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Our Next Issue April 9, 2022

Our theme will be *Home & Garden*

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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.

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Community Events

Event Calendar March 19 – April 8

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 9

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.

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League schedule, visit www.facebook.com/ytownnighthawks

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

MARCH

- 20 Journey Christian Church, Night of Worship. An hour of special music and congregational singing / 6 PM
- 21, 28 Toddler Tales at Library / 11 AM
- 21 Overcomer Ladies Club @ Journey Christian Church / 6 PM
- 22, 29 Preschool Storytime at Library, Tuesdays / 11 AM
- 23, 30 Bible Study Cortland Christian Church / 6 PM
- 24, 31 Cortland Trinity Baptist "An Introduction to Christianity" Cortland Library / 6 PM
- 26 Journey Christian Church Men's Breakfast at Perkins Elm Rd / 8 AM
- 29 David George, President / Joy Cone "The History of the Joy Cone Company" Vienna Twp Hall / 7 PM

APRIL

- 2 Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast benefitting 4-H Shooting Sports Program
- 4 Overcomer Ladies Club, Journey Christian Church @ Panera Bread / 6 PM
- 6 Bible Study Cortland Christian Church / 6 PM
- 7 Cortland Trinity Baptist "An Introduction to Christianity" Cortland Library / 6 PM
- 7 Online kindergarten registration / 4 - 6 PM
- 7 Lakeview Levy Committee meeting in the Lakeview High School Auditorium / 6 PM

About our Front Page

For this special occasion we changed our usual format for the front page. The Cortland News was fortunate to have renowned artist Marcia Mode-Stavros contribute her unique drawing to commemorate both the struggles in Ukraine and the coming of Spring.

Titled "Tears for Ukraine", she said "I drew this after reading the news from Ukraine; the heartbreaking destruction and horror, coupled with the country's resilience and determination. I had just learned how the sunflower, Ukraine's national flower, has become a symbol of their resistance. It was only later

that I noticed how tall and upright the sunflowers appear to be, standing strong, surrounding the weeping, seemingly helpless person. Perhaps their courage inspires us to weep no more, but rather, to be brave in our actions too."

Marcia Mode-Stavros lives in Idaho, where she helps coordinate both the Sun Valley Writers' Conference and the Sun Valley Music Festival. Her Ohio ties are strong, her late mother, Nettie Radosevic Mode, was born in Massillon and grew up in Canton, where family still reside.

Photo Showcase and Sale Features Two Local Artists Nick Kerosky and Richard State

By Sally Lane

Welcome, SPRING! Two weeks ago there were still occasional dingy piles of snow in shady areas or corners where plows deposited huge mounds of it when clearing the streets. Now flocks of robins visit our yards and the air is filled with music of birds, and spring flowers are beginning to brighten our landscapes. People are ready to get outside to walk, catch up with neighbors and start gardening.

With such joyful thoughts in mind, our Ohio Living Lake Vista has planned a Photo Showcase and Sale that will feature the works of two outstanding local artists Nick Kerosky and Richard States. The Showcase will be in the Lake Vista clubhouse, 303 N. Mecca Street, in Cortland, Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public, residents and families are more than welcome to visit and enjoy this glorious display. There is no admission charge.

Many of us have become acquainted in the last few years with Nick Kerosky's almost daily post online of bird and wildlife photos from the Mosquito Creak area. He has been observing and photographing nature for more than 50 years and published

two books, "Mosquito Lake Wildlife and Nature." and "Through My Lens, My Best Nature Images." He grew up in Fremont, Ohio, studied photography and Journalism at Kent State University as an undergraduate before receiving his MBA from Cleveland State University. He and his wife live in Cortland. Nick will be signing his books.

Richard States and his wife have lived in Cortland for many years. During his 35 years as a horticulture teacher with the Warren City School System at Western Reserve, he began photographing plants and flowers for teaching his students. That soon "blossomed" into a successful career as an artist throughout Ohio and Michigan. Richard has authored seven educational slide series and co-authored three others. He has had more than 50 covers on The Buckeye, which is the publication of the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association His images have also been used in advertising campaigns and he has had solo shows at the Trumbull Art Gallery, the Weller Gallery in Mill Creek Park and has had images in the Butler Institute of Art.

Trumbull SWCD Poster Contest

Each year the Trumbull SWCD sponsors the Conservation Poster Contest for students in grades K-12. The poster contest is open to public, private, and home-schooled students. Each year's poster contest has a different stewardship theme and is part of the National Association of Conservation Districts' conservation outreach initiative. The contest starts at the district level; winners advance to the state level, and state level winners then proceed to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

Posters are judged based on theme, neatness, spelling, originality, and message. The 2022 Conservation Poster Contest rules and entry form can be found on the District's website and are by April 15, 2022.

The annual contest is an example of project-based learning and gives students an opportunity to express their voice on local conservation issues and showcase their creativity and talent. For more information, check out Trumbull SWCD's website at <http://www.swcd.co.trumbull.oh.us/> and learn more about the contest and this year's theme, "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life . Questions can be directed to District Administrator/Watershed Coordinator, Amy Reeher at amy@trumbullohswcd.org or 330-637-2056, ext. 8624.

SCOPE Monarch Butterfly Program

Cortland SCOPE will host a Monarch Butterfly program on Tuesday April 5 at 2:00 PM. Lynn Denning will be teaching the life cycle of the monarch along with how you can raise, nurture and release these beautiful creatures. Cortland SCOPE had the pleasure of a release last year and we are looking forward with anticipation of doing it again.



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Jo Marie's School of Dance and Gymnastics Center kicked off their 2022 competition season at VIP Dance Competition in Boardman. The Competition team not only had a fun filled weekend dancing, but also received top scores and several specialty awards!

Here is a list of the routines and what awards each routine received.

- I Don't Wanna Be You: Diamond, 3rd in division, 10th overall, Division Dance Award
- Fabulous: Platinum, 1st in division, entertaining award, 3rd overall
- Dance With Me Tonight: Platinum, 1st in division, 4th overall
- Candyman: Gold, 1st in division
- Salute: Platinum, 8th overall
- Emergency: Platinum, 2nd in the

- division, 9th overall, judges award
- Get Low: Platinum, 1st in the division
- Cool Cat: Platinum, tap award, 1st overall
- Where's My Love: Platinum, 1st in division
- Daydreamer: Platinum, 2nd in division, 6th overall, and division award
- Blue Suede Shoes: Platinum, 1st in division, 6th overall.

On behalf of Jo Marie's, we would like to wish all our Competition Team, a fun and fabulous Competition Season.



Mackenzie Totten, Brooke Hellam, Aleda Madorma, Cecelia DeToro, Olivia Norris



Back: Jessica Buchans-Studio Manager, Hailey Piersant, Malena Crosby, Layla Al-Akash, Mallory Kurtz, Kassandra Urdu, Hannah Hall & Brittany Arcuri - dance instructors. Front: Chloe Wagner, Hope Conley, Julianna Gomez

Ohio Living Giving

Ohio Living Lake Vista recently presented Cortland Area Cares with \$5,000 that will allow the purchasing of products thru the Second Harvest Food Bank. The residents and employees also donated additional food and non-food items.

