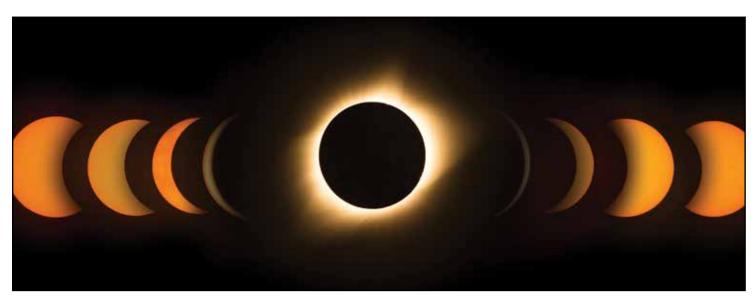
A Historic Day



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For many Americans, April 8 will be a once in-a-lifetime opportunity to see one of the greatest displays in nature: a total solar eclipse.

Partial solar eclipses — those in which the moon blocks a portion of the sun during the daytime hours — aren't particularly uncommon. Total solar eclipses, in contrast, are far less common, especially for people who don't have the means or interest to travel to obscure corners of the globe to witness them.

A UNIQUE PATH

The solar eclipse of 2024, often referred to as the "Great North American Eclipse," will follow a path across the United States, creating a spectacular celestial event. The 2024 solar eclipse's path of totality will begin in Mexico and traverse diagonally across the United States from the southwest to the northeast. It will enter the U.S. in Texas and proceed through several states before exiting into Canada through the state of Maine. Other states in the path

of totality include Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont and New Hampshire. The duration of the total solar eclipse, where the sun is completely obscured by the moon, will vary along its path. In some locations, totality will last for up to approximately 4 minutes and 28 seconds, making it one of the longest total solar eclipses for the United States in recent memory.

An estimated 32 million people reside within the path of the eclipse,

while millions more are expected to travel to witness this extraordinary event. This makes the 2024 eclipse one of the most highly anticipated astronomical phenomena in recent history. Several major cities and regions will experience the total eclipse, including: Dallas, Fort Worth, Little Rock, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Burlington and Portland. If you want to know when the eclipse will appear in your area, NASA has created an eclipse map that can give you all the details.

TRAVEL PLANS

Because of the unique nature of this year's eclipse, many people are expected to travel to get a better view of the unusual heavenly phenomenon. Even months before the eclipse, hotels in some areas were reportedly sold out as sky gazers made reservations well in advance to ensure they had the best view of the event. It's a good idea to plan early if you want to travel for the total eclipse.

Others are planning parties to mark the occasion, while many observatories and educators are holding special events in conjunction with the eclipse. Being something that happens so rarely in the United States, the total eclipse is a great way to teach and raise excitement around science and the natural universe.

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What Will Be Your View?

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When the solar eclipse happens on April 8, everyone in the continental United States will get a spectacular show. Exactly what will the eclipse look like at your location, though? It depends on how close you are to the path of totality. **TOTAL ECLIPSE**

While this year's eclipse is a "total" one — meaning the entire sun's disk will be blocked by the moon — only a

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small slice of the United States will get to witness the eclipse in its totality.

Most Americans will witness a partial eclipse in which the moon leaves a portion of the sun exposed. The closer

you are to the path of totality, the more of the sun will be covered.

map shown above to illustrate where the total and partial eclipses will be visible. A

NASA MAP

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has prepared the



total and partial eclipses will be visible. A total solar eclipse will only be visible in the shaded gray area. People who want to see the total eclipse will either have to live in that area or make travel plans to get there. While many major cities are in the eclipse's path, many other smaller cities will also fall inside the path of totality. If you want to see the total eclipse but don't want to fight the crowds, rural areas in the shaded map area will be great places to see the event. NASA's map also shows the timeline for the April 8 eclipse, from around 12:30 p.m. Central time in southern Texas until 3:30 p.m. Eastern time in Maine.

DIFFERENCES

The duration of totality is at its maximum at the center of the path. In some cases, totality can last for several minutes, allowing viewers ample time to observe and capture the various features of the eclipse. Being in the center of the path of totality offers the most

spectacular and immersive experience of a total solar eclipse. It is often described as a surreal and awe-inspiring event as the sky darkens, stars become visible, and the sun's corona radiates in all directions during the eclipse.



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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.*

<u>APRIL</u>

5,6,13,14 The Addams Family: The Musical / Lakeview High School Drama Department

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6 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge / Support the 4-H Shooting Club / 9 AM / See pg 15

7 'Calvary's Love' Gospel Group in Concert / The Church of the Nazarene / 10:45 AM

8 Cortland Celestial Celebration / West Main Street / Noon - 4 PM / See page 6

9 Trumbull County Travel Club Meeting / Warren Library / 11:30 AM / See page 18

12, 13 Book Sale / Cortland Methodist

13 School Lunch Fundraiser / Hosted by Bazetta Christian Church / At the Maplewood HS Cafeteria 4-7 PM / See page 8

18 TCTC Community Night / 6 PM / See page 16

19, 20 Scrap Metal Drive / NEO Junk And The Cortland Lions Club

20 Sight for All United's "Mad Hatter Tea Party"! / 1-4 pm / See page 16

20 God Provides A Meal / Cortland Methodist / 11 AM - 1 PM / See page 8

20 Spagetti Dinner Fundraiser / Greene Nazarene Church, 8916 St Rt 46, N. Bloomfield, Ohio Benefiting Greene Twp Fire Dept Building Fund / 4-6 PM

21 Curbside Brush Chipping - resumes this week

24 Andrew Ochs First Ladies Presentation / Trumbull Town Hall / 10:30 AM / See page 5

25, 26 Spring Clean Up - Items collected with regular trash / Call Republic Services with any questions

International Firewood Expo 2024

Special to the Cortland News

Did you know Cortland is home to a local YouTube celebrity? Joe Nay, a 1986 Lakeview graduate, operates his Cortland firewood business and chronicles his trials and tribulations on his YouTube channel, Ohio Wood Burner. Joe is one of the largest firewood channels on YouTube and has over 20 million views from over 50 countries worldwide. He describes his firewood business and YouTube celebrity as "accidents" that were never part of his life's master plan.

"I had to step away from my career to help our family care for my Dad who was in declining health. During this time my firewood "side-hustle" began to grow and the next thing I know I grew into a very big firewood business and YouTube channel celebrity." Joe has grown a massive following from his YouTube celebrity and found an opportunity to help his growth by moving his operation into the old Buckeye Bulk location at 5286 St Rt 5 Cortland, near Rt 11.

"We held a "small" open house at our new location last year and were shocked. About 400 people showed up to see me and my machines," said Wood. I was blown away! People came most of the mach purchase on the trucks, firewood will be available and giveaways.

from almost every state on this side of the Mississippi River AND Canada!

Because of his open house's success last year Joe decided to leverage his network to make this year's edition even better. He saw an opportunity to showcase his hometown to the firewood world! This year he has multiple machine manufacturers planning to attend. You can expect to see an International machine contingency not only from all over the USA but also from Finland, Norway, and Canada!

"This is a VERY exciting time for the firewood industry and there are a lot of innovation we are seeing daily that you don't see in other industries. There are some very interesting machines out there and many of them will be right here in Cortland for all to see. I am honored to know that many of them will be converging on my hometown. I really hope this event can grow and can expand in the coming years.

