyTrumbull.com. For more information on how to participate in co-op marketing opportunities, please visit www.TrulyTrumbull.com and click on Partner Resources, email the office at Info@TrulyTrumbull.com, or call the office at 330-675-3081.

The Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

Rehearsals are in full swing every Wednesday at the Lakeview Middle School Band room from 7-9 pm. If you're interested in joining it's not too late, just dust off your horn and come to a rehearsal. Please note that if the schools are closed for any reason there will not be rehearsal. You can follow the Cortland Community Bands Facebook page for updates, or email Cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com to be added to our email chain.

Our concert schedule is filling up fast for this summer. Below is a list of our schedule so far:

- Wednesday, June 4th at 7pm at Bazetta Township Park
- Wednesday June 25th at 7pm at the Lake Vista Retirement Community
- Wednesday July 9th at 6:15 at the Kinsman Library
- Sunday July 13th at the Mastropietro Winery in Berlin. Time is to be determined, but this is an all-day event with 5-7 groups performing throughout the day from approximately 12-7pm. We usually play around 3-4 pm. There will be concessions trailers, a bake sale and raffles. Every year money is raised at this event for various causes, last year's event was for the Melina Edenfield Foundation
- Wednesday July 16th at 7pm at the Howland Scope Center (rain or shine)
- Wednesday July 23 at 7pm at Grace Methodist Church
- Wednesday August 6th at 7pm at the Cortland United Methodist Church

Please note: all concerts other than the Howland Scope event are weather permitting. If they're cancelled it will be posted on the Facebook page referenced above.

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Stoian Family Fundraiser

Nick Stoian tragically lost his life in a multi-vehicle accident in October 2024. His passing left behind his wife, Jen, and three young children, Mason (8), Ronin (3), and Mina (2). We will be having a benefit featuring a pasta dinner, basket raffles, and 50/50 raffle to raise money to support his wife and kids.

The event will be Saturday, March 29, from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett Hull Road, Cortland. The Menu: pasta with red sauce, meatballs, salad, bread/rolls, assorted desserts and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets are Adult: \$20.00 (includes entry for door prize), Children 6-10: \$10.00 and Children 5 and under: free.

For tickets please contact Jen Donnelly at 330-506-4269, Lindsay Drotar at 330- 531-5006 or Adrienne Nosse at 440-636-3449.

If you are interested in donating raffle items or supplies, please contact Jen Donnelly at 330-506-4269.

Cash or Check Donations: Check donations can be made payable to Jennifer Stoian and brought to the event or mailed to 361 Stahl Ave, Cortland, OH 44410. Cash donations can be brought to the event or sent via Venmo to Jen Donnelly (@Jennifer-Donnelly-46); please note that it is for the Stoian family.

Lakeview Lady Bulldog Softball Team Helps With 35th Snowflake Ball

By Culen Chadwick



The 35th Snowflake ball took place at Candlelite Knolls (donated by the Cortland Optimist Club) on Saturday March 1st. It is a prom for the adult disabled people in our area sponsored by the organization L.E.A.P.

The night started with a lot of dancing. The band Guys Without Ties donated their time and rocked the house. They had people dancing and singing all night. Midway through the night everyone took a break to eat dinner.



Bulldog Team: Back Row - Sienna Terry, Linnea Kovac, Mackenzie Stowe, Norah, Skilnik, Hallie Capan, Isabella Isenberg, Kennedy Bartlett, Dakota Thorp, Jianna Shaker, Ella Collins. Front Row - Rylee Barnot, Madison Tsai, Paige Schwartz, Taylor Ash, Annaliese DeJulio, Emilee Dotts, Abby Waldo, Kalyssa Werner.

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All the food was donated by DiLucia's and the lines were long with everyone loving the food. After dinner was finished, the dancing started again. The Lakeview Lady Bulldog Softball team was there to help and to dance with everyone. They were a big hit with the crowd and had lots of people dancing with them. It was a very fun night for everyone.

LEAP, the Life Enriching Activities Program, was started in October of 2005 for young adults 18 and over to provide them with 2-3 monthly social activities. These activities have included Movies, Sporting Events, Shopping, Bowling, Scrap booking, Gardening classes, and going out to dinner. Each month different parents plan the events for the whole group and list them in our monthly newsletter.

Some of the activities are limited as to how many can participate and have a nominal cost. Each participant needs to provide their own transportation.