Mary Ann Bromley, Chaplain at Ohio Living Lake Vista, Marilyn Kramp, Chairperson, Bud Reese, Treasurer of the Spiritual Committee, Donna Kittle of Cortland Area Cares



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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 2022 premiums are based on your 2020 tax return and the premiums for 2023 will be based on the 2021 tax returns that are currently being filed. The additional premium amounts are assessed if your 2020 income was \$91,000 or more for an individual or \$182,000 for couples filing jointly. For example, while most will pay \$170.10 per month for 2022 an individual with a MAGI between \$91,000 and \$114,000 on their 2020 tax return will pay a Part B premium of \$238.10 per month for 2022 and an additional \$12.40 on their Part D premium. An individual with a MAGI between \$142,000 and \$170,000 on their 2020 tax return will pay a Part B

premium of \$442.30 per month for 2022 and an additional \$51.70 on their 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. 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 Ann M Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234-244-4014 or JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com

Christ G. "Chris" Tambures

Christ G. "Chris" Tambures, 64, passed away Monday, February 28, 2022. He was born October 21, 1957, Alea Argolidos, Greece the son of George and Penelope Tambures. Chris came to Warren in 1965 and graduated in 1977 from Warren G. Harding HS. He was co-owner, with his wife and sons, of Vasilios



Restaurant in Cortland for 40 years. He had a variety of jobs when he first came from Greece. Chris was a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren. He enjoyed Greek music, hunting, fishing, dancing, and the village in Greece, but Vasilios was his heart and soul.

Christ is survived by his wife whom he loved and adored Demetra Tambures whom he married June 27, 1982, three sons George, Kris, and Paul (Erika Aulizia) Tambures, a brother Bill (Michela) Tambures and two nephews Anthony Tambures and George Tambures. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A service was held March 5 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren, Ohio with Fr. Constantine Valantosis officiating. Burial took place at Oakwood Cemetery in Warren.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Chris name St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 429 High St. NE, Warren, Ohio 44481. Family and friends may visit www.peterrossiandsonfh.com to view this obituary, sign the guestbook and send condolences to the family.

Editor's Corner

Cortland lost part of its heart recently. The main reason Cortland/Bazetta is the best place to live is because of the people who make it special. Christ Tambures, owner of Vasilios's Restaurant & Pizzeria was one of the best of us. He passed away February 28 after a lengthy health battle.

Christ was known for his huge heart and the love he showed the community. Not many people know about all the good he did for those that needed help. He hired people that desperately needed a job, he helped the less fortunate with food and parties, He reached deep into his own pocket many times to help someone through a tough time.

I was there one time and witnessed such an event. When I offered to write a story about all the good he did for others, he quickly - and firmly - admonished me. "I don't do this for publicity. I do this because others have helped me, and I want to help others."

He was the quintessential example of fulfilling the American dream. Came here from a foreign country with a dream, spoke very little English. Went to school, got an education, learned skills to make a living, started and ran a very successful business, married the love of his life and had a wonderful family. His wife and three sons are perfect examples of following in his footsteps.

He loved his work, loved his family, friends and community. The outpouring of support at the restaurant has been incredible from tons of food, comments and flowers. So many people told the family stories on how he had affected their lives.

True to his nature, he would have been embarrassed by all of it.

Christ Tambures was the quintessential example of fulfilling the American dream, not for what he achieved but for what he gave back and for the legacy he left. We should all try to be more like Christ.

Trumbull Retired Teachers Association

Marilyn Stanton, Gary Russell and Cindy Harris presented a program for Trumbull Retired Teachers Association. Stanton presided over her first meeting as president, Russell addressed the group on the State Teachers Retirement System and Harris is vice-president in charge of programming. The next TRTA meeting is April 12. For membership, lunch reservations, scholarship info and newsletter, visit the TRTA web page at <https://trumbulltrta.wixsite.com/trta>



Ribbon Cutting



Jeff Koontz, the Interim Administrator of Hillside Rehabilitation cuts the ribbon officially opening the Cortland Elm Road Rehabilitation Center at 2598 Elm Rd NE, Building D. The center provides outpatient Physical Therapy for adults and teens. Hillside is part of Steward Health.

Eastern Star Chapter Collecting Basic Necessities

Well known for its charitable works over the years, local Eastern Star Chapters, including Opal Chapter 181 of Cortland, are collecting basic necessities such as shampoo, toothbrushes, snack cookies, socks, etc. to be distributed through AGAPE. You are asked to bring your donations to our meetings which are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. The items will be delivered to the VA for distribution to homeless Veterans and to local Women's shelters. We hope to share the love and compassion of our Order with those in need around us.

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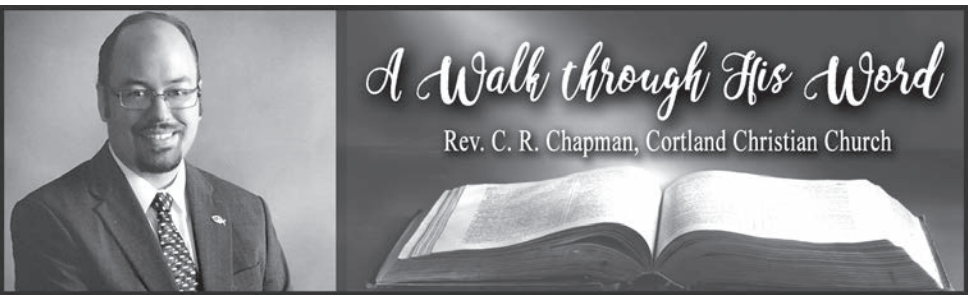
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“The Brevity of the Season”

Spring brings rejuvenation to the soul. From the cold and fierce winter to now the glimmer of the warm rays of summer, springtime allows our minds to renew and our souls to awaken from hibernation.

Spring is often the season when our worries, troubles, and anxiety seem a little less. For the student, a break from the mill of studies is at hand. Time to travel home to see family and friends. For the child, outdoor adventure calls. The land of the imagination awaits across parks and playgrounds and sandboxes all over the countryside. The farmer is eager to begin his preparation and to spend time no longer toiling in the cold. The hiker and bicyclist are both happy to see the trees starting to bud. In the midst of spring, we are reminded of new life, yet in just seven months the cold will begin to return. A couple weeks later the first snowflake will be seen. How fleeting are the seasons.

It is important to enjoy and make the most out of every moment of the season. It is equally important to make the most out of every day that God grants us upon this earth. The psalmist reminds us in the 103rd psalm of our mortal nature. “As for man, his days are like grass – he blooms like a flower of the field; when the wind passes over it, it vanishes, and its place is no longer known.

But from eternity to eternity the LORD’s faithful love is toward those who fear Him, and His righteousness toward the grandchildren of those who keep His covenant, who remember to observe His precepts,” (Psalm 103:15-18, HCSB). In the brevity that each of us has on this earth let us make the most of our life, walking with the LORD, and let us remember God’s promise of new life in this season of new life... new life for all who believe and follow His Son, Jesus the Christ.

