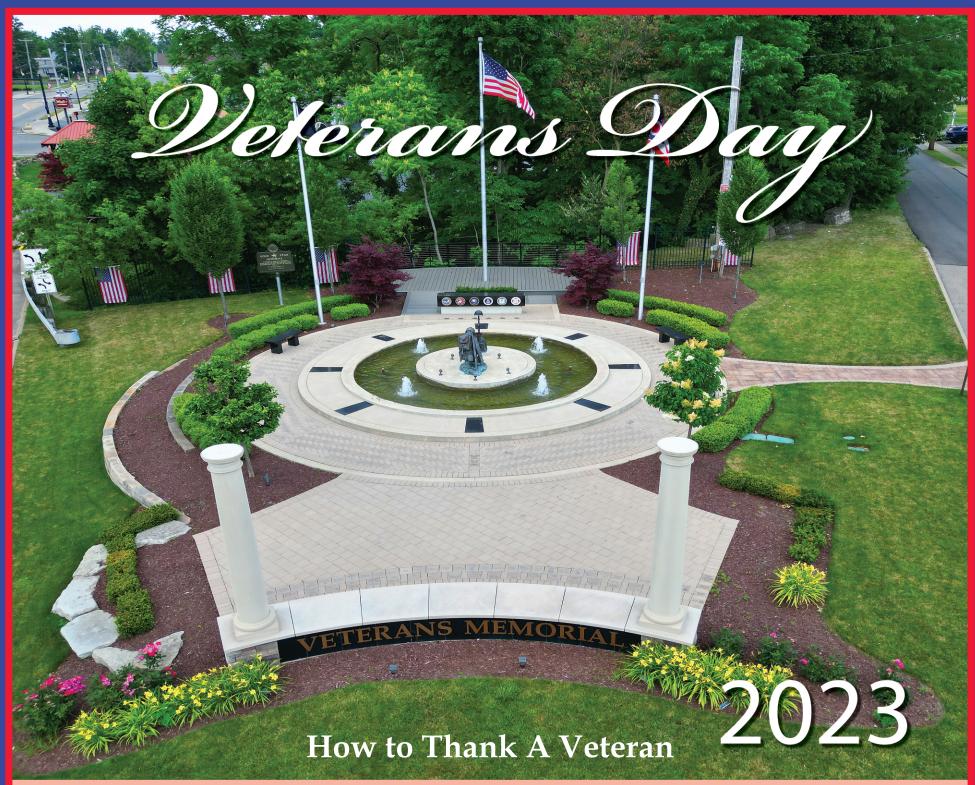
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By Heather Sensabaugh

we would not be able to enjoy the

think about ways to show them how thankful we are for their service to our country. A poll was taken in 2019 that asked Veterans how they would like to be shown gratitude and 41% of Veterans said they liked to hear, "Thank you for your service." The rest communicated that they would rather we show our gratitude in more concrete, lasting ways. There are approximately 19 million Veterans alive today and the ways you can thank them for their service are numerous.

Veterans and researchers agree that engaging in substantiative conversations about their service is the best way. Not all who served want to talk about it, but many do. Taking an interest in a Veteran's story about their military career is important, as their service was meritorious. Preferred

American Veterans are heroes. freedoms we have today. As Veteran's questions are regarding when they Every year on Veteran's Day, area Without their service and sacrifice, Day approaches, it is good for us to served, where they were stationed and restaurants and stores offer free what specific jobs they held or did while serving. Questions to ask could include: How long did you serve? What was your favorite moment in all your time in the service? Did anyone else in your family serve? Why did you go into the service branch you did?

Military.com suggests that volunteering at a local Veteran's organization, mailing letters to soldiers overseas and flying American flags outdoors are good ways to show our gratitude to Veterans. It is good to patronize Veteran owned businesses and important to hire Veterans if you're in the position to do so. Operationgratitude.com is a great website that allows people to engage in volunteering opportunities, write letters and donate to their care package program, with almost 4,000,000 care packages having been sent to date.

meals and discounts for Veterans. Some restaurants that participate and are listed at Militarywallet.com include Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Applebee's, Outback, Denny's and Perkins. Others include Texas Roadhouse, Wendy's, Subway, Bob Evans, Firebirds and O'Charley's. Stores with discounts include Circle K, Target, Sheetz and Tractor Supply Company. Goodyear Auto Service even offers a Free Car Care For Vets program on Veteran's Day, and Sport Clips offers free haircuts! If you have a Veteran friend or family member, let them know! Happy Veteran's Day!





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Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 6

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.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League Schedulewww.facebook.com/ytownnigthhawks

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.

NOVEMBER

- Tails of Hope Pet Pic with Santa / Whole Life Services, Hermitage, PA
- Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge / 9 AM-Noon / See pg. 5
- **Election Day**
- Bridge Dedication / Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee and American Legion Post 540 / 2 PM / See pg. 5
- Trumbull Town Hall presents actress & conservationist Stefanie Powers Packard Music Hall /10:30 AM / See Below

Cortland Mower to "Bag Hunger"

Cortland Mower Sales is teaming up with three local organizations to help combat the hunger problem in our area. Many families, including those with school-aged children, do not have enough to eat. You can help feed them and maybe win a new Toro 18" Snow Blower, a \$579.00 value.

Stop into Cortland Mower at 118 Walnut St. in Cortland and pick up a green Cortland Mower Tote Bag from Nov. 1 through Dec. 17. Bring the bag back to Cortland Mower filled with nonperishable food items before Dec.

The Cortland Lions

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Our Community

recent meeting presented checks to

help support the needs of Cortland

Fire Department and Cortland Police

Department. Our club donated \$1,500

to help the Cortland Fire Department

purchase a new Jaws of Life and we

also donated \$1,500 to help the Cortland

Police Department purchase new AED Batteries for the defibrillators the Officers carry in their patrol cars.

community. If you would also like to

help with the purchase of these needed

items, please contact Cortland Fire Chief

Rae and Cortland Police Chief Morris.

The Cortland Lions Club at our

By Ralph McCord

16. You can fill as many bags as you like. Each time you return a filled bag you will receive one entry for a chance to win the TORO Snow Blower.

Household items such as paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, etc. are also appreciated. All donations will be distributed to the Lakeview School Food Pantry, The Patchwork Foundation, and the Maplewood Rocket Fuel Program.

Help "BAG HUNGER" in our community.

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Our Lions Club serves our Trumbull Town Hall **Presents Stefanie**

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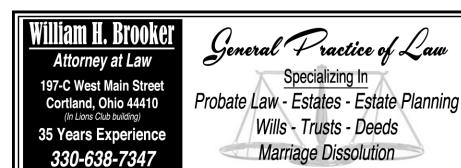
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Stop in on the November 25th Gingerbread Walk for all the Small Business specials! In addition, each transaction during the Gingerbread Walk will earn a mystery discount card, good through Dec. 23rd. We will have a card given with each purchase made in store November 25, with a mystery discount of 10% 20% or 30% to be used at a later date up to December 23, 2023.

