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Carnations

By Heather Sensabaugh

Roses are red, violets are blue,
why aren't carnations in the poem
too? Carnations are amazing flowers,

with a rich history. They come in many colors, are less expensive than roses, last longer, and if your loved one is hungry, they can also eat them!

Carnations have been cultivated since ancient times, used in coronations in Ancient Rome (where the name carnation likely came from). Their scientific name, *Dianthus Caryophyllus*, translates roughly to "heavenly flower." The (scarlet) carnation is Ohio's state flower, because Dr. Lamborn, of Alliance, propagated it, using French seedlings and then presented his beloved creation as a boutonniere to his friend, President McKinley, before engaging in debates with him for a Congressional seat. McKinley won the debates, and believed that the scarlet carnation was his good luck charm. He wore a scarlet carnation in his lapel throughout his time in Congress and his presidency. Three years after his assassination, the

Ohio General Assembly voted to make the scarlet carnation the official state flower in his memory.

Dr. Lamborn's scarlet carnation was special because very few carnation colors were being grown here in the United States in the early 1900s. Carnations originated in the Mediterranean and the main colors grown here were muted orange and yellow. Now, you can find carnations in every color imaginable, but if you want to make your own color, you can purchase white ones and put them in your own blend of food coloring and water and wait a day or so to see the color change!

Carnation petals can be eaten, and were often on the menu in Ancient Rome. Carnation petals have a peppery, sweet but spicy flavor according to bouqs.com, and are great in salads and rice dishes. Today, carnations are often used as garnishes by chefs. Carnation stems

and leaves are not edible, however, and carnations sold by florists are not fit for human consumption unless labeled as such. There are places where carnations can be ordered that are fit to consume, like at ediblearrangements.com.

Colombia and Ecuador are the world's largest growers of carnations and roses. About 80 percent of cut flowers sold in our country are imported, by plane. One reason roses are more expensive is that they don't travel as well as carnations do. Carnations are hardy, rugged flowers, and deserve to come out of the rose's shadow, so consider buying some this Valentine's Day!



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First and Third Monday of each month.
Monday, February 6, 7 PM
Monday, February 20, 7 PM

CORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Read the minutes from
Cortland City Council meetings at
www.cityofcortland.org under City
Council Minutes.

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Our Next Issue February 25, 2023

Our theme will be *Women's History Month*

Article Deadline by Feb. 11 • Display Advertising Deadline is Feb. 15
Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

The mission of the Cortland News is to focus on the positive aspects and events of our community. Our goal is to inspire pride and bring the residents of our community closer to one another by providing accurate, timely and useful information. We hold ourselves to high standards of journalism and strive to be a source of trust for our readers.

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

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 16

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

FEBRUARY

- 4 Charity Breakfast Masonic Lodge / 9- Noon
Benefiting Scout Troop 4008-5028
- 11 Cortland Christian Church Women of Worship / 10 AM
Four Star Restaurant in Cortland / Open to the public
- 12 Calvary's Love / Cortland Church of the Nazarene / 10:45 AM
Free Concert
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- 20 Government offices closed for Presidents Day
- 25 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Fundraiser / Avalon
- 26 Seneca Niagara Falls Casino Bus Trip/Sponsored by Cortland Rotary Club
Fund raiser to help the many local programs / Busses will leave Lakeview HS at 8:00 AM and return by 7:00 PM / *see page 4*

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley and Ralph McCord

Auntie V's Pizza is back from their winter break and has a great Super Bowl special. But you better call early to reserve your pickup time.

Champion Tax Service has been serving the area for over 50 years. Reliability and accuracy are what is important. Call the pros.

Cortland Lanes is hosting a Saturday, Feb 11 Valentine's Day Cosmic Bowling event from 8 - 11. Adult Valentine's Drinks and other specials"

Cortland Mower has a full warehouse of TORO snow throwers in stock and almost all of them are on sale. But you better hurry because it is for a limited time only.

I was in **Totally Dog** the other day and couldn't believe all the items they have. They are bursting at the walls with merchandise and al of it is top quality.

Are you having a Super Bowl party? Make sure you save money and shop at **Sparkle Market**. No need to fight those crowds near the mall just to spend more money. Shop local, support local and save!

Cortland Playroom is now taking registration for the 2023-2024 school

year. The county's biggest and best daycare has been educating children for over 35 years. So you better call early to reserve a spot.

Does your car need servicing? **Apostolakis Honda** works on almost every brand and model in America. Don't trust your car to just anyone.

I hope you don't get into a fender bender this winter. But if you do, the best place to go is **Daffron Auto Body**. They've been fixing my fender benders for the last 40 years.

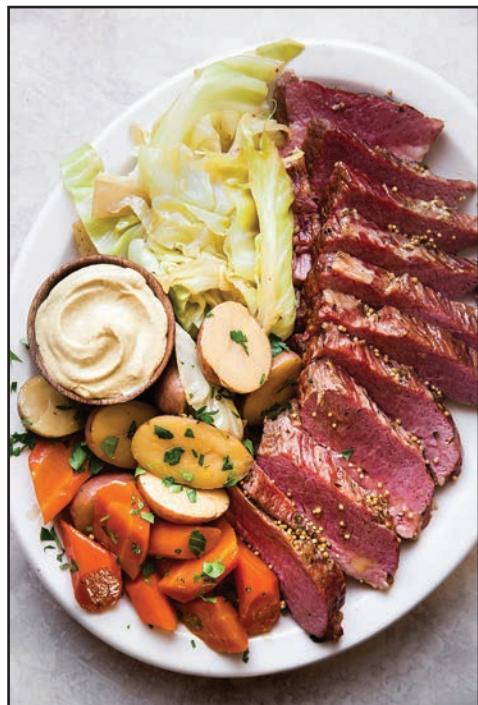
Guidelight Financial Group tells us that now is still a great time to see them for tax planning and retirement. Got questions? Ask the professionals.

Guess who has one of the largest selections of Ohio wines around? **Lakeside Sport Shop**! They also have all kinds of beers. Be ready for your Super Bowl party!

Did you know that **Mayflower Wollam Insurance** has been serving our community for 100 years? Now that is experience!

I just had **MD Denna Heating & Cooling** service my furnace. I don't want to be caught with a problem with all of this cold weather. I highly recommend them.

Best Corned Beef In The Valley Contest



The Mahoning Valley Irish Festival is proud to announce the inaugural Best Corned Beef in the Valley contest, just in time to make plans on where to spend your St. Patrick's Day. The event will be held at the B&O Station Banquet Hall (530 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown on Sunday, February 19 from 12:00-4:00.

Two awards will be given for the best corned beef in the Valley – Judge's Choice, chosen by our panel of judges and People's Choice, chosen by ballot vote. Only 150 tickets will be sold to the public. Ticket cost is \$15. A children's soda bread contest will also be held. Please contact the Mahoning Valley Irish Festival at mvirishfestival@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds to benefit the 2023 Mahoning Valley Irish Festival.



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Casino Trip To Niagara Falls

Our local Cortland Rotary Club is sponsoring a trip to Seneca Niagara Falls Casino on Sunday, February 26. This is a fund raiser to help the many local programs that the Rotary helps to support.

The busses will leave Lakeview High School at 8:00 AM and return by 7:00 PM that evening. The cost is only \$50 and that includes \$25 in casino credit.

