

Summer Blooms:

A Guide to Northeast Ohio's Vibrant Floral Displays

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As summer paints Northeast Ohio, a lush green, the landscape explodes with a riot of color. From dazzling annuals to resilient perennials, a wide variety of flowers thrive in the warm temperatures and ample sunshine of the season. Whether you're beautifying your garden or seeking stunning displays in nature, here's a guide to some of the most captivating summer blooms in the region.

SUN-KISSED ANNUALS:

For a burst of vibrant color, look no further than summer annuals. These fast-growing flowers add instant beauty to your garden beds and containers. Some popular choices for Northeast Ohio include:

- Zinnias:** These cheerful daisy-like flowers come in a wide range of colors, including classic red, orange, yellow, and purple. Zinnias are low-maintenance and drought-tolerant, making them perfect for hot summer days.
- Marigolds:** Known for their golden blossoms, marigolds not only add a touch of sunshine to your garden but also repel some unwanted insects.
- Impatiens:** These shade-loving flowers come in a dazzling array of colors and offer continuous blooms throughout the summer, adding a touch of elegance to patios and porches.
- Cobaea scandens (Cup and Saucer Vine):** This fast-growing vine produces large, bell-shaped flowers in shades of violet, purple, and white. It's a perfect choice for adding vertical interest to trellises and fences.



Photo by: Jim Woofler

PERENNIAL POWERHOUSES:

For long-lasting beauty, consider planting summer-blooming perennials. These come back year after year, providing a reliable source of color in your garden. Here are some Northeast Ohio favorites:

- Coneflowers (Echinacea):** These daisy-like flowers come in various colors, including purple, pink, orange, and yellow. They attract butterflies and bees, making them a great choice for pollinator gardens.
- Black-Eyed Susans (Rudbeckia):** These cheerful yellow flowers with dark brown centers

brighten up any garden. They are tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions and are relatively low-maintenance.

- Daylilies (Hemerocallis):** Daylilies offer a stunning variety of colors and bloom shapes. Each flower typically lasts just a day, but new blooms appear throughout the summer, creating a continuous display.
- Lavender:** This fragrant herb not only adds beauty to your garden but also repels pests and attracts beneficial insects. Lavender thrives in full sun and well-drained soil.

NATURE'S SUMMER SPECTACLE:

Venture beyond your garden and explore Northeast Ohio's natural areas to witness a breathtaking display of wildflowers. Some summer standouts include:

- Milkweed:** These essential pollinator plants boast clusters of vibrant orange, pink, or purple flowers. They are crucial for the survival of monarch butterflies.
- Bee Balm (Monarda):** This fragrant wildflower attracts hummingbirds and butterflies with its clusters of red, purple, or pink blooms.
- Wild Geranium:** These delicate flowers come in shades of pink, lavender, and white and thrive in the dappled shade of woodlands.

PLANTING AND CARE TIPS:

To ensure your summer flowers thrive, consider the following tips:

- Choose plants suited to your sunlight conditions. Most summer bloomers prefer full sun, while some, like impatiens, prefer shade.
- Amend your soil with compost or other organic matter to improve drainage and nutrient content.
- Water your plants regularly, especially during hot and dry periods.
- Deadhead spent blooms to encourage further flowering.

With a little planning and care, you can enjoy the vibrant beauty of summer flowers throughout Northeast Ohio. So, get planting, explore nature's bounty, and let the colors of summer fill your days with joy!

Summer Fun

By Heather Sensabaugh

Everyone has a different idea of what summer fun is. Some people have fun when there is a crowd, and others prefer solitude. Whatever your idea of fun is, if you ask our Editor, Thom Foley, there is no better place to live than right here in Cortland, Ohio! He contends that anything you want to do for fun, you can do it, though sometimes you might have to take a short drive. Within an hour or two, you can ski, skate, parasail, hike, swim, camp, ride horses, sail, hang-glide, zipline, dive, fish, golf, shop, dine, bowl, bike, race, or float down a river for a reasonable price within a 2-hour drive of our town, and that's pretty cool, so he's right!

There are a couple of websites I recommend to keep up to date on what


events are happening in our area. I like to visit northeastohiofamilyfun.com when looking for things to do with the family. I can't even count all the fun festivals and areas we've discovered and enjoyed because of the creator, Danielle's, suggestions and tips throughout the years! Ohio.org has the official 2024 Ohio Summer Events Guide available for free download as well. These two websites will surely give your family an opportunity for a quality road trip and lots of great memories!

