

Bulldog Pride Set To Shine

Lakeview Gears Up For Thrilling 2025 Graduation

By Alex Irman

The air in Cortland is buzzing with anticipation as Lakeview High School prepares to celebrate a momentous occasion: the graduation of its remarkable Class of 2025. On Sunday, May 18th, at 1:00 PM, the hallowed halls of Lakeview will echo with cheers, applause, and the proud barks of Bulldog spirit as these accomplished seniors embark on their next thrilling adventure. This year's commencement promises to be an unforgettable event, a vibrant tapestry woven with the threads of hard work, dedication, and the unwavering support of the Cortland community.

For the graduating Bulldogs, this day represents the culmination of years spent navigating academic challenges, forging lifelong friendships, and embodying the tenacious spirit of their beloved mascot. From spirited Friday night football games under the stadium lights to late-night study sessions fueled by dreams, the Class of 2025 has left an indelible mark on Lakeview High School. Now, they stand on the precipice of a new beginning, ready to unleash their talents and make their mark on the world.

The upcoming ceremony is not just a formality; it's a powerful testament to the resilience and achievements of these young men and women. Each graduate has a unique story to tell, a journey filled with personal growth, academic triumphs, and the unwavering guidance of dedicated teachers and supportive families. As they don their caps and gowns, they carry with them the lessons learned within the walls of Lakeview, the memories forged in its classrooms and hallways, and the unwavering pride of being a Bulldog.



The senior class has been actively involved in planning aspects of their graduation, ensuring that the ceremony reflects their collective spirit and individual aspirations. The selection of student speakers, a highly anticipated part of the program, promises to deliver poignant reflections and inspiring messages to their classmates and the assembled audience.

These student voices will undoubtedly capture the essence of their shared experiences and the excitement for the future that lies ahead.

The Lakeview High School auditorium will be transformed into a celebratory space, adorned with the school's colors, blue and gold, symbolizing the unity and pride of the graduating class. Families and friends will gather, their hearts swelling with pride as they witness their loved ones reach this significant milestone. The atmosphere will be electric, a potent mix of joyful anticipation and heartfelt emotion.

Superintendent Ashley Handrych and Principal Lawrence Herholtz will address the graduating class with words of wisdom and encouragement, urging them to embrace the challenges and opportunities that await. The faculty, who have played an instrumental role in shaping these young minds, will look on with immense satisfaction as their students prepare to soar. The awarding of diplomas, the symbolic gesture of academic achievement, will be a moment filled with immense pride for each graduate and their families.

Beyond the academic accolades, the graduation ceremony will also acknowledge the well-rounded achievements of the Class of 2025. From athletic triumphs on the field and court to artistic expressions on the stage and in the studio, these students have excelled in a multitude of endeavors. Their contributions to the Lakeview community, through volunteer work and extracurricular activities, have enriched the lives of many and demonstrated

their commitment to making a positive impact.

The legacy of the Class of 2025 will undoubtedly inspire future generations of Lakeview Bulldogs. Their dedication to their studies, their unwavering school spirit, and their commitment to excellence serve as a shining example for those who will follow in their footsteps. As they step out into the world, they carry with them the values instilled at Lakeview: integrity, perseverance, and the importance of community.

The Cortland community plays an integral role in the success of its students, and the graduation ceremony is a moment for the entire town to celebrate these achievements. Local businesses often display congratulatory messages, and community members come out in force to support the graduating seniors. This collective pride underscores the strong bond between Lakeview High School and the town it serves.

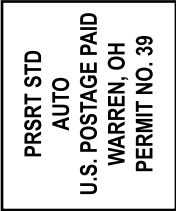
As the final preparations are underway, the excitement is palpable. The Class of 2025 stands ready to embark on new adventures, armed with the knowledge, skills, and spirit they have cultivated at Lakeview High School. The graduation ceremony on May 18th will not be an end, but rather a thrilling commencement – a powerful launch into a future brimming with possibilities.

The Cortland News eagerly anticipates celebrating this momentous occasion and wishes the graduating Bulldogs of 2025 all the best in their future endeavors. Get ready to witness the pride, the joy, and the unwavering spirit of Lakeview High School as its newest alumni take flight!

Stepping Into The Sunlight

Local College Graduates Face A Complex But Promising 2025

By Alex Irman



The familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" will soon fill the air as graduates from local institutions like Kent State University, Youngstown State University, and others in Northeast Ohio prepare to embark on the next chapter of their lives. These bright and determined men and women have dedicated years to their studies, fueled by ambition and the pursuit of knowledge. As they receive their diplomas in the spring of 2025, they stand at the intersection of personal triumph and a world brimming with both opportunity and considerable complexity, particularly within today's politically charged landscape.

The Class of 2025 enters a world grappling with significant political polarization, both domestically and internationally. Divisive rhetoric, differing ideologies, and intense debates on social, economic, and environmental issues have become commonplace. This environment inevitably casts a shadow, raising questions about the stability of

the job market, the direction of policy, and the nature of civic engagement.


However, this generation is far from passive. Having witnessed and engaged with these complex issues throughout their formative years and higher education, they are often more informed and motivated to participate in shaping the future than previous generations. Their college experiences have likely fostered critical thinking skills, the ability to analyze diverse perspectives, and a passion for creating positive change.

Navigating the job market for the Class of 2025 presents a nuanced picture. While projections indicate a generally positive hiring outlook for bachelor's degree holders, with average starting salaries expected to see growth in fields like engineering, computer science, business, and healthcare, these graduates must be prepared to navigate potential uncertainties. Political shifts can influence government funding for

research, regulations across industries, and international trade, all of which can have ripple effects on job availability and growth in specific sectors.

Furthermore, discussions around artificial intelligence and automation's impact on various industries add another layer of complexity to the employment landscape. It becomes paramount for these graduates to demonstrate adaptability, a strong commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to integrate technological advancements into their skill sets.

In this politically charged era, the education these graduates have received becomes an even more crucial asset. Their ability to engage in reasoned debate, to understand different perspectives, and to critically evaluate information will be invaluable. They are equipped to contribute to constructive dialogue and problem-solving, skills highly needed in a society often fractured by ideological divides.



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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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.

MAY

- 17 Lakeview Athletic Club 18 Hole 4-Person Scramble / Tamer Win Golf & Country Club
- 17 God provides A Meal / Join us for a free lunch at Cortland Methodist Church / 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
- 17 Master Gardener Sale / OSU Extension / 9 AM
- 17 Charity Breakfast / Masonic Lodge / Benefitting Lake Baseball
- 18 Cortland United Methodist Open House / Celebrating 190 years. Tour the 145-year-old sanctuary and the 1957 addition that was also used as a Cortland elementary / Noon to 3:00 PM.
- 19 American Legion Post 540 Members Decorate Graves /Hillside Cemetery 4 PM
- 22 Art in the Alley / 220 W Main St (next to Wollam Insurance) / Noon
- 24 Kinsman’s Salute to Veterans / Hosted by the American Legion 6336 SR 87 /11 AM – 4 PM
- 24 123rd Greene Alumini Banquet / Mecca Community Church / 6 p.m.
- 25 Inspiring Experience Bible presentation by Dr. Mosher Journey Christian Church
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY ~ Bridge Dedication / S High St & Main St / 2 PM
- 26 Greene Twp Memorial Day Service / Green Lawn Cemetery / 10 AM
- 27 The Wall That Heals (through Sunday, June 1) South Lawn of Packard Park

JUNE

- 4 Cortland Community Band Concert / Bazetta Township Park / 7 PM
- 7 Charity Breakfast / Masonic Lodge / Benefiting the Benevolence Fund of the 25th Masonic District
- 12-14 Annual Citywide Garage Sale

Cortland Annual Garage Sale

The sale is now less than 30 days away! The registration form can be found on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/groups/44410garagesale](https://www.facebook.com/groups/44410garagesale). If you do not have Facebook, please send an email to: CortlandOHGarageSale@gmail.com and the link to the digital registration form will be sent to you.
The dates of the sale are June 12, 13 and 14. You can participate on any or all of those dates.
If you would like to register by mail, please send a SASE to Cortland Garage Sale, PO Box 424, Cortland, OH 44410. A paper registration form will be sent to you.