The Expo will be on May 18 from 9-5 PM. The event is free to attend and most of the machines will be available to purchase on the day of the show. Food trucks, firewood products and T-shirts will be available along with door prizes and giveaways.

Happy 85th Anniversary To The Cortland Lions Club

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club was Chartered by Lions International on April 18, 1939. We had 24 original members when chartered. Our Lions Club originally met in the Cortland School Cafeteria on Park Ave, we then moved to Finley's Isaly Dairy on Main Street-the white building across the parking lot from Pizza Joes. We then rented Club Rooms at the rear of Hurl's Pharmacy. In December 1963 our Club purchased Cortland's Hospital/Medical

Facility at 197 W Main Street which has remained our home since 1963. We have enjoyed serving in our community since 1939. Would you also like to serve with like-minded men and women who volunteer their time and talents to serve our community? Please contact 330-219-4879 for more information or attend our meetings every Wednesday at 630 pm in our Memorial Pavilion at the rear of 197 W Main. Thank you to our community for supporting the Cortland Lions Club.

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

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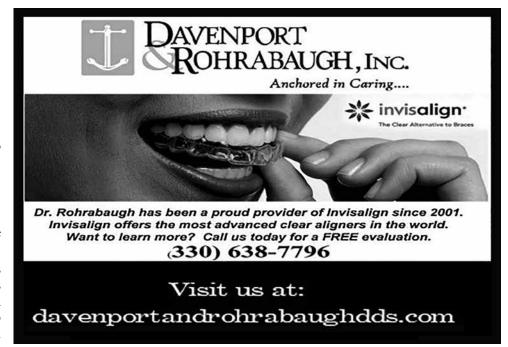
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Business Mixer At Country Porch Winery

Business owners and civic and government leaders from Bazetta and Cortland recently had a mixer to get to know each other and discuss plans on how they can all work together for the good of the Lakeview community. The program was organized by Cortland Mayor Deidre Petrosky and Special Events Coordinator Jeffrey Jiang.

The Bazetta trustees attended as did the members of Cortland City Council. The Trustees, council members and Mayor Petrosky all expressed a desire to work together as one community for the betterment of all.

Approximately 75 business owners and representatives spent the evening meeting each other, exchanging contact information and discussing ways to help each other.

More events are being planned for the future.



Totally Dog owners Dan & Kathleen Schultz.



Bazetta trustees Bob McBride Mike Morelli and Mike Hovis.

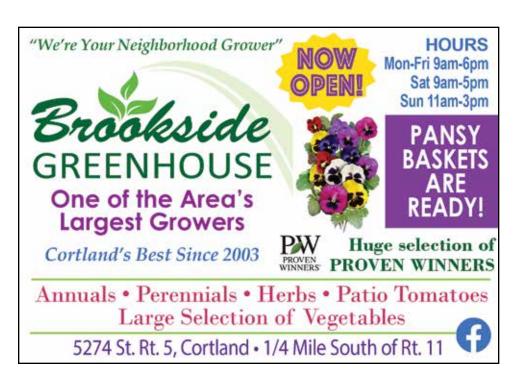
Spring Flower Sale

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



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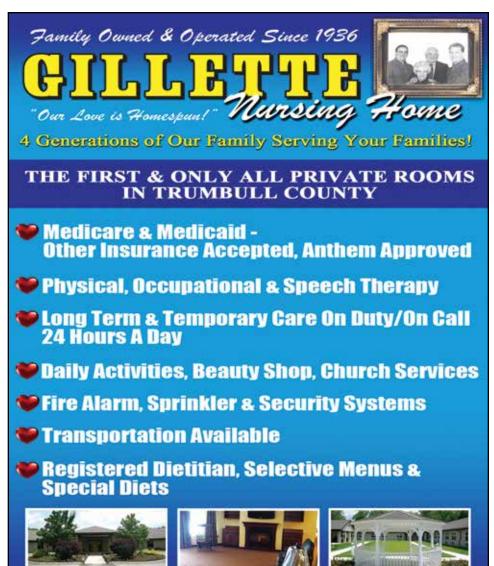
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Trumbull County Tourism Thriving

By Beth Carmichael, Trumbull Tourism

In Northeast Ohio, Trumbull County Tourism unveiled its 2023 Annual Report, which showcases the growth and positive impacts of its efforts and the county's visitor industry. The report highlights increased visitor numbers and spending.

Beth Kotwis Carmichael, Executive Director at Trumbull Tourism, said, "If polled, many in our region are surprised to learn we have a robust travel economy here. Considering the industry in broad terms, reasons people are traveling to the area include business, golf, and Mosquito Lake. Through research, we also know that 50% of visitors come to visit family and friends! This is why it's important to ensure our residents know all the great things there are to do and see in our County."

According to the report, Trumbull County experienced a 10% increase in visitors in 2023, welcoming a diverse range of travelers from near and far. Columbus, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh were the top three visitor originations, demonstrating the county's strong appeal to regional visitors.

Trumbull Tourism's County dedication to promoting the region is a testament to the visitor experiences offered throughout the county. This significantly marketing enhances Trumbull County's quality of life. Visitor spending activities have contributed a staggering \$842 million in total economic impact, creating over 7,600 jobs in the county (this represents direct, indirect, and induced spending). This economic boost translates into \$111 million in tax revenue, with the local tax base benefiting \$23 million.

The positive effects of visitor spending extend beyond the tourism sector. Retail and food and beverage are the top industries directly benefiting from this spending. Additionally, businesses in other sectors, such as business services, finance, insurance, and real estate, have indirectly reaped the rewards of increased visitor activity.

2023, Trumbull County Tourism's media and public relations efforts took center stage. The county's visitor experiences were showcased on prominent platforms such as New Day Cleveland, AAA Motorist publication, Columbus Monthly, and Turnpike's monthly email.

The 2023 Annual Report demonstrates tourism's positive impact on the local economy, job market, and overall well-being of the community.

For more information about Trumbull County Tourism and the 2023 Annual Report, don't hesitate to contact the tourism office at Beth@ TrulyTrumbull.com.

Trumbull Town Hall

By Roberta Shields

Andrew Och IS the "First Ladies Man." He will share the stories and his discoveries relating to the nation's first ladies on April 24 for the final season presentation. He brings a fresh eye and a new passion to this often-overlooked subject in American History. He's full of interesting facts about the First Ladies, highlighting special details from Martha Washington to Michelle Obama. Och believes it is important to share how influential these first ladies were in forming policies beyond the obvious ones we already know.

Mr. Och is also an award-winning television and multi-media producer. He's travelled the world with his pen, paper, and camera. For the C-SPAN series on first ladies he spent over a year exploring the nation's most treasured collections. Bringing education and entertainment together, He will allow us to reflect on and educate us all with his fascinating knowledge of the First Ladies!

Please join us at Packard Music Hall. Tickets are \$35 and are available at the door. By telephone: Ticketmaster 800-745-3000, www.packardmusichall.com/events/. Door Open at 9:30 am and Programs begin at 10:30 am. Light refreshments are sold prior to the program.

