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A Nation's Gratitude: The History of Thanksgiving

By Alex Irman

Thanksgiving, a beloved American holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, is a time for family, friends, and feasting. But the origins of this cherished tradition are steeped in history, dating back to the Pilgrims' arrival in the New World. In 1620, a group of English settlers known as the Pilgrims embarked on a perilous journey across the Atlantic Ocean aboard the Mayflower. Seeking religious freedom, they landed in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts. The harsh winter that followed proved to be a formidable challenge, and many of the Pilgrims succumbed to disease and starvation. The following spring, the Pilgrims were fortunate to receive assistance from the local Native American tribe, the Wampanoag. The Wampanoag taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate crops, hunt, and fish, providing them with the knowledge and resources necessary to survive. In gratitude, the Pilgrims invited the Wampanoag to join them in a harvest celebration.

This historic gathering, held in 1621, is widely considered to be the first Thanksgiving. While the details



of the event vary across accounts, it is generally believed that the Pilgrims and Wampanoag shared a feast of turkey, venison, corn, and other local delicacies. The celebration was a time of thanksgiving and camaraderie, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the history of America.

Over the centuries, the tradition

of Thanksgiving has evolved and expanded. While the original celebration was a simple affair between two groups of people, the holiday has grown to encompass a broader sense of gratitude and national unity. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a National Day of Thanksgiving, a gesture intended

to unite the country during the Civil War. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated by millions of Americans with family gatherings, parades, and festive meals. One of the most enduring symbols of Thanksgiving is the turkey. This large bird, native to North America, has become synonymous with the holiday and is often the centerpiece of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Other popular Thanksgiving foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

In addition to its culinary traditions, Thanksgiving is also a time for reflection and gratitude. Many families gather to express their appreciation for the blessings in their lives. The holiday serves as a reminder of the importance of community, cooperation, and generosity. As we gather with loved ones this Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to reflect on the rich history of this cherished tradition. From the humble beginnings of the Pilgrims and Wampanoag to the grand celebrations of today, Thanksgiving continues to be a time of gratitude, togetherness, and American pride.

Small Business Saturday

By Alex Irman

Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to supporting local businesses, is right around the corner on November 30th. In Cortland, this event holds special significance as it provides an opportunity to invest in the heart of the community. By choosing to shop

locally, residents can contribute to the economic vitality of the town, foster stronger community bonds, and enjoy a unique shopping experience.

When you shop at local businesses in Cortland, you're not just making a purchase; you're making an investment in the future of the town. A significant portion of the money spent at local businesses stays within the community. This revenue supports local jobs, contributes to the tax base, and helps

fund essential services like schools, libraries, and infrastructure. In contrast, when you shop at large chain stores or online retailers, a larger portion of your spending leaves the community, diminishing its economic impact.

Beyond the economic benefits, shopping local fosters a stronger sense of community. Local businesses are often owned and operated by people who live and work in Cortland. By supporting these businesses, you're helping to create

a vibrant and thriving community. You're also contributing to the unique character of Cortland, which is shaped by its diverse array of local shops and restaurants. Shopping local offers a

unique and personalized shopping experience. Local businesses often carry unique and handcrafted products that you won't find at big-box stores. You can also expect personalized service and attention from knowledgeable staff who are passionate about their products. This personalized approach can make your shopping experience more enjoyable and satisfying.

Small Business Saturday is an excellent opportunity to explore the diverse offerings of Cortland's local businesses. From unique boutiques to delicious restaurants, there's something for everyone. By taking the time to discover these local gems, you'll not only find great deals and unique products but also contribute to the ongoing success of your community.

So, this Small Business Saturday, make a conscious effort to shop local in Cortland. By doing so, you'll be supporting the local economy, strengthening community bonds, and enjoying a unique shopping experience. Let's come together to make a positive impact on our community and celebrate the spirit of small business.

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Second Monday of each month
Monday, Dec 9 - 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, Dec 10 - 7 p.m.
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Our Next Issue ... December 14, 2024

Our theme will be

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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

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

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Community Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER

24 The ministry of Jerry & Sarah Garcia in concert

Cortland Nazarene Church / 10:45 AM

26 Community Thanksgiving Service / Hosted by Cortland Methodist / 7 PM

30 Annual Holiday Craft Fair / Cortland Christian Church / 10 AM-3 PM

There are still spaces for crafters.

30 Christmas Market On Main Street Tree Lighting / 4 - 8 PM

30 Gingerbread Walk / Throughout Cortland / 11-3 PM

DECEMBER

3 Mitzvah Day / Hosted by the Jewish Federation / JCC, Gypsy Lane, Liberty
10 AM to 2 PM

4 Cortland Community Band Concert / Grace Methodist Church

1725 Drexel Ave NE, Warren / 7 PM

7 Cortland Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast / 9-Noon

9 Christmas Caroling and Cookie Baking Exchange / Trinity Lutheran Church

North Road / 5:30 PM

11 Christmas Concert Community Band Rehearsal / 7 PM

11 Cortland Bazetta Historical Society Meeting / The Opera House / 5 PM

15 LOAF Christmas Concert with the Cortland Community Band

Lakeview High School Auditorium / 2 PM

21 Live Nativity / Bazetta Christian Church / 4-7 PM

22 Cortland Community Band Concert (in front of Santa) / Eastwood Mall / 3 PM



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The Optimists are one of the many shining lights in our community and a huge reason why this is the best place to live in the world. ALL of the proceeds from the craft show go to support the children in our community.

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- We provide our hall to the staff, students and parents for the Lakeview Senior Brunch.
- Our annual Fishing Derby
- A great Halloween Party
- We are a LAC sponsor and we provide four baseball/softball fields for LAC and Valley Extreme Softball
- Support Lakeview Athletic Boosters and Band for their banquets
- Support and provide the hall for Lakeview Football and Band purse bingo fundraiser
- Sponsor for the Bazetta Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Provide the hall for the summer enrichment program
- Provide the hall for the Snowflake Ball

You can help support these efforts by coming out to play Bingo on Sunday's, it is our largest fundraiser! Pull tabs start at 3:00 p.m., Kitchen opens at 4:30, early bird bingo starts at 6:00 and regular bingo starts at 6:45.

