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A Hidden Gem for Anglers

Mosquito Lake is one of the top three lakes in the state of Ohio for crappie, channel catfish, and largemouth bass according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Anglers can plan a fishing excursion to Trumbull County and try to catch these popular fish to be awarded the 2024 Fish Ohio pin for qualifying catches!

Mosquito Lake is a hidden gem for anglers seeking a memorable fishing experience in Ohio. In 2023, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife awarded an impressive 10,166 Fish Ohio pins to successful anglers with qualifying catches, many of which came from Mosquito Creek Lake. These trophy fish joined the ranks of over 410,000 catches recognized since the inception of the Fish Ohio program in 1976. Now, Mosquito Creek Lake has been noted by the ODNR as one of the TOP THREE LAKES in the state for several fish in this program.

Records from Fish Ohio show that largemouth bass, channel catfish, and crappie are three of the most popular sport fish at inland lakes across the Buckeye State. Mosquito Creek Lake is one of the top three lakes in the state of Ohio to catch these fish on the Fish Ohio list! Largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, and saugeye are some of the most sought-after sport fish found in this lake.

LARGEMOUTH BASS - Largemouth bass, known for their aggressive nature, can grow to impressive sizes in Ohio's lakes and reservoirs, including Mosquito Creek Lake. Anglers in 2023 encountered some trophy largemouth bass exceeding 26 inches. These formidable predators are easily recognizable by the dark stripe running down their sides and a mouth that extends beyond the rear

OHIO'S TOP 10 LAKES FOR FISHING SAUGEYE, CRAPPIE, CHANNEL CATFISH, AND LARGEMOUTH BASS			
SAUGEYE	CRAPPIE	CHANNEL CATFISH	LARGEMOUTH BASS
1. Indian Lake	1. Mosquito Creek Lake	1. Indian Lake	1. Nimishila Reservoir
2. Buckeye Lake	2. Hoover Reservoir	2. Mosquito Creek Lake	2. Portage Lakes
3. Alum Creek Lake	3. Alum Creek Lake	3. Hoover Reservoir	3. Mosquito Creek Lake
4. Piedmont Lake	4. Buckeye Lake	4. Portage Lakes	4. Mogadore Reservoir
5. Tappan Lake	5. Pymatuning Lake	5. Deer Creek Lake	5. Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area
6. Atwood Lake	6. Deer Creek Lake	6. Rocky Fork Lake	6. Alum Creek Lake
7. Hoover Reservoir	7. Indian Lake	7. Wingfoot Lake	7. Hoover Reservoir
8. Caesar Creek Lake	8. Rocky Fork Lake	8. Buckeye Lake	8. Klear Lake
9. Salt Fork Lake	9. Lake Laramie	9. Mogadore Reservoir	9. Wingfoot Lake
10. Seneca Lake	10. Seneca Lake	10. Tappan Lake	10. (tie) LaDow Reservoir, Lake Medina, Rocky Fork Lake, Upper Sandusky Reservoir

edge of the eye. With a taste for frogs, crayfish, large insects, and other fish, largemouth bass can be enticed by artificial lure presentations that mimic their preferred prey items.

CHANNEL CATFISH - Channel catfish, another popular sport fish at

Mosquito Creek Lake, can be found throughout Ohio's rivers, streams, and lakes. Anglers frequenting Mosquito

Creek Lake have reported numerous successful catches of Fish Ohio channel catfish. With their distinctive barbs near the mouth and spotting along the sides, these catfish exhibit a range of colors from blue, gray, or silver to black. Channel catfish have a versatile diet, consuming everything from crayfish and insect larvae to fish and mollusks. Anglers often have the most success fishing for catfish at dusk, dawn, or during the cover of darkness.

CRAPPIE - Crappie, both black and white, thrive abundantly in Ohio and especially in Mosquito Creek Lake. These feisty sport fish can be found near structures such as drop-offs, points, creek beds, brush piles, and fallen trees. Anglers at Mosquito Creek Lake have enjoyed reeling in impressive crappie specimens, with the largest reported catches from Ohio's public waters

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"But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

- Jimmy Carter

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By Heather Sensabaugh

March is Women's History Month, and the theme this year is Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The goal is to recognize women throughout the country who work to eliminate bias and discrimination from their lives and institutions. Discrimination has been a problem throughout history for women, but many have worked to curb it and have been integral in helping to bring about equal rights. Only 50 years ago, women were not allowed to work when pregnant, for example! During Women's History Month, it is important for us to recognize how far society has progressed.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation that the first week of March be deemed National Women's History Week. In his proclamation, he stated, "...men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women

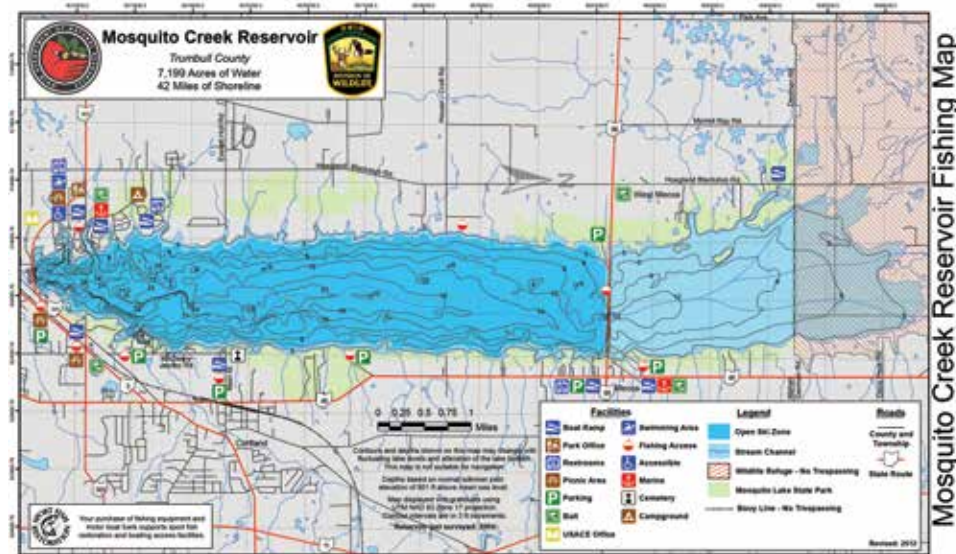
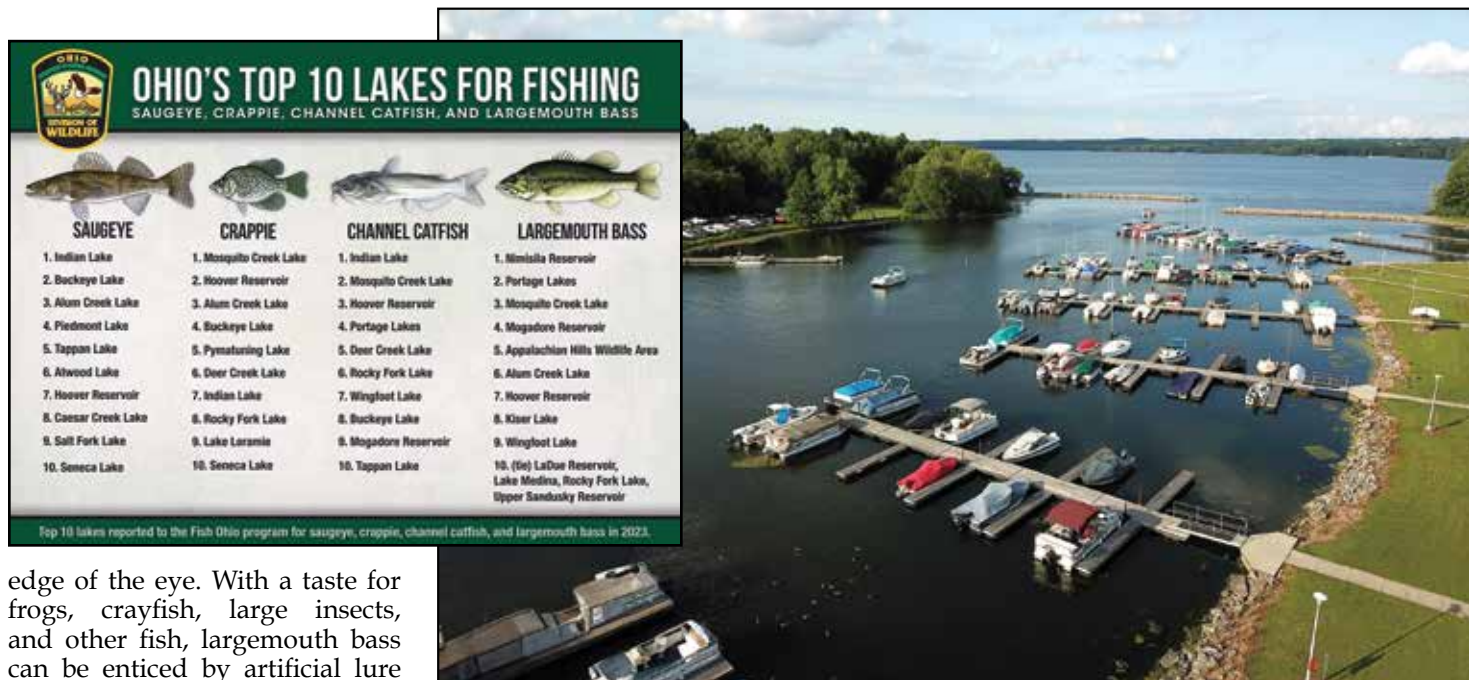
were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. (Women's History) is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage and long-range vision." Now we devote the whole month to Women's History, instead of just one week.