Powers

actress & conservationist Stefanie Powers at Packard Music Hall on Wednesday, November 15 at 10:30 AM. Stefanie Power's story of a resourceful, empowered and atypical celebrity life is told with candor, wit and wisdom that has come to embody the woman herself. She is an award-winning stage actress, fitness advocate and an internationally recognized animal conservationist.

Hart". Tickets at the door are \$35. Light refreshments are available for purchase. Call 330-240-1706 OR 330-841-2619. Program at 10:30 am and doors open at







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All donations will be distributed to:

Lakeview School Pantry,

The Patchwork Foundation,

& the Maplewood Rocket Fuel Program

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All bags must be returned by December 16th



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Jo Marie's School Of Dance & Gymnastics Center

The owners of Jo Marie's School of Dance & Gymnastics Center, Aeron Koprivnak and Joe DiLallo, are excited to reveal their new business logo. "Joe and I thought this year, being the 50th anniversary of Jo Marie's, would be the perfect time to create a new logo. We decided to go with a new modern look and are very pleased with how it turned out. Our students, parents and staff are very excited about the new look" said Koprivnak.

"The last 50 years have been a huge success, and we are excited for what the next 50 years will bring. When we purchased the studio in 2021 after Jo Marie had retired, we agreed to keep the same name. Obviously, the history of Jo Marie's is long standing in the community and the reputation meant something. Though we will not change the name, we did decide to add a new and modern touch by redesigning the logo."

"We would like to give a shout out and say thank you to Michael Popovich at Jungle Screen-printing in North Jackson for envisioning and helping to design the studio logo."

Congratulations to JoMarie's! The Cortland News wishes you 50 more years of success!

A History Of The Mosquito Lake Dam

By Robert Adkins

All of you that have enjoyed living in Cortland, Ohio, I present to you more Good News! You are living by the most "Perfect Dam". A dam owned by the Army Core of Engineers "built in ninety days of construction for a lifetime of benefit."

The Vienna Historical Society recently held a presentation on the History of the Mosquito Dam. It was presented by Park Ranger and Natural Resources Specialist Jamison Conley.

Prior to its construction, the Mahoning Valley suffered extreme flooding. In fact all the way south along the Beaver to the Ohio and Mississippi a series of dams were built for Flood Control and Navigation. Built in 1943 it was critical for war time steel production.

The dam was constructed of clay and rocks with special tunnels underneath that divert water to the nearby Warren Water Purification Plant. The tunnels are inspected underneath by Army Core of Engineers and they actually bump into huge Catfish!

The Mosquito Lake is 9.6 miles long and one mile wide. It is kept healthy by sensing water quality and river flow rates. As many as 40 Bald Eagle nest near the lake and even Ospreys have been introduced. There are also Geese plentiful on the lake and surrounding fields.

The dam is called "Perfect" because it cannot overflow, but will flow backwards into the Grand River and back into Lake Erie if too much rain

And now, you know a little more about the history of our perfect dam.



Charity Breakfast Saturday Nov. 4th

The Cortland Masonic Lodge has scheduled their next Saturday morning Charity Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at their location at 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) from 9 am to Noon. This breakfast will benefit the "Conversation Station" in Orwell, which is an all-volunteer group that provides a safe haven for kids before and after school. These families are lower income and cannot afford day care, and they have nobody to watch their kids as the parents work. The volunteers help the kids with homework, play games and provide refreshments at no cost. All their services are financed through fundraising.

The "All You Can Eat" Charity Pancake Breakfasts are held each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge and 100% of the proceeds are donated to a charity or a needy individual. The breakfast cost is \$8.00 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.

Bring the whole family and enjoy breakfast together.



Trumbull Mobile Meals Receives Land Donation

Trumbull Mobile Meals was presented on November 1st with a land donation beside its current location at 323 East Market St. in Warren, Ohio, by Lewis Guarnieri and his mother Sandra. Sandra and her late husband, Donald, have been long-time supporters and volunteers of Trumbull Mobile Meals. Sandra and her son, Lewis Guarnieri, are continuing their family's tradition of supporting Trumbull Mobile Meals by donating a large parcel of land, allowing a much-needed garage for their delivery shuttles. Trumbull Mobile Meals has had their catalytic converters stolen off their vehicles on several occasions. The garage will help secure the vans and keep them protected from the elements. The donation will be presented at 1:00 p.m. on November 1st at Trumbull Mobile Meals, located at 323 E. Market St. in Warren, OH.

On top of the Guarnieri's generosity, they are also donating \$1,000.00 toward the construction of the garage. Trumbull Mobile Meals is extremely blessed to receive this donation for our expansion. We can't thank Lewis and Sandra Guarnieri enough for helping Trumbull Mobile Meals to achieve its mission to ensure that 'No One Goes Hungry' in our community.

Warren Women's Club Plans **Holiday Teas**

By Peggy Boyd

The Warren Women's Club, located at 708 North Park Avenue, Warren invite ladies and gentlemen to their annual Christmas Tea. The teas are fashioned after the high teas held in England complete with china, linen table cloths, scones and door prizes awarded throughout the afternoon. Each tea is served by ladies from the

There are two Christmas Teas scheduled. The first is on Sunday, November 26 at 1 pm. Seating is by reservation only and limited to forty people. The cost is \$15 per person.

The second tea is on Sunday, December 3 at 1 pm. It too is by reservation only with seating of 40 people. The cost is \$15 per person.

Looking to the new year of 2024, the club will celebrate Mardi Gras on February 4, 2024 and February 11, 2024. Seating will be limited to forty patrons for a sit-down affair celebrating with music and food from the New Orleans and Mardi Gras region. The menu will include gumbo, chicken Continued on page 7

Vietnam Memorial **Bridge Dedication**

By Dick McClain

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee together with the American Legion Post 540 of Cortland are planning the dedication ceremony for the newly renamed bridge on East Main Street in Cortland.

The bridge will be named the "Vietnam Memorial Bridge" in honor of Lakeview graduates PFC Andrew Sinchak, Jr. [1965] and SP4 Terrance Weant [1967] who were killed in action in Vietnam.

The public dedication ceremony will be held on the bridge Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 2:00PM.

Honored guests will include Sinchak and Weant family members who will join in the unveiling of the new bridge signs.

The public is invited, especially Vietnam veterans and Lakeview classmates. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Volunteers will direct parking in the vicinity of Cortland Mower Sales.





Community **Christmas Concert**

By Carole Wiley

Plans for the Community Christmas Concert are being made. The date for the concert is Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. As in years past, the concert will be held at Lakeview High School. The Cortland Community Band is presently rehearsing their many Merry Christmas songs. Along with the band, our community choir will perform

Fortunately, Michelle Robbins Jones will again lead the singers. All previous singers are urged to continue as members. Also, additional singers will be very welcome to join the group. There are no auditions; the only requirement is that you like to sing! Rehearsals are already scheduled.

The dates of these gatherings are: November 4th, November 18th, December 2nd, and December 9th. Rehearsals will take place at 10 AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 490 N. High Street, Cortland. More concert information will be forthcoming.





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Warren Senior Citizen Center To Host Grief Chat



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is a journey that is best navigated with the help and of others, who with care, compassion and support can assist us in finding hope and healing once again.