So stop by on December 7 and help us help support the children of our community. We thank you - and they will thank you.

Cortland Community Band Concerts

By Stephanie Kommel

The CCB has three holiday concerts coming up in December. The first one will be on Wednesday, December 4th at 7 pm at Grace Methodist Church at 1725 Drexel Ave NE, Warren.

The second one will be the annual LOAF Concert at the Lakeview High School auditorium on Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm. There will also be a choir comprised of community and local church members that will perform as well. Every year the LOAF organization has this concert to raise funds for community projects but collecting donations at this concert. In the past the money that was donated was used to purchase rescue discs for the police department and other important community needs.

Lastly, we have a concert on Sunday, December 22nd at the Eastwood Mall, at 3 pm right in front of Santa (and Macy's, just up from the food court). You can bring a chair to sit in to watch if you wish.

After the holidays we will start rehearsals for our spring/summer concert season. They will be at 7pm on Wednesdays at the Lakeview Middle School band room. All musicians of any level are welcome to join. There is no membership fee and no auditions, just dust off your instrument or drum sticks and come on out.

Rehearsals will begin either on January 8th or 15th, depending on the school's schedule and room availability. Interested musicians can follow us on Facebook under Cortland Community Band for updates on when we'll begin, or they can email the band at cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com to request that they be added to the email list.

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United Way Celebrates Small Business Saturday

By Lori Shandor

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Small businesses are the backbone of Trumbull County. From family-owned shops, cozy cafés, and restaurants. Our local businesses provide essential jobs and services, keep money circulating within our community, and contribute to the character of our area. Local businesses also give back, often supporting charities, sponsoring local sports teams, or providing resources for community events. United Way of Trumbull County sees Small Business Saturday as a chance to recognize these contributions and encourage residents to show their appreciation by shopping small.

United Way of Trumbull County is dedicated to fostering community growth and stability. By supporting small businesses, we help create a sustainable local economy, which in turn, allows us to invest in our neighbors’ lives. Small Business Saturday is not just one day it’s a reminder of the daily impact our local businesses have on Trumbull County. When you support small businesses, you’re doing more than shopping, you’re making a powerful investment in the place we call home. Join us in celebrating Small Business Saturday, and together, let’s keep Trumbull County strong.

Winter School Band Concerts

The Lakeview school bands and choir are offering FREE winter concerts to the public. All are held in the High School Auditorium.

- Dec. 12th 6:00 p.m. 6th and 7th grade band concert
- Dec. 14th 6:00 p.m. 8th grade band and choir concert
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- b. 4
- c. 6
- d. 8

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Christmas Market on Main Street

There will be the Christmas tree lighting, carriage rides, hot chocolate, and much more! Saturday, November 30th from 4 pm - 8 pm on West Main Street.

Walk Safely While out walking or jogging, please do so safely. Wear light colored reflective clothing and/or accessories, carry a flashlight at dusk and during evening hours, use sidewalks where available, and be sure to face oncoming traffic. It is important to be visible.

Political Signs - Reminder; our city ordinance states that all "Signs shall be removed not later than seven (7) days after said election day".

Toys for Tots - This is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve who give gifts to children whose parent/s cannot afford to do so. Our Cortland Fire Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys again this year. You may drop off your donations at the station during regular business hours.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 2nd - City Council - 7 p.m.
- Dec. 9th - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- Dec. 16th - City Council - 7 p.m.

Just the Facts Answer - The answer is c)

6. Cortland - West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Nebraska, Indiana, and Illinois. There is one in Alabama, however, it is spelled differently; Courtland. There is also a Cortland County in New York. Enjoy the Season and don't forget to shop local!



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Contact Jeffrey Jiang for more information at 330-716-3130.



One of the reasons this is the best place in the world to live is all the "not so little" services we are provided. Among those is monthly brush pick up in the city from April through October. The final pick up for 2024 took place recently. Thank you to Paul Lattanzi, Brent Denman, Joe Haun Sr, Danyen Fuchilla and all the other workers who helped us keep our yards looking great this year.

Cub Scouts Visit Police Station

Cub Pack 4050 met with one of our Cortland Police Officers at our last meeting. They learned about how the police serve and protect. They learned about evidence collection, police training, and police vehicles. We are thankful for Officer Orslene giving his time to educate the scouts and for protecting our community.

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Support Local & Small Business

We have all seen large companies dominating the market because of their ability to mass produce and to offer a greater variety of products in their stores. The smaller stores slowly disappear because of their lack of financial power or marketing prowess.

As I look to the scriptures for advice and hope that can be given to these "Mom & Pop" stores. I see a core value that centers around people. Its part of the principle of "Love Thy Neighbor."

Despite their size, the small stores seem to have an advantage over these corporate giants. The small stores are more caring and have a "face to face" relationship with most of their customers. Many times, it's the "insignificant group" (small companies) that brings to a community a "hometown feel". That influence has encouraged a family atmosphere in

which everyone watches out for each other. To me, it points to how powerful a community can be if they remember to "love one another" and support each other.

When I was younger, I remember walking to a local small business for milk. The store owner would always ask how the family was doing. They appreciated the loyalty of their customers. It is that connection that seems to be missing in this world, the love for your neighbor, the love for your community and all that they sacrifice.

It reminds me of the mantra "love makes the world goes round" There seems to be some truth to it. Let's show some love to our hardworking small business and keep the "Love our Neighbor" motto alive in our corner of the world. This is one of the ways we can impact our neighbor.

Whether or not you sit at the adult table or at the kids table; Whether or not you fall asleep after the meal watching football or you are the one cleaning up dishes and putting away leftover food; Whether or not you are the one who goes for a walk to exercise or you are the one who plays a board game, Thanksgiving is a time where we expect to have some semblance of quorum with our family and eat till we are more stuffed than the Turkey. We are to avoid talking about politics, and religion. We are to let go of old and new hurt just to keep the peace.