On June 15th, there will be a free "Mosquito Lake Beach Bash" from 5-9:30 pm, featuring two great local bands, "Speed Limit" and "Before Closing." There will be food trucks and

a 50/50 raffle to benefit programming. My family has enjoyed many programs at Mosquito Lake State Park, and plan to attend many more. The Naturalist, Jason Lee, has been a great addition to the park's staff!

Ohio weather is always interesting, and soon we will have cicadas and peepers, fireflies and humidity. We are lucky to have so many trees in our town, for the beauty and the shade. We are lucky to have the creek and the lake as well. We should spend time this summer being thankful for what we have. Practicing gratitude has been proven to increase happiness in life. Wherever you go, and whatever you do, find a way to enjoy yourself and relax this summer!

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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/>

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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.

JUNE	
11	Trumbull County Board of Health "Drive-thru Pack-N-Play" Distribution Event/1 -3 PM
12	Cortland Community Band / Bazetta Park / 7 PM
15	"God Provides A Meal" / Cortland United Methodist Church from 11 AM - 1 PM
16	Father's Day
17-21	"Go Camping" L.O.A.F. Vacation Bible School Cortland United Methodist Church
19	Mosquito Fogging / between 7 PM and midnight
20, 21, 22	Cortland Street Fair
22	Chalk on the Walk / The Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County
26	Cortland Community Band / Kinsman Library / 6:15 PM
27	Food Truck Night / West Main Street Bank Parking Lot / 5 PM
27	Regular Board Meeting of the Trumbull County MetroParks Park Office - 3983 N. River Road / 4:15 PM
29	Cortland Community Band / Lake Vista - 303 N. Mecca / 6:30 pm

Trumbull County Travel Club Day Trips

By Peggy Boyd

Welcome to summer and with the warmer air come day trips. Many are signed up for the Tuesday, June 18 excursion to Dublin, Ohio. So much to see in our great state of Ohio. First stop is to the only remaining whistle factory in the US. Tucked away in a small factory, see how these bellowing mouth blowers are made. Yes, we will be able to buy one hot off the conveyer belt.

And then it's off to the Irish City of Dublin. Historic Dublin, founded in 1810, is a city with 19th century architecture and brick sidewalks. A tour guide will board our coach and wisk all off to points of interest in and about the city. Known for its iconic outdoor art, we'll do a photo stop at the stone hedge like grouping of giant corn cobs. Leather lips is a 12 ft high bust of the famous Wyandot leader who once lived in the area. Time in the city

for shopping at the Fairy Door Trail and lunch. The Historic Village Tavern, Coast Wine House and The Pearl are just a few of the scrumptious places to dine. Do check out Paris 75 for the best sweets in the city. And the grand finale to this day is the 1-hour dance performance by the Irish Academy. A dinner stop on your own will be made. Wednesday, July 17 will be a great day to just kick back and enjoy the day with friends in Middlefield. Stops will be made at Rothenbuhler Cheese House, Nauvoo City Market before lunch (included) is served at Mary Yoder's Kitchen. All will cool off at Chagrin Falls with a chance to shop at the famous Pop Corn Shop, boutiques and the big local hardware store.

Finally, there are 2 seats available to Lancaster on August 20-22.

Call Peggy at 330-856-5398 for details.

Cortland Community Band Schedule

Everybody's favorite band – our own Cortland Community Band will once again be entertaining us through out the summer. Here are the dates and locations. All are subject to change because of weather unless otherwise noted.

- June 12, 7 PM
Bazetta Park
- June 26, 6:15 PM
Kinsman Library
- July 17, 7 PM [rain or shine]
Grace Methodist Church, Warren
- July 21, Time TBD
Mastropietro, Lake Milton
- August 7, 7 PM [rain or shine]
Cortland Methodist Church



Cortland Lions Club French Fry Trailer Schedule

The Cortland Lions Club French Fry Trailer will be out and about in the Cortland area selling our world-famous French Fries.

- June 6-7-8 we will be in the Dr Rohrabough's parking lot on High St from 11 am-4 pm during the City-Wide Garage Sale
- June 20-21-22 at the Cortland Street Fair
- July 17-we will be at 7-17 Credit Union on State Rt 46 11 am-2 pm
- And at ALL Lakeview Home Football Games - 8/23, 8/30, 9/17, 10/18 and 10/25.

Due to your continued support, we were able to award six Lakeview Scholarships in May totaling \$7,500. Thank you for helping us support our community!


Lake Vista Announces Summer Concerts Schedule

Lake Vista released their summer concerts schedule for 2024. All Concerts are at 6:30 pm under Park Place Portico (weather permitting). All the concerts are open to the community and walk-ins are welcome. Lake Vista is located at 303 N. Mecca St in Cortland. For additional information please call Denise at 330-638-2420.

