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Spring’s Symphony in Cortland: A Season of Blossoms, Recreation, and Remembrance

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As the winter’s grip loosens and spring’s melody fills the air, our city awakens in a vibrant symphony of color and activity. This charming town of Cortland Ohio, nestled in Trumbull County, transforms into a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, nature lovers and those seeking a taste of community spirit.

Spring paints a breathtaking scene on the glassy surface of Mosquito Creek Lake. As the snow melts and temperatures rise, the lake transforms into a haven for boaters. Whether you’re an experienced angler casting your line for walleye, bass, and crappie,



or a leisure boater enjoying a peaceful cruise amidst the scenic backdrop, Mosquito Creek Lake offers something for everyone. Spring also awakens the hiking trails that weave through the surrounding woodlands, offering stunning views of the lake and the chance to spot an abundance of spring wildflowers. Keep your eyes out for the different types of wildlife that make their home at the lake while hiking the trails.

Walnut Park located in the heart of the city comes alive with the sounds of laughter and friendly competition as spring arrives. Tennis enthusiasts gather on the courts for a spirited match, while basketball players showcase their skills on the courts. Baseball diamonds buzz with activity as young athletes swing for the fences, and pickleball courts see players of all ages engaged in this increasingly popular sport. Whether you’re a seasoned athlete or simply seeking some friendly competition, Walnut Park provides the perfect venue to enjoy the invigorating spirit of spring.

Spring brings the promise of warmer days, and what better way to celebrate than with a visit to Pearl Park located on the north end of the city? This family-friendly haven contains baseball and basketball courts, soccer fields and features a delightful Splash Pad, perfect for children of all ages to cool off and have a blast. There’s also playground equipment, a covered picnic pavilion



and even a Free Little Library for all to enjoy. The joyful squeals and laughter echoing through the park paint a picture of pure spring-time fun.

Amidst the vibrant tapestry of spring, Cortland remembers its heroes. The beautiful veteran’s memorial located at Point Park stands as a permanent tribute to those who have served our nation. The serene atmosphere of the park, coupled with the solemn beauty of the memorial with the gentle sounds of falling water, creates a space for reflection and gratitude during any

season, but especially during the time of renewal that spring embodies.

From the tranquil beauty of Mosquito Creek Lake to the lively atmosphere of Walnut and Pearl Parks and the solemn remembrance at Point Park, spring in Cortland offers a unique blend of natural wonders, recreational activities, and community spirit. So, lace up your walking shoes, grab your fishing rod, or pack a picnic basket, and experience the magic of spring in this charming town that we call home to so many.



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By Heather Sensabaugh

Spring is coming and it will bring with it an abundance of adorable baby animals! Here in Cortland, we have a lot of squirrels and rabbits, as well as deer. Sometimes, humans see a baby animal alone in the wild and think it is orphaned, but that is rarely the case. Wild animal mothers are devoted mothers, and they often leave their babies alone during the day to keep them safe, as babies get excited (and noisy) when they see their mothers. So, if you see a baby animal alone, be sure to call a local wildlife rehabilitator like Heather Merrit at (330)652-3381 or the Trumbull County Wildlife Officer, Marty Cisine, at (330)245-3037 for directions. It is illegal to keep a wild animal as a pet, and giving wild animal babies food or water could make them very sick or kill them.

Cortland’s squirrel population is thriving! Squirrels are the first animals to have babies in the Spring, having

their litter of 2-4 kits in February. Kits will be rocked in the treetops in their dreys (big leaf clumps) until they are close to 3 months old. If a kit falls out of the tree, put it by the base of the tree and watch from afar, as its mother will surely retrieve it if she’s able.


Wild rabbits will often make nests in yards, so it is important to check your yard before you mow it. Look for tufts of rabbit fur in tall grass. If you find a nest, you can mow around it by putting a basket over it or flags around it. Baby rabbits (kits) only need three weeks in a nest before they’re able to go off on their own. If the nest is disturbed, rebuild it and put the bunnies back.

We have a Whitetail Deer Gang in town. Mother deer like to leave their fawns near people during the day to lessen predation. She will come to nurse several times per day. If you find a fawn in a dangerous situation, like in a road,

you can move it to safety, but if you do that, face it away from you and press firmly between its shoulder blades before exiting quickly – this is the way moms tell fawns to stay put.

If you do get to see an adorable baby, please admire it from afar and call a specialist. Happy Spring!





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Monday Apr 1 – 7 p.m.

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Monday, Apr 8 - 5:30 p.m.

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www.cityofcortland.org under City

Council Minutes.

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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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.