Warren Senior Citizen Center located at 375 N. Park Ave. in collaboration with HarmonyCares Hospice will be hosting a Grief Chat group twice a month. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 PM starting in September. The purpose of the group is to bring together people who have lost someone close to them in order to provide emotional, spiritual and moral support for one another in a safe environment giving them a forum in which to search for meaning and healing.

The meetings will have a brief educational presentation on an aspect of grief and healing followed by an open time of conversation and sharing among the attendees. The group will be facilitated by Rev. John Bower, Chaplain of HarmonyCares Hospice. There is no cost to attend.

For more information contact John Bower at 330-729-2924 or SCOPE at 330-399-8846

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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. There are four phases to Part D coverage costs: deductible, initial coverage, coverage gap and catastrophic coverage. For 2024 the annual deductible can be \$0-\$545. 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 \$5,030. At this point you enter the Coverage Gap (donut hole). It is important to remember this is based on the actual retail cost of the drug not the amount you pay to the pharmacy as a copay. During the donut hole coverage gap you pay 25% of the actual retail cost of the prescription until your true out-of-pocket costs reach \$8,000. At that point you enter catastrophic coverage and pay \$0 of the retail 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 and the donut hole. Each plan can decide if they will participate in the program and which specific insulins they will include for this price. Each insurance company can develop their own drug formulary that classifies drugs into different tiers. They can 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

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.

Volunteers Needed At Scope

SCOPE Senior Services needs volunteers during the daytime to help deliver groceries to homebound and disabled citizens. Volunteer delivery drivers will assist SCOPE in order to allow its staff who are currently making deliveries to work their center's activities.

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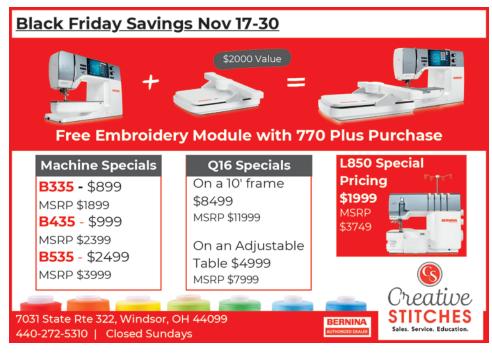
organization that serves senior citizens in Trumbull County. Common assignments include administrative, food service, and driving.

For additional information call SCOPE Senior Services at 330-399-8846.











Changing Of the Flags

The American Flag is recognized as a universal symbol that stands for liberty, freedom, and the history of our nation. On Saturday October 28, Warren Junior Women's League and Four Seasons Garden club of Cortland changed the American flags on the King Graves Road Bridge over Route 11. This is a project started in 2015 by these two clubs to honor our veterans, servicemen and women. Every two years the flags are retired, and 60 new flags are hung on the bridge fencing.

The King Graves road bridge adorned in American flags is a wonderful tribute to honor the servicemen and women that gave their lives for us to have this freedom. Warren Junior Women's League and Four Seasons Garden club of Cortland combine their talents, labor and financial costs to maintain this project with no cost to the township, city or state. A ceremonial flag burning will occur in November with the Boy Scouts. Watch social media for information.

Warren Women's Club

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etouffee, shrimp jambalaya, red beans & rice, "Baby Cakes", pralines and non-alcoholic hurricane drinks. The cost is \$25 per person.

Reservations for all events can be made by contacting Sandy Mahaffey at 330-518-6927.

The Warren Women's Club, established in 1947 meets monthly from September through June on the third Monday of the month. The monthly meetings feature a luncheon, fellowship and an interesting program with a speaker. Membership information in the organization can be had by contacting Louise Kline at 330-399-4661.



Fran Cunningham, Sandra Guarnieri, Nancy Nader





my conversations I had with him they

ended with giving thanks. If you were

to visit my newfound friend, you would

see he had two wooden chairs that sat in

front of his small fireplace that burned

coal from the local mine providing heat

for his home. The cracks in the wooden

floorboards revealed the ground below

the floor. He had no other furniture

other than a small table in front of the

sink. No pictures on the wall because

he was blind and couldn't see them

anyway. One would wonder why he

ourselves giving thanks for the small

pleasures in life? The abundance of

food. The roof over our head. The

transportation we drive, the people God

has placed in our lives we call family

and friends. The country we call home,

and the freedoms we enjoy because

men & women have chosen to defend

and serve our great country. Perhaps

it would help us if we could find time

during our busy schedules to pause and

reflect on how fortunate we are. Yes, my

During the day, do we find

was so thankful for his surroundings.

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Opreading the Message Rev Charles Hargenrader, Church of the Nazarene

How much is enough?

One Sunday in Sunday school, the He lived a life of thankfulness. During lesson was on grace. The teacher asked, "What is grace?" One man answered, "Grace is the unmerited favor of God bestowed on us unworthy sinners." Someone else added another thought. Then the teacher looked at a heavy-set old man dressed in overalls. He asked, "Bill, what do you say grace is?" Bill thought for a moment and scratched his thinning gray hair. Finally, he said, "Well, I ain't for sure, but I think it means that God provides all the stuff." Stuff is what Americans are known for. I'm aware many of us may not identify as hoarders, and that's a good thing. But for some reason we tend to have a built-in desire to want more and better. A better job, a better home, a newer cell phone, a nicer car, the list goes on. So, the question is "what is enough"?

While living in Llay North Wales, down the road was a man who lived alone in a small shack not much bigger than an outdoor shed in America. Mr. McMillin lived all his life in the village. When I asked how old he was he couldn't really remember. But there was one thing that stood out about him.

This very important project is

underway. Adopt A foot is a LOAF

sponsored campaign held every fall in

several school districts in our vicinity. As you likely know, the many generous

donations fund the purchase of a great

many shoes for children in need. Tom

Maloy, owner of Neal's Shoes, is one of the founders of this meaningful

charity. The other founder was the late

Jean Bolinger. Each pair of shoes cost

approximately \$30 but any donation is

very valuable to the children. For many

of these children, no other pair of shoes

is available to them. Think about that

fact. Think about how your donation of

any amount will brighten the life of a

LOAF and mail to LOAF, PO Box 494,

Cortland, Ohio, 44410. The deadline is

November 11th. Many thanks to all of

young child just before Christmas!

you and Neal's Shoes!

By Carole Wiley

Adopt A Foot **Holocaust Survivor**

friends, we are blessed.

Holocaust Survivor Art Gelbart will speak at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 at Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Ave. The event is part of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation's anti-hate and educational opportunities initiative.

Art the Holocaust.

Contact Federation Director To donate, make your check out to of Community Engagement Melissa Bateman at mbateman@ jewishyoungstown.org or 330-746-3251, ext. 159 to register.

EMBRACING THE WORD

Rev Dave Vensel, Prince of Peace Church



As I sat at the supper table one evening early in October, hearing and seeing news reports of horrifying atrocities coming out of the Middle East, a holy land if you will, I was deeply burdened and humbled at the appetizing meal before me knowing there were many at that moment and so many others in the world in desperate circumstances being denied such luxury and ease I was taking for granted.

My first response was to become regularly intentional about praying for the needs and welfare of all those suffering. My second response was to conscientiously consider the many blessings in my life, be thankful and thank God for all of them.