These are American Family gatherings for Thanksgiving. Family meals where the circle to say what you are thankful for last longer than the meal itself, a meal that the host has been cooking for a week before. But where is the true thankfulness? We as Americans like to parade our forced emotions on everyone else, but is it real? Are you truly thankful? Or are just saying something to please the matriarch/patriarch of your family? Being thankful, and having thankfulness is more than just platitudes and nice things said to make someone else happy.

In Colossians St. Paul writes, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns

and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17) This is how we are to be thankful, not only in word but in deed, in action. Why? Because the Word of Christ Jesus now dwells in you and He rules you with peace. His work of salvation for you, His death on the cross and resurrection and ascension and His promised return are giving you what God has promised. He has promised you forgiveness, salvation, and life eternal. He has paid the price for your sin, defeated death, and Satan.

He has set you free. this changes you to be more like Jesus and there we are truly thankful. So this holiday season take stock of what you are saying, what you are doing, and how you interact with others. We Christians are not only thankful for the earthly daily bread provided by the thanksgiving feast that lives on in left overs for days, but also thankful for what God has done for us in Jesus. Jesus has died for you and He rose from death to give you life everlasting.

This fact changes who you are, whether you recognize it or not, and this gift of God is worth sharing with your family and neighbors. Your God loves you and He in Jesus gives you a thankful heart of peace. Happy thanksgiving

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Storytime Event at Mecca Townhall 7pm

Day 4 - Friday December 6 Free Christmas Community Dinner at 6 PM and Comedy Show at 7:30 PM Mecca Community Church

Day 5 - Saturday December 7
Breakfast with Santa at Mecca Fire Dept 10 am - 1 pm

Day 6 - Monday December 9
Christmas Concert @ MHS

Day 7 - Thursday December 12 Home 4 The Holidays. Post your virtual Christmas Card & Tree photo

Day 8 - Friday Dec 13 - Ugly Sweater Bingo / Gingerbread Contest at Mecca Townhall 6 pm

Day 9 - Saturday December 14 - Mystery Event - see online release

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Christmas Services at Lakeview Area Churches

The Churches of the Lakeview area welcome our community to observe the Reason for this Season with opportunities to gather Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years.

Bazetta Christian Church has three upcoming special Christmas services and events this year. On Saturday, December 7th at 5 pm, we will be hosting a "Blue Christmas" service for those who are grieving or struggling during the holidays and finding it hard to sense joy or hope. Our annual Drive-thru Live Nativity is, Saturday, December 21, 4-7 pm. Finally, our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is Tuesday, December 24, 5 pm.

Cortland Church of the Nazarene will have a Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm.

Cortland United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. The Fowler United Methodist Church Xmas Eve service will be at 4:30 pm.

Journey Christian Church will have a Christmas Eve Service at 4:00.

The Mecca Community Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 4 pm.

The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church religious service will be Christmas Eve, starting at 7 pm. Service will include open communion and lighting of the candles by all in attendance.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will have the following services: Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27th, at 5:30 pm; Advent Midweek Meal and Services: December 4th, 11th, and 18th, meal 5:30 pm, service 6:30 pm; Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30 pm; The Christmas Day Service is at 10:15 am. Epiphany Service Jan 6th, at 5:30 pm.

Wildare Church Christmas Eve Service 6 pm. Candlelight, Children's message, Christmas songs and a message by Pastor Steve Anderson.



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Christmas Concert

By Carole Wiley

This year's Christmas Concert is approaching. The concert originated and is supported by LOAF (Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship). The Cortland Community Band leads the concert. A group of residents who love to sing rehearse several weeks prior to the concert. Their leader/conductor is Michelle Robbins Jones. Michelle teaches a couple of new songs each year. They also sing familiar tunes.

The band continues to perform many Christmas carols. Cookies, made by the LOAF churches, are enjoyed by the many attendees following the performance. This is one of the perks enjoyed by our citizens: a free Christmas Concert, dozens of free cookies, and a wonderful opportunity to mingle with other residents. One other thing to look forward to is the audience joining with the musicians in singing several carols.

For more people to attend, LOAF decided to hold the concert in the daytime on a weekend. Hopefully, students of all ages will attend. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM, at Lakeview High School auditorium. The rehearsal date is 7PM on December 11th.

Contact Carole Wiley for comments or questions. 330-720-9136 or cwiley9@yahoo.com.

Cortland Christian Church Annual Craft Fair

The Cortland Christian Church located at 153 Grove Drive, just 1 block from Main Street is having their Annual Craft Fair on November 30, 2024 from 10 am -3 pm. We will have 33 tables of crafters and vendors, 3 full raffle tables and a Free ticket for a special raffle item. Baked Sale, Lunch is available.

This is a great time to start or finish your Christmas Shopping for family, teachers, friends and neighbors and of course, for you. There are lots of fun items perfect for the Christmas Stocking Stuffers.

We will be having a Gingerbread House Contest for all ages to enter their age group. Call 330-636-4611 for registration form or email officeatccc@gmail.com. Get your kids active this Holiday with a fun Craft. Cash prizes for every category.

We are part of the "Gingerbread Walk" so watch for us. This day is full of fun, check out the list of things on the Gingerbread Walk and tree lighting ceremony, and the Horse drawn carriages.

Come out to Cortland on this day, Where there is fun for everyone.

Church News & Notes

Cortland UMC (155 N High St) will be the host site for a community Blue Christmas Service at 2:00 pm on Sunday 12/22. This is a service designed for those in our community who are struggling to feel joy in this season for any reason. It will be a quiet, reflective, hope-filled time that celebrates Christmas without pressuring anyone to act happier than they truly are. If this sounds like something you need, you are welcome to join us, even if you are not normally a churchgoer.

Mecca Community Church is hosting a Black Friday Clothing Giveaway on Friday, Nov 29 from 9 AM - 2 PM. There will be a Kids Santa Shop to shop for parents & A Parents Santa Shop to shop for kids.

Folks at **The Nazarene Church** are very thankful for all the wonderful events held during 2024. The old saying is true "Time flies when you're having fun". We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Concert with Jerry Garcia and potluck dinner, November 24 at 10:45.

We also are excited to be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service November 26 at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there, dear reader.