Do You Have An Old Lakeview, Cortland or Bazetta School Yearbook?

The Historical Society is very grateful to the people who have donated yearbooks over the last few months! We have made a lot of progress in filling out our collection.
BUT – we are still missing a few, we still have no yearbooks from Bazetta School and nothing from Cortland School before 1949. We need yearbooks from 1951, 57, 60, 80 82-85, 90, 97, 2003 and 2007. If you would like to donate yearbooks or other materials, contact the Historical Society at info@cortlandohiohistory.org.

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

JoMaries Gymnastics & Ninja Warrior is holding summer registration Wednesday, May 21 from 5:30 to 7 PM. Classes start the first week of June. Call Aeron at 216-906-4220 for more information
Brookside Gardens is closed on Sunday, May 25 for a family wedding. But they will reopen on Memorial Day from 11-3.
Bazetta Christian Church Daycare is growing so fast, they are adding an Assistant Toddler position. Be sure to get your child registered now before they fill up.
Centerra has Hummingbird feeders on sale as well as Deluxe Finch Bird Feed. Check out their ad for all the specials.
Didn’t get your taxes in on time? Call the Pros at Champion Tax Service – they can help you.
Cortland Pediatrics, Dr Johnson tell us that they are filling up fast for summer physicals. If your child is participating in summer activities better

call them quick to get an appointment.
Mark Thomas Ford has a lot full of new and used. Stop in and pick out your favorite now.
Have you call Progressive Construction yet for your summer project? They tell us that they are filling up fast.
Lakeside Sports has all your summer fishing needs. And they have a large selection of OHIO beers and wines.
Did you know that Mayflower-Wollam Insurance has been serving our community for over 100 years? Now that is dedication!
Peak Performance Therapy can help get you back to perfect health after a surgery or for those aches and pains you might get this summer.
Vasilios is filling up fast for summer parties. Open houses? Wedding showers? Family get togethers? Hold them at Cortland’s favorite restaurant. But you better call soon.

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) = weather permitting, (R/S) = Rain or Shine

The Lake Baseball Charity Breakfast TODAY!

By Dick McClain

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 17th, for the next charity pancake breakfast held by Cortland Masonic Lodge. This breakfast will benefit the “The Lake Baseball” organization which includes two traveling teams of 11u and 12u players from Lakeview, Champion, Maplewood and JFK schools, who participate in ten baseball tournaments in the Warren, Akron, and Canton areas.
The Masonic Lodge has held pancake breakfasts on one or two Saturdays each month for the past 5-6 years and donated all of the proceeds to various service organizations and community groups for a total of over \$67,000 in charitable donations.
The public is invited to attend and enjoy the May 17th breakfast, especially any parents or youth who are interested in learning more about The Lake Baseball program.
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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Inspiring Community Connection And Youth Involvement

The Cortland Collaborative's focus on inclusivity, youth involvement, and community renewal continues to strengthen local bonds and inspire meaningful projects. With upcoming activities and the dedication of individuals like Isla and Ethan, Cortland is poised for a brighter, more connected future.



- Tic-tac-toe stations
- Big Jenga and Connect 4
- Corn hole games
- Kids' tournaments

The Troop would like to thank Master Gardener Amy Horstman for taking the time to help the girls earn their Junior Gardening badge. The public is encouraged to reach out to OSU Extension with their gardening questions or available programs (330-638-6783) or attend their upcoming Master Gardener Sale May 17th @ 9 am.



The Walk to End Alzheimer's is on Saturday, October 11 at the Watson and Tressel Training Site at YSU. More information can be found at [2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Mahoning Valley | Walk to End Alzheimer's](https://www.alz.org/2025-walk-to-end-alzheimers).



What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Just The Facts - What does cap tossing at graduations symbolize?

- It's hot; get this off my head!
- Nothing is holding them down.
- The graduates' flight into the future.
- If thrown & caught, success will follow quickly behind.

Find the answer at the bottom.

! We Are Hiring ! - ASAP The City of Cortland is seeking a Director of Public Service to serve under the City's Charter form of government and to lead the City's Service Department into its next era of success. Any applicants interested in the above position must submit a letter of request for consideration and a resume, including copies of all applicable certifications to: City of Cortland, ATTN: Mayor Petrosky, 400 North High Street, Cortland, OH 44410. Email: servicedept@cityofcortland.org

Applications and resumes will be accepted until the position has been filled.

Document Shredding - The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District will hold a 1 - day paper shredding event at it's Trumbull Collection Facility. Open to Trumbull Co. residents only on Saturday, May 10, from 9 am to noon. There is a limit of 4 boxes/bags per vehicle = less than 40 lbs each. If you need more information, call 800-707-2673.

Drinking Water - The City of Cortland Consumer Confidence Report for 2024 is being mailed out with water/sewer bills, posted on our website, in the eNews, and at City Hall. The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety.

Bridge Dedication planned for MEMORIAL DAY - The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee and the City of Cortland have received state approval to dedicate the S. High Street bridge, over Walnut Run, in honor of all Cortland area veterans. The dedication ceremony will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th at 2:00 pm. on the bridge. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, and everyone is asked to bring a folding chair. All

veterans are especially welcome.

The dedication ceremony will include music by the Cortland Community Band, the posting of the colors and rifle salute by the D.A.V. Chapter 11 Honor Guard, special remarks by Ken David (Congressional Medal of Honor recipient), and the unveiling of the new bridge signs erected by the Cortland Service Dept.

Cortland Masonic Lodge will provide the sound equipment and help direct parking. The Cortland Police Dept. has approved the road closure on S. High St., detouring the traffic while the ceremony is held. For those who are not familiar, the bridge is located immediately South of the Main Street and High Street intersection. In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Cortland Christian Church at 153 Grove Dr.

Vendors Needed - Vendors are needed for events that the City of Cortland will be hosting. Please see below those that are being planned. You can get a vendor application here.

Event 1 - Night Market & Movie | Date: 05/28/25 | Price: \$35.00 per spot

Event 2 - Night Market & Movie | Date: 07/30/25 | Price: \$35.00 per spot

Event 3 - Night Market & Movie | Date: 08/27/25 | Price: \$35.00 per spot

Event 4 - Baconsburg & Burnout | Date: 09/13/25 | Price: \$45.00 per spot

Event 5 - Night Market & Movie | Date: 09/24/25 | Price: \$35.00 per spot

Event 6 - Trick or Treat on Main | Date: [10/25/25] | Price: \$35.00 per spot

Event 7 - Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting | Date: 11/29/25 | Price: \$40.00 per spot

All Season Pass- Want to participate all for the entire event series? It's \$210.00 per spot for an All-Season Vendor Pass. This will save you \$50.00 throughout the year. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, tents, and other necessary supplies. Events are held rain or shine. The spaces are guaranteed to be at least 10 x 10 size spaces, if you require extra space you are required to purchase additional spots.

Bazetta Fire Department Training To Keep Us Safe

By Rob Wasser, PIO Bazetta Fire Department

Bazetta Fire Department personnel, along with several other departments will be hosting a Swift Water Rescue Class on May 30th, 31st and June 1st at the outflow of Mosquito Creek Reservoir. The instructors for this class come from South Carolina and some of our personnel trained with them last summer. The cost of this class was considerable but our personnel's training expenses are being paid through a grant we received last year so there is **no cost to our department or our personnel**.

Staying on the topic of water rescue, recently, with assistance from the Trumbull County EMA, fire department personnel from across

Trumbull County has begun to form a County Water Rescue Team. This team will have trained personnel available to respond in every capacity of water rescue. This will include divers, swift water technicians, ice rescue technicians, surface water technicians, boat operators, shore support personnel and command staff.

There's been significant effort to recognize and organize this team by having meetings and working with many fire departments throughout the region. The team is in the beginning phases of determining response, procedures and training needs of all those on the team.

