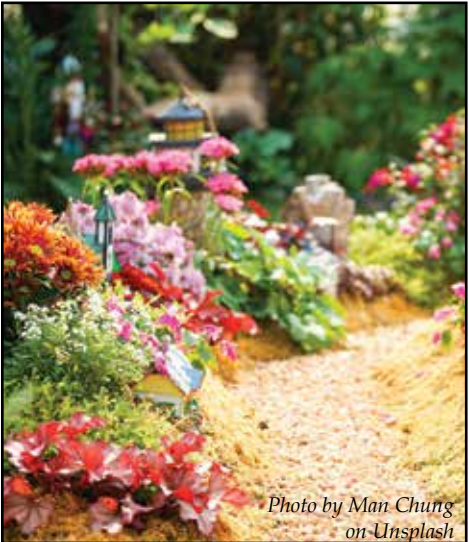


By Alex Irman

Blooming Cortland:
Cultivating Community and Home This Spring

As the vernal equinox whispers across the rolling fields surrounding Cortland and Bazetta, a sense of renewal permeates our community. The thaw



brings not only the promise of warmer days but also the opportunity to breathe new life into our homes and gardens. This year, more than ever, the concept of "home" extends beyond the four walls of our dwellings, encompassing the very soil that nourishes our spirit and the shared spaces that foster community.

For Lakeview residents, the annual ritual of spring cleaning takes on a deeper meaning. It's not just about decluttering and dusting; it's about creating sanctuaries where we can find solace and inspiration. Consider the transformative power of natural light. Simple changes, like replacing heavy drapes with sheer

fabrics or strategically placing mirrors, can dramatically alter the ambiance of a room. Embrace the warmth of the sun and invite it into your living spaces, creating a sense of openness and vitality.

The garden, too, becomes a canvas for self-expression. This year, let's explore sustainable gardening practices that not only beautify our landscapes but also contribute to the health of our ecosystem. Consider incorporating native plants, which require less water and provide vital habitats for pollinators. The vibrant hues of coneflowers, the delicate blossoms of milkweed, and the sturdy presence of oak trees can transform our yards into havens for birds, bees, and butterflies.

Beyond aesthetics, consider the practical aspects of your garden. Raised beds, for example, can make gardening more accessible and manageable, especially for those with limited mobility. Composting kitchen scraps and yard waste can enrich your soil, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. And rainwater harvesting, through the use of rain barrels, can conserve water and reduce your environmental footprint.

This spring, let's also cultivate a sense of community by sharing our gardening knowledge and resources. Consider organizing a neighborhood plant swap or starting a community garden. These initiatives can foster connections, promote sustainability, and create a shared sense of ownership over our green spaces.

The "home" aspect of our theme extends beyond our individual

residences to encompass the shared spaces that define our community. Let's explore ways to enhance our public parks and gardens, creating vibrant hubs for recreation and social interaction. Consider volunteering at the Cortland Community Garden or participating in local beautification projects. Small acts of kindness, like planting flowers in public spaces or cleaning up litter, can have a profound impact on the overall well-being of our community.

In addition to our outdoor spaces, let's not forget the importance of creating welcoming and inviting indoor environments. This year, let's prioritize comfort and functionality, creating spaces that reflect our personal style and support our daily routines. Consider

incorporating natural materials, like wood and stone, to create a sense of warmth and connection to nature. And don't underestimate the power of personal touches, like displaying family photos or artwork, to create a sense of belonging.

This spring, let's embrace the spirit of renewal and cultivate both our homes and our community. By creating beautiful and sustainable living spaces, both indoors and out, we can enhance our well-being and contribute to the vibrancy of Cortland. Let us work together to create a community where homes bloom with life and gardens flourish with beauty.

Let us remember that home and garden are not just locations, but the very heart of Cortland.



By Tori Campos

Girl Scouts In The Garden And Beyond

Spring is a particularly special season for our Girl Scouting community. It is fitting that our youngest members are referred to as Daisies, as their fresh perspectives and eagerness to explore

the world are sure to bring joy to all. Our Daisy sisters acquire valuable lessons during their formative years, and troop leaders actively share these experiences through Journey badge work.

One of our most popular Daisy journeys is called Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden. In this journey, girls focus on a greater understanding of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Troop

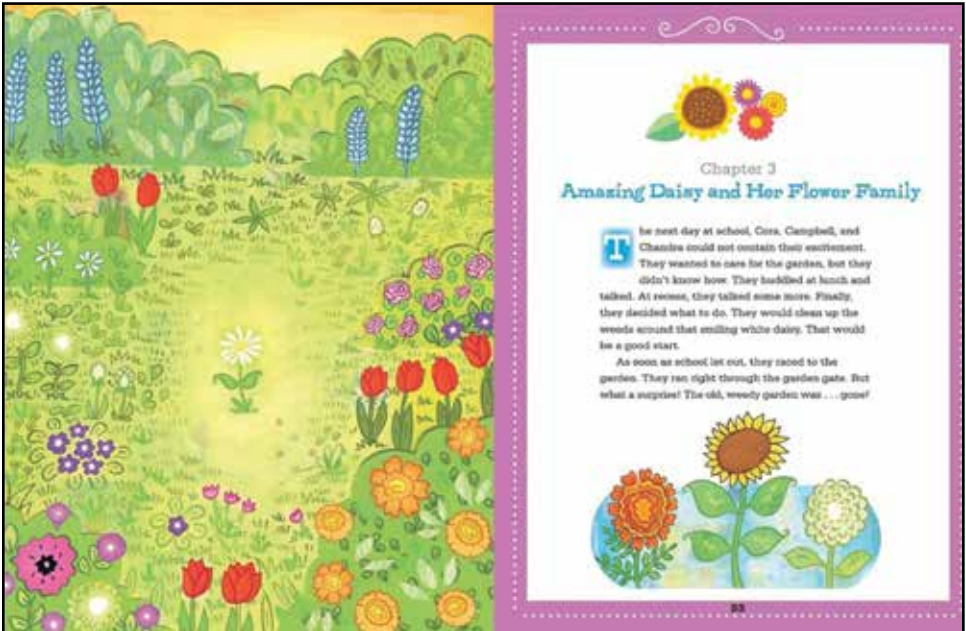
volunteers help the Daisies plant a flower to help them learn responsibility. When those flowers grow, they have a beautiful reminder of what they learned through the year.

All journeys the girls embark on will end with a Take Action project. These projects are focused on allowing the girls to give back to their community and help solve a need related to the journey.


This month, troops will attend the SU807 Howland/Vienna sponsored Earth Day Spring Clean Up at Camp Sugarbush. Many of our local troops will spend the day clearing trails, prepping camp sites, clearing out and planting flowers in beds around camp, making sure that our favorite hangout is ready for some good old fashion summer camping.