Bazetta Christian Church is hosting their annual LIVE NATIVITY SCENE on Saturday, Dec 21 from 4 to 7 PM. There will be a live camel, a Roman Centurion on horseback, other live

animals and of course live actors portraying Jesus, Mary, Joseph and others. The event is FREE drive through event for the entire family.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Katharine's Closet: Thank you all for your support, our first distribution day was a success. Our next distribution day will be announced soon. If you are wanting to give donations to this ministry of Trinity, we have our drop off nights on the first Monday of each month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. We are in regular need of diapers, wipes and baby clothes. Monetary donations are accepted for use in purchasing said items. If you can't make donation night and you have a donation, please contact Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402.

Christmas Caroling and Cookie Baking Exchange: Join us Monday Dec 9th at 5:30 pm by bringing your favorite cookie dough ready to bake or mix. While the cookies bake, we will sing Christmas Carols and fellowship together. After all the cookies are baked, we will exchange and prepare some boxes for our shut-ins and those who are healing.


Birthday Party for Jesus: You are invited to join us in celebrating with a party, the birth of our Lord Jesus on Dec. 15th following service at 11:30 am. We will have cake, food, story time, and other fun activities. Hope you can make it. Please RSVP to Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402, text or call.

Autism Society of Mahoning Valley

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley (ASMV) is pleased to announce the appointment of Stacie M. Bacorn as its new Executive Director. With over a decade of non-profit leadership experience, Bacorn brings a deep commitment to serving the autism community and a strong track record of organizational growth, fundraising, and community partnership. She will lead the organization's efforts to support, educate, and advocate for individuals and families impacted by autism across the Mahoning Valley.

Bacorn steps into her role at a pivotal time as the ASMV continues to expand its programming and outreach. Known for her compassionate leadership and

collaborative approach, Bacorn plans to work closely with Board members, staff, and community stakeholders to build on the organization's mission. Her initial priorities include securing physical office space in the community, implementing strategic fundraising initiatives, and strengthening the Society's largest annual event, the Mahoning Valley Warrior fundraiser. "I am honored to join the Autism Society and am eager to work with our incredible team, dedicated Board, and supportive community," Bacorn said. "Together, we will continue to build a stronger foundation for families affected by autism and broaden our impact in meaningful ways." *Continued on page 18*



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Lakeview School News

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Middle School Student Advisory Garden Club Girls joined The Grateful Heart Line Dancers from SCOPE for a "Boot Scootin" Good Time October 22nd.

The Lakeview Boys Cross Country Team

By Andrew Ensign

On Saturday Nov, 2nd The Lakeview boys cross country team participated in the state cross country meet. They came in 13th despite running their best times of the season. This goes to show just how competitive of a challenge they were facing at the state level. The last time the team made it to state was back-to-back in 1995 and 1996. Their coach Sean Voorhies was on the team in 1995. Prior to running in the state meet this year the team won the county championship, league championship, and 2 invitationals. We also had one member of the girls' team make it to state, Jalyn DeLeon came in 52nd out of 178 and broke the Lakeview school record at 19 minutes and 11 seconds.



Jake Langmeyer, Marcus Grube, Nick Seikel, Griffin Oravec, Coach Sean Voorhies, Trent Miller, Mason Wheeler, and Luke Whitmore.



Coach Bryce Nalbach and Jalyn DeLeon.

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 Bradyn Armstrong, an outstanding student at Lakeview High School and the son of Shanon and Shannon Armstrong. A lifelong Lakeview student, Bradyn is currently ranked in the top 25% of his graduating class with an impressive 3.85 GPA. He excels in both his high school courses and college-level classes through Youngstown State University. Known for his dedication to service, Bradyn is actively involved with Boy Scout Troop #101 in Warren and is nearing completion of his Eagle Scout project, which will provide Lakeview High School with much-needed lecture podiums. During his time at Lakeview, Bradyn has participated in the Marching Band, Boys Bowling, Boys Golf and is also a proud member of the National Honor Society. Next year, he plans to pursue a degree in Finance at either Cleveland State University or The Ohio State University.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Problem solving skills. I feel like I can solve problems pretty well and quickly.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The teachers.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Vasilius
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - Cortland Lanes with the bowling team
- 5.) Describe your fashion style. - Cleveland sports gear. I'm always in a jersey.
- 6.) You might catch me ... - Watching sports, following sports, rooting for Cleveland
- 7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now? - I listen to a lot of Zach Bryan.
- 8.) What are your future aspirations? - I hope to make a living in Cleveland or Columbus and build my career from there.



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Judge Marty Nosich Hosts Lakeview High School Students

By Abigail Demsey



Lakeview students Hallie C., Judge Marty Nosich, Olivia P. and Lacie D.

Judge Marty Nosich, of the Trumbull County Eastern District Court in Brookfield, recently hosted three Lakeview High School seniors for their job shadowing project. This is the third group of Lakeview students that Judge Nosich has hosted since the inception of this program. On October 24th, the court opened its doors for this special job shadowing event, providing participants with an inside look at the daily operations and responsibilities of various court roles. This event aims to give the students a comprehensive

opportunities, and now have a better understanding of the court system. I want to thank Judge Nosich and all the court staff for their kindness, generosity, and the learning experiences they are providing to our students. Exposure to real-world experiences plays a crucial role in guiding students toward future career paths. I am grateful for the support of our county leaders in making this valuable opportunity possible."



Annabelle H. and Nora L. with Judge Thomas Campbell.

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understanding of the judicial process by allowing them to observe and interact with key court personnel.

Judge Thomas Campbell of the Trumbull County Central District Court brought two Lakeview students to the beginning of the court day in Brookfield and then returned to the Central Court in Cortland for those students to observe proceedings there.

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. At the end of the day the students were provided with lunch and Judge Nosich answered additional questions.

Judge Nosich said, "I want to thank Principal Herrholtz and the Lakeview schools. We are thrilled to offer this program to those students that are interested in the legal profession. This event provides invaluable exposure to the inner workings of the court and helps students make informed decisions about their future careers. I look forward to working with Principal Herrholtz and Lakeview Schools in the future to continue offering these opportunities to the students."

