

Thrills Await: A Guide to Theme Parks Within Reach of Cortland

By Alex Irman

For families in Cortland seeking a day, or even a weekend, filled with exhilarating rides, captivating shows, and endless laughter, a surprising number of world-class theme parks are just a few hours' drive away. From the classic amusement park charm to modern thrill machines and expansive water parks, the region offers a diverse array of options to create unforgettable summer memories. Planning ahead, considering the age and interests of everyone in the family, is key to maximizing the fun at these exciting destinations.

Perhaps the most iconic destination within a reasonable drive is Cedar Point, located in Sandusky, Ohio, often hailed as the "Roller Coaster Capital of the World." Situated on a peninsula stretching into Lake Erie, Cedar Point boasts an impressive collection of over 17 roller coasters, including the record-breaking Steel Vengeance and the legendary Millennium Force, thrilling even the most seasoned adrenaline junkies. Beyond the coasters, the park offers a wide variety of family-friendly rides, live entertainment, and a dedicated children's area. For those hot summer days, Cedar Point Shores Waterpark, right next door, provides refreshing relief with its slides, wave pools, and interactive water play areas. The park typically operates from 10 AM to 10 PM during peak season, with the waterpark opening an hour later. It's a full-day adventure, and many families opt for an overnight stay at one of the park's resort hotels to fully experience all it has to offer.



Venturing east into Pennsylvania, Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, near Pittsburgh, offers a delightful blend of classic amusement park nostalgia and modern thrills. This historic park, celebrating over a century of operation, is renowned for its charming atmosphere, unique rides like The Phantom's Revenge and the wooden Thunderbolt, and its beloved Potato Patch fries. Kennywood offers a strong selection of rides suitable for all ages, from gentle carousels to gravity-defying coasters. Its operating hours vary, often opening at 11 AM and closing between 7 PM and 10 PM depending on the day and season. The park's commitment to preserving its historical rides while adding new attractions makes it a truly special experience.

Further north in Erie, Pennsylvania, lies Waldameer Park & Water World, a family-friendly destination known for its free admission and free parking into the amusement park section. Guests

pay per ride or can purchase an all-day wristband, offering flexibility for shorter visits or those with varying interests. Waldameer features over 100 rides, slides, and attractions, including the highly rated Ravine Flyer II roller coaster. Water World, the expansive water park portion, is included with a ride wristband and offers a half-million-gallon wave pool, numerous water slides, and a lazy river, providing ample opportunities to cool off. This park is an excellent choice for families looking for an affordable and comprehensive day of fun.

For those willing to journey a bit further south into Ohio, Kings Island in Mason, north of Cincinnati, presents another fantastic option. This sprawling park features a diverse range of attractions, from the towering Orion giga coaster to the iconic Beast, one of the longest wooden roller coasters in the world. Kings Island also boasts a massive water park, Soak City,

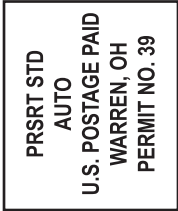
included with park admission, offering 36 water slides, two wave pools, and dedicated children's play areas. Its award-winning Planet Snoopy and Camp Snoopy areas provide a safe and exciting environment for younger visitors, complete with character meet-and-greets and kid-friendly rides. Kings Island generally opens its gates at 10 AM, with Soak City opening at 11 AM, both typically closing at 10 PM during summer.

While slightly further afield, Hersheypark in Hershey, Pennsylvania, offers a unique, chocolate-themed experience that combines a fantastic amusement park with a sweet twist. With 15 roller coasters, including the hypercoaster Candymonium, and a vast collection of family rides, Hersheypark provides thrills for everyone. The Boardwalk at Hersheypark, an 11-acre water park, is included with admission and features numerous water slides, a wave pool, and a lazy river. Beyond the rides, guests can explore ZooAmerica, a North American wildlife park, and immerse themselves in all things chocolate at Hershey's Chocolate World. Hersheypark generally opens at 10 AM, with varying closing times, often extending to 9 PM or 10 PM.

Each of these theme parks offers a distinct experience, but all promise a day or more of exhilarating entertainment for families from Cortland. With a little research into operating hours, ticket prices, and specific attractions, families can easily plan a memorable outing that caters to every member's desire for fun and adventure.

Embrace The Local Charm: The Rise Of Staycations For Unforgettable Family Fun

By Alex Irman



As summer heats up and thoughts turn to much-needed getaways, many families are discovering the unexpected joys and surprising ease of the "staycation." Forget the grueling travel days and the frantic packing; a growing number of households are finding that a memorable family vacation doesn't require a faraway destination, but rather a fresh perspective on the treasures right in their own backyard.

The key to a successful staycation, much like any vacation, lies in the planning. It's not about simply staying home, but about intentionally crafting an experience that feels distinct from everyday life. Consider it an opportunity to explore your local area with the eyes of a tourist. Research nearby attractions you've always meant to visit – perhaps a historical landmark, a nature preserve

with hiking trails, or even an unvisited corner of a beloved local park. Many communities offer hidden gems that are often overlooked in the rush of daily life.


One family recently shared their delightful staycation experience. Instead of a long drive, they mapped out a week of local adventures. Mornings were dedicated to exploring a different natural area each day, from birdwatching at a local wetland to picnicking by a scenic waterfall just a short drive away. Afternoons were reserved for creative pursuits at home, such as building an elaborate fort in the living room or hosting a board game tournament with prizes. Evenings brought themed dinners – one night was "international cuisine" where everyone helped prepare a dish from a different country, another was

a backyard campfire with s'mores and storytelling under the stars.

The beauty of the staycation is its flexibility and cost-effectiveness. Without the expense of airfare, hotels, or extensive road trip fuel, families can allocate their budget towards more experiences. This might mean splurging on tickets to a local minor league baseball game, enjoying a fancy meal at a restaurant they wouldn't normally frequent, or investing in new backyard games and activities that will provide enjoyment long after the "vacation" ends.