MARCH

- 16 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge / Support the Civil Air Patrol / 9 AM
- 16 Charity Fundraise Breakfast for Debbra Sullinger / Optimist Club of Cortland/Bazetta / 8-11 AM
- 16 God Provides A Meal / Hosted by Cortland United Methodist Church / 11 AM
- 18 Trumbull County Herb Society Meeting / Champion Presbyterian Church / 6:30 PM
- 19 Business Mix & Mingle / Country Porch Winery / 5:30 PM
- 21 Soup and Sandwich Lunch / Cortland Christian Church / 11 AM
- 21 Cortland Historical Society Meeting / Opera House / 7 PM
- 24 Easter Egg Hunt / Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church / 1 PM
- 27 Trumbull Town Hall Series, Michael Minor / Packard Music Hall / 10:30 AM

APRIL

- 2 Metal Detector Club / Johnston Senior Center / 1 PM
- 3 Upton Assoc. 1st Wednesday Series / Roger Peterson, Insider Background - "The Boston Tea Party" / 9:30 AM
- 3 Metal Detector Club / Trumbull Ag Building / 1 PM
- 6 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge / Support the 4-H shooting Club / 9 AM
- 7 'Calvary's Love' Gospel Group in Concert / The Church of the Nazarene / 10:45 am



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The City of Cortland is thrilled to announce the "Cortland Celestial Celebration," a community-wide event on April 8th, showcasing solar eclipse. The city has secured 3,000 pairs of solar eclipse glasses, ensuring attendees can safely experience this rare celestial phenomenon.

Join us on W. Main St. from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for an unforgettable afternoon filled with live music, food from local food trucks, and an array of pop-up shops featuring products from our local businesses. This event is a celebration of community spirit and under the cosmic beauty of a solar eclipse.

Businesses interested in participating as pop-up shops are encouraged to reach out to Jeffrey Jiang at jjiang@cityofcortland.org. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products to a diverse and engaged audience.

All community members are welcome to attend, complimentary solar eclipse glasses will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Don't miss this chance to witness the celestial marvel in the heart of Cortland.

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

CORRECTION

Last issue we incorrectly spelled the name of one of the recipients of the City Grants for Facade Improvement. The owner of Main Street Rentals is Harvey McGinnis. We apologize for the mistake.

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Two Charity Breakfasts

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Mar. 16th, 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 Civil Air Patrol based at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS). The public is invited, and anyone interested in the Civil Air Patrol is welcome to learn more about the organization.

Another fund-raiser breakfast will be held on April 6 and it will benefit the 4-H Shooting Club.

These 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 age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee, with take-outs available.


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Apostolakis Honda is excited to announce two awards that their service departments have just won from Honda again this year; The Customer Service Experience Award & the Fixed First Visit Award. Apostolakis Honda President, John G. Apostolakis, says "I couldn't be prouder of our Service Team's hard work and dedication to providing the very best for our customers!"

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local animal rescues. The remaining money goes to the Smiles for Life Foundation, which supports children's charities.

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For more information check out this link <https://smilesforlife.org/who-is-behind-smiles-for-life>



Welcome

Martin Cisine, the State Wildlife Officer for Trumbull County, was the guest speaker at the Cortland Rotary Club meeting on February 26.

Martin spoke to the club about his job responsibilities and answered questions. Pictured with Officer Cisine is Dan Schultz, Cortland Rotary club President. Cortland Rotary Club meets weekly at 7:30 am in the Lake Vista Clubhouse. Guests and potential members are welcome.



Cortland Rotary welcomed Sylvia Scott as a new member at the February 20 club meeting. Cortland Rotary is a service organization that meets weekly at 7:30 am in the Lake Vista Clubhouse. Guests are welcome to attend. Pictured are Sylvia Scott and Dan Schultz, Club President.



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Just the Facts

There will be a total eclipse on Monday, April 8, beginning in Cortland at 3:15 pm. How long will the total eclipse last in the city of Cortland?

a. 2 minutes 50 seconds
b. 2 minutes 16 seconds
c. 1 minute 48 seconds
d. 1 minute 57 seconds

Find the answer at the bottom of the e-News.

Cortland Celestial Celebration

Monday, April 8, 2024 on West Main St., 12:00 Noon – 4:00 pm
Free glasses while supplies last, Food trucks, Pop-up Shops, Music & More!
Bring your own chair/blankets for seating!

Lakeview High School Drama Department

This year's performance will be The Addams Family: The Musical. Adult tickets will be \$15 and \$10 for students. There will be 4 performance dates at LHS Raidel Auditorium – April 5th, 6th, 13th and 14th. Good Luck to all of the students and faculty involved!!



Cortland Fire Department Hires New Firefighter

By Chief David Rea

This month we would like to introduce you to our newest full-time employee. We feel he is a great asset to our city and will serve the department with distinction for many years to come. Let's take a moment to let Kevin introduce himself.

My name is Kevin Bartchy, I am a Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Cortland. I have been in EMS for 15 years. I started in the fire service as Jr. Firefighter for my hometown department and transitioned to part-time upon graduation from high school. After becoming certified as an EMT I started working at Northstar Critical Care Ambulance and while there earned my paramedic certification from Eastern Gateway Community College.

I am from Beloit and still live there on my family's farm. I am a 2008 graduate of West Branch High School and when not at work I enjoy riding my motorcycle, archery, and farming. I look forward to continuing my career at Cortland Fire Department and continuing my education to better myself.

