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Fall vs. Autumn

By Heather Sensabaugh

This time of year is beautiful and the weather (can be) fantastic. I

PRSRT STD AUTO I.S. POSTAGE PAID WARREN, OH PERMIT NO. 39 have always wondered which name for the season is proper, Autumn or Fall, so I did some digging and here in North America, it is Fall, and everywhere else on the planet, it is Autumn, but we are free to use both. The names don't need to be capitalized at this point in history, though I feel better capitalizing them, because I feel like names should be capitalized, but you don't need to.

The season we are entering used to be named "Harvest" in the English language, from the German word "Haerfest" which means "picking, plucking or reaping" (grammarist. com). When people in England began migrating from farms to cities, however, harvest was no longer part of their daily way of life, so they needed another name for the season. Poets like Chaucer used "Autumn" in their works, from

the Latin word "Autumnus" (meaning the passing of the year), and some poets likewise used the phrase, "Falling of the Leaves" as a way to describe the season in their works. Commoners preferred the phrase Falling of the Leaves to Autumn as a name for the season. It was at this point (1600s) that English/European people began colonizing America, and our ancestors took that phrase across the ocean, and then eventually shortened it to "Fall". Britain reverted from "Falling of the Leaves" back to Autumn, and we stopped having tea and crumpets with them, and they deemed the term "Fall" as archaic.

Once the Revolutionary War was won, we abandoned many cultural norms from Britain, and paved our own way. In 1816, it was decreed by John Pickering, the father of American Vocabulary, that, "In North America the season in which "the fall of the leaf" takes place... instead of autumn is universally called fall" in his book, "1816 United States Vocabulary." By the mid-1800's, Fall was deemed an entirely American term and is only used in Britain when they refer to American television seasons. Grammarist.com states that British English scholars regard the term fall as "American Barbarism," (though Canada uses "Fall" as well).

No matter what you call this magical season of awesome color and crisp breezes, you can rejoice in the fact that we don't have to choose between the terms if we don't want to, because we are Americans!!

Happy Fall!



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Regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lakeview High School Media Center, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, Oct 9, 6 p.m.

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Our theme will be Make A Difference Day & 20th Anniversary of The Cortland News

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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

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and **schedules.** *See pg.* 2 & 5

Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org. American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or

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

Youngstown Nighthawks Soccer League, Cortland League Schedulewww.facebook.com/ytownnigthhawks

Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).

SEPTEMBER

- 22-23 "Attic Sale" / Cortland United Methodist Church / 9 am 6 pm & 9 am 2 pm Lakeview Levy Committee Craft Show / Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club
- 10 am / See pg 10 Penalty Kick Shootout / LHS / Fundraiser-school soccer teams / See pg 10 23
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OCTOBER

- **President William McKinley** / Lake Vista / 11 am
- **5, 6, 7** Trash & Treasure Sale / All Saints Church / 9 am 4 pm
- Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast / 9 am / See below
- 7 **Legend of Sleepy Hollow** / Greene Eagle Winery 2576 Davis Peck Rd 3 pm / See pg 14
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- Annual Harvest Dinner / The North Bloomfield Historical Society 11 Historic Town Hall / 6 pm / See pg 6
- **12, 13 City Wide Fall Clean Up Day** / Put it all with your regular trash
- **Halloween Trick or Treat** / 6 8 pm

Business News and Notes

By Thom Foley

Adkins Power Wash can power wash Houses, Roofs, Decks, Patios, Fences and so much more. But did you know that they also do Interior/ External Painting, staining and sealing?

Totally Dog's The "Totally Pet" photo contest is coming to an end on Sept 30. Voting will continue until September 30 and the winner will be announced October 2. Voting can only be done in the store. No purchase is necessary. One vote per day. However you can add additional votes for each \$5 in store purchase.

Bazetta Christian Church Childcare Center is still accepting registration for Preschool and PreK

School Agers before/after school. Call 330-637-7312 for a tour and registration

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My friend is looking for a "new used car." I sent her to Mark Thomas **Ford**. I bet she gets a great vehicle and a great deal.

Two Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfasts

hosting two upcoming Charity Pancake Breakfasts.

The first will be held Saturday, September 23. The breakfast proceeds will be donated to the "Mustang Care Program" which sends food home for low-income families, in the Matthews School District, to feed their kids in the evenings and on weekends. Without this program, the only meals that some kids would get are at school. Their only funding is from donations.

The second is on October 7 and benefits the TNR of Warren

Organization in their efforts to spay and neuter cats.

The "all you can eat" Charity Family Breakfasts are held each month by the Cortland Masonic Lodge at 3263

The Cortland Masonic Lodge is Everett-Hull Road (E. Main St.) from 9 am to Noon. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for youth aged 6 to 12. Any youth aged 5 and under are FREE and take-outs are available.

Because all the breakfast supplies are donated by the Masonic Lodge, they donate 100% of the income to a local organization or community project.





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Lakeview Schools Eye Screenings

In their continuing efforts to provide a quality academic environment for all students, the Lakeview School System has partnered with local healthcare providers to do screenings for their students. The healthcare providers volunteer their time and efforts so there is absolutely no cost to the school system. One of those providers is Dr. Dale P. Lindsey, O.D. of Cortland Family Eye Care Inc.

Dr. Lindsey and his staff, along with the Lakeview school nurses and volunteer parents, screened students at all Lakeview schools recently for eye problems. The team screened over 500 students for visual acuity (distance), check muscle balance near and far, color vision testing for males and depth



Front: 6th graders Jonathan Owens, Mark Bruett, Justice Orme, Remington Schaffer, Anya Carvin, Lillyann Wilson. Back: Joelle Goodwin of Cortland Family Eye Care, Lauren Harlan [CFEC], Dr. Lindsey, Shelli Phelps [CFEC], Ashley Corp, R.N. and Heather Bowman [parent volunteer].

perception. Parents are notified of any possible problems and are advised to have an Optometrist do a full vision exam. It is important to emphasize that a school vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive vision exam; it merely reports the results on the day of the screening.

"This is a combined effort between the school system and Dr. Lindsey to catch any vision problems early that the students may have. There is no cost or obligation to the families or the school system for this service. It is important that parents understand this is only a screening and they should have a complete eye exam for their children every year. We are very grateful to Dr. Lindsey for providing our children with quality screenings" said Ashley Corp, R.N., school nurse.

Dr. Lindsey said "Good vision is crucial to learning. It is important that students have a complete eye exam every year. This is my community and my children went to school here. All these children are our future. I just wanted to give something back to the community."

Thank You!

The City of Cortland would like to express its gratitude to the Bazetta-Cortland Optimist Club and to Thomas Levak of Mark Thomas Ford for their recent donations! They supplied funding for new batteries for Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) in three of our cruisers which cost more than

\$1,000. It is necessary to keep these AEDs in good working order, because the police are usually first on the scene and even a few seconds are important to a good outcome.

Thank you again for contributing to the safety of our community.



FALL OPEN HOUSE

for our OCT 6TH 8AM-8PM | OCT 7TH 8AM -3PM



Iane Family Funeral Homes



"Very Special Pin Pals" At Cortland Lanes

Trisha Betts has been teaching students with multiple disabilities for the past 16 years through the Trumbull County Education Service Center. Having the opportunity to teach students in grades kindergarten through 7th grade the past several years of being a teacher and knowing there are few opportunities available for many of these students to participate in many sport activities, the adaptive bowling league ages 5 to adult was introduced in the fall of 2022. It started with 10 bowlers and has grown to 30 with still more availability for others to join.

