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Home and Garden Spring 2022

Welcome Spring!

By Sally Lane

What is your favorite season? An informal survey among adult friends concludes that Spring and Fall are tied as favorites, while Summer takes top rating among children. I think we are all tired of Winter right now.

It is the last day of March as I write this column. Snow is

predicted, the daffodils are up, but not opened, I can hardly wait! If I had to name my favorite part of spring, daffodils win hands down. We have many walkers around our block, and I receive wonderful comments about "my" daffodils. What these people don't know is that I did not plant them! A green thumb I do not have.

When my husband and I chose his hometown to raise our family, we looked at the newest development at the time - Shepherd's Hill. In 1979, the house was barely three years old. The family that sold us the house told us about the daffodils in the spring, but I wasn't prepared for the large flower garden in our side yard. There were tulips also, but the squirrels ate all those bulbs over the years and left the daffodils. I was delighted with the large swath of those beautiful yellow flowers. They are one of the most special Spring treats every year.

Besides the daffodils, though, Spring in Cortland is truly wonderful. There is happiness in the air as the children play, neighbors pause to talk while walking their dogs. It's time

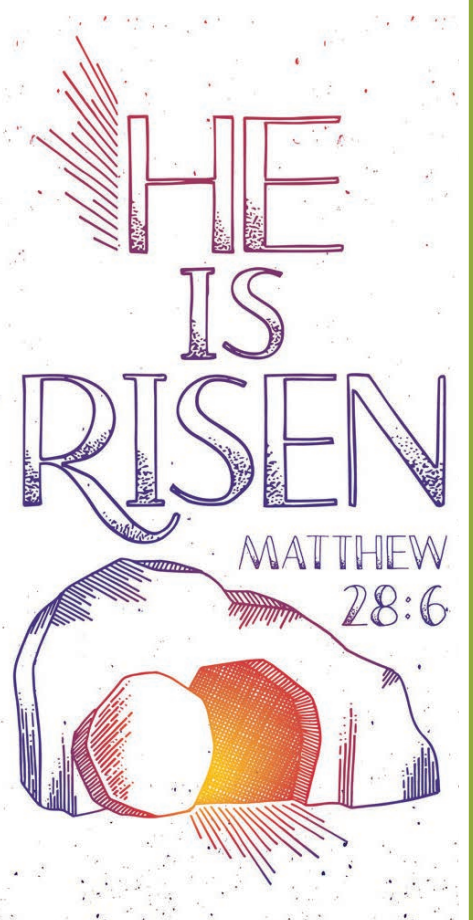
to wash the car, pack away the sleds, load up the golf clubs, enjoy watching sunsets over Mosquito Lake, buy ice cream cones and prepare for grilling season.

Spring also brings back the birds that had migrated in the fall. Red-winged blackbirds balance on cattails in wet spots. Meadowlarks perch on country fences as they look for nesting spots. Wrens and bluebirds search for the birdhouses we put out for them.

Warblers are in their brightest plumage in the spring. They are small birds with an abundance of energy. Several kinds of warblers nest here, but many others continue their migrations to Canada. Look for nature photos online by our own wildlife photographer Nick Kerosky. They are truly outstanding. We hope you enjoyed both his and Richard States photograph displays at Lake Vista.

This issue is packed with ideas for Home and Garden. Besides those ideas, we also have an interesting article about raising Monarch butterflies by Louann Andres.

Happy Spring!



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Our theme will be *Mother's Day*

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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

Event Calendar April 9 – April 30

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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.

APRIL

- 10 **Palm Sunday Worship**, Cortland Methodist, followed by Palm Sunday Brunch
- 11, 18, 25 **Bible-n-Burger**, Cortland Methodist, 12:30 pm
- 11, 18, 25 **SCOPE: Arthritis exercise** with Sally 10-11; Gentle yoga with Roe 12-1; Bingo 1-3
- 12, 19, 26 **Sister Act**, Cortland Methodist, 2 pm
- 12, 19, 26 **SCOPE: Line dance** with Jan 10-11:30; Chair yoga with Kathy 11-12; Tai Chi with Mallory 12:30-1:30
- 13 **Beginning Bible study** in the book of Ruth, Journey Christian Church, 6 PM
- 13, 20, 27 **SCOPE: Arthritis exercise** with Sally 10- 11; Gentle yoga with Roe 12-1
- 13, 20, 27 **Bible study**, Cortland Christian Church, 6-8
- 14, 21, 28 **SCOPE: Cards** 9- 10; Tai Chi with Mallory 12:30-1:30
- 15 **Good Friday Service**, hosted by the LOAF Churches of Cortland, 7pm, at Cortland United Methodist
- 15 **SCOPE: 9-10 Cards; Line dance** with Dori 12:30-2:30
- 21 **Vacation Bible School meeting**, Cortland Christian Church, 10 am
- 21 **TCTC Community Night**, 6-8 pm
- 23 **Annual Spring Fund Raiser Auction**, Benefits the Building Fund, Journey Christian Church, 3 PM
- 29, 30 **Cortland Methodist Book Sale** on Friday, 29 from 9-5 and Saturday, 30 from 9 - 1

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Cortland Playroom still has some openings for the Fall semester. But hurry, they are filling up fast.

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Cortland Lanes is starting their 9 Pin No Tap League on April 27. Kids at 4:30 and Adults 6:30. 3 person teams. CO-ED, 8 weeks long, Awards & Banquet, 9 Pin = Strike.

Mayflower-Wollam Insurance has been serving the area for 100 years! They are the local agency that is dedicated to serving us.

Girt's Cortland Music 101 has a band instrument rental program that just can't be beat. And they offer lessons at very affordable prices.

Mark Thomas Ford tells us that you can pre order your truck or car and get exactly what you want. See a sales rep for details.

Auntie V's Pizza is closed Easter Sunday and all Tuesdays. That still leaves lots of days to order her delicious pizza.

Action Physical Therapy is the place to go after surgery or if you have an injury. Trained local professionals here to help you.

Guidelight Financial Group tells us that now is the time to start planning for your taxes next year.

MD Denna Heating & Cooling is who to call to check out you're A/C unit. Summer is around the corner so get on their list now.

Progressive Landscape is already booking for summer projects. I have a couple of friends that have already booked them. One for a drainage/trenching issue and another for a new patio. They have done both for me and I highly recommend them.

Cortland Lions Club Community News

The Cortland Lions Club met recently and Judy Young, District Governor, inducted three new members into our Club: Heidi Harper, Steve Means and Patrick McFall. We are pleased to have these new members and they have already volunteered to serve on various committees, sharing their time and talents in serving our community.

During our meeting we discussed the rising costs for products that will affect our French Fry Trailer this year. We try to hold the line on our prices however this year is a challenge as fry oil is up 200%, ketchup up 42%, bottled water up 40%, paper products up 35%, potatoes up 35% etc.

Our Scholarship Committee has been receiving and evaluating our Scholarship applications. We plan on awarding Five, \$1,000 Scholarships-this Spring.

We are actively involved in the upcoming Scrap Drive to support the Cortland Parks & Recreation "Safety City Project" which benefits area children. The Cortland Lions Club members will be manning the dumpsters in Willow Park Friday April 15th from Noon to 5 PM and Saturday April 16th from 9 AM - 4 PM to accept your scrap items. Our Lions Club has partnered with Cortland resident and owner Ryan Stan of NEO Junk Removal. Please support this worthwhile project.

Local Churches Good Friday and Easter Services

As of press time the following local churches announced their Good Friday and Easter Service schedule.

• **The LOAF Churches of Cortland** will host a Good Friday Service April 15th at 7pm at Cortland United Methodist

• **Calvary Bible Church in Cortland** Easter Early service 8:00 AM. Followed by a complimentary breakfast at 8:30. Resurrection Service at 9:30.

• **Cortland United Methodist Church** Maundy Thursday 4/14 @ 7 pm; Good Friday 4/15 @ 7 pm; Easter Sunrise 4/17 @ 6:30 am @ Mosquito Lake Beach area; Easter @ 9:30 am @ Cortland UMC

• **Journey Christian Church** Good Friday 4/15 Services at 6 pm; Easter Service 4/17 @ 10 AM

An Open Letter to the Community

On behalf of the Vasilios family, we would like to thank all the great customers of Cortland and surrounding areas for their support following the death of Chris Tambures, our founder, father and husband. We thank all of you who sent cards, food and made contributions to our church in his honor. We will always be grateful for this community. Chris always believed in giving back to the community in various ways and we will continue his legacy. Thank you for welcoming us over 40 years ago and giving our hard-working father an opportunity. He would have been humbled by the outpouring of support. We look forward to serving you in the future!

With love and appreciation,
The Vasilios Family

Bazetta Firefighters participate in "Polar Plunge"

By Rob Wasser, BFD

On March 19th, Bazetta firefighters participated in the 2022 Mosquito Creek Reservoir "Polar Plunge". The event is sponsored and used as a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Many plungers from around the area joined in the fun to brave the cold water to raise money for such a worthy cause. Bazetta firefighters and police officers are always at this event to ensure safety and security of all the participants.

This particular year didn't have as large of a turn out as it usually draws. All of those that participated had a great time, no one reported any injuries or had need for EMS. One of the plungers named Minnie, pictured with Bazetta Police Chief, Chris Herlinger has participated in this event for many years. She always wears her classic dark blue bikini with white polka dots. Being a senior citizen doesn't stop her from getting in the water to help do her part for this fundraiser. She is a true gem and this year she received the "golden plunger" award. This award is given to the participant who raises the most money for the event.