April also ends our cookie season. The troops had so much fun setting up cookie booths and learning many valuable business skills. Girl Scouts young and old thank all our supporters who helped troops raise money that will be used to fund adventures.

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Second Monday of each month

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

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Second Monday of each month

Monday, April 14 - 7 p.m.

Meetings and agenda of Council and Planning meetings area available at www.cityofcortland.org

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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.

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
- 6 Largest Easter Egg Hunt in Ohio / Trumbull Junior Fair Board
- 8 Trumbull County Genealogical Society Meeting / Grant Room of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library / 10 AM
- 10 Spring Social / Rotary Club of Cortland / Past Times Arcade / Girard / 6 PM
- 12 Annual Lakeview Community Easter Egg Hunt / Bazetta Park - Imagination Station / 11 AM
- 15 First Annual State of the Schools Forum / Hosted by Lakeview Local Schools Lakeview High School Auditorium / 6 PM
- 15 Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12 PM - 5:30 PM
- 19 Blood Drive / Cortland Masonic Lodge / 9 AM - 2 PM
- 24 TCTC Community Night / 6-8 PM

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Champion Tax Service tells us that there is still time to get your taxes done by a professional. Don't get into trouble with the IRS - get your taxes done correctly.

Brookside Greenhouse opens April 14. I can't wait! They have the best flowers and plants. Everyone of the Butterfly Bushes and other plants in my Butterfly garden came from there. Great quality, fair prices and wonderful people!

Centerra tells us that there is still time to pre-order your baby chicks - but you better hurry.

Cortland Lanes reminds us that the No-tap league starts May 1. Will you be there? It is so much fun!

Cortland Mower Sales is having their annual ECHO 1 day sale. Save 15% on echo equipment and attachments Saturday April 19th from 9-2. You can also save \$20- \$30 dollars on select trimmers, handheld blowers and self-propelled Echo mowers. Now until June 15th.

Cortland Pediatrics tells us that they are filling up fast for those summer physicals so you better call soon to get an appointment.

Cortland Playroom is now taking reservations for their summer programs and they are filling up fast! Let you kids have fun and learn this summer. No better place to do it.

Did you know that Girl's Cortland Music 101 teaches in the summer also? And be sure to ask them about their Summer Music Day Camp events.

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Cortland-Bazetta Golden Egg Scavenger Hunt:

A Community Celebration for Local Businesses

By Matt Derrick

Excitement is in the air as local businesses come together for the much-anticipated Cortland-Bazetta Golden Egg Scavenger Hunt! This fun-filled event is set to take place in the week leading up to Easter, bringing together families, shoppers, and entrepreneurs for a unique celebration of community spirit and commerce.

A Golden Opportunity for

Businesses and Shoppers The Golden Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt is a creative initiative designed to encourage residents to explore and support local businesses. Each participating business will receive a special golden egg filled with prizes, coupons, and surprises for lucky customers that each local business can fill. In addition, businesses will have the chance to capture special moments

with the Easter Bunny, creating photo opportunities to share across social media platforms and spread festive cheer.

How It Works Participants can visit each participating business to collect a stamp on their punch card. No purchase is necessary—just stop by, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and engage with local entrepreneurs. Once a card is fully stamped, participants must bring their completed punch cards to the event for entry into the special drawing. You must be present to win. Cash prizes will be generously contributed by community members and local businesses.

Strengthening Community Bonds This event is more than just a scavenger hunt; it's a chance to build connections between local businesses and residents. By offering exciting incentives and fostering a sense of camaraderie, the Golden Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt aims to highlight the importance of supporting small businesses while providing a fun and engaging experience for all ages.

Event Details

- **Dates:** The scavenger hunt will take place for one week leading up to Easter.
- **Cost for Businesses:** \$20 participation fee (\$10 covers the cost of the golden egg and marketing, while



Matthew Derrick holding the golden egg

\$10 goes toward the prize drawing).

• **Grand Prize Drawing:** The event will conclude with an exciting drawing, where one lucky participant will have the chance to win the (Golden Egg) containing a cash prize.

Local businesses interested in participating can sign up through Cortland Collaborative Co-Work Community, which is spearheading the initiative. This event promises to be an unforgettable experience, fostering joy, community engagement, and a thriving local economy.

Don't miss out on this golden opportunity! Mark your calendars, gather your family and friends, and get ready to embark on a festive adventure through Cortland and Bazetta's vibrant business community!

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Just The Facts

What is the meaning of the Spring Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere?
a. The day and night are almost equal in length on that day.
b. This is the beginning of pollen spores in the air.
c. The longest day of the year.
d. The first day of Easter Jellybean production.
Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Scrap Tire

The city will have a Scrap Tire Collection Program beginning April 7th and ending on April 30th. Tires can be dropped off at the Service Garage in Willow Park, Monday through Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Brush Pick Up

The first brush chipping will be the week of April 28th. You must follow the rules and regulations which can be found on our website. Only 1 pass per street will be made and nothing larger than 3" in diameter will be chipped. Put your brush out the Sunday before to ensure pick up.

Spring Clean Up

May 8th and May 9th are the dates for Spring Clean Up this year. Items will be collected on your regular trash day.
** Call Republic Services with any questions.

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Dates to Remember

April 7th – City Council – 7 p.m.
April 14th - Parks – 5:30 p.m.
April 14th - Planning & Zoning – 7 p.m.
April 21st - City Council – 7 p.m.

Answer

a. The day and night are almost equal in length on that day. The term "equinox" comes from Latin words meaning "equal night". Information according to NASA.

Happy Spring!



Bazetta Township News

The Bazetta Trustees and Road Department Superintendent Arnal are pleased to announce we received the Scrap Tire Grant from the Geauga - Trumbull Solid Waste Management District for 2025. The Scrap Tire drop off will be held April 1 - May 31 for township residents. Proof of residency will be required & we will accept 8 tires per resident. Drop off location is at the township Road Department located at 2211 SR 305, inside the Salt Shed M-F, 7 am – 3 pm.

City Of Cortland Curbside Brush Pickup Policy

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 collection week to ensure removal. **One pass will be made on each street.**

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 & root-free).
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in diameter.
- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' 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.
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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
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We love game shows like "Who wants to be a millionaire?" Just answer a dozen trivia questions, and you're rich.

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Now I'm not knocking game shows or saying that they are evil. But we should ask ourselves why these shows are so popular. It's the appeal of having wealth without having to earn it. It's the appeal of breaking that link between work and reward. Now, while you may be able to acquire wealth without labor, or reverse the consequences of overeating, there's at least one area of life where the law of sowing and reaping always applies.

And that's in our spiritual life. Our character, our relationship with God, our relationships with one another, these are ruled by the law of sowing and reaping. It's part of the moral fabric of the universe. *"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)

Deuteronomy 30:19 – "I have set before you life and death..."

