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Spring Has Sprung in Cortland: Time to Spruce Up Your Home and Yard!

Winter's icy grip may have loosened, but before you completely shed those cozy layers, it's time for a springtime refresh! Here in Cortland, with warmer days and longer evenings on the horizon, it's the perfect opportunity for some outdoor rejuvenation. This article will guide you through spring cleaning, yard work, and gardening to get your home and property ready for the vibrant season.

Spring Cleaning:

- **Declutter and Deep Clean:** Spring is a natural time to shed the winter blues and unnecessary clutter. Start by sorting through your belongings, donating what you no longer need, and giving your entire home a deep clean. Pay special attention to dusty winter gear and neglected corners.

- **Open the Windows:** Let in the fresh air! Open windows throughout your house to circulate air and chase away lingering winter odors.



Photo by: Jan Woofler

Yard Work:

- **Tame the Terrain:** Winter debris like fallen branches and leaves likely accumulated on your lawn and garden beds. Grab a rake and gather up these remnants. You can compost the leaves or dispose of them according to the city guidelines. The branch pick up during the week of the 4th Monday of each month has already begun. Be sure and follow the city guidelines for this as well. The guide lines can be found by going to the city web site @ www.cityofcortland.org or call 330-637-3916 for additional information.

- **Sharpen Up Your Lawn:** After a long winter, your lawn might be looking a little worse for wear. Aerate compacted soil to promote healthy grass growth. Depending on the condition of your lawn, you might also consider reseeding bare patches or applying fertilizer to give your grass a vibrant boost.

- **Prepare Your Garden Beds:** Spring is prime time for planting! Remove dead plants and debris from your garden beds. Amending the soil with compost will provide essential nutrients for your upcoming blooms.

Gardening:

- **Plan Your Paradise:** With the last frost date typically around mid-May in Cortland, it's time to plan your garden. Research plants that thrive in our climate and decide what vegetables, flowers, or herbs you'd like to cultivate. Check out local nurseries or garden centers for expert advice on plant selection.

- **Planting Power:** Once the danger of frost has passed, it's time to get planting! Follow the recommended planting depth and spacing for each

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Mother's Day Of Peace

By Heather Sensabaugh

European countries have honored mothers on the 4th Sunday of Lent, called "Mothering Sunday" - a day in which laborers and servants were given the day off to return to their own mothers. They would do her domestic duties, attend their "mother church" with her and enjoy a feast with relaxed Lenten rules with her before returning to their jobs on Monday.

In America, Mother's Day was originally created to be a day of protest against war. During the Civil War, Juliet Ward Howe was working tirelessly to clean up hospitals caring for wounded soldiers and started a "Mother's Day of Peace" where she encouraged mothers to gather and protest the cruelty of war and the senseless loss of their children. She encouraged families to get along with her proclamation "Let families refrain from fighting on Mother's Day, for when families live in peace, they take the first step toward peace on our planet."

Mother's Day of Peace was celebrated in Boston and surrounding areas until World War I started.

Ann Reeves Jarvis, known as "Mother Jarvis," was a young mother in Appalachia who taught Sunday School and organized groups to help poverty stricken mothers and abate the infant mortality rate. When the Civil War was over, she endeavored to unite Confederate and Union widows as friends. When Ann died, her daughter Anna petitioned the government to create a holiday to honor her work for others, calling it Mother's Day. She held a memorial service for her at the church where she taught Sunday School in May 1907, and that church really started Mother's Day, as it sought to set aside the 2nd Sunday in May to honor all mothers, and it spread to other churches. Woodrow Wilson signed a bill in 1914 making Mother's Day a legal holiday.

Being a mother myself, I like the idea of "Mother's Day of Peace" very much. If my teenagers could spend an entire day not fighting I would be elated. Peace looks different for everyone. Ask your mom what peace looks like for her and seek to give her that on Mother's Day.

Now for some jokes: If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mother told you in the first place! Nothing is truly lost until Mom can't find it. Why did the mother cross the road? To get some peace and quiet! Happy Mother's Day!



Juliet Ward Howe



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Community Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAY

- 4 **Charity Breakfast** / For Women Of Worship of Cortland Christian Church Masonic Lodge / 9 am-Noon / *See page 9*
- 8 **Spring Mixer** / Hosted by GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League Ohio Living Lake Vista Clubhouse / 6 pm - 8 pm / *See page 12*
- 12 **Mother's Day**
- 13 **Veteran Graves Decoration Day** / American Legion Post 540 will decorate graves with American flags / Bazetta-Cortland Hillside Cemetery / 4:30 pm
- 14 **Sip & Slice** / Hosted by GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League Cork and Cap Bottle Shop & Tasting Room / 6 - 8 pm / *See below*
- 14 **Trumbull County Genealogical Society Meeting** Grant Room of the Warren-Trumbull Public Library / 10 am / *See below*
- 18 **God Provides A Meal** / Cortland United Methodist / 11am - 1 pm / *See page 8*
- 18 **Trumbull County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale** Trumbull County Ag Center / 9 am to 1 pm / *See page 7*
- 20 **Herb Society Meeting** / Champion Presbyterian Church / 6:30 pm / *See page 9*

Decorating Veterans Graves For Memorial Day

Here Is How YOU Can Help

By Col Robert Mangold, US Army, Retired

On May 13, 2024, 4:30 pm, in preparation for Memorial Day, American Legion Post 540 will decorate with American flags veterans graves in Bazetta-Cortland Hillside Cemetery. The cemetery is located where West Main Street, Cortland City, ends on the shores of Mosquito Lake.