An example of the unsung contributions Jimmy Carter referenced is those of Mileva Einstein, Albert Einstein's first wife. She collaborated with him a great deal on many of his published works. However, she is not cited in any of his publications, for two reasons, one of which was that women weren't taken seriously by publishers then, and the other being that Albert

needed to be gainfully employed before his father would allow him to propose marriage to Mileva. She chose love over notoriety, and was later quoted as saying, "With notoriety, one gets the pearl, the other the shell."

I found it interesting while researching that the popular board game Monopoly was widely believed for decades to have been created by a man, but it was uncovered in the 1970s that it was actually created by a woman. Elizabeth Magie created the first version of Monopoly, naming it "Landlord's Game" as a protest against monopolists like John D. Rockefeller in 1903. Reading about the history of Monopoly made me wonder how many inventions and creations we enjoy today that have similar origin stories. If your interest is piqued, womenshistory.org is a great website to check out!

Women's History Month





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Council Minutes.

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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.*

FEBRUARY

24 Church Chili Cook Off / Prince of Peace / 5 PM / *See pg 9*

27 Solar Eclipse Program / Farmington Senior Center / *See pg 16*

MARCH

2 Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge / 9 AM - Noon / *See pg 5*

2 Lakeview Athletic Club's Game Night Gala Fundraiser / Grand Resort

5 Coin Collecting & Evaluations by Wayne Aubel / Farmington Senior Center

6 First Wednesday Series - Paula Jasper / Upton House / 9:30 AM / *See pg 13*

7 Lunch and Learn - Sean Posey / Ohio Living - Lake Vista / *See pg 15*

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16 Charity Fundraiser Breakfast for Debbera Sullinger
Optimist Club of Cortland/Bazetta / 8-11 AM / *See pg 4*

The Bowers Group Recognized As Preferred Agency

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A Hidden Gem

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reaching an impressive 18¼ inches. Black crappie can be identified by their irregular blotches or spots along the sides, while white crappie displays more uniform dark stripes.

A largemouth bass longer than 20 inches, a channel catfish longer than 26 inches, or a crappie longer than 13 inches qualify for Fish Ohio status.

For those planning a fishing excursion to Mosquito Lake, it is important to visit fishohio.gov to learn more about the Fish Ohio program, including how to apply for the 2024 Fish Ohio pin.

Plus, the lake has the Mosquito Lake State Park Campgrounds right on the property or plenty of hotel options nearby like the Best Western Park Hotel and the Residence Inn Niles if you want to plan a road trip around your fishing trip!

Grants Awarded to Local Businesses

By Constance Amstutz

The City of Cortland announced the winners of the 2023 Facade Grant program. The Cortland Opera House will receive up to \$200.00 for exterior power washing, The Village Barbershop will receive \$1,709.00, and Main Street Rentals will receive \$1,400.00. The grand total cost for the facade grants in 2023 is \$3,309.00.

For Harvey McGuiness, owner of Main Street Rentals, the grant will give him the ability to update an enclosed porch. This is more than just a porch update, though. It is a gateway to the community. By opening the enclosure, Harvey says the opportunity to communicate with those in the neighborhood becomes an option. Conversations lead to friendships, and friendships lead to unity.

Jeffrey Jiang, Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Cortland says the 2024 Facade Grant program will be live in March. There is a rolling application deadline, and decisions will be made once a month. The program is capped at \$15,000 for the 2024 year, providing a 25% match up to \$2,500 per grant recipient.

For more information, visit <https://cityofcortland.org/business-facade-grant-program/>

5th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

The 5th Annual Citywide Garage Sale is scheduled for June 7-9. Registration includes address on our sale list, advertisement in Tribune and on our interactive map.

If you live in Cortland you are required to have a permit which you will have to obtain yourself. We are no longer permitted to get your permit for you. Keep in mind that City Ordinance prohibits more than 3 days per sale.

Registration will begin May 1 and end May 31. For more information email Cortlandohgaragesale@gmail.com or check the facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/44410garagesale/



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Memorial Benefit Pancake Breakfast for Debbra Sullinger

By Jennifer Kale

Debbra Sullinger, a Trumbull County resident from Brookfield, was the mother of three adult sons, a grandma, a sister, an aunt and a dear friend to many. She was admitted to the hospital in early January 2024, where she underwent emergency abdominal surgery and was diagnosed with Stage IV Colon Cancer. Tragically, after many days in the ICU at St. Joseph's Hospital and a transfer to Hospice of the Valley Boardman, Debbra left this physical



world and gained her angel wings on February 2nd, 2024.

A benefit in her memory consisting of a pancake breakfast, 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle will be held March 16th, from 8-11 AM at the Optimist Club of Cortland/Bazetta located at 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Rd., Warren.

All proceeds from the benefit will be entrusted to her family for funeral expenses and medical bills.

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What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Just the Facts – TWO Questions!

#1. What does the city plan to do with the old Farmers Bank parking lot on W. Main Street?

- a. Music events
- b. Food truck events
- c. Farmers Market events
- d. All the above

#2. Will there still be parking available at the old Farmers Bank parking lot on W. Main Street? A. Yes B. No

Find the answers at the bottom of this article.

We Need Your Help!

Please check your next water bill for some important information that is being requested by the City of Cortland. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring all Public Water Systems to identify all water service lines by October 16, 2024. That includes the water line that is coming into your home or business (between the meter and the wall) and the water lines throughout your home or business. These are sometimes the same and sometimes different. The letter in your water bill will explain how you can report this information back to us. There will also be information on how to identify your lines. Thank you in advance!

Snow Removal

Please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalk clear of snow and ice for pedestrians. Do not blow or pile snow that would obstruct the vision of motorists and do not put your snow in the street. Also, during times of snow, try not to park on the street. City snowplows need to clear the roads.

Communication

When the city has news advisories such as parking bans or boil alerts, we communicate in the following ways:

- Notice on the Community Sign in front of Speedway
- Notice on our website – www.cityofcortland.org
- Notify local media outlets
- E-mail to our e-news subscribers
- City of Cortland Police and Fire Department Facebook Pages

Lunch & Learn

The next presentation will be on local history on March 7th. Author and Historian Sean Posey will speak on his new book, *Hidden History of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley*. This will take place at Ohio Living Lake Vista's clubhouse from 11 to noon. Presentations are FREE, lunch is \$10.

State Capital

Mayor Petrosky and Special Projects Coordinator, Jeffrey Jiang, headed to Columbus to advocate for state funding to support the City of Cortland's Safety Service Complex and Mosquito Creek Lake State Park Hydrilla Mitigation Plan. They met with State Representative's & State Senator's from across the Mahoning Valley. In addition, they collaborated with the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce to advocate for priority projects of the entire Mahoning Valley.