Now that you have met Kevin, the next time you see him at an event the department is participating in please feel free to say Hello. Welcome Kevin and may you have a long and rewarding career with the city.

Yours in Service, Chief David Rea

Scrap Tire

The city will have a Scrap Tire Collection Program beginning April 1st and ending on April 26th. Tires can be dropped off at the Service Garage in Willow Park, Monday through Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Brush Pick Up
The city's Curbside Brush Chipping will resume the week of April 21st. The rules and schedule can be viewed on our website, cityofcortland.org

Spring Clean Up

April 25th and 26th items will be collected with your regular trash. Call Republic Services with any questions.

Dates to Remember

Mar. 18 – City Council meeting – 7 p.m.
Mar. 29 – Good Friday – Administration Offices closed
Apr. 1 – City Council meeting – 7 p.m.

Answer - b. 2 minutes 16 seconds is the correct answer. However, there are lengths of time for the total eclipse in other Trumbull County communities, beginning at 3:15 pm in the western part of the county and beginning at 3:16 pm for some communities in the eastern most parts of the county. For additional information about the eclipse, viewing areas and more, please visit www.TrumbullEclipse.com

Spring Flower Sale

By Constance Amstutz

Our very own Four Seasons Garden Club is having their annual Spring Flower Sale. Whether you are looking for hanging baskets or flats, there are flower options for everyone. Proceeds from the sale support flags and beautification in

our area. Payment and order deadline is April 10th. Please contact Mary Lou Jarrett at 330-307-6741 or Becky Bucco at 330-720-8995 for an order form. Flower pick up will be on Thursday, May 9th – just in time for Mother's Day!

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As Spring arrives, it brings warmer days and sunshine. We begin to feel a sense of new beginnings as we see flowers return to life, trees begin to awaken, and grass begins to grow. The last several months can be difficult for people to journey through and at last Spring is here!

The Bible also talks about new beginnings. One of the most powerful verses can be found in Jeremiah 29:11 where it says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." It is comforting to know that God has a plan for each and every one of us. When we focus on the things God has

for us, it helps us become the people we are meant to be.

If you find yourself in a season of life that feels like you're stuck in the winter months, I encourage you to focus on the things that God is doing in your life. Whether the things you are going through are good or bad, God will still work those things out for your good in the end. Spring has a way to bring us to new beginnings just as God's Word reminds us that He has plans for us that is just like Spring. Be willing to step out, look for ways that you see new birth and new beginnings with yourself. Trust that God has a plan for you and it will be like warmer days and sunshine.

Remembering God's Kindness

Recently I was sitting in my office and I heard this high-pitched sound that I couldn't place. I had heard it before, but I couldn't find the source nor remember what it was. I walked around the church listening to where it was coming from, and then I heard it again more clearly. It was the chirping of birds! It was a great reminder of the spring season quickly approaching.

When we consider the seasons and consider them in the scope of Scripture's message that we have a God who provides not only seasons in weather, but seasons in life. Winter offers little greenery or flowers to speak of. In this dreary landscape it can be easy to struggle with seasonal depression as the sun doesn't shine often and the snow and rain makes everything wet rather uncomfortable.

But winter gives way to spring, and new life is all around us. Birds return from the south, grass begins to grow, flowers bloom, trees bud and sprout leaves, and the sun shines more often even if we do have the April showers that water the land.

Summer brings the fullness of the greenery and joy, as we hear children singing and see them skipping along in parks and playgrounds, baseball fields filled with activity, and a bounty of activity.

Then comes the harvest with a bountiful return from what we have put in the ground. Whether it be garden or farm, vegetables or grain, God brings the blessings of increase upon us.

Life is like this, too. There are days of joy when all is well and life is good and we can sing in the rain. Maybe you are in a storm of winter and you have a trial that weighs on your heart and you look forward to the "spring" of life again. Let me encourage you to look to Jesus who promises us in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." When difficulty comes to us, look to Jesus and rest in Him knowing He will bring about the freshness of life when we trust Him through faith.

Easter Week Services For Area Churches

LOAF - The Lakeview Outreach & Fellowship will sponsor Easter Sunrise Service, March 31 in Mosquito Lake Park near beach area at 7:00 AM.

Journey Christian Church will be having a Good Friday Service on March 29, at 6:00 PM. Easter service at 10:00 AM on March 31.

Calvary Bible Church Easter Services: 8:00 Sunrise service, 8:30 Breakfast, 9:30 Regular Worship

Cortland United Methodist Church Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm. Easter Service 10:00 AM; Fowler UMC breakfast 7:30 am, service 8:50 am.

Prince of Peace Sunday, March 24, 9:30 am, Palm Sunday Service with open communion; Friday, March 29, 7 pm, Good Friday Service with open communion; Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am, Easter Sunday Service with open communion

Wildare Church, 7211 North Park Ave, Maundy Thursday Service March 28 at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday Service March 29 at 7:00 p.m., Sunrise Service March 31 @ 7:30 a.m., Traditional Service 9:00 a.m., Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m.