Space is limited and it is first come first served so don't hesitate. For your reservation call Dan at 330-719-5792, or Pat at 330-224-3008 or Jo at 330-727-4808.

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Due to recent expansion and remodeling, Bazetta Christian Preschool now has openings in the Infant classroom for infants 6 weeks to 18 months. Please call for a tour at 330-637-7312.

Short Fiction Writing Workshop at JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering an introduction to writing short fiction workshop for ages 15 and older from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 12 at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane.

In this workshop led by Mari Alschuler, MFA, PTP, participants will learn about point of view, dialogue, and using nouns and verbs in interesting ways. Participants should bring a notebook and pen.

The cost is \$10 for JCC members and \$15 for nonmembers. Registration is required by Feb. 5. Visit jccyoungstown.org to register.



Trumbull County Democratic Party

The Trumbull County Democratic Party held an Executive Committee meeting on January 12 at 5:30 pm at the Trumbull County Democratic Party Headquarters at 36 Youngstown Warren Rd. Niles. The Executive Committee approved by unanimous voice acclamation vote, Kathy DiCristofaro, Trumbull Democratic Party Vice Chair, as the Party's recommendation for appointment to the Trumbull County Board of Elections commencing March 1, 2023.

In other business the Party appointed Keandra McNeil as Central Committee Representative for Mesopotamia Township A precinct and Patrick DiCristofaro to serve as Central Committee Representative for Warren Township E precinct.

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By Thom Foley

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You could help by covering area events and programs or writing about your favorite interests. Do you like to interview people? There are lots of possibilities and you can pick your own times to help. If you are interested drop me a line at [Editor@thecortlandnews.com](mailto:thecortlandnews.com)

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Sled Hill

The sled hill at Eastlake Park, 422 N. Mecca (Rt. 46) is open from dawn to dusk. For your own safety, please follow the posted rules.

Kindergarten Registration

Hey all of you future Little Bulldogs! Lakeview Local School district's kindergarten enrollment is open. You can register for the 2023 - 24 school year online at lakeviewlocal.org

Cortland Church of the Nazarene

The church will be holding a free concert for all on Sunday, February 12th. Calvary's Love Concert begins at 10:45 a.m.

Who do I Call?

No, not Ghostbusters. We receive



many calls asking questions concerning other entities. These are a few numbers that you may find helpful:

Republic Services 330-793-7676 with questions regarding trash pick-up and recycling

First Energy 1-888-LIGHTSS for a street light issue

Police nonemergency 330-638-1000

Dates to Remember

- February 6th - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.
- February 13th - Parks Board meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- February 13th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- February 21st - Public Hearing - 6:50 p.m.
- February 21st - City Council meeting - 7 p.m.
- City Administration Offices will be closed Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day.

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What is Love?

"What is love? Baby, don't hurt me, don't hurt me, no more!" Just reading those words brings a beat into our mind. This song is known by billions all around the globe. What is interesting about this song, as groovy as we may find it to be, is that love isn't given a definition. While I recognize that music highly emotional and is rarely an intellectual endeavor, I still believe many people live without a definition for the word love.

I could tell you I love my wife and children in one breath, and then in the next tell you I love this hamburger, and you probably wouldn't blink. Certainly, my love for my family is a different, deeper love than I have for my hamburger. Most of us assume a definition and hope it lines up with those around us. The issue with loving people is we don't always receive the gratification we want from them the way we do a hamburger. If only life was that easy! Because sin entered the world through Adam's rebellion against God, relationships have become hard. What was once easy for Adam and Eve became difficult; that which was once

joyful became a bitter existence.

Thankfully, we have a God who has not left us to ourselves but has given us simple instructions we can understand: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6; ESV).

The word love in these verses is the Greek word agape, which is more than butterflies in your stomach when you see that special someone. The word speaks of acting favorably towards someone out of your will, even when your emotions towards that person are unfavorable. When it's hard to love someone like this (and if we're honest there are days it's hard even for the strongest couples), look to the way Jesus loved us. When were the enemies of God (Romans 5:10), God demonstrated his love towards us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). That is love—showing favor to someone who least deserves it. I pray you can come to understand that love one day.

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Love Is...

The word love is used in such a variety of ways that it can be difficult to understand what love is. We love things from our cars and houses, to a good book and hot cup of coffee. We love our pets, and we love our favorite songs. We love our kids; we love our parents. We seem to love many things but what is love?

God helps us to understand love according to the Bible. His Word tells us in I John 4:8, that "God is love." But how can we see and know He is love? The Bible not only tells us He is love, but that He also loves us. John 3:16 reminds us that God loved this world, that He gave His One and only Son and that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life. God proved His love by showing us through sending His Son to die in our place.

Love is more than words, its action. It should be seen by what we do more so than what we say. Love should be patient, kind, understanding, sacrifice, giving and forgiving. We should seek to put others before ourselves. When we love in this way, we are imitating the same love that God has and demonstrated to us. His love never

ends. His love is unconditional. His love is trustworthy. Let us love in the ways He has loved us.

February is Valentine's in which we give a card of love and affection, buy some candy or chocolate and perhaps give flowers. All these are wonderful to do and to receive. What matters most is the person behind the gifts of love and the ones receiving it. Things come and go, but the people in our lives we treasure the most. Tell them you love them, but don't stop there, show it through actions so they can see it best. That my friends is what love is.

**Local Fund Raiser**

There will be a fund raiser dinner at Mecca Community Church on March 11 from 12 - 4. The event is to help raise money for the medical needs of Jiwm, the niece of Cortland resident Victoria Rohrer. Jiwm is 21 years old and lives in the Philippines. She has been diagnosed with acute leukemia. There is limited medical care available and it is very expensive.

They will be serving Chicken fried rice and Eggrolls. There will also be a Chinese Auction. For pre-orders: Contact Victoria Rohrer 330-503-9206 or Joni Grawne 330-402-3141. Tickets are \$15. Please show the love that Cortland & Bazetta are known for and help someone less fortunate than you.

**Cortland Christian Church Soup and Sandwich**

Cortland Christian Church will be holding its Soup and Sandwich Lunches on Thursday, February 16 and Thursday, March 16 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Homemade sloppy joe and chicken salad sandwiches and vegetable beef, chicken noodle and ham and bean soups will be available for purchase at \$4 each and a variety of pie slices for \$3 each February 16.

March 16 the sandwiches will also include egg salad and the vegetable beef soup will be replaced with vegetable soup.

The lunches are available for eating in or take out at the Church's Fellowship Hall at 153 Grove Drive. They are also available for delivery by calling 330-637-4611 on Wednesday or up until 11 am Thursday, the day of the lunch. Please be sure to leave a phone number with your order.

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Church News and Notes

Cortland Methodist Men are adopting a new child through "World Vision" (7 year old Pope' Esdras from Uganda). He is one of many children we have sponsored over the past 50 years. To provide the sponsor funds, we are offering our annual "**SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICH SALE**" on Sunday, Feb. 12. We make 6" subs with ham salami provolone & American cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion for \$7.00. Order 1 or several. Order ahead by Noon, Wed. Feb. 8 and pick up at the church fellowship hall between 11 AM & 1 PM on Super Bowl Sunday. Call 330-637-2571 to order.