As a child, I would hate when mom would say "you can go play BUT BE CAREFUL!" It seemed to take the joy out of everything fun! As I got older and wiser (hopefully), the same warning was echoed to my children... FROM ME! I was reminded of this moment as I prepare for my annual kayaking trip in April, YES, I said April! This fun, yet challenging, trip has many potential hazards that can change ones life due to a moment of carelessness and inattentiveness. From the shoreline, the river can look inviting and carefree where all our troubles can disappear (slight exaggeration). But with 'April rivers', this serene scene hides many hazards people don't consider. The water elevation is higher and faster due to the melting snow. Exposure to the frigid water that can cause hypothermia and "strainers" pinch points. Strainers are obstructions such as tree branches or even trees, that allows water to pass

through but causes larger objects, such as a kayak, to flip or become pinned underwater. Every 'funspot' has a warning that we can choose to heed or ignore. Life is the same way. Every cycle of our life brings new challenges and warnings. We can face them alone or we can ease some heartaches by listening to those that have gone though it already.

So, every spring, I rely on the experience of mature kayakers that have conquered the raging river. They point out all the potential dangers in order to ensure a great time. There's another lesson that we can glean from. Men and women of the bible have shown us the potential hazards they faced because of poor choices. The warnings and 'be careful' signs are always there. The question is, will we heed to those warning? It's a better, safer route that leads you through life hazards and brings you to a place of Joy in Christ. Don't ignore the signs, Choose wisely!





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They also will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 15 from 12:00 - 5:30 pm.

Cortland Christian Church's Soup and sandwich will be on April 24, the Fourth Thursday of April. The date has been changed so as not to interfere with Holy Week activities. We will continue to have the best soups and sandwiches on April 24 from 11 am-1 pm and of course don't forget the large variety of pies. We'd love to see you. Just call to place your order and we can deliver it when you want it. Or stop in and dine with us. Call 330-637-4611 or email us at officeatccc@gmail.com.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church We invite the community to join us for our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 13th at 1 pm-2 pm. This will be a safe place for kids to hunt for eggs. There will be games and prizes. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402 or pastortrinitywarren@gmail.com Our congregation invites you to join us as we dive into God's Word in our Bible Studies on Sundays at 9 am. On Sundays we are making our way from Genesis to Revelation. We are currently going through the book of Exodus.

On Sundays at 9 am we have Sunday School for the kids K-12th (preschool if parents stay with child). The children are working on learning the basic Bible Stories and confessions of the Christian faith.

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Cortland Rotary Spring Social

The Rotary Club of Cortland is inviting prospective Rotary members to our Spring Social meeting. Rotarians, family and guests are invited to celebrate 2025 Spring. Come join us on Thursday, April 10 at the Past Times Arcade, 419 N State St in Girard. At 4 PM it is open for pinball fun and at 6 PM the Social starts in the party room. Heavy appetizers will be provided Rotary's chef Chris Bonacci. Cash Bar. Reservations are required. Contact any Rotary member. \$25 per person. Prospective members free.

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LOAF Easter Sunrise Service

LOAF Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 20 at 6 AM. Join us for a special Easter Sunrise Service at Mosquito Lake Main Beach (entrance on Route 305 – turn in and take a quick right to the beach area). The service will begin at 6:30 AM as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This worship gathering, sponsored by Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (L.O.A.F), is open to all. Communion will be offered as we reflect on the hope and joy of Easter Morning. Come and rejoice with us as we welcome the rising sun and the promise of new life in Christ.

All are welcome to share in this special time of reflection and celebration.



GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League New Members

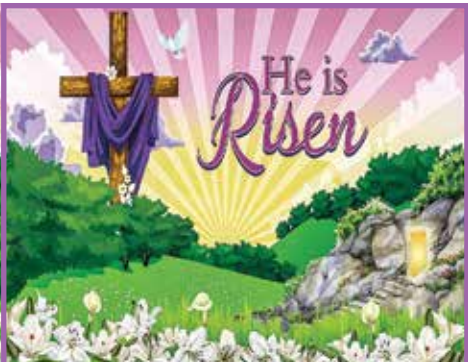
By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League held their Provisional Welcome Tea at the Warren Women’s Club in August 2024 welcoming 10 Provisional Members. All club year, these Provisional Members are working toward learning the club actions and commitments with the intention to become members in April 2025.



Esther Gartland - GFWC Ohio President, Pam Vines - GFWC Ohio Secretary, Provisional Members Lori Stull, Lisa Mamula, Rosalyn Hill, Sherry Heilman, Sylvia Scott, Christine Cope, Beverly Heberling, Sarah Stafford, Founding Member (1966) Fran Cunningham, Julianne Kesler - GFWC Ohio WJWL Second Vice President, Karen Margala - GFWC Ohio WJWL President. (Not pictured: Provisional Members, Heidi Harper and Natasha Natale.)

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Area Churches Easter Services

LOAF Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 20 at 6 AM at Mosquito Lake Main Beach (entrance on Route 305 – turn in and take a quick right to the beach area).

Church of the Nazarene Easter Breakfast 9:30 at the Cortland Church of the Nazarene, Worship service @ 10:45.

Wildare Church April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.; April 20 - Sunrise service 7:30 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Palm Sunday (4/13) - 10:15 am; Maundy Thursday (4/17) - 5:30 pm; Good Friday (4/18) - 5:30 pm; Easter Vigil (4/19) - 3 pm; Easter Breakfast (4/20) - 9 am; Easter Service (4/20) - 10:15 am; Easter Breakfast: Join us for our annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday April 20th at 9 am.

Mecca Community Church Sunrise service 7 am; Sunday School 9 am; Main Service 10:15

Bazetta Christian Church Maundy Thursday 4/17 @ 7 pm; Good Friday 4/18, 12 pm - noon; Easter morning 4/20 10 am

Cortland Christian Church Palm Sunday -- April 13th; Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 -- April 17th; Easter Sunday Service at 10 am -- April 20

Calvary Bible Church Easter Sunrise Service at 8 am. Includes a hymn sing; Breakfast 8:30; Resurrection Sunday Service at 9:45

Cortland United Methodist April 13 Palm Sunday 10:00 am service with Potluck brunch after; - Maundy Thursday - communion 7 pm.

Fowler UMC - Good Friday @ 7pm; Easter: Fowler UMC 8:50 am; Cortland UMC 10:00 am.

Prince of Peace Good Friday Worship: 7:00 PM; Easter Sunday Service is at 9:30 am.

Outdoor Adventures Cortland Street Fair Parade

By Daynelle Sanner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28, at 6:00 PM, and get ready for an evening filled with adventure and creativity at the Cortland Street Fair Parade! This year’s theme is Outdoor Adventures, so let your imagination run wild with everything from camping and fishing to running, climbing, canoeing, swimming, and more. We’re looking for creative and fun floats that capture the spirit of outdoor exploration!