Mecca Community Church Sunrise 7 am, Sunday School 9 am, Main Service 10:15 AM

Bazetta Christian Church Maundy Thursday service at 7pm, Good Friday service at 12 pm, Easter service at 10 am.

Cortland Church of the Nazarene will have a Breakfast 9:00 am and 10:45 am Easter Worship Service. 5:00 pm the church is showing a sight and sound production of "Jesus".

Trinity Evangelical Lent Midweeks Services will be at 6:30 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm. Services will go until Wednesday March 20th. 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.



New Pastor At Wildare Church

Wildare Church welcomed Rev. Steve Anderson as the new pastor on Sunday, February 11. He and his wife Leslie and son Ehren previously served two churches in Montana. They were honored after the morning worship service with a covered dish luncheon.

Pastor Steve shared that he looks forward to getting to know the people of Wildare as well as the community. He is an avid outdoorsman, Leslie enjoys antiques and their son, Ehren loves the outdoors as well.

Wildare Church welcomes the community to attend services in person or online for the 9 am traditional service or the 11 am contemporary service. For more information call the church at 330-637-5000 or at www.wildarechurch.com or find us on Facebook.

Pictured are Ehren, Leslie, Pastor Steve Anderson,







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Church News & Notes

Cortland United Methodist Church hosts “God Provides A Meal”, Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Dessert & Beverage. Please join us for a delicious lunch. Donations accepted but not required.

Cortland Christian Church is sponsoring its very tasty Soup and sandwich Lunch of Soup, Sandwiches and a multitude of delicious homemade pies. This month for Lent, we also have Vegetable Soup, Beef Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle and Ham and Bean Soup. Thursday, March 21 from 11 am-1 pm., with in house dining, carry-out and delivery. You can call in an order 330-637-4611, email -officeatccc@gmail.com, or FAX to 234 244 4432. Proceeds of our endeavors are used for our Community, Local Outreach and World Outreach, Missionaries. Come over and have lunch with us.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Easter Egg Hunt We invite the community to come to our Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity on March 24th, 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.



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Trumbull Treasure Hunters

By Bob Woofter

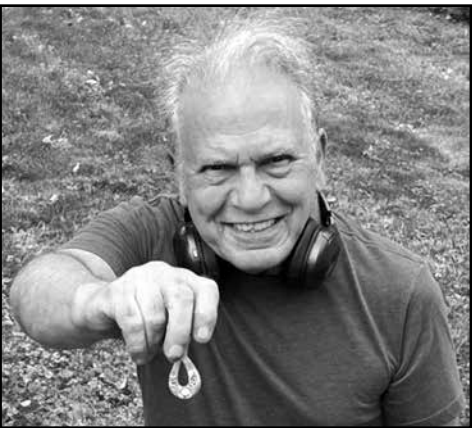
The thrill of finding something looked for, whether it be an item lost, something misplaced just yesterday or unknown items from hundreds of years ago is what motivates Metal Detectorists across the globe and those right in our own backyard.

Trumbull Treasure Hunters is the name of the local group of folks practicing this hobby. Boasting an online membership of over one hundred and a steady meeting attendance of twenty plus, members of the group consistently find jewelry, coins, metal toys, antique relics and much more. A more recent addition to the list is property surveying pins.

Regardless of the items worth, Trumbull Treasure Hunters doesn’t charge a fee for recovering lost items. “The look of gratitude and heartfelt thanks is all the reward we need”, according to Bob Woofter founder and past president of the group.

Everyone is welcome whether they own a metal detector or not. The next meeting is scheduled for the Trumbull Ag Center on Main St in Cortland,

April 3, 6 pm. Meetings are also at the Johnston Senior Center on the first Tuesday [April 2] of every month at 1 pm. For additional information contact Jim Bacorn, 304.940.9250 or Bob Woofter, 330.442.9669.



Joe Tricomi of the Trumbull Treasure Hunters discovers lost jewelry!

Spring Book Sale

Need to do some spring cleaning? The Cortland United Methodist Church Women are looking for gently used books, puzzles, games, specialty magazines and extra craft supplies for their Spring Book Sale April 12 and April 13. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the church at 155 N. High St in Cortland. Drop off times are Monday and Thursday 9:00 – 1:00 or Saturday, March 16 or March 30 from 10:00 – 2:00. If these times are not convenient, please call the church at 330-637-2571 or 330-638-6550 to arrange a time for you. Thank you for sharing so that others may enjoy your items.



‘Calvary’s Love’ Gospel Group from Doylestown, Ohio will be in concert at The Church of the Nazarene on April 7th, 10:45 am. 293 E. Main St. Cortland All are welcome.

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Lakeview School News

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

Many school-aged children have cell phones or other electronic devices that give them access to the online world including social media. These powerful communication tools offer benefits and problems associated with their use.

In February of this year, Fallon Research Group released findings from a national opinion poll regarding school bullying and online activities. This poll specifically looked at the intersection between bullying and the online environment.