Bazetta Fire Department At TCTC Community Night

By Rob Wasser, PIO Bazetta Fire Department

Last month, our department participated in the "Community Night" at Trumbull Career & Technical Center. The event was a great success for all in attendance. This event is focused on many jobs and services provided within

the county. On our end, it helps us in the recruiting aspect to get younger people interested in pursuing a career in the fire and EMS service. Our personnel also answered questions about what our job entails and the services we provide.



Once again NEO Junk Removal and the Cortland Lions Club teamed up to raise money for the Parks & Recreation Board and other community organizations. We all owe a big THANK YOU to these two organizations. Pictured are Ryan S, Ryan R and Justin of NEO Junk Removal and Ralph M & Frank D of the Cortland Lions Club.

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

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- One pass will be made on each street.
- Only branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free).
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in dia.

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- 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

- Weeks of May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27

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The City of Cortland has resumed brush pick up the 4th week of each month. See their website for the rules and restrictions. Pictured are brush pickup crew members Damyen, Paul and Jason of the City of Cortland. Just one more reason why this is the best place in the world to live.



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Charting Your Own Course: Exciting Paths Beyond The Traditional College Route For The Class Of 2025

By Alex Irman

Congratulations, Class of 2025! As you celebrate this significant milestone, the world stretches out before you, brimming with possibilities. While the traditional four-year college path is a well-trodden road, it's crucial to remember that it's just one of many avenues to a fulfilling and successful future. For those of you considering alternative routes, a landscape of dynamic and rewarding opportunities awaits. This is your time to explore, to forge your own path, and to embrace the excitement of hands-on learning, direct entry into the workforce, and specialized skill development.

The notion that a four-year college degree is the sole key to success is increasingly outdated. Today's economy

values diverse skills and experiences, and many industries are actively seeking talented individuals who have gained expertise through alternative educational pathways. Whether you're eager to dive directly into a career, acquire a specific trade, or explore a more hands-on learning environment, numerous options can lead to a prosperous and meaningful life.

The Power of the Trades: For those with a knack for working with their hands and a desire for tangible results, the skilled trades offer a wealth of opportunities. Industries like construction, manufacturing, automotive technology, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), plumbing, and electrical work are

facing a significant demand for skilled professionals. These aren't just "jobs"; they are careers that offer competitive salaries, job security, and the satisfaction of building and maintaining the infrastructure of our society.

Consider the appeal of becoming a certified welder, crafting intricate metal structures, or an electrician, powering homes and businesses. Imagine the satisfaction of being a skilled mechanic, diagnosing and repairing complex machinery, or a carpenter, bringing architectural designs to life. Apprenticeships, vocational schools, and technical colleges provide structured training, often combining classroom learning with on-the-job experience, allowing you to earn while you learn and gain valuable industry-recognized certifications. These pathways can lead to entrepreneurship, leadership roles within companies, and a sense of mastery over a valuable craft. Launching Directly into the Workforce: For some graduates, the desire to gain real-world experience and start earning immediately is a strong motivator. Many companies offer entry-level positions with opportunities for on-the-job training and career advancement. Industries like technology, customer service, retail management, and administrative support often have pathways for ambitious individuals to climb the ranks based on their performance and dedication.

Don't underestimate the value of starting in an entry-level role. It provides invaluable insights into the workings of a business, allows you to develop essential professional skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, and can open doors to specialized training and promotions within the company. Networking and demonstrating a strong work ethic can be powerful catalysts for career growth, often surpassing the trajectory of those who followed a more traditional academic route.

The World of Specialized Training and Certifications: Beyond traditional trades, numerous specialized training programs and certifications can equip you with in-demand skills for specific industries. Consider fields like information technology (IT) with certifications in networking, cybersecurity, or software development. The healthcare industry offers opportunities in areas like medical assisting, emergency medical services (EMS), and phlebotomy, often requiring focused training programs. The logistics

and transportation industries offer careers in supply chain management, aviation, and commercial driving, all with specific training and licensing requirements.

These focused programs often have shorter durations than a four-year degree, allowing you to enter the workforce more quickly with specialized knowledge and credentials that are highly valued by employers. Researching industries that align with your interests and exploring the specific certifications or training required can open up a world of targeted career paths.

Entrepreneurship: Forging Your Own Venture: For the independent and driven, the path of entrepreneurship offers the ultimate opportunity to chart your own course. While it comes with its own set of challenges, starting your own business allows you to pursue your passions, be your own boss, and directly reap the rewards of your hard work. This path might involve developing a unique product or service, leveraging your creative talents, or identifying a need in your community and building a business to address it.

Resources like small business development centers, online courses, and mentorship programs can provide valuable guidance and support for aspiring entrepreneurs. While a college degree in business can be helpful, it's not a prerequisite for success. Many successful entrepreneurs have built thriving businesses through passion, perseverance, and a willingness to learn and adapt.

Embrace the Journey of Self-Discovery: Choosing a path other than traditional college is not about settling; it's about making a conscious decision to pursue an education or career that aligns with your individual strengths, interests, and goals. Take the time to explore your options, research different trades, industries, and training programs. Talk to professionals working in fields that interest you, and don't be afraid to seek out mentors who can offer guidance and support.

The world is your classroom, and learning comes in many forms. Whether you choose to build with your hands, learn on the job, master a specialized skill, or create your own venture, the Class of 2025 has the potential to achieve remarkable things. Embrace the excitement of charting your own course and remember that your passion and dedication will be your most valuable assets on the journey ahead. Congratulations, and go make your mark on the world!



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Greene Alumni Association

By Susie Kintz

The 123rd Greene Alumini Banquet is being held on Saturday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Mecca Community Church. All Greene School graduates, those that had attended Greene School and honored graduates of Maplewood High School who live or lived in Greene Township are welcomed to attend. Cost is \$20 per person, except graduates of the Honored 50 and 25 year classes and 2025 graduating seniors who live in Greene. Please contact Susie Kintz at 330-719-4173. Please leave a message.

The Fowl Trip to the Park

By Cait Morgan

Picture it - a chubby woman on a mission to find the elusive wood duck. So there I was one morning, driving through Mill Creek Park, staking out Lake Cohasset. Finally, I came to the sad conclusion that I had been dreading ... I was going to have to get out of the car and hoof it. I do not hoof it well. No, not well at all. But I saw some possible candidates and there was just no way to do it from the car.

Off I went up the road along the lake with both cameras, sadly none were of the highly sought wood duck. Defeated I dragged myself back to the car which was now being guarded by two large Canada Geese. Yippee.

While trying to decide how to convince them that my car, ironically nicknamed The Spruce Goose, was in reality not a goose I caught sight of a few ducks landing back in the little cove/inlet area. Worth investigating, so I gave the car and the Guard Geese a wide berth and headed down to the creek over the grass and gravel. Had to cut through some reeds and weeds and brush before I laid eyes on them and it was a wood duck and his spouse!



Double bingo! But in order to get some pics, I was going to have to deal with some rocks and a downed tree.

Now you may remember that I said I had both cameras - the SLR had the 300mm lens (thank God it wasn't the 600mm) which is bulky and a little heavy and the P900 is a little heavy - and I had them both around my neck. This was an issue. But I became one with the rocks and the tree and fumbled my way through grabbing the wrong one more than once, then darned near hanging myself by twisting them up. It must have been quite a sight. But I did get a few half decent shots despite shooting into the sun. I managed to back out of where I was perched (or wedged) and headed back to the car dragging the Massive Expanse formerly known as my butt most of the way, when I ran into the self-appointed guardians of my car. They were really taken back by sight that was coming at them - an overweight, out of breath, red-faced biped with a bright green stripe of dye in her hair and cameras hanging from her neck, one totally twisted and mostly upside down.

They took pity on me and just walked away giving me access to the car and, most importantly, the car seat and the Pepsi in the console. But, the mission was complete and no geese nor ducks were harmed.

The human? Still recovering.