Trisha's goal for this league is to have a safe environment for bowlers to come and bowl and the second is to work on socialization. When you come to the league on Monday at Cortland Lanes the families are cheering for the bowlers and the bowlers are giving high fives, fist bumps and encouraging each other.

For more information or to join contact Cortland Lanes at 330-637-2961.



Farmington Senior Center Programs

Two new programs are coming to the Farmington Senior Center: on September 26th. The speaker will update us on the Grand River Wildlife Area and the expansion of the rifle range starting next March. These major improvements will include new ranges and new buildings. On October 10th at noon, David Leatherberry, a missionary, will share his experiences while in Afghanistan at noon. He is a native of Bristolville.

Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch (\$5.00) prior to the programs (11:00 to 12:00) The Center is at 150 College St. in West Farmington next to the fire station. For any questions call Charlie at 330-974-8406.

Free Tech Support **For Seniors**

Family Tech Connect is a technology coaching service for Seniors (60+), currently operating in a four-county area in Northeast Ohio: Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana. They provide in-home (by appointment) individual coaching; helping seniors learn how to more comfortably and competently use their smartphones, tablets, computers, smart TVs, Alexa and Google home devices, printers and more.

Their services focus on general user and navigation issues as well as creating and utilizing online accounts (social media, food delivery and shopping, banking, bill pay, etc.). In addition, FTC provides small-group instruction (tech coaching clinics) and new device curation (they assist clients with selecting new tech devices to replace poorly-functioning devices and perform all set-up and registration processes)

Since their founding in April of 2021, they have assisted over 1,000 clients. 70% of their coaching and clinic clients request multiple sessions.

Current services are funded by grants from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio (formerly known as the Area Agency on Aging), Mahoning County and the City of Youngstown to ensure seniors with modest financial resources are never denied needed services.

Their plan had been to grow slowly, developing a network of referring partners and designing a process for tech services that focuses on core values of Patience, Empathy and Results. They have created a truly unique and effective program that genuinely changes the lives of seniors for the better.

Among the ways they have helped

- · Installed Alexa devices, one of which was recently used to call for an ambulance after a client was injured in
- · Taught clients with Parkinson's Disease to utilize the voice-to-text function on their phones to maintain contact with family members despite hand tremors that make typing difficult
- · Shown wheelchair and home bound clients how to use grocery and food delivery service apps
- · Made clients comfortable with Tele-Health visits, expanding their access to needed healthcare
- · Helped isolated seniors learn new ways of communicating with focused on all four of these key friends and loved ones and so much more.

Call Kevin at 330-399-8846 to schedule an appointment.

Two Free Events At Lake Vista

Lake Vista is inviting the public to two free events. On Oct 5, President William McKinley will visit [presented by Mike Wilson of Trumbull County Scope] and discuss the connection to the Wizard of Oz Motion Picture. The event is at 11 AM at the Lake Vista Club

October 11 brings another Farmer's Stand with produce and baked goods from 10:00AM to 1:30 PM in the Portico.

Lake Vista is located at 303 North Mecca St. Please RSVP by calling 330-

A Case To Consider **Independent Living** Sooner Vs. Later

Once you reach your retirement years, you most likely have more time for hobbies and social activities. Unfortunately, odds are that you might not be at the same stage of life as many of your neighbors, who may still be juggling work and family commitments. This can make it seem difficult to make friends and enjoy activities in your area. Luckily, life plan communities with independent living options like Ohio Living Lake Vista make it possible to socialize with both new and old friends, pursue interests and hobbies, access on-site services and support, and remain active.

"While considering your options, it's important to find a community that best fits your needs, both for today and for years to come," said Nicole Yozwiak, Director of Business Development at Ohio Living Lake Vista. "Many of our residents express that they wish they'd moved in sooner to reap the many benefits independent living has to offer. We foster a special sense of community here with our full spectrum of amenities, activities and maintenance-free living services."

A move into independent living can take away the normal day-to-day stressors of owning a home. Ohio Living Lake Vista's villa and apartment homes provide freedom from home upkeep and maintenance. Housing options offer a unique range of sizes, designs, features, services and amenities, complete with maintenance support, and seasonal snow/leaf removal. Independent living residents may also elect to have prepared meals and housekeeping services, at an additional cost.

opportunities volunteering, day trips, trips to museums or symphonies, special interest clubs and more, are another huge plus. Residents can participate in on-site technology classes, book reviews and lifelong learning seminars on a variety of interesting topics. In addition to planned activities, the community boasts many on-site amenities for residents' convenience and enjoyment, including a chapel, fitness center, walking path and barber shop/beauty salon. The ability to find everything you need right in your neighborhood is not only convenient, but also encourages residents to be self-sufficient and independent, while enjoying the perks of a close-knit community.

"Our residents enjoy a lifestyle elements: physical, intellectual, social and spiritual engagement, making our community a great, well-rounded choice," added Yozwiak.

Cortland Lions Club And NEO Junk Scrap Metal Fundraiser

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club has once again partnered with Ryan Stan and NEO Junk to have a Scrap Metal Fundraiser benefitting Cortland Parks & Recreation-Pearl Park and Safety City. The money raised will be used for benches, garbage cans and the needs of

Our Scrap Metal Drive will be held Friday September 29 from 8 am to 5 pm and on Saturday September 30 from 8 am to 1 pm at Willow Park in Cortland. Our Scrap Metal Drive is open to all area residents, not just those living in Cortland. Drop off your Metal Scrap

those days at Willow Park. Our Lions Club will be there to assist you.

Starting Monday September 25th thru Thursday September 28th-you can call 330-219-4879 to be placed on a list to have your Scrap Metal picked up by NEO Junk on Friday and Saturday. Your Scrap Metal must be easily accessible as NEO Junk will not enter your home to retrieve Scrap. We cannot accept trash, TV's, Computer Monitors, Propane Tanks, Welding Tanks and etc.

This is a painless way to support our Project and it benefits the environment and our community.

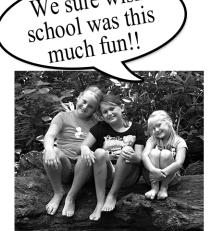
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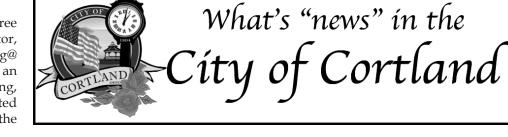
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Verizon needs our assistance to help with our service issues within the City. The following are things that we can do to help Verizon troubleshoot the problem with our cell signal:

- 1. Anyone experiencing issues with their service should report it directly to Verizon by calling *611 from their Verizon device. These issues can be calls dropping, lack of signal strength, and/or anything else cellular signal related.
- 2. Residents & Businesses that experience consistent problems with

their Verizon services should feel free to contact Special Projects Coordinator, Jeffrey Jiang via email jjiang@ cityofcortland.org. Please provide an address where the problem is occurring, and a description of the problem related to your service. In the subject line of the email, please put **Verizon Report**.

It is only through reporting that Verizon team members will be able to locate the problem and be able to propose potential solutions, such as additional tower sites. Thank you for your continued support as the City attempts to work with Verizon through these issues.