Floats will be judged based on overall presentation, creativity, and enthusiasm, with cash prizes awarded to the top three winners – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! Whether you’re part of a local business, a church group, a nonprofit, or an organization, we encourage you to join in the fun and help make this parade a memorable event for all.

To ensure safety and fairness, we ask each participant to register one

vehicle (car, truck, or truck and trailer) at no cost. Pre-registration is required, and the deadline is Monday, June 9, 2025 – don’t miss out!

If you want even more exposure for your business or organization we offer sponsorship opportunities for just \$75! This includes a “Parade Sponsor” sign on the front of your vehicle, recognition on the parade banner leading the event, shout-outs on social media and mention in The Cortland News. It’s a great way to showcase your support while reaching a wider audience.

We can’t wait to see your creativity shine at this year’s parade! For more details or to get your registration form visit our Cortland Street Fair Facebook Page or email us at cortlandstreetfairparade@gmail.com

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Finding Your Perfect Fit

By Kelly Franko

Many of you may remember Kelly's Boutique, my beloved lingerie store where I had the privilege of helping countless women find bras that truly fit and support them. For years, I specialized in professional bra fittings, ensuring every woman who walked through my doors left feeling comfortable, confident, and well-supported.

Over time, my journey in the lingerie industry took an unexpected but exciting turn. I saw a critical gap in the market—women in industrial and hazardous work environments had no access to flame-resistant bras designed specifically for them. That realization led me to transition from retail to manufacturing, launching Seraphina Safety Apparel, a company dedicated to creating high-quality, flame-resistant undergarments for women working in demanding industries.



Through it all, my passion for proper bra fitting has never wavered. A bra fitting is more than just measuring—it's a personalized process of finding the right size, style, and support for your unique body. The right fit can improve posture, alleviate pain, and enhance overall confidence, while the wrong fit can lead to discomfort and long-term issues.

That's why I'm thrilled to invite you to a special bra-fitting event, where you can experience firsthand the difference a well-fitted bra makes. Join us on April 11 from 10-7 and April 12 from 10-3. Please call 330-246-0936 for more information. Whether you've struggled to find the right size, need a refresh on what works best for you, or simply want to learn more, this is your chance to discover the comfort and support you deserve.

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Love Life Art Scholarship in Memory of Jarrett Hutton

By Danelle Sanner

The Love Life Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 2016 in memory of Jarrett Hutton, is pleased to announce the recipient of this year's scholarship: Sydney Wyllie from Mineral Ridge High School.

The Love Life Foundation builds upon Jarrett's mantra LOVE LIFE. Our mission is to encourage expression through the arts, provide community outreach programs for elevating art awareness, advance art education, and promote the advancement of aspiring young artists by raising and distributing funds for select scholarship programs. The Love Life Foundation will continue Jarrett's efforts of encouraging creativity, fostering innovation, inspiring the potential within, and cultivating programs that are based around positivity, ingenuity, faith, and the love for life.

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Danelle Sanner, Sydney Wyllie, Theresa Hutton, Rick Hutton

Valley Counseling Services to Offer Comprehensive Medical Healthcare Services

SCOPE's parent organization, Axess Family Services is announcing its brand-new health care center location opening in Warren behind the Robins Theatre this month.

Valley Health Services will now offer primary medical care, dental services, and an in-house pharmacy in addition to its longstanding behavioral healthcare services.

The expanded services will be available at Valley Health Services' Market Street Office in downtown Warren, with plans to introduce primary care at its Belmont Avenue location soon. Remodeling construction has been ongoing for months at the building located behind the Robins Theatre. Patients at the Valley Children and Adolescent Services office will also have access to healthcare services at the Market Street location.

Valley Counseling Services is excited to announce its rebranding as Valley Health Services, reflecting its expanded commitment to whole-person care. With a fresh new look and logo, Valley Health Services will now offer primary medical care to its longstanding behavioral healthcare services. Valley Health Care is currently accepting new patients by calling 330-577-7410.

This transformation comes as part of Valley Health Services' new designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), following its merger with Axess Pointe Community Health Centers and Family & Community Services on January 1, 2024. As an FQHC, Valley Health Services will offer care on a sliding fee scale and provide assistance with enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid, ensuring that high-quality healthcare is accessible to all, regardless of financial status. Any private insurance plan will also be

accepted to receive services. "We are thrilled to introduce Valley Health Services and expand our offerings to meet the full spectrum of healthcare needs in our community," said Renee Klaric, Director of Valley Health Services. "This transition allows us to provide truly integrated, patient-centered care that addresses physical, dental, and mental health all under one roof."

Valley Counseling Services has been a trusted provider for over 65 years, offering compassionate, high-quality care to Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, and Geauga counties and surrounding areas. This was a natural transition to add medical services to a quality counseling services agency with Psychiatric services.

One of our most exciting healthcare partnerships is with the Lebron James Family Foundation in Akron, located across the street from Lebron's private school he established.

Family & Community Services which is one of the largest social service nonprofits in Ohio merging with Axess Pointe Health Care Centers based in Akron to form Axess Family Services will provide both healthcare and social programs. We already offer programs such as veterans support, homelessness and employment assistance, senior citizen services, Big Brothers Big Sisters, domestic violence and visitation services, food and clothing services, both transitional and permanent housing, AmeriCorps, Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, adoption services, counseling services and transportation.

For more information about Valley Health Services, or to set up an appointment please visit vcs.fcsserves.org or call 330-577-7410.

Annual Lakeview Community Easter Egg Hunt



Next Saturday, April 12, will be the annual Lakeview Community Easter Egg Hunt. It starts at 11 AM at Bazetta Park Imagination Station and is for kids to 10 years old. Organizers advise you to come early, wear boots [it is a rain or shine event]. Start times will be staggered by ages and there will be candy and prizes for all. You can meet the Easter Bunny and there will be many family fun events.

Vendors include Hol-y-cow doughnuts, Mosquito Lake naturalist and Bobkat lil critters petting zoo.

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From the Desk of the Superintendent Lakeview Local Schools State of the Schools Forum: Pathway to Excellence

By Ashley Handrych, Lakeview Superintendent

Lakeview Local Schools will host its first annual State of the Schools Forum on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Lakeview High School Auditorium. This event will be an unveiling of the exciting progress and innovations that will be shaping the district's future. With the central theme of "Pathway to Excellence," the event will offer a glimpse into the vision and achievements that will be driving the future success of Lakeview students. The forum will celebrate community collaboration, educational progress, and the district's commitment to preparing students for success in both higher education and the workforce.

Welcome Address by Superintendent Ashley Handrych. Superintendent Handrych will open the forum by emphasizing the importance of collective responsibility in creating a supportive environment for the district's students.

"It is incumbent upon all of us to build communities with the educational opportunities and support systems in place to help our youth become successful adults," Handrych said, setting the tone for the evening and highlighting the crucial role that everyone in the Lakeview community will play in supporting the development of its young people.