Editor's note: The wood duck or Carolina duck (*Aix sponsa*) is a partially migratory species of perching duck found in North America. The male is one of the most colorful North American waterfowls. They like to live in tree cavities. And now you are a little smarter because you read The Cortland News.

Kinsman's Salute To Veterans

By Nicole Birrell

The community is invited to honor local heroes at Kinsman's Salute to Veterans on Saturday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6336 State Route 87. Hosted by the American Legion Harry Lees Post 506, the family-friendly event will feature a huge Chinese auction, food trucks, live music by Tripwire, and a beer tent. As a special tribute, the first 100 veterans in attendance will receive a thank-you gift. For more information, visit the "Kinsman's Salute to Veterans" Facebook page.



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It's that time of year when we celebrate the end of one stage of life and the moving on to another. Many people are graduating from kindergarten, High School, college or grad school and congratulations line the streets from the front yards of excited households. It is exciting when something we have waited for and worked hard for many years comes to fruition. In the church at this time of year we celebrate when God's plan for salvation came to fruition and we look toward the eternal completion of His work on our behalf.

We have just passed Easter and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, the savior who was promised long ago to come and die, crucified, for you, and who would rise from death defeating death for you, forgiving your sins, and giving you eternal life and salvation. Then in a couple weeks, at the end of May, we will celebrate the end of Jesus' time and ministry on Earth when He ascends into heaven to prepare the completion of the work He began that eternal life, God's Kingdom - New Heaven and New Earth, would be ready for you at His return when the time comes.

St. Luke writes in the book of Acts, *"6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?'" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power*

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 *And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."* (Acts 1:6-11) Here we see that God who kept His promises fulfilling His Word, will keep the promise of His eternal completion of that promised work. We may not know the day or hour but we know He will, so we celebrate and look forward to that day when we will see Him face to face.

At this time of year we the church celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus, and look forward to the day He returns and brings us home to His Kingdom. As you complete these stages of life many congregations will be praying for you as you go forward in life. As you celebrate the end of the school year and graduation from various levels of education know God is with you in whatever that next step and adventure will be, that He is with you until that day when you will join Him in His Kingdom. God bless you as you celebrate this wonderful milestone in your life or that of a family member.

VBS 2025 - An Epic Australian Adventure

By Daynelle Sanner

Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) is thrilled to announce its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the summer of 2025, themed Epic Australian Adventure: An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus. The event will take place from June 30 - July 3, 2025, and is open to children entering Pre-K through 7th grade.

Hosted at Cortland United Methodist Church, located at 155 North High Street, Cortland, Ohio, the VBS will run each day from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This year's theme promises a fun and engaging experience, filled with Bible stories, music, crafts, games, science experiments, and snacks.

"We are excited to provide an unforgettable VBS experience where children can learn about Jesus while having an epic adventure," said Theresa Hutton, President of Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship. "This year's theme is designed to be an exciting, interactive way for kids to explore God's love,



deepen their faith, and make lasting memories."

The cost to attend is \$5 per child or \$10 per household. We encourage families to register early and mark their calendars for this incredible event. The VBS experience is a great opportunity for kids to connect with others, grow in their faith, and have fun all at the same time!

Stay tuned for registration updates. Follow the LOAF Facebook page for more details.

Cortland United Methodist Church Celebrates 190 Years

By Cindy Bratek

Did you or your family member attend the Cortland United Methodist Church at 155 N High Street? Or did you or any of your family members attend elementary school there? Or do you and your family just love to tour old buildings? The Cortland United Methodist Church will be celebrating the 190th anniversary of holding church services on May 18th.

The Sunday service will be held at 10:30 AM with an open house from noon to 3:00 PM. You may tour the 145-year-

old sanctuary and the 1957 addition that was also used as a Cortland elementary/ kindergarten school. Refreshments will be available in the fellowship hall and church members will be in attendance to answer any questions. We would love to hear any stories you may have about coming to our church or school in this building.

*Celebrate with us
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Church News & Notes

Journey Christian Church is starting a new Wednesday night bible study series going though the book "Follow Me, by David Platt". It will start at 6:30 pm on May 21st.

Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N High St, 190 yr celebration on May 18, 10:30 am worship service; 12:00 - 3:00 pm Open House.

Bazetta Christian Church Daycare is growing so fast, they are adding an Assistant Toddler position. Be sure to get your child registered now before they fill up.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Spring Hymn Sing: We invite you to join us at Trinity on May 24th at 5:30 pm for our Campfire Hymn Sing and dinner. We will enjoy a potluck dinner, fellowship and singing hymns around the campfire. All are welcome to eat, bring something if you can. Sunday School:


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. No Sunday school in June - it will resume in July.

Bible Studies: We invite you to our Bible Studies on Sundays at 9 am and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. On Sundays we are making our way from Genesis to Revelation. We are currently going through the book of Exodus. Wednesday we are finishing up Romans. No Studies in June - we will resume in July.

Katharina's Closet: Donation drop off is the first Monday of every month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Please do not leave donations on the narthex porch or by the parking lot entrance. We will have to dispose of such donations. Distribution - Our second distribution day will be on Thursday May 22nd, 2025 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at 2742 North Rd NE. If you know someone who needs Diapers, Wipes, or baby clothes let them know of this distribution event.

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Moreover, many graduates are entering fields directly impacted by political decisions. Those in public service, healthcare, education, environmental science, and technology will find themselves at the forefront of implementing and shaping policies. Their understanding of the political landscape will be essential for effective advocacy and navigating the complexities of their chosen professions. Despite the complexities, the Class of 2025 has much to anticipate. This generation is characterized by its digital fluency, its commitment to social justice, and its innovative spirit. They are entering a world ripe with opportunities for those who are adaptable, resilient, and driven by a sense of purpose. The rapid pace of technological advancement continues to create new industries and transform existing ones. Graduates with skills in areas like biotechnology, renewable energy, cybersecurity, and data analytics are in high demand and possess the potential to drive significant progress.

Growing awareness of climate change and environmental degradation is creating opportunities in sustainable practices, green technologies, and environmental policy. Graduates passionate about these issues can find fulfilling and impactful careers. An aging population and increasing focus on well-being create a consistent need for healthcare professionals, researchers, and innovators in the medical and wellness fields.

Addressing societal inequalities and fostering the development of future generations requires dedicated educators, social workers, and community leaders. Graduates with a passion for service can make a profound difference in their communities. In a politically charged world, active and informed citizens are crucial. Graduates can contribute by working in

government, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, or by simply engaging in respectful dialogue and promoting civic responsibility within their communities.

For the graduating class of 2025, navigating this intricate world necessitates a blend of pragmatism and idealism. Embracing lifelong learning is essential as the world continues to evolve rapidly. Cultivating emotional intelligence, including self-awareness and empathy, is crucial for navigating interpersonal dynamics and fostering understanding across differing viewpoints. Actively seeking diverse perspectives and engaging in respectful dialogue can broaden understanding and facilitate more productive conversations. Focusing on shared values, despite differing political opinions, can help build bridges and facilitate collaborative efforts towards common goals. It is important for these graduates to recognize their potential as agents of change and to utilize their education and passion to advocate for the issues they believe in, contributing to a more just and sustainable future. Finally, prioritizing mental and physical well-being is paramount for maintaining resilience and effectively navigating the challenges of the current environment.

The graduating men and women of Kent State, Youngstown State and other local colleges are entering a world that demands critical thinkers, compassionate leaders, and engaged citizens. While the political landscape presents complexities, their education has equipped them with the tools to navigate these challenges and to seize the opportunities that lie ahead. As they step into the sunlight of their graduation day, they carry the hopes and aspirations of their families, their communities, and themselves. The future is not predetermined; it is theirs to shape.

Journey Christian Church To Host
Dr. Allan R Mosher

By Jessyca Cano

Experience the Word of God through a dramatic Bible recitation using only the Word of God by Dr. Allan R Mosher. Dr. Mosher recently retired from Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music. He is a seasoned performer who brings Scripture to life through spiritual and engaging presentations. His dramatic recitations breathe life into Scripture. Over the years, he has shared his compelling presentations in churches across New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa and Maryland.