As the snowdrifts melt into memories, a morning walk shows signs of spring. The wooded area on my path has begun to change in subtle ways, as the stark trees show the promise of leaves. The earth beneath these trees is no longer dull shades of brown with the decaying leaves and fallen branches. Woodland undergrowth is awakening with a variety of green shoots announcing that wild flowers will soon be blooming. The grasses springing up along the edges of the trees and in the midst of the decomposition are a reassuring sight that spring is unfolding.

Watching the unfolding of new growth, I’m encouraged by the predictable cycles of nature. Winter



does give way to spring, with colorful flowers and budding trees. How delightful it is to see signs of new life though the beauty of creation. How reassuring that the Creator of all of the wonders of nature is also able to do a new thing in me. While the future, will more than likely, not look like the past, I place my hope and trust in my Creator God, who is always doing a new thing in the lives of his children. May you too be encouraged by the signs of spring in your life. May you place your trust and hope in your Creator God, who seeks to do new things in your life too.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

(Isaiah 43:18-19)
So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
 (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Cortland United Methodist Church Supports Ukraine

If you’re wondering how you can support the people of the Ukraine, please consider a financial donation through UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Please make your check out to Cortland UMC & designate it for Advance #982450-Ukraine. This is the UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery fund. 100% of your donation will assist the Ukrainians. Thank you for your faithfulness for caring for others in the name of Jesus Christ.

A Conversation with Reverend Joan Purnell

By Sally Lane

We all have landmark moments in our lives, realizations that are like a direction sign that leads to a different path. Rev. Purnell said she knew we would be talking about her journey to become the first woman minister at the Cortland United Methodist Church. She was correct, of course, and we both ended up discussing the people and events that changed each of us along our own life journeys.

Rev. Purnell shared that for over 30 years she had worked in her family’s photography business with her brother. “That shop wasn’t always busy,” she

said, so she earned a teaching degree from the University of Akron and did some substitute teaching when she and her husband’s two daughters, Christine and Amanda were young.

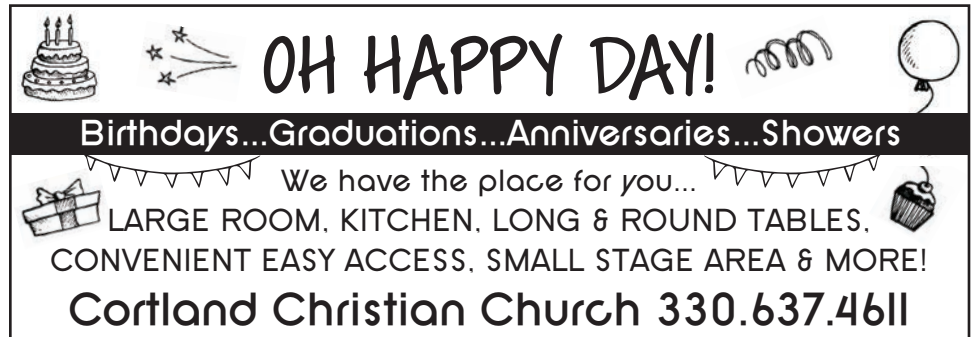
Church activities were always part of Rev. Purnell’s life. She was involved from a very young age and brought her children up in the church. “I did everything I could to be involved and serve: taught Sunday school, lead Bible study groups, worked on all activities, and more,” she said. “After the photography shop closed, I began to think about doing more professionally

in the church and took courses.” At that point, one of her professors remarked that he thought she had enough credits to go to seminary and become a full-time minister.

Needless to say, Purnell checked it out and entered the United Theological Seminary and became an ordained minister. Rev. Purnell served nine years as minister at Braceville United Methodist Church as well as the past five at Otterbein United Methodist Church in Champion. She has been at the Cortland United Methodist Church since July 2021.



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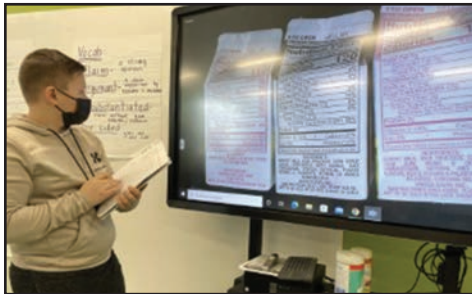


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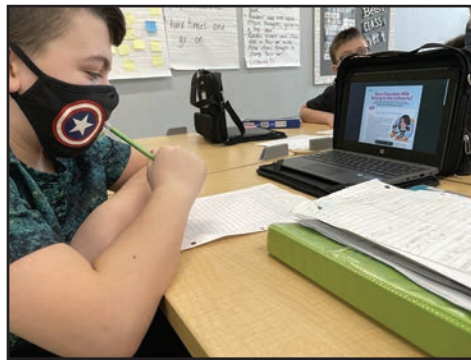
LMS Students Work to Persuade Principal and Parents That They're Right



Fifth grade student Alex C. studies nutrition information on milk cartons to form his opinion on whether or not the beverage should be served with school lunches.

Everyone has an opinion, and for the past month in fifth grade, students have been learning how to properly research topics and form their own thoughts about them. Recently, students formed opinion pieces on chocolate milk and whether the beverage should or should not be served with school lunches. With guidance from ELA teachers Mrs. Kasula and Mrs. Schmader, students conducted their own research, reading articles, and checking milk carton labels to form their opinion.

Based on the information gathered, students then wrote letters to Principal, Mrs. Handrych, in support of their respective opinion. The letters were simply practice (and not actually used to change cafeteria servings) for the bigger debate between students and their parents. Following the chocolate milk exercise, students then had to research a topic that's been a debate between them and their parents. Students then presented parents with their findings to see if they could persuade them to change their opinion.



Fifth grade student John B. reads an article about chocolate milk to help form his opinion.



LES Pawsitive Students




Congratulations to the following LES students who were selected as Pawsitive Students of the Week!

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February 22-25

Benson R., Alyssa A., Allie P. & Sadie B.



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Contests All Around

Cortland Christian Church held their annual Chili-Cookoff and Crazy Tie and Hat Day contest. We had a wonderful turn out and time of fellowship together. Jeff Byler (left) won the craziest tie and Cheryl Elliott (right) won the craziest hat. They both received a \$25 gift card. Joyce Hall (middle) was an honorable mention for the craziest hat. Cheryl Elliott and Sharon Hopkins (not pictured) were the winners of the best tasting chili.

If you missed out on this wonderful time of Christian fellowship, then join us on March 20th after the 10AM service for our annual Potato Bake!