A number of years ago, our family and extended family were gathered for Thanksgiving dinner. My then about three-year-old granddaughter had been cued by her parents to ask the ten or so of us around the table to name something for which we were thankful as part of our meal prayer. One by one she addressed each by name until it came back around to her when her mother asked, "And Ella, what are you thankful for?" That was her cue to announce her new baby brother as her family's birth announcement. Instead, caught up in the moment, she blurted out, "Pizza!!!"

Our lives are blessed in all sorts of ways we may too often take for granted.

Just as easily, our human nature can lead us down dark paths when we're feeling afflicted, tossed-about, discouraged, burdened and not so blessed.

'Count Your Blessings' is an oldtimey hymn written by Oatman (yes, his name was Oatman) Johnson in 1897. Some of the lyrics come to mind during what seem to me to be very troubling times in our lives and world: 1. 'When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost... 2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?...' Refrain: 'Count your many blessings, name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord hath

In light of present circumstances, both personal and across our world, as you sit down to whatever serves as your Thanksgiving dinner, be intentionally mindful of the blessings in your life. Name them, count them. Be humbled and grateful by them. Allow yourself to be surprised at God's sometimes mysterious ways of being present and working in our lives and in an often-hostile world that is not Heaven. As the apostle Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's Will for you in Christ Jesus."

To Speak

Gelbart was held in Blechhammer for two years before being forced on a death march to Buchenwald where he was eventually liberated. Gelbart will share stories of his life in Poland before his family was taken to work and concentration camps, and how his life was changed during



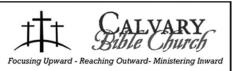
Cortland Christian Church Veterans Program

On Sunday, Nov. 12th, Cortland Christian Church is having a special worship service at 10 am featuring Kenneth J. David as their special guest speaker. Ken is a U.S. Army veteran who was drafted in 1969 and went to Vietnam in 1970, serving as a radio operator with the 101st Airborne

Ken received the nation's second highest award for extra-ordinary heroism, the Distinguished Service Cross. He will share his knowledge of

what our veterans went through in the Vietnam jungle battles and his personal battles that followed in real life.

Cortland Christian Church is located at 153 Grove Drive, just one block off West Main St. The public is invited to this special program, and all veterans are especially welcome. A special fellowship gathering will be held immediately after the service. For more information, call the church office at 330-637-4611.



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Church News & Notes

Trinity Lutheran is our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday Nov. 22nd at 5:30 pm.

Cortland United Methodist Church presents "God Provides A Meal". Free community lunch, everyone welcome. November 18th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert & Beverage. Donations accepted but not required. Please Come And Bring A Friend

Cortland Church of The Nazarene recently held a craft show to raise money for the Crisis Care Kits Project. All proceeds went to the project. Crisis Care Kits are a cooperative effort between Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Incorporated (NCMI) and Nazarene Missions International (NMI). Crisis Care Kits are a tangible way to get involved in disaster response. Volunteers in Nazarene churches around the world prepare the kits. Thousands of kits are made, stored, and distributed globally each year as needed. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this worthy cause.

Wildare Church - Every Sunday Children/Youth Fellowship: SPARKS group for ages 10-14 from 12:30-2:30pm and Ignite Youth Fellowship for ages 15-18 from 2:30-4:30pm. Contact Barb for more information at wildarebw@gmail.com

Cortland Christian Church Holiday Craft Fair. The Women of Worship of Cortland Christian Church are planning their annual Holiday Craft Fair for Saturday, November 25. The hours are 10 am - 3 pm. We will have a fellowship hall and maybe more, full of vendors and crafters, a bake sale and Raffle Baskets and you can have lunch with us too: Soup, sandwiches, chips and drink. It will put you in the holiday shopping mood, starting your list of gifts to buy or finishing with those smaller gifts for stockings. Stop over and see us. This has always been a fun sale.

Jewish Community Center presents Fortnite League for ages 10 and over beginning Nov. 7 at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane. Teams of three will compete in this six-week Fortnite league. The top two teams will be eligible for prizes. The league will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 7 through Dec. 12. The cost is \$30 for JCC members and \$40 for nonmembers. Visit jccyoungstown. org/esports to register by Nov. 3.

Trumbull North Parish's food drive for the people of Grahn Kentucky. This is the third annual food drive by Saint Roberts Church, with the addition of Saint Willam and Saint Thomas the help that we give to our less fortunate brothers and sisters will lead to our most successful food drive to date. We're gathering nonperishable food items to help support Grahn, a disadvantaged community nestled in the hills of Appalachia where 125 families call home. Non -perishable items can be dropped off at any of the three churches halls or basement. Suggested items include: Peanut butter, Cereal, Canned Food, Baking supplies, Rice, Boxed potatoes.

Thank You From Eric Pirtz Family

By Jill Pirtz

Our family wants to send to all of our gratefulness for the successful search for Eric Pirtz on October 8. He went missing in an instant on foot from our home that afternoon. The hours that followed his disappearance were filled with prayers, ground searches, air search, cars, people on foot, canine searches and local news posting.



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and everyone.

Our humble thank you for the miracle of events leading up to finding him is best said in the song "Gratitude' by Brandon Lake. Here he is in the ambulance after he was found. All our thanks to everyone from the family of Eric Pirtz.

We want to thank the police, firemen, EMTs and dispatchers in all three counties. Also the highway patrol air search and local news. There were hundreds of posts on social media and an endangered missing person alert initiated. Thank you to the hundreds of people in cars and those walking and those in their homes praying. Prayers were answered after dark when God led one of his searchers off the beaten track on a four wheeler to find him in the woods. Thank you to our God, Savior and Holy Spirit for the direction and protection given that night to Eric

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Mary Ann Bronson

Special to The Cortland News

Mary Ann Bronson, 58 of Cortland, OH passed away peacefully on October 15th, 2023 in her home with her family at her side. Mary Ann was born on February 21st, 1965 to Lucille (Callahan) and Leonard Wasilewski in Canton, Ohio. After graduating high school, Mary Ann worked as Senior Accounting Clerk for the Mercer County Controllers Office.

On August 25th, 2018 she married her husband David Bronson, who survives at home. Mary Ann is survived by her husband David, stepdaughter, Ainsley Bronson, brother, Michael (Kristine) Wasilewski, brother, Tom (Vicki) Wasilewski, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Elaine Wasilewski. In lieu of flowers, Mary Ann would like memorial contributions made to the Shenango Valley Animal Shelter 2599 Broadway Rd. Hermitage, PA 16148 or to Hospice of the Valley 979 Tibbetts Wick Rd. Girard, Oh 44420.

Friends may call Thursday November 2nd, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the SHERMAN Funeral Home & Crematory 2201 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA 16148. Friends are at www.shermanfuneralhome.com welcome to gather Friday November Arrangements entrusted to the Sherman 3rd, 2023 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Funeral Home & Crematory

St. Bartholomew R.C. Church 311 W. Ridge Ave. Sharpsville, PA ahead of mass. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Friday November 3rd, 2023 in St. Bartholomew R.C. Church.

Burial will take place in St. Louis Cemetery Lewisville, OH.