March 19, 2024 Levy Request Withdrawn

The Lakeview Local School Board moved to withdraw the 4.7 mill levy request from the March 19 ballot during their regular meeting February 12, 2024. Due to the unprecedented 12% increase to inside mills from the recent property revaluation, the Board agrees the district's fiscal picture will improve. While the Treasurer cautioned there are several probable variables that will reduce the funds coming to the District, the Board recognizes local retirees and property owners will struggle to pay their 2023 taxes that have jumped at rates exceeding 40% for some. Board President Mark Harper said with the withdrawal of the levy, he hopes the residents of Bazetta and Cortland recognize the district's commitment to be both good stewards of taxpayer money and partners with residents in maintaining a supportive and collaborative community. He also noted the District's deep appreciation for the efforts of the Levy Committee.

**This information is being included at the request of the Lakeview Levy Committee*

Dates to Remember

March 4th – City Council meeting – 7 p.m.
March 11th – Parks meeting – 5:30 p.m.
March 11th – Planning & Zoning – 7 p.m.

Answer Question #1 - D. All the above is the correct answer. The city plans to use it as a public event space. We have submitted three (3) grant applications and one (1) capital budget/strategic community investment fund request for money to improve and prepare the venue.

Answer Question #2 – A. Yes is the correct answer. The city is currently formulating plans for the space. Preliminary plans call for reclaiming about half of the parking lot into a grassy area with a stage at the south end/or rear of the lot. The current grassy area near W. Main St., where the annual Christmas tree lighting takes place, will be reduced to about half, and a pine tree will be planted. There will still be room for about 35-45 public parking spaces. Also, the public is free to utilize the parking lot on the west side of Daybreak Music where the buildings were torn down.



Congratulations to Firefighter Kevin Bartchy on being brought on full time to the City of Cortland's Fire Department. Mayor Deidre Petrosky swore in Firefighter Bartchy at the February 5th Council meeting. A proud moment with his mom, Debbie Bartchy.

City Of Cortland Invests In Their Businesses

The City of Cortland proudly announces Main Street Rental, The Village Barbershop, and The Cortland Opera House as the winners of the 2023 Facade Grant Program. This program aimed to improve the physical appearance of storefronts and elevate the exterior appearance standards for businesses within the City of Cortland.

Main Street Rental, a prominent business in our downtown area, has demonstrated a commitment to preserving the charm and look of Cortland with their facade improvements. The Village Barbershop LLC, known for its exceptional services, has transformed its exterior to reflect the timeless tradition of barbering, contributing to the city's vibrant atmosphere. The Cortland Opera House, a historical hub, stands out with its facade renovations, showcasing their dedication to the blending of history with the City's evolving standards.

The City of Cortland applauds these winners for their dedication to elevating the visual appeal of our small-town community. The Facade Grant Program serves as a testament to the collaborative spirit between local businesses and the city, creating a more inviting and visually captivating environment for residents and visitors alike.

For more information, please contact the office of Mayor Petrosky at (330-637-4003) or mayor@cityofcortland.org

Charity Breakfast To Benefit Job's Daughters

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Mar. 2nd, from 9 am to Noon at Cortland Masonic Lodge located at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

The public is invited to enjoy the "all you can eat" breakfast and help support the Job's Daughters organization for girls. The public is invited, and any interested girls are welcome to attend and learn more about Job's Daughters activities and programs.

The charity pancake breakfasts are held once (and sometimes twice) each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, who donate all of the supplies so that 100% of the proceeds can be provided to a local charity. Since the pancake breakfasts were initiated about 3 years ago, the lodge has donated **\$41,700 to community groups and organizations.**

The breakfast cost is \$9.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for youth aged 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee, with take-outs available.



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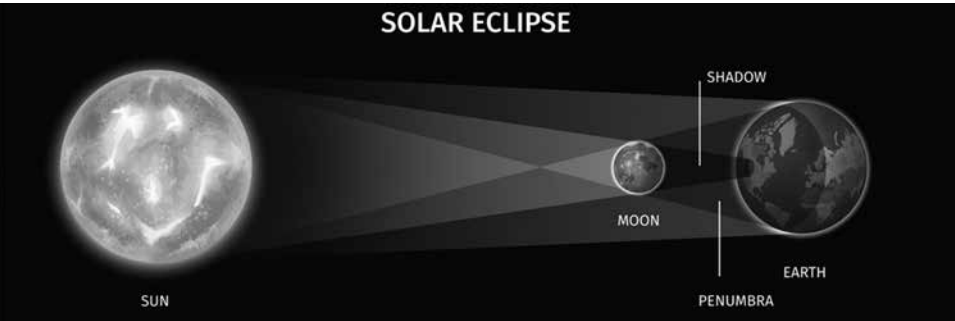
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TourismOhio Launches New Feature For 2024 Solar Eclipse Trip Planning

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The April 8 event will plunge parts of Ohio into total darkness for nearly 5 minutes as the moon passes between the sun and Earth. Several cities, including Dayton, Lima, Toledo, Findlay, Cleveland and Akron, are in the path of totality. In total, 55 Ohio counties will experience at least a partial eclipse.

From state agencies to our local partners, there are many Ohioans working together to ensure that visitors and residents have a safe and enjoyable experience in the Heart of it All," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development, which over sees the TourismOhio office.

The new interactive Total Solar Eclipse Map on Ohio.org helps visitors plan their trip to Ohio with places to

watch the eclipse and an interactive list of viewing parties, festivals, and other events happening across the state.

The Total Solar Eclipse landing page [see the link below] also includes other ideas to create an out-of-this-world itinerary perfect for a long weekend – travelers can also go 'to the moon and back' along the Ohio Lunar Road Trip, or gaze up at the stars with the best spots in the state, and explore Ohio's top-rated science museums with their families.

Visitors are encouraged to share their Ohio total solar eclipse memories and adventures on social media with #OhioTheHeartofitAll and #Eclipse2024.

NASA certified glasses are available at The Trumbull County Visitors Bureau in Warren and at Black Cat Accounting in Champion. Check out this link: https://ohio.org/home/eclipse/eclipse?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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

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

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

Part B of Medicare covers outpatient services, durable medical equipment, preventative care, some vaccines and injections, and some home health care. There are monthly premiums associated with Part B which is why some beneficiaries will delay enrollment as long as they are on credible employer insurance with 20 or more employees. For 2024 most people will pay \$174.70 per month but this amount can vary based on income. For those with very low income and assets it may be reduced and those with higher incomes may have a higher premium due to the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA.

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

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Trumbull Town Hall Celebrity Series

By Roberta Shields

The Trumbull Town Hall Series next event is March 27. Michael Minor is an ultra-versatile entertainer who has something for everyone in his shows. He sings country favorites that capture the heart and soul of country music. His show includes favorites from Tennessee Ernie Ford, Johnny Cash and Rascal Flatts. His vocal prowess is just the beginning. He is also an accomplished ventriloquist and specializes in celebrity impressions. Michael's friends may attempt to steal the show!

In college he was a member of the world-renowned Nordic Choir. As a guy from Iowa, he thrilled audiences at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. He was also emcee, lead vocalist and rider at the Dixie Stampede in Branson, Missouri. He is an accomplished singer, ventriloquist, and impressionist who has had the privilege of entertaining all over the world.

Lastly on April 24, 2024, THE First Ladies Man, Andrew Och, award winning television and multimedia producer ends the series' season as he shares inciteful and fascinating stories and facts of America's First ladies. He imparts how influential they are and have been, Such a pleasant afternoon he will bring.

The talent and storytellers are not to be missed. All take place at Packard Music Hall 1703 Mahoning Ave. Warren. Doors Open at 9:30 a.m. Programs begin at 10:30 with light refreshments sold. To order tickets and view the guest speakers access the website: www.trumbulltownhall.org or

Contact Trumbull Town Hall: 330-240-1706 and Packard Music Hall: 330-841-2619. Individual tickets \$35, sold at the door. Various levels of support are listed at the Trumbull Town Hall website.