Cortland Church of the Nazarene Happy Valentine's day from Cortland Church of the Nazarene 293 E. Main St. We are looking forward to the 'Calvary's Love' concert Feb 12 @ 10:45 am. Everyone is invited to the free concert and the potluck meal afterward. The next sight and sound production, Joseph, will be showing at the Cortland Church of the Nazarene Feb. 26th, 5 pm. There will be plenty of snacks to enjoy while watching the show.

Bazetta Christian Preschool will have openings in the Infant classroom for infants 6 weeks to 18 months

Amid Rising Antisemitism, Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Works to Combat Hatred in All Its Forms

By Elise Skolnick

During the Holocaust, the Nazi German regime and its allies and collaborators systematically persecuted and murdered six million Jews. Though that was more than 75 years ago, antisemitism is still alive and well.

Recent incidents in the U.S. include the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and the Colleyville synagogue hostage crisis, as well as swastikas painted on buildings, Jewish individuals being beaten, and more.

ADL's Antisemitic Attitudes in America survey found that 20 percent of Americans believe six or more anti-Jewish tropes, nearly doubling the antisemitic prejudice found in 2019 and the highest level in three decades.

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its agencies (Jewish Community Center, Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Family & Community Services, and Senior Living by Youngstown Area Jewish Federation which includes Heritage Manor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, Adult Day Services at Heritage Manor, and Levy Gardens Assisted Living) bring the community together, working to combat antisemitism and hatred in all its forms.

Jews have resided in Youngstown since at least 1837. By the Civil War, there was a thriving Jewish community in Youngstown, made up primarily of families from Bavaria and Germany. Many started as peddlers and then became successful merchants.

The early 20th century saw many

beginning Feb. 1, 2023. Please call for a tour at 330-637-7312.

Cortland Christian Church Women of Worship met January 14 to set their agenda for the upcoming year and determine charitable gifts, which included a \$500 contribution to the Safety Town project at Pearl Street Park and contributions for missionary work in Mexico and Greece.

Upcoming events include making chocolate candy for sale March 26 - April 2; providing lunch for sale at the Scope Craft Fair held in the church fellowship hall April 1, a Spring Tea for church members May 13, and the annual Rummage Sale and Craft Show in September and November, respectively.

A Cookie Exchange among members that also included gifts of the cookies and visits with some of the shut in members of the church was very successful and they are looking forward to doing it again, especially in order to serve those members who are unable to attend regular services.

The next meeting of Women of Worship will be Saturday, February 11 at 10 am at the Four Star Restaurant in Cortland.

Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Galician, Rumanian, and Lithuanian Jewish immigrants arriving in Youngstown, as they escaped the Pogroms of Eastern Europe.

Several Temples were founded in the area, as was the Youngstown Hebrew Institute, which provided religious education for elementary age youth.

The Jewish Social Services Bureau was formed, providing for the social welfare needs of the Jewish residents of Mahoning County. Gradually, the Hebrew Institute became the Center, eventually becoming the current Jewish Community Center on Gypsy Lane, Youngstown.

In the aftermath of the Great Depression, and in the face of Hitler's ominous rise to power in Europe in 1935, a group of men and women came together to discuss ways to support the needs of Jews locally and overseas, ultimately establishing the Jewish Federation of Youngstown. In 1981, the Federation merged with the communities of Warren and Sharon to form the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, uniting Mahoning, Trumbull, and Mercer Counties.

Antisemitism is a concern for everyone. It's hatred, and hatred isn't only aimed at Jews. Learn about antisemitism. Call it out when you see and hear it. Visit the Federation agencies. Learn about the Holocaust and other Jewish history.



Butler Museum

By Heather Sensabaugh

We used to take our kids to the Butler Institute of American Art Museum a few times each winter when they were young, and it was always worth the trip. Admission is free, and there are some really wonderful pieces of art, some of which are interactive, there. Now they have a program called "Young Friends Adventure" which takes place on the second Thursday of every month, for children aged 2-5 years old, which is an interactive

gallery tour that concludes with an art or craft project. Check out butlerart.com for hours, address and additional information! Children are never too young to be immersed in or surrounded by art. Museums provide children with multisensory opportunities, which they need to learn and make sense of the world around them. The Butler Museum is a 25 minute drive from Cortland, with free admission and free parking. Check it out!

Christmas In Cortland



Pictured are LOAF president, Pastor Dave Vensel, Lakeview Schools Superintendent Velina Taylor and American Legionnaire, Bob Mangold.

"Christmas in Cortland, our annual Christmas concert was held December 19th at Lakeview High School. Some very beautiful music was enjoyed by the audience. In addition, donations were collected with the beneficiary being our excellent Lakeview Schools. \$551 was given by the patrons. American Legion Post 540 added \$500 to the donations bringing the total up to \$1,051. The schools will use the money to acquire some items for which no funds are allotted. Both the schools and Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) extend sincere thanks and gratefulness to both concert attendees and the American Legion for their generosity.



Lakeview School News

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Class of 2023 Spotlight Bulldog

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 Rocco Ferraro. Rocco is the child of David and Nicole Ferraro and Rocco has attended school with the Lakeview Local School District his entire career. Rocco currently takes a combination of college courses from Youngstown State University, Eastern Gateway Community College, and Kent State University. In fact, he is taking two programming and networking courses on his own through Kent State. Computers are a passion of Rocco's and he is trying to figure out what aspect of technology he wants to study in college.

Rocco is an avid golfer and ski-board enthusiast. As well as a member of the National Honor Society and has represented his class on Executive Committee. Rocco would like to attend either Youngstown State University or the University of Cincinnati.

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

1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I help others with their schoolwork. That's the quickest thing I can think of.

2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - I really like all the teachers here. I love the teachers here. I like to get to know them well and building relationships with the staff here.

3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Brothers. Easy!

4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland? - The lake. Honestly, the parking lot by the lake.

5.) You might catch me ... - Snowboarding, golfing, playing video games.

6.) What are your future aspirations? - I want to own a tech company of some sort.



"Greenway to Save The Day" 2nd Graders Start Newspaper To Combat Global Warming

Two second graders, Charlotte Caplan and Aoibhinn Foley, are concerned about the earth's environment so they started a newspaper in their school to inspire other children to help. The hope is that the children will help reverse the effects of poor management of the earth's resources. They sent us two copies of the hand written newspapers that they are distributing to their classmates and others. They have interviewed adults, including their teachers and are asking all of us to "stop doing the wrong things and start doing the right things."

In a recent interview they answered three questions for us and provided some information on what children can do.



Pictured are Charlotte Caplan and Aoibhinn Foley.

1) Why did you start this club and newspaper?

We wanted to do something BIG. Instead of just playing at recess like everyone else did, we wanted to do something different. So we thought about it and at first, we didn't know if we wanted to do something about racism or something about climate change. And so we settled on climate change because my older sister Rebecca had a club on helping to save the world that she did at her school. And maybe I felt like she could give me advice. And then I started making the first posters about saving the environment. I think it was on topics like not wasting water or food, or not polluting, or not smoking. Then we decided that a newspaper would be a good thing to do in our club so everyone could hear our message.

2) You wrote about what kids can do to help the earth. What can adults do?

Well, this is a sort of tricky question. But I think that adults can do all those things that kids can do, too. But since they're old enough to have jobs, maybe they can actually try to stop climate change to get the world back to how it was in the first place, if that's even possible. Because maybe that's something that kids can't do quite yet by themselves. Maybe in the future,

we'll learn about climate change in school and we can do the same work that some grownups are doing.