Principal Herrholtz stated that "the students enjoyed their learning



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By Jeanette Callahan

Bazetta Christian Church Pre-School and Pre-K had an exciting, fun, and informative day last week when The Hartford Orchard came to visit! With Miss Jessica King as the Hartford Orchard owner and guide, the students learned to select, pick, and prepare apples in many ways!

The students hand-picked four of their favorite kinds of apples to take home, and the Toddler class joined all for the tasting of apples and caramel, apple bread, and apple cider!

Afterward, the fun continued with a pizza party and smores for dessert! The students culminated the afternoon by

making an apple craft to take home! An exciting and educational experience was had by everyone!

Bazetta Christian Church Childcare Center Gives Thanks for this opportunity and for the Hartford Orchard's presentation!



THE WISE INVESTORS

By
Guidelight Financial Group



Holiday Gift Guide: Financial Gifts With A Lasting Impact

The holiday season is quickly approaching and for many that means time with family and loved ones as well as pressure to find a perfect and meaningful gift. If it is important to you to give presents that provide lasting impact and never go out of season, consider a financial gift. Here are a few ideas you can feel good about giving.

Start a savings account. Help instill the importance of saving with the gift of a partially funded savings account. Consider opening a high-yield savings account or Roth IRA for someone you love to help them establish a relationship with a financial institution and learn the importance of a growing investment.

Contribute to charity. Donating to charity on behalf of a loved one can be a powerful way to give back while sharing your values with a future generation. Spread the holiday spirit by planning a day to volunteer together or contribute to a nonprofit organization that supports causes important to the person receiving the gift.

Provide education funds. If someone you know is likely to have educational expenses in their future, consider gifting money to help offset the cost. Consider opening a 529 plan for a beneficiary, which allows the funds to be withdrawn tax-free to pay for eligible education expenses down the road. You may open different accounts for each beneficiary and reassign them as needed. Communicate your intentions with the beneficiaries so they can plan how to best utilize the fund to further their education, keeping your intentions and wishes in mind.

Help chip away at debt. Many young adults are burdened by debt as they work to establish themselves financially. Whether balancing student loans or car payments, juggling work and loan repayments can be challenging. Helping your loved one chip away at loan repayments can relieve stress and allow them to better focus on their future financial goals.

Gifting stock. Gifting stock is a great way to introduce a loved one to the world of investing. If you'd like to give stock you already own, the shares need to be retitled in the beneficiary's name. You can also purchase new shares titled in your beneficiary's name. If you are gifting stock to a minor, you can retain some control by placing it in a trust.

Gift an appointment with a financial advisor. Help your loved ones establish a financial plan with the assistance of an advisor you know and trust. This thoughtful gesture has lasting value by helping lay the foundation for future financial security.

As you consider how to gift your wealth to those you care about, ensure your giving strategy is aligned with your financial plan. A financial advisor working with your tax professional can help you evaluate tax-efficient financial strategies to help maximize your gift this year - and into the future.

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I'm Better Off Staying Home

By Cait Morgan

There are reasons I don't leave the house much. Yesterday was a prime example. All I needed to do was make a quick store run - nothing major, just a few things. I was feeling almost decent so off I went.

As I pulled from the garage I heard a weird scraping/popping sound under my car. Pulled back in, waited a minute and tried again. Same thing. So I got out, grabbed two thick sponges from Bear's stash tossed them on the drive to kneel on (silly fake knees don't like concrete). Didn't see anything. went around and repeated the process with same results, nothing. Got up, picked up sponges and went to put them back when my foot rolled on a acorn that set off a skating demonstration that Peggy Fleming would be thrilled to have accomplished. Wait.... acorns. DUH!!! That was the sound! Crunching and

popping acorns. Hate those things right now. Continued to store.

Backed into parking space, went shopping. Chatted with my friendly liquor dealer dude, bought the groceries and headed out. So proud - no issues, no stupid moves. Yay me! As I was finishing putting the stuff in the back seat, I saw a car waiting to pull into the space next to me with a friendly-looking older couple in it. I closed the door, moved the cart and gave them a formal sweeping gesture to pull on in.

He graciously did the 'hat tip' and pulled in. As the tire passed me, I decided to prank them and hop around like he had run over my foot. He started to laugh at which time I lost my balance, bounced off my car into his car then bounced head-first into the cart which promptly started rolling away.

At this point I was laughing hysterically but composed myself enough to get the cart to stop and stand up. He and his wife were in hysterics laughing and then he pulled a straight-face and said "Well, that went south quickly - I better take the cart before it kills you" and then lost it again. OMG.

I told him no charge for the show or the cart and slunk into the driver's seat. Waited until they got in the store before pulling away. I do amaze myself sometimes.



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Although there are many different plans available, each insurance company must follow these guidelines set by the government and offer at least a minimum standard level of coverage. For 2025 there will be three phases to Part D coverage costs: deductible, initial coverage and catastrophic coverage. For 2025 the annual deductible can be \$0-\$590. After the deductible is met, the

initial phase is where you pay a copay or coinsurance, and the plan pays part of the costs of the medication until the total cost reaches \$2,000. At that point you enter catastrophic coverage and pay \$0 for the cost of the drug through December 31st.

One exception to this is insulin medications. There are insulin savings programs that limit the cost of insulin to \$35 per month without regard to the different Part D phases. Each plan can decide if they will participate in the program and which specific insulins they will include for this price. Each insurance company develops their own drug formulary that lists which drugs they will offer and classifies each specific drug into a tier. They also set their own plan premiums and cost sharing amounts based on these tiers. Typically, the lower the tier the lower your cost for that medication. Some companies will also waive the deductible for the lower tier medications in their formulary.

It is important to review your plan each year during the Annual Enrollment Period, October 15th through December 7th. Your local agent can look at your medications and the plans available in your area to see what is the best fit with the lowest costs for your specific situation.

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

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We Have To Move

By Cait Morgan

Two things I may not have mentioned about myself. My husband and I have a pack of dogs and I am a champion at doing stupid things.

Sometimes the two intertwine.