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By Constance Amstutz

At the February General meeting, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League honored the incredible women who make up the League's Past Presidents. The organization started in 1966, and its first President, Fran Cunningham, is still a current member. Embarking on 58 years since being

established, current President Becky Bucco and Second Vice President Julianne Kesler, conducted the ceremony giving recognition to the past president's contributions on leading the league, and the tremendous impact they have made in the surrounding communities.

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Human history is women’s history, but women don’t often get the credit they deserve. For much of history, in much of the world, women were often treated as second class people or even property. With little voice, or power, three are vast seasons of history where they are simply reported as woman or women, people without names. Even in scripture, the legacy of women’s role in history is overshadowed by the stories of men.

Today, much of what I see or hear about women in culture is a microcosm of the world as women often carry the labels assigned to them by others. Things like feminist, anti-feminist, trad wife, liberal, conservative and more are tossed at women like weapons. And it isn’t just men who engage in these verbal onslaughts, often the perpetrators are other women. David Brooks, in his book, How to Know a Person wrote that labels are a convenient and easy way to dehumanize others, it helps justify our own righteousness and our hate.

Last year, I read the book The Three Mothers by Anna Malaika Tubbs. Its a powerful, and at times painful, read. Its not a book for children. In it, Tubbs shares the history of three women, Alberta King, Bertis Baldwin, and Louise Little, the mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr, James Baldwin, and Malcom X. By sharing some of the women’s biographies, we get a deep look at how the lives of those women shaped the lives of those men, even if we had not known their names. Consider for a moment, the women who have helped share your life. Perhaps expand the thought a little wider to women you have known to help shape communities, even history.

For those of us who worship Christ and know the Easter story, there is a powerful moment in scripture when Jesus calls Mary by name outside the empty tomb. Many churches still sing the hymn In the Garden, the lyrics may already be coming to mind for you. It gives life to that moment for Mary and how we still testify to that experience.

There’s another Jesus story in scripture, a powerful one that many people love and treasure. It is about a woman at a well who’s name we never learn. Jesus says he knows her, too. He shares with her about her life and about the hope he offers. Before the story ends, she is gathering up numerous men from the town to hear the story and meet the man she has met. I wish we knew her name. When women have names their stories become personal.

I am thankful for a great many women in my life who have shaped who I am. And it is worth championing the women in the world who are making space for others to discover who they are and who they were meant to be. The stories are worth telling, learning, and sharing. The women are worth knowing.

I love you and I know God loves you so much more... ask a woman who knows.

Before I wrote this article, I really had no idea women’s month was a thing. Somehow, I had overlooked the importance of women in our society. I don’t know why that was because I have been more influenced by women in my life than men. My mother being the first woman who was highly influential in my life.

Then comes my wife Gloria of fifty years. Honestly, I have no idea where I would be without my wife in my life. She is much more than a helpmate, (Genesis 2:18 “I will make a helper suitable for him. Then the Lord said it is not good for the man to be alone”) often adding more to my life than anyone I know. As a Pastor, she has been very important in the lives of other women, as well as making me look good when I drop the ball. Not to mention her leadership abilities and wisdom given to her from God. The organization in which I am an ordained minister has ordained women from its inception.

In the New Testament, Peter said, “You [referring to the whole church] also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet. 2:5). Throughout the New Testament, we find that all the believers, together, are priests, men and women.

Even though, in the Old Testament, it was only certain men who could serve as priests, in the New Testament, the ministers are not priests; instead, all the believers are priests - both men and women. I thank God for the women in our lives who are making a positive impact in peoples lives today.

Happy women’s month. Pastor Chuck Cortland Church of the Nazarene.

I thank God for the women in our lives who are making a positive impact in peoples lives today.

- Rev. Charles Hargenrader

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Wildare Church Hosted Night To Shine

Wildare Church hosted A Night to Shine on Fri., Feb. 9. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience centered on God’s love for people with special needs ages 14 and older. It is sponsored nationally by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Each of the 90 guests were treated to a hair and makeup station, shoeshine, photo booth, prom photo, karaoke, a limo ride, dinner, glow station and a special gift bag. DJ Damon had the guests dancing all evening long. At the end of the evening, each guest was crowned King or Queen of the prom. There were over 100 volunteers and many local businesses and churches supported the event. Trish Shafer of Cortland is the event coordinator. This was the 10th year nationally for Night to Shine and Wildare has hosted seven times.



Cortland residents that helped put the evening together are Cindy Drotleff, Suzie Clement, Robin Carr.



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They will also host a Corned beef & Cabbage Drive-thru Dinner on Wednesday, March 13th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, green beans and cookie. \$12.00. Please preorder at (330) 637-2571 or (330) 638-6728.

The Cortland Church of the Nazarene is in the beginning stages of planning the 60th-year celebration of being part of this community.

Saturday, July 20 will be a Chicken BBQ and music on the church grounds at 4 P.M. Sunday, July 21 @ 10:45 A.M. will feature guest speakers, former pastors, and special music. A catered dinner will follow the service.

Some of you readers may have been part of the church in years gone by and we would like to invite you to attend the festivities. It would be the perfect time for reconnecting with friends, bring pictures and stories to share. Everyone is welcome.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Easter Egg Hunt We invite the community to come to our Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity on March 24th, 2024 at 1:00 pm-2:30 pm. This will be a safe place for kids to hunt for eggs. There will be games and prizes. If you have any questions please

contact Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402 or pastortrinitywarren@gmail.com.

Katharina’s Closet Donation Kick-off Katharina’s Closet is a wonderful new ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church that serves women and families in need who could use a helping hand. Our goal is to provide diapers, wipes, and clothing to people in our community. We are currently collecting donations to fill the closet and would be so grateful for any help you can provide. Every little bit counts!

How you can help: We need monetary donations, diapers, wipes, and infant and toddler clothes for this ministry. March 2024 marks the beginning of the donation kick-off to fill our closet! We will have two donation drop-off days in March: Mondays the 4th and 18th from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at the donation area in the back of the church building. As our closet fills-up we will establish a permanent distribution schedule. In addition, we will continue to collect donations on the first Monday of each month starting in April 2024. You can find Katharina’s Closet on Facebook as well.

Our Lent Midweeks Services will be at 6:30 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm. Services will go until Wednesday March 20th. Our Holy Week Services are: Palm Sunday: March 24th at 10:15 am; Maundy Thursday: March 28th at 5:30 pm; Good Friday: March 29th at 5:30 pm; Easter Vigil: March 30th at 3:00 pm; Easter Breakfast: March 31st at 9:00 am; Easter Sunday: March 31st at 10:15 am.

Winners Of ‘Sound The Siren On Suicide’ Youth Video Challenge

Contributed by Katie Cretella

The Trumbull County Suicide Prevention Coalition (SPC), with the support of the Ross Griffin Memorial Foundation, released its second annual Sound the Siren on Suicide Youth Video Challenge to help raise awareness of the increase in suicide death in Trumbull County. Trumbull County students in grades 9-12 were provided three PSA topics: the impact of social media on mental health, sports betting and online gambling, and supporting peers with mental health symptoms and/or suicidal thoughts.

In Trumbull County, deaths by suicide in 2023 have doubled since 2021. The video submissions were judged by a panel of six judges from a variety of organizations and were evaluated based on content, technical elements, and the creative brief written by each student team. The creative brief summarized the objective of the video and offered insight into each team’s creative approach. After careful consideration, the judges have picked the winning videos.

First place- Hubbard High School: Taila Odem, Malorie Oyler, and Cassandra Phillips, \$1,000 split amongst team members and \$500 for the school district to use for mental health resources.

Second place- Labrae High School: David Blackmon, Davin Derry, Madison Kuta, and Jayden Marks, \$750, split amongst team members and \$250 for the school district to use for mental health resources.

Third place- Hubbard High School: Gianna Rotunno and Peter Koulianos, \$500 split amongst team members and \$150 for the school district to use for mental health resources.

Three honorable mentions also went to student teams at Hubbard High School and TCTC. Each of these honorable mentions received \$250 to split amongst team members and \$100 for the school district to use for mental health resources.