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Library Launches New Mobile App

By Apryl Gilliss

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) is introducing a new mobile app that makes it quick and convenient to access the library from home or on the go.

The free mobile app for iOS and Android phones and tablets makes it easy for library cardholders to connect with their library account to manage checkouts, search the catalog and place holds on items, and scan their library card from their device.

With the app, library customers can quickly check library locations

and hours, learn about and register for upcoming events, access the library's mobile printing service, and more streamlined features.

To download the library app, search for "W-TCPL Mobile" in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library includes locations in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty, Lordstown, and Warren; a Bookmobile; and Library-by-Mail service.

For more information, visit the library website at www.wtcpl.org.



Cortland Library Events - March & April

By Apryl Gilliss

Movie Matinée Celebrating Women's History Month

Sat., March 15 at 1 p.m. In honor of Women's History Month, a movie will be shown on the big screen in the library's meeting room. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 for the title of the movie to be shown. Free.

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: March 17, 24, 31 April 14, 21 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.: March 18, 25 April 1, 15, 22, 29. 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.: March 19, 26 April 2, 9, 16, 30. Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout! Free.

Live Music

Thurs., March 20 at 6 p.m. All ages can enjoy classic hits played by guitarist Tyler Guerrieri. Free.

Totally Tweens

Tues., March 25, April 29, 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities. Free.

What's in the Sky Tonight?

Sat., March 29 at 3 p.m. Ever been curious about celestial objects? Children ages 5 - 12 and their families can learn about the constellations and planets that are visible in the current night sky through a planetarium-style presentation. Free.

Poetry Writing Party

Tues., April 1, 4 - 5 p.m. April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, the library will have a Poetry Writing Party for teens ages 12 - 18 with contests and prizes! Free.

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., April 8, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 who have ideas about what they'd like to see at the library, want to earn service hours, or collaborate on creative ideas can be part of the Teen Advisory Board! Free.

Poetry and Author Talk with Jeanne Bryner and Susan Jacobs

Sat., April 12 at 1 p.m. Author Jeanne Bryner will discuss her poetry and the inspiration behind her book, "In Velvet: New and Selected Poems." The event will also feature Susan Jacobs, who will present the artwork showcased in the book. Jacobs' work has been displayed at the Butler Institute of American Art. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cortland Library. Free.

Earth Day Blooms

Mon., April 14, 3 - 4 p.m. To celebrate Earth Day, teens ages 12 - 18 can make Seed Bombs filled with wildflowers. Plant them or toss them into your yard and watch what happens! Free.

Family LEGO Night

Thurs., April 17, 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.

Only Murders in the Library

Mon., April 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This discussion group for adults focuses on a true crime topic, with the case being selected from group members' suggestions. The group will share resources such as books, articles, and podcasts.

Closing

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Closed April 28 for Staff In-Service Training All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, April 28 for Staff In-Service Training.

Warren Women's Club Learns About Tech

By Peggy Boyd

Warren Women's Club recently invited Vince Bevacqua, Chief Operating Officer for Family Tect Connect. He spoke on the free service to seniors over the age of 60. It is technology coaching services which help clients overcome their tech "inexperience and become comfortable in the world using it". A family team will talk with you about your smart phone, tablet, computer, printer or any other device.

Warren Women's Club meets monthly at 708 North Park Avenue in Warren. Information on the speaker's

subject can be obtained by calling 330-708-2992.



Ruth Ann Capito, Vince Bevacqua & Michele Kubicina

Cortland Blood Drives

The American Red Cross announces these upcoming blood drives in our area.

Tuesday, March 18, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High Street, Cortland, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 22, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Fowler Community Church 4665 Wilson Sharpsville Rd., Cortland, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 15, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High Street, Cortland, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Cortland Masonic Lodge 3263 Everett Hull Rd., Cortland, Fellowship Hall



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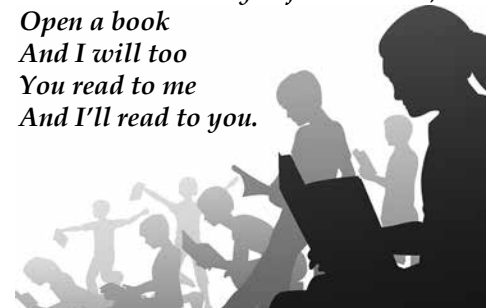
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