3) Is there else you'd like to add?

We think that everyone and all kids can try to help save the world. It's not like you need a special power. You just need to start by taking small steps: turning off sinks when you're done with them, turning off lights when you're done with them, drawing on both sides of your paper... anything! We recommend that other kids can do what we're doing -- making posters, making newspapers -- in their schools, too. And even if the club isn't exactly what you intended it to be at first, just keep going! The same thing happened to us but we kept going and we got bigger and better things done.

They also gave us a list of things that children can do to help save the world.

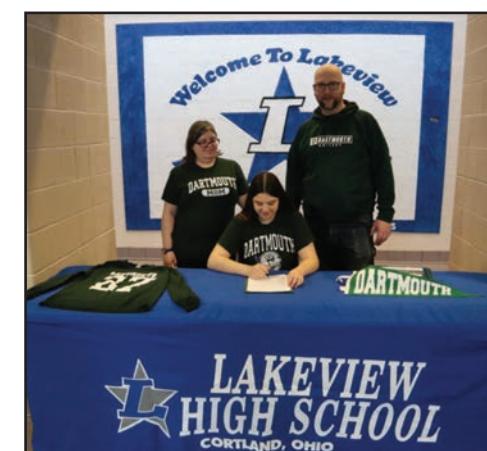
- Collect seeds to plant in the Spring
- Turn off sinks when you're done with them
- When you make long stories use BOTH sides of the paper
- Try not to waste food or water
- Reuse things. You can use empty tissue boxes as doll houses
- If you see litter on the ground you can pick it up
- Learn how bad global warming is
- Learn how beautiful nature would be if we all made an effort to save the planet
- Spread the word on helping to save the planet
- Make posters on subjects supporting earth



Aylah Purdum takes on Dartmouth!

By Saige Muresan, Bulldog Bulletin Reporter

Senior LHS Bulldog, Aylah Purdum has hit one of the most significant milestones in her life by getting into Dartmouth. Purdum is very skilled and has prepared for a moment like this since she first started high school. She put lots of hard work and effort into the past 9 years to get into an Ivy League school.



In addition to Dartmouth she applied to other Ivy League schools, Princeton and Yale but withdrew her those applications upon receiving early admission. Her excellent grades and hard work led to the ultimate college financial aid package with Dartmouth offering her around \$80,000 per year.

Purdum states, "I instantly felt a connection to it. I liked it the moment I stepped onto campus; it was a beautiful campus in the mountains. I liked the tour and community and they have a good biology and science program."

She is attending Dartmouth to study biology/pre-med and eventually become a pediatrician. Purdum will also be in the marching band playing the tuba, which she has done in high school. What inspired her to be in the marching band was her father who always pushed her towards music and to be musically involved.

A huge part of Purdum's life at Lakeview was joining Drama Club

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina Jo Taylor

For school districts, February means planning for the next school year. Believe it or not, your school administrators are already looking ahead to what next year will hold. They are checking enrollment numbers and trends in order to be sure they will have staff in the best positions to help all our students to grow as learners.

With that in mind, if you have or if you know of a kindergarten-eligible child (must turn five by August 1, 2023) who resides in our district, a parent should begin the enrollment process now through our online Parent Portal. We know it seems too soon to be thinking about enrolling a child for the fall, but it is vital that we know how many children are entering our kindergarten group so we can make good staffing decisions.

More information can be found by going to our website: www.lakeviewlocal.org/registration. Before you know it, we will be welcoming our newest group of Bulldogs—the class of 2036! If you have any questions about kindergarten enrollment or just need help getting started, please call the elementary office at 330-638-2145. The office staff will be happy to help you.

Let's not forget about events that are on our calendar for February. In mid-February all our buildings will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences—this is a great opportunity for each parent to visit with our teachers and learn about their child's progress. Finally, our music departments are gearing up for contest season, and our athletic programs are in the heart of their winter season and looking forward to play-offs. You can keep up to date on all the events in our schools by checking our website: www.lakeviewlocal.org.

With a wide variety of activities going on, we are reminded, *Together... We are Lakeview!*

Scholarship Application Time

It's time for Seniors to visit their Guidance office and talk to their Counselors about the many scholarships available. The Lakeview area, as well as most of the surrounding school districts, offer many opportunities for graduating seniors. Many are local scholarships offered by service clubs like The Lions Club, Optimist Club and the Rotary. Many businesses also offer scholarships, as do organizations. There are a number of Memorial scholarships given in the name of a local former student, teacher or resident. Different industries and their associations want to help students get an education in their fields.

One major misconception is that all scholarships are strictly academically based. Many are based on personal interests, nationalities, religions, hobbies and more. The Bowers Insurance Group offers the largest locally owned business scholarship at \$10,000. It is not academically based but is for graduating Lakeview Seniors only.

Please check with your school guidance counselor for all the opportunities.

Aylah Purdum ...continued from page 8

for 4 years. However, because of these opportunities, the enjoyment she has experienced and the amazing memories she has been considering minoring in theater.

Her love of working with people inspired her career as a pediatrician. A couple of things that also influenced her to pursue her dreams, were her parents, teachers, and Covid-19.

Purdum says, "I had already been considering a career in medicine, but seeing the shortage of doctors and the horrors of the virus over the last few years, I solidified my opinion. Now I want to major in Biology so that I can go on to be a doctor and help as many people as I can."

Purdum states, "Lakeview has prepared me for the difficulty and workload of college. I think that the courses I will take in college will be easier and more familiar because Lakeview prepared me with many CCP classes over the last two years."

As Bulldogs, we are sad to see her go but also excited to congratulate her for hitting a big milestone in her life. Lakeview wishes you the best of luck and thanks you for setting a good example for your fellow students!



Non-Profit Spay/Neuter Clinic Offers Many Ways Help Pets

By Soraya Hejazi

February is the "Purrfect" time to honor your pet while helping other pets in need. The Non-Profit Spay/Neuter Clinic, Tails of Hope, offers many ways to do so and makes it fun and meaningful to honor a special fur kid in your life, past or present, during the month of February.

Give an e-card. Throughout the month of February, a donation of \$5 or more will receive a personalized paper heart displayed in a "window of love" at our clinic and the option to send a free, customizable e-card 'in honor' or 'in memory' of a pet or loved one to someone special in your life.

The first five donors who gift \$125

or more will receive a free t-shirt from Tails of Hope.

Give a greeting card. Shop locally and shop for good at retailers offering Tails of Hope Valentine's Day cards and other gift merchandise with proceeds going towards our lifesaving programs. Since 2017, Tails of Hope has spayed/neutered over 12,000 cats & dogs in Eastern OH & Western PA, improving and saving countless generations of animal lives thanks to donations from the community. Without federal, state, or local municipality funding, they can only serve their purpose thanks to gifts from generous friends of Tails of Hope

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2023 Top Dog: Braeden Candor

By Saige Muresan, Bulldog Bulletin Reporter

The 2023 Seniors are towards the end of their high school years! Senior Braeden Candor's years have been filled with fun and excitement. Candor has spent his entire academic career at Lakeview. He has participated in different activities throughout these years that have given him memories for the rest of his life.