Financial Update from Treasurer Ryan Pendleton. Ryan Pendleton, the district's Treasurer, will provide an insightful update on Lakeview Local Schools' financial status. He will emphasize the district's commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility

while ensuring the continued success of educational programs and infrastructure. The district's sound financial standing will serve as a testament to the careful planning and transparency that will help support its mission of educational excellence.

Lakeview High School's Progress with Principal Lawrence Herrholtz. Principal Herrholtz will speak about the exciting developments that will be taking place at Lakeview High School. He will introduce teachers Jenna Hogue and Angela Sarko, who will lead the charge on the school's cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiative. They will take center stage to discuss the rapidly growing field of Artificial Intelligence and its future applications within the classroom. They will emphasize that AI is a tool – one that will offer immense potential for educational growth. A student demonstration will follow, showcasing how AI will be integrated into the learning experience, sparking curiosity and engagement in the classroom.

College & Career Pathways with Assistant Principal Mike DeToro. Mr. DeToro will discuss the district's innovative College & Career Pathways Initiative. According to DeToro, the initiative will be about more than simply choosing between college or career paths – it will focus on creating multiple pathways to success for every student. A student mock trial demonstration will follow, showcasing how real-world experiences will be integrated into the curriculum, giving students the skills they need to thrive in both college and

the workforce.

Facilities Update with K-8 Assistant Principal and Director of Maintenance Ron DeJulio. Mr. DeJulio will provide an update on the district's facilities. His presentation will highlight ongoing improvements that will ensure the safety, functionality, and modernity of the district's buildings. These upgrades will create an optimal environment for learning and reflect the district's long-term commitment to providing the best resources for students.

Engaging Students with Lakeview Middle School Principal Joshua Vastag. Principal Vastag will focus on the importance of student engagement and readiness during the critical middle school years. He will refer to this phase as "Stuck in the Middle," acknowledging the unique challenges that middle school students will face while emphasizing the district's commitment to supporting their academic and social growth.

A student demonstration will follow with the Prep Bowl, an exciting and interactive way to engage students in both academic content and team-building activities.

Career Tech Education with Career and Technical Education teacher Scott Chronister. Mr. Chronister will speak about the district's strong focus on integrating career pathways into the curriculum. Through visual design and video production courses, students will gain hands-on experience that will serve them well in their future careers. The evening's student demonstration will

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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 Brianna Totten, an outstanding student and the daughter of Angela Adkins and Trevor Totten. A proud member of the Lakeview community since kindergarten, Brianna chose to attend the Trumbull Career and Technical Center (TCTC) for her junior and senior years, where she is excelling in the Education and Family Services program and ranks in the top 15% of her class. Academically, Brianna has taken on a challenging workload, balancing high school coursework with College Credit Plus classes through Youngstown State University and Kent State University.

Outside the classroom, she is passionate about working with equine and serves as a farmhand at a stable caring for 12 horses. In addition, Brianna has been a Culinary Dietary Aide at Lake Vista Ohio Living for the past two years, where she enjoys assisting residents with their meals. Looking ahead, Brianna plans to attend Kent State University next year to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I excel in my academic classes.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - I enjoy the family that we have created.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? Chipotle -
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - The lake
- 5.) Describe your fashion style. - I'm more of a country type. I'm usually in Hey Dudes and jeans.
- 6.) You might catch me ... - Hanging out with my friends or being with my horse.
- 7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now? - Beloved by Toni Morrison
- 8.) What are your future aspirations? - I want to stay here locally & teach young kids.



Community Night

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Community Night is an evening of fun for Trumbull County residents of all ages. Bring your friends and family, and join us to experience all that TCTC has to offer. Local service providers, business partners and food trucks will be here as well.

Explore Our Activities
tctchome.com/page/community-night

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Maplewood students Mario B., Kenny S., Judge Nosich, Ethan N., Nathan G.



Lakeview students Ben P., Griffin O., Samuel N., Caleb H., Leo P., Trenton M.,
Judge Nosich, Ethan S., Landon H., Gabe H., Jadon W.

Judge Marty Nosich, of the Trumbull County Eastern District Court in Brookfield, recently hosted Maplewood and Lakeview high school seniors for their job shadowing project. On February 20th and March 6th, the court opened its doors for these special job shadowing events, providing participants with an inside look at the daily operations and responsibilities of various court roles. These events aimed to give the students a comprehensive understanding of the judicial process by allowing them to observe and interact with key court personnel. Judge Nosich aims to inspire the next generation of legal professionals by offering an immersive look at the daily operations of the court system.

The students spent their day observing traffic and criminal proceedings, and hearing directly from court clerks, attorneys, sheriff deputies, public defenders and the judge about their specific education and work backgrounds. The day also included a tour of the court, Q&A sessions with legal professionals, and insights into the educational paths and career opportunities available at the county court level. At the end of the day the students were provided with lunch.

Judge Nosich said, "I want to thank Maplewood and Lakeview schools. We are thrilled to offer this program to those students that are interested

By Constance Amstutz

On March 10th and 11th, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League co-hosted with Champion High School our annual Bling Prom Boutique. In total, 68 girls attended the event and 58 dresses were claimed. This event helps make sure that each young lady has the opportunity to attend this milestone event despite potential financial limitations they could be experiencing. All items are free to participants thanks to generous donations throughout the year.

Attendees and volunteers worked together to find the right fit for each person.



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TCTC To Host Annual Community Night

By Morgan Cretella

TCTC will host Community Night on April 24 from 6-8 PM. This annual event is a fun filled evening of fun for Trumbull County residents of all ages. Bring your friends and family and join us to experience all that TCTC has to offer. Local service providers, business

partners and food trucks will be here as well.

The event is held at TCTC, 528 Educational Hwy Warren.. For more information check out our web page at tctchome.com/page/community-night or call 330-847-0503.

Applications Still 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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What Lower Interest Rates Could Mean for Your Money

As inflation drifts closer to a normal range by historical economic measures, investors are closely watching the Federal Reserve to gauge their future plans for lowering interest rates. The Fed – and its changes to monetary policy – has a direct impact on the markets and economy, which may have you wondering what lower rates could mean for your wallet. Here are some factors to consider.

Your existing debt may be more manageable. Rate cuts by the Federal Reserve may cause interest rates on credit cards, home mortgages, home equity loans or lines of credit, and business loans to go down. Variable or adjustable rates typically fall in this category. Fixed rate debt, however, will not budge. Review the terms of your debt to determine if you benefit from the reduction in interest rates.