Furthermore, the staycation eliminates the stress of travel logistics. No hurried airport security lines, no lost luggage, and no endless hours in the car with impatient youngsters. The familiar comforts of home provide a secure base, allowing for spontaneous changes

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 15
Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.
Cortland Public Library - Check out the ongoing events on page 18
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>
Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.
Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).
Church Events - See the Church News and Notes on the Faith pages.
Trumbull County Combined Health District has numerous free upcoming Vaccine Clinics. See their website or the article in this issue.

JULY

- 19 Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge benefiting "Women of Worship" at Cortland Christian Church / 9 AM- 11:30 AM
- 19 God Provides a Meal / Cortland Methodist Church / 11 AM - 1 PM
- 20 Prayer Shelter Dedication / Bazetta Christian Church / 10 AM
- 20 Hiram School Reunion / Troy Community Center- 13950 Main Market St. (Rt. 422) Burton, (Welshfield -Troy Twp) Ohio / 1-4 PM.
- 25 Red Cross Blood Drive / Cortland Methodist Church / 9 AM - 2 PM
- 27 Habitat for Humanity Recognition / Bazetta Christian Church / 10 AM

AUGUST

- 2 Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge benefiting the Herd Foundation, with all proceeds going toward the playground project at Mathews Elementary School / 9 AM- 11:30 AM
- 2 Red Cross Blood Drive / Bazetta Christian Church / 9 AM - 2 PM
- 5, 7, 12, 14 JoMaries School of Dance and Gymnastics Registration / 5:30-7:30 PM
- 6 Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Reorganization Meeting
Lions Memorial Pavilion at the rear of the Lions Club Building
197 W Main St / 6:30 PM
- 10 Bazetta Christian Church Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Lunch

The Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

The 2025 summer concert schedule is pretty full now. Below is a list of the public performances that we have scheduled. Our small group, the Dixieland Jazz Band does have available dates though. Please email Garey Watson at glwatson2@gmail.com for info on how to book that group, or Cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com and we'll pass your info on to Garey

JULY:

Wednesday, July 23rd- 7pm concert at Grace Methodist Church, 1725 Drexel Ave NW, Warren (R/S)

AUGUST:

Wednesday, August 6th- 7pm Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N. High St, Cortland, (W/P)

*(W/P) Weather Permitting, (R/S) Rain or Shine

Embrace The Local Charm

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of plans and the luxury of unhurried mornings. Naps are easier, dietary needs are simpler to manage, and the collective sigh of relief from avoiding travel-related anxieties is palpable.

Ultimately, a staycation proves that adventure isn't solely found on distant shores. With a little imagination and deliberate planning, families can create cherished memories and strengthen their bonds, all while discovering the wealth of wonders that lie just beyond their doorstep. It's a testament to the idea that sometimes the best vacation is the one that brings you closer to home.



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Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Brush Pick Up - The next brush chipping will be the week of July 28th. The rules and regulations can be found on our website. Only 1 pass per street will be made and nothing larger than 3" in diameter will be chipped. Put your brush out the Sunday before to ensure pick up.

Electric Aggregate - Beginning with the July meter read, the City of Cortland has opted to use Archer Energy. If you have questions or want to know if you are enrolled, call Archer at 844-795-7491.

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Dates to Remember
July 21 - City Council - 7 p.m.
August 4 - City Council - 7 p.m.
August 11 - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
August 11 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
Answer - b. 90 days. And bonus information for you; 92% of a watermelon is water.

American Legion Donates To Bazetta And Cortland Safety Forces

By Colonel Robert Mangold, US Army, Retired

Fulfilling our mission of helping local communities American Legion Post 540, The Raymond L Johnson Post,