Last summer all American flags and veteran grave site markers(stakes) were removed by an unauthorized person. The in-ground year-round stakes were our only means of identifying all grave sites deserving of an American flag each year.

In September 2023 we were able to remark graves from most of World War II to present easily identifiable by plaques affixed to head stones or lying on the ground. Graves from very early World War II may lack plaques. Those dating back to the Revolutionary War lack plaques and some headstone inscriptions are illegible. These graves remain unmarked. Surely a lot of these earlier graves may be lost forever.

If you are aware of a veteran family member interred in Hillside Cemetery you are invited to come to the cemetery on Monday, May 13 at 4 pm, to insure we place a flag on the grave site. The rain date is Tuesday, May 14. As always, we will leave American flags and grave site markers/stakes at the entrance to the cemetery and next to the chapel. Please use these to mark a grave should we miss any.

Call Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, Ret., for more information at 330-637-8956.



Wine and Pizza For Good Cause

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League is hosting a Sip & Slice event at Cork and Cap Bottle Shop & Tasting Room on Tuesday, May 14th from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$35 and include a \$10 beer/wine tasting card, pizza and snacks. Raffle baskets and 50/50 drawing will take place. Proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Please contact Julianne Kesler at 330-469-1964 for tickets. Cash and Venmo can be accepted.



Trumbull County Genealogical Society

The next meeting of the Trumbull County Genealogical Society will be on Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 AM in the Grant Room of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Avenue, N.W., Warren.

At this point we do not have a program planned for the May meeting. Join us to see what we come up with. All meetings are free for all ages and open to the public. Please join us at www.trumbullgenealogy.com for up-to-date information.

Golf Fore Sight: Keep Your Eye On The Ball

Sight for All United's 7th Annual Golf Fore Sight: Keep Your Eye on the Ball is scheduled for Monday, June 3 at the world class premier Lake Club Golf Course. The proceeds from this event will go directly to support the Mahoning Valley's vision needs and services, including assisting children and adults with access to eye exams, glasses, and vision surgery.

Because of the community's ongoing support, Sight for All United has assisted over 5,000 children and adults with accessing quality vision care. The Vision Van of the Mahoning Valley provides a crucial service to K-12 students who have not otherwise been able to access regular vision care. Being able to see clearly is critical to learning; and, because of the Vision Van, Sight for All United can provide students with sight!

Sight for All United also supports adults and older adults. As we age, our vision deteriorates, at times to a degree in which quality of life and the ability to live independently are impacted. By providing people with ongoing access to quality vision care, vision loss can be prevented, restored, or managed.

Register to attend "Golf Fore Sight" by May 10, 2024. To register, please visit SFAU's event page at: app.donorview.com/YXAMk For more information, please contact SFAU at: info@sfau.org or 330-750-1867.



5th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

The 5th Annual Citywide Garage Sale is scheduled for June 6 - 8. 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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Breathing New Life Into Old Materials

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Damon Carson, a maverick in the waste management industry, has carved out a unique niche with his company repurposedMATERIALS, which specializes in giving industrial hand-me-downs a second life. His approach, likened to gambling, involves procuring discarded materials without necessarily having a predetermined market, trusting that someone, somewhere will find value in them.



Damon Carson with materials being repurposed.

One of the six branches of his company across America is in Newton Falls, OH in the old Pamida store location. They are open Mon-Fri 9 AM - 5 PM and accept cash and credit cards. Residential and businesses are all welcome.

Despite the items being obsolete to their original industries, Carson sees potential in them, believing that creative reuse can unlock new functions and applications.

The breadth of repurposed MATERIALS' inventory is staggering, ranging from old firehoses repurposed as dock fenders or dog chew toys to massive volumes of cash register sneeze guards finding new life as greenhouse windows. Carson's hands-off approach involves simply acquiring the materials, leaving it up to the customers to determine their use.

To attract buyers, Carson employs savvy marketing tactics, leveraging social media [Facebook] and a weekly newsletter to showcase the transformation stories of discarded materials. To sign up go to their website: www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com This storytelling strategy not only engages audiences but also highlights the innovative solutions these repurposed items offer.

Despite the unpredictability of his work, Carson has honed his ability to gauge the marketability of discarded materials over the years. His journey began with the purchase of old billboards that could get repurposed... as hay tarps, pond liners, slip n slides, etc...which sparked his realization of the untapped potential in repurposing industrial discards. Since then, repurposedMATERIALS has grown exponentially, with Carson continually seeking out new opportunities while turning down propositions that don't align with the company's ethos.

In essence, repurposedMATERIALS is a testament to Carson's vision and ingenuity, proving that one man's trash truly can be another man's treasure.

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City Of Cortland's Celestial Celebration



By Jeffrey Jiang

The City welcomed approximately 800 guests to West Main Street on Monday April 8 for the solar eclipse. The Cortland Celestial Celebration was "just an idea our Assistant Finance Director, Terri Barnovsky, thought up," Mayor Petrosky states, but because of the extremely talented team at the city it went from an idea to a full-blown celebration in less than six weeks. This event aligns perfectly with the City's 2021 Updated Strategic Plan as it tied the city to tourism for economic benefits.

One business owner claimed, "We would have never thought a singular event would increase sales so dramatically. In just four hours we were able to sell as much product as we do in a week!". City staff spoke with individuals from West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Michigan, Arizona, and Canada.