Refinancing may be worthwhile. In the wake of an interest rate cut, it may be a good time to refinance a high-interest fixed rate loan. Student loans and business loans are top prospects to consider. Home mortgages may also be eligible, although if you bought your property when interest rates were very low it likely makes sense to keep your current loan. Even as rates come down, they may be higher than the rate at which you financed your loan, so it is important to run the numbers to determine whether it makes sense to refinance. Generally speaking, refinancing at a lower interest rate is most beneficial for large loans with 10+ year repayment period. Savings diminish when the repayment period of your refinanced loan extends beyond the length remaining on your existing loan. Likewise, accelerating your repayment schedule can cut interest costs, but can result in higher payments.

Borrowing can be more affordable. Low interest rates are especially desirable when you need to borrow

money to make a large purchase. Young wage earners with long careers ahead of them can benefit by locking in low interest rates to purchase a first home, a new car, or appliances. Businesses can invest in facilities or equipment at a lower rate. Adjustable-rate loans tend to be cheaper than fixed options, but they do carry more risk as interest rates may rise in the future. If you have been considering a large expenditure, work with your advisor to determine if interest rates are at an advantageous level for borrowing.

Diversifying your savings becomes more important. When interest rates fall, the rates on traditional savings accounts and certificates of deposit tend to follow suit, and therefore, may not deliver as much in returns. You may feel less motivated to save when interest earnings are low, or may feel like you're missing out on an opportunity to maximize your savings potential. The practice of setting aside money for the future is still important for your financial security and there are other ways to save in a low-rate environment. Consider ways to diversify your savings with investment options that tend to be less affected by lower interest rates, such as stocks and bonds.

Financial planning can help you stay on track. You can't control interest rates, but you can control how you manage your finances. Make it a priority to create a plan for how to achieve your biggest financial goals. With sound advice and strategic saving and investing, you can make the most of any market.

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Lakeview High School Softball 2025 Season Preview

By Cullen Chadwick

The 2025 Lakeview Softball team is already underway. Here is a brief preview of what to expect.

Key Returning Letter Winners & Newcomers: Lakeview returns an impressive core of 11 letter winners, providing depth, experience, and leadership for the 2025 season.

Seniors: Ava Bacon, Kennedy Bartlett, Hallie Capan

Juniors: Kalyssa Werner, Isabella Isenberg, Mack Stowe, Carley Brainard

Sophomores: Paige Schwartz, Ella Collins, Annalise DeJulio, Linnea Kovac, Talor Ash, Abby Waldo

Freshman: Jianna Shaker, Rylee Barnot, Sienna Terry, Madison Tsai, Norah Skilnik, Emily Dotts, Dakota Thorp.

Team Strengths this year are high. With 11 returning letter winners, Lakeview enters the season with a solid foundation of experience and talent. The sophomore class is eager to step into key roles, while the freshmen add depth add flexibility to the roster.

Beyond skill, this team thrives on chemistry and positivity. Their strong sense of teamwork, determination,

and passion for improvement will be key assets as they take on another competitive season.

Season Expectations: After finishing as District Runners-Up in back-to-back seasons, Lakeview has its sights set on securing the title this year. The team is determined to break through and elevate its game while enjoying the process.

2024 Season Recap & Key Stats: Final Record: 18-6 (District Runners-Up); Average Runs Scored: 9.4; Average Runs Allowed: 4.3.

Offensive Leaders:

- Kennedy Bartlett (1B, Sr.): .446 BA, 37 hits, 25 RBIs
- Kalyssa Werner (SS, Jr.): .462 BA, 36 hits, 22 RBIs
- Mack Stowe (C, Jr.): .420 BA, 34 hits, 7 HRs
- Hallie Capan (OF, Sr.): .444 BA, 32 hits, 28 RBIs

Defensive Standouts were Bartlett and Stowe led a solid defensive unit. The **Pitching Leaders** were Isabella Isenberg (Jr.): 9 wins, 100 Ks, 3.28 ERA and Ava Bacon (Sr.): 8 wins, 61 Ks, 4.48 ERA

2025 Schedule: Lakeview faces a challenging schedule featuring two defending state champions and multiple Elite 8 teams from the 2024 season. Please come out and support our softball team!

- April 5 - vs. Miami East (Columbus)
- April 5 - vs. Teays Valley (Columbus)
- April 7 - @ Girard
- April 8 - vs. Girard
- April 9 - vs. Hubbard
- April 10 - @ Ursuline
- April 11 - vs. West Branch (McCune Park)

- April 12 - vs. St. Joseph Academy (McCune Park)
- April 12 - vs. Archbishop Hoban (McCune Park)
- April 14 - vs. Poland
- April 15 - @ Poland
- April 18 - vs. Atlantic Collegiate Academy (Myrtle Beach)
- April 19 - vs. Forbush (Doubleheader, Myrtle Beach)
- April 26 - @ West Branch
- April 28 - @ Niles
- April 29 - vs. Niles
- May 1 - @ Howland
- May 8 - @ Canfield
- May 14 - @ Austintown Fitch



Front: Carley B, Rylee B, Taylor A, Emilee D, Abby W, Ava B, Kennedy B, Kalyssa W
Back: Sienna T, Jianna S, Dakota T, Madison T, Norah S, Linnea K, Mackenzie S, Annaliese D, Ella C, Hallie C, Isabella I, Paige S

Lakeview Forum

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include impressive projects from the Video Productions Career Tech class, showcasing students' talents and future potential.

Fostering Literacy with Elementary Principal Eddie Mackiewicz. Mr. Mackiewicz will speak passionately about the importance of early literacy.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader," Mackiewicz said, underscoring the critical role that reading and literacy will play in shaping future leaders. A student demonstration will follow, featuring Kristina Denman's 20 Book Challenge, a program that will encourage elementary students to embrace the joy of reading. Students at Lakeview Elementary will also demonstrate a STEM activity from their class with Mrs. Tara Costarella.

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy with Lisa Collins, Director of Technology. She will discuss the district's efforts to ensure cybersecurity and protect student data. As technology continues to play a larger role in education, safeguarding student information will be a top priority for Lakeview Local Schools. A student demonstration from the STEM students at Lakeview Elementary School will

showcase their engagement with cutting-edge technology while learning how to protect their digital presence.

Preschool Programming with Jennifer Merkich, Director of Student Services, will wrap up the presentations with a focus on the district's preschool programming. Merkich will emphasize the importance of play in early childhood development, a key element of the district's approach to preparing young learners for the future.

The District's efforts will continue to create a pathway to excellence, ensuring that Lakeview Local Schools will provide students with the opportunities and tools they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

The Lakeview Local Schools community will remain steadfast in its commitment to preparing students for success, no matter their chosen path, and fostering an environment where every child can thrive.

It would mean a great deal to the students and staff of Lakeview Local Schools to have our community members attend this event to help celebrate the work and future of the school district.

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INSURANCE ANSWERS

By Mark Seger, Associate Agent, Ruddy Insurance Agency



Editor's note: In our continuing effort to provide our readers with interesting and valuable information we are starting a new column – Insurance answers. Each issue we will have a local Insurance agent answer some of the most commonly asked questions. We hope you find it interesting and helpful. Please remember that these are general answers. For your specific situation consult your insurance agent.

