# Cortland's Autumn: A Season of Splendor

By Alex Irman
Photos By Jim Woofter

Autumn paints the landscape of Cortland and nearby Mosquito Lake in hues of gold, orange, and crimson, transforming the region into a breathtaking canvas. This season offers a unique blend of natural beauty, outdoor activities, and community events that make it truly special.

Beyond the foliage, autumn brings other natural wonders to Cortland. The crisp, cool air is invigorating, and the days become shorter, creating a cozy atmosphere. Wildlife, such as deer, squirrels, and migrating birds, become more active as they prepare for the winter months. The region's

The vibrant foliage is a hallmark of Cortland's autumn. The trees, especially the maples and oaks, burst with color, creating a stunning visual spectacle. Mosquito Lake State Park, with its vast expanse of water and diverse ecosystems, provides an ideal setting to witness the changing leaves. Hiking trails wind through wooded areas, offering panoramic views of the colorful landscape. Visitors can also enjoy scenic boat rides or simply relax on the shoreline, taking in the tranquility of nature.

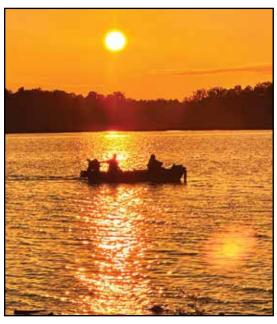
abundant wildlife can be observed on nature walks, birdwatching excursions, or even from the comfort of one's own backyard.

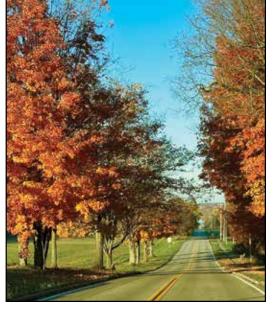
Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy outdoor activities in Cortland. Hiking, biking, and fishing are popular pastimes in the area. Mosquito Lake State Park offers a variety of trails for hikers and bikers of all levels, ranging from easy strolls to challenging climbs. The lake is also a popular fishing destination, with opportunities to catch bass, crappie, and other species.

For those seeking a more leisurely experience, the region offers scenic drives and bike rides. The back roads of Cortland and the surrounding areas are lined with colorful trees, providing a picturesque backdrop for a leisurely journey. Autumn is also a great time to visit local farms and orchards, where visitors can enjoy hayrides, apple picking, and other seasonal activities.

Cortland and the surrounding communities come alive with a variety of events during the autumn season. Farmers markets showcase local produce, crafts, and baked goods. Fall festivals feature live music, food vendors, and family-friendly activities. Pumpkin patches and corn mazes provide fun and entertainment for people of all ages. Local churches and community

organizations often host harvest dinners, bringing together residents to celebrate the season and enjoy delicious





food. These events are a great way to connect with neighbors and experience the warm hospitality of the Cortland community.

Autumn is not only a time for celebration but also a season for reflection. The changing leaves and shorter days can evoke a sense of nostalgia and contemplation. Many people find solace in the beauty of nature and the opportunity to slow down and appreciate the simple things in life.

Cortland and nearby Mosquito Lake offer a truly special experience during the autumn season. The vibrant foliage, outdoor activities, and community events create a memorable and enchanting atmosphere. Whether you are seeking adventure, relaxation, or simply a connection with nature, autumn in Cortland has something to offer everyone.

# TCTC Director Honored As Administrator Of The Year

By Morgan Tondo Cretella

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Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) is thrilled to announce that high school director Paula Baco has been named the 2024 OSBA Northeast Region Administrator of the Year by the Ohio School Boards Association. This accolade recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication in educational administration.

Paula has been a beacon of excellence at TCTC for 22 years, driving remarkable progress and fostering a supportive and dynamic learning environment. Paula has been in administration since 2013 and was

Trumbull Career & Technical named director of the career center, a ter (TCTC) is thrilled to announce high school director Paula Baco has named the 2024 OSBA Northeast significant milestones including:

- Paula was the 2021 recipient of the High Schools That Work Career Technical Education Leadership Award.
- In 2021, Paula led the opening of an on-campus health and wellness clinic where students can be referred for basic care at no cost to families or students through the use of Student Wellness and Success Funds from the Ohio Department of Education.

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Council Minutes.

First and Third Monday of each month. Monday, Oct 7 - 7 p.m. Monday, Oct 21 – 7 p.m. Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day, City Administration Offices closed for the holiday

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL Read the minutes from Cortland City Council meetings at

www.cityofcortland.org under City

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Second Monday of each month Monday, Oct 14 - 5:30 p.m.

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#### LAKEVIEW BOARD OF **EDUCATION MEETINGS**

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Monday, Oct 14 - 6 p.m.

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Cortland Masonic Lodge	American Assoc of University Women
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The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager

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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.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- God Provides A Meal / Cortland United Methodist Church / 11 am 1 pm Fundraiser Breakfast / Masonic Lodge / Benefits Mustangs Care 9-12 Rise Against Hunger / LHS / 9 AM 21
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- 21 **LHS Band** / at Warren G Harding Band Night
- Special Unveiling of the addition to the walking trail at Bazetta Park 22 Silver Award Team of Girl Scouts Troop 80386/ 2 PM
- 24 Business Mix & Mingle / Country Porch Winery / 5:30-7:30PM
- Curbside Brush Chipping & Pickup THIS WEEK 23
- Lake Vista Summer Concert One String Short 24
- Understanding The Probate Process /LHS Auditorium / 6 PM 25
- **26-27 Fall Clean-up Program** / Provided by Republic Services for our residents. Items will be collected with your regular garbage pickup that week.
- 28 & 29 Cortland Christian Church Rummage Sale / starts at 9 AM
- 14th Annual War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction Trumbull County Fairgrounds / 10 - 4 p.m.

#### **OCTOBER**

- **Upton House Lecture with East Liverpool Attorney Tim Brookes** The life & exploits of gangster/bank robber "Pretty Boy" Floyd / 10 AM
- **4 & 5 St. Robert's Church Rummage Sale** / Friday 9-5 and Sat. 9 -noon.
- Sat.-large items are half off and \$2.00 per bag. Lunch will be available. Fundraiser Breakfast / Masonic Lodge / Benefits TNR Warren / 9AM-Noon
- 5 & 12 Free Baby Brunch / Warren Women's Club / For information call Sandy Mahaffey at 330.518.6927.



#### Cortland Lions Club-**NEO Junk Scrap** Drive

Friday and Saturday September 20th and 21st

The Cortland Lions Club and NEO Junk's Metal Scrap Drive is being held September 20 and 21st at Willow Park. Bring your metal scrap to Willow Park between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm and the Cortland Lions Club will remove your metal scrap from your vehicle. The proceeds from this Scrap Drive will help meet the expenses of Cortland

#### **Business News** and Notes

By Thom Foley

Brookside Greenhouse is open with a wide selection of Mums and Fall plants. Hurry, they will be closing for the year very soon.

Have you tried Cosmic Bowling at **Cortland Lanes** yet? Great family fun or just fun on a date night.

Cortland Mower and Sales is having an end of the season clearance sale on select in stock riding equipment. They are offering special financing too. There are Cub Cadet and TORO models with your name on it. Better hurry - the supply is limited.

The Cortland Playroom is looking for an energetic, responsible, and fun person to work with 13 months to 36 months non-potty children. Must be flexible- Monday through Friday 9-5:30. If interested call 330-637-2296 to

#### Lake Vista Last Summer Concert September 24 - One String Short

Portico (weather permitting). Open to the Cortland. For additional information please community and walk-ins are welcome. call Denise at 330-638-2420.

Concert is at 6:30 pm under Park Place Lake Vista is located at 303 N. Mecca St in

#### **Food Truck Nights**

The City has announced that Food Truck Nights will be held on the 4th Thursday every month. The next one is September 26. The lone exception is Saturday, October 26 when it will be combined with Trunk or Treat for Halloween. The events are on West Main St. from 5 – 8 PM. The trucks and possible entertainment may vary each time.





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We are looking for an energetic, responsible, and fun person to work with 13 months to 36 months non-potty children. Must be flexible- Monday through Friday 9-5:30 If interested call 330-637-2296 to schedule an interview.