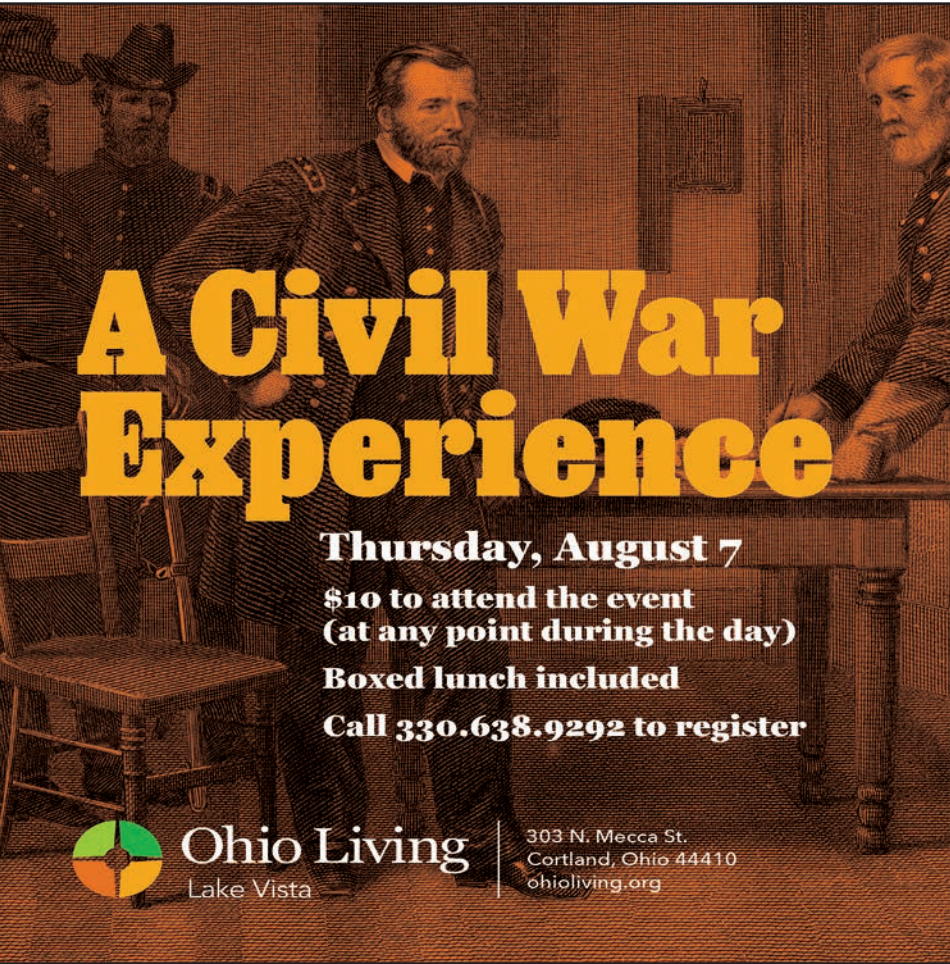


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recently made significant donations to Cortland City Bazetta Township safety forces. Post Commander Earl Parthemer presented donations in the amount of \$5,000 each to Bazetta Police Chief Herlinger and Bazetta Fire Chief Rink. Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army Retired and Post Adjutant presented donations in the same amounts to Cortland City Police Chief Morris and Cortland Fire Department Captain Todd Price. Since 1921 when Post 540 was initially chartered, we have used our resources to make our communities a better place to live. Repeated donations have been made to Lakeview Schools, Salvation Army Cortland area and numerous other charities. We have steadfastly provided the final salute during Veteran's funerals decorated Veterans graves for Memorial Day in five area cemeteries and participated in numerous ceremonies and parades. We are proud to be able to help our local safety forces with these donation.




Adjutant Bob Mangold of the Raymond L. Johnson American Legion Post 540 in Cortland presents Cortland Police Chief Morris with a donation of \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of much needed computers for the department. Chief Morris said "We appreciate their generosity and the service these American Legion members have selflessly given to our country and local community."



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10 to 11 a.m. | Gallery
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11 to noon | Clubhouse
Women in History presents "Sojourner Truth: American Abolitionist and Activist for Civil Rights."

Noon to 1 p.m.
Boxed lunch on the patio
Sandwich, chips, cookies and drink (water, iced tea)

1:00-2 p.m. | Clubhouse
Women in History presents "Harriet Tubman: Spy for the Union Army," and instrumental in the Underground Railroad

2 to 4 p.m. | Warren Trumbull Pop-up Mobile Library on campus
Check out books on the day's topics and sign up for a library card!

2 to 3 p.m. | Clubhouse
Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln: the President and First Lady's speeches on the Civil War and its impact on America

3:15 to 4 p.m. | Clubhouse
Bevura Woodwind Quintet. End our day with uplifting marches and patriotic music!

Jo Marie’s School of Dance & Gymnastics Wins Honors

Special to the Cortland News

Jo Marie’s School of Dance & Gymnastics celebrates an incredible regional dance competition season filled with dedication, teamwork, and artistic growth. The team earned numerous first-place titles and high scores across three regional competitions. A highlight was receiving the Studio of Excellence Award at That’s Entertainment Performing Arts dance competition. This prestigious honor, presented by the ADCC, recognizes studios that exemplify Quality, Integrity, and Opportunity in the dance industry, evaluated on respect, teamwork, and professionalism from registration to performance. The studio proudly received a banner for this achievement. Congratulations to the competition team, parents, and staff for this recognition! Best of luck to the team at Nationals in Myrtle Beach!



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Cortland Mower To Carry Centerra Bird Seed Products

By Sam Boyd, Owner, Cortland Mower

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Rest For The Purpose Of Re-Creating

It seems to me our world has come to presume the idea of vacationing, or holiday in some cultures, is to take a break from labors, routines and ordinary occupations of daily living in favor of some divergent form of recreation. The Bible doesn't actually give reference to that concept of vacationing, but I think it does provide some inspired encouragement regarding rest for the purpose of re-creating.

From God's own example following the six-days-work of Creation, God rested and blessed the seventh day as a day for rest [Genesis 2:2], later commanding the Israelites at Mount Sinai to keep the practice also [Exodus 20:8]. A little further on in Exodus 23:10-11, God applied that stewardship to include crop producing fields being left unplowed and unused every seventh year as well.

We've come a long way from that Divine and very well intended directive for human care and well-being. Growing up as a little boy, Sundays in my town were typically quiet and slow-moving with nearly all business activity shut down. Even few restaurants were open.

I find Jesus' iconic and openly-issued invitation found in Matthew 11:28 to be as relevant, maybe even more so, today as when He spoke these words, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I believe Jesus was offering spiritual rest from not just physical weariness and burden, but all the demands, challenges and sometimes defeats that wear us down physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Even Jesus took time and place to step aside, go-to and spend some vacating time with His Father in prayer and Spirit. It was a means to rest, refresh and renew Himself for the work He was about. We should take a lesson. I believe vacating time and space for rest and relaxation from our routines can be healthy for us, the routines to which we return and for those for whom we care and live, physically, emotionally, spiritually and productively.

I invite and encourage you to accept Jesus' invitation to come to Him for a sort of spiritual vacation from your ordinary. For a relatively short time this Sunday, make the time and effort to step aside from the ordinary and into a holy communion with Him. Bring what wearies and burdens you. Come hear His Word. Listen for His Voice. Seek to find rest and renewal for your spirit, your soul and your living into another week. May the Lord Bless You and Keep You and Give You Peace.

What Does Vacation Mean For You?

Summer is such an interesting season, and for many people it is the season for vacations. For many, this is primarily because that's when children are off school and so they won't miss school days. And people have all sorts of ideas about what makes a good vacation. The very aspect of it has changed tremendously in my lifetime, and I expect it will continue to change as the world continues to advance through technology and communications.

It begs the question, what does vacation mean for you?

For some, it means an opportunity to go see the world. For others, it may be about a local theme park with roller coasters and greasy foods. Others might find themselves hiking in the woods or canoeing down the river. Any or all of these might sound refreshing or exhausting to you. You might be somewhere in between, and that's ok. But it invites us to come back to the question. What does vacation mean to you?