Mayor Petrosky would like to give a special thank to the Cortland Fire Department, Cortland Police Department, Cortland Administration, Trumbull County Tourism, Trumbull County EMA, Trumbull County Combined Health District, and Republic Waste for making this event such a success.



Master Gardeners Plant Sale

The Trumbull County Master Gardeners will be returning with their annual plant sale on May 18th at the Trumbull County Ag Center from 9 am to 1 pm. Location is 520 W. Main St., Cortland. We will have our favorite locally grown plants for sale and many of them are straight from our gardens! We will also have our popular garden "trash and treasure tent" where you might find that something you didn't know you needed.

All proceeds go to continue maintaining the garden as we are a non-profit group. For further information please contact Noelle Barnes at Barnes.1127@osu.edu or phone 330-638-6783.



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Mother's Day

Life can get hectic. Jobs, school, everyday decisions can consume your time and mind, then you remember "I have to call mom, its "Mother's Day"! In 1914 Mother's Day became an official US holiday. The idea behind the day was to recognize the sacrifice that these women made as they advocated for peace, for community improvements, and other campaigns that helped contribute to changes.

All of this was birthed from a mother that saw the importance of nurturing family and families in the communities. The accomplishments of these early Mother's show the essential impact that one could have in the lives of people. True nurture, love, and care for others isn't limited to one's family.

The lesson we see here is the same lesson found in the scriptures.

God created mothers to be the Godly examples to the family. When she sacrifices her time and effort for others, she shows unconditional love. It might be hard to live up to someone's expectations or example, but when someone is affected by love it is much easier! Now when Christ's love became the example that a mother wants to show...that is praiseworthy. I thank God that I was blessed to have a Godly mother that taught me, Proverbs 6:23 ... "correction & instruction are the way to life". She also exercised Proverbs 13:24 and I learned to appreciate her for it. So, this Mother's Day, take a moment to remember the sacrifices, the late nights, and the mother's voice of reason. It doesn't have to be only your mother that you should appreciate! Just don't forget to call her!

Happy Mother's Day

Let's be honest: As a man, my understanding of motherhood has its limits, but I have a mother who is still alive, and I remember and am thankful for much of what she has taught me. And I have friends and relatives who are mothers. I also have friends who have had very different experiences of their own mothers than I did of mine: Some think fondly of their mothers; some do not.

There are many people who can confidently say that their mother loved them, but there are also many who might more accurately say that their mother did the best she could at the time. Either way, we are here, and they shaped us. And we give thanks for all the good they did, all the lessons they taught us, and all the love they showed. And, if we are wise, we should also forgive them for their various imperfections and mistakes, because every parent makes mistakes, and no mother is perfect.

And it is okay to admit that your mother was not perfect. She was something more important than that: she was human. She taught you how to be human by both her instructions and her example, be it good or bad.


Your mother may have taught you about love; or how to mess up and keep moving forward; or how to apologize for hurting someone; or how to be strong in the face of pain or hard times; or how to take care of yourself and other people. We celebrate motherhood as one powerful way that we learned lessons like these.

But Mother's Day is also a day for those who are mothers to celebrate motherhood: Whether your children turned out the way you wanted them to or not; Whether your children lived and thrived or left this world ahead of you; Whether you got to raise them, or not, or raised someone else's kids; Whether you were able to give them everything or had to sacrifice to keep them fed. And this is a day to remember those who long to be mothers, but something has kept that from becoming true; And to honor those who are unofficial "mothers" to the children of others, or who are loving and raising grandchildren or nieces or cousins, or just showing extravagant love to others.

Happy Mother's Day to everyone who ever was or had a mother.




The Church of the Nazarene recently gifted Dairy Queen gift cards to the Trumbull County Children's Service for Easter. Pastor Chuck & Gloria Hargenrader on the left and Ray & Mary Traenkle on the right.



PROVERBS 31:

- 25 *She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*
- 26 *She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*
- 27 *She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*
- 28 *Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:*
- 29 *"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."*
- 30 *Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*
- 31 *Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*






Church News & Notes

Cortland United Methodist Church
 God Provides A Meal Saturday, May 18 from 11 AM - 1:00 pm. Menu: Sloppy Joe, Pasta Salad, Fruit Cup, Dessert & Beverage. Join us and bring a friend.

Members of the church are collecting \$25.00 gift cards for Trumbull County Children Services until the end of May. If you would like to donate, they can be dropped off at the church on Monday or Thursday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Cortland Christian Church
 Where All Are Welcome! "Mothers Day" at Cortland Christian Church will be a special day for the women of our church. There will be a flowers, a lovely, delicious luncheon and Pastor Pat Seger giving one of her touching messages. If we are lucky she may even sing a favorite hymn for us. We are looking forward to seeing Pastor Pat and having her as our special guest speaker for this day. This day will be a tribute to all women, not just Mothers.




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Another Easter (Pascha) In 2024

By John A. Trogotgott

As I prepare for Orthodox Christian Easter (Pascha), I would like to shed some light on why the Orthodox Christian Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ later than the Catholic and Protestant churches.

The Catholic and Protestant churches celebrated Easter on Sunday, March 31, 2024; the Orthodox churches will observe this holy day (Pascha) on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

The Orthodox Church follows guidelines set forth by the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 A.D., requiring Pascha to take place after the Jewish Passover to maintain the Biblical sequence of Christ's Passion. The rest of Christianity does not follow this requirement, which means that on occasion Western Easter takes place either before or during Jewish Passover.