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Easter LOAF Sunrise Service

By Theresa Hutton

From the first light of dawn to the final amen, the Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (L.O.A.F.) community gives thanks for all who joined in the sacred and joyful celebration at Mosquito Lake State Park Sunrise Service. Together, in the stillness of the morning and the glow of the sunrise, we rejoiced, "He is risen, indeed!"

On Easter Sunday, the service began at 6:30 am just as twilight touched the horizon. By 6:35 am, the first rays of sunlight began to crest, with the full

sunrise illuminating the sky by 6:49 am—a breathtaking symbol of the risen Son.

Pastor Dave Vensel of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church led the service with a message rooted in hope and the victory of the resurrection. Communion was offered to all, reminding each soul present of the unity we share through Christ. The service concluded with a heartfelt closing prayer by Reverend Jonathan Williams of Cortland United Methodist Church.

The music of the morning was deeply moving. Mr. Art Miller sang and played with guitar in hand, "I'll Rise Again" and "He's Alive." The air was filled with sovereign worship. Kelly Swiger and Darlene Ball further uplifted hearts in their singing of "I've Just Seen Jesus," which echoed the triumphant promise of the morning.



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Lady Bulldogs Softball

By Culen Chadwick

The Lady Bulldogs keep on rolling. They spent the Easter weekend in Myrtle beach playing softball. The team went 4-1, including a victory over the D-1 South Carolina state champion. They got Easter Sunday off from playing and attended a Sunrise service on the beach.

After returning home, the Bulldogs have gone 5-0 with victories over Champion and South Range. The lady bulldogs are currently 14-3 with a 9-0 league record. We have 3 league game remaining. The Lady Bulldogs will

open tournament play on May 20 at 5 pm at home. We will have a bye the 1st round and play the winner of Laurel and Crestwood.



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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 Katarina Candor, an accomplished student and leader in the Lakeview community. Katarina is the daughter of Gary Candor and Cinnamon` and Jeremy Rodgers, and she has been a proud student at Lakeview Local Schools for her entire academic career. A natural-born leader, Katarina currently serves as President of the Class of 2025 and is a valedictorian candidate this spring. She is enrolled in a challenging course load that includes both Lakeview High School classes and college-level coursework through Youngstown State University. In addition to her academic success, Katarina is a multi-year varsity letter winner on the cheerleading squad. Outside of school, she competes in both cheerleading and dance with the Dream Team Allstars. Katarina plans to continue her education at Kent State University next fall, where she will study in the professional pilot program. Her ultimate goal is to launch a career in the airline industry.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well?
- I'm very good at listening and remembering, especially the little things
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District?
- My favorite part of Lakeview is the amount of support the teachers and staff offer.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland?
- Starbucks
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland?
- I love to watch the sunset at the lake!
- 5.) Describe your fashion style.
- Relaxed and comfy everyday!
- 6.) You might catch me ...
- Studying and listening to music or hanging out with friends!
- 7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now?
- Rewatching the Top Gun movies
- 8.) What are your future aspirations?
- I hope to become an airline pilot.



What do flower seeds need to grow? Ask a Lakeview Kindergarten student and they can tell you. Four Seasons Garden Club assisted all the students in the yearly tradition of planting sunflower seeds. The flowers are a surprise gift for a special family member and we hope they know that these seeds were planted with love.



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Lakeview High School Class Of 2025

The Lakeview High School Class of 2025 will graduate May 18 at 1 PM at Don Richards Stadium.

The Class Colors are Royal Blue and White. The flower is the Tulip. Their motto is "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans" - John Lennon

THE GRADUATES ARE:

Gavin Ackerman, Maison Adkins, Zachary Aho, Layton Aiello, Jeremy Ainsley, Addison Allen, Hailey Anderson, Bradyn Armstrong, Aanna Athey, Ava Bacon, Caden Baldwin, Kennedy Bartlett, Lily Bell, Haley Bowser, Benjamin Bradley, Tatiana Brazzon, Addison Briell, William Bullock, Jason Campana, Katarina Candor, Hallie Capan, Rachel Clark, Addison Coen, Sydney Collins, Kieran Corbin, Olivia Dancison, Chelsea Dean, Jalyn DeLeon, Jason DeMonica, Cole Denman, Nathaniel Detweiler, Lacie Diemert, Carter Doran, Caden Durica, Jaren Dye, Thomas Easton, Noah Fadell, Ava Foertch, Francesca Fonagy, Clarissa Gardner, Sydney Gary, Lacy Gavitt, Elizabeth Gorman, Ashley Graczyk, Gaius Greathouse, Adison Groves, Marcus Grube, Alivia Hager, Landon Hall, Raelynn Hall, Vanessa Henderson, Gabriel Hernandez-Bott, Ava Hipple, Micala Hipple, Caleb Hnat, Nadiya Hornbeck, Frank Hughes, Olivia Hughes, Trenton Hyde, Yasmin Ismail, Dorian Jones, Anna Kelly, Riley Kensky, Cassandra Klotz, Mason Kovac, Jacob Langmeyer, Peyton Layer, Ryan Leasure, Sebastien Lodwick, Lorelai Lowe, Robert Loychik, Dominic Lucci, Mallory Mailach, Anthony Marble-Salem, Noah Masaitis, Reiley McCleery, Drew McKowan, Lyndsay Medved, Emma Mika, Trenton Miller, Tattiaunna Myers, Gage Mymo, Twila Neiswonger, Anna Neuscheler, Tylan Nguyen, Addison Nicholas, Xander Nicholas, Michael Nigrin, Samuel Nowak, Griffin Oravec, Jaelynn Orme, Leo Parise, Mattie Parrish, Mistee Parrish, Jacob Pastore, Thomas Pavlansky, Meliah Persino, Aaliyah Peterson, Benjamin Petrick, Olivia Petrilla, Zachary Poptic, Arianna Powell, Mason Pratt, Reagan Price, Brielle Redd, Lucas Redmond, Matthew Reighard, Adrienne Rich, Savannah Rosier, Colben Schick, Mara Schmader, Benjamin Schmidt, Malikai Schrecengost, Jeremy Seem, Ethan Shackelford, Landyn Slusher, Hannah Stout, Molly Stuart, Magnolia Sunderland, Deklin Sutton, Brianna Totten, Tristen Townsend, Tristan Tsai, Maria Angela Voluntad, Connor Walker, Jadon Warner, Aidan Westfall, Mason Wheeler, Luke Whitmore, Gage Woofter, Katelyn Wutrick, Brianna Wynn, Ella Yarabenetz, Anthony Zoccali.



Lakeview High School Athletic Hall Of Fame Class Of 2025

By Michael DeToro

Lakeview High School and the Lakeview Athletic Hall of Fame Committee are proud to announce the inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025. This year's class represents a remarkable blend of athletic excellence, community contribution, and coaching leadership that has helped shape the proud tradition of Lakeview Athletics.

The 2025 inductees are:

- **2014 & 2015 Girls Golf Teams** - Back-to-back state appearances resulted in a state runner-up and a state championship.
- **1990's Track Booster Club - Contributors** - A dedicated group instrumental in fundraising for the county's first 8-lane all-weather track and for two decades of support through hosting prestigious meets.

• **Dave Christner - Contributor** - Longtime supporter whose behind-the-scenes work made a lasting impact on Lakeview athletics.

• **Diane Neighbarger - Coach** - Revered for her leadership and lasting influence on student-athletes.

• **Greg Solarz - Class of 1983** - Outstanding multi-sport athlete who left a mark on Bulldog baseball in the early '80s.

• **Laura Nocht - Class of 2006** - Distinguished golfer with state-level accomplishments.

• **Kyle Smedi - Class of 2008** - Punishing linebacker who was the heart and soul of the 2007 regional runner-up team.

• **Ben Moody - Class of 2009** - Record-setting two-sport champion whose speed and determination defined his career.