County Tourism

Carmichael, Executive Director of Trumbull County Tourism, as spoke to the Cortland Rotary recently. She gave us some great insight as to what's happening with tourism in our county. She also discussed and promoted our town's upcoming eclipse event "Cortland Celestial Celebration".





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If you need your scrap metal picked up-please call 330-219-4879 starting Monday April 15th- pick-ups will be limited to the City of Cortland and Bazetta Township only. However, we will accept scrap metal from anyoneif you can bring your metal scrap to Willow Park. NEO Junk will be doing pick-ups, as a community service, and will only pick up scrap metal from your garage or outbuilding-they will not enter your home to retrieve scrap.

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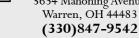
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Cortland Celestial Celebration

Monday, April 8 on West Main St., 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm. A FREE pair of eclipse glasses while supplies last, Food trucks, Pop-up Shops, Music & More! All community members are invited to attend. The total eclipse will start at 3:15 and last for 2 minutes and 16 seconds. Bring your own chair/blanket for seating.

We Need Your Help!

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

High School Drama <u>Lakeview</u> **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!!

Scrap Tire

The city will have a Scrap Tire Collection Program beginning April 1st and ending on April 26th. We received a grant from Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District to implement this again this year. Tires can be dropped off at the Service Garage in Willow Park, Monday through Friday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please drop them in the designated area.

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.

Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Cortland's yearly drinking water report has been completed. A copy of this will be in your next water/sewer bill and can be found on our website, in the eNews, and at City Hall. The City of Cortland receives its drinking water from seven wells. Four of the wells are located in Willow Park, two behind City Hall and one on Bradley-Brownlee Road. We draw our water from a sandstone aquifer approximately 300 feet deep. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Hence, the City of Cortland conducted water sampling and the results are shown in the report.

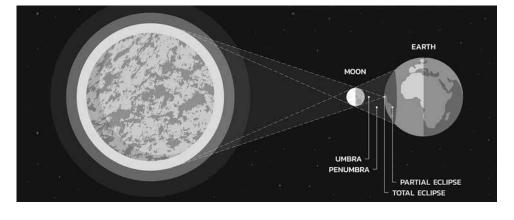
Dates to Remember

April 8th - Parks Board meeting -

April 8th - Planning & Zoning meeting - 7 pm

April 15th - City Council meeting -

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Cortland Celestial Celebration A Spectacular Solar Eclipse Event On April 8

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 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.

interested Businesses 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.

5 Things To Love About Cortland & Bazetta

By Allie Vugrincic and Kathy Fleischer, Trumbull County Tourism Bureau

Cortland & Bazetta have something for everyone, with a blossoming downtown to explore, an assortment of outdoor activities and town parks to enjoy year-round and must-visit restaurants offering cuisines from all over the world, including authentic Italian and mouthwatering Mexican options.

On the eastern shore of Mosquito Lake sits a little community with a big heart and more than a dash of small-town charm. Cortland started out as a spattering of log cabins and a lumber and grist mill. With the introduction of the railroad in 1868, four trains traveling through the area grew what was then called Baconsburg into a town with several churches, two newspapers, stables, and businesses.

Fast forward some 150 years, and the village that was renamed for Cortland, New York, may look a little different, but it's kept every bit of its sense of community and hometown pride.

There are more than five things to love about the Cortland area, but here are a few to get you started:

1. MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE AND STATE PARK

Mosquito Lake has something for everyone. The manmade reservoir provides drinking water for the City of Warren, but it's also a recreation hub for visitors. The roughly 10-mile-long by 1-mile-wide lake is a great place to fish, boat, jet ski, kayak, paddle board, or swim. Mosquito Lake State Park offers camping, hunting, disc golf, and picnicking, plus a nature play area and plenty of special programs for kids and adults. You'll also want to check out the dog park, and the trails for hiking, horses, mountain biking, and even snowmobiles.

The lake is also a fantastic animal habitat and is a favorite spot for nature photographers and bird watchers. You'll find warblers, blue jays, woodpeckers, and sparrows – and plenty of big birds, too. Ospreys and hawks call the lake home, as well as dozens of bald eagles!

2. CORTLAND FOOD

Trumbull County is known for its great food. Ask any former resident – when returning 'home' they have a whole list of must-visit restaurants. The area does Italian especially well and Cortland is no exception.

Of course, Cortland doesn't just do pizza and pasta. We have great Mexican food. For All-American fare and breakfast favorites, or, if you're looking to watch the game, there are great options.

3. TOWN PARKS

In addition to bordering Mosquito Lake State Park, we are home to several great local parks. The 144-acre Eastlake Metro Park is part of The Trumbull County Metroparks system and offers hiking, nature observation, sledding, and cross-country skiing.

Parks also have plenty to offer. Pearl Park has basketball courts, a playground, and fields. It's also home to the city's





splashpad, which is a favorite cool-off spot for kids in the summer. Willow Park offers tennis courts, pickleball, a skate park, a basketball court, walking trails, a playground, and baseball.

4. ABLOSSOMING DOWNTOWN & THRIVING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Main Street has long been the heart of Cortland and is home to favorite annual traditions like the Cortland Street Fair. In recent years, new shops

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Trumbull County Women's History Celebration

The 36th annual Trumbull County Women's History Celebration took place recently at DiVieste's Banquet Centre in Warren. More than 180 women attended the March 16th celebration. The speaker was Paula Jasper, who gave a historical presentation on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a survivor's story.

Pictured are members of the committee, seated from left to right are Theressa Salcone, Esther Gartland event chairman, Jennifer Wyndham, and Stephanie Furano. Standing from left to right are Bonnie Hood, Peggy Boyd, Sue Smith, Sandy Mahaffey, Pam Vines, and Donna Beatty.







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Staying Connected to the Vine tor Steve Anderson, Wildare Church

As Spring arrives and it becomes time to focus on the home by way of spring cleaning, as well as making preparations for the garden, the following verses come to mind from John 15:5-6, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."

Anyone with the most basic knowledge of gardening know that if a branch is torn away from a fruit tree it can not bear fruit. In order to do so it must stay connected to a source of life. The same can be said for us. The fruits that we bear, or lack of, reveal if we are connected to the One who gives eternal life, Jesus Christ. The types of fruit that reveal if we are connected to Him are the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Apart from Jesus we will never have such things because we spiritually wither and die. Just as we must be careful in tending our gardens, we must tend to our personal relationship with Jesus Christ each and every day so that we may reap the rewarding fruits of it.

Not only do we reap the fruits for ourselves, but we are called to share them with those who are around us. Such fruits build strong homes; reminding us to remove those things that strip us away from walking with Jesus in love and obedience. The walls of the home are where the greatest lessons are taught, the most powerful influences take place, and where true fruits are revealed. Let us clean from them everything that strips us away from staying connected to Christ. Let us cleanse our homes and tend our gardens.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Steve Anderson

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 will be in upcoming issues. 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.



Cortland Christian Church

153 Grove Drive ortland, Ohio 44410 330-637-4611

Sunday Service 10am

Bazetta Christian Church Hosts Fundraiser to Benefit School Lunch Accounts

The Bazetta Christian Church hosts a dinner to benefit Maplewood's school lunch program. Please help our community children by attending this event. It will be Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Maplewood High School Cafeteria from 4-7 p.m. The menu consists of ham loaf, baked potato bar, green beans, and beverages. A basket raffle will also be taking place to help bring in even more funds during the dinner. Suggested donations \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12 yrs. old.