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Simple Tips to Attract Hummingbirds to Your Yard

(Family Features) Throughout the warmer months, many backyards play host to a variety of birds, including hummingbirds. When you see flowers and trees begin to bud and bloom and other migrating birds, like warblers, that's nature's way of letting you know it's time to ready your yard for hummingbirds.

It's enchanting watching hummingbirds - named for the humming sound of their fast-flapping wings - as their tiny size and speed make them natural wonders. Hummingbirds can fly 25-30 miles per hour, flapping their wings an estimated 70 times per second. They fly in every direction, even backwards, which only hummers can do, and float majestically in midair.

The birds get their brilliant color from the iridescence in the arrangement of their feathers, not color pigment. Plus, they have the fastest metabolism of any animal on Earth, burning 1-2 times their body weight in food daily. Hummingbirds draw nectar from its source into their mouths, lapping it up almost 12 times per second.

To increase your chances of observing these petite powerhouses at home, consider these tips from the experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products:

Be conscious of beneficial insects. Hummingbirds rely on insects, which provide essential protein, to complement the nectar they crave. To attract insects, try placing rotting fruit near feeders and leave it until insects arrive for hummers' easy eats.

Leave spiderwebs alone: Hummingbirds use spiderwebs as construction material to hold their nests together and pluck insects caught in the webbing.

Offer a water mister: Hummingbirds adore bathing; a mister gives them the fine spray they prefer. Once soaked, they're off to find a preening perch.

Provide tiny perches. Leave small, sturdy, bare branches for hummingbirds, to perch on for rest, preening and hunting. Perches provide vantage points to see danger and launching pads to swiftly pounce on insects. Once hummingbirds find a favorite perch, they'll use it repeatedly.

Hang hummingbird feeders first. Feeders are one of the most effective ways to consistently entice and encourage hummingbirds to come visit. However, not all feeders are created equal. For example, Cole's Hummer High Rise Feeder is scientifically designed with elevated perches to make hummingbirds feel safe and comfortable, which encourages their consistent return.



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Hummingbirds are territorial and not likely to share feeders, so hang multiple feeders far enough apart to attract more birds. To ensure a steady stream of birds, hang feeders in the shade to avoid fermentation of sugar-based liquids, check feeders bi-weekly to keep food fresh and clean feeders as needed with one part white vinegar to four parts water.

Plant flowers. Trumpet honeysuckle, bee balm and sage plants are particularly attractive to hummingbirds and provide rich nectar. Hummingbirds consume 1 1/2 times their body weight daily, eating every 10-15 minutes and visiting 1,000-2,000 flowers per day.

Choose the right nectar. Not all nectar is alike, and hummingbirds can taste the difference. Almost all commercial nectars contain one sugar source - sucrose - because it's cheaper to make. However, real flower nectar contains three sugar sources - sucrose, fructose and glucose - in varying amounts depending on the flower.

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What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Scrap Day Fundraiser for Safety City
 - April 15th, Noon to 5 p.m. and April 16th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Willow Park
 Cortland Parks and Recreation wants to build 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 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 has already donated \$15,000. 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. 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. Please 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 and businesses in the Cortland area. NEO Junk will pick up your metal scrap items from your driveway, garage or outbuilding but will not enter your home. You may call 330-219-4879 to arrange to have scrap picked up.

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.

Republic Services Spring Clean Up is April 28th and April 29th. Items will be collected with your regular garbage pickup.

Cortland Welcome Bags:

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 contain 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 the Cortland businesses and organizations.

The City wishes to continue this tradition with your support. 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 by Wednesday, April 13, 20. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Horn at (330) 638-0142 or email her at rhorn@cityofcortland.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.
 Cortland City Council

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. If you are a beekeeper, call (330) 637-3011 to be put on the No Spray List.

Supply Drive for K - 8 teachers April 1st to May 5th. Drop off items at Lakeview Elementary.

Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Opal Chapter #181 OES at the Cortland Masonic Lodge. Saturday, April 9th from 4 - 6:30. Adults \$8, children under 12 - \$3, & under 5 are free. Dine in or take out.

The Cortland Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Lions Building.

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A Place Like A Garden

Rest and reflection occur often in places like a garden. A garden is one of the most peaceful scenes us humans can enjoy. There is little wonder of why God placed Adam and Eve in a garden for them to live.

The season of Lent now comes to a close and the celebration of Easter is at hand. Lent has been a time of self-examination, spiritual growth, and seeking a deeper relationship with God. Perhaps it is now time for us to take what we have studied on our own and what we have learned in our churches these past 40 days and meditate upon our Father in Heaven who sent His Only begotten Son to die on a cross for our sin. Perhaps it is time for us to pray unto the LORD in the place where His Son willingly accepted what He must

do to save us. Jesus, the Christ, went to a garden to be alone with His Father. He went to the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed to His Heavenly Father that the Father's Will be done, in Matthew 26. Knowing what He would endure at the cross, Jesus sought the Father.

Whether in a garden or not you, too, can seek the Father. Sometimes we need a place to go to - to reflect upon our life circumstances and to remember that we are not going through this life alone. The Father has sent His Son to us, and His Son has given us the very Spirit of God to dwell with us. Sometimes we need a quiet place to remember this simple truth and to go to our loving Heavenly Father in prayer. A place like a garden.

It was a glorious April day, when my dog Lucy and I went for a late afternoon walk. At a house, not far from ours, was a sight I look forward to each spring. Along the front of the property, a row of yellow daffodils blooms every year. After the snow and cold winds of winter, it's a beautiful sight to see the sunny blossoms dancing in the spring breeze. What an uplifting sign that winter is over!

The daffodils that I so anticipate every spring symbolize rebirth and new beginnings. This is because the daffodils are one of the first perennials to bloom after the winter. Spring daffodils are a resilient offering of hope and a sign of new life.

The same can be said of life lived in the power of your resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. The forgiveness freely offered by Jesus is perennial. The forgiveness

of Jesus offers you hope and a new life. No matter how broken, no matter how fallen, no matter how sinful your life may be, Jesus forgives you. Through the life-giving will of God, the Father, in Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

As we approach the season of Easter, may the delightful sight of daffodils dancing in the spring breeze remind you of the life changing power of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior. Be assured that your past doesn't define your future when you're open to experiencing the hope and new life that is yours through the resurrection power of the Risen Christ.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1Peter 1:3).

United Methodist Church April Events

- 10 Palm Sunday Worship followed by Palm Sunday Brunch
- 11 Bible-n-Burger, 12:30 pm
- 12 Sister Act, 2 pm
- 14 Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
- 14 AA Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 15 Good Friday @ 7 pm
- 17 Easter Sunrise, Mosquito Lake Beach area, 6:30 am
- 17 Easter, 9:30 am
- 18 Bible-n-Burger, 12:30 pm
- 19 UMWomen, 10 am; Sister Act, 10 am
- 21 VBS meeting at Cortland Christian, 10 am; AA Meeting, 10 am
- 25 Bible-n-Burger, 12:30 pm
- 26 Sister Act, 2 pm
- 28 AA Meeting, 7:30 pm

Events at Journey Christian Church

Journey Christian Church invites everyone to our Good Friday Services at 6 pm April 15th. Join Pastor Matt as we look at the last words Jesus spoke from the cross and we will share Communion together. We also look forward to seeing you at our 10 AM Easter Service April 17.

- We invite you to these other events.
- April 13, 6 PM, Beginning Bible study in the book of Ruth
 - April 23, 3 PM, Annual Spring Fund Raiser Auction - Benefits the Building Fund
 - April 24, 9:15 AM, Membership Class, 10 AM Sunday Morning Service

Attention Book Lovers

Cortland United Methodist is having a book Sale on Friday, April 29 from 9 am until 5 pm and Saturday, April 30th from 9 am until 1 pm at the Church. Also being sold are puzzles, games, and CDs. If you have any gently used books, puzzles, games, or CD's you would like to donate for the sale bring them to the church Monday thru Friday from 9 am until 1 pm. thru the 25th.

VBS Meeting

There is a Vacation Bible School meeting at Cortland Christian Church on Thursday, April 21st at 10 am. If you would like to help with VBS you are invited to attend the meeting.

Calvary Bible Church Easter Service

Calvary Bible Church in Cortland invites you to join us on Easter Sunday. We have an early service 8:00 AM. followed by a complimentary breakfast at 8:30. We invite you to stay for our Resurrection Sunday service at 9:30. If you have questions, please contact the church office at (330) 638-3710.


LOAF Community Good Friday Service

The LOAF churches of Cortland will be hosting a Good Friday Service on April 15th at 7pm at Cortland United Methodist Church on North High Street. The entire community is invited to this service.



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 Reverend David Vensel, Presiding

Who Is This Jesus? Class



Fifteen people participated in, Who Is This Jesus?, a free 8-week class about the greatest person who ever lived! Pastor Dan Barker led class participants in an investigation of what the Bible says about the identity of Jesus. It included the incredible claims Jesus made about His own identity and the incredible things He said He would accomplish for mankind in His death and resurrection. Participants also investigated the eyewitness accounts in the four Gospels of those who walked with Jesus, heard the incredible things He taught, saw Him die and saw Him alive again.