The poll respondents fell into four categories: public school parents, no children in public schools, men, and women. According to the poll, in-person and online bullying were seen by public school parents to be equally prevalent. Those most concerned about bullying also believed that bullying was an issue in both in-person and online situations.

Within online environments, social media was seen as a major part of the bullying problem. Interestingly, social media companies were not considered best equipped to provide any solutions to the problem of online bullying.

Pollsters pointed out that in the responses many parents seemed to think the onus for social media bullying fell largely on their own shoulders and were most critical of their own shortcomings in this area. They seemed to recognize that they could be playing a larger role in helping to reduce or eliminate situations of online bullying—especially through their own efforts to carefully monitor their child’s online activities.

Email me at: jo.taylor@lakeviewlocal.org if you would like a copy of the report emailed to you.

Judge Marty Nosich Hosts Lakeview High School Students



Madylin Marinkovich, Emerson Hyde, Jaden Kropp, Brooklynn Hutton, Judge Marty Nosich, Alexandria Marra, Brayden Smith, and Brycen Jack.

Judge Marty Nosich, of the Trumbull County Eastern District Court in Brookfield, recently hosted seven Lakeview High School seniors for their job shadowing project. This is the second group of Lakeview students that Judge Nosich has hosted this school year. Judge Nosich has also hosted students from Maplewood, Joseph Badger, Howland and Windham school districts. This program allows the students to see court proceedings firsthand and not just on a movie or television show. There are several different professions within the court that the students were able to observe firsthand. Some examples include judges, attorneys, court clerks, bailiffs, prosecutors, public defenders and court reporters. Shadowing Judge Nosich gave them insight into court proceedings and what happens at court. Observing attorneys allowed the students to see how they advocate for their clients and present their cases. Court clerks handle administrative tasks and record keeping, while bailiffs maintain order in the courtroom. Court reporters create official transcripts of the proceedings. Shadowing all of these roles provides for a unique experience

and perspective on the inner workings of the court system.

The students spent their day observing traffic and criminal proceedings, and hearing directly from court employees, attorneys, and the judge about their specific education and work backgrounds. At the end of the day the students were provided lunch and Judge Nosich answered additional questions.

Judge Nosich said, “I want to thank Principal Herrholtz and the Lakeview schools. Lakeview was the first high school that we hosted and we have since expanded and hosted students from two counties and five high schools. I look forward to working with Principal Herrholtz and Lakeview in the future to continue offering these opportunities to the students.”

Principal Herrholtz stated that “the students enjoyed their learning opportunities, and now have a better understanding of the court system. I want to thank Judge Nosich and all the court staff for their kindness, generosity, and the learning experiences they are providing to our students.”

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 Brayden Smith. Brayden is the son of Chad and Tawnya Smith and he has attended Lakeview Local Schools his entire academic career. Brayden is supremely talented in the arts. He has been an actor in Lakeview’s Thespian Troupe 10443 since his freshman year. He has had prominent roles in six different productions and recently, he has earned the role of Gomez Addams in the Troupe’s upcoming performance of The Addams Family. Instrumental music is where Brayden really excels. He is a member of Lakeview’s Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and the jazzy Lakeview Blues. In those three groupings, Brayden shows off his versatility by playing four different instruments - bass guitar, electric guitar, piano, and trumpet.

The Addams Family will be performed four times for your viewing pleasure starting on Friday, April 5,, at 7:00 PM and running through Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 PM. Call Lakeview High School for more information.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Music
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - Probably the staff
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Vasilio’s
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - Willow Park
- 5.) You might catch me ... - Just playing music at my house and practicing my instruments.
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? - To be a famous musician.



2024-25 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

ATTENTION LAKEVIEW LOCAL PARENTS: The 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration is now open. Students must be 5 years of age by August 1, 2024 to enroll. The registration process is completed online. More information can be found on the Lakeview website. www.lakeviewlocal.org.

TCTC’s 3rd Annual Community Night

By Morgan Cretella

TCTC’s Community Night promises to be an evening of fun for Trumbull County residents of all ages. Bring your friends and family, and join us on Thursday, April 18, from 6-8 pm to experience all that TCTC has to offer and more! In addition to hands-on activities and demonstrations related to the education we offer, we will also have fun and informative games, experiences, and interactions relevant to the residents

we serve. Trumbull County service providers and community business partners will be on hand. Food trucks and concessions will also be available for individuals to purchase something to eat as well. We appreciate your support and look forward to hosting an evening of fun for you! Be sure to visit us online at tctchome.com/page/community-night to explore the available activities.



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provided the music and DiLucia's provided the food.

Head Coach Dave Kelm and Assistant Coach Cullen Chadwick asked the LHS girls softball team to help serve the food. But DiLucia's sent their staff to serve the food so the LHS girls jumped right in helped the guests enjoy the evening. They talked and danced with people and everyone had a great time. This is a really special group of young ladies.