Hubbard High School multimedia teacher and PSA Contest Student Advisor, Megan Schellhorn, stated “this contest is so important on many different levels - raising awareness for suicide prevention resources, allowing students to experience rigorous academic competitions, and having the opportunity to see their own work on our local television stations are just a few of the reasons I am so grateful as an educator that this contest exists.”

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

The SPC surprised the first place, second place and honorable mention teams on February 15th at Hubbard High School.

For more information, please contact Katie Cretella, Director of Clinical Services at the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board at (330) 675-2765 ext. 117.

Advancing Health Access Resource Fair

The Trumbull-Mahoning DEI Collaborative will be hosting the “Project AHA! Advancing Health Access Resource Fair.” Resources and services that will be available to the public include the following:

- Warren City Health District’s Mobile Health Unit will be available to provide free general wellness checks and health screenings.

- The Mercy Health Mobile Dental Clinic will be providing free dental screenings.

A.C.T.I.O.N. of Mahoning Valley and their Mobile Market will be available from 1:00-2:15 pm. \$15 food vouchers will be given to attendees.

Alta Behavioral Healthcare’s Youth Move will be distributing free hygiene kits.

- Raphael’s School of Beauty Culture will be giving free haircuts.

- Thrive10:10’s Ruth’s Boutique will be available to provide a limited amount of personal hygiene items and other supplies.

A variety of other community agencies will be in attendance to provide resources and information to participants. Carol Holmes-Chambers, Chair of the Trumbull-Mahoning DEI Collaborative and Director of School and Community Wellness for the Trumbull

County Mental Health and Recovery Board stated that “Although Trumbull and Mahoning Counties are rich in services and resources to help those in need, many people in our community still face significant barriers that keep them from accessing and benefiting from those supports. Providing some of those resources in one place is just one way that we can address this issue.”

The Project AHA! Advancing Health Access Resource Fair will take place on March 15th from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Metroplex Expo Center at 1620 Motor Inn Drive in Girard, Ohio. The resource fair will take place after the training event, “Project AHA! An Equity Awareness Experience” which is a simulation that provides an opportunity for participants to recognize the diversity of those living in poverty and how it limits the receipt of access to equitable services.

This training will be facilitated by Dr. Sherri Harper-Woods, Master of Social Work Director for Youngstown State University and founder of MiBoSo Asset Development Center. For more information, please contact Carol Holmes-Chambers at 330-675-2765 or ext. 114 or cholmeschambers@trumbullmhrb.org.

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor


Recently an article was published by a well-known professional development organization that works closely with school systems to bring about improvement and change. In that article, they indicated that the top three predictions about schools for 2024 include:

1. Increased collaboration between employers and schools. For some time now, businesses have noted that the job market often lacks the required skills for openings they have. This is leading to more collaboration between local work places and school districts. Creating partnerships between a community and its employers can only lead to mutually beneficial outcomes for both groups. Our high school is currently investigating options that will help to connect our students with the work place so some of these partnerships can be started.





Pictured on Thursday, Feb. 8, the Lee and Steyer families enjoy a game of bingo at the K-7's Family Engagement Night.

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2. Family engagement. During the height of COVID-19, when schools were operating under various attendance restrictions, the foundation was laid for learning loss and disengagement from schools for both families and students. As many parents noted, this disengagement resulted in mental health issues for some students as well. Our district has been working for the last two years to increase family engagement and to rebuild the connections we lost in order to restore a stronger sense of community across the K-12 system. We are actively looking for ways to restore the bonds we once enjoyed with our families and the community in general.

3. Building Career-Technical Education (CTE) Programs. The Governor and the state of Ohio have increased their emphasis on the importance and value of CTE programs for all students. While our district has been struggling with budgetary constraints, we have continued to look for ways to incorporate CTE in our general curriculum whenever possible. Administration has worked to include CTE-oriented activities and lessons in several courses and at many grade levels. This is the beginning of what can become a robust and exciting approach to instruction, especially for students who appreciate a hands-on environment.



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Class of 2024 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 Jamie Black. Jamie is the daughter of Gary and Bonnie Black. After Jamie's sophomore year, she decided to attend TCTC and study in their Culinary Arts Academy. Jamie displays a high level of academic success and leadership. During this current academic year, Jamie has been appointed to the General Manager position at Cafe 528, the restaurant that is connected to the Culinary Arts Academy at TCTC. Jamie oversees the day-to-day operations including personnel, procurement, and service.

This spring, Jamie will lead a team of TCTC students in a state-level competition hosted by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. While a student at Lakeview, Jamie has participated in the Executive Committee, Girls Basketball, and Girls Track and Field. Jamie has decided to attend Cleveland State University next fall with the hopes of becoming a physical therapist.

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

1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well?

- I'm a leader. I like being in charge and managing people. I'm currently the GM at school for our program.

2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - I really like the friends that I have made. Going to TCTC has allowed me to meet even more people from outside of our school district.

3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Top Notch

4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - My friends and I like to go to the lake. Sometimes we walk the trail at Willow Park.

5.) You might catch me ... - Studying

6.) What are your future aspirations?

- I want to get my degree and become a physical therapist. I want to start a family and be happy.





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Lakeview Middle School Prep Bowl Team Wins 2nd Place

The Lakeview Middle School 5th/6th Grade Prep Bowl Team members: Louis Barbutes, Ezra Bush, Maxton Bush, Morgan Cluckey, Henry DeToro, Collin Lee and Lorenzo Marra, under the Coaching of Lakeview Middle School Teacher Mariah Dilullo, participated in a competition put on by The Trumbull County Education Center on February third along with twenty other local school teams. Lakeview earned a second-place victory.

Congratulations Lakeview Middle School Prep Bowl Teams!

Bling Bash! - FREE Prom Dress Event

By Constance Amstutz

Champion High School and GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League are holding a prom dress closet event. Enjoy an evening of pampering while you browse the available collection of dresses, shoes, jewelry, and handbags. All items are FREE for you to take home and use for your prom night and beyond!

The event will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Champion High School Flash Zone from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any questions can be directed to Becky Bucco (becky.bucco@gmail.com) or Cindy Stiffler (cindy.stiffler@championlocal.org).



New Orleans Carnival Celebrated In Warren

The Warren Women's Club, held their Carnival, Mardi Gras luncheon to celebrate and bring Louisiana menus to the ladies and gentlemen in the Trumbull County area. Serving a full course menu complete with pralines and red beans with rice, gumbo and shrimp & chicken dishes, members and guests were also treated with non-alcoholic hurricane drinks. Cajun music was enjoyed during the festivities along with time for photo ops in different areas of the club house. Members are planning a Kentucky Derby Day Lunch for May. Details will be posted in newsprint circulations when available. Pictured are Brynlee and Nicole Liberto enjoying the Mardi Gras Luncheon at Warren Women's Club



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The Cortland Playroom children got to experience how to clean their teeth, a little bit of teeth hygiene and got to color some pictures with teeth. Thank you to the TCTC Dental Program and Jill Woods for making this a fun experience for our children!

Dresses, Shoes, and Jewelry - Oh My!

By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League and Champion Schools are still accepting donations for the 8th Annual “Bling Prom Boutique.” This prom dress event is FREE to high school young ladies in the Tri-County area.

We are looking for items such

as prom-like dresses, shoes, jewelry, purses, or unused makeup. For donations, please contact GFWC Ohio WJWL President Becky Bucco at (330) 720-8995 or you can drop off items at Champion High School.

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Levy Request Withdrawn

At the February 12th Board of Education meeting, the majority of the Board members voted to withdraw the 4.7 mill emergency operating levy which is on the March 19, 2024 ballot. Due to the unexpected increase on inside mills, the Board decided to take a ‘wait and see’ approach while the state legislature works through how to deal with the unprecedented increases in property values. The Treasurer and Superintendent cautioned that most of the bills proposed by Ohio legislators in response to the public’s outcry over the shocking tax increases will claw back some if not all the expected tax money originally slated for Lakeview Local Schools. The Board recognizes that these possibly dire fiscal consequences are not certain at this time. What is known is that our

local residents are facing tax bills far higher than anyone anticipated and greater than many can afford. The Board of Elections will work to ensure absentee ballots that have not yet been prepared will include a notice of the withdrawal of the Emergency Levy request. In addition, the Board of Elections will post this information at polling places on Election Day. Finally, the Board of Elections will not count any votes on this issue if a person makes the levy issue in error on his/her ballot. The Board of Education has expressed thanks for the support of the Lakeview Levy Committee and the many community members who have given their support at various meetings, fund raisers, and activities held since last summer.