Just The Facts - The city recently experienced a water break and there was some confusion as to which residents had a boil alert. The city will notify you in which of the following ways:

- A. Red hang tag on your door
- B. A notification from a local tv news outlet
 - C. The WENS system
 - D. All of the above

Fall Clean up - Republic Services will have a Fall Clean up on October 12th and 13th. Items should be put out with your regular garbage.

The city needs to fill an open position on the Civil Service **Commission** - The Mayor is seeking to fill a vacant volunteer position on the commission, term ending Dec 31, 2025. If interested, please call the Mayor at 330-637-4003 or email her at mayor@cityofcortland.org.

Construction -Willow Park restrooms - Construction of the new restrooms at Willow Park has begun! Also, construction has begun on Safety City. Construction started with the paving of the old basketball courts on Monday, Sept 11. They will be coming back to pave a sidewalk from the parking lot to the new ADA accessible swings, existing pavilion, and then on to the site of the new pavilion.

Lakeview Schools - MORE Just the Facts Trivia - There are 608 school districts in Ohio. How many receive less funding per pupil than Lakeview?

A. 20

B. 120

C. 200 D. 300

Answer - A. 20. There are only 20 school districts in Ohio receiving LESS funding per pupil than Lakeview.

The Lakeview Levy Committee will host - Financial State of Lakeview Schools at the K-7 cafeteria on September 25th at 6 p.m. All are welcome and

childcare is available for ages 5 – 12.

Dates to Remember

Monday through Friday The Cortland Scope Senior Center is open from 9 AM 3 PM at the Cortland Christian Church

September 27 - Cortland Food Truck Night - Wednesday, 5 to 8 PM.

October 2nd - City Council meeting - 7 p.m. Also available on YouTube.

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

October 9th - Parks meeting - 5:30 p.m. October 9th - Planning & Zoning -7:00 p.m.

Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours are Tuesday, October 31st from 6 p.m.

Just the facts answer is D. If it is a small area, as was the recent case, you will receive a boil alert message on a red hang tag on your front door. A larger or city-wide boil alert will be reported by WYTV, WKBN, and WFMJ and also the WENS notification system. You will remember that the WENS system is a notification system offered by the Trumbull County Emergency Management Agency. If you have not signed up for the WENS system, you will find a link and QR code at https://www.co.trumbull.oh.us/ EMA/Resources/WENS. You can also choose how you want to receive the notifications: cell phone, home phone, or email or any combination of options. One last thing, it takes a minimum of 2 additional business days after the day the water sample is collected for the EPA to complete the testing. The most recent break happened on a Friday and the break was repaired after business hours. We had to wait until Monday to collect the sample and received the result on Wednesday. It is best to boil water during that time if you plan to drink it. It is completely safe to wash dishes, bathe, wash your animals, etc.



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ADULT LEAGUES

MON - SENIORS 10:00 AM TUES - LADIES 6:30 PM WED - SENIORS 1:00 PM - MENS 6:30 PM THURS - LADIES 10:00 AM - MENS 6:30 PM SUN - MIXED 4:45 PM

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Mushroom Poem

By Robert Adkins

What wise thing can be written about a Mushroom? Trampled irreverently under foot. Revealing many colors and shapes to relieve the gloom,

Revealed in a poem as a Foot Stool.

"A low support to rest ones feet or soul upon," They say with disdain. Edible ones delight your soul and put pleasure in your brain, My Hungarian friend says three things, the location, the time of year, and the appearance. Considered from a carefully explained further, gives eating assurance.

Fall, the time is here to look now, Just found one in the back vard. Quick take its picture and bow, Quite impressive to the Bard.

Harvest Dinner Scheduled For October 11

By Judith Sheridan

The North Bloomfield Historical Society will hold the Annual Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at the historic town hall on the square. It will be potluck with the society providing the meat course which will be ham. Table settings and drinks will also be provided.

The program will be the showing of a promotional film from the Ohio Leatherworks Company in Girard that was made before the company closed in 1969. At one time the leatherworks was one of Trumbull County's largest employers and started in 1899. It took raw calf hides and prepared them for high end shoe and purse manufacturers. Ray O'Neil from the Girard Historical Society will bring items and memorabilia to share from the company.

This event is open to the public and guests should bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. For further information call 440-685-4410.

Veterans "Right A Wrong" At Hillside Cemetery

By Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, Retired, American Legion Post 540



Some of the volunteers and Veterans pictured are: Bob Mangold, Jim Campbell, Ben Kulper, John Turner, Chris Campbell, Garey Watson, Earl Parthemer, Joseph Conti and Dave Moore.

American Legion Post 540 (Cortland-Bazetta) and Post 700 (Howland) members "righted" a "wrong" done at Hillside Cemetery on 17 July 2023. The "wrong" done was the unauthorized removal of some 400 American flags and marking stakes identifying veterans graves. The flags are posted each May just prior to Memorial Day.

The "right" done was the remarking of most of the graves with the recovered stakes by veterans on 9 Sept. Our focus in this first effort was to restake World War II graves to present graves easily identifiable by plaques affixed to headstones or plaques lying flat on the ground. Graves prior to World War II and dating back to the Revolutionary War lack plaques.

The in- ground year-round stakes were our means of identifying those graves deserving an American flag each year. The stakes are all gone. Working with Bazetta Township (cemetery owner), the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society, a lot of research and foot work we may be able to locate some of these graves come spring 2024. Surely a lot of these graves will be lost forever.

Anyone aware of the exact location of a World War I or earlier veteran grave may call Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, Ret, 330-637-8956, and we can try to restake it before winter sets in.









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The words found in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 have been burned into our societal brain by the radio ear-worm, "Turn, Turn, Turn" by the Byrds. As we transition from one season to another as Autumn takes its place, the words of this text of God's Word brings a sense of futility and a sense of peace and hope.

Solomon writes, "1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

These words bring futility because we come to realize that no matter what we do, no matter what's mistakes we make, no matter what good we do, we are in a sense living the old cliche and redeemer is with you in all seasons of life.

of repeating history. These words also bring hope and peace because they remind us that while everything repeats in its season, its time, it is controlled. It is controlled by God the creator who controls both the seasons of weather and the seasons life. It is He who in His great wisdom has come to us through His Son in our time through His Word, and at the right time He came in our flesh and died on the cross and rose from the grave to bring you forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life through the blood of your savior Jesus. So as you enjoy the changing leaves and look ahead to fun in the snow with your kids, know that God the creator



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Autumn is a season of changes. Some of the changes we experience will be familiar to us, but as with any season of change, some of what we experience will also be new. But whether we experience autumn as an old friend or a new adventure, the blessings within it are the same.

Picture what is about to happen: Loing-hidden colors will be uncovered as the vibrant green of summer fades away. The air will take on an occasional crispness as the warmth slowly gives way to coolness. The very shape of the forest will change as the leaves make their way to the ground and branches become visible again.

Each of these changes is a prelude to the season that will come after autumn. This is not the end of the journey because the journey through the seasons is not one that ends. Seasons are a cycle that repeats. But even though the changes we see will lead to something else, like all changes we encounter, each new facet of autumn deserves to be celebrated for what it is.

Autumn is the prelude to winter, but autumn is also a season for nourishment. It is the time of harvest, when all that has slowly grown is finally taken from

the ground to nourish the world. It is the time when the leaves that have shaded us for months embrace their inner beauty, then fall to the ground to nourish the next year's growth. And there is a messiness to these nourishing wonders that may conflict with our desire to organize and control our surroundings, but nature flourishes in messy ways.