Journey Christian Church Activities

Journey Christian Church invites everyone to these activities:

- Sunday, March 20 from 6:00 – 7:00 Night of Worship. An hour of special music and congregational singing
- March 26, Saturday 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Perkins on Elm Rd. It is always the last Saturday of the month
- We have Evening Journey monthly, the first Sunday evening of the month at 5:00. Next one is April 3.
- April 15, Good Friday Services will be at 6:00. We will be sharing communion together and looking at the last words Jesus said from the cross.
- We have an Overcomer Ladies Club that meets the 1st [April 4] and 3rd [March 21] Mondays of each month. It is from 6-8:00. First Monday is at Panera Bread. Third Monday is here at the church.
- Saturday, April 23rd at 3:00 we will be hosting a Dinners and Desserts Auction. We have donations of desserts ranging from cookies and cakes to homemade pies and treats. There are also opportunities to bid on out to eat meals with the donor and meals made by the donor. In the past we have had an Italian meal of lasagna and the trimmings, soups and sausage and peppers trays. In addition a dinner at Cockeye Barbeque and an evening at the Charles Brown House in Bloomfield with a meal, tour and history of this house that was part of the Underground Railroad. Proceeds will benefit Our Building Pay-off Fund.

New Name for Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, announces a new focus and new name for a diocesan office in support of ministry in parishes. The Office of Religious Education/Evangelization has become the Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry, effective February 1, 2022.

The Office will continue to provide resources, consultation, and networking for catechetical and evangelization ministries, and will expand its services to recruit, support, and oversee lay ecclesial ministers in all areas of parish life.

"Lay ecclesial ministry" is a general term for a variety of positions held by non-ordained people who provide substantial leadership in pastoral, catechetical, liturgical, and musical ministry. Such lay leaders collaborate with and are under the authority of priests and the bishop.

The focus of the newly renamed

Office will include developing a process for appropriate personal, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation and ongoing support of those entrusted with such ministries. This new focus aligns with Bishop Bonnar's vision for a people- and mission-oriented Church.

In a recent Walking By Faith Together column for The Catholic Exponent (the diocese's newspaper), Bishop Bonnar wrote, "I ask you to dream with me about ways we can witness to and support the important ministries of our Church – from Catholic education to social justice advocacy, from lay ecclesial ministry to vocations to the priesthood and religious life. One of the concerns I have is that we are dealing not only with a shortage of clergy but also with trained lay ecclesial ministers. We need to continue to build up all the ministries which bring so much life to our parishes – pastoral, catechetical, liturgical, and musical."

44410 City Wide Garage Sale Dates Set

By Jodi Clark

Hello Garage Sellers!

I have met with the city and everything is in place for the 3rd Annual Garage Sale! It will be held Friday & Saturday, June 10 & 11, which is the same weekend as last year! If you wish to open the 9th or 12th also, that is up to you. We will only be advertising for the 10th & 11th.

For the past 2 years, the City has graciously waived the permit fee for garage sales but that is no longer the case. Garage Sale Permits will be required. In order to streamline the process and not bombard the Administration building, I will be setting up an online [Facebook] form for registration with the ability to pay your fees. I have arranged with the city for me to collect the fees & information and present it to them. They will prepare the permits and I will mail them to you the weekend before the sale.

Last year, we had several large donations for advertising which helped immensely. This year, we will have one amount for everyone to pay, \$10 per

address. This is for two days and covers the permit, advertising in the Tribune, being on our list and interactive map and postage. If you wish additional days please add \$2.50 per day. Per the city ordinance, you can only have a sale on three consecutive days. We will also be posting on several Facebook groups, Craigslist and Offer Up.

After speaking with the City, we have come to the agreement that we will have the sale on the same weekend each year, the second weekend in June. We will still vote on whether to have two sales each year. The second sale must be at least 3 months from the first sale. This year, our Fall sale will be held the second weekend in September.

I will be starting registration the First week of May. Again, you will be able to register and pay the following ways: Online, via US Mail or drop off at my home. The Cortland News will also have the registration forms printed in a few of their issues.

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Junior League welcomes Someplace Safe to February Meeting

Someplace Safe Assistant Director, Lauren Wells, joined GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League for their February meeting at Café 422. Lauren updated the membership on their improvements at Someplace Safe and their ongoing needs for donations to assist the shelter residents. Anyone interested in donating non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products or making a monetary donation please contact Ms. Wells at 330-393-3005.



Sue Smith, Club President, Lauren Wells, Assistant Director, Someplace Safe and Marylou Jarrett, Past Club President

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What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Letter From City Council

Dear Cortland Business Owner and/or Organization,

For many years, the City of Cortland has personally delivered "Cortland Welcome Bags" to new residents moving into the City. The bags include a welcome letter from the Mayor, a list of important phone numbers, a map of the City, as well as numerous donations from local businesses and organizations.

Donations such as pens/pencils, magnets, notepads, coupons, key rings, hand sanitizer, tea, flashlights, recipe books, gifts cards are just a few of the wonderful gifts from last year's welcome bags. Each year, the bags feature new and unique donations highlighting Cortland businesses and organizations.

The City wishes to continue this tradition with your support. If you are one of the many contributors to the "Cortland Welcome Bags" through the years, we would like to thank you for your continued support and generous donations. If not, please consider participating. It is a creative way to advertise your organization, while welcoming new residents to the City of

Cortland. If you would like to participate, please drop off 150 items at City Hall, 400 North High St no later than Wednesday, April 13, 2022. If you have any questions, please call (330) 638-0142 or email rhorn@cityofcortland.org. Thank you in advance for your support. Cortland City Council

Kindergarten Registration - Lakeview Local School district's enrollment is now open. Register for the 2022 - 23 school year online at lakeviewlocal.org.

The Cortland Scope Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at the Cortland Christian Church at 153 Grove.

Mosquito Spraying - Not only are they annoying, mosquito-borne diseases and viruses affect millions of people every year. The city plans to enter into an agreement again for mosquito pest control. The 2022 schedule will be put on our website and shown here once established. If you are a beekeeper, call (330) 637-3011 to be put on the No Spray List.

DAR March Meeting

We were all very happy to be together again for our March meeting of the Mary Chesney Chapter NSDAR. Our guest speaker was Sarah Moell from the Trumbull County Historical Society who told us about all the work that is being done to preserve Warren history. Volunteers are busy transcribing donated letters and postcards from long

ago. The handwriting in some cases is very hard to read and may take more than one person to figure it out. Some of our DAR members have volunteered and have even found letters to and from Harriet Taylor Upton. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the Trumbull Historical Society for more information.



Lifeguard Training at JCC of Youngstown

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is offering Lifeguard Training for ages 15 and older April 29 to May 1.

This class provides participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies until EMS personnel can take over. Participants who successfully complete the course receive an American Red Cross certificate.

The training is from 5 to 7 p.m. April 29, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 and May 1.

The cost is \$187 for JCC members and \$250 for nonmembers. Visit jccyoungstown.org to register. Participants will have the opportunity to acquire a lifeguard position at the Jewish Community Center upon successful completion of the training.

SCOPE Tai Chi Class



Mallory from Direction Home, leading Tai Chi. Mallory is an easy-to-understand instructor who takes the time for you to learn the sequence of moves and breathing to get the full benefit of her class. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 PM- and it is FREE!

Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission

The Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission is very proud of the accomplishments of the office, as in the military we are taught to "leave no one behind" and we continue with that motto here in the community. Trumbull County's veteran population is just under 15,000 and is eleventh within the states 88 counties by population. Ohio's veteran population is one of the largest in the country, and our region has a higher than the national average rate of participation. In 2013 the State of Ohio conducted a study on services provided in Ohio as compared to 19 other states and found that Ohio has one of the most robust systems for taking care of those who served. If you would like to learn more, email trumbullcountyvets@co.trumbull.oh.us or call (330) 675-2585.



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LHS Students' Artwork on Display in Columbus

Every year our talented high school art students are among the thousands, state-wide, who participate in the Governor's Art Exhibition. This year, Lakeview had five students with works on display in the regional show. They were Mason Parks, Grace Mazur, Isabella Shuster, Molly Stein, and Emily Bennett. Molly and Emily have both had their pieces selected to move on to the

State-level competition. Their artworks will be on display in the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus starting in April. This is the 52nd year for the Governor's Art Exhibition, which is designed to encourage an appreciation of the arts and provide an opportunity for budding artists to showcase their talents. Congratulations to all of our artists!

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Witty Knitters Donate Hats

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Front: Jacquie Thomas, Vice President Lisa Bockelman, Megan Bockelman, Bonnie Hood. Back: Marilyn Titus, Shirley Prindle, Bonnie Toth, Joann McGuiness, Secretary Rose Datesh, Treasurer Joan Nypaver

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Lakeview Teacher Launches OMEA District V Honors Jazz Band

Thanks to the vision of Lakeview High School Band teacher and marching band director, Mr. Nathan Sensabaugh, an honors Jazz Band has been formed for District V of the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA). District V is made up of schools from Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties. Students from schools in those counties auditioned to be part of the inaugural ensemble back in December. From the audition group, 60 students were chosen to be part of the honors band, including five from Lakeview High School.

Students participated in two practice rehearsals. During the rehearsals, each county's band had the opportunity to work with area native and Youngstown State University graduate composer and clinician Mike Kmauf. The group then came together to play a concert at DeYor's Ford Recital Hall on January 29. "It was a pleasure to have sixty students from three different counties come together and create some outstanding music for the inaugural Ohio Music Education Association District 5 Honors Jazz band event," says Sensabaugh. "Some colleagues and I saw a need to get jazz music represented in our district, there is some wonderful talent and we are pleased to have been able to showcase it."



Lakeview High School students who were selected to participate in the District V OMEA Honors Jazz Band were: Top Row: Christopher Bowman, Husni Majid Middle Row: Madison Cluckey, Cade Cratsley, Last Row: Edgar Paucar

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District Employee Selected as 2022 H.O.P.E. Honoree

The Lakeview Local School District is proud to share that district employee, Margie Petrunia has been selected as one of six Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley 2022 H.O.P.E. Honorees. Founded in 2007, The Hope Foundation recognizes individuals for their efforts of donating their time and resources to improve the quality of life of children and families in our community. The H.O.P.E. award is presented to an individual who is Honorable, Outstanding, Philanthropic, and Excellent. "I'm just shocked," Petrunia says about her honor. "We are all winners, we all help kids and their families."

Petrunia was nominated for the award by Lakeview Elementary Principal Scott Taylor. "Margie has devoted her life to serving others," he says. For more than 25 years, Petrunia has been helping Lakeview Local School District families in need receive food, clothing, toiletry items, and holiday gifts as they've had a need. Her cause started small, helping just a few families here and there, but as needs in the community changed, so did the number of people who needed assistance, at one point she was helping more than 200 families. "The thought of a family not having a proper holiday meal was heartbreaking to her," Taylor says. "She always made sure families had food to make the holidays special."

Petrunia's dedication to helping others goes beyond just the holiday season. Her efforts led to the creation of the Bulldog Pantry in 2018, as a way to

serve families in need all year around. Non-perishable food items are donated by school staff, district families, and local businesses throughout the year. Once a month Petrunia, and other district volunteers, box up items and provide them, at no cost, to families who sign up to receive them. "I believe this is what we are here to do, this all comes from the heart," she says.



Petrunia and the other nominees will be recognized for their efforts to improve the quality of life of children and families in our community at a special ceremony on April 29th. The H.O.P.E. Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to one of the six nominees that night as well.

Petrunia says she's grateful to Mr. Taylor for nominating her, but says the credit for the award goes to her late husband, John. "I wish he could be here to celebrate with me," Petrunia says through tears. "But I know he's watching, and laughing... saying, 'This is what you get for doing what you do, no tears!'"



IRS warning: Scammers work year-round; stay vigilant

Part Two of a Two Part Series

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to protect their personal and financial information throughout the year and watch out for IRS impersonation scams, along with other schemes, that try to trick people out of their hard-earned money.

Last issue we discussed many of these schemes. Here are some more.

Email phishing scams

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service. There are special circumstances when the IRS will call or come to a home or business. These visits include times when a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill, a delinquent tax return or a delinquent employment tax payment. The IRS may also visit if it needs to tour a business as part of a civil investigation (such as an audit or collection case) or during a criminal investigation. The IRS provides specific guidance on how to know it's really the IRS knocking on your door.

Phone scams

The IRS does not leave pre-recorded, urgent or threatening messages. In many variations of the phone scam, victims are told if they do not call back, a warrant will be issued for their arrest. Other verbal threats include law-enforcement agency intervention, deportation or revocation of licenses. Criminals can fake or "spoof" caller ID numbers to appear to be anywhere in the country, including from an IRS office. This prevents taxpayers from being able to verify the true call number. Fraudsters also have spoofed local sheriff's offices, state departments of motor vehicles, federal agencies and others to convince taxpayers the call is legitimate.

The IRS (and its authorized private collection agencies) will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. The IRS does not use these methods for tax payments.
- Threaten to immediately bring in

local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.

- Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes. All tax payments should only be made payable to the U.S. Treasury and checks should never be made payable to third parties.

Help for victims of ID theft

Unfortunately, scams and schemes can often lead to identity theft. While identity theft can have many consequences, the IRS focuses on tax-related identity theft. Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses an individual's stolen Social Security number (SSN) to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. Taxpayers may be unaware of this activity until they e-file a tax return and discover that a return has already been filed using their SSN. Or, the IRS may send them a letter saying it has identified a suspicious return using their SSN.

If a taxpayer learns their SSN has been compromised, or they know or suspect they are a victim of tax-related identity theft, the IRS recommends these additional steps:

- Individuals should respond immediately to any IRS notice; call the number provided.
- Taxpayers should complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit (.pdf), if an e-file tax return rejects because of a duplicate filing under their SSN or they are instructed to do so by the IRS. Individuals can use a fillable form at IRS.gov, then print and attach the form to their paper return and mail according to instructions.
- Victims of tax-related identity theft should continue to pay their taxes and file their tax return, even if they must do so by paper.
- Taxpayers who previously contacted the IRS about tax-related identity theft and did not have a resolution should call for specialized assistance at 1-800-908-4490.