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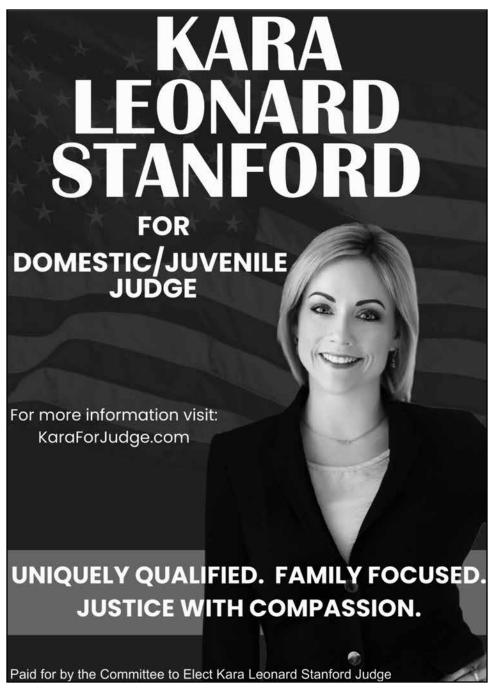
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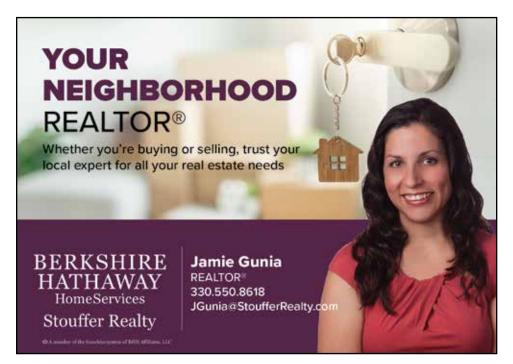




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# **Coopers Fitness + Athletic Training Grand Re-Opening**

By Traci Cooper

Coopers Fitness has been working hard to renovate our buildings to make Cortland a healthier place. The buildings incorporate over 9500 sq. ft. of pure fitness. Coopers has a 24-hour machine room and cycle bar that were shown off on September 7th during the grand re-opening. For one low price, you can access cycling (live instructors or instructors on a giant tv screen for 24 hours) and our weights and machines anytime 24 hours per day. The fitness centers were also shown that day. Coopers training room has brand new flooring for youth and personal training. The main fitness room has over 2,000 sq. ft of beautiful floating wood flooring. The main room even has a couch and tables to sit down on and hang out after class with friends.

All the participants had a wonderful time sampling each of the classes that are held at Coopers which included group cycle, step and strength, tabata, Zumba, Kickboxing, R.I.P.P.E.D., Fitstix, bootcamp, Silversneakers, boxing, contact kickboxing, and so much more. Many came to participate, and others came to just get more information on the packages and programs. Some toured the facility and watched the classes. Cortland Karate also did a wonderful demo for us and showed their show of weapons. The bungee and aerial yoga room opened September 15th.

If you would like more information about what Coopers has to offer, you can call or text 330-978-5937. Or go to www.cooperscycleandfitness.net for a list of current classes and pricing.

#### **Cortland Rotary Recognizes Police And Fire**

By John Sheets

The Cortland Rotary Club recognized the service of Bazetta Township and Cortland City Fire and Police officers on the eve of Patriot Day 2024 observance. Cortland Rotary made \$100 donations to each department.



Bazetta Police Chief Chris Herlinger, Cortland Police John Weston, Cortland City Police Chief David Morris, Cortland Rotary President Dennis Nesbitt, Cortland City Firefighter Pat Dales, Cortland Fire Captain Todd Price and Bazetta Fire Chief Tom Rink.



## BBB QuickBooks Tips & Tricks for Small Businesses

The Better Business Bureau serving Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties (BBB) is hosting a Lunch & Learn event focused on QuickBooks Tips & Tricks for Small Businesses.

The event will be led by Ken McBride, CPA and Partner at HD Growth Partners. McBride will offer valuable insights to help small business owners effectively navigate QuickBooks, enhancing their financial management and operational efficiency.

This informative session will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at The Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County, Main Branch, located at 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown.

BBB Accredited Businesses are invited to join us for a complimentary networking lunch. This event provides a unique opportunity to learn practical QuickBooks techniques while networking with fellow local businesses. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. Please RSVP by calling 330.744.3111 x 111 or emailing info@youngstown.bbb.org.



It's-a me, Mario!" If you're reading this right now, it was destined to be. This sweet, adorable little guy needs an angel to look past his physical imperfections and love him unconditionally. He is a neutered 10-week-old male that is full vetted. Mario is very fluffy and gets along with other cats - but potential adopters have overlooked him because he only has one eye. He had a rough start to life, so we'd love to see him be spoiled by his future family. Inquire on the Animal Pawtector's Facebook page or apply on Animal Pawtector's website: If you'd like to learn more about the animals available for adoption throu Animal Pawtectors, visit https://www.animalpawtec

3-year-old, neutered male French Buildog/Boxer mic, has been a hearthrob at The Healthy Hearts & Paws Project since December 2023. He's a playful bunde of joy who loves swiping toys and zooming back to his kennel for treats. Bandifs energy and enflusiasm are infectious. He's the kind of dog who'll keep you smiling with his playful artics and endearing personalify. Bandifs ready to be the center of attention as your only pet. Come meet this adorable little guy and give him the loving hard building guy him the loving her before the month ends! To meet Bandit, please message the Healthy Hearts and Paws Project Facebook page, email our Adoption Coordinator at jcassidy1875@gmail.com, or fill out an adoption application at

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#### **Just the Facts**

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A. 8

B. None

C. 24

D. 40

Find the answer at the bottom of this article.

Fall Clean -Up - Republic Services will be providing our residents with the Fall Clean-up program again this year! September 26th or 27th - have your trash out on your regularly scheduled pick-up day.

Brush Pick Up - The next Curbside Brush Chipping is the week of September 23rd. Remember to follow the rules and regulations that can be viewed on our website, cityofcortland. org. Only one pass per street, they will not revisit an address after passing it once and be mindful of pile sizes.

**Identify Water Pipes** - Please disregard if you have already provided us with the needed information, we only need it reported once. The EPA is requiring all Public Water Systems to identify all service lines by October. This is mandatory. The City of Cortland is asking for your help in identifying these lines. If you are not comfortable identifying this information for us, we would be more than happy to help. Just call 330-637-3011 and Christine will be happy to make an appointment to have someone from the Service Department stop out and do this for you. We greatly appreciate your help with this

requirement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kim Blasco, Service Director, 330-637-4637.

Let The Rain Drain Please help keep storm drains free of trash, grass and fallen leaves.

#### **Dates to Remember**

October 7th - City Council - 7 p.m. October 14th – Parks – 5:30 p.m. October 14th - Planning & Zoning -7:00 p.m.

**Answer** The answer is C) 24. Sworn officers are required to take 24 hours of advanced training in 2024. The officer is required to take 16 hours of elective training from a list of approved courses and the following mandatory topics: Legal updates 2 hours

Responding to mental health 2 hours Crisis mitigation de-escalation 2 hours Marsy's Law/Victim's rights 1 hour NIBIN 1 hour

Many Cortland officers exceed the minimum mandates set forth by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Our officers undergo annual firearms re-qualifications, taser certifications and daily training bulletins on our policy. Several officers have also attended the active threat response course through the Ohio Tactical Officer's Association and pursuit termination techniques. Our upcoming levy in November will be used in part to enhance the training of our department to make sure our officers are prepared to legally, tactically and safely respond to your calls for service.

# **Cortland Police Asks For Support**

By Chief David Morris

On November 5, 2024, voters in Cortland will be asked to approve an additional 2.5 mill levy to fund your police department. The decision by city officials to ask for additional tax dollars was not taken lightly but found to be necessary. Hopefully this letter will help you, the taxpayer, understand how the additional money will be used to continue bringing you the highly professional police services you have come to expect.

Our department has pursued and received many grants and receives funding from the Lakeview School District to provide a School Resource Officer, but most of these grants have a narrow allowance for what they can be used for. One of our greatest disadvantages in applying for grants is also one of our greatest advantages as a city and that is our low crime rate. As a department, that is a disadvantage we will live with!

#### **Ballot wording**

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Cortland for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent

or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code that the county auditor estimates will collect \$524,000.00 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$88 for

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# **Understanding The Probate Process**

The officials of the Trumbull County Recorder, Clerk of Courts and Probate Court will be presenting a special program Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 P.M. at Lakeview High School Auditorium. They will explain the Probate process and help citizens create a better understanding of the Probate law process and assist Trumbull County Residents in protecting their

most valuable assets. The goal is to help save your family time and money when a loved one passes.