As storm season approaches, one of the most important coverages on your homeowner's insurance policy is water backup. Water backup insurance is an optional endorsement to standard homeowners, renters, or condo insurance policies. This type of damage is typically not covered by standard insurance policies, making water backup coverage a valuable addition for many people.

What does water backup insurance cover? Water backup coverage generally includes damage to the structure and

your personal property caused by water backing up from sewers or drains into your home, expenses related to water damage resulting from a sump pump failure or overflow, and costs associated with mold removal due to a covered water backup incident. It's also important to note that water backup coverage typically does not cover damage from natural flooding events, such as overflowing rivers or heavy rainfall, damage from water seeping into the home from underground sources, or damage resulting from poor maintenance or neglect of plumbing systems.

While not mandatory, water backup coverage is advisable for many policyholders, especially those with finished basements that are susceptible to water damage, homes with aging pipes that may be prone to blockages, and properties relying on sump pumps to prevent basement flooding. In addition to securing water backup insurance, homeowners can take proactive steps to minimize the risk of water damage.

Some of these include having sump pumps and plumbing systems inspected periodically to ensure they are functioning correctly, installing backwater prevention valves to stop sewer backups, and equipping sump pumps with battery backups to ensure operation during power outages. Implementing these measures can reduce the likelihood of water damage and may also positively impact insurance premiums.

Given that water damage incidents are among the most common and costly insurance claims, adding this coverage can provide significant peace of mind. The cost of adding water backup coverage varies based on individual risk factors and coverage limits.

Premiums typically range from \$50 to \$250 annually. Water backup insurance is a valuable endorsement that fills gaps left by standard homeowner's policies. It's essential to assess your property's specific needs, evaluate your home's risk factors, and consider this coverage can safeguard your property and finances against unforeseen water-related incidents. It's important to keep all this in mind and consult with an insurance agent to find the proper coverage for you.





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When Do I Need to Sign Up for Medicare?

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In general, you have a seven-month period to sign up for Medicare Insurance. This seven-month period begins three months prior to your birthday month, includes your birthday month and ends three months after your birthday month. If you turn 65 in April, you have from January through July to enroll without penalties. If you are covered by an employer plan that is considered credible coverage with 20 or more employees on the insurance, you are NOT required to sign up for Medicare until you retire or lose that coverage. However, when you are ready to enroll in Medicare you will need to provide proof that you have had credible coverage to avoid any potential penalties.

Part A of Medicare insurance covers inpatient services such as hospital stays and skilled nursing facilities. Most people qualify for premium free Part A if you or your spouse made payroll contributions to Social Security for at least 10 years. If you or your spouse are still working with credible employer coverage with 20 or more employees, you may want to consider signing up for only Part A coverage at age 65 and delay

signing up for Part B until you leave employer coverage. In this situation the employer coverage remains the primary insurance. If your employer plan is a High Deductible Health Plan and you contribute to a Health Savings Account, you will want to avoid signing up for Medicare Part A while on the employer plan as there are income tax implications for contributing to an HSA while on Medicare Insurance.

Part B of Medicare covers outpatient services, durable medical equipment, preventative care, some vaccines and injections, and some home health care. There are monthly premiums associated with Part B which is why some beneficiaries will delay enrollment as long as they are on credible employer insurance with 20 or more employees. For 2025 most people will pay \$185.00 per month but this amount can vary based on income. For those with very low income and assets it may be reduced and those with higher incomes may have a higher premium due to the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA.

If you are covered under an employer plan it is a good idea to look at the costs of that plan compared to the costs of Medicare insurance. Depending on the amount of monthly premium you are responsible to contribute for the employer coverage along with the deductible and maximum out of pocket costs, Medicare Insurance may or may not be a better option. Every individual situation is different. Your insurance agent will be able to help you compare your options.

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A Welsh Festival? Ah, Maybe NOT!

Spring! Happy time as the daffodils sprout through the last bit of snow and suddenly burst into bloom - what a wonderful time of year. Being Welsh, Spring brings St David's Day to mind although is not something many people run out to celebrate. And with St David's Day comes thoughts of Spring and Daffodils, the national flower of Wales and a favorite of St. David, the Patron Saint of Wales. The national instrument is the harp. I was thinking the other day that I have yet to find a Welsh Heritage Festival featuring the wonderful Welsh cuisine. I decided to find out why. Oh my.... somethings should not be investigated.

It seems the reason there is no great Welsh food fest is that, well - how do I put this delicately? - there really aren't any good Welsh foods. Ok, there's Welsh rarebit (a cheese sauce with ale served over toast points). I used to make it. Not bad but won't get people through the admission gates. Then there's a Welsh stew called Cawl which is basically parsnips and potatoes and leeks. It's a clear broth that looks somewhat - what's the word? - boring. Hey! Here's one: Crempog!

There are Welsh pancakes! Yes! No. They are basically very dry pancakes. Nothing noteworthy there from what I can tell. And Welsh cakes! Cakes are

good. Not so much. Again they are basically a very dry dough with currants or raisins cut like a muffin and fried. And by dry, I mean really dry. Might be OK for dunking but I don't think that's the proper way to eat them. There is something called Welsh Sausage which intrigued me but (no offense to vegans) there is no meat in there, just cheese, leeks and bread crumbs. And they seem to use a lot of something called Laverbread. Well, bread is promising, right? Wrong. It's seaweed. If you aren't using raisins/sultanas/currants or leeks you use Laverbread. Yummy.

Welsh folks really do love their leeks. The leek is the Symbol of Wales and goes in most of the non-baked food. On special occasions, leeks are pinned to their clothing. In fact, in days of old the Welsh Army pinned leeks on their uniforms going into war. I imagine very few enemies came close enough to harm them. Welsh folks are not stupid.

Now I know why there are no Welsh festivals - if you can't celebrate the food you aren't gonna get a huge "Wow!! Welsh!!" reaction. And that's ok, I guess. There is something to be said for a quiet life surrounded by green meadows, rolling hills, harps and sheep. Just nothing (except the harp) you can bring to the table in another venue. Literally.