More information is available at: IRS.gov/identitytheft or the Federal Trade Commission's identitytheft.gov. The official IRS website is IRS.gov. People should be aware of imitation websites ending in .com. This applies to other IRS tools, too, like Free File- they all end in .gov.

For more information, visit Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts on IRS.gov. Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube videos.

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Spring Clean Your Finances in 5 Easy Steps

Spring is considered a good time to deep clean your home. To really get your house in order, expand the tradition to include tidying your finances. Doing so can help alleviate stress and give you a sense of confidence. Here are five steps to help you organize and polish your financial life.

1. Toss paper and secure passwords. It's easy to get mired in paper, even in the electronic age. Pull out the shredder and dispose of old bills and notices. If you store passwords on paper, consider moving them to a more secure password storage device for improved security. While you're at it, change your passwords to reduce your risk of getting hacked.

2. Assess your financial stability. Review your personal cash flow by preparing a summary of money coming in and money going out to pay bills, fund your lifestyle and handle emergencies during a set period of time. Calculate your assets and liabilities to get an estimate of your net worth. Watch for creeping living costs and look for opportunities to grow earnings, reduce debt, slash spending and increase savings.

3. Streamline cards and memberships. Use those gift cards accumulating in your wallet. Consider eliminating memberships that are not a good value. Close that old bank account if you no longer use it. Revisit rates for insurance policies, cable and phone contracts and other ongoing costs that may be renegotiated, bundled or improved by switching to a competitor.

4. Touch up your estate plan. Update your will or trust to ensure it reflects your wishes. Confirm that your beneficiary designations are current,

especially if there's been a divorce, birth or death in your family. Protect yourself further by assigning a power of attorney and creating a living will and advance directive according to your personal wishes and state requirements.

5. Refresh your savings and investments. Make sure your emergency fund is sufficient to handle an unexpected setback. Check in on your retirement savings to determine if you're still on track. If you're earning more, consider saving more. Make saving automatic with each paycheck. If you have a 401(k) with a former employer, a rollover may offer more investment options and reduce your fees. Consider diversifying your investments to better align with changes in your life. Spring is a great time to meet with your financial advisor for your annual review and refine your financial plan based on evolving life goals and circumstances.

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LHS/TCTC Student Among First to Earn Physical Therapy Certification

Lakeview High School and Trumbull Career and Technical Center senior Josh McDivitt is among the first students in the county to earn an American Medical Certification Association (AMCA) Physical Therapy technician certification. Josh and some of his classmates are the first group to earn this certification at TCTC.



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Street Fair News



The Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Board met March 9th and are pleased to report Street Fair will be held July 21-22-23. The Carnival Ride Contract has been signed, Concession Vendors Contracts have been mailed and nightly Main Street Entertainment has been booked. Parade details are being worked out and more information will be available in the next issue of the Cortland News.



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Spring is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn. -Lewis Grizzard

LES Students Participate in Read Across America Day

On Wednesday, March 2 students at Lakeview Elementary School participated in Read Across America Day! Students were invited to wear pajamas and bring a stuffed animal and favorite book to school. Throughout the day they were given breaks from classwork and extra time to read. Students were able to find comfy spots in classrooms and common areas to enjoy their book. Read Across America Day is held every year on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday, to celebrate the love of reading!



4th graders in Mrs. Conley's homeroom.



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Ski Challenge

A downhill skiing challenge in fourth grade! In February, students had more of a science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) focus during their technology specials classes with Mrs. Guthrie. During their time in class, students learned about acceleration, force, and friction and how they all work in different ways to make an object move. Using what they learned, students were then challenged to create a skier using only popsicle sticks, foil, tape, and pipe cleaners. Skiers then "raced" down a slope (cardboard covered in wax paper) to see which one went the fastest! It was a fun way for the students to combine some science and engineering with their technology lessons.




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Cortland Lions teams up with NEO Junk for Safety City Fundraiser

Cortland Parks and Recreation is building a "Safety City" for our children. It is an interactive, educational space to teach children a variety of safety topics and life skills where they can practice in a miniature, real world setting. It will be located in Pearl Park, which serves Cortland and our surrounding area. Pearl Park includes a splash pad, playground area and is already welcoming to the target age group, preschool and early elementary children.

The "Safety City" Fundraising Goal is \$45,000. Lou Wollam Chevrolet already donated \$15,000. For further details regarding "Safety City" go to cityofcortland.org

In support of this project the Cortland Lions Club has partnered with North East Ohio Junk Removal, a Cortland based Company, for a Scrap Metal Items Fund Raiser. Ryan Stan, owner of NEO Junk Removal was looking for a way to give back to his community for their support and this fit the family business vision perfectly.

The event will be held Friday April 15th from Noon to 5 PM and Saturday April 16th- 9 AM to 4 PM. All proceeds from the sale of scrap will be donated to "Safety City."

The Cortland Lions Club members will be accepting your scrap metal items at Willow Park and large dumpsters will be located by the cardboard recycling bins. Just bring your scrap metal items

to Willow Park the days of the event. If you can't bring your scrap to the collection site NEO Junk Removal will be picking up metal scrap items from residents inside the Cortland City limits only. NEO Junk will pick up your metal scrap items from your driveway, garage or outbuilding. They will not enter your home to remove scrap. In the April 9th issue of the Cortland News the phone number to call for scrap pick up will be provided.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, lawn mowers, tractors, window air conditioners, copper and brass items, aluminum cans, wire, car batteries, pots, pans, bicycles, aluminum ladders, metal office furniture, metal siding, wheel rims (without tires), metal doors & frames, metal storage cabinets, rototillers, snow blowers, trampoline and swimming pool frames, disassembled swing sets, nails, pipe fittings, copper tubing, black pipe etc. If your scrap is metal, it's probably acceptable.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS include microwaves, TV's, propane tanks or household trash.

NEO Junk and the Cortland Lions reserve the right to reject any item that is deemed dangerous or unrecyclable. Please start accumulating your metal scrap items now to support this worthwhile project benefitting the children of our area.

Let's Make Cortland Better Together.

Order of the Eastern Star Spaghetti Dinner

The Order of the Eastern Star Opal Chapter will have their annual spaghetti dinner, April 9th at the Cortland Masonic Lodge from 4:00 to 6:30. They will serve both drive through pick-ups and sit down dinners.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a Fraternal Service Organization of both women and men which strives to build a better, more fulfilling way of life. They dedicate themselves to supporting a variety of local and national charities. Millions of dollars are raised annually in support of humanitarian causes. The Eastern Star strives to take people

through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service as well as through precept and example and to build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness. They also are an organization that looks after its members. They strive to lighten the burden of their members and their daily lives with cheerful companionship and social enjoyment. If you are a Master Mason or related to a Mason and are interested in joining call our Worthy Matron, Shirley Eckley at 330-568-7389.

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LHS Senior Signs with Thiel College Tomcats

Lakeview High School senior Zach Sulc had all but given up on his dream of playing soccer at the collegiate level. "There were no offers, I wasn't even looking," he says. Though it wasn't how he wanted his soccer career to end, Sulc had found his peace with it, knowing he gave the game his all. And then one last game changed everything. "I got invited to play in the Youngstown District All-Star game, that was kind of my last chance to get noticed by college scouts and coaches... and I did," he remembers with a smile.