• **Lauren Schattinger - Class of 2012** - A dynamic sprinter and one of the most decorated athletes in Lakeview track and field history.

The 2025 class will be formally honored during Induction Weekend, which coincides with the varsity football game against South Range High School on Friday, September 12, and the Induction Ceremony on Saturday, September 13 at DiLucia's Banquet Center in Warren.

A form to purchase tickets for the induction ceremony can be found on the Lakeview High School Athletic website. For questions or media inquiries, please contact Michael DeToro, Hall of Fame Chairman, at (330) 637-4921.

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American Legion Post 540 To Decorate Veteran’s Graves

By Col Robert Mangold, US Army, Retired, American Legion Post 540

American Legion Post 540 members will decorate veteran’s graves with American flags on 19 May, 4 pm in five area cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day. The rain date is 20 May, 4 pm. We joyfully, but somberly, have carried out this mission for over 75 years. Our purpose is to recognize our neighbors in Cortland, Bazetta and surrounding areas who have stepped forward and taken the oath of office in America’s times of need.

We will start decorating veteran’s graves in Hillside Cemetery which is located in Bazetta Township where Cortland City West Main Street ends on the shore of Mosquito Lake. There are over 400 veteran’s graves in Hillside Cemetery dating to the Civil War. Readers may recall in July 2023 that all the flags and markers were removed by an unauthorized person. While these items were recovered, we lost the location of some graves unless the headstone had an inscription or plaque attached to it identifying that a veteran was interred therein. Through hard work we have been able to re-mark an overwhelming number of graves, but not all. Last May we found graves we had missed remarking soon after the removal

had occurred. Post 540 members will decorate graves in four other cemeteries following Hillside Cemetery.

This may be the last year Post 540 members are able to decorate veteran’s graves in area cemeteries. Like other service organizations, Post 540 has experienced a severe decline in membership over the past years. Those who remain are senior citizens in their late 70’s and early 80’s. We surely could use some community help this year in accomplishing our mission. As always, we will leave markers and American flags at the entrance to each cemetery and near a chapel if present. Visitors should use these flags and markers to decorate any graves we miss.

In other news the three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Wall will be present in Warren, 29 May through 1 June, on the south lawn of Packard Music Hall. Visiting hours are 24 hours a day. The Wall bears the names of two of our own; SP4 Terrence Weant and PFC Andrew Sinchak, Jr. They gave their lives for all of us. Surely YOU can give of your time to visit them on the Wall next to Packard Music Hall 29 May through 1 June. It is the right thing to do especially if YOU are a veteran.

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- Lee Greenwood



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Costs can be incurred though copayments / coinsurance or deductibles. Coinsurance, also called a copayment, is an amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for services after you pay any deductibles. Coinsurance is usually a percentage or a set amount you are responsible to pay for the service or supplies. For example, 20% of the costs of needed supplies or a \$35 set copay for a specialist visit. A Deductible is the amount you must pay for health care or prescriptions before the plan will begin to pay.

Diabetic medications and supplies are either covered under Part B or Part D of Medicare Insurance. Generally, Part B Medical Insurance, covers diabetic supplies including self-testing

equipment and supplies (lancets & test strips), insulin pumps and other items such as therapeutic shoes or inserts. Also covered under Part B are the medical costs associated with screening and treating diabetes along with the conditions that diabetes can cause. Medical costs can include screenings and bloodwork, self-management training, and nutrition therapy services. Other covered services could include foot exams and treatment, glaucoma tests, some vaccines and preventive (well care) doctor visits.

Medicare Part D, prescription drug coverage, covers medications associated with the treatment of diabetes that you received from a pharmacy and administer yourself. These could include Insulin for injection along with the syringes, needles, alcohol swabs and other supplies to administer insulin and anti-diabetic drugs to maintain blood sugar (glucose) levels. When choosing a Part D prescription drug plan or Part C Medicare Advantage plan, it is important to look at the costs of your specific medications and compare pricing on different plans as formulary tiers, deductibles and copays can vary from company to company and plan to plan within each company. The insulin savings program that is now in effect limits the costs you can be charged for some insulins to \$35 per month. The specific insulins that fall under this program can vary from plan to plan thus making the need to research options and plans important. Each plan whether it is a Medicare Advantage plan or Stand-Alone Prescription Drug plan can choose which insulins they will cover under the savings plan. They are not required to include all insulins. For more information visit Medicare.gov or speak with your insurance agent. Your insurance agent should be able to explain the benefits and coverages associated with your policy and compare options in your local area to find the best option for your specific situation.

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Looking For Veterans In Greene Township

By Susie Kintz

Wanted Veterans that live in and around Greene Township your time in supporting the Memorial Day service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 26th of May at the Green Lawn Cemetery. We would like to continue having a service but our ranks are thinning due to those that have participated growing older and illness. Please contact Roy Gregory for further information 330-261-6904.

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INSURANCE ANSWERS

By Amelia Gavolas, Platt Insurance Agency



My Neighbor’s Tree Fell On My House! Who’s Responsible?

Northeast Ohio’s tree-lined neighborhoods are beautiful, but they can also bring headaches—especially during windstorms or heavy weather. One of the most common homeowner concerns is: What happens if my neighbor’s tree falls on my property?

Surprisingly, in most cases, you are responsible for the damage if a tree—regardless of who’s it is—falls onto your home or vehicle. If it damages your house, you would file a claim through your homeowner’s insurance. If it hits your car, your auto insurance would come into play. This typically applies when the tree falls due to natural causes, like high winds or storms.

However, if the tree was dead, damaged or known to be a hazard—and the neighbor failed to maintain it—you may be able to hold them responsible. Proving this, however, can be difficult. In such cases, having documentation,

like a certified letter showing you previously notified the neighbor, is essential.

Standard homeowner’s policies generally cover the cost of tree removal if the tree causes damage. But if it simply falls into your yard without hitting anything, coverage may not apply unless it blocks a driveway, entrance, or poses a safety risk.

Understanding what your insurance does or doesn’t cover is key. Tree-related claims can be complex, and the fine print in your policy matters. Knowing your rights and responsibilities ahead of time can save a lot of stress when severe weather strikes.

If you’re unsure about your coverage, take time to review your policy with a local independent agent. It’s better to be prepared—because in a neighborhood full of trees, it’s not a matter of if something might fall, but when.

Bridge Dedication ~ Memorial Day

By Dick McClain

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee and the City of Cortland have received state approval to dedicate the South High Street bridge, over Walnut Run in honor of all Cortland area veterans.

The dedication ceremony will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at 2:00 pm on the bridge. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and everyone is asked to bring a folding chair. All veterans are especially welcome.

The dedication ceremony will include music by the Cortland Community Band, the posting of the colors and rifle salute by the D.A.V. Chapter 11 Honor Guard, special

remarks by Ken David (Congressional Medal of Honor recipient) and the unveiling of the new bridge signs erected by the Cortland Service Dept.

Cortland Masonic Lodge will provide the sound equipment and help direct parking. The Cortland Police Dept. has approved the road closure on S. High St. detouring the traffic while the ceremony is held. For those who are not familiar, the bridge is located immediately South of the Main Street and High Street intersection, adjacent to the Cortland Veterans Memorial. In the event of bad weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Cortland Christian Church at 153 Grove St.

USDA Conducting Vaccine Drops To Combat Wildlife

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health and county health departments, will distribute oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits targeting wildlife throughout this month. The sweet smell of the ORV baits attracts targeted wild animals, such as raccoons, who eat the baits and are then vaccinated against rabies.

The ORV bait distribution program is part of management activities to prevent the westward movement of the rabies virus most often spread by raccoons. ORV baits are distributed using small airplanes and helicopters from the air and vehicles on the ground. Throughout the month of May, approximately 744,300 ORV baits will be distributed in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, including almost 300,000 baits in Ohio.