I would suggest that we might find a meaningful lesson in scripture. It regards the nature of Sabbath. Sabbath, in its intention, is a day of rest and worship. I'm going to set the worship piece aside for now, that's an entirely different series. But Sabbath as an act of rest is significant. And as a perspective on "vacation" it may be deeply meaningful. In its practice, Sabbath is an act in which the people are renewed spiritually in their faith. And with all the studies on physiology, psychology, sociology, individuality, and cultural communities, almost across the board we will find lessons on the importance of rest and renewal in people's lives. And it is significant to recognize this both as individuals and as communities, whether that is our family or our workplace (corporate picnics anyone?).

While Sabbath is a huge topic that addresses not only people, but faith, economics, and even the land itself, the thoughts on rest and renewal invite us to consider the life we have as well as the life we are chasing. If you're still with me, perhaps we can reconsider the question. Rather than asking, "what does vacation mean?" we might consider asking "what would rest/renewal look like?" and the follow up question "how can I (we) get there?"

In a world that, for many people, seems more stressed, chaotic and desperate than they can remember, amidst personal lives that seem busier and faster than they would have imagined, consider stepping back and finding some rest. Make room for renewal. Then imagine the life we could share with others from a well of peace when we've allowed ourselves to find some of it ourselves.

As always, you are loved. I love you, I know God loves you so much more.



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Church News And Notes

Cortland Christian Church Women of Worship are sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall on Everett Hull Rd, Saturday, July 19th from 9 am - 11:30 am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice coffee, all you can eat for \$9.00. What a great way to start your day. Raffle Baskets, and a 50/50 raffle will entertain you a bit, that is if you participate. It's always fun to win. Our profits go to the many missions we have supported over the years, and a few new ones this year. So stop over and see us, and have a great breakfast, too.

Cortland United Methodist - God Provides A Meal on Saturday, July 19th, 11-1:00. Cheeseburger, macaroni salad, applesauce, dessert & beverage. FREE. Red Cross Blood drive on Friday, July 25th 9 AM - 2 PM

Bazetta Christian Church - Mondays through August 18, 6:30 pm, Weekly Traveling Bible Study. Call 330.637.6312 for information. On Sunday, July 20, 10 AM, BCC Prayer Shelter Dedication. Sunday, July 27, 10 AM, Habitat for Humanity Recognition at BCC. Saturday, August 2, 9-2, American Red Cross Blood Drive at BCC.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Magic & Motion: we invite you to join us at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 280 Mill Creek Dr., Youngstown August 1st at 6:30 pm for a concert by Pianist Jason Volover and Flautist Laura Bowden featuring works by Mozart, Enesco, and more!

Katharina's Closet: Donation drop off first Monday every month 4:30-6:30. If you are unable to drop off donations during that time or have other question please call Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402. We are currently in need of diapers, baby wipes, baby blankets and clothes (Newborn to Youth XL).

Bible Studies: Join us Sunday Bible Studies at 9 am. We are currently going through the book of Exodus. Wednesday Bible Studies are at 5:30 pm. We are studying what scripture has to say about Angels and Demons.

Sunday School is at 9 am for kids K-12th (preschool if parents stay with child). The children are working on learning the basic Bible Stories and confessions of the Christian faith.



Paint with Pals

By Joyce Hall

Have you ever been to a Paint and Sip or ..for us it was a Paint with Pals event? Twenty-five women and one child participated in our Paint with Pals event held Saturday June 14. Mary Sinclair furnished the canvas and everything we needed to create a piece of art to take home.

And we started ... Each painting is of the same topic, ours being an Amazing Grace hymn sheet with colorful flowers framing the edges. It is always interesting how each person's canvas comes to life and how each

piece of artwork will look different as we paint what we are feeling. If you walk around to see what they are painting you can see each individual's personality come through. Everyone left the day smiling. There were raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle, a bake sale and some vendors sold products they created or are promoting. A healthy but very tasty box lunch was prepared for each person attending, which was fun in itself. What a great time we all had.

Will we do it again? You bet we will. Be sure to join us next time!

Cortland Christian Church Celebrates St. Johns Day

By Joyce Hall



Cortland Christian Church celebrated St. Johns Day on Sunday June 22nd with Kirk Miller who is a man of the cloth. He told of the importance of St John the Baptist and St Johns the Evangelist. We hosted the Masons as they are associated biblically with both St Johns.

The first grand Lodge was formed on 24 June, the feast day of John the Baptist in 1717. This may arise from an old tradition as the Baptist appears to have been regarded as the patron of stonemasons and in continental Europe during the Middle Ages. The guild of masons and carpenters attached to Cologne Cathedral was known as the Fraternity of St John the Baptist.

The ladies of the church served a Haystack Luncheon in the beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall which is always fun and a table full of delicious desserts were available. It was a beautiful day at Cortland Christian Church.

Chuck Chagnot, Kirk Miller, Frank Daugherty and Dick McClain who were the worship leaders for the day.



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Lakeview School News

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Lakeview Hall Of Fame Spotlight

By Michael DeToro

Editor's Note: The Lakeview School District is inducting 9 new members for 2025 on Saturday, September 13.

Lakeview Girls Golf Team 2014

By Michael DeToro

The 2014 Lakeview Girls Golf Team made history with an extraordinary postseason run that culminated in a Division II State Runner-Up finish at the OHSAA State Championships. Competing at The Ohio State University's Gray Course, the Bulldogs gave a remarkable two-day performance that placed them second only to state champion Dover. Under the steady leadership of head coach Mike Turco, this talented and composed group of student-athletes rose to the occasion on the state's biggest stage. Their combined effort across both days of the tournament secured Lakeview's highest-ever finish in a girls' team sport—a landmark achievement for the program and for Lakeview athletics as a whole.

The team was anchored by junior Kaylee Neumeister, who carded an impressive two-day total of 156, shooting rounds of 79 and 77 to lead the Bulldogs. Her performance

earned her Second Team All-Ohio honors, making her one of the state's top individual finishers and further highlighting her impact on the team's historic season.

Senior Ryan Rosenberger brought a steadying veteran presence, posting consistent rounds of 84 and 82 (166 total). Junior Ashley Frasca followed with rounds of 85 and 87 (172 total), anchoring the team's middle lineup. Fellow junior Taylor Horn showed grit and determination with scores of 92 and 90 (182 total), while sophomore Emily Collier rounded out the roster with rounds of 108 and 97 (205 total), adding essential depth.