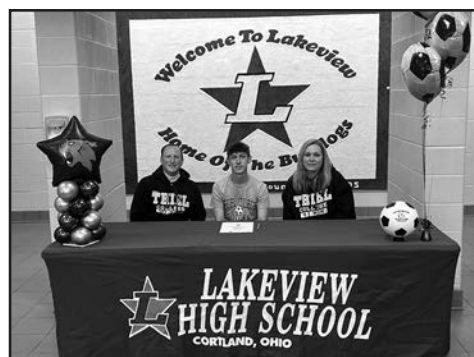
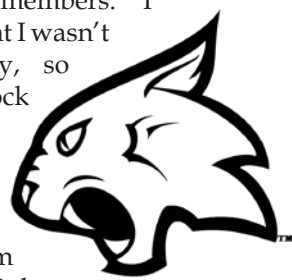
Thiel College coach Zack Walters was at the All-Star game that cold, snowy November day. Sulc says Walters connected with him after the game and then continued to stay in touch, inviting him to camps, practices, and workouts. Eventually Sulc and his family made a formal visit, where the campus, and its academic standards, left big impressions on all of them. Still unsure of where his soccer career was heading, Sulc says he was also considering attending Kent State University, until Walters called with the invite to the Thiel team. "That was crazy, I was speechless, almost in

tears," Sulc remembers. "I for sure thought I wasn't going to play, so this was a shock to me. I am so excited, I love playing soccer, and this is a dream come true." Sulc made the dream reality when he signed his formal letter of intent with Thiel in the lobby of Lakeview High School on Tuesday, February 23, 2022.

Lakeview High School Varsity soccer Coach Nick Facciolo says, "Zach is a great player, he played for us for four years, starting for two of them. I wish him the best of luck at Thiel, he's going to make a heck of an impression on that program."

Sulc began his soccer career at the age of three, playing in local rec leagues, eventually moving on to travel teams and the high school team at Lakeview. During his tenure at LHS he was a four-year varsity player, lettering three of those years; he has earned multiple league and district accolades, including first-team all-league and first-team all-district this past season. He served as the team's captain this past year, spending the majority of his playing time at center and midfield. At school, Zach is a member of the Beta Club and executive committee. At Thiel he plans to study business, with a focus in sports marketing.

For all of the younger players that have dreams like his, Sulc says, "Never give up, keep working, especially in the off-season... you just never know." Congratulations Zach and good luck at Thiel!



Zach Sulc (center), with parents Mark and Connie Sulc, signs his letter of intent to play soccer at Thiel College.



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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Velina J. Taylor

March marks some important moments in our district's calendar of events. We move into the fourth quarter of the year, transition from winter sports to spring sports, and prepare for all the activities that come with warmer weather, longer days and the promise of springtime. One of the first things everyone sees is the longer days and shorter nights, and that in itself is a cause for celebration.

In late February and early in March our elementary students were treated to wonderful days celebrating Valentine's Day for each grade level followed by a spectacular book fair sponsored by our PTO. Our middle school students showed their academic skills in Prep Bowl and Power of the Pen tournaments and enjoyed a huge dodgeball tournament. Our high school students excelled in contest season for band and choir and a large cast started practicing for the spring musical, *Seussical—the Musical*. Our athletes are ramping up for spring sports so we see

them out on the track and hear them at batting practice. It's an exciting time of transition.

Early preparations for the next school year are already underway with preliminary frameworks being programmed to allow for scheduling and all that involves when the time comes. As necessary work is completed behind the scenes, we will move toward getting course requests from upper grade students and creating our master schedules for our buildings.

While Mother Nature probably still has a few tricks up her sleeve, we all recognize that she is about finished with the snow and is moving on to April showers and May flowers. It's an exciting time to be working with our students and their families as the school year enters its final quarter. We hope you can join us at the many public performances/events and athletic contests that will make the spring quarter fly by in the wink of an eye.

PTO Board Members

The teachers and staff of the Lakeview Elementary and Middle school celebrated the "Ultimate Taco Tuesday" on 2-22-2022 with a Taco bar put on by the Lakeview K-8 PTO, Catered by Mijavecs, and generously sponsored by Apostolakis Honda of Cortland. Pictured are PTO board members: Melissa Maki, Amy Newton, Abby Brainard, Shannon Pease, Mesa Bush, and Amy Marsco.



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May 3rd, 2022 Lakeview Local Schools Proposed Operating Levy

After careful review of the district's finances and five-year forecast, the Lakeview Board of Education took action at its January 10th meeting to place a 6.8 mill operating levy on the May 3, 2022 ballot. An operating levy is different from the bond levy that was passed in 2015 to build the K-8 building. Operating levies fund day-to-day operations such as teachers, utilities, curriculum, and supplies. Bond levies like the one for the K-8 building can only be used for building a school. The proposed millage would cost homeowners \$39.67 a month on the appraised value of a \$200,000 home.

Appraised vs. Market Value

Levies are calculated using the county auditors appraised value of a home, not the sellable price. Currently, auditors appraised values of homes in Cortland are 20%-40% lower than the selling price. The Trumbull County Auditor Property Search tool now offers a link under the tax tab of your property that will show the exact cost of the operating levy for your home.

Why is an operational levy needed at this time?

The district has not asked the taxpayers for new operating money since 2010, levy millage generally lasts 3-5 years before the district needs to ask for new operating money. Instead, Lakeview leadership worked to stretch the budget as far as possible and began making cuts whenever feasible. Since the 2015-2016 school year, the district cut over \$1.3 million dollars in order to continue operating without asking for additional support. Sean Miller, Treasurer & CFO of the district provides financial reports to the Board each month. In addition, a Five Year Forecast is presented to the Board and filed with the Ohio Department of Education once in November and again in May of each school year. After close evaluation of the Five Year Forecast, it was determined that the district has necessary operating expenses that exceed current revenue. To address that shortfall, the district began planning for those increasing

expenses through this Operating Levy. **Why does the school district need additional taxes when my taxes just increased in 2021?**

The increase in taxes *did not go to the school district*. Every three years the Trumbull County Auditor reevaluates property values. When the auditor determines that property value has increased, the associated tax obligation by the owners is increased, with the exception of school district taxes. In 1976, the legislature enacted property tax reform known as House Bill 920. Its purpose was to keep inflation from increasing voted taxes. Therefore, school district voter-approved levies can only collect the dollar amount that was originally approved by the voters for each individual levy. To clarify, as a basic example, assume the 3.75 mill levy approved in 2010 collected \$1.05 million for the district. In 2021, the district's valuation increased an estimated 13%. Instead of collecting \$1.05 million + \$136,500 (13%), the voter approved 3.75 mills are "rolled back" by 13% to only collect \$1.05 million, and the 3.75 mill levy becomes an effective millage rate of 3.45 mills. Other tax obligations on the property; city, children's services, developmental disabilities, senior services, library, park, etc. are allowed to collect the 13% increase over the original voter approved amount.