The Orthodox Church usually celebrates Pascha anywhere from one to five weeks later than the Western churches.

The two dates can coincide when the full moon following the equinox comes so late that it counts as the full moon after March 21st in the Julian calendar as well as the Gregorian calendar. The Orthodox Church adheres to the Julian calendar, tradition is the life and spirit of the Church.

In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII instituted a reform of the traditional Julian calendar. The new Gregorian calendar was more astronomically correct and is used by most of the world today.

I grew up Orthodox at Easter time, which was a great celebration. My mother honored the other churches' Easter and decorated eggs. She then would share them with our Catholic and Protestant friends. Many years my brother and I would get two Easter baskets. A Christian can never celebrate the Resurrection too often.

There are many Orthodox Christian churches in the Mahoning Valley.

John A. Trogotgott is a member of Holy Resurrection Orthodox church.

Cortland Church Of The Nazarene 60th-Year Celebration

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.

A little history: Two planning meetings were held at Don and Betty Bliss's home and on November 17th, 1963 and the first service was held in a rented storefront at 141 Mecca St

with 64 people present. More history will be in the next issue.

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.

If you have pictures or memories to share, please send them to the Cortland Church of the Nazarene @ 293 E Main St. we would love to share them with the members.

Herb Society Seeking New Members

The Trumbull County Herb Society is seeking new members. The club meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Champion Presbyterian Church for a social and snacks prior to the 7:00 PM meeting. The club focuses on the culture and uses of herbs and other topics related to gardening. For more information please contact Robin Liddle at 330-898-6974.

Charity Breakfast For "Women Of Worship"

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 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 "Women of Worship" group at Cortland Christian Church. They raise money to support various outreach programs, community projects, and the preservation of their historic church structure built in 1858.

The charity pancake breakfasts are held once (and sometimes twice) each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, who donate all 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 \$43,000 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.

FLOWERS

Across

4. Shamrock
5. Tall colorful flower
6. Broad-leaved plants often found indoors
9. A splash of yellow in early spring
10. Dutch favorite
11. A bright yellow flower
12. He loves me, he loves me not
13. A showy flower, often dark or black in the center of the bloom
14. Large, brightly colored flowers, often grown in hanging baskets
15. Fragrant trumpet-shaped bloom
16. Fragrant, delicate purple flowers, often used in arrangements

Down

1. Fragrant spring flowers, come in many colors
2. Rival of thorns
3. A type of flower named after a royal family
6. This fragrant herb is also a popular flower
7. A fragrant and beautiful flower

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Sally Mazer

Sally Nazer, age 85, of Kettering, passed away Monday, April 8, 2024. Memorial Services will be held 11:30AM Saturday, May 11 at Fairhaven Church, 637 E. Whipp Rd., Centerville. For complete condolences and remembrances, please visit www.routson.com/obituaries/sally-mazer.

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Lakeview School News

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

Five years ago, Lakeview began developing a Literacy Framework that outlined our approach to reading and writing instruction for emerging and practicing readers and writers. Over time, when staff noted a need to focus on a skill that seemed to be missing from our framework, we worked together to find curriculum that helped us to meet that need. In the intervening

years teachers began to see the fruits of their labor as student writing improved and reading comprehension and related skills also showed progress. Finally, the elementary report card made that progress official with a five-star rating earned last summer. This was a proactive and successful approach to the teaching of reading and writing for Lakeview.

Over the last year or so, you may have heard Governor DeWine talking about the Science of Reading. This term refers to a scientifically proven way of teaching reading to children that includes purposeful instruction in phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and phonemic awareness, to mention a few. In essence it represents a balanced approach to the teaching of reading and writing (which is what our literacy framework has helped us to do). In order for the Governor to ensure Ohio's public schools are teaching using the science of reading, he instructed the newly formed Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) to create an approved list of curriculum providers/textbooks from which districts were told to choose for their instructional program.

Essentially, this means Lakeview must abandon its Literacy Framework approach to instruction and adopt curriculum from the state's approved list. Our initial estimate on the cost of this forced adoption is about \$350,000. To soften the economic blow to districts who must make this change, the state has announced a subsidy for each district based on enrollment. Lakeview is set to receive \$60,601 for the purchase of curriculum and \$11,913 for intervention materials. That leaves a funding shortfall of approximately \$277,486. These kinds of edicts directly affect budgeting and force districts to make difficult decisions that ultimately do not help our children. In this case especially, we have a proven framework, but we are not able to continue with it.

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.

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 Hannah Moore. Hannah is the daughter of TyeLanae Moore, Antonio Hernandez, and Tony Moore. Hannah has proudly been a Lakeview Bulldog for her entire educational journey. An excellent student, Hannah is ranked in the top 10% of her graduating class and has earned 33 hours of college credit through

College Credit Plus (CCP) courses. Hannah chose to attend TCTC for her junior and senior years to participate in the Pre-Nursing: Phlebotomy Tech program. Through the excellent tutelage of former program instructor Barb Meyer, Hannah has already earned her STNA certification and will test in May for a state certification in Phlebotomy. Hannah has been working at Ohio Living Lake Vista for the last several years. She started as a dietary aide and has recently transitioned into the role of an STNA after receiving the aforementioned certification earlier this year. Hannah keeps busy by being a member of the National Technical Honor Society, HOSA (a global student-led organization empowering future health professionals), and actively participates as a Student Ambassador at TCTC. In August, Hannah will leave for Alliance, OH to study Nursing at the University of Mt. Union.