I went upstairs to change the other day, then heard the ever-too-familiar ringing of the bells on the back door meaning someone had to go out. Peaked around the corner and it was Kalli, so this was no false alarm. And she had "that" look in her eyes as if to say "now!!". So I came back down, opened the door and she and a few of the smaller ones went out. Against my better judgement I decided to go back up and change into sweats.

Then mid-change, I heard it - the hawk squawk - with some of my tiny ones in the yard. Had one sock on, grabbed the other, threw on my sweats, grabbed the hoodie and started down the stairs putting on the hoodie as I ran. Of course I put it on backwards so the hood was now in the front but that was ok, enough time to change later. I had grabbed the wrong pair of glasses, though, grabbing the 'readers' not the 'doers'. I tried to stuff the other sock in the hoodie's pouch as I ran (you will note it is now in the back) I only got it in part way, it was sort of hanging there I guess. Couldn't see it myself. Got to the door, went flying out, missed the last step, tripped over our Bichon mix but managed not to fall. Did lose a

slipper, naturally the foot with no sock. My hair was going every direction but what it should have been, too. And the hood part of the hoodie? Well it kinda flopped up over my chin.

So there I stood: Hood over the bottom half on my face, one bare foot and hair every-which-way yelling for Kalli to get in the house. Problem is Kalli had already gone back in the house, I was yelling at a lump of leaves. But my neighbor's son had NOT gone in the house and was standing just outside their side door watching this display of me being me. So I waved, went to pull down the hem of my hoodie which is when I discovered the hanging sock, turned and tripped on the second step coming back inside because I am still wearing the wrong glasses and pretty much sprawled and clawed my way in the door. Yes, he was still watching.

We have to move now.



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THE HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER

By Traci Cooper, cPT, ACSM



Today I would like to talk about mindful eating. Jeff and I went to Longhorn today for lunch and believe me, it was delicious. Jeff and I ordered the same thing, steak salad and the lobster chowder. The total meal is around 500 calories, loaded with protein and vegetables. First, they bring the bread. Jeff was so hungry that he ate it all, and fast. As I sat there watching him, I pondered how many of us don't eat mindfully. I asked him, "do you even taste that?"

What are the reasons we may eat too fast or enjoy our food? In Jeff's case, it was because he was so hungry, he couldn't slow down. One of the ways to ensure that doesn't happen is to always have a snack available. This will keep your blood sugar stabilized and your stomach from growling. A ravenous hunger never really ends well and will increase calorie consumption that can add weight. I always keep either a

baggie of vegetables and some dip with me, or a piece of fruit and a cheese stick. Try to eat it slow and really enjoy your food.

Another reason we may not be mindful in our eating is that we don't make time to eat. Becoming more mindful of the taste of the food, taking more time to sit down somewhere and eat. It may be easy to eat while doing something else, but it isn't the best for your body. Our bodies do need the sustenance, but our minds also need to process the fact that we are eating. Setting aside 10 to 15 minutes to eat will help to feel fuller and to enjoy the flavor of the foods. Taking this extra time will also help to take in less calories because you will slow down the consumption of calories. Add water to the end of the meal to also help feel fuller.

How many of us sit in front of a binge-worthy Netflix season with a bag of chips? Now be honest. If you are going to binge in front of the TV or at a party, bring on the veggies. Another great way to avoid this is to count out a perfect serving and slowly chew and taste every morsel. Anytime that we are eating and not paying attention, extra food and calories go into our bodies. Mindful eating while watching TV is the best way to cut empty calories and will help to lose weight. Let's try mindful eating today. Small changes can lead to huge results.

JCRC To Hold Resource Fair

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is holding a Mitzvah Day event, Project Connect 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, 505 Gypsy Lane.

The resource fair will feature: Community Health Information, Prescription Assistance, Nutrition Information, Haircuts by Bang! Hair Studio, Hispanic Health, Health Screening Registration, Blood Pressure Screenings, Blood Sugar and Cholesterol Check, Carbon Monoxide Screening, Behavioral and Mental Health Information, Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center, ManUp Tobacco Treatment Information, Internal Medicine Residency and Ask the Doc.

The resource fair is in cooperation with Mercy Health and Bang! Hair Studio.

Mitzvah Day is a day to bring people together to make positive change in their communities. A Mitzvah, literally, is a commandment in Jewish law. However, it is often used to mean a good deed or an act of kindness, which is an integral part of Jewish life and is the basis for Mitzvah Day.

The Jewish Community Relations Council represents the Jewish communities of Mahoning and Trumbull Counties in Ohio and Mercer and Lawrence Counties in Pennsylvania to safeguard the rights of Jews here, in Israel, and around the world. Visit jewishyoungstown.org to learn more.

SCOPE Explains 2025 Medicare Changes

By Charles Sager

You can hear about the upcoming (2025) changes to your Medicare plan from Margie Haley, Scope's Program Director. She will be explaining the changes you can expect on November 26th. at 12:00 noon at Farmington Senior Center, 150 college St., West Farmington, Ohio. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 330-889-2733.

Trumbull County Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

Members invite the public to come join them on a "Razzle, Dazzle Cleveland Christmas" day outing scheduled for Thursday, December 12. The holiday magic will begin at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens high lighting the beauty of the season. A stop at Gus Gallugie's and Sweeties will be made before touring the eye-catching light display at the Fairgrounds just outside of Cleveland. The cost is \$85 per person with trip insurance for \$12 extra. Final payment due by November 25, 2024. Checks made out to Breakaway Tours and mailed to me at Peggy Boyd, 7985 Castlerock, Warren, Ohio 44484. Breakaway does take credit cards. BIG NOTE: club will do Lancaster, July 8, 9 & 10 to see Noah and 2 Broadway theater shows, "Cats" & "Wizard of OZ". Call 330-609-3971 for details.

Local Blood Drives

Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High Street, Room Name: Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, December 21, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Cortland Masonic Lodge 3263 Everett Hull Rd., Cortland, Room Name: Fellowship Hall

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A Magical Christmas Event In Cortland

The Gingerbread Walk & Christmas Market On West Main Street

Saturday, November 30 will be a magical day in the BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO LIVE - CORTLAND! Get ready for a holiday experience like no other! The *Gingerbread Walk*, A Magical Christmas Event in Cortland, presented by Cortland Small Business, is returning this year with more festive fun and local charm than ever before. It's the perfect way to kick off your holiday season while supporting our wonderful community of small businesses.