Each session included time for group discussion and personal

application. Doughnuts and coffee and a casual atmosphere made learning a fun experience.

Author James Francis describes the far-reaching influence of Jesus in his poem, *One Solitary Life*, saying, "All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as much as that *One Solitary Life*."

The class took place at the Cortland Public Library each Thursday at noon during March and April. For more information about future classes, contact Pastor Barker at 330-637-1421.



Prince of Peace Chili Cook-Off

On Saturday, March 12, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church held its annual Chili Cook-Off. In a nutshell, a good time was had by all! There were 13 pots of chili, 12 from members and one by a visitor, Theresa Hutton. There were various side dishes such as salad, chips, cheese, cookies and more. Nearing the end, a vote was taken to determine the winners. There was loud applause for all! The winners were: 1st Place - Karen and Fritz Poese; 2nd Place - Brian Bachman; 3rd Place - Becky Vensel. They were each presented with the appropriate medal, gold, silver, and bronze. Admission was free but generous donations were made for Outreach purposes.

United Women In Faith's Red Bag Mission

The Women of United Women in Faith (formerly the United Methodist Women) started their Red Bag Mission in November 2012 when we designed and placed our first order for bags. We distributed the bags at church in early 2013. We encouraged each family to take a bag to fill with non-perishable food items or household products and asked that the bags be brought to church on the first Sunday of each month. The items in the bags go to the Cortland Area Cares Food Pantry. Many of us have found the easiest way to remember our bags is to place them in our kitchen and put items in them through-out the month.

When you bring them to Cortland United Methodist Church, on N High St., you can take them upstairs to the sanctuary or if you prefer you may leave them on the counter at the north door on the counter or floor. For more information contact the church office.



The Corner Abbey Community Center Opens



Nestled away in Vernon Twp. is a new Community Center, The Corner Abbey. Everyone is welcome to join in and enjoy the benefits.

The focus is on Holistic Health which is a multifaceted approach to wellness. It recognizes the whole person: physical, mental, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual. What a better way to do that than in community with others?

Being in a community creates a

sense of belonging. It makes us feel connected to something greater than ourselves. There is so much power in connection! And their goal is to see people create lasting connections that inspire them to be healthy, happy and fulfilled.

They offer a variety of classes and events by individual local experts in a wide variety of options. See page 10 for a more indepth schedule.

New classes and events will be evolving continuously. Contact Kristy & Scott Edgar at 234-228-0032, thecornerabbey.com or their facebook page: The Corner Abbey. The Center is located at 6123 St. Rt. 7 in Kinsman.

Save The Date - Mitch & Cindy's Bluegrass Jamboree May 27th - 29th

Cortland's Family Friendly Festival returns May 27 thru 29 at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. The event was not able to be held the last two years due to the pandemic. But it is back this year and is bigger and better than ever!!

Some of the Bands performing will be: The Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Hammertowne, John R Bowman, Clay Hess Band, Drive Time plus many more. Other entertainment includes Live Bluegrass Karaoke on Friday. On Saturday, David Harvey will present "The Early History of Gibson." This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the depth and breadth of these profound early Gibson Instruments

from the early 1900's. They include Mandolins, Guitars Fiddles and Banjos and will be a show and tell experience with a question and answer session. On Sunday there will be a church service with preaching and gospel music.

Camping is available with water. Electric, 30 Amp RV Plug and a Dump Station. Food Vendors will be there all weekend. Music starts on Friday rain or shine. The Fairgrounds have a new pavilion and rest rooms with clean showers.

For information and tickets please call 330-770-9511 or 330-770-9515 or log onto MitchandCindysBlueGrass.com.

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LHS Sports Entertainment and Marketing Class Designs Cereal Ads

The 2022 Winter Olympics provided some inspiration for our LHS Sports Entertainment and Marketing class. Students were recently tasked with creating their own Wheaties cereal box featuring an athlete from the most recent Olympic games. Each student was given a different sport to research and select an athlete from. They then used images of the athlete and various logos to create



LHS students Gianna Caruso and Mason Littleton work to create a cereal box campaign using an Olympic athlete.



LHS students Isabella Shuster and Mackenzie Morrison work to create a cereal box campaign using an Olympic athlete.

a cereal box design that is in line with the Wheaties marketing campaign of "Breakfast of Champions." This semester-long Sports Entertainment and Marketing course is open to juniors and seniors and provides students with a foundation of basic marketing principles through the world of sport and entertainment. Students experience planning, marketing, financing, leading, and organizing sports and entertainment organizations, events, and facilities.

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Velina J. Taylor



As the days grow longer, migrating birds return, and buds form on our trees, our thoughts turn to gardening and the great outdoors. At the K-8 building that is certainly true for our students. You may know our beautiful new building is home to a one-of-a-kind rooftop garden area that everyone loves to visit. Students and their teachers love the chance to work with their hands, plant things, and watch them grow. Thanks to the generosity of our Cortland Rotary Club, we have a shed to house the tools and equipment needed to allow our students to have ready access to this hands-on learning space. The garden area also provides a great place for classes to learn academic lessons while outside. Often students and their teachers can be found up there reading or participating in small group collaborative projects.

It doesn't have to be spring for our students to experience the joy of seeing things they've planted grow, however. In our middle school STEM class, our students plant and care for vegetables in their classroom thanks to the hydroponic gardening system they have in place. This system allows them to grow plants from seeds without the need for soil. All the nutrients needed for healthy plants are added to the water, and the grow lights provide the final piece to allow for success in their horticultural endeavors. Recently, the STEM students were able to sample

various types of lettuce that they grew including iceberg and romaine.

Even when we are not busy growing things, our students get opportunities to be outside once the weather breaks to enjoy the blessings of spring. Our middle school students can opt to walk during their lunch break and our elementary students get to visit their playground to revel in the fresh air, just to mention a couple of options available. In addition, our district is proud to offer a land lab that provides yet another outdoor option for learning. The lab, located on Wilson-Sharpville Road, is gradually being improved each year with the hopes that one day it will be a far more frequently visited location for our students. While at the land lab, students have participated in exploration, cider making, maple tree tapping and syrup making. There's much potential there that we look forward to offering to our students.



LES Pawsitive Students

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



March 7-11:

Izabella H., Connor M., Grant K., Hannah D., Kylee H., Connor P., Emily W., Sutton P., Kinsey D., Tess I.



March 21-25:

Madison W., Penny B., Lily B., Halle L., Eva B., Hadley S., Aubrey D., Ella M., Mara M., and Jayden D.



March 21-25:

Camdan S., Damen F., Connor P., Elinor C., Jason W., Michaela B., Ryder M., & Max M.



March 28 - April 1:

Levi B., Brooklyn M., Sienna B., Gianna O., Jack S., Emmalin P., Toby W.



ROTC Trip

Some LHS ROTC students visited the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, Ohio on Friday, March 25. Here they are posing in front of the famous WWII Bomber "Memphis Belle". Pictured are Mikala Hipple, Ava Hipple, Jasmine Baker, Mason Pratt, Anna Kelly, Ty Neiswonger, Layton Aiello, and Stephen Grandon.

Maplewood Girls Varsity Basketball

The Maplewood Girls Varsity ended their season 15-10, 11-5 NAC, and District Runner Up. Senior Marissa Ventura received Div. IV State recognition with Special Mention and senior Baylie Starcher received Honorable Mention. All-Trumbull

Awards: 1st Team - Marissa Ventura, 2nd Team - Baylie Starcher, Hannah Gaylog & Abbey Nay. NAC Awards: 1st Team - Marissa Ventura, 2nd Team - Baylie Starcher, Honorable Mention - Hannah Gaylog & Abbey Nay. Congratulations on a job well done!



Coach Stephanie Pykare, Marissa Ventura, Jordyn Domes, Hannah Gaylog, Abbey Nay, Baylie Starcher, Assistant Coach Tara Gladd.
Kneeling: Haley Agardi, Madyson Cikosh, Abby Dority.



Baylie Starcher taking it to the basket.



Marissa Ventura beating the defense.

TCTC Students Win at State Leadership Conference

Students from TCTC placed first, second, and third at the 2022 Ohio Business Professionals of America (BPA) Conference. TCTC's first and second place state winners will advance to the 2022 National Leadership Competition taking place later this year in Dallas.

BPA is a career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology, and other related career fields. Students are presented with opportunities to learn and achieve

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Lakeview Schools Levy Town Hall Meeting

A Lakeview Schools Levy Town Hall Meeting was held Thursday, April 7. A second date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Lakeview High School Auditorium. This meeting is tentative since the state is still trying to figure out what to do about elections since the maps are all currently not approved. More information is available on the Levy FB page: Lakeview Levy Committee - Lakeview Local Schools.



Cortland Playroom

The children in Miss Mary Ann's Green Room at Cortland Playroom enjoy a snack after learning about their favorite books. The school offers programs where the children learn through play time and lessons.



L-R are Charli, Milo, Chase, Hayden, Kareem, Alex, Anna, Jaxson, Myles and Lillian

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- **Our Performance Zone, garage style gym,** features an elliptical, treadmill, Olympic squat rack, pulley machine, recumbent bike and more. Monthly memberships are available.