Online condolences may be expressed



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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

As the song goes, "The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round..." and our drivers are the ones who make that happen. In fact, each October every district in Ohio is tasked with counting the number of riders and submitting that data as well as other statistics to the Ohio Department of Education for analysis. This year, our report shows that we drive 690 miles per day to make sure our students K-12 have a safe and reliable ride to and from school.

Our buses transport a total of 869

students with 58 of them residing within one mile of their school buildings and 811 of them residing more than one mile from their school. In one school year, our buses will be driven a total of 123,510 miles just on their regular bus runs. That doesn't count the miles added to the total for field trips, sporting events, and other school-related activities that require transportation using our yellow fleet.

The workday for a driver starts ahead of almost every other district employee as they do mandatory prechecks on their buses before they hit the road for their morning run – usually in the dark and often in the cold. Our families and students appreciate the fact that our buses generally run a reliable schedule and get to each stop at the designated time. When there are snags to that well-oiled machine, our drivers communicate with the transportation office about a delay so we can alert specific buildings and/or parents who are expecting children. Drivers are also responsible for keeping a tidy bus on the inside and can often be found sweeping and cleaning at the end of a daily run.

Our drivers know they have a great responsibility entrusted to them as they transport our children to and from school each day. From the moments before the bus pulls up to a stop to the moments the passengers are safely off the bus and either headed into their school building or on the way into their home, the safe passage of our kids is their number one consideration.

We are exceptionally grateful to our dedicated drivers who carefully do their jobs each day.



Take Art - Leave Art

Ohio Living Lake Vista and Lakeview High School proudly announce their collaborative project of a recently installed Art Box. The first piece on display was created by an Ohio Living resident, and everyone is looking forward to seeing new pieces in

Denise Rubano, of Ohio Living, worked with Lakeview High School administration to bring the project to fruition. Christopher Milo Construction installed the project in late October.

Take Art-Leave Art (TALA) is popular means of sharing artwork with others. All community members are encouraged to visit the high school art box, located near the entrance to the auditorium. Also new pieces are welcome - just take the piece in the box and replace it with your creation. Please be sure to sign your artwork and indicate that it came from Cortland,

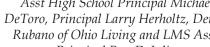


Asst High School Principal Michael DeToro, Principal Larry Herholtz, Denise Rubano of Ohio Living and LMS Asst. Principal Ron DeJulio.





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Class of 2023 **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 Lillian McCarthy. Lillian is the daughter of Chris McCarthy and Jackie Croteau and Lillian has attended school with the Lakeview Local School District her entire career. Lillian has a passion for social work and aspires to become a lawyer to help women and children. Lillian is strong academically and takes multiple college courses through YSU on her own including a few in Criminal Justice.

Lillian writes for our student publications course which maintains school's newspaper yearbook. Lillian is also a member of the school's esteemed Assemble For Change (AFC) club. As a member of AFC, Lillian spearheaded Lakeview's first-ever Freshman Academy last spring. Freshman Academy is an innovative concept that helps welcome incoming freshmen to LHS, introduces the freshmen to peer mentors and helps to break down the unfamiliarity of High School life. Wanting to pursue a career in social work and law, Lillian hopes to attend Akron, Cincinnati, Ohio State, or Cleveland State.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I can stand on my bicycle seat!
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? -The clubs!
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - El Torero
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? -The gravel lot down at the lake.
- 5.) You might catch me ... -Taking the boys [her cousins that live with her] to the park.
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? - To advocate for children and women.





A Letter To The Community From The Levy Committee

To our fellow citizens,

Lakeview Schools are facing a financial crisis, our school and our community is set for a bleak future from which we may never recover. It's no secret that a school system is the beating heart of a community and as that heart begins to fail so does the community. The Lakeview School District is considered a destination district, but what will happen if this levy fails?

With confidence, we can tell you what happened to a nearby district where families once flocked for great schools and community. This is no longer true, their parents and voters faced a similar question that you/ Lakeview faces today, do we fund the schools, do we invest in our children, do we invest in our community? They chose "NO". Because of their choices, things like athletics and extracurricular activities were lost, shortened school days due to the elimination of elective courses in art, music, and technology, and gone was all-day kindergarten.

No one desires to enroll in a school system without these crucial aspects of education, no one aspires to buy homes in that community, home values have plummeted, and rental properties have taken over. Let's learn from their mistakes and band together to prevent this from happening to our children and our community.

What comes next without the additional operating funds from the levy will negatively impact the

Lakeview Local **Schools Job Fair**

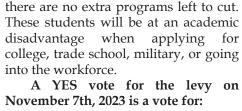
On Thursday, November 9th at 5:30 PM in the Lakeview K-7 Cafeteria the Lakeview School district will be hosting a Job Fair. The District is currently looking to hire substitutes in the following areas: Classroom Teacher, Classroom Aide, Bus Driver, Cafeteria Worker, Custodian.

Please RSVP at www.lakeviewlocal. org. Background checks will be provided at the event.







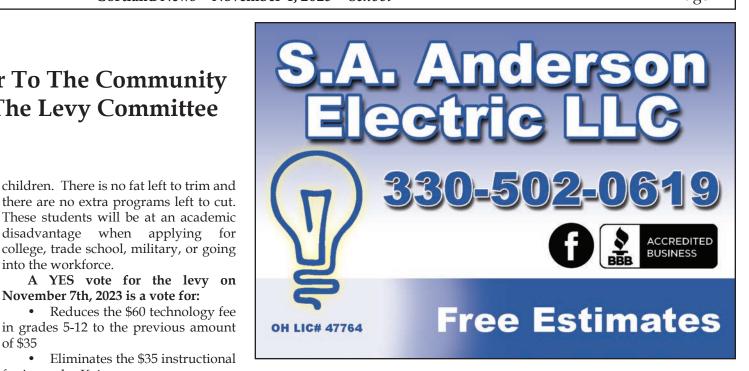


- Reduces the \$60 technology fee in grades 5-12 to the previous amount
- Eliminates the \$35 instructional fee in grades K-4
- Maintains the current Specials in K-7 building: Art, Physical Education, Music, Library, Career Technology
- Eliminates all Pay to Participate Fees (Sports and Clubs)
- Maintains School Resource Officer Program
- Returns 8th grade to the Middle School

No one wants to pay more taxes, but we have a duty to offer the children the best possible education and the safest possible community. We urge you to get out and vote YES on November **7th** to secure the future success of the students and our community! With Hope,

The Lakeview Levy Committee

For questions, please contact us at Lakeview Levy Committee via lakeviewlevycommittee@gmail.com.







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Just The Facts - Is the city of Cortland transparent? Yes? No? Find the answer at the bottom of the eNews. from increased visibility within the local community. Whether you are a small enterprise or large business,

Former Farmers Bank Parking Lot on W. Main - The City of Cortland is now the owner of the former Farmers Bank parking lot on W. Main St.

State of Lakeview's Finance Meeting - FOLLOW UP - The district held a review and insight into the current and projected financial health of our school district on Sept 25th. If you have questions regarding the district finances, our Superintendent and Treasurer are happy to assist you. This information is being included at the request of the Lakeview Levy Committee.