It will be presented by Judge James Fredericka, Probate Court; Tod Latell, Recorder; Christopher Schiavone, Magistrate Probate Court; Karen Infant-Allen, Clerk of Courts. It is free for all and no reservations are required.

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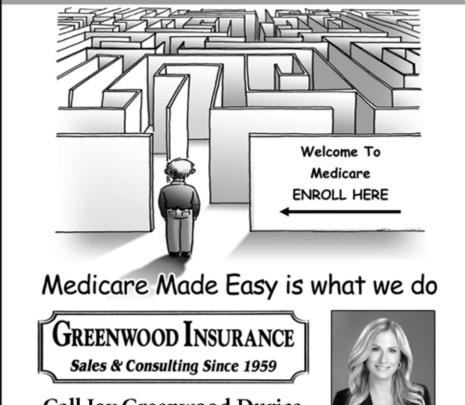
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#### **Save These Dates - City Events**

Here are a few dates of some upcoming events. Contact Jeffrey Jiang for more information at Jeffrey Jiang or 330-716-3130.

September Business Mix & Mingle, Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM at Country Porch Winery. Mix & Mingle with local business owners and/or their representatives. This event is a great way to promote your own business and build business partnerships through the Bazetta and Cortland Community. A cash bar will be available and light refreshments will be provided.

October Trunk or Treat & Food Truck Night, Saturday, October 26, 5:00 pm -8:00 pm on West Main Street. The trunk or treat event will be combined with October's Food Truck night to create a terrific treat for the entire community. Businesses, organizations, and individuals interested in participating in handing out candy should RSVP to Jeffrey Jiang This event will be open to the public, last year approximately 1,500 people were in attendance.

Christmas Market on West Main Street in Cortland, Saturday, November 30, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on West Main Street. The Christmas Market on West Main Street in Cortland will be combined with the Cortland Christmas Tree Lighting. We've got exciting news, the City of Cortland is purchasing a tree and planting it in our downtown for all to see! This event will have crafts, vendors, hot chocolate, and a special visit from Santa Claus. We hope to see you there!

## Trumbull County Republican Women's Club

By Betzy Peacock

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club held their Sept. meeting by donating \$9,000 to the Republican primary winners. TCRWC will be hosting Bernie Moreno, OH Senatorial candidate on Sept. 22 at Tiffany's Banquet Center in Brookfield. The next TCRWC meeting is on Oct. 3. For Reservations, please contact Cathy at 330.448.2227.



Front row: Jo Anne Szczygłowski, Judie Shortreed, Sarah Kovoor; Back row: Cathy Lukasko, David Engler, Tony Bernard, Mike Wilson, David DeChristofaro, Robert Patton, John Eklund, Rick Hernandez, Randy Law.

## TCTC Director...continued from front page

- The district earned the 2022 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award for improving graduation outcomes from the Southern Regional Education Board at the annual HSTW national conference. The school increased its percentage of students employed after graduation from 65% in 2017 to 75% in 2020, and the number of students earning credentials before graduation increased from 73% in 2017 to nearly 87% in 2020.
- Paula helped TCTC become a fully integrated digital learning environment. The school became nationally recognized after receiving its first Apple Distinguished School award in 2017. With three consecutive, multiyear recognitions, TCTC remains an active Apple Distinguished School.
- TCTC's waiting list has quadrupled over the last three years, from 47 in 2021-22 to 116 in 2022-23 and 226 students in 2023-24.
- In 2023, 29.2% of students obtained 250+ hours of work-based learning experiences compared to 21.1% in 2022. In 2024, the school launched a week-on, week-off program where students can work offsite with an employer for a week and attend school the following week.
- During her leadership, several curriculum changes occurred to accommodate shifting occupation demands. These include launching a Dental Assisting program and three newly structured programs, Culinary Arts Academy, Education & Family Services, and Fire & EMS Academy.
- In 2022, TCTC opened its doors to 9th and 10th-grade students for the first time by launching the Early Innovators Academy. The new academy

- adds 100 students to TCTC's overall enrollment.
- In 2023, TCTC renovated the Culinary Arts Academy kitchen. The remodel includes a collaborative teaching lab and additional space to increase enrollment capacity. The school also began construction on a new Equestrian Center with an estimated completion date of December 2024. The former structure did not include classroom instructional space, heat, or restrooms. The new center will provide students in the program more instructional time with less time spent on facility management.
- Paula spearheaded the addition of three new programs that opened this school year. In collaboration with the Trumbull County Educational Service Center (ESC), TCTC will launch an Aviation & Drone Technology program with the help of a federal grant received by the ESC. In addition, TCTC opened Digital Marketing & Management and Industrial Technology programs.
- Paula and her administrative team proactively seek competitive grants to support the expansion of indemand programming and student needs. With her involvement, the school has obtained \$7,842,500 in improvement grants between 2022-24. "We are incredibly proud of Paula and this well-deserved recognition," said Jason Gray, Superintendent. "Her unwavering commitment to our students, faculty, and community exemplifies the qualities of an exceptional leader. This award is a testament to her hard work and dedication."

Baco will be honored at the OSBA Fall Conference on October 2 at the Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth, Ohio.

#### Cortland EMS Visits **Girl Scout Troop** 80161

Troop 80161 invited Cortland EMS to their Troop meeting 9/12/24 to learn more about first aid and the community's resources for emergencies. Paramedic Sophia and EMT Brooklyn showed the girls all the lifesaving tools used on the Cortland ambulance and acclimated them to how emergency services in the area operate. The girls walked away from the encounter with a new appreciation for Cortland's emergency services and all they do for the area. Thank you, Sophia and Brooklyn, for taking time out of your busy day to show the Girl Scouts around your squad!



Paramedic Sophia, Adalyn G., Afenix P., Briella R., Casey B., Hannah B., Hazel H., Hannah B., EMT Brooklyn

## Cub Scout Pack **Open House**

By Robert Wacker

Cub Scout Pack 4050 of Cortland had their fall open house on September 10th, welcomed new scouts and parents. At the event the kids learned about tying knots such as the square knot, and about setting up a tent for camping. Pack 4050 regularly meets at the Cortland Lions Club on Tuesdays at 6 pm. If your kids (grades K-5th) are interested in joining scouts you are invited to come to our weekly meeting. Any questions contact our Cub Master, Robert Wacker at 708-203-5443.





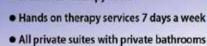
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## **Autumn Beauty**

My family recently moved to a beautiful 10+ acre wooded wonderland. We are surrounded by trees with leaves that turn brilliant colors in the fall. Maple and oak trees are some of the most beautifully colored leaves in October and November. The problem is that they don't stay those colors for very long. The brilliance of God's beauty in creation causes us be amazed at His handiwork. But it also draws our minds to the question, "Why is it so short a season?"

Seasons can draw our minds to life. Talking to so many people in their later years of life, they have a similar testimony: "How has life gone so fast?" While grandparents love the joys of holding their grandchildren, with those joys come the difficulties of growing older. Eyesight fades, ears need aids, joints hurt, body parts fail, and I needn't go on. But this is a reminder to us that we don't live forever.

Qin Shi Huang, the founder of the Qin dynasty of China, determined that he had conquered every land and every enemy he faced, except one—death. He surrounded himself with every sort of supposed medicine men in his pursuit for eternal life. These quacks fed him every sort of portion and pill in this pursuit, including mercury pills, which of course quickly poisoned and killed him.

We don't live forever on this earth. Death, the Bible explains, has entered the world through Adam's sin, and no one escapes it (Romans 5:12). When God warned Adam not to eat the forbidden fruit, He told him if he ate of it, he would surely die (Genesis 2:17). That is a guarantee, and no one escapes it.

As you consider life, consider that we are not promised tomorrow, that young people die as well as the old. We have a promise from God, however, that while this life is a vapor (James 4:14), God has made a way to escape the curse of death. If the leaves on your tree are bright green or brilliant red, or if they are ready to fall to the ground, we must look to Jesus who paid the penalty for death on the cross and rose again that we can live with God forever. We must look to Him and live.



"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever".

**Church News & Notes** 

available.

As we are now in September, Fall is around the corner. Very soon the grass will start to wither and the flowers will fall. We know that Fall is coming when the air becomes cooler and the leaves begin to change. This serves as a reminder that seasons change, and many struggle to find happiness in certain seasons such as Winter, while finding happiness in other seasons such as Spring and Summer.