The fun starts at 10 AM and goes on all day until 3 PM. Here is what is in store for all of us as we kick off the Holiday Season.

- The Whiskey Brothers Wagon Ride** - Start your adventure with a ride in a cozy wagon, pulled by our favorite horses, as you travel from shop to shop! It's the perfect way to soak in the Christmas spirit as you explore everything Cortland has to offer.

- The Cortland Christian Church has a craft show going on starting at 9 AM

- Pop-Up Shops & Punch Cards** - Participating businesses will have pop-up shops set up inside, offering unique gifts, treats, and one-of-a-kind finds. Don't forget to collect a punch on your card at each stop. Collect them all for your chance to win a *holiday

basket* filled with donations from every participating business!

- GingerbreadHouseCompetition** - In the afternoon, head back over to the Cortland Christian Church to enjoy the annual Gingerbread House Competition. Local bakers and crafters will showcase their creative holiday masterpieces - a true feast for the eyes!

- Santa's Special Visit Don't forget to stop by Coopers Fitness + Athletic Training Center where Santa will be waiting for pictures with the little ones. Plus, every child gets a small toy to take home!

Help support all the local businesses who are participating in this event. They include all your favorites: Furniture Decor and More, I Want That, Little Charlie's Bake Shop, Cortland Nutrition, Heritage Florist, Mr. Hero, CaRayna Farms, Centerra Country Store, Cortland Christian Church, Coopers Fitness + Athletic Training Center, Handle It Corral, LLC, Girts Cortland MUSIC 101, Cortland Main Street Coffee, Totally Dog, Stanley Grace.

Whether you're looking for the

perfect gift, a delicious holiday treat, or simply a way to enjoy the magic of Christmas, the Gingerbread Walk has something for everyone. Bring your family, your friends, and your holiday cheer to Cortland for an unforgettable experience!

Starting at 4 PM is the Christmas Market on West Main Street in Cortland. It runs until 8:00 pm on West Main Street. The Christmas Market on West Main Street in Cortland will be combined with the Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting. We've got exciting news, the City of Cortland is purchasing a tree and planting it in our downtown for all to see! This event will have crafts, vendors, hot chocolate, and a special visit from Santa Claus. We hope to see you there! Contact Jeffrey Jiang for more information at 330-716-3130.

This is a great all day family event for everyone to enjoy. Come out and shop local and support our businesses and vendors. Be part of a great new tradition with the Gingerbread Walk and the Christmas Market on West Main culminating with the Christmas tree lighting.

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Four Seasons Garden Club Installs New Officers

The Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland has elected and installed their new officers for 2024-25. Pictured are (left to right) Kathy Ferris, president, Mary Lou Jarrett, vice-president, Jean Mellott, corresponding secretary, Cindy Bratek, secretary, Tami Metzger, treasurer, Nancy Finley, past president, and Pam Hallett, parliamentarian.

Members of the club recently

prepared the Christmas wreaths and the snowflakes which were put up by the Cortland Service Dept. staff -- and will be decorating Cortland streets during the upcoming holidays.

This is another example of what makes Cortland such a great community -- when volunteer organizations, businesses and the city all work together.



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100 Flags For 100 Heros

By Sarah Gyure



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200 American flags waved silently in the wind on N. High Street in honor of Veterans Day. The annual flag display started last year when Girl Scout Troop 80161 out of Cortland noticed a lack of recognition for the area Veterans and wanted to show their gratitude. Through months of name gathering, meetings, learning the branches of service and what our nation's military does, the girls gained a new appreciation for Veterans.

The girls would like to thank the community for submitting the names of their Veterans, The Cortland News for helping them reach their audience and the public for visiting the display to speak the names of those who served. The Troop plans to grow their display next year to recognize more community Veterans.




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Autism Society
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With a background in non-profit development, Bacorn has successfully led initiatives to secure funding, increase community engagement, and implement impactful programs. Her passion for advancing autism support services is rooted in her dedication to empowering families and individuals with autism to live fulfilling lives. ASMV Board President Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer shared that she looks forward to Bacorn's leadership as it enters this exciting new chapter.

"Stacie brings a wealth of knowledge and energy that aligns perfectly with our mission. We are thrilled to welcome her and look forward to her vision's positive impact on the Autism community in Mahoning Valley." Heschmeyer added that the Board would like to thank our current director, Robin Suzelis, for her years of service and is happy to announce her assumption of the newly created role of Director of Information and Referral. Supporting Autistic individuals and their families is at the heart of what we do, and her dedicated support will help us strengthen this need.

For more information about the Autism Society of Mahoning Valley and its programs, please visit <https://autismmv.org> or contact Stacie M. Bacorn, Exec Director, at 330.428.0579 or stacie@autismmv.org



Cortland Lodge Holds Next Charity Breakfast

The next charity fund-raiser pancake breakfast at Cortland Masonic Lodge will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Lodge, which is located at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

The beneficiary will be "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", a volunteer organization which raises money and builds beds for children who do not have a bed to sleep on. The charity breakfasts are held monthly by the Masonic Lodge, which provides all of the meal supplies so that 100% of the proceeds can be donated to a local charity.

During November, the Masonic Lodge held two breakfasts which benefitted the "Healthy Hearts and Paws" organization, and the Vienna Historical Society -- marking over \$60,000 raised by the lodge for local charities since the breakfasts were initiated about 5 years ago.

The "all you can eat" breakfast costs \$9.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for youth age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee, with take-outs available.



November & December Cortland Library Events

By Apryl Gilliss

Holiday Closings - All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will close early at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and be closed all day on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 for the New Year's holiday.

Toddler Tales
Mondays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9
A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10
Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 - 5 with a parent or caregiver.

Family Crafternoon
Sat., Nov. 23 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. Families with children ages 3 and older can let their imaginations run wild and make some creative projects to take home. Call the Cortland Library at (330) 638-6335 a week before the event to find out what projects will be offered.