If you would like to donate a basket item or monetary donation, please drop off at the High School, 2414 Greenville Rd., NE, Cortland, Ohio 44410.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

~ Luke 6:38

Church News & Notes

Church has parking available for the Solar Eclipse. A donation is requested.

They will have their monthly "God Provides A Meal" on Saturday, April 20th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu: chicken salad croissant, macaroni salad, applesauce, dessert & beverage.

Be sure to stop by their Big Book Sale Friday, April 12th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday, April 13th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Looking for great books to enjoy? Have a favorite author? They may have it. Also lots of children's books, puzzles, games and craft supplies. Fill a brown bag for \$3.00. We provide the bags. Prices range from 25¢ to \$3.00. One room of miscellaneous items available for a donation. See you at the sale.

The Cortland Church of the **Nazarene** is planning a big celebration of being 60 years in this great community. On July 20th there will be a chicken barbeque on the church grounds and on the 21st we will hear from former pastors and enjoy special music and a catered dinner. 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. If you have pictures or memories to share, please send

Cortland United Methodist them to the Cortland Church of the Nazarene @ 293 E Main St. we would love to share them with the members.

> Cortland Christian Church hosts a "Soup and Sandwich Luncheon" April 18 from 11 - 1. Vegetable Beef Soup, Chicken Noodle and Ham and Bean Soup, Sloppy Joes and Chicken Salad Sandwiches. At least 20 different varieties of pies. Dine with us, call to order a pickup or have it delivered. Call 330-637-4611, officeatccc@gmail.com or FAX 234-244-4432. Help us support the Community and World Outreach.

> Trinity Lutheran's "Katharina's Closet" will continue to collect donations on the 1st Monday of each month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm.

> Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of Mark - We are joining our sister congregation, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austintown, for a two-night Dramatic reading of the Gospel of St. Mark read by Dr. Allen R. Mosher on April 3rd and April 10th at 7pm at Redeemer, 2305 S. Canfield-Niles Road, Youngstown. Hope you can join us at this wonderful event.

> Evening Bible Study Continues -Our evening Bible Study on the book of Hebrews continues this April. We will now be holding evening Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at Trinity at 6:30 pm most Wednesdays of the year. Please join us in reading and discussing God's Word.

God Provides A Meal

By Anita Shaw

The Cortland United Methodist Church hosts "God Provides A Meal" the third Saturday of each month from 11AM to 1PM. Last month 80 people enjoyed a delicious hot meal prepared and served by church members.

Our next luncheon is April 20. There is no charge, but donations are accepted. Please join us for a good meal and fellowship, either in our fellowship hall or take out, your choice. Everyone is welcome!



Ianet Larson, Cindy Bratek, Randy Homrighouse, Leslie Bebech, Janet Burkey, Linda Bealer.

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Stuffed Cabbage Adventure

By Cait Morgan

my capabilities.... or lack thereof.

A while back I made stuffed cabbages and had them simmering all day. Smelled lovely in here. Dinner time rolled around and we sat down to eat -I had one, The Curmudgeon had two. Then Curmie wanted another one. Easy enough, right? Wrong. I took his plate from the table to the counter, slapped a cabbage roll on it and took it back. Without sauce. He commented on this so I turned around, picking my own plate up in the process, and returned to the counter. I set down the plates, took the lid off the cooker, ladled sauce on his cabbage roll, set the plate down picked up the empty one and took it over to Curmie who could not help but notice that while he did have his extra cabbage roll at one point, he now had an empty plate. Took the plate back, got his plate with cabbage roll and sauce and returned to the table. Sat down. Realized I had no extra cabbage roll, no sauce and no plate. Back to the counter again.

We both finally did get to eat our extra servings and even had sauce on each of them. But aside from not having a clue what I was doing while delivering his, I soon discovered another problem.

I am starting to get concerned about I was then faced with the issue of just how in the world I got sauce on the backs of both sleeves from wrist to elbow of my YSU hoodie. And it wasn't one of the red hoodies, either. Oh no, that would be too easy. I was one of the light gray ones.

> If I had any sense, I would have just stopped, fed the dogs and gone to bed. But nooooo. Down to the laundry I went, stripping off said hoodie along the way. Of course, I managed to turn it inside out and now had sauce the tops of the sleeves, too. I decided to soak the stains in a tub I keep down there for just these too frequent occasions, so I mixed the tried and true stain remover ingredients in some hot water and promptly plopped in the hoodie being very careful to hold the sleeves up so that only the shirt was in the tub. Really? That was the idea? No, not so much. Threw the entire mess into the washer to soak and THEN called it a night, relegating myself to the chair for the evening. By the time I woke up the next morning, Curmie had run a load of clothes and amazingly, the YSU hoodie

> I guess all's well that ends well, but does it have to be such an adventure to get there?

Protecting Ohio's Veterans Be Aware Of Exploitative Practices

Trumbull County Recorder Tod Latell and the Ohio Recorders' Association (ORA) urges veterans to be aware of exploitative practices targeting military veterans who are being charged for services that are available for free. DD214 Direct, a company based in Arizona, is currently soliciting veterans in Ohio to purchase a copy of their DD214 form for a fee ranging from \$79 to \$99. While this practice may be legal, Recorder Latell and other County Recorders across Ohio want to ensure that veterans are informed about the free services they are entitled to.

Veterans can obtain a free copy of their military records through their local Veteran's Service Commission as well as record their DD214 at their local County Recorder's office at no charge. The DD214 form is essential for veterans to access benefits like VA loans, disability compensation, and reduced medical costs. In recent months, Recorders offices across Ohio have received DD214 forms (paid for by veterans) from DD214 Direct through the mail, along with a limited Power

of Attorney granting the Recorder the authority to file both documents on behalf of the veteran.

After receiving several of these documents in the mail earlier this year, Latell brought it to the attention of the ORA Legislative Committee which he

To safeguard veterans exploitative, unnecessary fees and inform the public, the ORA is working to raise awareness among veterans about these practices. Furthermore, the ORA is currently looking into potential legislation aimed at regulating companies like DD214 Direct and mandating the disclosure of the availability of these services at no

In addition to contacting your local Veteran's Service Commission for help, Veterans can also request a copy of their DD214 from the National Archives website at https://www.archives.gov/ veterans/military-service-records print a Standard Form-180 and mail or fax it to: National Personnel Records Center, 1 Archives Drive, St Louis, MO 63138

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.

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and restaurants have popped up on the thoroughfare. Pop over to High Street and you'll find plenty more local businesses



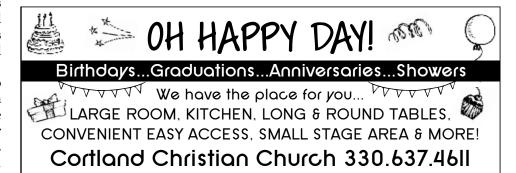
5. COMMUNITY PRIDE

Cortland residents have a lot of community pride. The folks are friendly and helpful. Neighborhoods are filled with well-maintained homes and

manicured yards. Residents love their special Cortland events, including the Street Fair, Oktoberfest, and food truck nights.