Get to know Hannah better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.
 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Helping others
 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The sense of family
 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Top Notch Diner
 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - The lake
 5.) You might catch me ... - Hanging out with my friends and family



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The LHS softball team is having an exciting year. After many Lakeview parents spent hours drying the field, the Lady Bulldogs played Labrae and Western Reserve on Saturday 4-13. The Bulldogs put on a hitting clinic scoring 31 runs to win both games. Kennedy Bartlett led the team with 7 RBIs, including a homerun and a triple. Kalyssa Werner, Mackenzie Stowe and Hallie Capan also homered. Pictured are: Laying- Mackenzie Stowe; Middle row- Makenna Werner, Kennedy Bartlett, Izzy Haines, Kalyssa Werner; Back row- Ella Collins, Hallie Capan, Ava Bacon, Annaliese DeJulio, Abby Waldo, Linnea Kovac, Paige Schwartz, Isabella Isenberg

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Joey Constantine Returns To National Spelling Bee

By Sophia Sutton

Lakeview spelling bee star, Joey Constantine, is back on the big stage for his third consecutive appearance in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Joey will be joining more than 200 other spellers from across the country to fight for the title of the National Spelling Bee Champion! Joey is an 8th grade student and will not only be representing Lakeview Schools, but he will also be representing Trumbull and Mahoning Counties.

resources, Joey puts in 1 to 3 hours of studying every day leading up to this event and even more time on the weekends. Not only does he study 4,000 words, but he also spends a great deal of time familiarizing himself with word roots and word rules. When asked what the hardest word that he has ever been

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His first time at the National competition, he placed 32nd, and then proceeded to place 22nd, the following year. Joey will be returning to Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day weekend and he is determined to continue climbing the Spelling Bee ranks!

The National Spelling Bee is no easy task, participants are given a list of 4,000 words to study for the three preliminary rounds and then if you make it to the next round it is opened up to words from anywhere in the dictionary. Being a Spelling Bee participant is not just about getting lucky with knowing how to spell the words! With the help of his mom, a pack of index cards, and online

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asked to spell, Joey said that there was not necessarily a "hardest" word but the most difficult words are those that are in different languages. As if learning thousands of words is not hard enough, some of them are in an unknown language.

When speaking with Joey, one can hear the passion in his voice when he talks about the Spelling Bee. Some people have their superstitions and wear their lucky socks or knock on wood, but Joey shared that he prays before every word. And, while most people would

find the pressure of these competitions to be overwhelming it is the opposite for Joey. One of his favorite aspects of the Bee is the adrenaline and nerves that come along with it. There are many unknowns that accompany this type of competition, one never knows what word could be next; however, Joey finds fuel in these nerve-racking instances and uses it to perform his best.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held May 28-30, 2024.



The Sky Is The Limit At Lakeview Middle & Elementary School

Annually, to raise funds to support the K-7 students and staff, Lakeview Elementary PTO hosts two large fundraisers, an apparel sale as well as three Scholastic bookfairs. Monies raised are used to purchase classroom materials and planners for 3rd-5th grade students as well as playground equipment for Elementary students. These funds also assist in payment of field trip admission for all students K-7, as well as allow for purchase of items sold at Santa Shop. With this money, the PTO can provide 2 staff meals and a holiday gift for each. The PTO plans and purchases all materials needed for Harvest and Valentine's Day parties, Field Day as well as provides an end-of-the-year treat. Lastly, the PTO provides funding for materials used at the Annual Art show.

This past July, our Co-Vice Presidents sought to engage our community to benefit the students and staff of the Lakeview K-7 building through collection of Sponsorships. Melissa Maki and Jessica Darby reached businesses not only in Cortland, but also those who have children in our district. Through countless emails, phone calls and face-to-face visits, the pair was able to raise a total of \$7,500!

With a portion of these sponsorship dollars, the PTO was able to bring a new experience to the K-7 students in the form of a Mobile ED Planetarium! Each group of students spent 45 minutes in the planetarium reviewing

the recent total eclipse, learning about stars and constellations, hearing new facts about planets in our galaxy as well as watching a rocket from launch to splash down!

With the remaining dollars, the PTO elected to gift \$500 to each grade level, K-7, to spend in a way that would best suit and benefit their students. First grade, for example, is choosing to offset the cost of a reptile experience, thus decreasing cost to families.

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In coming years, the Lakeview Elementary PTO looks forward to continuing to grow community relations and sponsorship dollars to bring unique experiences to the students of Lakeview Elementary and Middle school. For further information about Sponsorship for the 2024-2025 school year, email Lakeview Elementary PTO at Lakeviewelempto@gmail.com.

Good Luck Joey!!!!

Broken Crayons Still Color

Have broken crayons? GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League Environment and Education Committees are collecting used crayons to be recycled. The crayons are melted down and turned into new crayons which are then donated to children's hospitals across the country. If you have crayons, please contact Constance Amstutz at 216-403-0633, and we will give them new life!



Senior Citizen Game Night

The Lakeview High School National Honor Society hosted their first annual Senior Citizen Game Night on Saturday, April 6th. With refreshments and many planned activities, the NHS students and their guests enjoyed three hours of fun. Included in the event were several

line dances and rounds of bingo. Many thanks go out to Sara Dager-Smith, the NHS advisor, and the NHS members for their hard work and excellent organization for this event. A great time was had by all.