Candor has left a good impression on not only his friends but the administration because he is a very social kid and brings excitement to everything that he does. Candor is looking forward to going into some form of trade union either electrical or operators. Candor's reason on why he wanting to go into the trades is because his father is in the electrical trade and he sees that he gets to travel to different states and make good money.



He had a lot of good things to say about his senior year at Lakeview. "It has gone a lot better than I have ever expected. I have had a lot more freedom and easier classes with being a Senior. I have met a lot of new people and have done more than I expected this year. I also have gotten a lot of better grades than any other year."

He has had many experiences throughout high school and one that he remembers clearly to this day is in the weight room with his friends.

"It was Junior year, Owen and I were playing with a football in the weight room and I had bounced the football and it went straight for the school window and broke it. I grabbed my backpack and just left. The next day I reported myself, and Mr. Detoro said that everything was okay."

One thing that Candor is very passionate about is Ski Club. He has been skiing since his Freshman year and has loved it ever since! He has made many new friends and goes up there any chance he can outside of these school trips. However Junior year was by far the most eventful one because he broke his wrist! "I was going down the slope and at the end of it my board caught an edge and I went flying 5 feet into the air and landed on my wrist; however, I proceeded to ride on it for a little while more before I went and got food and got it checked out."

He offers this advice to younger students "My advice to younger students and incoming freshmen is to always have respect for your peers and teachers. Get in any extracurricular that you can. Make sure to make all the memories that you can and enjoy them. But also make sure to do your work and study as much as you can because your grades also matter. Lastly, make good friends and make sure that you keep them around. It goes by in a blink of an eye, so do the best you can and make as many memories as possible before you have too many responsibilities. Even just being a Freshman and making the decisions you do then will impact what you do for the next 4 years. Also spend as much time as you can with your family too, they matter a lot. Another one of your best memories is when you will be talking with mom in the kitchen."

Candor is a one-of-a-kind student. You do not find many people as passionate as him about his life and the memories he has experienced. Candor keeps his work life and social life in a good balance. He makes sure that he spends enough time with his friends and family, but also working and doing his part.



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Local Girl Scout Service Unit 806 held their Cookie Rally in January. They include the school districts of Lakeview, Maplewood and Badger. Sales have started for Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio which serves girls from grades kindergarten through 12th grade in 18 counties including Trumbull. At the Cookie Rally girls learned entrepreneurship, safety points, selling skills, goal setting and the best part was the cookie tasting. There's even a new Raspberry Rally cookie that is a "sister" cookie to everyone's favorite, Thin Mint.

Here's everything you need to know on how to buy cookies, support your local Girl Scout troops with your order and how much they cost. The sale started January 1 with orders being taken online through local Girl Scouts' individual Digital Cookie platforms or in person. They are \$5 per box.

How to buy Girl Scout Cookies Those who do not know a Girl Scout can visit www.gsneo.org/findcookies to submit a customer cookie request form to be connected with a local Girl Scout troop. Beginning February 27, customers can also enter their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at

www.gsneo.org to find a local cookie booth or to order online from a local troop. Local cookie booth sales will run March 10-26 so be on the lookout for girls selling at locations around Trumbull County.

In person deliveries will begin in early March. The new Raspberry Rally flavor will not be available until February 27th for online ordering only through Girl Scouts' Digital Cookie Platforms and direct shipping. Customers can order nine other varieties now from Girl Scouts for in-person deliveries. They are Adventurefuls, brownie-inspired cookies, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Girl Scout S'mores, Lemon-Ups, Trefoils, Tagalongs, Thin Mints and gluten-free Toffee-tastic.

Proceeds from cookies sales provide Girls Scouts experiences including service projects, troop travel and summer camp. Last year's top-selling cookies locally were Thin Mints. A total of 11,724 local girls sold more than 2 million packages in 2022 through Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio. Please support your local Girl Scouts in the Cortland area!!!



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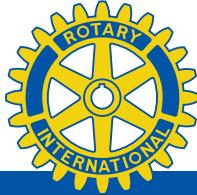
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Setting Your Priorities - Reduce Debt or Invest More?

If you find yourself with extra cash – either a lump sum or excess dollars from your monthly paycheck – you may be wondering what to do with it. If you have debt – such as a mortgage or student loans – the prudent option may be to pay off your balances. However, it might also make sense to put the money to work in the form of investments that have the potential to generate greater returns than the interest rate on your debt.

Deciding what to do requires analysis. Here are a few factors to consider.

When paying down debt makes sense

Depending on your financial circumstance, there may be good reasons to try to get at least some debt off your books. Among the most notable:

- You hold loans that come with high-interest rates. This is especially the case if you've accumulated credit card debt, where rates tend to be particularly burdensome.

- You want to improve your credit score. Paying off debts can help boost your credit rating, which may put you in a better position to pursue auto or home loans.

- You feel more comfortable lightening your debt load. It isn't just a matter of dollars-and-cents. If the level of debt you hold makes you uneasy, it may be worth trimming the load when you can.

A general rule of thumb is to place a priority on paying off any debts where interest rates reach levels of 7% or greater. These costly loans can be a big drain on your resources and may exceed the returns you'd be able to achieve in a typical mix of investments.

When investing makes sense

In some situations, it may be best to put available dollars to work in investments to help you achieve future goals. This is particularly the case if:

- Your current debt load is manageable, and not placing an undue burden on your monthly cash flow.

- You are coming up short of a key financial goal that's important to you,

and an infusion of extra cash could help you achieve that goal. For example, you should make a priority of adjusting your budget (and using your extra cash to help make it happen) if you have not been in a financial position to take full advantage of employer-matching contributions to your workplace retirement plan.

- There is a shortfall in your emergency fund. You should have at least three-to-six months' worth of income set aside in liquid savings to pay the costs of an unforeseen expense.

Finding a middle ground

Depending on the circumstances, a case can be made for a "hybrid" approach – using some of the cash to pay down debt while still taking advantage of the opportunity to invest a portion of the funds. Once again, this is a matter of choosing your priorities. You may not be able to accomplish everything you'd like, but you can determine what combination of debt repayment and investing makes the most sense for you, based on the priorities laid out above.

Work with a trusted and experienced financial advisor to ensure any decision you make is consistent with your overall financial plan and investment strategy.

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By Jennifer J. Slywczak

6 Key Tax Questions for 2023

Right now, you may be more concerned about your 2022 tax bill than you are about how to handle your personal finances in the new year. However, as you deal with your annual tax filing, it's a good idea to also familiarize yourself with pertinent amounts that may have changed for 2023.

Not all tax figures are adjusted for inflation. And even if they are, during times of low inflation the changes may be slight. When inflation is higher, as it currently is, the changes are generally more substantial. In addition, some tax amounts can change only with new tax legislation. Here are the answers to six commonly asked questions about 2023 tax-related figures:

1. How much can I contribute to an IRA for 2023? If you're eligible, you can contribute up to \$6,500 for 2023 to a traditional or Roth IRA (up from \$6,000 for 2022). If you're age 50 or older, you can make another \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution.

2. I have a 401(k) plan through my job. How much can I contribute to it? For 2023, you can contribute up to \$22,500 to a 401(k) or 403(b) plan. You can make an additional \$7,500 catch-up contribution if you're age 50 or older. (These figures for 2022 were \$20,500 and \$6,500, respectively).