Life is very much the same way. Seasons change. Sometimes we can see the change coming while at other times the change comes suddenly and unexpectedly. We can find ourselves in times of sorrow and unhappiness as a result. Change is inevitable no matter how hard we may try to fight and resist it. People come in and out of our lives, events take place, situations and places change, new memories are made, old memories are pondered upon, and some memories begin to fade. Though

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change comes and things may not always be certain, we can rest secure in the fact that God remains the same. This means that no matter what, God is always unchanging, and the way to endure all the seasons we face in life is to be anchored in Him. He is with us through the good times as well as the bad. Though we may experience seasons that seem long and hard, God will bring us through and back into times of joy and happiness. As we approach Fall, let it be a reminder of the handiwork of our Creator, as well as the other seasons that come along. Remain anchored in Jesus Christ, and as we endure the changes in this world. We can be assured that the season of stepping into His Father's Kingdom with Him lies ahead. A season of joy with no more tears, sorrow, heartbreak, or suffering. A wonderful season beyond our wildest imagination that will never change or go away. A season of eternity.

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we have started our 5 PM Sunday

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to our craft show on Oct 19th, 10-3 pm

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variety of goods. Make sure to mark

your calendar so you don't miss

out. (FOMO). Refreshments will be

9 am - On Sundays we are going

through the Bible book by book. Also on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

we are going through the Book of James. Katharina's Closet donation

drop off is the first Monday of every

month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Fall

Hymn Sing on Saturday September

21 5:30-8. We will have an Oktoberfest

themed potluck followed by singing

of hymns. All are welcome to join us for the meal and singing to the Lord.

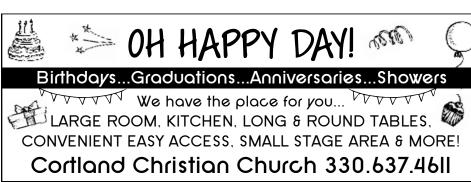
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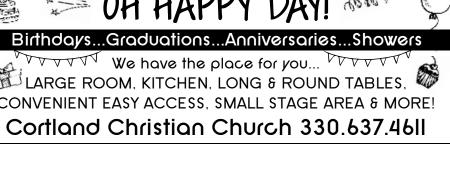
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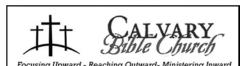


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# **Attending College In 1884**

By Curt Moll, Cortland Bazetta Historical Society

Nettie Louise Beach was born March 1st, 1865. When she was seven years old, her mother married Austin Sigler, and Nettie refers to him fondly as Pa. She started writing in her diary just before she turned eighteen years old and continued to the point where she had been married and had a new baby girl.

The family lived in Cortland, Ohio in 1883, and Nettie played the organ for more than one church. Her diary, while still in the possession of the family, has been transcribed and the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society has been given the right to publish it and make it available to residents.

The diary is another valuable resource for documenting the history of our community. Here are some excerpts that relate to her first year of Music School at Oberlin College.

"Tuesday, Sep. 11th, '83. Pearl Bradley and Charles Richards started yesterday for Oberlin and last night I called to see Millie Kinnaman and we are going to Oberlin this winter. I want to go so bad, and Mamma says I can if I am well enough."`

"Sunday, March 9th, 1884. Dear Old Record. Only three more Sundays and Millie and I are going to Oberlin. Expect we will get homesick sometimes but then we never will know any more if we stay here. And if we go there, we can teach music and earn our own living, sometimes."

"Oberlin, O., April 16th, 1884. "We started for Oberlin Tuesday, April 1st. We started a little after eight. We got along all right with Charles Richards as our guardian and arrived there about 5 o'clock. Charles ordered our trunks

sent to No. 32 West College St. and we walked there."

"We have a splendid teacher in Piano. His name is Prof. D. Rice. Millie and I have the same teacher but are not together in our classes. We practice from three to four hours a day just as we have time. The rules are strict, and we have to be very careful, or for three failures, we have a chance to go home. We must attend church twice every Sunday, and if we miss or are late that is a failure. And we have to attend Chapel exercises every day at 5:30 only on Thursday and then we have a lecture instead. Wednesday evenings there are rehearsals."

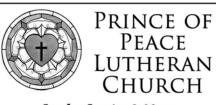
"Oberlin, O., June 17th, '84. I took my last Piano lesson for this term, yesterday. My teacher, Prof. Rice, wanted to know if I intended to come back next year. I told him I wanted to and now intend to."

"Cortland O., July 9th, 1884. We started from Oberlin two weeks ago last Saturday morning. Arrived in Cleveland about 11 AM, went to a restaurant and got our dinner, then took a walk through the town and the Parks. We started from Cleveland at 3 PM and arrived in Warren at the Mahoning depot about 5, where we met Mr. Emerson from Oberlin who was coming to Cortland to preach in the Congregational Church the next day. So, he joined our crowd and we walked to the park. And at last, we started for the station which we left a little after 7 PM for Cortland, where we arrived a little before 8 and found quite a crowd waiting to see us home." The full transcript is available from the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society.

## **Upton House Events**

By Bonnie Hood





Sunday Service 9:30 am
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The Upton House will open their "First Wednesday" speaker series on October 2 with East Liverpool Attorney Tim Brookes who will talk about the life and exploits of gangster and bank robber "Pretty Boy" Floyd who met his demise in East Liverpool.

On November 6, Amanda Manahan of the Oberlin Heritage Center will speak about the local and national impact of Women's Suffrage in Oberlin. The events will be held at The Upton House with refreshments at 9:30 followed by the program at 10:00. The programs are free; however, donations are welcome.

The Upton House is located at 380 Mahoning Avenue in Warren. For more information, call 330-395-1840, visit uptonhouse.org or the Upton Association Facebook page.

In 1887, Congressman Taylor deeded the house to Harriet "for love and affection."

### Save The Date -Annual Christmas Concert

By Carole Wiley

This year's Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM at Lakeview High School. This date and time will allow people of all ages, young and old, to attend this holiday event. The holiday choir is open to anyone who likes to sing. There are no auditions. Michelle Robins Jones will again direct this group. The schedule for rehearsals will soon be published.

## Girls Scouts Fall Dog Drive

Cortland Girl Scout Troop 80161 is collecting donations for their Fall 'Dog Drive'. Each season the girls come together to pick a community partner that is in need and this year goes to the pups! Along with the 'Dog Drive' the girls will be sewing dog crate blankets and diving into how our local shelter system works. Please consider donating. Collections will take place until Nov 21 - Pupsgiving 

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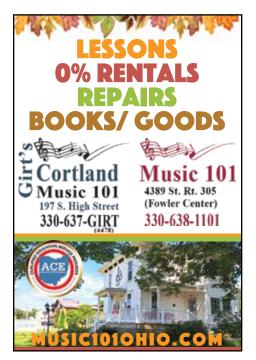
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#### From the Desk of the Superintendent Fostering Unity Between Community and School District: A Path Forward

By Ashley Handrych

In the evolving landscape of education, the relationship between a community and its school district stands as a cornerstone of student success and community progress. As Superintendent, my role encompasses fostering a profound sense of unity and collaboration with the community we serve. This partnership is not merely a beneficial arrangement but a fundamental element in shaping an enriching educational experience and a thriving community. I want Lakeview to be a District of which our community all feels proud.

At Lakeview, we have worked hard over the past several years to build opportunities for community and family engagement. Events such as our K7 Grandparents Breakfast, NHS Senior Citizen Game Day and Golden Bulldog Program are pathways we've forged to ensure our senior citizens feel valued and that they have an important role to play here at Lakeview Local Schools.

Unity between the school district and the community is vital for several reasons. Firstly, it ensures that educational goals are aligned with community values and needs. When

schools and communities work hand in hand, educational programs can be tailored to reflect the unique cultural, social, and economic fabric of the area. This alignment helps in creating relevant and engaging learning experiences for students, which in turn drives their motivation and academic success.

As Superintendent, I encourage parents, citizens and students alike to reach out with questions or concerns. We may not always agree, but I assure you that I will always listen and consider your input when making decisions. The work to establish both a Parent and Student Superintendent Advisory Council has begun and I will rely on those stakeholder groups to communicate their hopes and goals for our District.