Abby Waldo, Addy Allen, Linnea Kovac, Paige Schwartz, Kennedy Bartlett, Ava Bacon, Mackenzie Stowe, Isabella Isenberg

Frank Strama Joins Local Office of Ameriprise Financial

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Strama graduated from Youngstown State University with a degree in Telecommunications.

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Cortland Playroom

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- Chase LOVES the Jolly Pets ball toys! He's been at AWL since May 2023 and has waited so patiently for someone to come meet him and adopt him. Chase is strong and high-energy and would benefit from having a human companion that's willing to do obedience training with him. He would do best in a home with no children, and if there are other dogs in the home, a meet & greet would be required with them prior to taking him home.



Cortland Playroom



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The U.S. Housing Market is in an Unusual State Is Now the Time to Sell Your Home?

The U.S. housing market is facing unusual times. Mortgage rates are at their highest levels in years, precluding some buyers from entering the market. At the same time, the nationwide supply of houses remains tight. If you're contemplating a move in the midst of these unusual market dynamics, here are five steps that can help you navigate the process.

Seek professional help. A top priority is to have a good handle on your current financial situation. This means having a clear idea of the value of your home and how selling it would fit into your financial plan. To help gain a holistic perspective, sit down with a financial advisor to discuss your current financial situation and concerns for participating in today's market. Additionally, you may want to consult a real estate professional. Finding an agent through a referral from somebody you trust is a good way to identify a qualified agent. Don't be afraid to interview multiple agents to find the right fit.

Determine the worth of your home. Local market conditions, based on the balance between housing supply and buyer demand, have the biggest impact on home values. Explore pricing on real estate websites, consider obtaining a formal appraisal, or discuss the matter with your real estate agent to help determine your home's realistic value. Consider whether you can expect to sell the home for more than you owe on an existing mortgage if there is one.

Estimate the cost of selling your home. The sale price of the home does not reflect your ultimate net proceeds. There are costs associated with the process. These include realtors' fees, typically amounting to 5%-6% of the sale price. Closing costs, which typically include a home inspection, appraisal fees and title insurance will eat up another 1% to 3%. If you need to make repairs to the home at some point in the process, that's an additional cost. Finally, you may need to negotiate the price or provide other concessions to the buyer to close the deal. Keeping these costs in mind will help you attain a clear picture of the proceeds you can expect from selling your home.

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When I started fostering kittens a few years ago, I had no idea how difficult it would be. Who wouldn't want more tiny, fluffy kittens in their life? Plus - you give them back! No long-term responsibility, because the understanding is that when you take on a foster animal, they will eventually go back to the shelter and be adopted, or the foster-based organization you're working with will find them a permanent home.

I really didn't know what I was getting into. All I knew was that I needed a spare room (to keep foster(s) separate from other animals in the home) and time to spend caring for and socializing them. Well I had a spare room and plenty of time (the best part of working from home) so I thought Sign me up!

The first litter I fostered were 3 tiny, 6-week old kittens. Cute as could be. They had already been weaned (kittens start to wean at 5 to 6 weeks old) and were very social. Although they were all the same age, one of the kittens, a fluffy gray male, was smaller than the other two. I was told to keep an eye on him and make sure he was eating. We named the kittens after varieties of peppers. The larger gray male kitten was "Serrano," the calico female was "Cayenne," and we named the tiny male "Ghost."

We planned to have the kittens for 2 weeks, until they'd reach 8 weeks



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include additional coverage for specific situations. For example, an accidental injury rider will pay a lump sum for injuries like a fracture or ligament tear; or a cancer rider will pay a lump sum for different types of cancer diagnoses. Other possible coverages could include skilled nursing stays, outpatient surgery or ambulance services. The costs of these plans are based on age and health.

There are many other types of policies to supplement medical insurance policies and help defray costs of life events. Some policies can be geared toward specific conditions like cancer, heart attack or stroke. While others can be for specific services such as short-term home health care. You can also pick up a supplemental dental or vision policy to cover gaps in coverage or to provide coverage if you do not have a policy. If you are interested in any of these options, consult your local insurance agent. They can help you figure out what works best for your individual situation.

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and could return to the shelter to be neutered and adopted. I spent hours with them every morning, afternoon, and evening, which included cleaning and feeding. I would hold each one to pet and cuddle, then showed them how to play with kitty toys - all important aspects of socializing them to humans.

After 2 weeks, it was time to have the kittens weighed at the shelter. They had to be at least 2 pounds to return. Serrano and Cayenne were both over two pounds, and I cried while saying goodbye. Little Ghost was half a pound away, so we brought him back home for another few weeks.

We fell in love and couldn't bear to part with him. So we "foster failed," meaning we put an adoption application in on him and he's been a permanent part of our family ever since.

Fostering is not easy. But it is lifesaving. For me, that's well-worth the hours, tears, and love I pour into each one. Do you have your own foster fail story? Send me an email at Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com.