It’s Still Sap Season!

By Laura DePizzo

The Lakeview Local Land Lab is offering up the opportunity for anyone in the district to come take part in seeing the process of making maple syrup in the coming weeks. Known as the Breakfast Club, anyone interested can come take part in every aspect of making fresh syrup. We start out with cutting the firewood needed to boil the sap and do a general clean up of the trails. Once the weather gets to be perfect sap weather, we will tap the trees and then collect the sap. After there is enough collected, we will have boil days on the weekends. At the end of the season, we will host a breakfast so that everyone can sample our hard work. This is a completely weather dependent type of project so there is not a whole lot of notice ahead of time when things will take place at the land lab. Another bonus is the fun of cooking over an open fire and hiking the trails to

check off the list on the scavenger hunt. The Land Lab is over 30 acres of wooded property owned by the school district to be used for outdoor education. Remember, this is open to anyone to come take part, you do not need to have children attending school here. This is simply open for anyone to come see the process, either just once or commit to attending every event. If you would like to be included on when things will take place, please email Laura.DePizzo@lakeviewlocal.org or call 330-638-1060. The Lakeview PTO will post events on their Facebook as well. This is a weather dependent project so we can’t plan ahead—sap runs best when day temps are in the 40s and nights are in the 20s. Just can’t plan weeks ahead for it. We will post on the Lakeview PTO site and make announcements at the schools.

Lakeview Local School District Funding

The Lakeview Local School District learned recently that it will receive just over a 12% increase in local funding on inside mills due to the recent property reevaluations. This increase in local funding will keep the District from the immediate financial crisis toward which it was headed, but there are still unknown variables the District faces. The increase in local funding will trigger a decrease in state funding for fiscal year 2025. While the increase in funding will maintain current services and prevent further cuts at this time, it does not restore the District to the level of educational opportunities that were provided to students five years ago. Over the course of the next several weeks, the District will work to release a new five-year forecast and more information on what the March 19th operating levy will provide for the future of education in the Lakeview Local Schools. When the December deadline to place a levy on the March ballot occurred, the District had to make a decision with the valuation numbers available at that time. Since the facts have changed, it is imperative that our taxpayers have full transparency and all the information they need to make an informed decision at the ballot in March.

Tickets Still Available

Tickets are selling fast for the Lakeview Athletic Club’s Game Night Gala Fundraiser at the beautiful Grand Resort on Saturday, March 2nd. The Fundraiser benefits our Little Baseball and Softball players-for this upcoming season. Please wear Festive Attire and show off your personality with bright colors, accessories and cocktail attire with a creative flair. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Music will be furnished by the-No Funk No Justice Band from 7-10 pm. Tickets are \$125 per person or purchase two tickets for \$200. You may also purchase a table for 10 guests for \$1000. Your ticket includes a five-hour open bar, Hors-D’oeuvre’s, a delicious Dinner Buffet and one Complimentary “Sorry” Raffle Ticket. Tickets are sold online only. If you would like to purchase a ticket, be a sponsor or donate to the Silent Auction or can’t attend but want to contribute please contact Becky or Kelli at lakeviewathleticclublac@gmail.com

Upton House First Wednesday Series

The Upton Association announces that the first Wednesday series returns this spring with coffee hour 9:30 am, program 10:00 am.

- March 6 Paula Jasper returns to tell us the story of “incredible Frances Perkins...woman behind the new deal”. Perkins was a member of FDR’s cabinet for his entire term as president.
- April 3 Roger Peterson gives us the insider background on “The Boston Tea Party”. Ot took place 250 years ago on December 16, 1773.
- May 1 Tim Brookes from East Liverpool has the real information on Pretty Boy Floyd and his Ohio connections. We heard about Elliott Ness so now it’s time for a walk on the wild side.
- Thursday, April 11 the Upton annual meeting will start at 4:30 pm. short reports and a review on the state of the association followed by a pizza party.
- Saturday, May 4 the annual spring luncheon. The speaker will be Dr. Kimberly Hamlin from Miami University. Her program is on her 2020 book “free thinker: sex, suffrage, and the extraordinary life of Helen Hamilton Gardener”. Reservation form will be



mailed in early April.

- Sunday, August 4 The Upton Association celebrates its 35th anniversary. join us at the Upton house for a display of 35 years of history. Refreshments will be served.

A membership campaign is underway. It’s time to renew your membership if you haven’t done so yet. Membership will continue to get you program information and newsletters and you will be supporting one of the important assets on Millionaire’s Row in Warren, Oh. Renewal form is available on the website at www.uptonhouse.org

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The Dean’s List features qualifying students possessing a grade point average of 3.40 or greater and must have completed 12 or more letter-graded credit hours (A, B, etc.) by the end of that semester.

Here is a list of Cortland/Bazetta area winners.

Fall 2023 President’s List - Alycia Bailes (Vienna), Jenna Clevenger (Cortland), David Costas (Cortland), Samantha Lovesee (Kinsman), Astrid Moran (Cortland), Achante Pasek (Southington), Seth Phares (Southington), Ethan Toot (Cortland).

Fall 2023 Dean’s List - Jesse Barr (Kinsman), Alexis Betker (Bristolville), Connor Castle (Southington), Hannah Fagan (Bristolville), Nicholas Frantz (Kinsman), Josiah Gaines (North Benton), Sylvia Gardner (Kinsman), Allison Gibson, (West Farmington), John Gilbert (Leavittsburg), Hannah Gilligan (Southington), Joseph Hall (Newton Falls), Kylie Imes (Cortland), Sarah McCulley (Cortland), Logan Moser (Cortland), Natalie Mosley (Kinsman), Hailey Osika (Cortland), Renee Perrault (Vienna), Zara Polizzi (Southington),

Elizabeth Putnam (Southington), Natalie Sawtelle (Kinsman), Chloe Thompson (North Bloomfield), Abigail Torrance (Kinsman), Kaitlin Webb (Bristolville), Sydney Wiberg (Farmdale), Brianna Williams (Bristolville)



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THE HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER
By Traci Cooper, cPT, ACSM



Is it time for a change? The first time in life that I began to seek a change in my health was during pregnancy with my fourth baby. The previous three were easier, I gained about 20 – 25 pounds with each one and easily lost weight post pregnancy. With my third baby, it was more difficult to lose weight and with the fourth, I had gained over 50 pounds. Pregnancy was difficult and all I really wanted to do was lay in bed and watch “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.” Who else can relate? I had two toddlers and a teenager already, and keeping up with them was becoming more and more difficult with the extra weight. It was at that point I decided to make a change.

When I was in my last month of pregnancy, I began to plan. Not only would I add exercise, but I would also track my nutrition and journal my calories. This was not easy since it was all very new. My favorite food when I was pregnant was steak and blue cheese

(stuffed mushrooms as a side dish). After I had my son, while still in the hospital and true to my word, I began to journal. It wasn’t as difficult as I had anticipated and writing it all down somehow gave me confidence that I could do it. Each day I felt better and stronger. This helped me to take care of my children, and a new baby. After about three weeks, I started walking on the treadmill and outside with the kids. This led to bicycling and running.

I can’t say that the weight melted off me, it was work. It took about three months to lose the 46 pounds I had put on and the confidence that it gave was unimaginable. This opened a whole new world to health and wellness. I realized in that time, that not only was I doing this for myself, but for my family. This process also taught me that if I don’t change something then nothing will change. It’s sort of like expecting different results from doing the same thing repeatedly.

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By Dr. Joseph Bedich

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No matter what your fear is related to going to the dentist, a compassionate, professional dentist and his staff can make the experience stress-free. Be sure to smile – you will be in the hands of a highly professional and competent dentist.