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WJWL Spring Mixer

By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League is hosting their Spring Mixer on Wednesday, May 8th from 6 pm-8 pm at Ohio Living Lake Vista Clubhouse, 303 N Mecca Street. Join the women of WJWL to learn more about the organization, ways they help

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3 Steps Handling Market Volatility Approaching Retirement

No one likes to watch their investments lose money, but downward market volatility can feel particularly scary for people who plan to retire in the near future. Their anxiety is understandable. They've spent their careers building their nest eggs and now - at a time when they plan to give up their income-producing jobs - they face the prospect of living off less money than they had envisioned.

Fortunately, it's rarely as simple as that. As with all things financial, it's important to look at the big picture. If you're nearing retirement and worried about market volatility, keep these factors in mind:

1. Concentrate on your financial goals. No one can say with certainty what will happen to stocks over the next week, month, year or decade. But what may be more certain is your financial goals for those timeframes. Ensure your portfolio is designed to help you achieve your key priorities, rather than to hit a specific market outcome. Remember that timing the markets is rarely successful because there are so many unknown factors influencing how stocks move.

2. Keep your emotions in check. Market corrections, dips and swings are inevitable for investors in the short term, so it's important to look beyond the daily hype and headlines. Instead, watch for broad, persistent trends that could provide opportunities or challenges for your overall financial situation. As you ponder adjustments to your portfolio, remember that while you can't control the market, you can control your reaction to it.

3. Reassess your portfolio according to your retirement date and risk tolerance. Two items that are more in your control are your risk tolerance and retirement date. Keep in mind that each person has an individual comfort level with taking risks. You may find that your ability to handle market swings varies over time, particularly if you've experienced volatility in the past. Big market moves or dips may be a good time to step back and evaluate your portfolio according to when you anticipate needing to generate income from your investments:

- If you have a decade or more before retirement, prioritize building your investments using a diversified asset mix. Investing regularly in the

market could help volatility work to your benefit, as you have more time to ride out short-term turbulence and overcome potential losses. As you refine your retirement plans, calculate how much money you need to live the lifestyle you want, while also preparing for unexpected expenses such as healthcare. Knowing how much you need to retire can help you stay confident in your financial strategy amid market uncertainty.

- If you are within a few years of retirement, you likely are more sensitive to short-term market moves. At this point, you may consider gradually adjusting your portfolio to reduce your level of risk. If you wait until retirement to adjust your investment mix, you could be surprised by untimely market volatility or a downturn. If this happens, it could leave you with less money in retirement compared to your plans, forcing you to modify your goals or lifestyle. If the market is experiencing a correction, you may want to wait for it to rebound (as it historically has) before making adjustments. Making changes immediately amid volatility could lock in possible losses.

- If you are already retired, be patient and maintain your diversified investment strategy. If the potential for a downturn or increased volatility makes you nervous, consider reallocating your portfolio accordingly. Keep in mind that even in retirement it may make sense to have part of your investment mix focused on growth. Today's long life expectancies mean that you need to be prepared for the likelihood that living costs, particularly healthcare, will be higher in the later decades of your retirement.

If you have concerns about the effect of market volatility on your investments, you are not alone. If you want additional support, consider consulting a financial advisor who can review the details of your unique financial situation. Together you can determine if your portfolio is on track to reach your goals.

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Diabetic medications and supplies are either covered under Part B or Part D of Medicare Insurance. Generally, Part B Medical Insurance, covers diabetic supplies including self-testing equipment and supplies (lancets & test strips), insulin pumps and other items such as therapeutic shoes or inserts. Also covered under Part B are the medical costs associated with screening and treating diabetes along with the conditions that diabetes can cause. Medical costs can include screenings and bloodwork, self-management training, and nutrition therapy services.

Other covered services could include foot exams and treatment, glaucoma tests, some vaccines and preventive (well care) doctor visits.

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

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On April 18 TCTC hosted a community night to showcase all of the wonderful educational opportunities they have to offer. Over 500 people from around Trumbull County took the time to visit and learn. There were multiple educational displays as well as dozens of fun opportunities for families to enjoy.

Among those helping to explain the opportunities were two TCTC/Lakeview students. Senior Jason Harrington is a Culinary Arts student who hopes to one day open his own family diner.

"TCTC is affordable and a great opportunity to learn a career path. We have great instructors. I have learned to preserve through everything because it is well worth it."

Junior Mason Prattis studying engineering and plans to study at the Air Force Academy to one day become a Cargo Pilot. "I don't regret my decision. It has been well worth it."



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Wild, Wild West Giddy Up Street Fair Parade

By Daynelle Sanner

Wild, Wild West Giddy up and mark your calendars for this year's Cortland Street Fair Parade! Join us on Saturday, June 22 at 6 pm to go back in time to the Wild Wild West! We want

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THE HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER

By Traci Cooper, cPT, ACSM



Stepping Outside Of Your Hula Hoop

My Mom always told me, "Traci you can only control what is in your hula hoop." I always laughed because she could avoid any situation just by saying that it is outside of her hula hoop. I would like to take this saying to the next level. How about using the hula hoop as our level of comfort and once in awhile stepping outside of it, and essentially, out of our comfort zone? In fitness, there is something we call the progressive overload principle. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, the progressive overload principle is that to enhance muscular fitness, you must exercise at a level beyond the point to which your muscles are accustomed. Could this possibly be equated to stepping outside of your hula hoop? As we take our fitness to the next level, it is important to work a bit harder than you did a few weeks

ago. As we become stronger, we need to continue to embrace some tougher or different workouts to continue to build muscle and endurance.