Business Façade Grant Program. The goal of this initiative is to improve the visual appearance of the city and be a conduit of development and revitalization within our community. The city would like to offer a 25% match up to \$2,500. The application deadline has been extended to Nov. 30, 2023. A complete application package along with a letter introducing businesses to Businesses that are Hiring was mailed to all city businesses September 22. If you did not receive and application, you can find one under the Business tab on the city website https://cityofcortland. org/ and then under Business Façade Grant Program.

Businesses that are Hiring - As part of our commitment to supporting local businesses and job seekers, we are thrilled to introduce a valuable resource - the free job listings feature on the city's website under the tab Businesses that are Hiring. The City of Cortland recognizes the importance of a strong and dynamic workforce to drive the growth of our local economy. In collaboration with local businesses, organizations, and residents, we have developed this new workforce development component to help bridge the gap between employers and potential employees.

By posting job openings on the City's website, businesses can benefit

from increased visibility within the local community. Whether you are a small enterprise or large business, we welcome your participation in this collaborative effort to strengthen our community. To access the job list form and get started, please visit https://forms.office.com/r/te6q1StkxB.

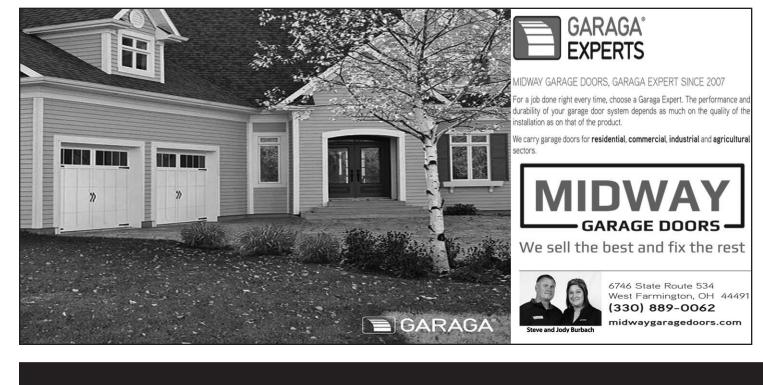
Toys for Tots - drop off at Cortland Fire Department now until December 8th.

State Issues 1 & 2 - The Ohio Secretary of State sent the city information on the November General Election. https://cityofcortland.org/november-general-election/

The Cortland Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Lions Building.

The Cortland Scope Senior Center - It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cortland Christian Church -153 Grove.

Answer - The correct answer is a. Yes. The city posts all agendas, minutes, resolutions and ordinances of every Council Meeting, Planning, Zoning & Building Commission and Parks Board Meeting from the last 10 years on its website. Furthermore, Council Meeting videos are uploaded to YouTube within an hour of adjournment. Prior to a Council Meeting, the agenda is sent to the Tribune Chronicle, in the Friday eNews, and posted on the city's website. The proposed legislation is posted on the website prior to the vote, as well. The city of Cortland prides itself on being one of the most open and transparent cities around. It was awarded the "Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government" from the Ohio Auditor of State. Getting information out to its residents as quickly as possible is one of the city's top priorities. Although we welcome residents to attend our open meetings, we understand people are busy and don't always have the time to attend, so we do our best to keep everyone informed.





■ By Thom Foley

The Cortland News is looking for a few more volunteer writers to help bring all the GOOD NEWS to our community.

If you are interested drop me a line at Editor@thecortlandnews.com

Property Tax Basics



Local tax revenues are impacted by state law and Ohio's Constitution. Property taxes are calculated based on the underlying value of the property. Since property values change over time, Ohio has a statutory process in place to reappraise every property every six years (along with a simpler update every three years).

It is important to keep in mind that district residents pay taxes on assessed values of real property. In Ohio, real property is assessed at 35% of its appraised value for taxation purposes; thus, taxpayers are taxed on 35% of their property's appraised value. For example, one mill levied on a home with an assessed value of \$35,000 (\$100,000 appraised market value) would generate \$35.00 in revenue.

When property values increase, this does not necessarily mean an increase in property taxes. This is due to House Bill (HB) 920, passed in 1976, to limit the growth of property taxes. HB 920 works by reducing what is called the "effective millage," or tax rate, so the owner pays roughly the same amount as they did the year before, all other factors being equal. Therefore, a school district collects roughly the same amount as it did the year before the reappraisal on voted levies. Said another way, as property values increase, tax rates decrease so school districts receive the same amount of money for voted operating levies. That said, residents will see an increase on unvoted levies, also referred to as inside millage which, by law, cannot exceed 10 mills.

HB 920 reduction factors apply to lower the effective tax rate for voted levies, offsetting the increase in property values, to a point. The tax reduction factor cannot lower the school district operating millage below 20 mills, often referred to as the 20-mill floor. For school districts at the 20-mill floor, the tax reduction factor does not offset the increase in property taxes.

It is vital to remember that inflation impacts school district finances just as it affects home budgets, but on a much larger scale. As inflation impacts home prices, it impacts the cost of doing business for the district.

HB 920 applies to protect taxpayers from resulting tax increases as property values increase, however, it does not provide for any inflationary increases for the operation of school districts.

So, while costs increase every year, the tax revenues from a voted levy generally do not, which results in districts going back to voters for new tax levies or cutting operations.



YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Bus Drivers Flying Around Lakeview

By Carter Doran

In the busy world of a school, it's often the teachers, principals, and staff members who receive the recognition and appreciation. However, there's a group of heroes who play an equally significant role in the lives of our students and our community, the school

The school day for students begins the moment we step onto the school bus. It's a routine that is often taken for granted. Lakeview bus driver Mr. Hillier describes his morning ritual, "I start my day early, ensuring that the bus is in perfect working order. The safety of the children is my top priority. I double-check everything, from the brakes to making sure there is a full tank of gas, I make sure everything is good to go, to make sure the students are in the best care and have the best safety possible."

Another of our amazing bus drivers, Mr. Smelko states, "Our day starts before the sun rises because we have a duty to pick up students from various corners of the community. Punctuality is crucial, as it allows students to rely on us for a safe and dependable ride to school."

Bus drivers have an impact on not just students but the community too. The impact of our bus drivers extends beyond the individual students. They are an essential thread in the fabric of our school community. Their presence brings a sense of unity and trust.

Hillier adds, "Being a bus driver means being an integral part of our school's community. We're familiar faces to both parents and students, providing a reassuring and reliable link between home and school."



Being a bus driver is not easy at all, there are challenges and obstacles a bus driver must maneuver and get through. From navigating through crazy weather to dealing with unexpected situations on the road, our bus drivers exhibit remarkable resilience and adaptability to whatever crosses them.

Means adds, "We face unexpected obstacles all the time, from sudden road closures to traffic delays. But our commitment to safely getting the children to school never wavers. I will do everything in my power to make sure the children on my bus get to school and home safely at all times."

In our school system, we're fortunate to have an incredible team of bus drivers who go above and beyond to ensure the welfare and happiness of our students. Their day-to-day commitment to safety and the sense of community they foster on their buses are truly commendable.