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Wealth Advisor, Constance Amstutz, CFP®, hosted a great event, "New Year, New Perspective: Planning for Financial Freedom" at the Cortland Library. She shared some insights into financial fundamentals like cash flow 101, tackling liabilities, building your savings and mastering credit. It was a delightful event. JFS Wealth Advisors would like to thank everyone who attended.

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By Traci Cooper, cPT, ACSM



Spring is the most wonderful time for change. The weather is breaking and there is a fresh smell in the air. In fitness, spring brings us new opportunities to make a difference. It begins first with you, then with everyone around you.

Every day, I text my friend Brenda to ask her if she has time to walk. Sometimes she must work too late and we cannot fit it in, but many days we can. Brenda and I are up to 4.6 miles each time that we walk. We always try to pick up the pace, but, because we have so much to talk about, it doesn't even feel like work. That one 4.6-mile walk can burn upwards of 400 to 500 calories. We have so much fun catching

up that the time just blows by.

Sometimes change can be just a walk and it doesn't have to be many miles. You and your friend can just start with 1 mile. After a few weeks, it becomes a habit and before you know it, you start losing weight and feeling better. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, walking can lower your triglycerides, increase good cholesterol, build bone mass, and increase your cardiovascular fitness.

I'm a fitness trainer and still need an accountability partner. I promise you will not regret it. We live in a beautiful town with an amazing lake and so much to see. Who will your accountability partner/walking friend be moving into summer? This is the first step to the new you.





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Planning an Eclipse Party

Whether you love astronomy or just want to get together with family and friends to watch this year's solar eclipse, April 8 is a great time for a party.

DECORATIONS - There's an obvious theme for any eclipse party – the solar system – so look to space for your inspiration. Stars, crescents and circles can be a fun place to start if you want to keep the look simple, but there's no limit to how far your imagination can go. Have a projector? Think about projecting an image of the moon on your wall for an unforgettable backdrop. Globes or glass balls, often sold as garden sculptures, can make great space-themed centerpieces. Glowing balls from the toy aisle can make excellent moons. For science-fiction lovers, using your favorite spaceships or characters in the decor can provide some inspiration. And don't limit your creativity to decorating the room. Fun hats and star-themed hair pins can show your fun-loving side.

FOOD - Moon Pies: This one may be too easy, but it's perfect for the occasion. These marshmallow, graham cracker and chocolate treats are deal for any eclipse party, whether store-bought or homemade. Sun-dried fruits: Raisins, dried apricots and dates can be fun and healthy ways to pay homage to solar energy. Freeze-dried ice cream: Often thought of as treats that astronauts eat, freeze-dried ice cream pellets such as Dippin' Dots can be a great way to cool off on a summer day. While this chilled treat was never really used on the space shuttle, it still evokes the idea of space exploration. Themed treats: Star-shaped cookies and crystal-like sprinkles can lend a celestial look to your baked goods.

DRINKS - For the adults, mixed drinks can be a fun way to celebrate astronomy. Some classic space-related cocktails include:

- Black hole: Black sambra with ice and club soda.
- Big bang: One part vodka, one part sambuca, one part absinthe.
- UFO: One part gin, two parts lemon soda.
- Bailey's Comet: One part butterscotch

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Eclipse Activities For Children

When children are fortunate enough to witness a solar eclipse in 2024, it presents a wonderful opportunity to engage them in fun activities while teaching them about the wonders of astronomy. Here are some updated and exciting ideas to make the most of this celestial event:



ECLIPSE DEMONSTRATION

One of the best ways to explain a solar eclipse to children is through a simple and hands-on demonstration.

Gather a globe, a tennis ball, and a flashlight. Turn off the lights to create a darkened room and showcase how a solar eclipse unfolds. Move the tennis ball in front of the globe to mimic the moon passing in front of the sun, and observe how it casts a shadow on the globe. This interactive activity helps kids visualize and understand the eclipse phenomenon.

'BIG SUN, SMALL MOON' GAME

Explaining the concept of the differing sizes of the moon and the sun can be challenging for young children. To illustrate this, grab a quarter and a dinner plate. Ask one child to hold the quarter while another holds the plate. When viewed up close it's evident that the quarter is smaller. However, as they move farther apart or bring the quarter closer to their eye, the quarter can appear larger than the dinner plate.

Encourage your child to predict how far their friend must walk before the quarter completely covers the dinner plate. This activity effectively demonstrates the importance of perspective and how the sun, although appearing similar in size to the moon in the sky, is about 400 times larger.

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Harness your child's digital interests by exploring educational videos online about the 2024 solar eclipse. The internet offers a plethora of child-friendly, age-appropriate videos that explain the significance of a total solar eclipse and why the upcoming event is extraordinary. Conduct a search on YouTube or another video-sharing platforms to find engaging videos that provide insights into the basics of astronomy. Sit down with your children and enjoy these videos together, fostering a deeper understanding of this

celestial spectacle.

ECLIPSE-THEMED BAKING ADVENTURE

Get your children involved in the kitchen by preparing eclipse-themed treats for the occasion.