Creation nourishes itself and its members in messy ways. Life flows in cycles and seasons and patterns from one kind of beauty to the next, and we are being invited to discover the familiar beauty of autumn once again, but with new eyes that have lived for another year.

Autumn reminds us that life is more than a series of tasks to complete; that creation moves in cycles; that change is part of life; and that there is beauty in letting go. These reminders can be blessings for us if we open ourselves to this nourishing, colorful season of transformation.

So, set aside your apprehension about change and your desire for control, and rediscover God's blessings as you experience again the joy and beauty of the season of autumn.

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Bazetta Christian Church History

The Bazetta Christian Church history continues, and we are sure that some of you reading this article have memories of this part of our church history, or at least heard about our

In 1954, four acres of land adjacent to the Church was purchased from the Trumbull County Extension Farm. This land would later provide space for the present building and parking lot. Also, the Church name was changed to West Bazetta Christian Church.

By early 1960, crowded conditions necessitated that the Church build a larger facility. Working with the Board of Church Extension and a local architect, the plan became reality for the Church's future building program.

The first unit consisted of an education building containing eight classrooms, a chapel, two offices, and restrooms. Nearly everyone in the church community helped sometime during the summer construction,

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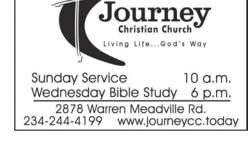
including the ladies! This addition was constructed almost entirely by Church members at a cost of \$30,000, and the

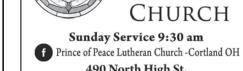
mortgage was paid off in three years. In 1963, the congregation adopted a new constitution for the church, changing the Church to its present name, Bazetta Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Now plans for a new building were ready for a ground-breaking ceremony to be held on May 3, 1964.

When completed we had added Fellowship Hall, a chancel area so the congregation could use the building as a temporary sanctuary, and a modern kitchen. The first worship service was held in the new building on May 30, 1965. The dedication of the new Fellowship Hall (temporary sanctuary) and kitchen was held on July 1, 1965.



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Celebrating the Jewish High Holidays

By Oliva Miller

What is Rosh Hashanah?

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time of rejoicing and introspection, a time to celebrate the completion of another year while also taking stock of one's life. Rosh Hashanah is also known as Yom Hadin or the Day of Judgment, on which God opens the Books of Life and Death, which are then sealed on Yom Kippur. It's celebrated with candle lighting in the evenings, festive meals, and prayer services that include the sounding of the ram's horn (shofar) on both mornings. This year, it began at sundown on Sept. 15.

What is Yom Kippur?

Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, is considered the most important holiday in the Jewish faith. According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person's

fate, so Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins committed during the past year. The holiday is observed with a 25 hour fast and a special religious service. This year, it begins at sundown on Sept. 24. What is Sukkot?

Beginning five days after Yom Kippur, Sukkot is named after the booths or huts (sukkot in Hebrew) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during this week-long celebration. According to rabbinic tradition, these flimsy sukkot represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Sukkot is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals (chaggim or regalim) of the Jewish year. This year, it begins at sundown on Sept. 29.



Part 3: Pet Ownership: Emotional Capacity

Hello readers! This issue is focused on another major aspect of pet ownership - emotional capacity. It can be difficult to care for ourselves emotionally and mentally, let alone trying to spare the emotional capacity to care for a pet. We need to carefully consider if we can support a pet in a positive way to provide them with positive experiences and emotions.

According to pet care company Zoetis, pets experience emotions just like humans. So think about whether you have the emotional capacity to provide the following for a pet's mental health (Zoetis):

- Trust. Can you invest the time/ energy to build a relationship with a pet? Can your pet be sure you'd never hurt them and will keep them out of anxious or harmful situations? Are you emotionally/behaviorally consistent with your pet? Do you ensure all other adults, children, and pets treat them with love, respect, and boundaries? Do they sense commitment from you or that you'd abandon them if they make 'one wrong move'?
- **Routine.** This provides a sense of comfort by letting pets know what to expect. This might include their grooming routine, feeding/walking/ letting them out on a consistent schedule, and the time you set aside for play!

in pain, do you take them to the vet? Do you take preventative measures to keep away parasites and disease? Do you provide high-quality foods, treats, and fresh water? Do you make sure they get

- Positive Experiences. Do you provide enrichment activities like new toys? Do you take time to play with your pet and talk to them lovingly? Do you pet and brush them? Many pets are terrified by loud noises and a household of chaos, so can you keep these at a minimum? Consider whether the experiences you subject your pet to are positive for them. Taking your cat out on a leash because you saw someone do it online could terrify them and create a very negative experience for the kitty.
- Space. Most pets have way more sensory ability than humans. Create a quiet safe-space with enrichment in a secluded area of your home. For dogs, this might be a quiet area to lay on a blanket and chew their favorite toy. For cats, you might consider a room with a window, complete with a scratcher pad, soft bed, and cat tree!

You can visit Zoetis' website to subscribe via email to a 7-day Pets' Mental Health Guide here: https:// www.zoetispetcare.com/guides/petmental-health

Email: Hello.Pawsitivity@gmail. com with comments/questions or article **Health.** When they are sick or ideas! Until next time - be paw-sitive!

Church News & Notes

Wildare Church is offering a new SPARKS group for ages 10-14 from 1-3:00 p.m. and Ignite Youth Fellowship for ages 15-18 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. every Sunday. Contact Barb for more information at wildarebw@ gmail.com

The Church of the Nazarene - 293 E Main St, Cortland - The excitement is growing as we prepare for a Craft Show, on Oct. 14, from 9 am-3 pm. Did someone say, "put another log on the fire"? Yep, probably so. Our campfires on Sunday nights have been a big hit. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Bring a comfy chair and a hot dog stick. Every Sunday at 6 pm for the rest of September and all of October.



Cortland United Methodist Church - "Church Attic Sale", Friday Sept. 22, 9 AM- 6 PM and Saturday, Sept 23, 9AM - 2 PM. 155 N. High St. We have been cleaning the church rooms and member's homes for the past several months and have discovered lots of long forgotten treasures and good junk that we will offer for a donation to God's work. Come pick-out what you want and "Contribute as God guides you." Lots of good stuff. Toys, games, books, craft materials ,furnishings, kids chairs, appliances, Christmas trees and decor, Something for everyone. All must go! Proceeds go to shared giving outreach projects. May God's Blessings come to you!

Cortland Christian Church -Where All Are Welcome, is having a Rummage Sale on Friday, September 9 am-4 pm and Saturday, September 30, 9 am to 2 pm. Make a donation, no price tags. If you have a few items you would like to donate, bring them to the church the week of September 24. Must be clean and in working order. No clothes or shoes. Let us know. Call 330-637-4611 between 8 am and 1 pm.



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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina Jo Taylor, Lakeview Superintendent

The last week of September is upon us and autumn will follow quickly on its heels. Before we turn that page, however, we'd like to focus on two events that may be of interest to *Cortland News* readers.

On Monday, September 25th, Lakeview Local Schools will be holding a "State of the Schools" session beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the K-7 building. An indepth look at the financial picture is on the agenda. We have noted that some residents are unclear about this topic and hope to shed light on the district's fiscal status. The five-year forecast as well as ongoing efforts to reduce spending will be examined. Childcare will be provided for those with young children. We anticipate the meeting will take one hour.