The involvement of families and local stakeholders in school affairs can lead to more comprehensive support systems for students. Community members bring diverse perspectives and expertise that can enhance educational strategies and initiatives. Teamwork between the school and local organizations helps develop a deeper understanding of the challenges and achievements within the school system. Mutual respect and cooperation create a supportive environment for our students and staff.

Our District is incredibly fortunate to have a strong Parent Teacher Organization at the K7 level and highly successful and supportive Band and Athletic Boosters at the high school level. Not only are these groups powerhouses for building opportunities for our kids, they are run by some of the most dedicated and selfless people. Getting involved in any of these organizations is rewarding and provides a pathway to volunteer and benefit all our students here at Lakeview.

Achieving and maintaining this unity requires ongoing effort and adaptability. It also takes time, as Superintendent, I'm committed to building a framework that allows for this collaboration and community involvement. The needs and dynamics of both schools and communities are constantly evolving, and so must our approaches to collaboration. Regular evaluations of partnership effectiveness and open dialogues about emerging needs and challenges can help in adapting strategies and maintaining a dynamic and responsive relationship.

Whether it is our Annual Chili Cook-Off, K7 Family Night, Veterans Day or any of our events for families and friends, I hope you can join us this school year to celebrate the magic of Lakeview Local Schools. The unity between community and school is a powerful force that drives excellence. In this collaborative spirit, we find the true potential to transform education and, more importantly, the lives of the students we serve.

# Class of 2025 **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 Emma Mika, a standout student at Lakeview High School and the daughter of Jeanette Thomas. Emma, her mother, stepfather, and her brother moved to Cortland from the Columbus suburbs in 2021 due to a work transfer, and she quickly impressed the Lakeview faculty with her passion and strong work ethic. Emma is currently ranked in the top 15% of her graduating class and excels in both high school and college courses through Youngstown State University. A talented musician, she plays clarinet in our Symphonic Band and switches to saxophone for our award-winning Lakeview Blues jazz band. This year, Emma's peers elected her Vice President of Band Council, recognizing her leadership and dedication. With a deep love for music, Emma plans to pursue a degree in music performance or music therapy at either Akron or Youngstown State University next year.

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

1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? A: I'm a very hard worker and I don't like to have late or missing assignments. I'm always on top of that.

2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? A: How tight the community is and it's very

inviting.
3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? A: El Torero

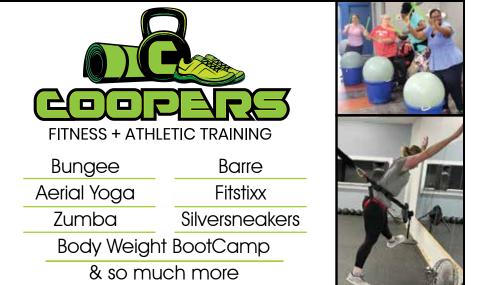
4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? A: I go to Willow Park sometimes.

5.) Describe your fashion style. A: Darker Colors, Graphic T-shirts, and baggy jeans 6.) You might catch me ... A: Hanging out

in my room 7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now? A: I really like a band right now called Primus. 8.) What are your future aspirations? A: Follow my heart and be happy



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#### **Gravy Goes To Lakeview!**

By Melissa Maki, CO-VP of Lakeview Parent Teacher Organization

In the quaint town of Cortland, Ohio, lived a miniature Old English bulldog named Gravy. At six years old, Gravy was a seasoned adventurer in his own right, with a love for lounging, eating pizza, and exploring the charming corners of his hometown. His days were a mix of relaxation and delight, especially when it involved his favorite activities.



Gravy's family—Chris, Monica, DinaMarie, and Londyn Johnson—adored him and ensured he had the best life a pup could want. The Johnsons are a fun-loving family who are always willing to help. So when asked if they would help make Gravy's adventures come to life for a project to benefit Lakeview PTO in the form of a wall calendar. They exclaimed, "We are in!" and with that, plans were underway, we had bright lights, fun props and a lot of cheese to keep our star happy.

One sunny day, Gravy's adventure began at Lakeview K-7 School. He trotted through the hallways, his little nubby tail wagging in rhythm with his steps. The school's gymnasium, usually bustling with kids, was now a playground for Gravy. He shot some hoops in his own way, nudged the basketball around with his snout, and took a break to lay on the cool gym hardwood.

His next stop was his classroom. Gravy sat at his desk, with his special name tag and supplies, as if he was ready to soak in the day's lessons. Of

course, he was more interested in the occasional snack that found its way to him, but he maintained an air of scholarly dedication. During breaks, Gravy took to a cozy reading spot, curling up comfortably as he caught up with his favorite book.

As the summer was coming to an end, Gravy became a local sensation. During the Lakeview Elementary and Middle School Open House events, he met countless children and posed for his photo, as the star of this year's school calendar. His adorable presence and charming demeanor made him the talk of the school.

Gravy continued to enjoy his days, savoring his pizza slices, napping in sunlit spots, and occasionally reminiscing about his summer escapades. His adventures had not only been about exploration but also about spreading joy and making lasting memories in the hearts of those around him.

For those who didn't get to meet Gravy, a custom wall calendar with adorable images can serve as a delightful reminder of the joyful bulldog who had brought so much cheer to Lakeview. They are \$15 each and run for an academic year from now - July 2025 with 100% of proceeds benefiting Lakeview PTO. Also, includes contact information with student start/end times for each building, the district schedule, and K-7 events.

How Do I Get My Paws On One of These? Lakeview Families K-12: Please complete the online form and payment for a calendar to be sent home with your K-12 student via https://bit.ly/Bulldog-Calendar. Community Members: Pick up your calendar at our friends Stanley Grace located at 251 S High St. with hours Wed-Thurs. 11 am-4 pm, Fri. 11 am-6 pm, & Sat. 11 am-3 pm OR Cortland Mover located at 118 Walnut St. with hours Mon. 9 am-6 pm, Tues.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm & Sat. 9 am-2 pm. Cash, check payable to Lakeview PTO, debit card, credit card, or via PayPal. Questions: Lakeviewelempto@gmail.com



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# **Lakeview Marching Bulldogs Band Notes**

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### **Penguin Pantry & Career Closet**

By Destiny Miller, Office of the Dean of Students

The Penguin Pantry & Career Closet exists to assist ALL members of our YSU Family, who are working to make ends meet, in-between jobs or simply in need of assistance. Our purpose is to provide occasional supplemental food and other necessities for those who need this kind of assistance. The Penguin Pantry is a critical resource that stocks donations of non-perishable and frozen food items, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies. Our Career Closet offers professional attire that can significantly defray costs associated with job interviews, internships, student teaching, clinical rotations, banquets, courses where speeches are required and more. During the winter, we provide warmer clothing items like new winter hats, gloves, scarves, and boots.

The Penguin Pantry & Career Closet are open specified hours during the semester or by request. If assistance is needed outside of regular hours visitors may contact the Office of the Dean of Students at dos@ysu.edu or visit the Dean of Students office on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall, room 301.

Donating to the Pantry: It is the generosity of the YSU community that helps keep the Penguin Pantry and Career Closet stocked and readily available. There are many ways in which you can support this valuable campus resource:

- Items can be purchased through our Amazon Wishlist and delivered directly to the pantry.
- · Items such as food, clothing, hygiene products and cleaning supplies can also be dropped off at one of our two available drop off locations in DeBartolo Hall. The Office of the Dean

of Students, room 301. Outside of the Penguin Pantry also located on the third floor.

Additionally, I am always happy to help coordinate a donation drop off if necessary and can be reached at 330-941-3533 or lmhollabaugh@ysu.edu.

Recently, the family of the late Judge Robert M Platt of Cortland donated his suits and business clothing to the Career Closet. Pictured are Judge Platt's daughter, Wendy Platt, Destiny Miller and Allie Adler, Both are Dean of Students Case Managers.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, the donation form hosted by the YSU Foundation can be used. Be sure to select 'Other' under 'Your Gift Designation' and note that your donation is intended for the Penguin Pantry.

If you would like to engage with the pantry or Career Closet in another way, please e-mail the Office of the Dean of Students at dos@ysu.edu

The Penguin Pantry was first envisioned by YSU's Student Government Association in 2016. In the Fall of 2022, the Penguin Pantry moved under the Office of the Dean of Students and is currently staffed by YSUaffiliated volunteers and professional staff members from the DOS.