On the path to their state runners-up achievement, the Bulldogs claimed Lakeview's first-ever District Championship in golf and captured their tier title in the All-American Conference, adding more hardware to a season defined by excellence, precision, and teamwork.



Lakeview Girls Golf Team 2015

By Michael DeToro

One year after finishing as OHSAA Division II State Runners-Up, the 2015 Lakeview Girls Golf Team returned to Columbus with a mission—and completed it in historic fashion. With a two-day team score of 346-348-694, the Bulldogs captured Lakeview High School's first-ever OHSAA state championship in golf, edging out Rocky River Lutheran West by just two strokes at The Ohio State University's Gray Course.

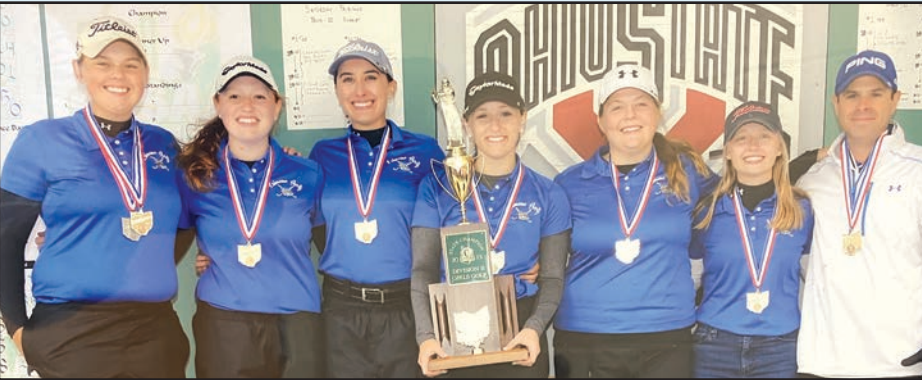
The victory capped an incredible rise for the program, which made its third consecutive appearance at the state tournament after a 7th-place finish in 2013 and a runner-up title in 2014. Under the direction of head coach Mike Turco, the 2015 squad showed poise, experience, and championship-level focus over both days of intense competition.

Leading the charge for the second straight year was senior Kaylee Neumeister, who delivered rounds of 75 and 78 for a two-day total of

153, earning individual state runner-up honors and a first-team All-Ohio designation. Her performance was a defining highlight in one of the most decorated careers in Lakeview athletics history.

Senior Ashley Frasca followed with a steady two-day total of 167 (82-85), while fellow senior Taylor Horn came through with rounds of 90 and 86 (176 total), showing both consistency and improvement on Day 2. Junior Emily Collier matched her score across both rounds, carding 99 and 99 (198 total), and senior Molly McAllister contributed a strong second-day round of 100, shaving nine strokes off her opening day.

With their championship banner now hanging proudly, the 2015 Lakeview Girls Golf Team will forever be remembered as pioneers who brought home gold—and set a standard of excellence for future Bulldogs to follow.





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The Lakeview Softball team would like to thank everyone who supported us this season. We really appreciated all the community support! The weather wasn't the greatest but the Lakeview community still was there cheering us on. We hope everyone will be back next year and some new people come to watch us play! Thank you!!

Lakeview Schools Participating In National School Lunch Program

By Laura DePizzo, Food Service Director, Lakeview Schools

The Lakeview Local Schools will be taking part in the National School Lunch Program. Any parent/guardian that wishes to complete a free/reduced application may do so when updating all other school forms in their OneView account. Please complete and submit the forms as soon as possible.

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Special Education Teacher Mini Grant Program Announced

By Simone Comer

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is pleased to announce its call for applications for its 9th Annual Autism Teacher Mini Grant Program. Awards will be given in three denominations, \$500, \$250, and \$100 to applicants from public and private schools in Mahoning, Trumbull or Columbiana counties. Online applications are being accepted at their ASMV website [www.autismmv.org] through August 1.

Underwritten by the Goulish-Kosco Insurance Agency, ASMV hosts this annual program to show appreciation and support for the outstanding teachers in the Valley who support children on the autism spectrum and those with other special needs. The ASMV Board, a group consisting of community members and parents, will review the applications and select the winners in mid-August.

Last year, the Autism Society of Mahoning Valley awarded mini grants to area special education teachers to help them address the diverse needs in their classrooms, focusing on academic, communication, and job skills development.

Recipients were:

- First Place receiving a grant of \$500 - Amanda Horne of Springfield Elementary. Horne's funds were used

to purchase books on inclusivity and sensory items, such as desk buddies, to support students with special needs and create a more inclusive environment.

- Second Place receiving a grant of \$250 - Alicia Mason-Smith of Center Immediate in Boardman Local Schools. Smith's funds will be used to provide Communication Books for her nonverbal students in the autism unit, aiding their academic needs and daily communication.

- Third Place receiving a grant of \$100 - Alyssa Fickel, Crestview Elementary School. Fickel will purchase a Sensory Swivel Chair for her Autism unit, providing flexible seating options for her K-4 students.

The Mahoning Valley chapter of the Autism Society of America was founded by local families in 1989 to support families in Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties. Their mission is to create connections and empower everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to accomplishing this through information and referral, family support, advocacy, and programming throughout the year. For additional information on ASMV, please visit www.autismmv.org



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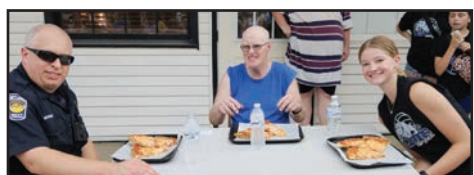
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The Lakeview Alumni Association is always at the Street Fair helping our Alumni to stay in touch.



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The Pizza eating contest is always a big attraction at the fair.



Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Reorganization Meeting

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club would like to remind interested groups and individuals that the first Street Fair Reorganization meeting will be held Wednesday August 6th at 630 PM in the Lions Memorial Pavilion at the rear of the Lions Club Building- 197 W Main St. The purpose of this meeting is to decide whether the Cortland Street

Fair should continue and how should it be reorganized, what organization of individuals will take responsibility of the Street Fair in part or as a whole? This meeting is not to discuss parts of the Street Fair- rides, games, fireworks etc. We look forward to your thoughtful input and discussion.

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Orwell Merchant Days

By Kim Breyley

Get ready for one of the most exciting new shopping events of the year! Orwell Merchant Days are July 31, August 1 & 2 bringing an unforgettable experience that showcases local Amish-owned businesses, unique family activities and unbeatable sales across the community.

What started as a simple idea among a few Orwell business owners has grown into a huge three-day event. This celebration offers something for everyone from home-cooked meals to artisan products and exclusive event specials.

Visitors can explore eight participating Amish-owned and local businesses, each offering special sales, giveaways, and one-of-a-kind shopping experiences. Highlights of the event include:

- A business scavenger hunt where guests can collect stamps at each location for a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree.
- Homestyle dinners featuring savory, fresh-cooked meals, homemade ice cream crafted with Ohio maple syrup and A2/A2 milk, plus free coffee, pastries, and cold brew lattes.

- A full lineup of speakers covering health and wellness topics at Kauffman Treasures on Friday and Saturday, along with a 19-foot inflatable slide and balloons for kids.
- A pop-up coffee bar serving fresh-roasted drinks from Olive Wood Coffee, a local pesticide-free roaster, alongside multiple vendors offering artisan and specialty products.

Several Orwell businesses are marking special occasions during Merchant Days. Grand Valley Footwear is celebrating its 15th anniversary with exclusive deals and complimentary refreshments. The new salvage store, Valley Variety, is now open and features popular brands like Heritage Meats, Country Creamery and Walnut Creek Foods.

Don't miss a stop at Grand Valley Mower to see the latest lawn and garden equipment or schedule a repair. Just next door, Grand Valley Country Store offers a wide selection of fabrics and unique country goods. Outdoor enthusiasts can browse hunting and fishing supplies at Grand Valley Footwear, while Grand Valley Farm Supply has everything needed for the farm or homestead.

From shopping and dining to family-friendly activities, Orwell Merchant Days is the perfect way to support local businesses while enjoying a weekend full of memories.

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Vacation Season? Don't Forget To Check Your Insurance First

Summer is here, and for many families, that means vacation time. But before you pack the car or board a plane, take a few minutes to review your insurance coverage. A little preparation can go a long way in protecting your trip – and your peace of mind.

1. **Make Sure Your Policies Are Active** - First things first: confirm that your insurance policies are paid and up to date. It's not uncommon for families to return from vacation only to find their coverage lapsed due to a missed payment. Avoid the hassle—double-check now.

2. **Review Auto Coverage for Travel** - If you're driving out of state, talk to your auto insurance agent. Coverage can vary depending on where you're headed. For example, Ohio's minimum coverage limits may not meet requirements in other states. Traveling to Canada? Most auto policies extend coverage there, but it's still smart to confirm with your agent.

3. **Renting a Car? Know the Details** - Many families rent vehicles while traveling. In general, your personal auto

policy may extend to a rental car—but not always. Coverage limits might fall short of rental company requirements and most policies don't cover "loss of use" fees if the car is damaged. Read the rental agreement carefully and consult your agent.

4. **Protect Your Belongings** - Your homeowner's insurance may cover personal items while you're away but check the limits—especially for valuables like jewelry or electronics. A quick review with your agent can ensure your belongings are protected wherever you go.

5. **Understand Personal Liability Coverage** - Accidents can happen anywhere. Many homeowner's policies extend liability coverage across state lines or even internationally. If yours doesn't, consider a personal umbrella policy for broader protection.

Final Tip - Every family's situation is different. Talk to your insurance agent about your specific travel plans. A few simple checks now can help you relax and enjoy your vacation with confidence.



Masonic Lodge Announces Next Two Charity Breakfasts

By Richard McClain

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 19th and then Aug. 2nd for the next two upcoming charity pancake breakfasts being held by Cortland Masonic Lodge. The breakfast on July 19th will benefit the "Women of Worship" at Cortland Christian Church and assist in supporting their several outreach and mission projects.

Then, the Aug. 2nd breakfast will benefit the Herd Foundation, with all proceeds going toward the playground project at Mathews elementary school. The Masonic Lodge has proudly announced that a significant milestone has been reached for their charity pancake breakfast program, which has now exceeded \$100,000 being raised

and donated to various community groups.

The Cortland Masonic Lodge has held their charity pancake breakfasts on one or two Saturdays each month for the past 5+ years, and donated all of the proceeds meaning that all the food and supplies have been entirely furnished by the lodge.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the July 19th and Aug. 2nd breakfasts which are served from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The breakfast includes "all you can eat" pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice with take-out available. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for youth age 6-10, and free for age 5 and under.

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Eleanor “The Rain Mom” Shoots Craps

By Cait Morgan

It’s been a while since I have given you an Eleanor tale, so here we go. Mom says when she was born, she was blessed by an old Romanian Woman who said she would have the “Luck of the 7th Child” which is odd since I believe she was the 8th or 9th child, but who was counting then anyway?” Mom took it to heart and decided she was a gambler.

Eleanor loved to play poker. But she kicked it up a notch - she and the Cronies (a group of friends and family ranging from 75-101 who would play poker a few times a week) would invent games. And many of them involved multiple decks of cards with some of the wildest rules that made “Queen and What Follows the Queen” or “Itsy Bitsy” look like “Go Fish”.

And nothing, but nothing, interrupted a poker game. I’m sure if the house caught fire, she would have made them pick up the table and move it to the drive so they could play while the fire department did their thing. More than once I would race over to her house because I knew she was home but she wasn’t answering the phone. She would look at me and say “We’re playing poker. Now go home.”