Midweek Mayhem
Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: Dec. 4, 11
Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities,

and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout! Free.

A Cortland Christmas
Thurs., Dec. 5 between 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Bring the family to kick off the holiday season at the library! There will be crafts for children, festive holiday music by guitarist Tyler Guerrieri, cookies and punch will be served, and Santa will visit! This program is made possible by funding from the Friends of the Cortland Library. Free.

Teen Advisory Board
Tues., Dec. 10 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can join the Teen Advisory Board to share what they'd like to see at the library, earn service hours, and collaborate on creative ideas. Free.

Homework Hangout
Thurs., Dec. 12 from 3 - 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can take time to study, read, or write that paper while listening to calming music and sipping tea! Free.

Make a Zwirnknopf Button
Sat., Dec. 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. Kathy Kovell from the Lacers of the Lake group will teach the art of crafting a unique, colorful button using traditional techniques. All materials will be provided for this craft for adults. Registration is required; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

The Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society

By Curt Moll

YES - The Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society is still around but has changed a great deal over the last 5 years. We have continued to meet and value education for the community but have shifted much of our effort to maintaining the Cortland Opera house and preserving the history of our community. Our meetings are currently at 5 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. They are open to anyone, and we do not collect membership dues. We have cataloged about 750 artifacts in an on-line system and inventoried significant parts of our collection. We have also created an internet site at www.cortlandohiohistory.org and made some of our stories and photos of early Bazetta and Cortland available on the site.

Research, conference and storage areas in the lower level of the Opera House were made possible through an endowment from the estate of Martha J. Goist. The conference room has been named in honor of Mary and Sid Case

for both a monetary gift from their estate and many donations of artifacts over the years.

With the endowment we can begin to focus more on preservation and organization of our collection and making it available to the public. Our need for volunteer help has shifted away from raising money and event planning to volunteers interested in preserving our history and making it available to the public in museum displays and on the internet.

Over the past few years, we have had many people in our community come to us with artifacts and historical documents. We believe that these items should be preserved and used to educate future generations about the challenges our ancestors faced settling here and making a new home in Bazetta township.

If you are interested in helping, contact the Society by email at info@cortlandohiohistory.org

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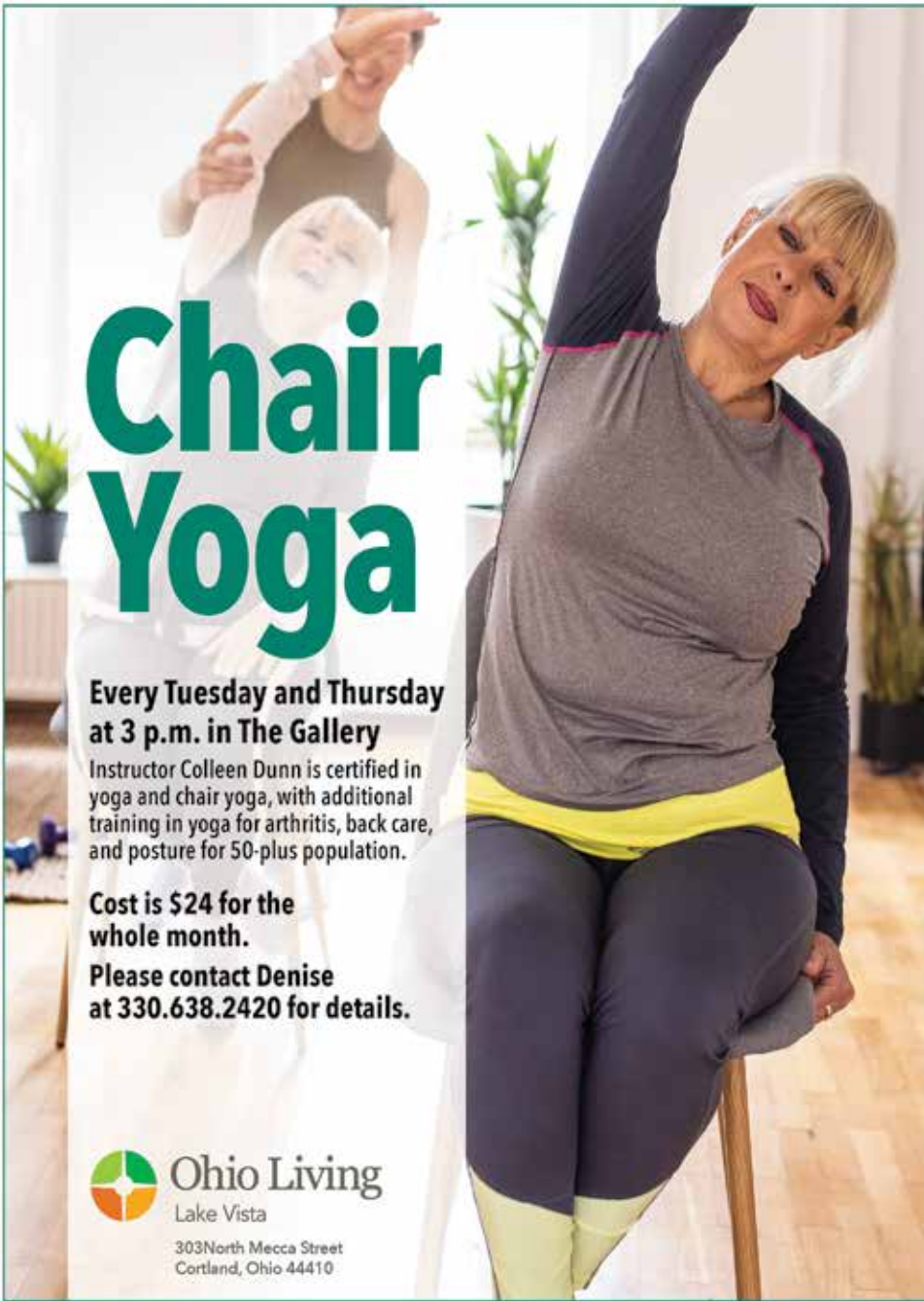
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