The Career Closet, previously the Professional Attire Collection, was an initiative originally created by Student Outreach and Support to help students make a good first impression when entering their career. Visitors can request clothing for pickup and/or schedule a clothing consultation directly with the Office of the Dean of Students.

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As an investor, one way you can changes. 2024 is one of those years. The enhance your long-term retirement security is to fully leverage the potential of tax-advantaged retirement savings vehicles. Each year, the IRS releases new guidelines on the amount of money you can contribute to these accounts. New contribution limits in 2024 allow you to save even more this year through plans such as 401(k)s, 403(b)s and IRAs.

#### Changes to workplace savings limits

Contribution limits for workplace retirement accounts have been raised by \$500 for the year 2024. In 2024, the IRS allows pre-tax employee contributions to 401(k) or 403(b) plans of:

- \$23,000 for those under age 50
- \$30,500 for those age 50 and older (includes a \$7,500 "catch up" contribution).

When combined with employer contributions, a maximum of \$69,000 can be directed to your workplace retirement plans in 2024 (plus the \$7,500 catch-up contribution for those age 50 and older). Note that total contributions can't exceed your annual compensation at the company that houses your plan. If offered by your employer, you may be able to make after-tax contributions to a Roth 401(k). Note that any aftertax contributions are counted toward the \$69,000 total maximum limit for employee and employer contributions to workplace plans. Save an amount that makes sense for you, but it can be beneficial to take full advantage of any matching contribution offered by your employer. For example, if an employer offers to match up to 5% of your income into a 401(k) if you make a similar contribution, it, in effect, means you're doubling your contribution for your retirement savings, before investment earnings are taken into account. This is a great way for your savings to make a big impact.

#### **New IRA contribution limits**

IRA contribution limits move up periodically to reflect cost-of-living new limits are:

- \$7,000 for those under age 50
- \$8,000 for those age 50 and older.

Note that contributions can't exceed 100% of your earned income if you earn less than the limits stated above. Also, these limits apply to total IRA contributions for the year. This is applicable even if you hold multiple IRAs or make contributions to both Roth IRAs (which feature the potential for tax-free earnings growth) and traditional IRAs.

To make fully tax-deductible (pretax) traditional IRA contributions in 2024, your modified adjusted gross income cannot exceed:

- \$77,000 for single or head-ofhousehold tax filers
- \$123,000 for married couples filing a joint return.

Not everyone can make maximum Roth IRA contributions. In 2024, full Roth IRA contributions can only occur if your modified adjusted gross income is less than:

- \$146,000 for single or head-ofhousehold tax filers
- \$230,000 for married couples filing a joint return.

#### Save diligently, plan wisely

Determining how much to set aside for retirement and in what types of savings vehicles is best determined through careful planning. The start of a new year is a great time to consider if you want to change or start contributions to these types of accounts. Discuss your retirement strategy with your financial advisor and consult with a tax professional on all tax-related matters.

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#### Get The Most Out Of Medicare's 2025 Annual Enrollment Period

Annual Enrollment (AEP) for Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans begins October 15 and runs through December 7. During this time Medicare beneficiaries are given an opportunity to evaluate their current coverage and consider options for the upcoming year. Even if you are happy with your current plan, it is still a good idea to take the time to review your options. You may be taking a new prescription medication, your current plan's drug formulary may have changed, or your physicians could have left the plan's network. Annual Enrollment is the time to review and get ready for the next year. Getting more appropriate plan coverage, lowering out of pocket costs or increasing benefits are some of the reasons to take advantage of the yearly reassessment opportunity.

Here are three important things every Medicare beneficiary can do during Annual Enrollment:

1. Review your Annual Notice of Change. Your current insurance company should send you a letter that explains any changes to premiums, costs, services, and benefits. Be sure to read any notices you receive from your current Medicare Insurance plan about upcoming changes for 2025. Look for any changes that could impact the cost of the drugs you take or the doctors and specialists you prefer as well as any changes to the ancillary benefits you use. With the upcoming mandated changes to prescription drug coverage, it will be especially important to review changes to the prescription portion of your plan on both Advantage plans and Stand-alone Prescription Drug plans.

- 2. Verify your doctors are still practicing and will continue to be in your plan's network. If you have not seen your primary care physician in a while, call the office to verify that he or she is still practicing and call the insurance company or your agent to verify that they continue to be an in-network provider with your plan. Networks can change often as providers and insurance companies review and renew or cancel contracts.
- 3. Think ahead to 2025. Consider any health changes that took place in 2024. What health conditions might need addressing in the year ahead? Will a different plan offer more appropriate options? It is important to see if you can reduce your costs by choosing another plan based on your prescriptions and health situation.

Whether you have a Part D Standalone Prescription Drug Plan or a Part C Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare's Annual Enrollment only lasts 54 days, October 15 - December 7. This is the time to review and make decisions that may last a full year. One of the best ways to review your plan is to contact a local agent. They will be able to look at your current plan, and while taking into consideration your specific situation and preferences, help you decide what might work best for you.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234-244-4014 or JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com.

#### **Ohio Education Association** Applauds Law To Reduce Cell Phone **Distractions In Schools**

"Educators across the state have seen firsthand the challenges that unrestricted cell phone use in schools has created for students' learning and wellbeing, especially when inconsistent rules have had to be enforced on a classroom-by-classroom basis," OEA President Scott DiMauro said. "This law will ensure educators have clear guidance and support while allowing for local flexibility to set policies that will improve learning conditions. Our members must be included in the development of those local policies."

The Ohio Education Association believes that the unrestricted use of cellphones and other personal electronic devices in classrooms and other academic areas detracts from the educational environment,

The Ohio Education Association reduces the efficacy of teaching and (OEA) is celebrating the enactment of a learning, distracts students, facilitates new law that requires school districts to cyberbullying and other harms, and develop policies to limit cell phone use undermines the educational mission of

> Lakeview Superintendent Ashley Handrych said "Our current policies by building meet the guidelines for the new requirements. Students are not to have their cell phones out during class. At the middle school, phones are to remain turned off and out of sight. We will work over the course of this year to formally adopt a policy with the Board of Education prior to when it is due in 2025."

> TCTC superintendent Jason Gray said "The existing policy empowers teachers to regulate cell phone usage within the classroom. Our approach involves a thorough examination of the current policies, supplemented by seeking counsel from NEOLA, an organization assisting districts in aligning with prevailing laws and policies."

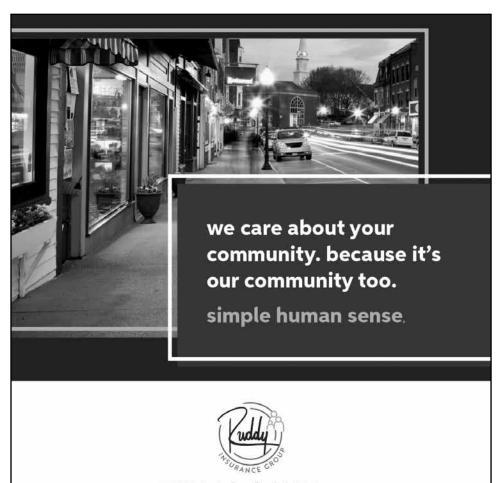


# **Pawsitivity** It's Pumpkin Spice Season: Keep Your Pets Safe from Toxic Foods!

Hello Cortland & Bazetta! As the crisp Fall air rolls in and the scent of pumpkin spice fills the air, it's a great time to remind ourselves that our pets can't eat everything we can! While we're all enjoying seasonal treats, let's make sure our pets stay happy and healthy by keeping some common spices and foods to ourselves.

- 1. Cinnamon and Nutmeg Spiced lattes and pumpkin pies are a Fall favorite, but cinnamon and nutmeg aren't safe for our pets. Cinnamon can cause irritation in their mouths and stomachs and can lead to liver problems. Nutmeg contains myristicin that can be toxic to both cats and dogs and cause disorientation and hallucinations. So, keep those pumpkin pie leftovers to yourself!
- **2.** Garlic and Onions Garlic and onions are the staple of many great recipes, especially a hearty Autumn soup, but they're terrible for our pets. Both can cause gastrointestinal upset and damage to red blood cells, leading to anemia. This is particularly true if they're consumed in large amounts or over a long period. Even in small amounts, garlic can be harmful, so it's best to err on the side of caution and avoid sharing these foods.
- 3. Chocolate and Candy While chocolate might be the ultimate Fall treat for humans, it's a big no-no for pets. Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, which can be very toxic to both dogs and cats. Even small amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and in severe cases, seizures. Candy is also a culprit, especially with the ingredient xylitol, an artificial sweetener that can cause low blood sugar and liver damage
- **4.** Grapes and Raisins Grapes and raisins may be delicious, but they can cause kidney failure in pets. It's not clear exactly why, but it's safest to keep these fruits away from your pets completely.
- 5. Alcohol With holiday parties, it's easy to forget that alcohol can be extremely dangerous for pets. Even a small amount can lead to alcohol poisoning, which can be life-threatening. As you prepare for Fall festivities, remember to keep these foods and spices out of reach of your furry companions. If you ever suspect your pet has ingested something harmful, contact your vet right away.