Once she was admitted to the care center, she developed a new persona

– Rain Mom, sounding and acting for all the world like the lead character in the movie Rain Man. Speaking in monotone, not caring what anyone was telling her if it wasn’t what she wanted to hear and just repeating the same thing over and over until she got what she wanted.

And she didn’t need to leave the center to have fun as I found out one day when I stopped in and saw a large pile of change on her nightstand.

Me: Ma, where’d you get the money?

Rain Mom (in monotone): Shooting craps.

Me: Say what?

Rain Mom: Shooting craps.

Me: When did you learn to shoot craps?

Rain Mom: Didn’t.

So I went out to the nurses’ desk and asked if they could shed any light on this. The nurse tried so hard to keep a straight face. She really tried. But yes, Mom had been shooting craps the night before with a bunch of the other residents and had cleaned them out. I’m sure the Old Roma (I understand that is the proper name for a free-spirited female of Romanian descent) was smiling.

Summer Fun With Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

The Trumbull County Travel Club invites members and potential travelers to the Rabbit Run Theater in Madison, Ohio on Saturday, August 16. Zipping away on a deluxe motor coach, ticket holders will be treated to a full course dinner & wine tasting at Grand Rivers Winery before the 7:30 show at the historic barn theater, one of the few barn theaters in Ohio still in operation. The classic masterpiece with 8 Tony Awards is Sweeny Todd. Sweeny Todd, after 15 years in exile, returns to London and is hungry for revenge. This heart pounding thriller with soaring music has left audiences gasping at the magnitude Sweeny Todd displays during this stage performance.

There are 7 tickets still available for the show package. There are no membership fees to belong to the Travel Club. The club was formed over 23 years ago for those looking to travel could meet other travelers and make friends in doing so. Please call Peggy at 330-609-3971 for details and further information on other upcoming daytime outings.



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How to View Your Investments in 2025

As an investor, it can be difficult to navigate the ups and downs of the market and understand what the movements mean for your portfolio – particularly when you’re seeing constant headlines on the topic. As a financial advisor, I’ve fielded many questions from clients who are trying to make sense of the changing markets and economic environment. While there is no single solution that applies to all investors, the following are answers to three of the most common questions.

How should I cope with market fluctuations that are affecting my retirement savings?

If you’re within five years of your retirement date or already retired, be aware that you have less time to make up for losses in your portfolio. You may want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance, projected income needs, and investment strategies. It may make sense to pursue multiple strategies that seek to grow a portion of your nest egg while protecting dollars you will need to tap more immediately (in the next 3-5 years).

If you are more than five years from retirement, focus on mitigating risk in your portfolio with high-quality investments and income-producing securities. If you have available cash to invest, do so using a systematic approach, investing a portion monthly over 6-12 months. By dollar-cost averaging in this way, you may be able to offset some of the market’s inherent unpredictability.

If retirement is ten or more years away, work on growing your nest egg. Time is still on your side. View the market’s recent ups and downs as an opportunity to position your money in quality assets that are available at more attractive prices. Although markets will experience downturns from time to time, keep in mind that

over rolling ten-year periods, the broad stock market (as measured by the S&P 500, an unmanaged index of stocks) has historically moved higher.

What should I do if I have not yet invested or am new to investing?

If you’re new to investing, chances are you have a longer time horizon before retirement and can ride out the short-term bumps in the stock market before you’ll need to start withdrawing assets. Start by finding ways to save even small sums on a regular basis. Contribute to your workplace retirement plan, such as 401(k) or 403(b) accounts, and put money to work monthly in a traditional or Roth individual retirement account (IRA). The sooner you start investing, the better your opportunities to accumulate wealth.

I’m uncomfortable with the markets and volatility these days. How can I overcome that?

It’s natural to feel a variety of emotions when the market makes bigger moves. It’s important to avoid making emotional decisions with your money. You tend to lock in investment losses when you go to sell. Remaining invested can position you for a recovery, which can occur at times with minimal to no warning. Having a well-diversified portfolio can help minimize investment-specific risk while your wealth grows.

A good place to start is to speak with a financial advisor who may be able to help you steady the boat. Your advisor can help make sure that your portfolio is positioned to meet your key financial goals and is consistent with your risk tolerance level.

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“Life is like an ice-cream cone, you have to lick it one day at a time.”



~ Charles M. Schulz

Amish Tree Removal

By Robert Adkins

They arrived at 7 AM Thursday morning, bright and shiny in late June. A full crew of Amish Tree removers with a crane, special ropes, little limb movers on the ground, cutting a tree on Heather Lane. It is 9:28 AM and I am writing this “Good News Story”. It appears they are almost done in about 4 hours.

The branches and leaves are all ground up and blown in the back of a truck. Men dressed in Amish dress and suspenders. Pushing and tugging, they look like they are going to be done and gone before noon. Using the latest technology and old fashioned efficiency and daring they finish the job!

I am sitting in the back yard looking at my Humming Feeder, looking at my Wren Box with chicks, smelling my Honey Suckle bush, watching my Tomato, and onions, and black berries grow.



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For those who have insurance through COBRA or other short term individual plans, Medicare does

not consider these plans “credible coverage”. Therefore, if you delay signing up for Medicare Parts B and D, you may incur monthly penalties on the premiums owed when you do sign up. If you have a plan through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, there may be tax consequences for premium subsidies received through the marketplace after turning 65 or otherwise becoming eligible for Original Medicare.

If you or your spouse continue to work past age 65 and are covered by an employer group insurance plan with 20 or more employees and is considered credible coverage, the group insurance remains the primary payer and it is not necessary to sign up for Medicare until you lose that coverage. However, most beneficiaries will qualify for premium free Part A, hospital coverage. Signing up for Part A does not cost anything and starts the Medicare process. When you lose employer coverage, whether through loss of employment, retirement, or other circumstances, you would then sign up for Part B coverage and provide proof of credible cover through the employer to avoid premium penalties. However, if you contribute to a Health Savings Account on a high deductible plan, you will want to stop contributing to the HSA plan at least 6 months before applying for either Part A or Part B of Medicare to avoid possible income tax consequences.