Spring Lunch and Learn Program

Community members are invited to take advantage of monthly “Lunch and Learn” sessions on the first Thursday of each month at Ohio Living Lake Vista. As part of the campus’s commitment to lifelong, continuous learning, Lunch and Learn sessions feature a unique speaker, hearty lunch spread and talkback session for participants to discuss what they’ve learned together.

“We started this series last October and so far, have seen a fantastic response from the Cortland community,” said Denise Rubano, Ohio Living Lake Vista independent housing manager and event coordinator. “People are thrilled to have an opportunity to come together and learn something new. So far, we’ve planned a wide array of engaging programs, from sound meditation to the history of the wedding table!”

The last Lunch and Learn event was held Thursday, Feb. 1 in the Ohio Living Lake Vista clubhouse centered on The History of Chocolate.

“You’re never too old to learn,” emphasized Rubano. Also scheduled this spring includes Thursday, March 7 Historian and author Sean Posey will speak on his new book, Hidden History of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

April 4 Youngstown and the Titanic Presented by Traci Manning of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society. Several Youngstown families were aboard the Titanic. Come hear the history of their journey. Finally, on May 2 learn about 19th Century Home Medicine and Medical Artifacts presented by Cassie Nespor from the Melncik Medical Museum of the Mahoning Valley. Actual artifacts will be on display.

To sign up for the Lunch and Learn session, call Denise Rubano at 330-638-2420, ext. 1000. More details about Spring 2024 Lunch and Learn events can be found on the web at www.ohioliving.org/lakevista or the campus’s Facebook page.



Churches Help Red Cross Seeking Blood Donors

The American Red Cross is holding several local blood drives. Please consider donating. The upcoming drives are:

- Monday, March 18, 2024, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, and Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM at the Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High Street, Cortland
- Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Fowler Community Church, 4665 Wilson Sharpsville Rd., Fowler

New Prenatal Program At JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering a new prenatal program, J-Baby, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays from March 5 to April 2 at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane in Youngstown.

The J-Baby prenatal program is a five-week course that covers wellness essentials for expectant couples and single parents. The program will include courses taught by certified professionals and will cover everything from infant First Aid/CPR and newborn safety, prenatal and infant nutrition, including a “how to” class on making your baby’s first foods, as well as fun and engaging yoga classes.

The cost is \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for non-members. Visit jccyoungstown.org/upcomingwellnessprograms to register.

Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Offers NASA Certified And AAA Compliant Solar Eclipse Glasses For April 8th Viewing

By Samantha Ensminger

The Trumbull County Tourism Bureau is excited to announce the availability of NASA certified solar eclipse glasses priced at \$5 for a pack of 6. These glasses offer a safe and uninterrupted viewing experience of the upcoming solar eclipse in Trumbull County and are necessary to see the upcoming eclipse.

As the solar eclipse approaches, Trumbull County is set to be in the path of this extraordinary celestial event. According to information obtained from eclipse2024.org, Trumbull County residents and visitors will have the opportunity to witness the direct path of this awe-inspiring eclipse and its various phases.

These specially designed glasses TCTB is selling provide the necessary protection for viewing the solar eclipse without risking eye damage or discomfort. Improper eye protection during a solar eclipse can lead to a

condition called “eclipse blindness” or retinal burns, also known as solar retinopathy.

In addition to offering solar eclipse glasses, the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau is working closely with local community members, businesses, and organizations to ensure an unforgettable eclipse experience for residents and visitors alike. A range of eclipse-related events and activities will be taking place throughout the county, providing opportunities for education, entertainment, and celestial celebration. Any eclipse-related events will be advertised on the TCTB events page.

For more information on purchasing these NASA certified solar eclipse glasses or to stay up to date with the latest eclipse events in Trumbull County, please visit www.exploretrumbullcounty.com or contact the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau.

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Hello readers! For those of you who added a pet to your household this past holiday season, you may be feeling the “shine wearing off.” I begged for either a pony or puppy on my Christmas list every year growing up. My parents never brought home an animal as a gift, and in hindsight, I’m grateful. Like most children, I had a short attention-span and wouldn’t have been a good caretaker.

However, for parents who have brought home a pet to surprise the kids, it’s not uncommon for them to regret this decision with time. I frequently observe parents calling around to shelters trying to surrender these pets or attempting to rehome them online. I hear “my son’s cat” or “my daughter’s puppy” just “isn’t getting the care or attention it needs.”

Sometimes people become so desperate to remove an animal from their home that they will drop them off somewhere and leave... You may have heard about the pet bunnies and guinea pigs recently dumped at Howland Park. Note: Abandoning domesticated animals is illegal under Section 959.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Here’s the thing - unless your child is over 18, has an income, and is an incredibly responsible person, you are the one responsible for the pets in

your household. If your child asks for a pet, you can say “no.” But if you say “yes,” know that if your child doesn’t feed, bathe, walk, play with, clean up after, etc. the pet, you will have to do it yourself.

It’s not automatically a bad thing to bring home a pet for your family - but the problem is when adults expect their children to own the responsibility of caring for these pets. If you’re having a difficult time incentivizing your children to help care for your household pets, you can try some suggestions in this online article: <https://pridebites.com/blogs/barking-post-blog/how-to-teach-your-kids-about-pet-care>

Children have notoriously low attention-spans so involving them in a long-term commitment like caring for an animal is a huge risk (and unfair to the pet). If your child loves animals but isn’t ready for the responsibility of caring for one, consider getting them involved in a program that allows them to interact with animals. For example, AWL in Vienna offers a program where children read aloud to cats or rabbits at the shelter.

If you have suggestions for parents regarding how to teach children about responsible pet ownership, send me an email at [Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com](mailto>Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

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Put Your Year-End Bonus to Work

For many Americans, the start of a New Year is the time they find out if they received a year-end bonus. If you are anticipating one, take some time to think about how you want to use this hard-earned money. Consider the ideas below before the money hits your bank account.

Supplement your investment contributions. Consider applying your bonus to an employer-sponsored 401(k), up to the maximum allowable amount. Take advantage of your employer match, if applicable. Alternately, since it’s also wise to diversify your investment dollars, you could apply your bonus up to the amount allowed in your situation to an IRA. Depending on your adjusted gross income (AGI), both 401(k) and traditional IRA contributions may help reduce your annual tax bill as you grow your savings over time.

Set aside funds in a health savings account (HSA). If you have a high-deductible medical plan, you may be able to make tax-deductible contributions to an HSA. The funds grow tax free and roll over year to year. The money can be withdrawn tax-free to pay for qualified medical expenses today and in the future.

Save for education costs. Invest your bonus in an education savings plan to get a head start on future costs related to elementary and secondary school, college, or trade school. You can open a 529 account on behalf of a beneficiary to fund their future education expenses or contribute to an existing plan. Your contributions may be tax deductible; check with your tax or financial advisor to determine what giving strategy is best for you.

Invest in the stock market. Diversify your investment portfolio by putting bonus money into the stock market. The stock market provides the opportunity to create a balance of active

and passive management that fits your financial goals. Talk to your financial advisor to determine how investing in the stock market can be done to accommodate the timeline of your goals (e.g., vacation, kitchen remodel).

Build emergency reserves. If you don’t already have an emergency fund, consider using this year’s bonus to get one started. Open a separate savings account for this purpose if you want to reduce the temptation of using it for non-emergency purposes.

Give to the causes you care about. It’s rewarding to give to others. Put your bonus to good use by investing in the community agencies that are important to you. Most nonprofit organizations rely on the generous support of donors to provide the services they offer. As added incentive, you may earn a tax deduction if the organization you fund has tax-exempt status.

Fund your personal growth. Consider investing your bonus dollars in a learning experience, physical activity, or hobby that’s been on your wish list. Perhaps you’ve been meaning to learn a new language, join a pickle ball league, or buy art supplies. Applying bonus dollars toward meaningful experiences can energize you personally and pay dividends at home and at work.

Receiving an annual bonus is a testament to how hard you worked last year, and you should feel confident in how you decide to use it. A financial advisor can work with you to review your goals, investments, risk tolerance and other factors and help you make the right plan.

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February 27th.(Tuesday)
ECLIPSES by Marty Mullet. With an upcoming total eclipse visible in our area in April, Marty will prepare us for this once in a lifetime event.