With a great school system, the community is overwhelmingly supportive of the local kids in their academic, and endeavors. And the neighborhood keeps tabs on the Lakeview Middle School obot lawnmower when it makes its occasional escapes from the school

From skating at the Roller Rink to watching the sun set from the eastern shore of the lake, this is one of those places that just feels like home. Whether you're from Cortland/Bazetta or not, it's a community that will welcome you.





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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

As you read this our community and geographic area are poised to experience a rare phenomenon with a full solar eclipse on April 8th. Cortland officials have planned a great celebration for those who wish to experience the eclipse in a large group. If you haven't read about it, be sure to do a Google search for "Celestial Celebration" to learn of the details. It will be located in the downtown area.

On a somewhat smaller scale, many of our students, staff, and families are planning to view the eclipse and participate in related activities at Lakeview High School's football field. This event has been coordinated by high school staff and students as a combination of a learning experience and a great memory maker for all those who choose to be part of it.

Because our local authorities have history! cautioned about potential safety concerns

surrounding the expected influx of eclipse watchers, our students will not be in school on the 8th. Staff, however, will report to work. We are told the biggest concern regarding safety will be with traffic tie-ups, especially following the eclipse as viewers will all be trying to travel at roughly the same time.

No matter where you choose to view the eclipse, or even if you choose to miss it, we wish you safe travels if you are out and about on April 8th in the late afternoon. We also wish for clear skies here in northeast Ohio, so anyone who chooses to watch can get the full experience. Be sure to view the eclipse using approved eye protection like eclipse viewing glasses or a pin-hole

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From Student To Superintendent **Lakeview Appoints Homegrown Talent**

By Kara Kasula

On Monday, March 18th, Lakeview Local Schools proudly announced the appointment of one of its own as the new chief. Mrs. Ashley Handrych will step into the role of Superintendent on August 1st. The appointment of this homegrown leader symbolizes a deeprooted commitment to excellence and community. Velina Taylor, outgoing superintendent, has the utmost confidence in the new superintendent. "Over the course of my career, I have worked with many administrators," she says. "Ashley Handrych is among an elite group who exemplify all the characteristics of a great leader. The future for our students, staff, and district is bright."

Born and raised in the district, Ashley's journey from student to superintendent is a testament to the transformative power of education and the potential that lies within every individual. From her earliest days as a student in Lakeview's classrooms to her distinguished career as an educator and administrator, Ashley's trajectory has been shaped by a steadfast dedication to serving her community and advocating for the success of every student. Little

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Class of 2024 **Spotlight Bulldog**

By Michael DeToro

This tri-weekly installment will spotlight an outstanding graduating senior at Lakeview High School. Each showcased student will be someone who represents their family, Lakeview Schools, and most importantly, our Bazetta/Cortland community with integrity, commitment, and loyalty.

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Joshua Hudson. Joshua is the son of Michael and Karin Hudson and he has attended Lakeview Local Schools since the second grade. An honor roll student, Joshua takes a combination of high school courses and college courses through Youngstown State University, Kent State University, and Eastern Gateway Community College. Joshua is heavily involved with our bands and actively participates in the Symphonic Band, Marching Band, and Jazz Band. On top of that, Joshua has been elected by his peers to be the Band's Quartermaster. Joshua is a member of the National Honor Society and gives back to our community through their service projects. He was one of the first students to attend American Legion Buckeye Boy State after a five-year drought of no Lakeview representation. Joshua keeps himself busy by being a member of the ski club, cross-country team, and baseball team. In the fall, Joshua is heading to the University of Toledo for exploratory studies.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - Leadership
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? -Community
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - I like Monty's
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - My friend's
- 5.) You might catch me ... Working or being outside
- 6.) What are your future aspirations? I want to explore new possibilities









Larry Herrholtz, Velina Taylor, Jalyn DeLeon, Lorelai Lowe, Arianna Powell, Judge Campbell, Magistrate Schiavone

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Civic Day For LHS Students

The Trumbull County Educational Service Center sponsored Civic Day for select high school juniors who are thinking about serving the citizens of their communities as civil servants. Lakeview High School juniors, Jalyn DeLeon, Lorelai Lowe, and Arianna Powell represented our district. Jalyn shadowed Daniel Morgan, Zoning Administrator at Howland Township. Lorelai shadowed Chris Schiavone, Chief Magistrate for Trumbull County Probate Court. Arianna shadowed Judge Thomas Campbell.

LHS - The Addams **Family Musical**

By Clover Wagner

This year, the Lakeview High School Drama Department will be moving toward the darkness with their production of The Addams Family! The show will take place on Friday April 5th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, April 6th 3:00 pm, as well as Saturday, April 13th at 7:00 pm and lastly Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 pm in the Raidel Auditorium. With music and lyrics by Andrew Lyppa and Orchestrations by Larry Hochman, we are sure you will be pulled right in our direction! The Addams Family was the #1 produced musical for high school theater companies in 2023 and we are more than excited to bring our production to the community of Cortland & Bazetta.

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Brayden Smith and Clover Wagner

2024-2025 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.

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The Addams Family Musical

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The cast includes Brayden Smith leading our show as Gomez alongside Clover Wagner as Morticta. Their children, Wednesday (Ashely Graczyk), and Pugsley (Tru Campbell) can be seen stretching limbs in torture chambers and shooting people with bow and arrows. Along with Uncle Fester, falling fastly in love with the moon, being portrayed by Alex Holden and their kooky grandmother, Macyn Horodyski. Love is in the air because Wednesday is getting married (Don't tell anyone)! As Wednesday and her boyfriend Lucas Beineke (Logan Hartman) try to gain their parents' blessing, it becomes very clear we can never have one normal night with the Addams. The parents of Lucas, Mal and Alice Beineke, are played by Landon Baker and Trudi Herrholtz. The ancestors who will be

showing us just what the afterlife is when you're an Addams will include Sydney Collins, Aya Cunningham, Chelsea Dean, Addison Eakin, Annalisa Field, Lillian Haines, Mallory Kurtz, Tyler Neiswonger, Mallory Petrick, Axel Pistilli, Jester St. John, Chelsea Walker, Sydney Williams, and Xiverr Williams.

The cast is supported by many crew members! Kyler Purdum, Aidan Johnson, Nathan Shrum, Tom Hitmar, Sydney Collins, Tru Campbell, Paige Wood, Kai Marinkovich, Maison Adkins and Emily Mazur.

Come and be a part of the family for a night full of darkness, death, and unspeakable sorrow. Tickets are available a half hour before show time in the auditorium lobby, Prices are \$15 dollars for adults and \$10 for students. Lakeview Drama Department thanks you for your continuous support!

TCTC Receives \$2.5 Million From Ohio Career Technical Education Equipment Grant

By Morgan Crettella

Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) will receive \$2.5 million from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Career Technical Education Equipment Grant to support the launch of a new Industrial Technology program. The program has received applicants and will open in the 2024-25 school year.

The program will train students for careers related to 56 different occupations on the Ohio Top Jobs List. It will offer courses on manufacturing operations, computer-integrated manufacturing, manufacturing principles, industrial robotics, industrial maintenance, and hydraulics & pneumatics. Students in the program will have the opportunity to earn 22 industry-recognized credentials.