Here's to a safe and cozy Fall with your beloved pets! Email questions, feedback, or suggestions for future topics to Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail.com.



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Senior Showcase recently held a 50s versus 70s dance party fundraiser. They certainly had the fun part down.





# Warren Women's

By Peggy Boyd

The Warren Women's Club is having A Free Baby Brunch. All we ask is that you bring to the luncheon an unwrapped gift for a baby. These gifts will then be donated to area organizations that help new mothers. Suggestions include wipes, bibs, pacifiers, onesies, sleepers and outfits (size 6 to 18 months), rattles, towels. Anything that a new baby needs.

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The dates are October 5th and 12th. Seating is limited so make your reservation by calling Sandy Mahaffey at 330.518.6927.



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#### Cortland Police Asks For Support ... continued from page 5

each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

What will the 2.5 mill levy cost? For every \$100,00 of assessed value it will cost: \$88 per year - \$7.33 per month - \$0.24 per day

What do you get? The Cortland Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency that provides police services to those that live, work, play, worship and study within Cortland utilizing the community oriented policing model.

The department would like to believe it is part of the reason the city has been ranked #1 Place to Retire in the State of Ohio (2015 and 2016), #1 Safest Community in Trumbull County (2015) , one of the Top Ten most charming Villages/Small Cities in Ohio (2016) and one of the Top 50 Safest Cities in Ohio (2017).

How will the money be wisely spent? The ballot articulates what the money can be used for so I would rather explain why the money is needed. Our police officers and support staff are our most valuable asset and without them there is no need for cars or other police equipment. For years, law enforcement, including Cortland, relied on volunteers, reserve officers and part-time officers to supplement full-time staff in order to fill open shifts and keep overtime costs to a minimum.

Nationwide there is a critical shortage of candidates for the position of full-time police officer and finding part time officers is almost impossible. Many times, the part time officers leave

before finishing their field training program or shortly after completing it to go work for other departments in a full-time capacity. We currently only have one part-officer, down from the eight we once had.

One of the main purposes of this levy is to add two additional full-time officers to our current staff of 9 full-time officers. By comparison, most similarly sized communities around the state have between 12-20 full time officers.

We have said this before and will continue to say that with a call for police officers to be licensed and held to a higher professional standard, the need to move away from part time policing to full time is upon us. The practice of using reserve officers was eliminated by Cortland in 2016 due to new laws enacted governing the use of volunteer officers. Because of the lack of available part-time officers, the work force is dictating we eliminate the use of part-time officers.

The additional monies will also be used to continue to provide for modern, updated police cruisers and equipment. In the past officers had difficulties communicating with the Trumbull County 9-1-1 Center because of poor radios. In 2019, the department began using the state of Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communications System, also known as MARCS, which drastically improved radio traffic. Unfortunately, the move to MARCS came at a steep price. Our mobile and portable radios went from \$350.00 per radio to almost \$3,000.00 per radio and no monthly cost to \$5/radio per month service fee to be on the radio system. As I stated before, we actively seek grants to fund the equipment we need but those grants

are limited.

Our department utilizes mobile data terminals to improve officer safety and efficiency, high-definition dash and body worn cameras to allow for greater accountability and other equipment features on our cruisers to improve officer, prisoner and public safety. The department upgraded our computer network with enhanced cyber security to protect the sensitive data we must store. The department implemented Lexipol policies, which are written by national legal experts on the matter, ensuring officers are following the most current laws, employing industry-wide best practices and reducing liability.

All of the personnel, equipment and training improvements made, or proposed, to allow our agency to move forward costs money. Our department has not asked for a new levy since 2020 and the city leaders have worked diligently to stretch the current budget as far as it can go. We are a transparent department and can easily show and articulate to you the need for this levy. Please vote "YES" on November 5th for the Cortland Police Levy.

I would invite anyone with questions to contact Chief David Morris at 330-638-1000 ext. 1601 or email those questions to dmorris@cityofcortland.org.

# Travel Club Visits Sites In Lancaster, Pennsylvania

By Peggy Boyd

Forty -eight members of the Trumbull County Travel Club recently returned from visiting Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Members were treated to two theater productions seeing Jersey Boys and Daniel. A tour of Strasburg was included to include sight-seeing at the Strasburg Railroad Museum and a guided tour of President James Buchanan's home.

Information on upcoming trips can be had by calling 330-609-3971.



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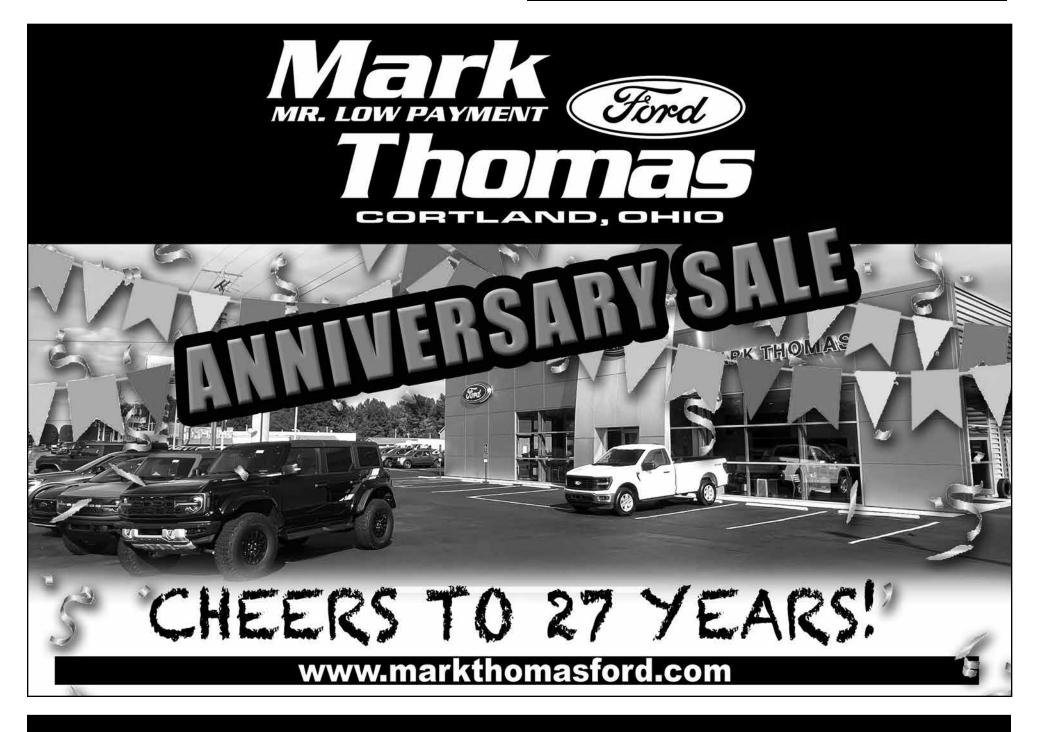
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#### 14th Annual War Against Breast Cancer Raffle & Auction

One of Trumbull County's largest basket raffles will kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month when it returns Sept. 28 to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds to raise money for a local breast cancer survivor.

The 14th Annual War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a Cow Patty Bingo contest, costumed princesses and superheroes, live music, food and sweet treats, free archery and an archery contest to win free steak for a year. Admission and parking are free.

The Raffle-Auction will boast hundreds of items up for bid. General item tickets are 2 for \$1. Tickets for items valued at \$100 or more are \$1 each and tickets for items valued at \$300 or more are \$5 each. Winners do not need to be present for the 4:15 p.m. drawing.