On Friday, September 29th, the Lakeview Teachers Association will be sponsoring a Chili Cook-off with proceeds benefiting their scholarship program. Plan to visit their tent prior to the football game versus Struthers. Tasting and judging will begin at 5:00

P.M. Look for the tent near the high school building in the parking area. There is a charge to get a taste of the chili available or to purchase a bowl of one you particularly like.

In addition to the Chili Cook-off, the district will be celebrating our senior citizens on the 29th. The Lakeview Levy Committee will be offering food and drinks at no charge to our senior citizens prior to the game kick off. Their gathering will be close to the Chili Cook-off, so you can visit both groups easily. In addition, Cortland area senior citizens will be admitted free of charge (if they don't already have their senior citizen pass) to the game that night.

So, make plans to grab a bite to eat thanks to the Lakeview Levy Committee and the Lakeview Teachers Association any time after 5:00, then enjoy watching our Lakeview Bulldog football team with kick off at 7:00 and the Bulldog marching band at halftime.

It promises to be a night worth celebrating. Hope to see you there! *Together—We Are Lakeview*.



Penalty Kick Shootout Returns

The very popular Penalty Kick Shootout fundraiser for the girls & boys soccer programs at Lakeview returns September 23. The same format is in place where players and community members will be able to shoot on the varsity goalies to test their skills.

There will be food trucks, games and prizes for the participants in the shootout. This will take place at Lakeview High School from 1-3 pm on September 23rd. For more information contact Nick Facciolo at nicholas. facciolo@lakeviewlocal.org

Lakeview Levy Committee Craft Show

The Lakeview Levy Committee will host a craft show on Saturday, September 23 at the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club from 10 AM – 4 PM. There will be craft Vendors, food trucks, music and fun for everyone!

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Want to learn more about the upcoming levy? Follow them on Facebook "Lakeview Levy Committee-Lakeview Local Schools". They wish to thank their community partners, The Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club and FuJi Lee.



State Interim Superintendent Of Instruction Visits Lakeview K-7



Velina Taylor, Melissa Weber-Mayer, J. Christopher Woolard, Melissa Kmetz, Ryan Stowell, Ashley Handrych

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, Ohio Department of Education Interim Superintendent J. Christopher Woolard, Ph.D., and Melissa Weber-Mayer, ODE Chief of Literacy, accompanied by State Teacher of the Year, Melissa Kmetz, visited the K-7 building for a tour. This visit was part of a multi-stop tour of Trumbull County that included Warren City Schools, Lakeview, and the Trumbull County Educational Service

Center's State Support Team.

The group visited both the elementary and middle school sides of the building and enjoyed watching staff and students actively learning and participating in each of their classrooms. After Dr. Woolard and Ms. Weber-Mayer traveled to their next stop, Miss Kmetz stayed at the K-7 to visit former students who were having lunch.

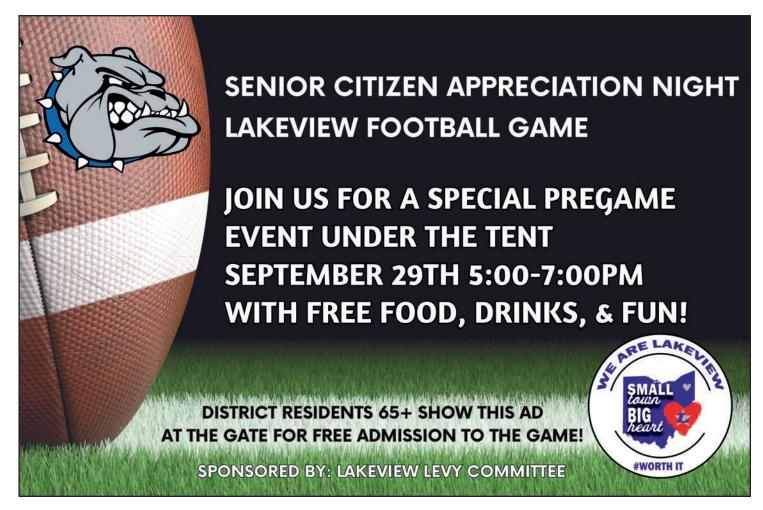
Lakeview Local Senior Pass Program

Lakeview Local Schools welcomes any district resident who is aged 65 or older to stop at the Board office to obtain a Senior Citizen Pass at no charge. This pass will provide FREE admission to all home athletic events for the entire academic year.

For the fall season, this pass works for all home football games as well as soccer and volleyball matches played. This includes middle school events as well as high school contests. In the winter, all basketball home events for high school or middle school teams are eligible for free admission with the senior citizen pass. The passes are just for athletic events. The others (aka plays) have limited attendance and the fees for admission help to support the programs. There are no admission fees for band or choir concerts.

A special exception to remember is that play-off games hosted at Lakeview are not eligible for free admission. Playoffs are OHSAA sanctioned events and require paid admission for all attendees. If a resident of the Lakeview School district wants a pass, they are encouraged to visit the Board offices located in the high school at 300 Hillman Drive anytime during regular school hours (7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) Please remember to bring proof of age/address. A driver's license works well for this purpose.

To see sports schedules for any team, please visit the Lakeview Local webpage and click on the athletics tab. Scroll down the bottom right column and click on the LakeviewSports live link. Current and future events are listed there.



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Marching Bulldogs Dial Up A 90's Show

By Heather Sensabaugh



Marching Band is in full swing and this year they are putting on a magnificent show with songs from the era of Grunge, the 1990's! Songs they are playing this year include Creep, Smells Like Teen Spirit and Zombie among others. They have had two successful band shows, one at LaBrae and one at Howland so far this year. The Lakeview Band Night was on Monday, August 28th. They will also be performing at the Jackson Band Festival on September 23rd, as well as the Buckeye Invitational at Ohio State on October 14th. The Marching Band

plays at all Football Games as well!

The band attended Band Camp at Hiram College again this summer, marched in the Street Fair Parade in July and went to Kennywood where they marched in the first Fall Fantasy Parade of the year on August 5th. They were the best band there (I may be a bit biased, as my daughter is enjoying her first year as a Marching Bulldog!).

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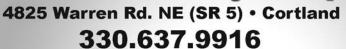
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Want to Retire Early? Read This First.

As a financial advisor, I have seen firsthand how much planning it takes to retire early. Deciding to leave the workforce (and say goodbye to your steady paycheck) earlier than you previously intended to may come with many considerations. If you are intrigued by the idea of retiring early, read on for some suggestions for how to assess if moving your retirement date forward is something within your reach

1. Define your dream retirement. A realistic early retirement plan doesn't happen by chance. It takes careful planning and deliberate action. Before you can figure out how to make early retirement a viable option, take time to envision the kind of life you want to lead when you leave your primary career. Where will you live? What kind of activities do you plan to pursue? These are the types of questions that will help you define what you want your retirement to be like.

2. Quantify your goal. Many retirees find they spend more money in the early years of retirement because they have more time to travel and pursue hobbies. If this aligns with your retirement vision, be generous in your estimate of how much money you need each year. Once you have an estimate of how much it will cost, you will be better able to map the steps you'll need to take to save enough money to fund it.

3. Decide which income source to tap into first. Once you know how much your early retirement will cost, you'll want to line up the order in which you will tap into your investments. How much income you need, the tax treatment of your investments, and the timing of when you'll take Social Security are all factors to consider as you map out how you will create a paycheck in retirement.

4. Adjust your saving and spending today. Once you have a clear idea of how much your dream retirement will cost, you can evaluate the potential tradeoffs and sacrifices necessary to make it happen. This will likely require reducing spending while maximizing the amount you are saving.