Spring ORV baiting in Ohio will include portions of Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Residents in these counties may expect to see low-flying airplanes or helicopters from May 12-24th distributing the baits. Throughout the entire month, slow moving vehicles

will distribute baits on the ground in Ashtabula, Belle Vista, Conneaut, Edgewood, Hubbard, Salem, Warren and Youngstown.

Rabies is caused by a virus that infects the central nervous system in mammals and represents a serious public health concern. If exposures to the virus are not treated it is almost always fatal. Costs associated with detection, prevention and control of rabies exceed \$600 million annually in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 90 percent of reported rabies cases in the U.S. are in wildlife. People are urged not to contact, or feed wildlife and to keep all pet rabies vaccinations current.

As part of the USDA National Rabies Management Program, oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits have been distributed through aerial drops and by hand in portions of the state since 1997 in partnership with state and local public health agencies and others. The program seeks to create a barrier and prevent the westward spread of the raccoon variant of rabies. The program in eastern Ohio will be repeated in August.

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Business Professionals Of America Chapter At TCTC Raises Money For Special Olympics



By Morgans Tondo Cretella

The Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) is proud to announce the successful completion

of its first-annual "Chains of Love" fundraiser, which raised over \$1,000 to benefit Special Olympics Ohio.

Held from February 3 to February 28, the fundraiser engaged students and staff across multiple programs in a friendly competition to support a meaningful cause. Proceeds from the campaign will go directly to Special Olympics Ohio, helping to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

This year's competition encouraged programs to purchase paper chain links, with the goal of building the longest chain and raising the most funds. The Electrical Technology program earned first place, followed closely by Equestrian Studies in second. In recognition of their efforts, both programs will be treated to a Grab-and-Go Pizza Party on Thursday, April 17.

"Our BPA members are incredibly proud to support an organization like the Special Olympics," said Tyler Zinsmeister, TCTC BPA Chapter President of Howland High School. "Not only does this fundraiser benefit a wonderful cause, but it also promotes collaboration and school spirit within our career tech community."

This fundraiser also helps to strengthen future connections between BPA chapter members and local Special Olympics events, opening the door to additional volunteer and leadership opportunities.



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Life Insurance Needs Over Time

It's easy for many of us to approach life insurance with a "I'll handle that later" or a "set it and forget it" mindset, and to assume that you have time to sort out the details of adequate insurance coverage down the road. Yet, life insurance can play a key role in protecting your loved ones financially should you pass away unexpectedly. Here are some examples of how life insurance can be a powerful protection strategy, depending on your life stage, to inspire you to take action in the near-term.

Young adults starting their careers.

When you settle into your first or second job and take over responsibility for your own financial matters, you're likely balancing a myriad of priorities such as paying off student loan debt or managing the mortgage of a newly-purchased home. In the event of your death, you could leave your loved ones on the hook to cover your financial obligations out-of-pocket. A life insurance policy may help provide cash flow for your parents, siblings or another beneficiary to manage your affairs without it becoming a potential financial burden.

Newly married couples. As you build a life together with your spouse, it's likely that your individual financial responsibilities will become intermingled, even if you choose to maintain separate accounts. If you die prematurely, your spouse could be drastically affected by the loss of your paycheck and added expenses. Life insurance can help replace the lost income and financial responsibilities, helping the surviving spouse carry on with more financial security.

Parents. For many Americans, the need for life insurance becomes top-of-mind following the birth or adoption of a child. If you have or are considering starting a family, now is a great time to evaluate your insurance policies. It is important to ensure you have enough coverage to meet your family's day-to-day expenses, in addition to future financial goals, such as college education. If one spouse stays at home to care for your child, consider having enough life insurance to address the cost of potential daycare or after-school care. Additionally, you may want to account for regular living expenses and maintaining progress on retirement savings for the surviving spouse.

Older adults nearing or in

retirement. As you accumulate wealth or become an empty nester, your need for life insurance may decline. Be sure to maintain enough coverage to protect your retirement savings for you and your partner. Once in retirement, the need for a death benefit, which provides annuity or lumpsum payments to the surviving spouse, may become less significant. Certain types of life insurance policies may offer the flexibility to borrow against accumulated cash values to provide cash flow in retirement. Accessing policy cash value through loans and surrenders may cause a permanent reduction of policy cash values and death benefit and negate any guarantees against lapse. Make sure to read the fine print when it comes to this type of loan. Evaluate your coverage against what you anticipate spending in retirement to see if these or other options could help your financial confidence.

Those preparing for the transfer of assets. Depending on the size of your estate, taxes may reduce the amount of assets you intend to pass down to heirs after your death. Life insurance could be one way to protect the interests of family members and other beneficiaries. For example, you could purchase a policy with a death benefit that could provide liquidity to offset the impact of any taxes that would be due at the time of your death. This can help survivors avoid being forced to sell assets to meet tax obligations and allows your legacy to be preserved.

No matter your life stage or financial situation, it's important to have insurance in place to provide for and protect your loved ones. Make it a priority to regularly review your coverage and ensure it addresses the changing needs for you and your family. If you would like help assessing your options and exploring the amount of coverage that is appropriate, talk to an insurance professional and financial advisor familiar with your financial priorities.

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Joy Greenwood and Mary Jo Gisewhite

Little Miss Cortland And Junior Miss Cortland

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club Street Fair is looking for Little Miss Cortland Contestants between the ages of 7-11 years old and Junior Miss Cortland between the ages of 12-15 years old. These young ladies will compete in our long-standing traditions of having a Little Miss and a Miss Cortland Pageant. Applications for both pageants can be found at the Cortland Lions Street Fair Facebook page. An informational meeting will be held for all registered applicants on June 5th at 630 pm in the Lions Pavilion behind the Lions Building-197 W Main St. Please note that all applications must be received by May 30th.

We would like to thank Natalie's Dance Company for sponsoring our Trophies and to JoMarie's School of Dance & Gymnastics Center for sponsoring the beautiful Tiaras for the Pageants.

Please contact Dawna Wiland, Chairperson for this event at drwiland@aol.com or 330-219-9852 for more information.



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Looking for Community Volunteer Writers & Reporters

By Thom Foley

The Cortland News is looking for a few more volunteer writers to help bring all the GOOD NEWS to our community. Are you looking to get more involved in our community?

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We look forward to having you be part of our volunteer team that helps to share ALL THE GOOD NEWS in our community.

Masonic Lodge Hosts Charity Breakfast

By Dick McClain

On Saturday, June 7th, the Masonic Lodge charity pancake breakfast will benefit the Benevolence Fund of the 25th Masonic District which covers the 5-county area of Northeast Ohio.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the June 7th breakfast which is

served from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and includes “all you can eat” pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice with take-out available. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for youth ages 6-10, and free for age 5 and under.

The Tour of Honor

The Tour of Honor (TOH) returns for its 15th season in 2025, offering a unique, self-guided motorcycle tour that pays tribute to America’s military veterans and first responders. From April 1 through October 31, riders will explore memorials across all 50 states.

Founded in 2010 by brothers Steve and Dave Brooks of Boise, Idaho, Tour of Honor invites riders to visit 4 to 7 memorials in each state. Proceeds benefit the Fisher House Foundation, Tunnel to Towers Foundation and Gold Star Family Memorial Foundation.

“The mission is to honor American heroes – mostly military Veterans but also First Responders – by visiting sites paying tribute to them,” said Steve Brooks, co-founder of Tour of Honor. “It’s a unique way to combine a love of riding with a love of country.”

One of the sites on Ohio’s 2025 route is the “First Flight Lunar Module location in Warren, a tribute to astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. The Armstrong family lived in Champion Township when Neil Armstrong made his first airplane flight at Warren Airways Airport, located on the very site of this memorial. Moved by Armstrong’s achievements, local citizens created a dedicated lunar module replica to honor his impact on the world and his local connection to the Trumbull County community.