The need for this program has been identified through planning discussions with students, local businesses, and the Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition (MVMC). The equipment grant will allow TCTC to build a new space with state-of-the-art equipment. Incoming students will receive experience in electrical, mechanical, fluid power, and automation. By partnering with local businesses, the Industrial Technology program will emphasize an understanding of advanced manufacturing processes and troubleshooting. TCTC will include equipment and coursework relevant to

Trumbull Career & Technical Center electric vehicles to expand the program TC) will receive \$2.5 million from with a second teacher in year two.

"MVMC and our many partners agree that this program will fill a need in the local industry. Rather than focusing on one aspect of advanced manufacturing, we will provide students with a solid foundation in the manufacturing process in their junior year and the ability to choose a focus in machining/programming, automation/robotics, or maintenance for their senior year," said Paula Baco, high school director.

TCTC's waiting list has quadrupled over the last 3 years; from 47 in 2021-22, to 116 in 2022-23 and 226 students in 2023-24. Expanded programming remains a concentration for the school. TCTC proactively seeks competitive grants to help support the expansion of in-demand programming.

Along with the Industrial Technology program, TCTC will launch two other programs next school year including an Aviation & Drone Technology program and a Digital Marketing & Management program. The Aviation & Drone Technology program is launching in collaboration with the Trumbull County Educational Service Center (ESC) and a federal grant that was awarded to the ESC. For more information about TCTC's program offerings, visit tctchome.com/page/programs.

From Student To Superintendent

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she stood on the 50-yard line of Don Richard's Memorial Stadium cheering on the Lakeview High School Marching Band, that she would one day be led to the helm of educational leadership in the very district in which she grew up.

After graduating from Lakeview High School, Mrs. Handrych spent four years at Bethany College in West Virginia and graduated with an elementary education major and a special education minor. Following graduation, Lakeview Local Schools offered her a position as a middle school special education teacher for the 2006-2007 school year. Accepting a position within the Lakeview School District proved to be a true full circle moment for Mrs. Handrych as she worked alongside multiple educators that educated her.

Mrs. Handrych went on to obtain a Masters of School Counseling from Adams State College and in 2013 the opportunity to move into the role of elementary school counselor presented itself. Elementary school counseling brought about the opportunity to lead school wide initiatives and to work closely with Elementary Principal, Scott Taylor. It was during this time that Mrs. Handrych realized she wanted to pursue educational leadership. As Ashley obtained a degree in Educational Leadership, the opportunity to take over Federal Programs for the district became available. Through this position, Mrs. Handrych learned the ins and outs of federal compliance that is required for Title I funding to the district.

In 2017, Ashley's professional path took her to the position of middle school principal, a position that she still holds today. Never satisfied with the status quo, Ashley consistently seeks out professional development opportunities while staying abreast of educational research and best practices to help the students and families she serves. She is not only open to change but also proactive in seeking out opportunities to improve and enhance the educational experience for all students.

school Career Tech Educator, Scott Chronister, had this to say regarding Mrs. Handrych's rise to superintendency, "Ashley doesn't have to tell you she's in charge to command respect. By virtue of working for Ashley, you have a relationship with her. She possesses a remarkable balance of tenacity and compassion that allows her to be empowered yet empathetic, fearless but humble, and driven while rooted. When you combine these elements with a deep love and understanding of this community, you have all the ingredients for dynamic leadership that can rejuvenate the district."

With a superintendent's license from Ashland University, Mrs. Handrych will prepare to step into the role on August 1st. "It's a surreal feeling," Mrs. Handrych admits, "to lead the district that started my journey in education. I have had so much poured into me by this district, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to give back in this capacity." Ashley's primary objectives as superintendent are continuing to foster community engagement and outreach and exhibiting fiscal responsibility. She is committed to working closely with parents, teachers, administrators, and community stakeholders to build consensus, foster trust, and drive positive change.

Bob Wilson, former Lakeview High School Principal and Superintendent, is looking forward to watching Mrs. Handrych take charge of the district. "Mrs. Handrych is a transformational educational leader," Mr. Wilson states. "She will work tirelessly for our students, our schools, and our community. Mrs. Handrych is exceedingly dedicated to the Lakeview School District - she lives it, she breathes it, she exemplifies it. She is extremely knowledgeable and has the unique ability to see through difficult issues and propose realistic solutions."

Mrs. Handrych's appointment as superintendent represents a homegrown success story—a testament to the talent, dedication, and potential that reside within our own community. As Ashley embarks on this new chapter in her journey, her leadership will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on Lakeview Local Schools and the students, families, and educators who call it home. With her deep roots firmly planted in the district's soil, Ashley Handrych is poised to lead Lakeview Local Schools with vision, passion, and a steadfast commitment to excellence.



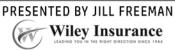
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If you have questions or would like to see if you qualify for one of these plans you can contact your local Health Insurance agent for more information.

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Pondering Cortland Sea Gulls

By Robert Adkins

Cortland is a beautiful little village beach town on the eastern shores of Mosquito Lake, which I have fished for many years. I now live in Cortland and I have walked down West Main Street and sat on the bench viewing the lake and seagulls adorning its shores. I have



enjoyed the seagulls while sitting in the parking lot and pondering their antics. I thought it would be nice to write an article in the Cortland News for those who have been too busy with life to enjoy their setting. So here are some of my thoughts. I do know the young kids have enjoyed its romantic moon watching as I did when I was a young man.

I am sitting on Mosquito Lake Beach (I know it is really just a parking lot, but I like to call it a beach), looking out over the rippled water at a group of seagulls, just randomly swimming and flying around; what appears like erratic motion. Occasionally one will fly up towards my car and then bear off quickly. I can actually look into its black eyes! Here comes another one flying close then bearing off away from me. Another one glides slowly and then drops onto the water. It almost gives the appearance of chaos.

I am now reading a book on Chaos by James Glick who tries to understand apparently chaotic systems like the sea gulls that behave erratically or you could say "chaotically" Glick states "The essence of the earths beauty lies in chaos, in the disorder of grasses strewn in the meadow, the blotching of green lichen on a tree trunk." I also state the apparent chaotic behavior of sea gulls is a beautiful form of chaos performed by sea gulls, on the land, in the air, and on the water.

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Dressing The Dreams Of Students

By Constance Amstutz

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On March 14th, Champion High School and GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League held their annual free prom dress event.

The event was originally established when a group of high school students expressed to a school staff member they were not going to homecoming. The reason for not attending – they didn't have the financial resources to purchase dresses and accessories. This sparked the desire to address the need students had allowing them to join their peers for homecoming.

For over 10 years now, the free dress event has clothed hundreds of students, and has inspired other organizations to join in supporting our youth. For 2024, 28 dresses in total were claimed.

Ohio Living Lake Vista Resident Rings In 107th Birthday

Neighbors and employees at Ohio Living Lake Vista recently celebrated the 107th birthday of long-term care resident Ellen Beany.

Born March 17, 1917, in Girard, Ohio, Ellen was the youngest of three children. She and her sister, Mildred, shared a love for music and singing, and leaned on their musical gifts to brighten difficult days during the Great Depression. She was first married at 22 and bore two daughters, Sandy and Cheryl.