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The Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

The 2025 summer concert schedule is pretty full now. Below is a list of the public performances that we have scheduled. Our small group, the Dixieland Jazz Band does have available dates though. Please email Garey Watson at glwatson2@gmail.com for info on how to book that group, or Cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com and we'll pass your info on to Garey

JUNE: Wednesday, June 4th- 7pm concert at the Bazetta Township Park at 3372 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland, (W/P)

JULY: Wednesday, July 9th- 6:15 concert at the Kinsman Library at 6420 Church St, Kinsman, (W/P)

Sunday, July 13th- TIME TBD- Winds at the Winery at the Mastropietro Winery at 14558 Ellsworth Rd, Berlin Center, OH 44401 (W/P)

Wednesday, July 16th- 7pm concert at Howland Scope, 8273 High St NE, Warren, (R/S)

Wednesday, July 23rd- 7pm concert at Grace Methodist Church, 1725 Drexel Ave NW, Warren (R/S)

AUGUST: Wednesday, August 6th- 7pm Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High St, Cortland, (W/P)

*** (W/P) Is weather permitting, (R/S) is rain or shine***

Hats And Horses - Talk Derby To Me

By Nikole Baringer

Since 1978, NOAS has been dedicated to supporting foster youth and their families through impactful programs and services. As part of this ongoing commitment, NOAS is hosting Hats and Horses: Talk Derby to Me, an event designed to raise awareness and funds for these essential initiatives.

Cheryl Tarantino, Executive Director of NOAS, continues to emphasize, "At NOAS, we believe that no family should face financial barriers when stepping up to support foster youth in our community. That's why we've always committed to providing our services at no cost to families. However, as funding for foster parent recruitment and support programs continues to decline, securing additional resources has become essential to ensure we can continue this critical work and provide foster youth with the safe, loving homes they deserve."

Guests can look forward to a delightful Derby-themed evening featuring a delicious dinner, drinks, thrilling horse races, bourbon tasting, a barrel of cheer liquor raffle, and both live and silent auctions. The event will also include a lively derby hat contest and an exciting celebrity jockey auction. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of fun and fundraising! The event will be held at Leo's Ristorante, located at 7042 E Market St, Warren, OH 44484, on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Gates open at 5:30 PM. Proceeds will support NOAS' mission to empower foster youth and families with the skills and confidence they need to thrive.

NOAS is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting foster youth and families through vital programs and services. To continue this important work, NOAS relies on fundraising efforts and community support. To learn more about NOAS and upcoming fundraising opportunities, visit noas.com.

We hope to see you at the Derby!

Love Life ...continued from page 8

Each year, the Love Life Foundation partners with the Trumbull County Education Service Center (TCESC) to provide the scholarship. Students from all across Trumbull County submit their artwork, which is displayed at the Medici Museum of Art, followed by a ceremony celebrating their achievements.

Sydney's artwork stood out this year for its depth, skill, and meticulous attention to detail. Her ability to beautifully connect her passion for improving the world with the landscapes and structures she envisions demonstrates a true gift. In addition to her artistic talents, Sydney's thoughtful and introspective essay reflected a deep understanding of leadership, creativity, and mindfulness—qualities that will undoubtedly shape her future.

Sydney is passionate about the arts and has expressed her desire to pursue a career in Architecture. The Love Life Foundation is confident that Sydney will continue to inspire others and do incredible things as she embarks on her journey.

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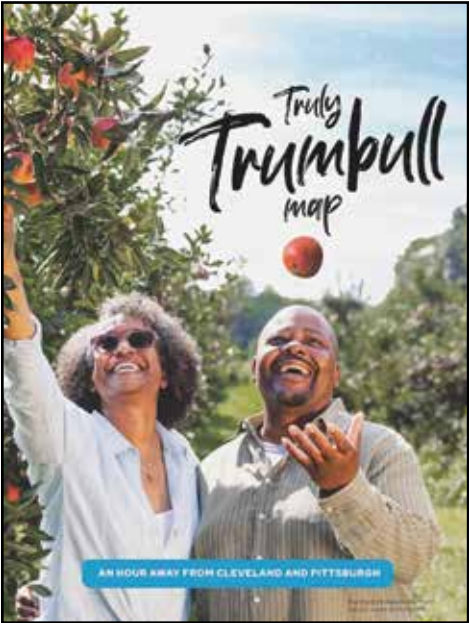
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Trumbull Tourism 2025 Trip Ideas Guide And Co-Op Marketing Opportunities

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.

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Teen Volunteer Scholarships

By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League recently recognized 10 Trumbull County teenagers for their time, service, and dedication to volunteer work during the league's Teen Volunteer Awards Banquet. Applicants were judged on their dedication to volunteer services, actual volunteer services performed, extracurricular activities, and their volunteer essay.

The top teen volunteer award and a \$500 prize went to Isabella Williams from Hubbard High School, \$300 and second-place winner was Taylor Gearhart from Champion High School, third place and a \$200 award won by Alexis Pieton from Girard High School.



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Lakeview Athletic Club Opening Day

The Lakeview Athletic Club is having an Opening Day for the 2025 Baseball Season at the Optimist Club (2619 Bazetta Rd NE) on Saturday April 26th from 930 am until 1 pm. This event is open to the public. Join us for a day of baseball, fun and community as we kick off the season. Special events- Team Parade, Ceremonial First Pitch, Picture Day and Family Friendly activities plus Concessions and Vendors will be present. Help celebrate the start of an exciting season.

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Trumbull County Genealogical Society

The next meeting of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 AM in the Grant Room of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Avenue, N.W., Warren, Ohio. Our speaker will be Cindee Mines, who will tell us about Louisa Maria Morris, who was married to John Stark Edwards.

All meetings are free and open to the public. Our new website address is trumbullcountygenealogy.org Our Facebook page has been activated and can be found at Trumbull Chapter #78 Ohio Genealogical Society

Upcoming Blood Drives

- **Tuesday, April 15**, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High Street, Cortland, Room Name: Fellowship Hall
- **Saturday, April 19**, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Cortland Masonic Lodge 3263 Everett Hull Rd., Cortland, Room Name: Fellowship Hall
- **Tuesday, May 13**, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High Street, Cortland, Room Name: Fellowship Hall



Cortland Library Events - April

By Apryl Gilliss

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: 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.: April 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.: April 9, 16, 30. Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout! Free. Totally Tweens Tues., April 29, 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities. 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.



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Save Your Metal Scrap For Our Spring Scrap Drive

The Cortland Lions Club and NEO Junk will have our Annual Spring Scrap Drive at Willow Park on Friday May 2nd from 9 am-5 pm and on Saturday May 3rd from 9a-3p. Please start saving your Metal Scrap now as proceeds

benefit Cortland Parks and Recreation various needs. You do not have to be a Cortland Resident to donate scrap. Watch for updates in the next issue of the Cortland News in homes and businesses April 26th.

Cortland Lions Club Recognizes Member Peter Bucco

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club, at our last meeting, recognized Peter Bucco and awarded him the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award. The Melvin Jones Fellow Award was given to Peter "For Dedicated Humanitarian Services (by the) Lions Club International Foundation."

Pete has been a contributing member of the Cortland Lions Club since 2008 and is known as Mr. Fixit by our members. Thank You Pete-for your 17 years of dedicated service in helping our Club serve the Cortland Community. Pete's wife Becky also serves in our Community as a member of the Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Board.



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Pete Bucco receiving his Melvin Jones Award presented by Dawna Wiland, our Club President.

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