5. Continue investing growth. It's common for retirees to adjust their investment allocation to be more conservative in order to protect their principal from potential market downturns or increased volatility. While this may make sense for some, it's important for your portfolio to at least keep on pace with inflation. After all, retirement can easily last several decades. Even modest inflation can make a meaningful impact over that timeframe. Factoring inflation into your projections can help you maintain your purchasing power throughout retirement.

6. Don't overlook health care expenses. Many retirees are surprised by how much of their budget goes toward medical expenses. Don't be one of them. Make finding health insurance a top priority. And, consider the pros and cons of purchasing long-term care insurance.

7. Be flexible. In life and investing, there are no guarantees. Unexpected events can happen any time, and many have financial implications. Think about what your options are if your savings come up short, such as adjusting your retirement date, spending or perhaps picking up a part-time job, and make sure you have the right insurance in place to cover your various assets.

Retiring early is a big dream. If you want help deciding if or how moving your retirement date forward is realistic for you, meet with a financial advisor. Together you can review your goals, investments, risk tolerance and other factors to help you make retirement decisions with confidence.

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An "Innocent Spouse" May Be Able To Escape Tax Liability

When a married couple files a joint tax return, each spouse is "jointly and severally" liable for the full amount of tax on the couple's combined income. That means the IRS can pursue either spouse to collect the entire tax, not just the part that's attributed to one spouse or the other. This includes any tax deficiency that the IRS assesses after an audit, as well as any penalties and interest.

In some cases, however, one spouse may be eligible for "innocent spouse relief." This generally occurs when one spouse was unaware of a tax understatement that was attributable to the other spouse.

Qualifying for relief - To qualify for innocent spouse relief, you must show not only that you didn't know about the understatement, but also that there was nothing that should have made you suspicious. In addition, the circumstances must make it inequitable to hold you liable for the tax.

Innocent spouse relief is available even if you're still married and living with your spouse. In addition, if you're widowed, divorced, legally separated or have lived apart for at least one year, you may be able to limit liability for any tax deficiency on a joint return.

Election to limit liability - If you make the innocent spouse relief election, the tax items that gave rise to the deficiency will be allocated between you and your spouse as if you'd filed separate returns. For example, you'd generally be liable for the tax on any unreported wage income only to the extent that you earned the wages.

The election won't provide relief from your spouse's tax items if the IRS proves that you knew about the items or had reason to know when you signed the return, unless you can show that you signed the return under duress. Also, the limitation on your liability is increased by the value of any assets that your spouse transferred to you to avoid the tax.

An "injured" spouse - In addition to innocent spouse relief, there's also relief for "injured" spouses. What's the difference? An injured spouse claim

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asks the IRS to allocate part of a joint refund to one spouse.

In these cases, an injured spouse has had all or part of a refund from a joint return applied against past-due federal tax, state tax, child or spousal support, or a federal nontax debt (such as a student loan) owed by the other spouse. If you're an injured spouse, you may be entitled to recoup your share of the refund.

Moving on - Whether, and to what extent, you can take advantage of the above relief depends on the facts of your situation. If you're interested in trying to obtain relief, there's paperwork that must be filed and deadlines that must be met.

Even if you're not in need of any such relief now, as you file tax returns in the future, be mindful of "joint and several liability." Generally filing a joint tax return results in lower taxes for a married couple. But if you want to ensure that you're responsible only for your own tax, filing separate returns might be a better choice for you, even if your marriage is intact. Contact us with any questions or concerns.

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Early Learning Center At Jewish Community Center Receives Grants

The Early Learning Center at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown received two grants from the Penner Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

A \$30,000 grant will be used for enrichment programs, such as art, preschool swimming, yoga, movin' and groovin' classes, Gymsters, and Shabbat activities. A \$32,500 grant will be used for ELC scholarships and family programs.

"We will use this money to supplement Jewish holiday celebrations throughout the year, teacher appreciation activities, ELC family activities, one-on-one infant and toddler swim lessons, and summer enrichment to keep the kids engaged during the

The Early Learning Center at hot summer months," said Adrienne Jewish Community Center of Achenbach, ELC director.

A Five Star Step up to Quality center, the Early Learning Center at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown creates and maintains a standard of excellence in social development, cultural diversity, and education. It is a caring community where every child can learn, play, and grow.

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown offers social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs in a Jewish environment. Everyone is welcome. JCC is an agency of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. For more information, visit jccyoungstown.org.

Looking for Community Volunteer Writers & Reporters

By Thom Foley

The Cortland News is looking for a few more volunteer writers to help bring all the GOOD NEWS to our community. Do you have that burning desire to write? Are you looking to get more involved in our community? Perhaps you are a budding writer or looking for an opportunity to share your thoughts. Maybe you have a 'nose for news'?

You could help by covering area

events and programs or writing about your favorite interests. Do you like to interview people? There are lots of possibilities and you can pick your own times to help. If you are interested drop me a line at Editor@thecortlandnews. com

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SCOPE News

WCI retirees' pension may change. Attention WCI retirees as you may have new options for your pension benefits and a small window of time until September 30th to make changes. SCOPE provides free individual support for pensions, Medicare, Medicaid and prescription plans to seniors in Trumbull County.

Contact Marge Haley at SCOPE Senior Services at 330-399-8846 or call TLC Insurance Group and Wealth in Howland at 800-719-3751 to discuss your options.



SCOPE offers free technology services for all Trumbull County senior citizens at its Warren Center. As an ongoing effort to support our senior citizen's needs, we continue to provide a large variety of free technology support services. Call Kevin at 330-399-8846 to schedule an appointment.



SCOPE tours recently travelled to the Lucy Museum and Chautauqua Lake excursion. For more info on upcoming trips call Doreen at SCOPE at 330-574-2888.



Clayton Lohry received a trophy at the Greene Eagle Winery Labor Day Car Show supporting SCOPE Senior Services.



Marcia Melvin of Lane Funeral Home recently conducted a workshop on pre planning funeral needs at Warren Senior Citizen Center.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow Event Benefits SCOPE

Greene Eagle Winery turns into 'Eagle Hollow' this time of the year to host the re-enactment of the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and the annual visit from the Headless horseman.

This family friendly event will be held on two Saturdays, September 30th and October 7th. Greene Eagle Winery is located at 2576 Davis Peck Road off Route 46 just three miles north of Mecca circle.

Starting at 3 PM the 'Shop in the Hollow' returns with over 20 vendors selling their wares. The Haunted Hayride starts at 4 PM for an extra \$2 per ride or ride all day for only \$5. There will also be a Trebuchet firing pumpkins. Pony rides have been added this year, as well as a costume contest.

Each night at 6:30pm 'The Three Witches' will perform a scene from William Shakespeare's play Macbeth. Then the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" reenactment will begin. The performance includes Sleepy Hollow townspeople from TNT, Katrina, Brohm Bones, and of course the famous horse ride between Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman!

There will be an entrance fee of \$20 per car to help offset costs as this event continues to grow each year. A portion



of each vehicles entrance fee will be donated to SCOPE Senior Citizen Services who will provide parking volunteers. SCOPE will also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets with the proceeds benefiting their charity.

Food trucks from LaRiccia's, Ocean Breeze and the Little Red Food Truck will have additional food items available for purchase in addition to the winery's food menu. Plastic cups will be used for wine and beer. If you want to drink out of a glass, please bring your own or purchase a Sleepy Hollow logo glass.