- **Cultivated Health-Holistic Health Education & Coaching** by Kristy Edgar, Holistic Health Coach. A holistic approach by a supportive mentor who works to educate, encourage lifestyle changes

- **Occupational Therapy, Keri Overly-Wear, OTR/L, CLT.** Addressing age appropriate skills, life skills to address the whole child. Small group, individual hands-on. Call 330.647.0558.

- **Amber Conley, COTA/L Health and Wellness Educator.** My passion is the health, safety and well-being both physically and mentally of the aging population in our communities.

- **Jennifer Flowers, Relaxation Massage Practitioner.** Relaxation Massage is beneficial to our physical body, our mind, and our spirit.

- **Dr. Megan Markley, NHP is a doctor of naturopathic medicine** who utilizes all her homemade homeopathic products to achieve holistic health. Walk-ins welcome. See website for details lselfhealing.com

- **Ukulele Lessons** are being offered on Saturday mornings at 9 AM for children and adults alike! Ukuleles will be provided!!

- **Pilates with Anna,** Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am, Class fee \$10

- **Kim Frei - Yoga Teacher Zenwind Yoga Practice,** Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:15 pm, Class fee \$10

- **Chalk Couture™ with Nicki.** Call Corner Abbey for details, next class: Wednesday, May 4, 6:30- 7:30 PM. Chalk Couture™ is revolutionizing high-end DIY home décor!

- **Leslie Woodward, Certified Personal Trainer & Certified**

Nutritionist. Total Body Tone with Leslie, Mondays 6-7 pm, Class fee \$10

- **Holistic Health Support Group,** Monday, April 25th, 7-8 PM

- **Country Heat Live** Tuesdays 6-7 pm, High-energy, low-impact, country dance-inspired workout. Class fee \$10

- **The Science of Holistic Health** Saturday, April 9, 10-11 AM, Class fee \$20 and includes a kitchen tool guide with tips, a meal planning sheet and recipes for healthy easy meals.

- **Pour It Out - Expressive Creations.** 1st Monday monthly, 6:30-8. A space allowing children to freely express themselves through art. A constructive way to release emotions, anxiety, and stress. Ages: 5-17. Kids will be encouraged to get messy so dress appropriately. \$10 donation per child/per class. **MUST REGISTER** - Please call Tracy Omerzo 330.647.8378 - Deadline one week prior to class.

- **Non-Toxic Living,** Monday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 pm, Learn about chemicals and toxins in our daily products. Class Fee \$10

- **Brianne Howard- Yoga instructor and Master Reiki practitioner.** Mindful Parenting Support. Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm

- **BodyWise Yoga** Saturdays 9:30-10:30 am, Adult yoga, Class Fee \$10
- **Mini Moves Yoga,** Saturdays 11-11:45 am, Yoga for kids age 6-12, Class fee \$10

- **Growing A Healthy Garden** Saturday, April 23, 10 am-12 pm, Class fee \$5

- **Melissa Pucak, Physical Therapist** By creating fun themed classes, Melissa hopes to work with parents and their kiddos to develop healthy strategies for their bodies and minds

- **Anna McDowell, Certified personal trainer and certified pre and postnatal coach.** Group fitness classes, certified in senior fitness, yoga, and pilates. Specialize in strength training of all levels.

- Visit www.thecornerabbey.com for upcoming classes.

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When Do I Need to Sign Up for Medicare?

You are eligible to receive Medicare Insurance if you are age 65 or older, are under 65 with a qualifying disability, or at any age with a diagnosis of end-stage renal disease or ALS. If you collect Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits prior to turning 65 you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare and receive your Medicare card in the mail. If you are not receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits you will need to enroll in Medicare unless you or your spouse are working for an employer with 20 or more employees and have credible coverage through that employer's insurance plan.

In general, you have a seven-month period to sign up for Medicare Insurance. This seven-month period begins three months prior to your birthday month, includes your birthday month and ends three months after your birthday month. If you turn 65 in April, you have from January through July to enroll without penalties. If you are covered by an employer plan with 20 or more employees you are not required to sign up for Medicare until you retire or lose that coverage however, when you are ready to enroll in Medicare you will need to provide proof that you have had credible coverage to avoid any potential penalties.

Part A of Medicare insurance covers inpatient services such as hospital stays and skilled nursing facilities. Most people qualify for Part A with no

premium as long as you or your spouse made payroll contributions to Social Security for at least 10 years. You can sign up for only Part A at age 65 and delay signing up for Part B until you leave credible employer coverage. In this situation the employer coverage remains the primary insurance.

Part B of Medicare covers outpatient services. There are monthly premium costs for Part B. For 2022 most people will pay \$170.10 per month but this amount can vary based on income. For those with very low income and assets it may be reduced and those with higher incomes may have a higher premium due to the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA.

If you are covered under an employer plan it is a good idea to look at the costs of that plan compared to the costs of Medicare insurance. Depending on the amount of monthly premium you are responsible to contribute for the employer coverage along with the deductible and maximum out of pockets costs, Medicare Insurance may or may not be a better option. Every individual situation is different. Your insurance agent will be able to help you compare your options.

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

Cortland Lions Street Fair Updates

The Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Parade Chairwoman, Daynelle Sanner, reports the theme for the 2022 Street Fair Parade will be "Parade of the Decades." This theme, travelling through time, will allow participants to be creative in choosing a decade they would like to represent. Participants have many options including the Roaring 20's, Art and Entertainment of the 30's and 40's, Fashion and Inspiration of the 50's and 60's, Pop Culture and more from the 80's, 90's and today. Participants are encouraged to use their imagination, tell a story and take us through time. ALL entries must be registered. For a Registration Form send an email to:

cortlandstreetfairparade@gmail.com. DEADLINE for all entries is Thursday July 7. Each participant is permitted one vehicle, for any additional vehicles there will be \$50 charge.

Sponsorship Opportunities, for the Parade, are also available for \$50 per vehicle and will lead the Parade as well as receive a Marketing Package for their sponsorship. For additional information please contact: cortlandstreetfairparade@gmail.com.

Would you like an opportunity to be a contestant in the Miss Cortland or Little Miss Cortland 2022 at the Street Fair? The contests will be held the first day of the Cortland Street Fair, Thursday July 21.

To enter your daughter in the Little Miss Cortland contest the qualifications are: limited to the first 16 girls to apply, be between 6 & 10 years old, live within the Cortland mailing address and complete the application requirements. You must attend a mandatory meeting and practice session. There is a \$25 application fee.

Winner of the Miss Cortland contest will receive \$500 and the runner up will receive \$250. Qualifications are: contestants must be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year or be a 2022 Graduate and live within the Cortland mailing address to be eligible to apply. You attend a mandatory meeting and practice session.

For information or an application please contact: Queen Chairwoman Lisa Marsco 330-727-2218.

Teaching Children How to Protect Birds in Your Backyard

(StatePoint) Part of being a good environmental steward is passing on this wisdom to the next generation. Here are three hands-on ways parents and grandparents can teach children to protect the birds in their very own backyard.

Build a Bird Feeder Build bird

feeders using natural or recycled materials to teach two earth-friendly lessons in one: the importance of reducing waste and the need to take care of local wildlife. Bird feeders can be crafted from milk cartons, tin cans, mason jars or even natural materials like pinecones. As you decorate your

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TCTC Students Win at State Leadership Conference...continued from page 8

through skills competitions at the local, state, and national levels.

The state competition took place at the Hyatt Regency Columbus Convention Center on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11. The awards ceremony was held on Friday where junior and senior students from TCTC's Interactive Multimedia and Web Design and Application Development programs earned the following:

1st Place - Podcast Production Team

- Porfirio Torres, Senior, Southington Chalker HS
- Hayden Muncy, Senior, Newton Falls High School
- Brooke Whittaker, Senior, Newton Falls High School
- Jade Maloney, Senior, Niles McKinley High School

2nd Place - Python Programming

- Luke Conaway, Senior, Southington Chalker HS

2nd Place - Digital Media Production

- Kady McClain, Senior, Howland High School

3rd Place - User Experience Design Team

- Andrea Angel, Senior, Warren G. Harding H Lakeview High School
- Emma Ross, Senior, Champion High School
- Tara Wertz, Senior, Warren G. Harding High School

"We have an extremely dedicated group of students and instructors who invest a great deal of time preparing for these meaningful competitions," said TCTC program supervisor Rachel Gensburg. "Our students did a fantastic job, and we are excited to see them move on to represent us on a national level. This is a great opportunity for the students to build upon the skills and experiences they acquire at our school."

TCTC's first ever Community Night

TCTC is planning a Community Night on Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 6-8 pm to share all the amazing things TCTC offers to the community for all ages. The community night is a family friendly event for ALL "We welcome local businesses and organizations to join us for the event to share what they too have to offer the community. If you are interested in setting up a station, doing something new and creative, or simply hang-out for the evening, please contact us at 330-847-0503" said Koula Glaros-Ross of TCTC.

"The theme is 'Let us support the community as we support each other!'" said Glaros-Ross. "We want to help local businesses connect with Trumbull County residents, who have supported our school for the past four decades, but many have not had the chance to see our facility and all that we have to offer in person."

The idea is to show TCTC's appreciation to Trumbull County residents and keep them informed of the opportunities they offer. The event will include activities, demonstrations and information that highlights the students, the school and the communities in which we live. Food trucks and concessions will be available for individuals to purchase something to eat as well.