3. I sometimes hire a babysitter and a cleaning person. Do I have to withhold and pay FICA tax on the amounts I pay them? The threshold for when a domestic employer must withhold and pay FICA for babysitters, house cleaners and other domestic employees has increased to \$2,600 for 2023 (up from \$2,400).

4. How much do I have to earn in 2023 before I can stop paying Social Security tax on my salary? The Social Security tax wage base is \$160,200 for 2023, up from \$147,000 for 2022. That means that you don't owe Social Security tax on amounts earned above that. (You must pay Medicare tax on all amounts that you earn.)

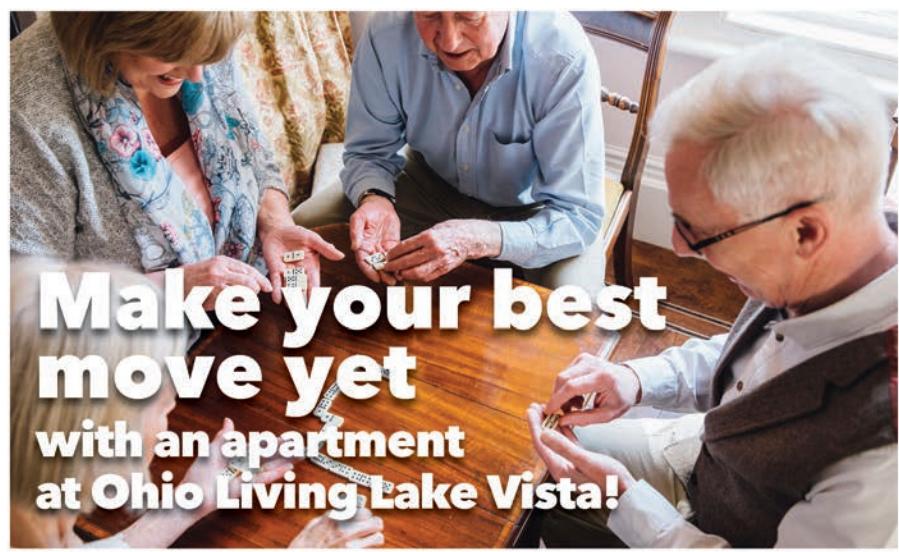
5. On my last income tax return, my itemized deductions didn't exceed my standard deduction. What's my standard deduction for 2023? If the total amount of your itemized deductions (such as charitable gifts and mortgage

interest) is less than your applicable standard deduction amount, itemizing won't save you taxes. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated the tax benefit of itemizing for many people by increasing the standard deduction and reducing or eliminating various itemized deductions. For 2023, the standard deduction amount is \$27,700 for married couples filing jointly (up from \$25,900 for 2022). For single filers, the amount is \$13,850 (up from \$12,950), and, for heads of households, it's \$20,800 (up from \$19,400).

6. How much can I give to one person without having to file a gift tax return for 2023? The annual gift tax exclusion for 2023 is \$17,000 (up from \$16,000 in 2022). This amount is adjusted only in \$1,000 increments, so it typically increases only every few years.

These are only some of the tax figures that may apply to you. For more information about your tax picture, or if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

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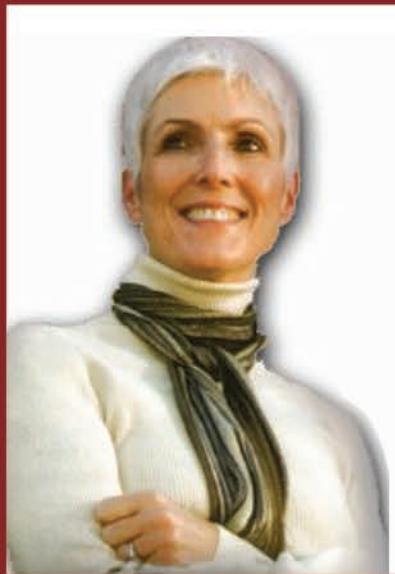
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Trumbull County Travel Club

Jump into Spring with members of the club on an upcoming day trip to Columbiana County. Scheduled to depart on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Two brown bag stops open the start of the trip with lunch included at the Spread Eagle Tavern. A photo stop at the Glamorgan Castle will be made in Alliance along with one or two surprise stops in this city.

Before heading home, members will sample the wares of the Kast Iron Soda Works. For cost and information please contact Peggy at 330-856-5398.

There are no membership fees to belong to the club. The club travels mostly by bus but members do use the train and fly when necessary.

Master Gardener Volunteers Wednesdays In the Classroom 2023

Join the Trumbull County Master Gardener Volunteers as they discuss a variety of gardening topics on Wednesday evenings through May at 6 PM. Training will be at The Trumbull County Agriculture and Family Education Center, 520 W. Main St. Cortland.

The topics are...

Feb 15 Ground Cover

March 15.. Clematis

April 19 Vegetable Gardening

May 10..... Fertilizers 101

For more information: Noelle Barnes barnes.1127@osu.edu or 330-638-6783



Tag Exhibit Continues Through February 18

Hundreds of items ranging from paintings, prints, photographs, posters, drawings, frames, ceramics, sculpture, pottery, decorative items, jewelry, yarn and art books and supplies are currently on display and available for purchase through Saturday, February 18. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$25.00.

These gently-used art-related items have been generously donated by

friends and supporters of TAG and are then sold through the organization's Treasures for TAG program. Proceeds from these sales help support the gallery's daily operation and its educational programming.

For more information about this and other TAG programs, call 330.395.4876 or visit our website at TrumbullArtGallery.com.



Exercise class at Cortland Senior Citizen Center having fun. Come and join the fun – it is FREE!

Warren Women's Club

The Warren Women's Club hosted guest speaker, Ally Vugrincic for their January meeting. Vugrincic presented a slide show on the "Brief History of Film" beginning with the earliest cameras to moving film. A luncheon was had by 34 members following the presentation. The club house located at 708 North Park Avenue in Warren was established in 1947. Members meet on the third Monday of the month from September to June at noon. These meetings feature a luncheon, fellowship and an interesting program or speaker.

Those interested in attending a meeting to find out what the club is all about, please contact membership chairman Louise Kline at 330-399-4661.



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Medicare IRMAA Premium Adjustments for High Income Beneficiaries

Medicare premiums can vary based on income. While most people will receive Medicare Part A for no cost and Medicare Part B for a premium that set annually by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, some will be subject to additional premiums from the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA. IRMAA was first enacted in 2003 as part of the Medicare Modernization Act to address the financial hardships of Medicare. At this time, it only affected Part B premiums. In 2011 as part of the Affordable Care Act, IRMAA was expanded to include Part D premiums for prescription coverage.

The Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount is imposed as a surcharge to Medicare Insurance Part B and Part D premiums for higher income beneficiaries. It is based on your Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) from your tax return 2 years ago. Therefore, the 2023 premiums are based on your 2021 tax return and the premiums for 2024 will be based on the 2022 tax returns that are currently being filed. The additional premium amounts are assessed if your 2021 income was \$97,000 or more for an individual or married couples filing separately and \$194,000 for couples filing jointly. For example, while most will pay \$164.90 per month for 2023 an individual with a MAGI between \$97,000 and \$123,000 on their 2021 tax return will pay a Part B premium of \$230.80 per month for 2022 and an additional \$12.20 on the Part D premium. A complete table showing the different Part B and Part D premium

levels can be found at Medicare.gov.