The Cow Patty Bingo contest,

which starts at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 28, will begin when Brutus the Brahman cow from Zoo-2-Go Animal Adventures is led into a fenced-in area that has been marked with a bingo-like grid and numbered from 1 to 200. Brutus will pick the winner when he leaves a present on one of the numbered squares. This year's prize is up to \$500 and a Texas Roadhouse – Niles Butcher's Basket. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

The event will help Stage 3 breast cancer survivor Joyce Hurst of West Farmington Township with her out-of-pocket medical expenses. Joyce, a mother of two daughters and grandmother of five children, works as a medical biller for Steward Medical Group.

More information at WarAgainstBreastCancer.com. Send questions to WarAgainstBreastCancer@hotmail.com.

#### **Naloxone Distribution Box**

By Tammi Krafft, Health Educator, Trumbull County Combined Health District

Trumbull County Combined Health District, located at 194 W. Main St. in Cortland now has a newsstand distributing Naloxone, commonly known as "Narcan", which will be available for free. The newsstand, located outside of the main doors of the facility, will be stocked with the life-saving medication,

Naloxone is a medication that reverses overdoses in people with opioids in their system. Opioids are a group of drugs that include prescription pain medication such as morphine,



methadone, codeine and hydrocodone. Brand names of opioids are Vicodin, Lortab, Percocet, OxyContin, Dilaudid and Demerol. Heroin is also an opioid. Fentanyl is an opioid prescription medication that is often manufactured illegally and mixed with heroin or other drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine.

Naloxone is very safe and cannot

be abused. If you give naloxone to someone who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it will not harm them. Naloxone kits are now available as a mail order program if you are a resident of Trumbull County. You can access the link on our website www.tcchd.org, select Nursing, then select mail order Project DAWN Naloxone kits.







#### Working Hard To Reach Your Goals

We have all heard the adage that if it was easy, everyone would be doing it. Well, fitness is no different. When you think about where you would like to go and what your goals are, it is best to write them down. How do you currently feel about your health and wellness? Write it down. What are your specific goals? Write them down. When would you like to meet those goals? Write it down. How will you get to those goals and what is your action plan? Write it down.

It is proven that action is put into place when it is written down. Let's assume that you have already written all these things down, do you have a plan to move every day? I have a weekly calendar which is updated every Sunday. I plan my workouts for the week, our meals as a family, and at least three new goals for the week. These goals can be as simple as drinking more water, or even walking a bit more. Eating more fruit and vegetables. I can even put a step goal down for the week and push myself to hit that goal.

Many fitness centers and trainers have an electronic system to track classes or even daily workouts. There are many different apps that can help you to track calories and/or macros. My favorite tracking app is MyFitnessPal. If you go into the app, you can add your food for the day, water intake, exercise, and even step goals. MyFitnessPal is free and a great way to start tracking and work towards the goals you have written down. I like this app because it also tracks nutrition. Protein, carbohydrates, fats, fiber, and so much more.

Goals that are fitness and nutritionally motivated can be difficult to get used to at first, but they say it only takes 30 days to make a habit. If you stick to it and commit to change every day, you can become a healthier version of yourself.

Traci Cooper, Certified Personal Trainer, American College of Sports Medicine and owner of Coopers Fitness and Athletic Training Center.

#### Free Dental Care For Local Veterans

By Robin Bedich

In 2015, Dr Joseph Bedich, owner of The Center For Progressive Dentistry in Cortland, wanted to do something to benefit local veterans. Dr. Bedich and his team, along with other local dental professionals, donated their time and provided free dental care to local veterans. The 1st Annual Day of Dentistry was a huge success, and veterans who received care were grateful. However, the volunteers got the most out of this wonderful day. In 2020 and 2021, due to safety concerns dealing with Covid, this event had to be canceled.

Dr. Bedich, Dr. Josh Fromel, The Center For Progressive Dentistry team, and area dental professionals are again preparing for a great day of giving back at the 8th Annual Day of Dentistry on Saturday, November 9. Starting September 24th, we will begin taking reservations for dental cleanings, exams, extractions, and fillings. Please call our office at (330) 637-7971 to make a reservation. Reservations are first come/first served. Proof of service is required.







#### 100 Flags for 100 Heros

Cortland will once again be placing their the 12th at 224 N High St, Cortland. Please flag display honoring local Veterans. stop by and view your Veteran's flag. They would like the community to support their mission as they add 100 flags to the display, totaling 200 this year. If you would like your Veterans' name to be attached to a flag please remit the Veterans name & branch of service to gsneotroop80161@gmail.com by Oct



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The 2024-2025 Celebrity Series season of the Trumbull Town Hall will be the 47th and final season. It will feature four entertaining and informative speakers. Dr. Elliot Engel will start the season on September 25 followed by Orin Grossman on November 20. After the New Year break, Louis Masur will be the guest on March 19 and Jim Tressel will conclude the series on April 30, 2025.

The events are held at Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW in Warren. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and programs begin at 10:30 a.m. You can contact TrumbullTownHall.org or phone 330-240-1706 (M-F, 9-5) for more information.



#### It's That "Time" At Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson

Children's programming will resume in October at the Bristol Public Library. Story Time, for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds, will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Sessions will begin on October 3rd and will end on October 31st.

Children will enjoy stories, songs, and games during each session. This is

the perfect opportunity for your child to learn to interact and socialize as they make new friends as well as learn to be away from parents or caregivers.

Registration is required, due to limited space, and now underway. Visit the Bristol Public Library for more information and to register or contact the Circulation Desk at 330-889-3651.

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# Cortland Masonic Lodge To Hold TWO Fundraising Breakfasts For Local Groups

By Dick McClain

As part of their continuing effort to give back to our community the Cortland Masonic Lodge is hosting two separate fundraising breakfasts for local groups.

The first event will benefit the Matthews "Mustangs Care" organization. A fund-raiser pancake breakfast will be held this Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Cortland Masonic Lodge.

Mustangs Care was founded in 2018 and provides weekend take home food for all students in need in grades K-12 at Mathews Local School District. Each year approximately 70-80 students are provided with food discreetly placed in their back pack or locker every week of the school year. Grades 6-12 at Mathews High School are also given access to a food pantry at the school. All food is purchased by generous donations from individuals and businesses. Mustangs Care is a registered non-profit corporation with the State of Ohio. We at Mustangs Care are so grateful to all that have donated to us for the past

six years and the Cortland Masons for supporting our cause.

The second event will benefit the TNR [Trap, Neuter and Release of Warren]. They help control the population of outdoor cats through very low cost or free spay and neutering services and service low-income indoor cats. A fundraiser pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Cortland Masonic Lodge.

The Lodge is 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 "TNR" program. The charity pancake breakfasts are held each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge, who donates all of the supplies so that 100% of the proceeds can be provided to a local charity.

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



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# Silver Award Unveiling

By Leia Campos from Troop 80386

The Silver Award Team of Girl Scouts Troop 80386 would like to invite the community to our special unveiling at Bazetta Park. Our project is *an addition* to the walking trail in Bazetta Park and it will have eight signs. We will put coping skills and mental health facts for everyone to read. We will have multiple organizations in attendance to share information on mental health and local resources for obtaining the help you may need.

The opening of the trail is on the 22nd of September at 2 pm to 4 pm, this is open to the public so we hope that you can come.



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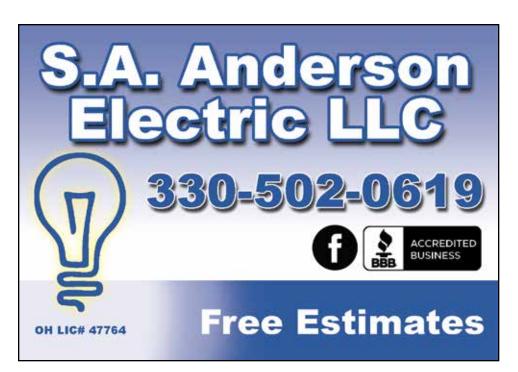


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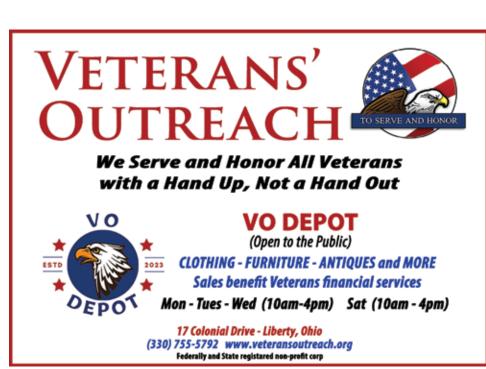
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