As a valued member of our community who also benefits from a strong relationship with those who live in Trumbull County, TCTC would like to invite you to be part of this exciting evening to promote your business or organization and all that you can offer. In addition to physical mailings, this evening will be advertised on social media, online and through TV and radio commercials. Flyers will also be shared with our twenty Trumbull County school districts.

TCTC Students Create and Launch Strategic Distracted Driving Campaign and Event

Car crashes are the #1 cause of death for young people in America, and 75% of them do not involve drugs or alcohol; most fatal teen crashes involve reckless and distracted driving. Students of Trumbull Career & Technical Center's Interactive Multimedia program will create and launch a strategic distracted driving campaign to help fight this preventable health epidemic.

The campaign is part of the Just Drive Contest sponsored by New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company (NJM) and hosted by the national nonprofit, Impact Teen Drivers (ITD), whose vision is to change the driving culture to one that is distraction-free. ITD works with champions of all ages and backgrounds—from students and teachers to doctors and first responders—to disseminate evidence-based tools and programming to empower good decision-making in the car.

The student campaign will run from Monday, April 11, to Thursday,

April 14. The campaign includes several topics that focus on the major causes of distracted driving and ways to cultivate better driving habits. The campaign aims to promote a Just Drive event that will take place at the Trumbull Career & Technical Center on Thursday, April 14, from 8:20 am - 1:40 pm.

The event will start following a school-wide morning live stream with special guests from Just Drive and Connor's story. Throughout the day, students at the career center will have the opportunity to participate in activities to learn about the dangers of distracted driving and experience activities provided by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Prizes are being donated by local agencies to support student participation at the event.

Join us to help share this important announcement and create a safer community by raising awareness about the number one killer of young people. For more information on the Just Drive Contest, visit <https://justdrivepsa.com/>.

Lakeview Students Lose Without Levy

No one questions the value of Lakeview's educational system. Academics, visual and performing arts and athletics are realms in which our students consistently outperform in the state and county. The 6.8 mill-operating levy on the ballot May 3rd is necessary to ensure the continued success of Lakeview's students. The chart below compares the financial value of living in Cortland and how the community stacks up against neighboring districts.

Per Pupil Revenue raised by one mill of property tax in Lakeview generates less money than it does in Howland or Mathews. Additionally, the property tax per pupil in Cortland is \$3,648.08 less than it is in Howland, while the median income in Cortland is \$1,959 higher than Howland. Local

Tax Effort data in Cortland indicates that Lakeview's current operating millage is the lowest of the neighboring districts, further showing the value the community receives from the fiscal stewardship of the district.

House Bill 920 prevents school districts from collecting additional money from their levies when the auditor determines that property values increase. The intent of this Bill was to keep inflation or higher property values from increasing the amount a homeowner is taxed. The district continues to face increasing costs and has already taken action by cutting over \$1.3 million dollars' worth of programs and personnel over the last 5 years. The district has not come to the taxpayers for additional operating money since 2010.

This levy will assist in keeping educational programs and extracurricular activities in place, if the levy fails employees that directly impact student success and programs will have to be cut. A strong school system drives home values and the speed in which homes sell. Passage of this levy will maintain Lakeview's place as a premiere community and place to live in the Mahoning Valley.

Ohio Department Of Education Office of Budget and School Funding						
District Profile Report For City, Exempted Village And Local School Districts for Lakeview Local SD, Trumbull						
	Lakeview Local 50187	Similar District	Statewide average of	Comparison District 1 Howland Local SD, 50161	Comparison District 2 Champion Local 50138	Comparison District 3 Mathews Local SD, 50153
C - Property Valuation And Tax Data:						
PER PUPIL REVENUE RAISED BY ONE MILL PROPERTY TAX	\$179.84	\$193.75	\$184.39	\$224.40	\$141.39	\$249.26
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX PER PUPIL	\$5,681.48	\$6,230.59	\$6,913.59	\$9,329.56	\$5,559.53	\$8,963.50
OHIO MEDIAN INCOME (TY19)	\$37,218.00	\$37,817.00	\$35,296.00	\$35,259.00	\$36,396.00	\$35,463.00
FEDERAL AVERAGE INCOME (TY19)	\$61,126.00	\$60,910.36	\$87,221.00	\$65,395.00	\$53,368.00	\$60,041.00
D - Local Effort Data:						
CURRENT OPERATING MILLAGE INCLUDING JVS MILLS	45.35	53.28	50.03	50.75	48.35	55.9
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Raising Monarch butterflies so they can thrive

By Louann Andres

As many of you may know, the monarch butterfly was listed as endangered by the World Wildlife Federation in 2016. During the past 20 years, the monarch butterfly population has declined by a staggering 80%. These beautiful pollinators need our help to keep from becoming extinct as much as we need their help for the same reason.

Monarchs are an important part of our everyday life. Without them we would not have fresh berries in our fridge or other fruits and vegetables that we consider staples. Monarchs are being threatened by human activity such as deforestation, pesticides, weed killers, climate change, and loss of the

milkweed plants. While we cannot control major events, one thing we can do is plant and grow pesticide free milkweed.

Milkweed also grows wildly in Ohio from May until around October when it frosts. Frequently, it can be seen along highways, in parks and around parking lots. Milkweed is especially important because without it monarchs cannot survive. An adult butterfly will sip the nectar of many flowers; however, before maturation caterpillars will only eat milkweed plants.

Another thing you might consider is raising butterflies indoors and releasing them when they hatch from the chrysalis. Any help can go a long way to assist the plight of the monarch. A butterfly will lay about four hundred eggs in her life, but only 8 of those eggs will become a butterfly. Some of the reasons so few eggs survive are predators, disease, herbicides, weather, parasitoids, insecticides, and mowing. For this reason, many butterfly enthusiasts will raise them inside and then release them when they are ready.

To get started raising monarchs all you will need is a disposable container with a lid for the leaves and eggs and a butterfly habitat for the caterpillars. Habitats can be purchased from pet stores or amazon.

Next, go for a walk in an area with milkweed. If you are lucky enough to see a butterfly hanging around the milkweed, stand back and watch her lay



eggs. You can find eggs on the bottoms of the leaves most often but sometimes on the tops. Collect eggs by putting the leaves on a slightly damp paper towel. The eggs and paper towel can be kept in a disposable plastic container. They should hatch within 5 - 7 days. The caterpillars will be very tiny but not for long. Make sure you have enough milkweed leaves for them to eat as they grow. They will grow very quickly and eat lots of leaves as they get bigger. Change the paper towel and brush the debris off the leaves with a small paint brush daily. The caterpillar stage will last approximately 10 days and the caterpillar will grow to almost 2.5". When it is ready to pupate, the caterpillar will climb to the top of the cage and hang in a J shape for a day.

Finally, a chrysalis will cover him for another 7 to 10 days. Once the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis, it will start to slowly dry his wings by opening and closing them. Weather permitting; release within a day of emerging is desirable. If the temperature is below 60 or it is raining hard, you can keep the beautiful butterfly in your habitat a day or two. Simply it feed sugar water on a cotton swab or offer a piece of watermelon or flowers.

More information is available at SaveOurMonarchs.org

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On-Trend Ideas for Sprucing Up Your Deck

(Family Features) Installing or updating a deck can transform your outdoor living area. Not only is a deck aesthetically appealing, but it also allows you to create additional space for a wide range of uses, whether it's a lively entertainment zone or tranquil, relaxing retreat.

If you're planning a deck build or renovation in 2022, consider incorporating one or more of these design trends identified by Westlake Royal Building Products, a leading manufacturer and distributor of materials for home remodeling, building and construction.

Creativity in Design While decking design features used to be reserved for luxury upgrades, creative flair is increasingly mainstream. Some options

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Landscaping Tips for Instant Curb Appeal

(StatePoint) One of the best ways to achieve instant curb appeal, according to the experts, is to effectively layer shrubs, plants and flowers in your front yard. Doing so can create a cohesive visual experience that naturally guides visitors to the front door.

Landscape designer Doug Scott describes plant layering in art terms: "Just like in a painting, you need to have a background, a middle ground and a foreground. Each layer serves a purpose, and there's no more important place for them to be on full display than your home's entrance."

To help homeowners understand the purpose of plant layering and identify the best types of plants for each layer, Scott has joined forces with Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment for landscape professionals and serious DIY-ers. Here they break it down for you:

1. Background: The background layer should consist of taller evergreen shrubs to ensure that no matter what's in front of them, you and your visitors will always have something green to look at. This layer provides a cohesive backdrop and a bit of living color in every season.

2. Middle Ground: Here's where to step it down a notch in height and add interesting shapes, colors or stripes that provide contrast against the darker green of the background layer. Herbaceous perennials, like lavender, are a good choice for this purpose.

3. Foreground: Finally, the foreground layer should help transition the planting beds to your lawn space or sidewalk, and should therefore be lower than the back two layers. It's also where you can keep things fresh and get your hands dirty throughout the year by changing out annuals with the seasons. Or, if you want a lower-maintenance entrance, you can choose smaller perennials, evergreens or creeping ground covers. Use the foreground layer as an opportunity to add pops of color at ground level and draw attention to your home's entrance.