I use the progressive overload principles in all my fitness classes and with personal training clients. I also work on this for myself as I'm always trying to change my exercises and classes that I teach. When I begin training a new client, or young athlete, I tell them that today's workout will seem very difficult but, in a few weeks, you will be ready for more and it will be easy.

Next time you plan your workout, bicycle ride, or even your walk outside, remember the hula hoop. Take your fitness to the next level, if it seems easy, don't be afraid to challenge yourself. The human body is amazingly adaptable, and we all need to step out and try new things.

Shedding Light On Human Trafficking

By Constance Amstutz

On April 6th, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League members collaborated with Susan Laird, Professor at Youngstown State University and founder of YSU Coalition Against Human Trafficking holding a public education event.

The event welcomed teens and their parents to join in Susan's presentation held at The Warren-Trumbull County Library. At this event, Susan discussed how to recognize when someone might be in danger of being trafficked. Ohio is ranked 4th in the nation for human trafficking according to the most recent study done in 2021 and raising awareness can help diminish the number of cases.



WJWL members Chris Bullard, Ashley Cline, Presenter Susan Laird, WJWL members Katie Ford, Rachel Balentine



Running Canvas 5K & 10K Walk/Run Event

By Daynelle Sanner

We are excited for the Running Canvas, Jarrett Hutton Memorial event to return to Cortland and join this year's Street Fair festivities. This 5-K & 10-K walk/run race will take place on Saturday, June 22, at 9:00 am. The race will begin and end at Lakeview High School. Proceeds from this race will benefit Animal Pawtectors.

The registration fee for the 5K is \$25.00 and the 10K is \$30.00 if received by **April 27**. After that the price will increase to \$30.00 for the 5K and \$35.00 for the 10K. All participants who register by June 1st will be guaranteed a t-shirt, following this date, there will be a limited supply.

Finisher medals will be given to all participants as well as awards for top three overall male and female finishers in both the 5K and 10K categories.

We thank the following businesses and organizations who have sponsored the race thus far: The Center For Progressive Dentistry, Flash Appliance Repair, Tracy Rafail and Coopers Cycle & Fitness. If you would like to become a sponsor or register for the race please visit our website at runsignup.com. For additional information on the Love Life Foundation please visit the Love Life Foundation website at www.lovelifefoundation.net.

Run Benefits Animal Pawtectors

The Rich Center Hosts Solar Eclipse Watch Party

The Rich Center for Autism hosted a Solar Eclipse Watch Party in the center of Youngstown State University's campus on April 8th. The party, intended to be a private event for Rich Center students, families and staff members, grew to include other members of the YSU community once they spotted the large gathering taking place on campus.

The solar eclipse presented changes to people's daily lives across the nation. Everything from school dismissals to traffic patterns were impacted. Jake Ellis, Community Engagement & Event Operations Coordinator for The Rich Center, said the watch party was a way to assist the center's students navigate these changes to their daily routine.

"We wanted to provide a comfortable and familiar space for our students during the eclipse. The Rich Center operated on an early dismissal but we wanted to give our students the opportunity to observe and learn about this historic event in an environment where they were surrounded by their friends, classmates and families".

The Rich Center had custom t-shirts printed with the help of Fresh Prints Youngstown, provided eclipse viewing glasses to attendees and set up a tailgate tent and catering services via YSU vendors.

"It certainly grew into something larger than I had anticipated," Ellis said. "It couldn't have been a more perfect



day and I'm glad we got to share it with other members of the YSU community. I think it really helped bring awareness to what The Rich Center is on campus and gave our students, families and staff an extra sense of pride in who we are".

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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.

- 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.

Tips for Choosing Gardening Essentials

(Family Features) Whether you're a new homeowner ready to tackle the landscaping for the first time or a seasoned gardener looking to do some updating, when it comes to gardening, you simply need the right tools to do the job well.

Consider these tips when purchasing essentials for your tool shed.

Shovel: A shovel with a pointed blade is a good all-around choice for digging, mixing and moving soil. Conversely, a flat-bladed shovel should be used for "cutting" tasks such as straight-side trenches and edging. After narrowing down which style of shovel best meets your needs, check the metal to ensure it's well-constructed and won't bend or break easily. Check fittings such as bolts and screws to ensure the blade and handle are strongly connected and can withstand reasonable pressure. Finally, spend a few minutes testing out the tool to ensure it fits well in your hand.

Rake: With numerous materials and shapes to choose from, finding the right rake can be intimidating. A basic fan-shaped rake with metal fingers is a universally accepted, long-lasting option. Select a model with plenty of give in the fingers if you'll be raking large areas and don't want to damage the ground below. A rake made of firmer metal allows you to work and smooth soil. Purchasing the broadest width you can comfortably handle allows you to cover more ground, which means less work.

Depending on the space you'll be tending, you may also consider purchasing a garden fork, which has fewer tines than a traditional rake and is ideal for aerating, weeding and turning small sections of soil.

Hoe: Whether flat or pointed, a hoe is essential for a weed-free garden. Flat versions can also be useful for breaking up clumps and hard spots on the surface while pointed hoes make quick work of rows and mounds to protect and irrigate your plantings.