The site also recognizes another local space trailblazer, Dr. Ronald Parise, an often-unsung hero of the U.S. space program. Parise, a Warren native and

1969 graduate of Western Reserve High School—the same year Armstrong took his legendary moonwalk—was deeply inspired by Armstrong’s achievement. He turned his childhood dream into reality, flying aboard NASA space shuttles Columbia (1990) and Endeavour (1995). A true innovator, Parise contributed significantly to spaceflight communications. One of his experiments—focused on Internet communications equipment—was aboard the Columbia when it was tragically lost during re-entry in 2003.

“We’re proud to welcome Tour of Honor riders to Trumbull County,” said Beth Kotwis Carmichael, Executive Director of Trumbull County Tourism. “The First Flight Lunar Module site is more than just a tribute to Neil Armstrong – it’s a celebration of the local spirit that helped launch dreams into space. Honoring both Armstrong and Dr. Ronald Parise at this site connects the heart of our community to the legacy of American innovation and service.”

The 2025 TOH also includes six other sites in Ohio, including Cincinnati, Cleveland, Harrison, Rockford, South Lebanon, and Westerville.

Registration is open at www.TourofHonor.com. For \$125, riders receive a laminated flag, patches, stickers, and access to the season-long scoring system. \$25 from each registration is donated to the rider’s selected charity among the event’s three beneficiaries.

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Tails of Hope Congratulates LCCTC Student Program Participants & Graduates

By Soraya Hejazi

Tails of Hope and Lawrence Country Career & Technical Center (LCCTC) will complete its fifth year of their partnership Student Volunteer Program on May 23, 2025, for third- and fourth-year Veterinary Assistant students. The Student Program for the 2024-2025 school year began at Tails of Hope in October of 2024 and will conclude on May 23, 2025. This year fourteen program participants logged ten days of service for a total of almost 370 volunteer hours and a total of 348 animals served. Upon successful completion of the program, LCCTC students will be able to continue to volunteer at Tails of Hope and can pursue further education and work experience with an advantage.

Under the guidance of Tails of Hope veterinary surgeon Dr. Nicole Grable and Clinic Practice Manager, Jamie Strait, CVPM, the Tails of Hope Student Volunteer Program provides practical, hands-on instruction and assistance to students in performing clinical tasks such as animal handling and restraint, surgical prep, post-surgery monitoring, providing emergency first aid to animals,



using veterinary terminology, general clinic operations, high volume TNR Day operations, and more.

There continues to be a nationwide shortage of veterinary professionals, and our rural community is even more susceptible to this challenge. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is projected to grow 21 percent through 2032, much faster than the average for all occupations.

To find out more about the first and only non-profit Spay/Neuter clinic in Mercer County, PA, or to learn how to volunteer or donate, visit their website: TailsofHopeWPA.org or call: 724-346-4673.

Art Alley In The City


The community is invited to a new project in downtown Cortland. In the City's continuing effort to improve all areas of our town, Mayor Deidre Petrosky is inviting everyone to our new 'Art Alley' in the City.

We are creating an art space in the alley area next to Mayflower-Wollam Insurance. The city is installing a wire fence and the high school art students are painting panels to be attached to the fence. The students will mount their artwork on the wall May 22nd at noon. We plan to have refreshments and community members are invited. Future plans include benches and potentially

additional art or Cortland history. It is planned to be a permanent display of rotating art panels. The rotation time frame is TBD. Special thanks go to the many community members who made this happen: Josh Palmer and his family at Mayflower-Wollam Insurance for allowing us to use this space; Mark's Signs for the donation of the panels for the artwork; Jeff Piper, Lakeview High School Art Teacher, his students, and Art in the City Committee members, Beth Harris, Ashley Handrych, Jo Taylor and Jessica King. Stay tuned for the next project!





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A Brief History of Cortland

By the artificial Intelligence APP ChatGPT, Special to The Cortland News

Cortland, Ohio, located in Trumbull County, has a rich history rooted in the early development of the Connecticut Western Reserve. In the early 1800's, settlers from New England were drawn to the region by its fertile land and promising opportunities for agriculture. One of the earliest communities in the area was known as Baconsburg, named after Samuel Bacon, a prominent local settler and businessman who helped shape the early economy through farming and commerce.

The growth of Baconsburg remained modest until the mid-19th century when the expansion of transportation networks spurred change. The arrival of the railroad played a major role in the area's development, connecting the small village to markets and towns across northeastern Ohio. This new

accessibility brought economic growth and an increase in population. In 1874, the village was officially incorporated and renamed Cortland, possibly after Cortland, New York.

Cortland remained a quiet, rural farming community for many decades. The landscape began to change dramatically in the mid-20th century with the construction of Mosquito Creek Reservoir by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The reservoir was intended for flood control and water conservation but quickly became a popular destination for recreation. This led to the creation of Mosquito Lake State Park in 1956, which brought tourism, outdoor activities, and new residential interest to the area.

As the 20th century progressed, Cortland transitioned into a suburban community. Its proximity to larger cities like Warren and Youngstown made it a convenient home for workers in those urban centers. Residential neighborhoods grew, schools expanded, and small businesses flourished. In 1980, Cortland was officially designated a city due to its continued population growth. Despite modernization, Cortland has retained its small-town character. The community is known for its scenic beauty, quality schools, and active civic life. Local events, festivals and sports teams continue to bring residents together and celebrate the city's heritage. Today, Cortland stands as a vibrant community that blends its historic roots with a modern lifestyle. From its early days as Baconsburg to its present as a thriving small city near Mosquito Lake, Cortland's story is one of steady growth, strong community values and an enduring connection to its past.

Senior Watch Program

By Rob Wasser, PIO Bazetta Fire Dept

Did you know that Bazetta Fire Department has a "Senior Watch Program"? This program is focused on assisting Bazetta Township seniors in a variety of ways. One of the most important services we provide in conjunction with The American Red Cross's "Sound the Alarm Campaign" is providing and installing up to (3) brand new smoke detectors in any Bazetta resident's home that needs them throughout the township. Smoke detectors save lives and we could not ask for a better partner than the American Red Cross.

There is no cost for the detectors or the installation by our personnel. As a reminder for this program, Bazetta firefighters are the only individuals permitted to install these Red Cross sponsored smoke detectors. We are not permitted to give detectors to install. The American Red Cross requires our personnel to install the smoke detectors to ensure that they are installed properly, to test their function, to educate residents about fire safety and answer any questions they may have. The Red Cross will also provide bed shaker style alarms for those that are hearing or visually impaired upon request. This truly is a phenomenal resource available that has no expense to our residents.

Additionally pertaining to the senior watch program, we have received some terrific donations from our community's members, businesses and organizations in the form of residential lock boxes. Most recently, the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club donated 20 of these lock boxes. These boxes are installed on the exterior of a home by firefighters and are secured with a 4-digit code of a resident's choosing. These secure lock boxes can hold up to 5 keys for any home. In the event of an emergency, fire department responders can access this lock box and keys to enter a home to help a person in distress that can't open a locked door themselves. By having keys accessible only to Bazetta personnel, this prevents any type of forced entry that could potentially cause damage to a home. In the event we run out of these donated lock boxes, they can be purchased at most home improvement or hardware stores. Currently we have several on hand. Interested residents simply need to call the fire department to request one.

Library Closed Memorial Day

By Apryl Gilliss

Closing Memorial Day All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day. This includes the libraries in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty, Lordstown, and Warren; the Bookmobile; and outreach services.

The Wall That Heals

By Sue Shafer

The Wall That Heals is coming to the South Lawn of Packard Park in Warren, Ohio on Tuesday, May 27 through Sunday, June 1, 2025. It is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and in addition there will be a mobile education center. It will be open 24 hours a day and is free to the public.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Volunteers will be on hand to assist in locating names. Visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

- May 27th Motorcycle Escort: 1 PM Lineup The Lube Austintown, departing at 2 PM and arriving in Warren at 3 PM
- May 28th Set Up at 9 AM until; 3 PM with Volunteer Orientation at 4 PM
- May 29th Opening Day Ceremony at 6 PM
- May 30th, Kids Day 1-3 PM
- May 31st, Medal of Honor: A Tribute to the Fallen at 2 PM
- June 1st, Closing at Noon.

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