Scott lays out a few other important tips to keep in mind:

- Choose plants consistent with your home's style. For instance, if you have a craftsman home, you should probably skip tropical plants. Or, if your home is more minimalist, avoid an overabundance of different plants.
- Don't obstruct views of your front door from the street with plants. Likewise, visitors shouldn't have to

maneuver around plants as they make their way down the sidewalk. Neither is convenient or welcoming, so you'll either need to keep pruning plants to size, or choose plants that won't overgrow their space without a ton of pruning.

• To make your entrance "the star" it should be, the plant material in the rest of your front yard shouldn't be distracting. Rather let it frame the intended view.

Scott offers more plant layering tips in "Making an Entrance," a recent episode of "Done-In-A-Weekend Projects," an original series from Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of outdoor spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos, including "Dream Yards," "Living Rural," "Prime Cuts" and "Done In a Weekend - Extreme Projects."

Through effective plant layering, you can boost curb appeal and give your home the grand entrance it deserves.

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Steve Wilder (right) Governor of Rotary District 6650, recently visited the Cortland Rotary Club. The mayor of North Canton, Wilder commended the club on its community service and member growth. He was welcomed by club president John Sheets and Cortland Mayor Deidre Petrosky.



Slim Your 2021 Tax Bill By Fattening Your IRA

If you didn't get around to contributing to an IRA in 2021 and you're looking for ways to lower your tax bill, you may still have an option. Qualified taxpayers can make deductible contributions to traditional IRAs until the tax filing date of April 18, 2022 and claim the benefit on their 2021 returns.

Who is eligible?

You can make a deductible contribution to a traditional IRA if:

- You (and your spouse) aren't active participants in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, or
- You (or your spouse) are active participants in an employer plan, but your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) doesn't exceed certain levels that vary from year to year by filing status.

For 2021, joint tax return filers who are covered by an employer plan have a deductible IRA contribution phaseout range of \$105,000 to \$125,000 of MAGI. For taxpayers who are single or a head of household, the phaseout range is \$66,000 to \$76,000. For married filing separately, the phaseout range is \$0 to \$10,000. For 2021, if you're not an active participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, but your spouse is, the deductible IRA contribution phaseout range is \$198,000 to \$208,000 of MAGI.

Deductible IRA contributions reduce your current tax bill, and earnings within the IRA are tax deferred. However, every dollar you take out is taxed in full (and subject to a 10% penalty before age 59½, unless an exception applies).

IRAs are often referred to as "traditional" IRAs to distinguish them from "Roth" IRAs. You also have until April 18 to make a Roth IRA contribution, though, unlike traditional IRA contributions, Roth IRA contributions aren't deductible. Withdrawals from a Roth IRA are tax-free if the account has been open at least five years and you're age 59½ or older. (Contributions to a Roth IRA are subject

to income limits.)

What's the contribution limit?

For 2021, if you're eligible, you can make deductible traditional IRA contributions of up to \$6,000. If you were age 50 or older on Dec. 31, 2021, you also may be eligible to make a "catch-up" contribution of up to \$1,000. Alternatively, small business owners can set up and contribute to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA up until the due date for their returns, including extensions. For 2021, the maximum SEP contribution is \$58,000.

2 alternate IRA strategies

Here are a couple of other ways you may be able to save tax with an IRA:

1. Turn a nondeductible Roth IRA contribution into a deductible IRA contribution. Did you make a Roth IRA contribution in 2021? That's helpful in the future when you take tax-free payouts from the account, but the contribution isn't deductible. If a deduction is important now, you can convert a Roth IRA contribution into a traditional IRA contribution using a "recharacterization" mechanism. Assuming you meet the requirements, you may then take a traditional IRA deduction.

2. Make a deductible IRA contribution, even if you don't work. Generally, you must have wages or other earned income to make a deductible traditional IRA contribution. An exception applies if your spouse is the breadwinner and you're a homemaker. If so, you may be able to take advantage of a spousal IRA.

For more information about how IRAs or SEPs can help you save the maximum tax-advantaged amount for retirement, contact us.

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Teaching Children How to Protect Birds... *continued from page 10*

bird feeders, talk to your kids about how birds are not just beautiful, but also a vital part of the ecosystem and how you are offering these creatures a chance to rest and refuel. Fill your finished products with birdseed and choose a safe spot to hang them. Experts recommend bird feeders be positioned either closer than three feet or farther than 30 feet from windows.

Protect Flight Birds in flight are prone to strike windows. Fortunately, there's an easy home project you and your children can complete together that will help prevent this from happening. Applying decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight to your home's windows, particularly windows that are highly reflective of open sky, has been proven to substantially reduce the likelihood of bird strikes. Those from WindowAlert feature patterns that give the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass, but glow like a stoplight for birds. Kids can help select from fun decal designs like snowflakes,

butterflies and maple leaves. The brand also makes a high-tech UV liquid that offers even greater protection when applied between decals. To learn more, visit WindowAlert.com.

Keep a Log Now that you've invited birds to your yard and have taken steps to protect them, inspire young naturalists to keep a log of flying visitors. Kids can draw pictures of the birds they see and note their observations. Visit Audubon for Kids at audubon.org for a birding guide, activities, games and additional projects that can help kids learn to identify various bird species by sight and sound.

"Environmental stewardship starts in your own backyard and people of all ages can get involved, including kids," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert. "The good news is that turning your home into a refuge for birds is fun, easy, and something parents, grandparents and kids can work on together."



Protect Your Finances Online

During periods of crisis, cyber criminals often increase their attacks, taking advantage of chaos to pry information from unsuspecting victims. Here are some steps you can take during these turbulent times to protect your identity and finances online:

Create strong passwords. A password is considered strong when it consists of 10 or more characters, a combination of upper and lower letters with at least one number and one symbol. Cyber security experts recommend changing your passwords as often as every three months, as long as your replacement passwords are sufficiently strong. Consider using a password manager, which makes it easier to generate and recall strong passwords.

Update your antivirus software. Hackers are constantly looking for ways into personal computer systems. The best antivirus software providers stay one step ahead of the scammers, but you need to enable updates for maximum benefit. Keep your antivirus program current to reduce your vulnerability to these attacks.

Use only secure Wi-Fi. Avoid logging in to financial accounts when you're away from a trusted Wi-Fi connection. Public Wi-Fi may not be secure, which means any personal or financial information you enter during a public Wi-Fi connection may be easily compromised. At home, double check that your router is properly encrypted to prevent unauthorized access.

Monitor your accounts. Keep a close eye on your checking, saving and investment account activity. If you notice anything strange, contact your bank or credit card issuer. Give your financial institution permission to notify you of suspicious activity by activating alerts.

Turn on two-step authentication. Many financial institutions offer the option of two-step authentication to discourage fraud. When you opt into this added layer of security, you will have to go through an extra step to verify it's you when accessing accounts. It may take another minute of your time, but it's worth the security of knowing you're making it much harder for hackers to breach your accounts.

Stop before you click. Be wary of spoof emails and online ads that seek access to your passwords and other sensitive information. Many spammers use fake return addresses that are easy to spot, but others have adopted more sophisticated schemes to get you to engage.

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Cortland Resident Wins OAC State Championship

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Tyson started wrestling when he was four years old, since then he has wrestled in over 15 states. He has traveled from state to state doing national tournaments, trying to find the best competition possible. This year alone Tyson had over 125 matches winning multiple tournaments but none as great as the OAC state championship. He would like to further his wrestling career after high school in college.



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Lakeview Middle School Dodgeball Tournament Returns

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Billionaire Boys Club (7th & 8th gr.)

Following a two-year hiatus, the Lakeview Middle School Dodgeball Tournament made a triumphant return on Friday, March 25, 2022! Students and their families filled both gyms of Lakeview High School for the big fundraising event. In all, 22 teams participated in grades five through eight. Fifth and sixth grade teams battled for victory in the "new" gym, with our four seventh and eighth grade teams going head-to-head in the "old" gym. After intense competition, here are the results.

Thank you to the Lakeview Bulldogs PTO for organizing the event, and to the LHS Beta club for providing student volunteers to help with admission, concessions and game play. It was a great night!

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Students Give 'Seussical The Musical' a Thumbs Up!

Seussical the Musical is a musical comedy by Lynn Aherns and Stephen Flaherty, based on the many children's stories of Dr. Seuss, with most of its plot being based on Horton Hears a Who!, Gertrude McFuzz, and Horton Hatches the Egg while incorporating many other stories.

The musical's name is a combination of "Seuss" and the word "musical". I'm sure Dr. Seuss would have loved the title. It has spawned two US national tours, a West End production and has become a frequent production for schools and regional theatres.

Following its Broadway debut in 2000, the show was widely panned by

critics, and closed in 2001 with huge financial losses.

But that was not the case here in the Lakeview School District last week. The LHS Drama Club put on the play in the Raidel Auditorium last weekend to thrilled audiences!

But during the previous week, every class had the opportunity to see the performance and they loved it! Some of the comments from second graders in Miss Prezioso's class include "Awesome!" "Thumbs up!" "Best show I've ever seen." "It was so good!"

Who is a better critic about Dr. Seuss than 2nd graders? Congratulations to the Drama Club for another outstanding performance!



LHS Beta Convention Awards

Twelve Lakeview High School students attended the Ohio Beta Convention in Columbus, February 15 & 16. Several students placed in the top three spots in their respective competitions, which qualifies them for a trip to the National Convention in Nashville this summer.