The next time you see one of our dedicated bus drivers, whether it's Mr. Hillier, Mr. Means or Mr. Smelko take a moment to express your gratitude for their tireless efforts in making our school a better place. These bus drivers deserve recognition and appreciation for being the heart and soul of our school community. Go out and thank your bus driver whether it is your current driver or one you had in the past.



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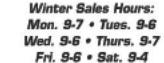














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Lakeview Sr. Beta Club Seeks Donations

From The Lakeview Bulldog Bulletin

Lakeview Sr. Beta Club has survived with only a couple dozen members overall in the post-pandemic times and just a handful attending the yearly state convention competitions. But they are looking to make a comeback this year.

Its website touts the National Beta Club as the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America. The mission statement is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. The Lakeview chapter was chartered in 1955 to join the organization started in 1934 by educator Dr. John W. Harris in Spartanburg, North Carolina.

"Fifteen years ago we had well over one hundred members at Lakeview and for a few years filled two charter buses of convention participants," said 21 year adviser and Lakeview teacher Angela Sarko. "The core members have been networking strongly this year to promote Beta and we've bounced back to 53 members."

Beta Convention has also grown in the past few years, offering 87 contests such as academic tests in several subjects on all 4 grade levels, quiz bowl, a music knowledge quiz bowl, talent competitions, dramatic design, visual arts, engineering, robotics, public speaking, technology design, marketing, club promotion in banner, scrapbook, website design, and showcase of service activities just to name a few.

Two Lakeview Senior Beta officers, Abby Sulc and Lillian McCarthy, have been responsible for the club turnaround.

"Lillian's organizational skills have been refreshingly welcome in getting information out to members and signing them up for competitions. Abby complements her with a wealth of great ideas," Sarko added. "The Beta motto is 'Lead by Serving Others' and our officers have been modeling that sentiment."

The officers also voted to increase fundraising this year to make sure that cost does not keep anyone from participating. They are starting with a donation-based fundraiser, Snap! Raise. Supporters can reach our online page at: https://raise.snap.app/donors/lakeview-senior-beta-club-2023.

"We want to get as many members as possible to be able to experience Beta convention and meet hundreds of kids who are just as excited about learning."

National Beta Club as the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America.



Addison Nicholas, Olivia Petrilla, and Jalyn DeLeon working toward a win in the Engineering contest at last year's convention.

Lakeview's Laid-Back Lunch Ladies

By Luca Comichisto

Behind every smile, laugh and full stomach are Lakeview's lovely lunch ladies. These few women can accomplish stellar feats every single day, as feeding over 500 students will never be an easy task to tackle. The mastermind behind the operations is Head Chef Janet Eckenrode and she's been doing so for just about eleven years now. Under her management, the Lakeview students and staff are fed enjoyable, homemade, delicious food.



This year's roster includes Eckenrode, Judy Rees, Christine Ulam, Melinda Rausch, Theresa Furrie, Lisa Seymour, Lori Sprague, Rebecca Mathews, Brenda Byler, Rachel Derr, Stacy Gavitt, and Kaytlin King. Most of the staff behind the counter are veterans, with only a few being at Lakeview for less than ten years. Their master knowledge of both the students and the oven provides unmatched results for all.

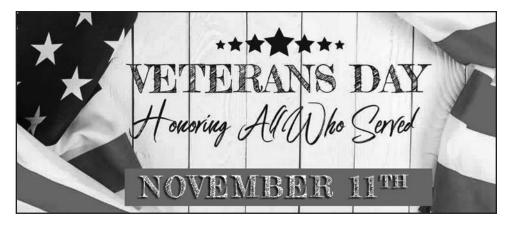
In addition to the kitchen, some of

the cooks are also district bus drivers. One of which is Rees, who has been in the district for a staggering thirty years this October! Personally, Ms. Judy was my bus driver for multiple years, and has been the most wonderful, kind, and sweet soul, bringing joy to not only me, but to all her kids on the bus. Her dedication to the school kitchen is not different, providing the best quality food filled with love.

After talking with many of Lakeview's students, many agree on the pepperoni roll as the top dog. Sophomore Aiden Barnot says, "Pepperoni roll day is insane. The line practically goes out the door and we have to run to get a good spot in line. Everyone goes crazy over those things, and reasonably so. They are absolutely incredible and I have to get at least two extra."

Another struggle the district has faced is the school levy. Taking the forefront is, you guessed it, the lunch ladies. Without proper equipment, supplies, and staff, we could simply not have lunch. Head Chef Eckenrode says, "For the sake of the students, it needs to pass. As a Cortland resident, I feel for you guys and hope it gets through."

Everyone at Lakeview is hoping and praying that the levy does in fact pass. As Eckenrode said, for the sake of the students, it is necessary. The safety, education, and health of our students is Lakview's number one priority. The lunch ladies contribute an extraordinary amount to the district, providing us with perfect food like clockwork. The sacrifices they make will not go unnoticed, as I hope everyone reading this learned a little something about what is going on behind the counter. They truly are the most laid-back lunch ladies around!





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Halloween - Eleanor Style

By Cait Morgan

Halloween is my favorite holiday. My former neighborhood would decorate with smoke machines, ghost walks and sound systems. Trick or Treat was an event that went on for hours because once the kids were done it was time for the adults to party in the street - and we did. It was going to be an amazing time! But then.... the phone rang...

Me: BOO!!!

Unknown Male with heavy Spanish accent: Boo? Hello?

Me: Oops. Can I help you? UMWHSA: You have mother? Me: Oh gawd... why?

UMWHSA: Accident (unintelligible) won't get out of car (more unintelligible) stubborn (unintelligible) said you would take care of it. I am priest but can you come help the ambulance (unintelligible)?

Me: Yeah, she would belong to me... I figured out the location and soon found Eleanor in a very smashed up car with EMS, YPD, YFD and some witnesses watching her just sitting there saying "My daughter will handle this". An entertained bystander told me that the very Amazon-looking woman with not one but two cigarettes hanging out of her mouth had blown past standing traffic, run the red light and pushed my mom's car onto the railroad tracks. YFD had pushed it back onto the roadway because, well, it was a railroad track.

Eleanor wouldn't unlock the car. The officer opted not to lend me his service weapon, so I pulled out my spare keys, unlocked her car and they managed to get her out and into the ambulance. Once she was tucked on the stretcher, the officer took her statement (which consisted of "ask my daughter - she'll tell you what happened". Right. I'm clairvoyant) and the bystanders gave their statements. We discovered that the smoking Amazon had no insurance and was at fault.

So off we go to the hospital. I called my stepfather to fill him in and let him know that Mom had purchased candy and apples that were on the living room chair to hand out, we'd be home later. He and my uncle were there and, although in the early stages of dementia, they could handle this.

Or so I thought.

And off we go to the ER...

Me: Well at least you have uninsured motorist coverage and collision coverage on the car. That will help.

Eleanor: Maybe.

Me: MAYBE???

E: All the financial people say not to keep collision coverage on your car.

Me: They do, huh? (realizing this was not going to be good)

E: They know what they are talking about - they are financial people

Me: What... did... you...do? TO BE CONTINUED in the November 25 issue

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Is Travel on Your Agenda in Retirement?