The Lakeview Levy Committee will hold the first of two town hall meetings for the community on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Lakeview High School Auditorium. Information regarding the levy will be presented to any community members that wish to attend.

Lakeview Local Schools continue to be recognized as one of the premier public school districts in the state and named the #1 Best School District in Trumbull County by Niche for 2021. Community support of the school district has always been a hallmark of Cortland, Ohio and keeps Lakeview a destination district...Strong Schools, Strong Communities.

LHS Students Produce PSA on Vaping



A public service announcement (PSA) currently airing on WFMJ-TV 21 and the CW was created and produced by students at Lakeview High School. Students are part of the school's Youth Led Prevention (YLP) program, which is a program that aims to educate students about substance misuse through peer prevention, positive youth development, and community service. Working with school Resource Officer Brandon Rice and the Trumbull County Combined Health District, students wrote and produced the informational video that focuses on the My Life, My Quit website - a website designed to help youth stop smoking or vaping. "That's the big issue with our generation right now, vaping," says LHS junior Sydney

Peterson. "We see the effect vaping has on our friends and we want to help them take charge and let them know there are ways they can get help to quit." The PSA will run throughout the month of March on WFMJ and the CW, it is also available to be viewed on the Lakeview Local Schools website. For additional information on the My Life, My Quit program visit mylifemyquit.org



LHS students in the Youth-Led Prevention program shoot a public service announcement with WFMJ-TV. The PSA focuses on how teens can quit vaping.

Third Graders Show Support for Military Family



Emmett & his dad, Eric Foley

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Kent State Trumbull's Fall 2021 President's & Dean's Lists

Kent State Trumbull proudly announced students who were named to either the President's or Dean's lists for their academic achievements during the Fall 2021 semester. In recognition of an extremely high level of academic excellence, a President's List is compiled each academic semester. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 4.00 and must have completed 15 or more letter-graded credit hours (A, B, etc.) by the end of that semester.

The Dean's List features qualifying students possessing a grade point average of 3.40 or greater and must have completed 12 or more letter-graded credit hours (A, B, etc.) by the end of that semester.

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Marshall Workman (Fowler)

School Prom Dress Event

Ladies are you interested in attending prom, but feel the expense is too much. Come join us on March 24, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, for an evening of pampering at Champion HS. Champion High School and the Warren Junior Women's League will be holding a prom dress closet event. We have an extensive display of dresses, shoes, jewelry, and handbags all available for your choosing. And it's all free!!

Face masks are optional and changing rooms are available. If you're in need of a dress, shoes and some bling, please join us this evening for a night of fun! It is open to students from all districts.

Any questions please contact Mrs. Bucco, school nurse, (becky.bucco@championlocal.org) or (330-847-2323) or Mrs. Stiffler, (cindy.stiffler@championlocal.org).

Support for Military Family

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would be deploying to Djibouti, Africa. Prior to his deployment, Emmett's dad, Air Force Airman Eric Foley, visited Miss Kmetz's class and explained how his job as a navigator is important to the mission he is currently serving, showed videos, and read a story to the class. Students also presented the family with cards, a 'Be Brave' poster they all signed, and heart bracelets to feel connected as they navigate the deployment. Thank you, Airman Foley, for visiting our classroom and thank you for your service to our country. Stay safe!

Future Farmers of America

On February 17th the Trumbull Career & Technical Center's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter received a \$500 grant and two blue jackets from Darling Ingredients. Brian Conaway, the general manager for

Darling Ingredients, and Josh Otto, the plant manager, made the presentation to TCTC's FFA student officers. Conaway and Otto later spoke to the students about the Darling organization.



Zachery Reeves, Secretary (Champion, Equestrian Studies), Kaylin Donley, Treasurer (Newton Falls, Veterinary Science), Alexandria Hoff, President (Mathews, Veterinary Science), Madison Powell, Vice President (Newton Falls, Veterinary Science), Josh Otto, Plant Manager (Darling Ingredients), Brian Conaway, General Manager (Darling Ingredients), Zachary Zimbardi, Sentinel (Liberty, Equestrian Studies), Max DeSalvo, Sentinel (Howland, Landscape Design & Technology)

Prep Bowl Team Advances to Final Rounds of County Competition

The Lakeview Middle School fifth and sixth grade Prep Bowl team participated in the county-wide competition on Saturday, March 4 at Lordstown High School. Our Bulldogs advanced into the final rounds of competition. Those competing were: Cece D., Isabel M., Hunter B., Joey C., Tristan S., and Colin S. Even though they did not place, they did beat the Champion team, which meant LMS Principal Mrs. Handrych's husband, who works at Champion, had to wear

blue and white to work! Great work team, thank you for representing Lakeview with pride!



Joey C., Cece D., Isabel M., Hunter B., Tristan S., and Advisor Miss Carbone (not pictured: Colin S. - team alternate)

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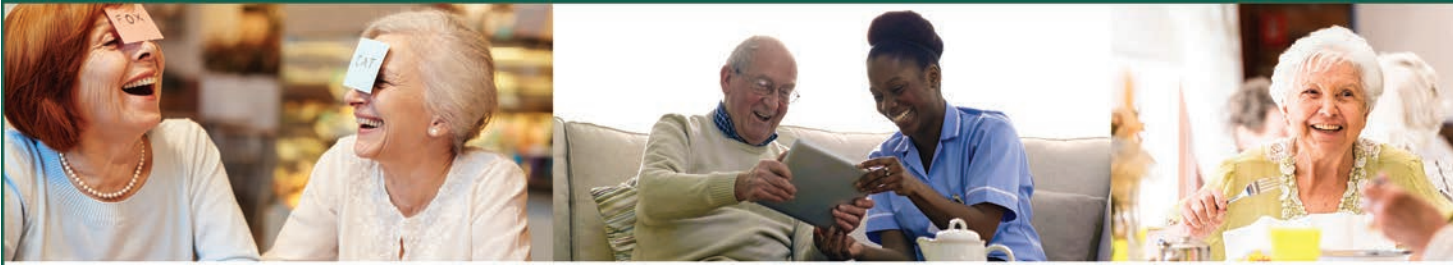
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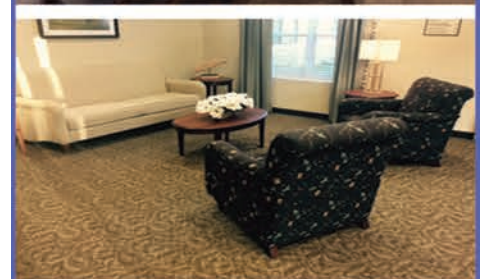
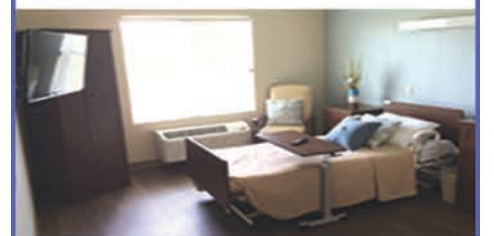
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