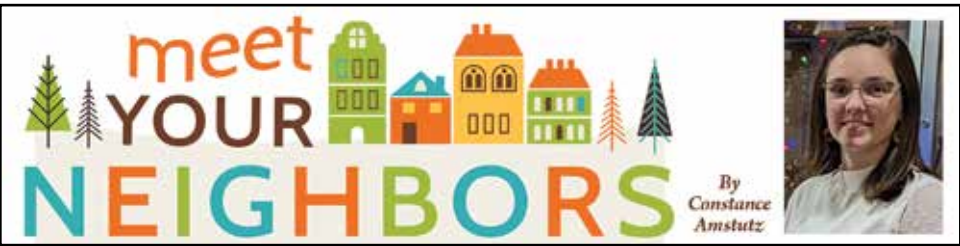
While it may require a bit more time and supervision from parents, allowing children to participate in baking activities not only teaches them essential life skills but also creates lasting memories. Under your careful guidance, kids can assist in mixing batters, cutting out eclipse shaped cookies, and pouring ingredients. It's a delightful way to involve them in making the solar eclipse a special and memorable day. Engaging children in these entertaining and educational activities during the solar eclipse will not only spark their curiosity about astronomy but also create cherished moments they'll remember for years to come.

Storytime at the Cortland Library Vaccines Myths and Truths

By Maria O'Brien, R.N., B.S.N., P.H.N

The Trumbull County Combine Health District and Bazetta Christian Church have teamed up to present Story Time at the Cortland Public Library. We will be discussing vaccine hesitancy,

anxiety and education at the library March 20th from 5-7pm for children ages 5-12 years. We are hoping to reach as many children as possible. The event is free and open to the public.



As the winter months begin to dwindle down, and the flowers prepare for their spring bloom, we are excited to shine the light on another member of our great city.

Friends and neighbors, with pleasure I introduce a lifelong Cortland resident, Britt Beil. Aside from a stint at college living five years in Kent, Britt resides in her childhood home in the heart of Cortland. Graduating from Lakeview High School in 2008, the choice to return to Cortland wasn't a difficult one. You see, Cortland is home for Britt. As she would describe, Cortland provides a comfort like no place else. "I would say Cortland is comfortable - in the best way... I know my neighbors. I know the people around here."

Britt believes Cortland has much to be desired. With our small-town feel,

and growing popularity with events downtown - like Food Truck Night and the infamous Cortland Street Fair - the possibilities are endless. Britt finds having the newer businesses coming to be attractive for her generation and hopes to see more of the like join our lake-town feel. "I would love to see more shops and storefronts in downtown Cortland... I am excited to see boutiques, the bookstore, and coffee shop coming in."

Britt would love to see the parking lot on Main Street being used. (Luckily for us all, plans are in the works.) Britt enjoys being able to see the lake from downtown Cortland as the leaves begin to fall in autumn; a desirable view by many. Our proximity to the lake is an attraction we are fortunate to have.

When Britt isn't working or visiting with friends and family, she is getting lost in the adventure inside of a book. In 2023, Britt read 75 books in total. Harry Potter is said to be her introduction to a passion of literature. One of her enjoyments is settling down in a booth at Four Star diner where the waitresses know her, and cracking open the pages of her latest read.

As I listen to Britt share her story and describe Cortland and its comfort, the intro of Cheers plays in my head. To be surrounded by the fantastic people in our community; to walk into our local restaurants and have personalized service; to recall the childhood memories of events still happening today. The DNA of Cortland is the people of Cortland, and we are so lucky to have you here with us.



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Cortland Library Events March & April 2024

Closings
April 8, during Solar Eclipse. All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will close to the public from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8 during the solar eclipse.
April 22, for Staff In-service Training All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, April 22 for Staff In-service Training.

Toddler Tales
Mondays at 10 a.m.: March 18, 25 April 1, 15, 29 A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver. 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.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: March 19, 26 April 2, 16, 23, 30 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.


Teen Advisory Board
Tues., April 9 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.

Midweek Mayhem
Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: March 20, 27, April 10, 24 Teens in grades 7-12 can check out our weekly teen hangout! They will enjoy games, activities, and a small snack. Free.

Write Here, Write Now
Thurs., April 11 from 3 – 4 p.m. Teens in grades 7-12 can get their creative spark flowing with some quick writes to various prompts; if they would like, they can choose to share their work with other participants. Free.

Only Murders in the Library
Mon., April 15 from 7 – 7:45 p.m. This new discussion group for adults 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.

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schnapps, one part Bailey's Irish cream, one part Goldschlager, one part sambuca.

In addition, Blue Moon beer is also a widely available drink, with the perfect name for an astro-themed party for viewing the solar eclipse.

MUSIC - No party would be complete without an eclipse-themed playlist. Some ideas:

- "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler.
- "Fly Me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra.
- "Eclipse" by Pink Floyd.
- "Man on the Moon" by R.E.M.
- "Moon Shadow" by Cat Stevens.
- "Space Jam" by Quad City DJs.
- "Black Hole Sun" by Soundgarden.
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