Over the years, Ellen raised her children and worked for several local businesses, including Mullins Manufacturing Corporation in Warren. For fun, she enjoyed "snowbird" traveling to Florida, where she and her late husband owned a condo in Boca Raton. When she wasn't traveling, she could be found baking pies, making fudge, painting figurines and spending time with her close-knit family.

Ellen is a proud grandmother to nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She has resided at Ohio Living Lake Vista since June 2023.





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I'm Wearing You Out

After being hospitalized with double pneumonia, my dad has taken a turn. În just a few months he has lost much of the use of his legs and needs a lot more care. This morning when I took him his breakfast, he said to me "I'm wearing you out." That could not be any further from the truth. Of course, he is my dad, so I don't mind helping him, but there is more.

The best thing about my job in fitness is that every minute that I'm at work helping people to get and stay fit, it fills my heart. One thing better than that, is losing myself in workouts which refill my joy basket so that I can help others. Fitness in so many ways is fulfilling but it also keeps us strong and ready to take on daily tasks. For some, those daily tasks are harder than others. Just as it would be taking care

Working out releases endorphins which makes us feel better and brings joy. The definition of a workout is to raise your heart rate and make your body stronger. Resistance training, stretching, cardiovascular fitness and

endurance exercises will ensure that you become stronger and fitter. That strength helps to release stress in your body, and in your life. As you begin to see changes in your body, your selfesteem will be better, and you will build confidence.

There are many gyms, fitness centers, outdoor activities, yoga studios, and personal trainers in the area who are all willing to help you. Make sure that your trainer and/or fitness instructor is well certified and qualified to teach you. Most trainers' certifications are easy to lookup online and they are happy to talk about their qualifications. An initial meeting is the best way to ensure that you and your potential trainer are a match. Your first step in fitness is to find what you enjoy and to choose the perfect person for you. Make sure that they will teach or train to your current fitness level and gradually move up as you become stronger.

Today can be the first day of the rest of your life. It is never too late to begin your fitness journey.



Charity Breakfast For 4-H Shooting Sports

A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 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 4-H Shooting Sports, founded in 1992, as part of the OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development



program. The program includes nine disciplines available for instruction --archery, crossbow, hunting and wildlife, living history, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, and western heritage.

The charity pancake breakfasts are held once (and sometimes twice) each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, who donate all of the supplies so that 100% of the proceeds can be provided to a local charity. Since the pancake breakfasts were initiated about 3 years ago, the lodge has donated \$42,550 to community groups and organizations.

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



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Health Tips For Watching The Solar Eclipse

By Johnna Ben, Trumbull County Health Department

If you plan on witnessing and viewing the eclipse, and considering that March is also Save Your Vision month, the TCCHD strongly recommends that you wear glasses or viewers recognized by the American Astronomical Society for safely viewing eclipse events. The next total solar eclipse viewable in North America is projected to occur on August 23rd, 2044. So, if you can and are willing, try to witness this event

Trumbull County is expected to have anywhere from 15,000 to 50,000 spectators visiting the county for the event. John Hickey, the county's EMA Director spoke with WFMJ and had some tips for both the residents of and visitors to Trumbull County:

Trumbull County will see heavier traffic, so prepare accordingly with having enough gas to not only make your trip, but to possibly wait in traffic as well. In 2017, states that where in the path of the last solar eclipse had spectators run out of gas and block roads, congesting traffic,

- *Bring extra food and water* in the event that you are stuck in traffic for an extended period of time,
- <u>Do not watch the eclipse from</u> the road. With the diminished light and people potentially traveling down the road, you may not be seen and thus may be struck by a moving vehicle,
- Do not rely on technology Your mobile device which provides directions may experience problems if the network you are on cannot handle the additional internet traffic, due to all the additional people who are not typically around being on the network. Carry a paper map if
- Above all, *be patient, and* stay safe while viewing, by planning everything as much as possible ahead of time, prior to the event.

Trumbull County Mental Health And Recovery Boards Seek Community Input

By April Caraway

The Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board is asking community members to provide their perspective on addiction through a survey found on their website, www. TrumbullMHRB.org. The survey is part of a partnership between the TCMHRB, the ASAP Coalition and Addiction Policy Forum. The groups are looking to gain a better understanding of the attitudes and knowledge people have about addiction as part of a nationwide Anti-Stigma Initiative.

"We are looking for individuals to share their feedback about substance use disorders and the impact addiction has had on the community." said Kimberly Walker, addiction programs coordinator.

"Results will help inform education strategies, build collaboration and

advocate for needed resources to curb the addiction crisis in our community." The survey is anonymous and takes 15-20 minutes to complete.

The mission of the TCMHRB is to improve the well-being of our community by establishing and maintaining person-centered, recovery-oriented system of mental health and addiction services in Trumbull County.

ASAP is a community project of the TCMHRB. The Coalition engages in strategic partnerships to solve our community's substance abuse

For more information about the TCMHRB or ASAP, visit the website at www.trumbullmhrb.org or call 330-675-2765.

TCTC's Third Annual Community Night

By Morgan Crettella

TCTC's Community promises to be an evening of fun for Bring your friends and family, and join us on Thursday, April 18, from 6-8 activities and demonstrations related also have fun and informative games, at

Night to the residents we serve.

Trumbull County service providers Trumbull County residents of all ages. and community business partners will be on hand. Food trucks and concessions will also be available for pm to experience all that TCTC has to individuals to purchase something to offer and more! In addition to hands-on eat as well. We appreciate your support and look forward to hosting an evening to the education we offer, we will of fun for you! Be sure to visit us online tctchome.com/page/communityexperiences, and interactions relevant night to explore the available activities.

Local Blood Drives

There is an urgent need for blood in NEO. The American Red Cross Blood Services has asked us to provide these dates and locations for you in hopes that you are able to help.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Cortland United Methodist Church 155 N. High Street, Cortland, Room Name: Fellowship Hall



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Mad Hatter Tea Party Valley Nonprofit **Providing Sight For All**

Don't be late - register today for Sight for All United's "Mad Hatter Tea Party"! The tea party will be held on April 20 from 1-4 pm at the Medici Museum of Art and will provide guests with an opportunity to learn about Sight for All United's (SFAU) mission while enjoying a whimsical afternoon with family and friends. This event will also include an eclectic mix of vendors offering unique merchandise and a high tea party luncheon with musical entertainment and an eyewear fashion showcase.

Since its inception in 2016, SFAU has served over 5,000 children and adults by providing eye exams, glasses, and eye surgeries through its Vision Van, screenings, and financial assistance programs. It is SFAU's hope that those who attend the "Mad Hatter Tea Party" will leave better informed about SFAU's mission and how they can help the people of our valley access quality vision care.

Registration to attend the "Mad Hatter Tea Party" closes April 5, 2024. To register, please visit SFAU's event page at: bit.ly/sfautea. For more information, please contact SFAU at: info@sfau. org or 330-750-1867.

Thank you to event sponsors: Eye Care Associates, Medici Museum of Art, and The Grand Resort.

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Teen Volunteer Scholarships Awarded

By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League presented their 54th Annual Teen Volunteer awards at their March general meeting. WJWL President Becky Bucco announced our 2024 scholarship winners with their prizes: First place winner: Katelyn Heinselman, Niles High School. Second place winner: Caleigh Richards, Maplewood High School. Third place winner: Kayla Haynie, Champion High School.