Those attending included Dominic Aliesch, Zoe Baker, Ella Chadwick, Damyen Fuchilla, Aidan Johnson, Madeline Mathews, Lillian McCarthy, Tommy Pavlansky, Kylie Schwartz, Nathan Shrum, Abigail Sulc, and Zachary Sulc.

Student award winners include:

- Lexi Garcia - Div 2 - 3rd place
- Kylie Schwartz - Div 2 Language Arts - 1st place
- Damyen Fuchilla - Div 2 Social Studies - 1st place

- Tommy Pavlansky - Div 1 Math - 1st place
- Kylie Schwartz, Damyen Fuchilla, & Zachary Sulc - Marketing Team 3rd place
- Kylie Schwartz, Damyen Fuchilla, Zachary Sulc, & Tommy Pavlansky - Quiz Bowl (Written) - 1st Place
- Kylie Schwartz, Damyen Fuchilla, Zachary Sulc, & Tommy Pavlansky - Quiz Bowl (Oral) - 3rd Place



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LHS Musical Groups Perform at District Event



Congratulations to both the LHS Concert choir and Madrigals for their recent performances at Ohio Music Education Association's (OMEA) District 5 Large Group Adjudication! The choir received comments for their pieces, "The Wellman" and "Zum Gali Gali." Madrigals obtained a Two Rating - Excellent, for their performance.

Concert Choir members include Gavin Ackerman, Kennedy Bartlett, Jason Campana, Jason DeMonica, Caden Durica, Justin Emrick, Noah Fadell, Sydney Gary, Marcus Grube, Landon Hall, Gabe Hernandez-Bott, Caleb Hnat, Tyler Hovance, Maurice LeLaidier, Tylan Nguyen, Xander Nicholas, Leo Parise, Jack Peterson, Colben Schick, Ethan Shackelford, Shannon Travis, Tristan Tsai, Angela Voluntad, Connor Walker, Jadon Warner, Mason Wheeler, and Gage Woofter.

Madrigals members include: Tatiana Brazzon, Jamie Black, Addison Coen, Katie Dean, Avery Jones, Reiley McCleery, Olivia Menz, Arianna Powell, Anna Rider, Molly Stein, Jacinta Sutliff, and Chloe Wagner.

Thank you to Mrs. Young,

Anna Kolonich, and Mya Best for accompanying our groups, and thank you to all of the parents and families who came to support their performances as well!

Kindergarten Students Hold Reading Extravaganza for Families

A reading extravaganza in Mrs. Lisner's class! Recently, students invited family members to school to hear them read. Students had two books on hand that they wrote and illustrated on their own. Each student also made an "About the Author" sheet to share as well. Our visitors listened to their own family member read and then visited other students to hear their stories as well. It was so wonderful to welcome in the community! Thank you to everyone who came - our students were "a thousand times excited" to read to all of you!



Student Logan H. reads to her mom, Lola, in Mrs. Lisner's classroom.

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Lakeview Middle School Students Test Automotive Skills



LMS 8th graders Leah C., (center) and Claire M. (right), watch with teacher Mrs. Marissa Brown (left) as their mousetrap powered car travels down the hall.

8th graders got a little taste of automotive engineering in STEM class. Using a whole host of materials (including mouse traps, string, zip ties, connector strips, dowel rods, stop clips, slide stops, connector blocks, tape, glue, wood screws, 1" screws, and hex nuts), students worked in groups to construct mousetrap powered cars.

While everyone used the same materials, each group had freedom of design. Cars were tested and then modified to see if students could improve their car's overall distance traveled. The activity helps students learn about speed, acceleration, energy transfer and the engineering design process. In case anyone was wondering, 40 feet is the farthest any mousetrap car traveled.



LMS 8th grader Tyler S. gets set to release the mousetrap on his car to see how far the energy from that action will allow his car to travel.

Fresh Air and Exercise Help LMS Students Recharge

A breath of fresh air for our middle school students! During enrichment students can go outside and walk if they want to. One class goes out per day, and so far, our 7th and 8th graders have enjoyed the outdoor time. 5th and 6th graders will be added into the rotation soon. Mrs. Handrych says the outdoor walks are a great way for students to get some exercise and mentally recharge for the second half of the school day!



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Supply Drive To Benefit Lakeview K-8 Teachers

The Lakeview Bulldogs PTO will be collecting school supplies for the teachers of Lakeview's K-8 school. Due to the need for additional operating funding, teachers have increasingly had to purchase supplies out of pocket. Please consider donating and supporting those who do so much for our students! The drive will run from April 1st to May 5th (Teacher Appreciation week!).

Supplies may be dropped off at any of these locations during normal business hours. Lakeview Elementary, Cortland Nutrition, Middlefield Bank (Cortland branch), Cortland Mower, Greenwood Auto, and Apostolakis Honda.

Supplies needed:

- Highlighters
- Black Dry Erase markers (Expo)
- Pre Sharpened #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga or Amazon)
- 12 ct. Crayola Colored pencils
- 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- One subject notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Wide Rule Notebook Paper
- Erasers (pencil top or medium pink type)
- Post-it notes (medium & large size)
- Tissues
- Calculators (TI-30x IIS)
- Current Popular Novels (7th & 8th grade reading level)

- Large class kits of colored pencils
- Personal size student dry erase boards (Board geeks)
- Dry erase clip boards
- Heavy duty clear reusable dry erase pockets
- Popsicle sticks
- Quick word guides (grades 1, 2, 2+)
- Quick word phonics
- Zip lock bags in all sizes
- Spark sequencing cards for storytelling (Spark innovations)
- Early language activity boxes, Complete set (Lakeshore)
- Language translator device (Birgus)
- Grid paper
- Colored grading pens
- Paper clips
- Scissors
- 1 inch binders
- Heavy duty pocket folders
- Student ear buds

Monetary donations for supplies can also be made through PayPal at: lespto2017@gmail.com or via check, made out to Lakeview PTO, and mailed or dropped off to: Lakeview K-8 School, 640 Wakefield Dr. Cortland, OH 44410

Please contact Mesa Bush at 330-240-0698 with any questions or email Lakeviewelempto@gmail.com



Elementary Students Build Traps to Catch Leprechauns

First and second graders worked so hard in March to build Leprechaun Traps in Mrs. Guthrie's classes! Students worked together in small groups, first designing their traps and then using recycled materials to build them. Even though there were some pretty



1st graders from left, Xavier G., Blake W., and Michael D. create a trap door.



2nd graders from left, Ricky R., Leila S., Justin N., and Gemma V. work together.

awesome designs, the Leprechaun was too quick and managed to escape without being caught! The activity gave students an opportunity to work collaboratively on their design and construction skills!



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The Johnston Senior Center has been serving Trumbull County senior residents since 2009. Located at 5922 Warren Road, Cortland and funded by the Trumbull County Senior Services Levy, they have brought the benefits to the northeast corner of the county. Services include socialization, exercise and fitness, resources and information, as well as nutritional lunches provided by the Office of Elderly Affairs.



Socialization activities include visiting, card games, wii games, mahjongg, crafts and bingo. There are groups that gather while enjoying their needlecraft projects, their woodworking projects and the fun of metal detecting. A Bible study group meets every other Tuesday. There are movies with trivia games, guest speakers and parties. Fitness is provided through chair yoga. Line dancing and a senior exercise program.

Classes to learn something new are offered. The century old art of tatting is just one. There is also a writing class for those who want to learn the ins and outs of writing a book or maybe their family history. Loom knitting is offered. This is a century old technique. Woodburning is a class which creates beautiful artwork at little expense.

The daily lunch program, offered by the County Levy, requires reservations. There is a \$3.00 donation for a portion controlled nutritionally balanced meal. Reservations can be made by calling 330-924-0412, 2 days in advance.



Activities at SCOPE

Cortland SCOPE is located inside the Cortland Christian Church, 153 Grove Dr. Everyday there are new and exciting activities for Seniors. They are open M-F 9 AM - 3 PM. Call 330-637-3010 for more information.

Monday - Friday Cards 10-11

Monday - Arthritis exercise with Sally 10-11; Gentle yoga with Roe 12-1; Bingo 1-3

Tuesday - Line dance with Jan 10-11:30; Chair yoga with Kathy 11-12; Tai Chi with Mallory 12:30-1:30

Wednesday - Arthritis exercise with Sally 10- 11; Gentle yoga with Roe 12-1; Bible study 6-8

Thursday - Cards 9-10; Tai Chi with Mallory 12:30-1:30;

Friday - Cards 9-10; Line dance with Dori 12:30-2:30



Our beautiful Cortland SCOPE member Linda Bagigalia with her easter wreath she recently made at the center. She did a good job. She also does beautiful free hand drawings as well.

Photography Showcase Highlighted Local Artists

By Sally Lane

Many Cortland people are treated almost daily on their computers or phones to fantastic photos of Mosquito Lake wildlife and birds photographed by Nick Kerosky and many have appreciated the flowers, plant life and covered bridges photographed by Richard States at art shows in Ohio and

Michigan. He is a retired horticulture teacher who started photographing plants and flowers for his classes. A photography showcase and sale at Ohio Living Lake Vista recently highlighted the work of these two professional camera artists.