If you are subject to the IRMAA premium increase, you will receive a letter from Social Security with details and premium amounts. Part B premiums for Medicare Insurance are paid directly to Medicare. If you receive monthly Social Security benefits your Medicare Insurance premiums are deducted from your monthly Social Security benefit payment. If you do not receive Social Security benefits Medicare will send a statement, typically quarterly, for the premium owed or you can set up an automatic payment on the Medicare.gov website. The Part D premium will be added to your individual prescription drug plan and paid directly to the insurance company with the monthly premium. This is true for both stand-alone prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage, Part C, insurance plans.

If you believe you have been charged the extra premiums incorrectly or if your life circumstances have changed and your income has decreased, you can appeal the decision by contacting Social Security and asking for a redetermination. Since these amounts are based on your MAGI, it may also be helpful to consult your financial advisor or tax professional to plan ahead for the next years premium calculation.

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



OSU Extension Master Gardener Training

Do you enjoy gardening and want to learn more? Do you enjoy helping others in the community? Become a Trumbull County Master Gardener Volunteer! You will receive 50 hours of training in vegetables, flowers, trees, shrubs, soil, insects, diseases, and more. In turn, you will get the opportunity to share your knowledge with others by answering questions, collaborating on service projects, and presenting programs.

Who are Trumbull County Master Gardener Volunteers and what do we do? We are the OSU Extension trained volunteers empowered to educate others with timely research-based gardening information. Some of our projects include:

- Educational field trips to gardens and nurseries
- Helpdesk - Assist home gardeners with research-based answers to their questions
- Plant Sale - help host the OSU Master Gardener annual plant sale
- Speak on topics to local community groups

- Support for various learning gardens around the county advising planting and maintenance
- Participate in community activities and enrichment

Training includes a minimum of 50 hours of instruction. (This year's training will be online and in person with a new lesson each week for 11 weeks.) A physical copy of the training manual will also be included.

Current MGV Mentors will assist you throughout the training. Live zoom meetings will be held periodically to discuss the material. Field trips will be planned at the end of the training to various locations for hands on learning. 50 hours of horticulture-related volunteer activity within the first 12 months following training will be required to become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer.

Training will be April - June 2023, deadline to register is March 1 and the cost is \$250. For more information, contact Noelle Barnes at 330-638-6783 or barnes.1127@osu.edu



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Love Is Living with "Husband Hearing"

By Cait Morgan

You would think that someone who has been married and divorced would not have starry ideas about marriage later in life. In many ways you would be right. All-in-all a later in life marriage is more realistic and flexible. What maybe would have sent a young, first-time bride to tears or brought out the indignant macho-groom, is just a blip in the road to the experienced 'been there, done this' couple. But there is always something that just baffles a person about his/her spouse. Always.

I met my spouse, The Curmudgeon, in late 2009. We began dating in 2010. As things progressed, I was amazed at all the wonderful, compassionate and sweet things he did and said. But I quickly made it clear that I was not interested in marriage. Later, I made it clear that we could not get married until we had gone through every holiday together (at least we did stick to that). Married life has been exceptional. He is a wonderful man. I truly love him and he loves me.

But one of the things that baffles me in this marriage is that I was unaware of the fine print in the product description of husbands that said, "functional ears are optional and must be obtained separately in advance of the marriage vows." Nope, never saw that line. And the vows? Love, honor, etc but nothing about listening. I get it now - it's in the fine print. This does lead to some interesting conversations, however, and in some instances financial gain.

In hindsight, I did have warning of a potential issue. We were setting up a surround sound at my house. I had made a pot of sauce and had put the water on to boil for the pasta. The floor plan of my house was such that the family room was about as far away from the kitchen as you could get, so when I went in to check the pasta, I was taken back by the fact that I had turned on the wrong burner and instead of boiling water I had a flaming rice cooker. I went for the fire extinguisher and couldn't find it so I yelled for my Curmudgeon to come help me. The conversation went

something like this:
Me: I need help in here!
C: What?
Me: HELP!
C: Why?
Me: FIRE!!!
C: Where?
Me: HERE!!
C: Here, where?
Me: Get the &%\$# in here!!!!

Yes, he did come and we managed to get the fire out, cleaned up some of the mess and turned on the correct burner. And I admit that I should have known it had nothing to do with the layout of the house or that he might have hearing loss. At least I could have placed an order for functional ears before the wedding vows. But I was content to blame the house and years of him working in a noisy environment.

I first realized there was a difference between hearing loss (HL) and husband hearing (HH) when I was sitting a few feet away from him at his desk one day and asked if he had a stylus in his desk drawer. He responded "Yes, no problem" then took out his wallet and handed me a \$5 bill. I was laughing so hard I couldn't choke out the word 'stylus' so, in confusion, he then handed me a \$10 bill. Yes, I kept the money. I finally quit laughing and he agreed to get his hearing checked. It was fine. Mine however was deemed to be impaired. The audiologist was very offended that I couldn't quit laughing. Later testing done in Cleveland showed my hearing is just fine. So there.

In the Grand Scheme of Things, HH is hardly a deal breaker. Thankfully, one of the things I did learn from the past is that is much easier to laugh than to run around like a rabid chipmunk, and I am all for taking the easy route. So unless it is something huge or dangerous (as in "Did you try to light the grill with kerosene?" or "Why is the coffee table on fire?") we laugh it off. So far, I don't recall any injuries or damages from HH, which is good. However, we sure laugh a lot around here. I hope we always do.



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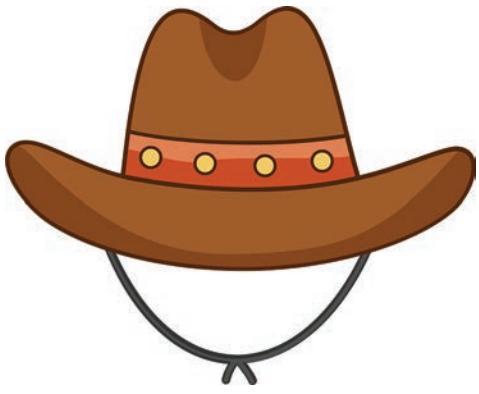
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Western Day At Cortland Playroom

Howdy partner! We had a Rootin-Tootin time on Western Day at the Playroom! There was some wild fun brewing that day! Games, crafts and of course s'mores were just some of the fun things we did with the children! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway now. Hurry as they fill up fast.



Trumbull Town Hall 45th Annual Celebrity Series

The Trumbull Town Hall 45th Annual Celebrity Series 2022-2023 kicks off the new year lecture series introducing Maxwell King, former President of the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Heinz Endowments on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. He will speak about "The Good Neighbor: The Life & Work of Fred Rogers."

Wednesday, April 19 will feature Jean Kilbourne speaking on the image of women in advertising.

All programs take place at Packard Music Hall. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the programs start at 10:30. Tickets at the door \$35. Light refreshments sold pre-program.



SCOPE Volunteer Geoff Fusco offered a cooking class at Cortland Senior center on making mozzarella. A cooking class will be offered every month. Call 330-974-6762 for details.



WJWL Annual Scarves of Love Project

For seven years, members of GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's recently collected hats, scarves, gloves and socks for the annual Scarves of Love project. This year, the Looney Loomers from Brookfield joined in and donated handmade hats and scarves.