March 5th.(Tuesday)
COIN COLLECTING AND EVALUATIONS by Wayne Aubel.

Are you looking for more info about the coins you have or are you interested in investing in silver & gold, come update your awareness.

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Ms. Theresa is always smiling and pleasant and her love for her job shines through every day. If You are feeling down, Md. Theresa is sure to cheer you up. That same spirit flows into her work with the children. She is patient, kind and compassionate and is always willing to step up and lend a hand to help her colleagues. Cortland Playrooms is lucky to have her!

Thank you, Ms. Theresa, for how well you care for our children.



ADOPT A PET

ASIA

- Spayed female
- 4 years old
- Domestic Shorthair, Brown/Black tabby
- Up to date on all vaccines and microchipped
- Adoption fee: \$65

Asia is one of AWL's longest feline residents. She's been patiently waiting for a home for about a year. She is definitely a lap kitty and just loves to curl up against you and rest. She's laid back and enjoys laying near the windows in the sunny spots. Asia is in a cat showcase when you first walk in and has been living with multiple other cats there, so she's used to feline companions. Come meet her and fall in love with this beauty!

ROBIN

- Spayed female
- 2 months old
- Mixed Breed, Medium (up to 44 lbs fully grown), Black/Tan coloring
- Up to date on all vaccines and microchipped
- Adoption fee: \$250

Robin came to AWL in early February and is just a tiny little puppy! She will need a good home with loving human companions willing to put in the time to train her as she's growing up. Anyone who looks into her puppy-dog eyes won't be able to resist snuggling her!

If you're interested in either of these pets, or you'd like to learn more about our current animals available for adoption, please email our Adoption Supervisor at Adoptions@awltrumbull.com or call Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County at 330-539-5300. For more information about our adoption process, visit <https://www.awlrescueme.com/adopt/>

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Eleanor Record Setter

By Cait Morgan

One of the things I did admire about my mother was her strength. She was one strong tough woman. When she passed on at age 91-93 (she had two birth certificates and the family bible, all with different years) she was the oldest living breast cancer survivor in Mahoning County. As far as I know, she still holds the record for longest survivor. May not be “historic” but it’s pretty cool.

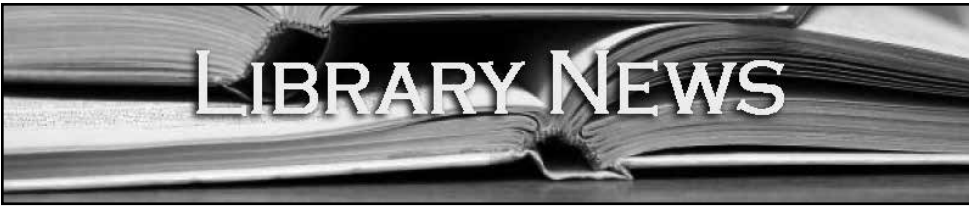
I wasn’t around yet when she was diagnosed. She found a lump when she was in her early-30’s and the doctor referred her to a surgeon. The plan was to remove it for biopsy, but apparently when he looked inside, he found many lumps and he was certain it was cancer (bear in mind this would have been in the late 1940’s). He decided to take the whole breast.

Eleanor’s reaction was classic. Her response when she woke up was “Put it back!!!!”. Chemo wasn’t a thing then. Neither was being delicate with the surgery, her scars looked like a series of railroad tracks going 5

directions at once. She was treated with something called “X-ray therapy” (early radiation?) and that was that. She had a set of pulleys in the basement and made up her own therapy. No follow ups, no long-term meds, nothing. And no one ever talked about it, losing a breast was something to keep silent about.

But Eleanor being Eleanor, she was determined something like this would not stop her. There was a circus in town the day she was released from the hospital (a week-long stay at that time) and she wanted to go. Nurses said no. Doctor said no. Dad said no. Eleanor said yes.

She pitched such a fit that Dad agreed to drive her past it. He caught a red light and she hopped out of the car and headed for the tents. Guess who went to the circus? And got her hot dogs and cotton candy. Rumor has it Grandma was ready to kill my father, but she finally conceded he was just simply outmatched by a wily determined woman.



Cortland Library Events March 2024

Toddler Tales
Mondays at 10 a.m.: March 4, 11, 18, 25
A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19-35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Teen Advisory Board
Mon., March 4 from 4-5:30 p.m. Teens in grades 7-12 can share ideas about what they would like to see at the library, collaborate on creative ideas, and earn service hours as part of the Teen Advisory Board. Free.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: March 5, 12, 19, 26,
Preschool story time features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 – 5 with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Midweek Mayhem
Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: March 6, 13, 20, 27
Teens in grades 7-12 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at this weekly hangout. Free.

Only Murders in the Library
Mon., March 11 from 7-7:45 p.m.
This new discussion group will focus on one true crime topic each month, with the topic being selected from group members’ suggestions. The group will use and share resources such as books, articles, and podcasts before each session. Free.

Let’s Talk Teen Mental Health
Tues., March 12 at 6 p.m. Mental health is important! Many teens struggle with their mental health and may not have the tools and resources to take care of themselves. James Baluck, MSW, LSW, a local school social worker, will discuss a variety of mental health topics such as managing stress, how to support a friend who is struggling with their mental health, what to do when you feel

overwhelmed, and how to know if you are sad vs. depressed. Handouts will be provided and there will be time for questions. Free.

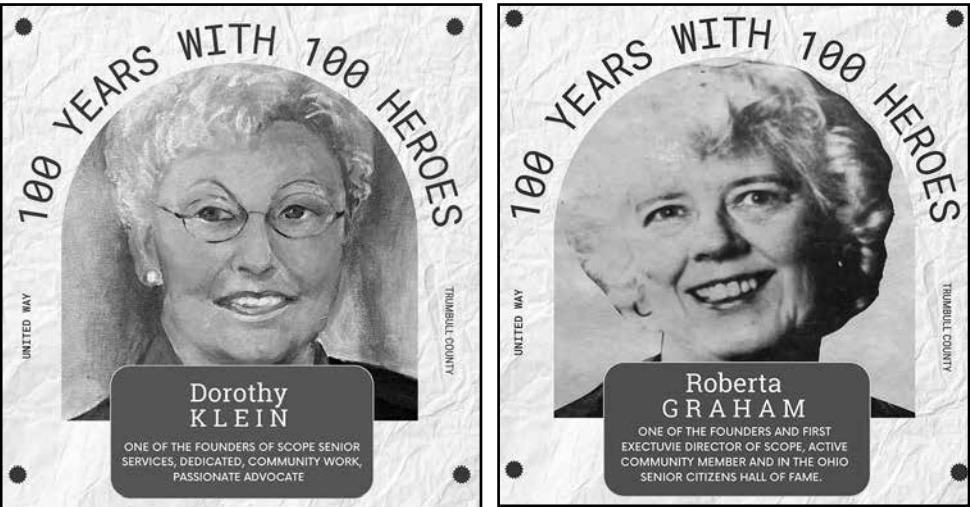
A Visit to a National Park
Thurs., March 14 from 1-2 p.m. Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator/Watershed Coordinator Amy Reeher will discuss her recent tour of Dry Tortugas National Park in Florida. Free.

Family Movie Night
Thurs., March 14 at 5 p.m. In anticipation of the upcoming solar eclipse, enjoy an all-ages space-themed movie night. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 for the title of the movie to be shown. After the movie, attendees can take home a pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses, while supplies last. Free.

Steampunk Time Travel Murder Mystery
Mon., March 18 from 4-6 p.m. Teens in grades 7-12 can become a character from the past and time travel to the future to 2099 to attend a steampunk-themed gala by a famously demented quintillionaire heiress. Each participant will be assigned a character at registration. Why has she brought everyone together? And who will survive the night? Registration is required by March 16; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Family Craft Night
Thurs., March 21 from 6-7 p.m. Come to the library to make an anti-gravity galaxy in a bottle of your very own to take home. For families with children in first grade and up. Free.

Totally Tweens
Tues., March 26 from 3-4 p.m. Tweens can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. For tweens in grades 5-8. Free.



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