Nick Kerosky



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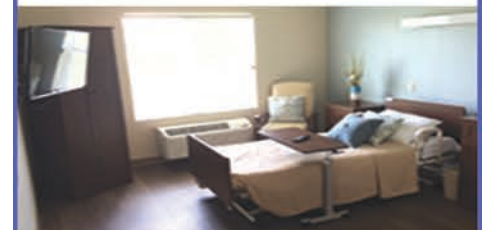
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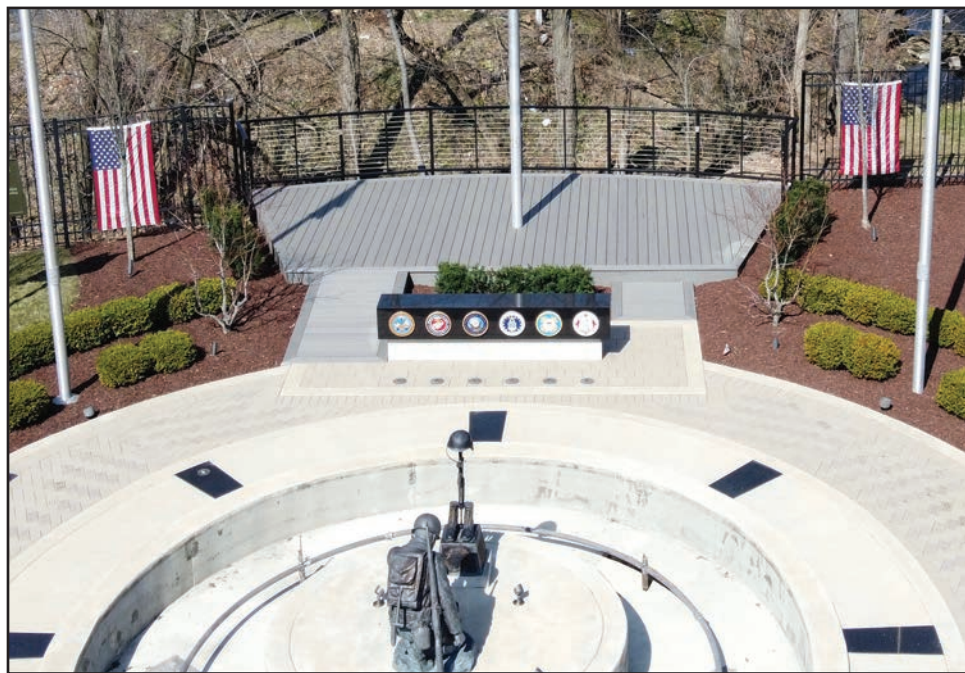


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Contributors recognized for the Cortland Veterans Memorial

By Sally Lane



A special event April 3 recognized and celebrated the many contributors who made the completion of an Observations Deck at the Cortland Veterans Memorial possible. Leading this Dedication and Donor Recognition Ceremony were Richard McClain and Ian McAleer of the Veterans Memorial Committee.

The main part of the Veterans Memorial was begun in July 2018 with support and efforts from service clubs, veterans' organization, community groups, businesses, car dealers and banks. A dedication ceremony was held on November 17, 2018, when the Memorial was presented to the city.

The Observation Deck was always considered part of the original design but not installed until it become obvious that a deck was needed. It is to serve as a stage or platform when special events are held, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances, family gatherings, community band performances, etc. The deck was finalized March 10.

Those people and groups recognized at the ceremony were:

Cortland City officials: Mayor, Deidre Petrosky; President of the City Council, Kevin Piros; City Council members, Jim Bradley, Kathy Fleischer, John Picuri, Don Moore, Scott Rowley, Dick McClain. Cortland Services Director, Kim Blasco, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, Dave Christner and Board Members Cara DeToro, Sonya Picuri, Tammy Angus

and Dr. Jacob Bair. Also honored were President of the Cortland Community Foundation, Curt Moll, From Gilmore Designs Bart Gilmore, Mike Fisher.

Ian McAleer also recognized and thanked the members of the Veterans Memorial Committee: Larry Dyett, Bill Gore, Chuck Chagnot, Frank Daugherty, Frank Chapin, Russ Hippo, Craig Camens, Jim McNeilly, Bob Woofter, Allana Bowman, Tim Chaney, Bob Thomas, Ernie Stewart, Tim Bauer, Ian McAleer and Dick McClain.

An extra special Thank You went to the American Legion Post 540 of Cortland and the members of the Trumbull County Honor Guard.

The biggest thank you went to the two biggest corporate sponsors of the project, Wollam Chevrolet and Window World. A sculpture was presented to Steve Cooper and Jeff Dehr of Wollam Chevrolet and the Chevy All Stars Wollam who was the biggest contributor.

Window World, a locally owned company is a generous sponsor of veterans benefit projects in our surrounding area and their donation put the Cortland project over the top. Honored were Pat, Angie and Patrick Moran, and daughter Mandy and her husband, along with Gina Schumer.

And finally, a special thank you was given to photographer Dan McCoy, also for the sound equipment, Dan McMillin and Feature writer from The Cortland News, Sally Lane.



Pat and Angie Moran and their daughter, Mandi of Window World, Steve Cooper Wollam Chevrolet, Cindy Oravec & Renee' Hoffstetter of Quilters Fancy

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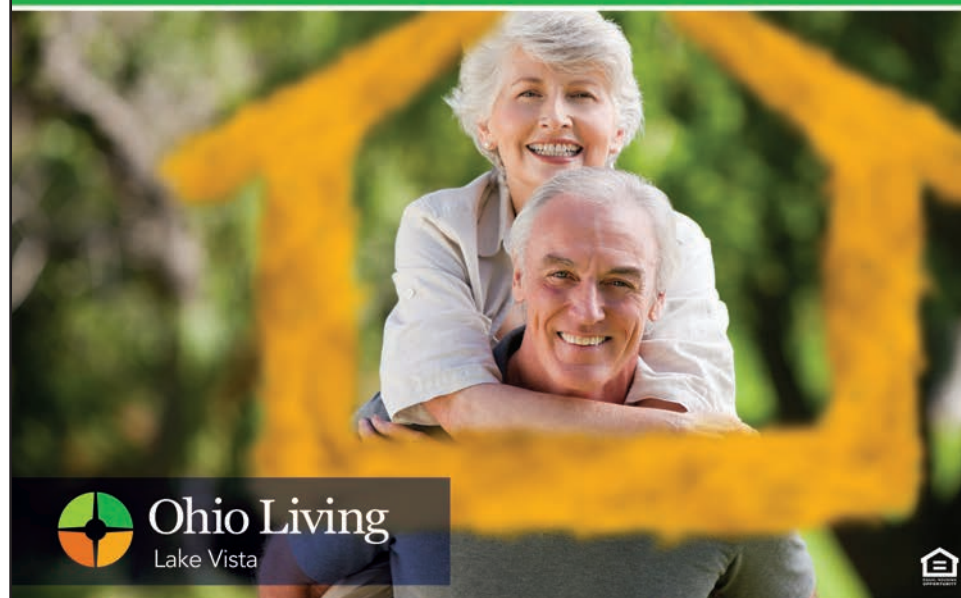
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for incorporating greater depth and style into your deck design include mixing and matching boards to create patterns, inlays and focal points or utilizing two-tone designs for more visually interesting aesthetics.

On-Trend Colors Classic lumber-toned decks never go out of style, but adding some flair with an eye-catching color is a subtle way to elevate your deck's aesthetic appeal. Some designs incorporate color throughout while another way to bring color to your deck is through distinctive inlay design or other design features.

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Multi-Seasonal Spaces Once you create an incredible outdoor space, you'll likely want to use it as often as possible. That's why many homeowners are designing decks with multiple seasons in mind. Features like retractable walls can help you block cool breezes and trap the warmth of space heaters or a fireplace while roofs provide shade and fans help circulate the breeze during warmer months. Decks built with clean, simple lines can offer a connection to nature as well as convenience for homeowners transitioning from indoor to outdoor spaces.

Popularity of Composite Decking Weather patterns can cause substantial damage to a home's exterior materials, including a deck where natural wood is prone to drying out. This creates an upkeep cycle that requires ongoing investments of time and money. An alternative to natural wood, such as Zuri

Premium Decking by Royal, combines the low-maintenance, high-durability properties of composite decking with the exterior environment-defining presence of exotic wood. The result is an authentic look with zero-maintenance upkeep.

Bringing the Inside Out A deck's design elements were once limited to predictable furnishings like a picnic table and grill, but those days are gone. Homeowners seeking to create an outdoor oasis are bringing amenities of the indoors outside. You'll find outdoor kitchens and weather-proof TVs, rugs and furniture, allowing homeowners to incorporate the convenience and comfort of indoor living rooms and kitchens into their outdoor spaces despite elements like snow, wind and rain.

Masonry as an Accessory If you love the look of masonry but have your heart set on a deck, you can take the path of many homeowners and incorporate masonry as an accessory or design element. Mixing building mediums provides texture, which creates an immersive tactile experience through sight and touch. Options like a fireplace or firepit, pillars, skirting, bench seats, planters, water features, kitchen or bar space and walkways can all complement and enhance the decking so you get to enjoy the best of both worlds.

Clean Sightlines A deck is an ideal vantage point when you have a beautiful view to enjoy and using the right materials can enhance that experience. Creating a clean, sophisticated and unobstructed view is easy when you outfit your deck with the right lighting and use cable or glass railings, which provide safety along with clear views of the landscape beyond.

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