Please bring chairs or blankets for additional seating outside. No coolers or off premises beverages or food please! Plan on parking in the field guided by SCOPE and Champion football player volunteers.

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When Can I Change My Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plan?

Medicare's annual enrollment takes place every year between October 15 and December 7. This is the time to consider your current situation and coverage and make any necessary changes for the upcoming year. In most cases, you must keep your plan for the entire calendar year. However, Medicare allows for some exceptions to this rule.

There are special enrollment periods based on specific circumstances. For example, Medicare Advantage plans and Stand-alone Drug plans are based on county and state of residence. What is available in one county or state may not be available in another county or state. If you move and your plan is not available in your new area, you will need to switch plans within a designated time frame using a special enrollment period to do so. Anyone receiving a Low-Income Subsidy from Medicare or who qualifies for Medicaid has a special enrollment period during each of the first three quarters of the year or anytime there is a change in the level of assistance.

Medicare considers January 1 to March 31 an open enrollment period. During these months, you can make a one-time change to your plan if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan currently in place. You can switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or drop your plan and return to Original Medicare Insurance. You can not switch from a stand-alone drug plan to another stand-alone drug plan or from Original

Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan during this time.

Another option that may be available throughout the year is a onetime switch to a 5-Star plan. Medicare uses a rating system for Advantage plans with and without drug coverage (Part C) and for stand-alone drug plans (Part D). These plans receive a quality rating from 1 to 5 stars each year. If a plan receives a five-star rating and is available in your area you can use a onetime per year Special Enrollment Period from December 8 through November 30 to switch to one of these plans. This can be helpful with network changes. If your provider becomes out of network with your current plan and is in the network of a 5-star plan you can use this one-time election to switch without waiting until the Annual Enrollment Period and start the new plan the first of the following month instead of waiting until January 1st of the following year.

There are several different circumstances where you may be eligible for a special enrollment period depending on your specific situation. You can touch base with your local agent at any time to review your options. More information can also be found at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-Medicare.

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What Did You Say?

By Cait Morgan

I have to admit it, my hearing is getting a little on the rough side. For a few years, I haven't been able to tell from where a sound is coming. It's a little disconcerting when searching for a ringing cell phone and leads a certain Curmudgeon to ask why I am going upstairs to get a phone that is ringing down in the laundry room.

Lately, however, I can't always understand what he is saying when he talks to me. I would love to blame it on mumbling on his part, but I know better. He used to blame me for mumbling and I know darned well I wasn't, so I'm thinking it is likely the same situation coming back at me. Hate that. But my hearing is sinking down to the level of my husband's.

This is not good.

The most spoken phrase between us used to be "I love you". Now it's "What did you say?" One of us ends up saying it at least once in a conversation. Sometimes it IS the conversation.

Curmie: ...<indecipherable>... rather than use your car.

Me: What did you say? Curmie: Well your car is small. Me: What did you say before that? Curmie: About what? Me: I don't know. Right before the part about rather than using my car.

Curmie: I didn't say anything before that. I was downstairs.

Me: I know. But the first part of the sentence about not using my car.

Curmie: Huh? What did you say? Me: I was asking what we are doing instead of using my car for something.

Curmie: Why would we use your car for something? It's too small!

Me: Shoot me.

...and on it goes. However, there are times when hearing loss can be quite beneficial. I recall one time when we were both down in the office, he was on his computer and I went to look up something on my phone. Long nails were making my typing a mess so I asked him if he had a stylus in his desk. He replied "Yes, hold on" and proceeds to open an envelope in the drawer and hands me a \$5 bill. Ok then!

A short while later I mentioned I needed to stop at Pat Catan's later in the week. His comment was that the windows were closed but he could turn on the furnace if I was cold.

What? No money?

You can bet I kept the \$5 bill, though!



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Helping A Neighbor In Need

By Kelli Weir

Jenifer and Steve Harris haven't had much time to meet many of their Cortland neighbors since they and their three children moved into the city a year ago. The family, which had been renting a house in Johnston Township, had only lived in their Fox Run home for a month when doctors detected a suspicious lump during Jenifer's annual mammogram. Doctors diagnosed the 1992 Maplewood High School graduate with Stage I breast cancer two months later in August 2022.

Since then, it has been a whirlwind of doctor appointments, chemotherapy, radiation and hospital stays. The family, which includes 16-year-old twins, Tyler and Seth, and 14-year-old Remi, also has been busy trying to cut expenses, such as using only one car for transportation. Steve, a truck driver, and Jenifer, a phlebotomist, have been trying to pick up additional shifts to help cover the additional medical bills and the months of income Jenifer lost when she couldn't work due to her treatments.

Despite the lack of face-to-face introductions, Jenifer says she already feels the love of the community through all of the donations contributed by Cortland residents and businesses to the War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction. The Raffle-Auction will also feature a Cow Patty Bingo contest, costumed princesses, superheroes, live music, food trucks, archery and an onsite mobile mammography van, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds as a fundraiser to help Jenifer with her lost income and out-of-pocket medical bills. Admission and parking to the family-friendly event are free.

Several businesses in Cortland,

such as Shaker Painting, Top Notch Diner, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Boss Babes LLC, Dip-Tastic Treats and Galleria of Arts & Antiques, have donated money or auction items to support the fundraiser. City residents also have pledged to make delicious treats for the event's bake sale and to volunteer at the event to help make the fundraiser a success. Jenifer hopes to meet many more Cortland neighbors at the event. Cortland resident Jacob Mullee, whose family foundation is a sponsor of this year's event, said the outpouring of support is what makes Cortland such a great community.

"Since we moved to Cortland in 2016, we've always seen that the community has a strong giving and supportive nature, so it's not surprising to see the outpouring and continued support from businesses and families in Cortland," he said. "We are proud to be a part of that and are beyond happy that we have been blessed to be able to help support This Means War and their mission alongside fellow Cortland

The Raffle-Auction will boast more than 200 items including \$300 in Meijer gift cards, a six-hour guided walleye fishing experience on Lake Erie, a free





Cortland Breast Cancer Survivor, Jenifer Harris, center, surrounded by members of This Means War Against Breast Cancer from left, Beth Ann Vanek, Connie Silvernail, Kelli Weir, Steve Lallathin, Chuck Vanek, Britnee Mullee and Jessica Lallathin.

Panera Bread pastry or bagel every month for a year, a free visit from Santa, tickets to concerts, comedy shows, family fun parks, wine festivals and sporting events, a flat-screen TV, scratch-off Lottery ticket bundles, hunting gear, toys for all ages and gift cards to many popular restaurants.

General item tickets are 2 for \$1. Tickets for items valued at \$100 or more are \$1 each and tickets for items valued at \$300 or more are \$5 each. Winners do not need to be present for the 4:15 p.m. drawing. Tickets for the Cow Patty Bingo can be purchased until Sept. 29 at https://tinyurl.com/ CowPattyBingoTickets, or at the Sept. 30 event up until 1:30 p.m. The owner of the space where the cow leaves its prize will receive up to \$500 in cash and a Texas Roadhouse - Niles Butcher's

Basket. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$10 each.

Besides the Mullee Family Foundation, event sponsors include Texas Roadhouse - Niles, Hope Center for Cancer Care, Curtis Layer Design/ Build, Shaker Painting, the Howland Hope Chest LLC, Darlene Kearney of Coldwell Banker/Schmidt Realty in partnership with the Trumbull County Fair Board. It is being organized by This Means War Against Breast Cancer Inc., an all-volunteer nonprofit organization formed to help breast cancer survivors pay their medical expenses not covered by insurance.