One of the great benefits of retirement is having the freedom to pursue new interests and hobbies at your leisure. For many, travel is at the top of their retirement bucket list. The key question is how to make sure your retirement savings can keep up with your travel ambitions. The following considerations can help you determine your answer:

Make travel a part of your retirement budget. Without the funds to pursue travel, you likely won't get too far. As you plan for your living expenses, include travel as a line item in your retirement budget. Identify a portion of your monthly income to cover travel expenses before you hit the road.

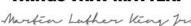
Consider travel timing. Most retirees plan their biggest travel excursions in the early years of retirement, when health challenges may be lesser and they have more stamina. Therefore, your travel budget may

represent a larger portion of your overall expenses in the first years of retirement. If this aligns with your travel vision, factor it into your retirement budgeting strategy.

Determine your travel style. To come up with a reasonable cost estimate, identify the types of traveling you plan to do. Are you more interested in short trips to nearby locations, mostly traveling by car? Do you plan to explore the country in an RV? Are you looking to visit foreign destinations on a regular basis? Your travel goals will tell you a lot about how much you are likely to spend, which should be reflected in your retirement plan.

If travel is in your plans when you leave the workforce, it's key to go beyond dreaming and do some significant preparation in advance. Use the time you have now to set specific goals and build savings that will help make your dreams a reality.

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The Deductibility Of Medical Expenses

Individual taxpayers may be able to claim medical expense deductions on their tax returns. However, the rules can be challenging, and qualifying can be difficult.

Here are five points to keep in mind:

- 1. You must itemize to claim the deduction and have a lot of expenses. The medical expense deduction can be claimed only to the extent your unreimbursed costs exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income. If your total itemized deductions in 2023 will exceed your standard deduction, moving or "bunching" nonurgent medical procedures and other controllable expenses into this year may allow you to exceed the 7.5% floor and benefit from the deduction.
- 2. Health insurance premiums may help. These can total thousands of dollars a year. You may be able deduct the portion of the premiums that you pay for employer-provided health coverage, but only if they aren't taken out of your paycheck pre-tax. Long-term care insurance premiums are also included as medical expenses, subject to limits based on age.
- 3. Transportation counts. The cost of getting to and from medical appointments counts as a medical expense. This includes taxis, public transportation or using your own vehicle. Vehicle costs can be calculated

at 22 cents a mile for miles driven in 2023, plus tolls and parking. Alternatively, you can deduct certain actual costs (such as for gas and oil) that directly relate to your medical transportation.

- 4. Controllable costs are key. These include the costs of glasses, hearing aids, dental work, mental health counseling and other ongoing expenses in connection with medical needs. Purely cosmetic expenses generally aren't eligible. Prescription drugs (including insulin) qualify, but over-the-counter medications and supplements such as aspirin and vitamins don't. The services of therapists and nurses can qualify if they relate to medical conditions.
- 5. Don't overlook smoking-cessation and weight-loss programs. Amounts paid for participating in smoking-cessation programs and for prescribed drugs designed to alleviate nicotine withdrawal are deductible. However, nonprescription nicotine gum and patches aren't. A weight-loss program is deductible if undertaken as treatment for a disease diagnosed by a physician. Deductible expenses include fees paid to join a program and attend periodic meetings. The cost of diet food isn't deductible.

Still unsure? IRS Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses, provides complete details on this topic. Or contact us with questions.

Exploring Palliative vs. Hospice Care Options

Special to The Cortland News

November is annually recognized as Hospice and Palliative Care Month. While pain and symptom relief are target objectives for both hospice and palliative care, there are key differences when it comes to the prognosis and goals for each care mode. Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice – Greater Youngstown and Ohio Living Palliative Medicine can help you prepare for serious illness or advanced care, wherever you call home. Here is a helpful comparison to consider:

Palliative medicine can provided at any stage, including during curative or aggressive treatments. It is recommended for individuals with an average life expectancy of one-two years if their current condition progresses as expected. With Ohio Living Palliative Medicine, care is extended by a team of experienced physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers and other specialists who work together to help provide relief from pain, shortness of breath, nausea, anxiety and/or depression. Qualified costs are covered through insurance or paid by the insured individual.

Hospice Care is comfort care without curative intent, either because a patient no longer has curative options or has chosen not to pursue treatment because the side effects outweigh the benefits. It is recommended for individuals

who receive a prognosis of six months or less. Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice – Greater Youngstown extends personalized 24/7 hospice care via a team of compassionate professionals who specialize in symptom control, pain management, counseling, education, spiritual care and bereavement. If Medicare eligibility requirements are met, more than 90 percent of hospice care is paid for through the Medicare hospice benefit.

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Bristol Schools Screened For Vision

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Fire Prevention Month



"STOP, DROP AND ROLL" was just one of many things taught to the children at the Cortland Playroom this week for "Fire Prevention Month". Our 2nd field trip this year was to the Cortland Fire Department! The children got to check out the fire trucks, the fireman in his fire safety gear, got to sit in a "REAL" fire truck and ambulance and some even got to checkout a police car! Thank you, Cortland Fire Department, for always giving our children a fantastic tour!

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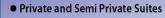


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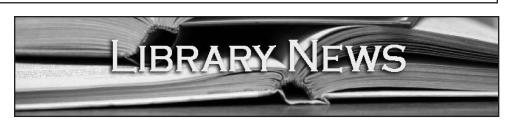
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Closed Thanksgiving - All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations that are typically open on Wednesdays will close early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22. All W-TCPL locations will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving. This includes the libraries in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty, Lordstown, and Warren; the Bookmobile; and outreach services.

Midweek Mayhem, Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 29 Games, activities, and a small snack. For teens in grades 7 - 12. Free. Toddler Tales Mondays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Storytime for toddlers ages 19-35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free. A Visit to Two National Parks and the Hoover Dam Mon., Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator & Watershed Coordinator Amy Reeher will discuss her recent tour of Grand Canyon National Park and Death Valley National Park. Reeher will show highlights from her visit as well as her stop at the Hoover Dam. Free.

Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28. Stories, songs, and movement activities reinforce the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 - 5. Free.

Teen Advisory Board Tues., Nov. 7 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. Teens in grades 7 - 12 are invited to collaborate and share their creative ideas for the library and earn service hours as part of the Teen Advisory Board. Applications are available in the library at the Teen Desk or the Checkout Desk. Registration is requested; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Write Here, Write Now Thurs., Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. Teens are invited to get their creative spark flowing with some quick writes to various prompts; they may choose to share their work with other participants. Free.

Puzzle It Out Tues., Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. Teens may test their problemsolving skills with puzzles and riddles.

Creative @ Cortland Sat., Nov. 18 between 2 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades K - 4 can stop by the library to try activities that will let them explore their creative sides. A drop-in event. Free.

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

Family Storytime Thurs., Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Come as a family to enjoy stories and activities for big kids, little kids and the young at heart. For families with children ages 3 - 8. Free.



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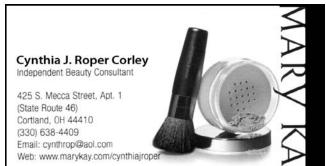
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