Katelyn Heinselman, Kayla Haynie, Caleigh Richards, Becky Bucco, Sue Smith

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Lady Bulldogs Win

By Cullen Chadwick

The lady bulldogs, looking to build off an 18-4 district runner-up finish last year, opened the season with a 10-1 victory over Jefferson. The team is lead by their 2 seniors Izzy Haines and Makenna Werner. Haines went 2-2 at the plate including a bomb over the left center fence and walking twice. Werner went 2-4 with a triple. Isabella Isenberg took the mound for a complete game victory allowing only 1 hit. She struck out 6.



Makenna Werner



Izzy Haines





A New Member

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club welcomed into our membership Britt Beil. Britt is a Cortland resident and she was looking for a way to give back to our community. We welcome her as she serves with us in our community.

The Cortland Lions Club will be celebrating our 85th Anniversary on April 18th. We are the only Service Club in our area with 85 years of continuous service to the residents of Cortland and Bazetta. Help us continue our service record by becoming a member. Call 330-219-4879 for info or attend one of our meetings held every Wednesday at 630 pm in the rear of the Lions Building in our Memorial Pavilion. YOU can make a difference.









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Diane and David Engler are SCOPE's newest volunteers. They offer free, legal advice or property and casualty insurance advice on Mondays at the Warren senior center 375 N Park Ave from 530 till 7:30 PM.

Free Technology Support

SCOPE's office manager Kevin Weber of the Champion location provides free technology support to senior citizens.

Team Trivia Games

SCOPE Senior Services is excited to announce the opportunity to hold 50's ,60's, 70's 80's era Trivia Games at the SCOPE centers. This is NOT Jeopardy style, but where seniors over 55 will group up in teams to play trivia at the centers for one hour.

Trivia Times per Senior Citizen Center: Cortland on Thursdays at 1pm; Warren on Mondays at 11:30 am; Newton Falls on Wednesdays at 1pm; Niles on Fridays at Noon; Howland on

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Fridays at 2:30 pm. The new Hubbard center is surveying seniors to set up trivia game times. Call Carla at 330-534-3812 for details.

The plan is to have fun trivia games and finding those individuals who would like to become part of SCOPE trivia teams to play in the senior citizen center trivia competition of the Mahoning Valley. Marissa of Oak Street Health and SCOPE Director Mike Wilson both serve as the trivia quiz masters.

This is part of the 'Mind Challenge for The New Majority' tournament that can earn money for the participating senior centers. The Mahoning Valley senior citizen trivia competition will take place in May and June of 2024.

'Mind Challenge for the New Majority' was designed by Art Greenfield and Phil Levine to help slow down the process of dementia by getting seniors minds working and remembering past events.

Optimists Craft Show

Save the date May 4 for the Optimist Club Spring craft show. It will be held at our Optimist Club building [Candlelite Knolls] from 9-2. The address is 2619 Hoagland Blackstub Rd Warren. Watch for more information next issue.







PawsitivityDoes this kitten need help?

Hello Cortland & Bazetta! As the weather warms up, some people call this season "Spring." Those in rescue, however, know it as "Kitten Season." Tons of kittens are being born, so the chances are higher that you may come across a tiny kitten outside without its mother.

Most humans like to help, especially when it comes to saving a baby animal. But oftentimes, kittens don't need your help and are just waiting for mom to come back. It's not good for them to be removed from mom at an early age. Kittens survive on their mother's milk for the first 5-6 weeks of their lives. When they start to wean, mom teaches them social and survival skills that are incredibly important. When possible, kittens should remain with mom until at least 8 weeks of age.

Very young kittens need their mother and nest to stay warm. If you find a kitten nest, leave it be. Monitor from a far distance for several hours to determine if the mother is returning. She is likely caring for them and will not approach the kitten/nest if she sees you. Sometimes mother cats move their kittens, which is why you may find one outside of its nest. It's not necessarily in danger. Wait to see if mom returns for her kitten.

No help needed: You can leave a kitten be if they are clean, warm, and dry and if they're quiet (not crying). Their belly will be full and plump, indicating they've recently been fed.

Help needed: If the kitten appears dirty, wet, cold, and/or has inflamed genitals, it needs help. You can also tell if a kitten is not being fed by its mother if its skin is pale or if its belly is sunken/bones are visible under the skin. If a kitten is crying but not exhibiting any of these other issues, leave the area and watch from afar for 2-4 hours to see if mother returns for her kitten. If not, it's safe to assume they've been orphaned and need your help.

Hopefully this article was helpful, but when in doubt, call a local rescue/ rescuer for more guidance. If you find yourself in a situation where you must care for a very young kitten, The Kitten Lady on YouTube is a very valuable resource: https://www.youtube.com/c/KittenLady

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Antique Russian Samovars Now On Display

Now on display at the Bristol Public Library is a very unusual collection of Russian samovars, belonging to Judi Sheridan of North Bloomfield. Samovars are metal containers traditionally used to heat and boil water. Since heated water is usually used to make tea, a samovar has an attachment on the top of its lid to hold and heat a teapot filled with a tea concentrate. The antiques on display were typically used in and around Russia, European countries, as well as the Middle East.

Mrs. Sheridan has been collecting samovars for over 50 years and has put together a colorful display that includes pieces of painted Russian woodenware. These pieces are beautifully made and a must see to be appreciated. The display is located on the upper level of the library and will remain through the month of May. For more information contact the library at 330-889-3651.

Cortland Street Fair Updates From The Lions Club

By Ralph McCord

Excitement and momentum are building in anticipation of the 2024 Cortland Lions Club Street Fair which will be held June 21-22-23. Our Street Fair Board, comprised of Lions Club members and community volunteers, have been meeting since late last year pulling all the pieces together for Cortland's premier summer event.

Our Street Fair Board has advised some of the entertainment and activities planned: Saturday evening's huge parade's theme will be-The Wild, Wild West. Main Stage evening entertainment- Thursday-3 Cord Monty, Friday-No Funk No Justice and Saturday-Blue Siren. Beer Tent evening entertainment- Thursday Terry & Diane McCabe, Friday-Kat Fitzgerald AKA Crash the Great and Saturday Cortland's own-Speed Limit.

We are having two Pageants this year- Little Miss Cortland and Junior Miss Cortland. For both Pageants Jo-Marie's Dance Studio is furnishing the Pageant's Crowns and Natalie's Dance Company is sponsoring the Pageants Trophies. Thank you to these sponsors.

Look for additional updates as they become available in your hometown newspaper- the Cortland News.

Trumbull County Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30 at the Warren Library. This is a pre-departure meeting for those flying to San Antonio, Texas plus a slide show for the September National Parks vacation.

Veterans, on Wednesday, May 15, members invite you to join them to visit the National Veteran's Museum in Columbus. Lunch is included on the excursion at the Hofbräuhaus Bavarian Restaurant. Call the number below for details and cost. There are no membership fees to belong to the Travel Club. Day outings and longer vacations are planned by the club.



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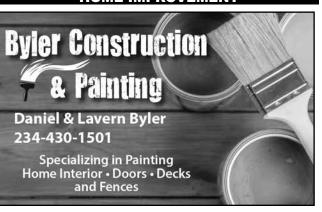
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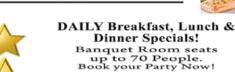




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