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



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Recognition of Patriot Day

Cortland Rotary Club hosted Bazetta Township and Cortland City first responders in recognition of Patriot Day

at the September 12th meeting. Thank you all for your service.



Left to right: Bazetta Fire Chief Tom Rink, Bazetta Police Chief Chris Herlinger, Bazetta Police Sargent Nathan Greathouse, Cortland Police Chief David Morris, Cortland Police Detective John Weston, Dan Schultz, Cortland Rotary Club President and Cortland Fire Captain Todd Price.

Public Meeting Lakeview Schools Financial State





If you are wondering why Lakeview Local Schools are trying to pass a levy, you can find out for yourself at a public meeting on Monday, September 25 6:00 PM at the Lakeview K-7 cafeteria.

"We are inviting all community members to join us and learn about our financial state" said Superintendent Velina Jo Taylor. "Our goal is to provide insights on the current and projected financial health of the school district."



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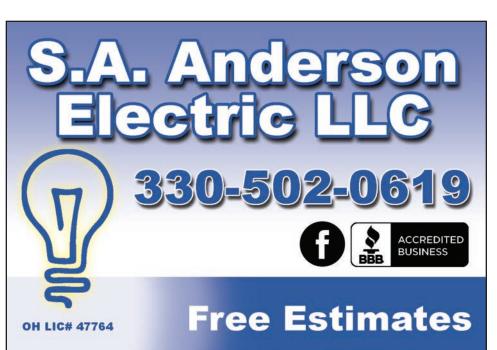
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Audubon Society Invites Public To The Art Of Birding

The Audubon Society/ Mahoning Valley kicks off its fall 2023 programming on September 26 with "The Art of Birding," featuring a presentation and discussion with John Guy Petruzzi. The event is free and open to the public, all are welcome to attend. Guests are invited to arrive at 6:30 pm for networking and socializing, and the program will begin at 7 pm. The event will take place at the Austintown Senior Center (112 Westchester Drive, Austintown, OH 44515), and guests are asked to please use Disabled American Veterans (DAV) entrance to access the

Mr. Petruzzi is a Youngstown-born artist, educator, photographer, and lifelong birder. For this presentation, he will share his enthusiasm for local patch birding, guiding the audience through a year of birds in his home county of Mahoning. Drawing from a portfolio containing tens of thousands of images collected over a decade, a vivid portrait of local birdlife will emerge through a selection of unforgettable moments. From backyard favorites to the spectacular Gyrfalcon of 2021/22, the images will celebrate the adaptability of birds and the importance of habitat

conservation. Mr. Petruzzi will also explain how birding informs and inspires his fine art painting practice. More about Mr. Petruzzi's work can be found on his website at: https://www. johnguypetruzzi.com/

Mr. Petruzzi's work is also the featured exhibit in the Weller Gallery, located in the Davis Education and Visitor's Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens. The "Field Marks" collection features stunning examples of Mr. Petruzzi's bird photography and paintings using watercolor/acrylics. The exhibit will be on display through October 1st.

Members of the Audubon Society/ Mahoning Valley will be present to discuss upcoming events and opportunities for birders of all ages and levels of experience to get involved with the organization.

Audubon Society/Mahoning Valley is the National Audubon Society chapter of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties. The organization seeks to educate and disseminate information regarding local birding and environmental issues. More information can be found on Facebook at Audubon Society/Mahoning Valley.



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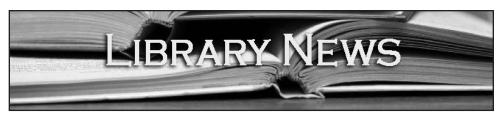
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Cortland Library Events for Fall 2023

Midweek Mayhem

Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Games, activities, and a small snack. For teens in grades 7 - 12. Free.

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 2, 16, 23. Storytime for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 Stories, songs and movement activities reinforce the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 - 5. Free.

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Oct. 3 from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Teens in grades 7 - 12 are invited to collaborate and share their creative ideas for the library and earn service hours as part of the Teen Advisory Board. Applications are available in the library at the Teen Desk or the Checkout Desk. Registration is requested; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Adult Book Discussion

"Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio" Thurs., Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. Join in our discussion of "Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio" by Derf Backderf. This is a Trumbull County Reads 2023 book selection.

Ozobots Tues., Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. Use Ozobots to learn the basic concepts of coding. We will be practicing both paper and tablet coding for the Ozobot robots. Free.

Adult Book Discussion

"Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio" Thurs., Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. Online via Zoom. Read "Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio" by Derf Backderf and then join in the discussion with other Warren-Trumbull County Public Library patrons. The book discussion will meet in person or can be joined online via Zoom. To join

virtually via Zoom, call the Warren Library at (330) 399-8807 ext. 200 or email REF@WTCPL.ORG to receive an invitation link. This is a free Trumbull County Reads 2023 event.

Open Mic Night!

Mon., Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. Open Mic Nights are a place for local poets, authors, musicians, or artists to share their work with the community. We look forward to enjoying a variety of talents at our library Open Mic Night! For ages 16+. This is a Trumbull County Reads 2023 event. Free.

Masquerade Murder Mystery for

Mon., Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. In a town where corruption and scandal run rampant, you find a ticket to the mayor's masquerade ball mysteriously in your mailbox. When things go awry, can you stay alive and find out who the killer is before it's too late? Teens in grades 7 - 12 will be assigned a character at registration for this mystery. Registration is required by Oct. 19; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Oct. 24 from 3 – 4 p.m. Tweens in grades 5 - 8 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.

Family Storytime

Thurs., Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. Come as a family to enjoy stories and activities for big kids, little kids and the young at heart. For families with children ages 3 8. Free.

Creative @ Cortland

Sat., Oct. 28 between 2 - 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades K – 4 can stop by the library to try activities that will let them explore their creative sides. A drop-in event.

Join The Conversation At **Bristol Public Library**

The Bristol Public Library is inviting the community to be a part of Trumbull County Reads 2023 this October, as local libraries join together for a shared reading and learning experience.

Trumbull County Reads (formerly known as One Book/One Community) is an annual initiative that encourages everyone to celebrate reading through books - selected for children through Reads 2023!

adults - that focus on the theme "Stand Up" will be featured.

Public discussions about the featured books will be held at many libraries in Trumbull County, and a unique series of films, guest speakers, and events related to the books are planned throughout October.

Visit the Bristol Public Library to conversations and events related to a pick up your copy today. Join in the central book or topic. This year, four conversation during Trumbull County

Maniacs In The Woods Returns

By Jeffrey Jiang

This haunted attraction located at the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club will return starting Friday September 29th. Tickets will be \$10.00 and can be purchased on site from 8 pm-11 pm. Maniacs in the Woods will operate every Friday and Saturday night in October. We will have food trucks and local vendors throughout the season!

Maniacs in the Woods is hosting their third annual Trunk or Treat at the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club. It will take place on Friday, October 27th, 2023 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Please come out and grab some free treats! Businesses, organizations, & individuals are welcome to come out and hand out treats! Please register through the Maniacs in the Woods Facebook Page. Maniacs in the Woods in a nonprofit Haunted Attraction ranked one of the tops in the state of Ohio with X-Factor.

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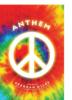
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