In any case, it is a good idea to look at all your options when turning 65 or first becoming Medicare eligible. It may be helpful to talk to a licensed insurance agent familiar specifically with Medicare Insurance options and the different rules and regulations. It is also a good idea to consider employer insurance costs compared to Medicare costs. Original Medicare when added to a Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage plan may or may not have lower overall costs when you consider premiums, deductibles, copays, and maximum out of pockets costs compared to individual and group insurance plans.

Zachary Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. He can be reached at 330-720-4815 or Zachary@AWileyInsurance.com.



Girls Cast Into Adventure At Camp Sugarbush

By *Tori Campos, GSNEO Community Support Coordinator*

Learning new skills, exploring the outdoors, and building confidence—these are just a few of the hallmarks of every Girl Scout adventure. This past weekend, Girl Scouts of Service Unit 807 of Howland & Vienna took those values to the water as they welcomed a very special guest: the CEO of Girl Scouts of North East Ohio, who shared her favorite pastime—fishing!

A group of 25 enthusiastic Girl Scouts, parents and troop leaders gathered at Camp Sugarbush by Lake Nancy Van to dive into a full day of hands-on learning. Participants practiced baiting hooks, casting lines, identifying fish species, measuring their catches, and even cooking their freshly caught fish.

Lake Nancy Van, which underwent an exciting expansion in 2022, was restocked as part of the restoration process. Thanks to this, the outing became not just a fishing trip, but an interactive ecology lesson. Girls explored the ecosystem of freshwater lakes and ponds, learning about fish growth rates and aquatic balance. While many fish were small, the biggest catch of the day measured a proud 10 inches! The adventure didn’t end at the shoreline. Fresh fish tacos were cooked over a cast iron skillet and shared with attendees—many of whom were tasting freshly caught fish for the very first time. Every Girl Scout bravely took a “Brownie Bite”—a fun Girl Scout tradition of trying something new—and several added walleye and perch to their list of new favorite foods.

A huge thank-you goes out to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), who generously provided 25 new rods and reels to Camp Sugarbush. These tools will allow even more Girl Scouts to connect with nature through future fishing experiences.

Want to join in the fun this fall? Whether you’re looking to start a troop or find one near you, visit gsneo.org/ join to learn how you and your girl can be part of the adventure.

Project DAWN

Special to the Cortland News

Project DAWN programs distribute naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and provide training to prevent opioid overdose and promote harm reduction. Harm reduction aims to reduce health and safety issues related to drug use, seatbelt safety, smoking cessation and more. Harm reduction programs (like Project DAWN) continue to reduce morbidity and mortality rates related to dangerous opioid use.

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug (heroin, illicit fentanyl, or prescription pain medications). When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and quickly restores breathing. If naloxone is given to a person who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it is harmless.

Signs of an opioid overdose: Call 911 immediately if a person has any of the following symptoms:

- Extremely pale face or clammy skin to the touch
- Body is limp (uneven walk or moving slowly)
- Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple color
- Vomiting or gurgling noises
- Person cannot be woken up or unable to speak
- Breathing and heartbeat slows down or stops

If you would like more information on overdose responses, please call 330-675-7818.

If you have someone attending college in the Fall and you would like training or a naloxone kit, either call the number above, or order a kit through our mail order program (QR code below). Abuse of prescription ADHD medications has grown on college campuses by students who think that they will improve their ability to study.

The shortage of prescriptions stimulants increases the risk of overdose if people turn to counterfeit pills. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the availability of counterfeit pills laced with either fentanyl or methamphetamine.





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LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events In July & August

By Apryl Gilliss

All July events are at the Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr. August events are at indicated Mosquito Lake locations.

Toddler Tales
Mondays at 10 a.m.: July 21 A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: July 22 Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 – 5 with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Books and Beverages
Mon., July 21 from 3 – 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 – 18 can bring their current or favorite read to the library for a book discussion while enjoying coffee and tea. Free.

Totally Tweens: Rainbow Cakes Edition
Wed., July 23 from 3 – 4 p.m. Tweens ages 10 – 14 can decorate cakes to look like rainbows and enjoy eating their colorful creations. (Allergen warning.) Registration is required by July 18. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Tie-Dye Party
Mon., July 28 from 3 – 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 – 18 can make a tie-dyed shirt at the library. Be prepared to get messy.

Shirts will be provided. Registration is required by July 23. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Snow Cones Summer Finale
Tues., July 29 between 2 – 3 p.m. Children ages 3 and older, tweens, and teens can drop in and enjoy a snow cone to celebrate the end of the Summer Challenge. Free.

Murders and Mocktails
Wed., July 30 at 6 p.m. Participate in a true crime discussion while sipping on a refreshing mocktail to wrap up the library's adult Summer Challenge. Free.

Bookmobile Visit to Mosquito Lake Storybook Trail & Imagination Station
Thurs., Aug. 7; 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. At 3372 Warren Meadville Rd. Visit the Bookmobile to borrow books, movies, and more! Jason Lee, Naturalist with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Watercraft at Mosquito Lake State Park, will do a presentation with live reptiles. Free.

Bookmobile Visit to Mosquito Lake State Park Beach
Thurs., Aug. 14 between 3 – 5:30 p.m. At 1439 Wilson Sharpsville Rd. Visit the Bookmobile to borrow books, movies, and more at Mosquito Lake! Free.

Bookmobile Visit to Mosquito Lake Storybook Trail & Imagination Station
Thurs., Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At 3372 Warren Meadville Rd. Visit the Bookmobile to borrow books, movies, and more at Mosquito Lake! Free.

Book Sale At Bristol Public Library

By Dlynn Johnson

A blow-out book sale is happening at the Bristol Public Library. The sale includes books, books on CD, music CDs and DVDs for adult, young adults and children. New items are added daily! All items are available by donation and are located in the foyer of the library. The sale is part of The Friends of the Library's ongoing sale. Proceeds from the sale are put back into the library in the form of programming. For more information or directions to the Bristol Public Library contact the circulation desk at 330-889-3651.

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