Over 125 sets were placed on the fence surrounding the Warren's Women's Park, City Hall and the Swan Fountain on Courthouse Square for anyone who needs help keeping warm this winter season.



Marylou Jarrett, Molly Halliday, Donna Alflein, Sue Smith, Dodie Baritell and Lana Wilcox.



Mahoning Valley Irish Festival Looking For Volunteers

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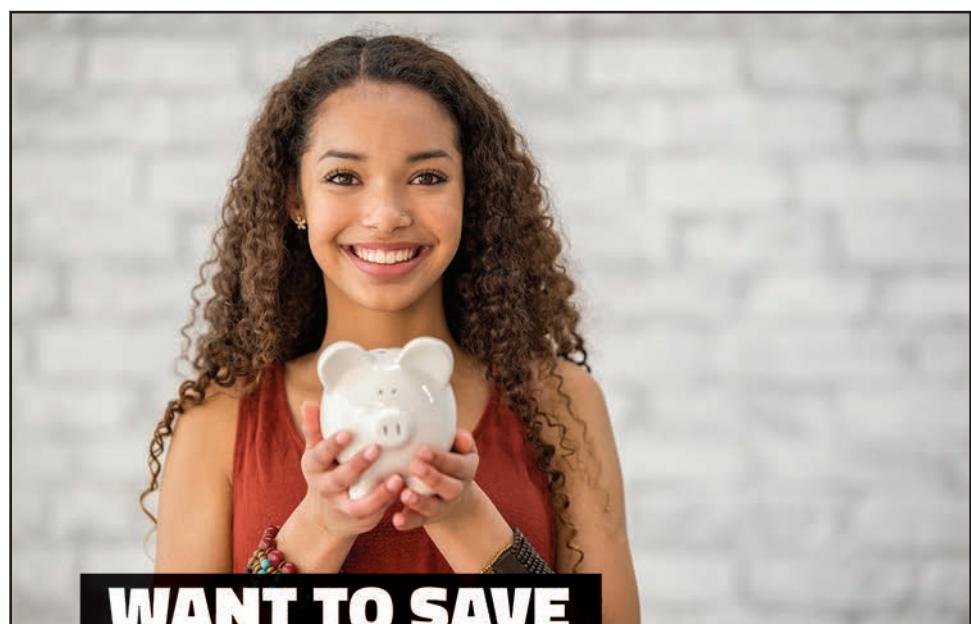
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Masonic Lodge Sends Holiday Packages To Soldiers In Lebanon

During the Christmas holidays, members of the Cortland Masonic Lodge #529 purchased specially requested items and shipped them to soldiers stationed in Lebanon. Sgt. 1st Class William Stewart of the 194th Military Police Detachment, Operation Enduring Freedom, was in contact with the lodge, and he shared how he would like to make the holidays more enjoyable for his unit, by surprising them with several items that they cannot get where they are stationed.

The Masonic Lodge members responded by donating over \$400 to purchase and ship several boxes containing cereals, chips, beef jerky, hot sauce, pancake mix, hand cream, cigars, candy, gum, pretzels, and assorted Little Debbie treats. They especially needed new bean bags, as theirs were completely worn out.

Six large boxes made their way to the unit, although they did not all make it in time for Christmas. Pictured in the photo are soldiers at one of the five locations that enjoyed the holiday shipments.



Cortland Library Events

The Cortland Library and all Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will be closed Mon., Jan. 16, 2023, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Feb 7 at 3 p.m. Teens in grades 7-12 can share ideas about what they would like to see at the library, earn service hours, and collaborate on creative ideas as part of the Cortland Library's Teen Advisory Board. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

STEM - Battle of the Builders

Sat., Jan. 21 from 1-3 p.m. Teens can practice engineering skills with a series of building challenges using various materials. Who will build the tallest, strongest, or most buoyant structure? For teens in grades 7-12. Free.

Book Discussion

Mon., Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. Featuring a discussion of "Furnishing Eternity: A Father, a Son, a Coffin, and a Measure of Life" by David Giffels. The book is available to borrow from the library, and a limited number of copies are available for purchase.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Jan. 24 and Feb 28 at 3 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their

creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.

Family Storytime

Thurs., Jan. 26 and Feb 23 at 6 p.m. Come to the library as a family to enjoy stories and activities for big kids, little kids, and the young at heart. For families with children ages 3 to 10. Free.

Creative @ Cortland

Sat., Jan. 28 and Feb 25, drop-in between 2 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades K - 4 can stop by the library to try activities that will let them explore their creative sides. Free.

Genealogy Roundtable

Thurs., Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. Genealogy enthusiasts and anyone interested in researching their own family history can meet to troubleshoot and share tips on sources and methodology. Beginners and longtime genealogy researchers are welcome.

Love Bites: A Sweet and Sour Experience

Mon., Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. Enjoy some tasty treats and activities as we decide which candy is the most sour and which foods taste best dipped in chocolate. (Allergen warning.) For teens in grades 7-12. Call the library at (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Library Awarded \$235,000 Grant For Pop-Up Library Services

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) has been awarded \$235,000 from the Ohio Department of Education to help fund the library system's new literacy outreach initiative. They will use the funds to implement a Student Engagement Initiative that uses Pop-Up Library services to provide collections and programs specifically designed to meet the growing needs of schools and students in Trumbull County.

According to W-TCPL Deputy Director Kimberly Garrett, Pop-Up Library services will allow the W-TCPL to expand literacy in the community and reach young people and families who may not have the opportunity to use the traditional library.

"Every student should have access to all the resources offered by the library," Garrett said. "We are thrilled that this award will allow the W-TCPL

to offer young people and their families the opportunity to discover library materials and services in a new and exciting way."

Taking the library out into the community will be a cornerstone for the initiative. A mobile Pop-Up Library vehicle that can travel throughout Trumbull County will be purchased, and the W-TCPL will employ additional staff to implement the project.

The Student Engagement Initiative is centered around three core goals of accelerated literacy learning, future success and family engagement. The library has identified several strategic ways it can begin achieving those goals:

- Initiate the distribution of library cards to all students enrolled in public schools within the 15 school districts that are serviced by the W-TCPL.
- Offer depository book

collections at targeted schools within the library's service area.

- Support post-high school transition preparation by enlisting students to serve as Student Library Assistants in schools where W-TCPL depository collections are located.

- Provide PreK Pop-Ins to preschools located in the library's service area. These Pop-Ins will consist of recurring monthly storytime sessions and rotating depository collections for children who are preparing for kindergarten.

- Encourage parent and family involvement in fostering lifelong learning by taking programming including summer reading activities to places where families may already be congregating such as schools hosting summer enrichment programs, day camps, churches, parks, and shelters.

- Build relationships between families and the library through outreach events such as school-sponsored open houses, farmers markets, activities in the park, and community celebratory events.

"We are very excited with this new opportunity to broaden our partnerships with area schools, students, and community organizations that serve youth," Garrett said. "We believe that by beginning these new programs, the library will be able to make a significant, positive impact on our young people and, ultimately, on our entire community."

The W-TCPL system includes libraries in Brookfield, Cortland, Howland, Liberty, Lordstown, and Warren; a Bookmobile; and Library-By-Mail service.



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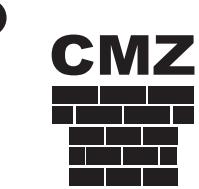
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