Shears: A variety of shears are available to accomplish a wide range of garden tasks. Larger shears are ideal for big jobs such as shaping hedges, while smaller pruning shears are meant for snips and sprucing. Quality metal and sharp blades are important features. Be sure to choose a model with a safety latch to lock blades when not in use.

Gloves: Even if you eagerly embrace the chance to get your hands dirty, no tool shed is complete without a sturdy pair of gloves. Choose a material tough enough to protect from thorns but pliable enough to allow for free movement. Proper fit is key to avoiding blisters.

Find more gardening tips and advice at eLivingtoday.com.



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Easter At The Cortland Playroom

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their parents and have fun hunting for those colorful filled eggs! All the classes had great snacks that helped finish off their party day. From Easter cookies, cheese and meat trays, variety of fruits, veggies and dip are just some yummy snacks they got to enjoy!



Rose Luncheon Being Planned

Warren Women's Club will host their "61st" annual Rose Luncheon on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. This year's event will be held at DiViesta's Banquet Center at 754 North River Road, Warren. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch at 12:00.

The Warren Women's Club has hosted the Rose Luncheon for the past 61 years. The event, always held in June, is famous for the beautiful centerpieces gracing each table which are part of the surprise for the winner of this centerpiece sitting at that table. The basket raffle that beats them all will surround the dining hall giving ticket holders ample time to select their favorite. Once again, the table holding five very special prizes will be set up for all to view and take a chance on. Door prizes will be called throughout the day. The proceeds from this event are donated to various charities in the Trumbull County area.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person with tables of eight available if you want to purchase a table. Reservation and ticket chairman is Terri Crabbs. Please call 330-637-3845 for tickets.



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Trumbull County Republican Women's Club

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club (TCRWC) held their monthly meeting on April 4 at the Chophouse with guest speaker, Martha C Yoder, Trumbull County Auditor. Members and guests enjoyed the presentation with many questions for the speaker, Martha was prepared with a new website and a Process Flow showing Property Tax Basics.

The next meeting will be held on May 6 at the Chophouse and there



Lori Hineman, Jo Anne Szczyglowski, Judi Shortreed, Martha C. Yoder.

will be 2024-2025 TCRWC officers' affirmation. Please contact Cathy Lukasko at 330.719.0185 to RSVP for the meeting.



LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events In May

Closed Memorial Day

All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Midweek Mayhem

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.: May 1, 8, 15; Teens in grades 7-12 can check out this weekly teen hangout. They will enjoy games, activities and a small snack. Free.

Toddler Tales

Monday, May 6 at 10 a.m. A fun and active story time for toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Teen Advisory Board

Mon., May 6 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, May 7 at 10 a.m. Preschool story time features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. Free.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Mon., May 13 from 3 – 5 p.m. This book discussion group is for teens in grades 7-12. From 3 – 4 p.m., the group will discuss "Every Day: The Graphic Novel" by David Levithan, an adaptation of the book about a teen who wakes up in a different body every day and their journey to hold onto love. From 4 – 5 p.m., the group will discuss "El Deafo" by Cece Bell, a story about a young girl who develops hearing loss and whose hearing aid leads to her developing her "superpower." Teens may read one or both graphic novels and come to one or both discussions.

Family Game Night

Thurs., May 16 from 6 – 7 p.m. Come as a family to play various card, board, and tabletop games provided by the library. For families with children ages 3 and older. Free.

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National Veteran's Memorial & Museum Trip

The Trumbull County Travel Club invites all veterans to join them on Wednesday, May 15 on a day outing to Columbus. Visiting the National Veteran's Memorial and Museum, we'll wander through more than a museum but a look through history. Three floors encompass lives of all who served beginning in 1775 to the present. Lunch is included at the Hausbrau Restaurant. Time and weather permitting, a stop at the Topiary Garden will be made. This is the only one of its kind. The gardens depict Georges Seurat's famous painting, Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte.

The Travel Club is open to all interested people who wish to travel and see the world. The club does not have membership fees to belong. When traveling, members use buses, trains and when flying, go to the airport as a group.

Our latest day trip was to Columbus to view the Titanic exhibit at COSI. In June all will be charting off to Dublin, Ohio. In August, a 3-day trip to Lancaster to see Daniel & Jersey Boys plus a stop in Hershey and much more. Call the secretary at 330-856-5398 for prices on trips and further details.

Wild, Wild West Street Fair Parade

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some creativity, so saddle up your horses, grab your lasso and boots and let's ride into the sunset, or down Main Street in Cortland.

All the floats will be judged on overall presentation, creativity and enthusiasm. Participants interested in entering a float will be emailed float criteria, a registration form and a parade flier to help share the news! There will be cash prizes awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

As a community parade, we highly encourage businesses, churches, organizations, nonprofits ect. to participate! Our first priority is safety and fairness for everyone. To maintain these goals we are kindly asking for one car/truck or one truck and trailer per registration at no cost. If you have a special request and need more vehicles please contact us.

All parade participants must pre-register for the parade. Registration will close on Monday, June 3. Late entries may not be accepted. To help offset the costs of this year's parade, we are offering sponsorship opportunities to those interested. The cost is \$50.00 per additional vehicle or if you would just like to just be a sponsor.

The sponsorship package includes: One (1) "Parade Sponsor" sign to hang on the front of your vehicle, name of business, person or organization on the banner to lead the parade, recognition on social media that will include all contact information and recognition in Cortland News. We look forward to this year's parade and each of the participants' creativity! For additional information or if you would like a registration form, please email cortlandstreetfairparade@gmail.com.

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