- June 29th
Cortland Community Band
- July 11th
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- July 25th
Bill Bevec Band
- August 7th
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Art In The City

If you have driven by Cortland Mower recently you may have noticed a beautiful mural on the south wall. This came about due to the efforts of several Lakeview citizens.

After traveling across the country to move his son and family in the Navy and also taking bike trips across multiple states, Sam Boyd [owner of Cortland Mower] saw and noticed all of the beautiful artwork on buildings in small towns. He reached out to some city officials about possibly involving the Lakeview H.S. art department to paint on the side of his business.

Since retiring two years ago former Board of Education member Beth Harris has been traveling a lot to many towns and cities and, like Sam Boyd, noticed that several had numerous and varied art. "Art can transform areas

and make them more inviting" she said. "So I thought, why not Cortland and Bazetta?"

She spoke with Mayor Diedre Petrosky about the potential for art

projects in Cortland and they formed a small group they called "Art in the city". The core group consisted of Mayor Petrosky, Superintendent Jo Taylor, HS Art teacher Jeff Piper and Hariss. Jessica

Harris added "All of the effort to organize and complete the project has been volunteer work. It has been a great experience, incredible to see this initial large project come to fruition.



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King from the Trumbull Art Group along with Kim Blasko and Jeffrey Jiang from the city were also involved.

The group began discussing potential projects in Cortland on Main Street. Prior to starting any downtown projects, Sam Boyd, owner of Cortland Mower, asked about the possibility of painting a mural depicting Cortland on his building wall.

Soon all parties were working together and the ideas began to take shape. Designs were submitted supplies were gathered. It was a true group effort. Paint, ladders, scaffoldings, tents etc. and with volunteers leading the way to paint a wonderful mural to brighten the city!

Jeff Piper created the design and sized it to the very large wall. Then he and several of his students did most of the painting. They are incredibly talented. A few members of the core group were also involved in the painting efforts. Boyd paid for the paint and fed the painters.

The group is looking forward to more "art in the city" projects around the community. Be sure to check out this beautiful addition to our community.



Pictured are Jeff Piper, LHS students Jaelynn Orme, Avery Oaks, Cameryn Ross and Cortland Mower Owner, Sam Boyd. Beth Harris is on the ladder. Other Students who helped are Catherine Jiang, Alexas Howard, Lilliana Mastillar and Meliah Persino.

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International Firewood Expo 2024

The 2nd annual International Firewood Expo 2024 was held in Cortland on Saturday, May 18 and attracted over 800 people to see the newest and most innovative machines in the firewood industry. The Expo was sponsored by Ohio Wood Burner Ltd that operates from the former Buckeye Bulk location. The owner of Ohio Wood Burner Ltd, Joe Nay promoted this event on his very popular YouTube channel which reaches an audience of more than 20 million views and 70 different countries.

The event brought manufacturers and vendors from all over the USA, Finland and Canada to Cortland to demonstrate their firewood machines. Finland was represented by three companies, Japa, Hakke Pilke, and Palax who make firewood processors and Canada was represented by Eastonmade Wood Splitters who brought an entire stable of processors and splitters. In all there were 13 manufacturers in attendance along with food trucks and a host of giveaways and raffles.

Local businesses also joined in the event, such as Cortland Mower [Sam Boyd, pictured] and Ocean Breeze food truck.

Those in attendance were greeted at the start of the day by Cortland Mayor, Deidra Petrosky who issued three proclamations to the international companies and to the LogOX Corporation who chose Cortland and this event to unveil their newest product to the world, the TimberOX log splitter. With this year's event being such a success there are plans already being developed to make next year's Expo even bigger with more manufactures and more international attendees.



GFWC Ohio WJWL - 2024 Club Woman of the Year

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League presented their 2024 Club Woman of the Year award to Constance Amstutz. This award is defined by achievements of a member who has contributed outstanding service, demonstrates integrity, is committed to the community and participates in club and public activities on behalf of the organization during the club year. Pictured are WJWL President Becky Bucco, Constance Amstutz and President-Elect Karen Margala.



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The Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County announces that their annual Chalk on the Walk is back and are once again looking for vendors! How to apply: Email chrissy.fact@gmail.com by June 15th with your name, business/organization name if applicable, social media handle or website, description of what you sell and 2-3 photos of your merchandise. A \$10 non-refundable booth fee will be required.

This years event will take place on Saturday, June 22nd. Featuring FREE chalk for the kids, a DJ performing in the gazebo, arts/crafts vendors, free donuts to the first 100 children courtesy our friends at Nova Coffee, and more!! As always, admission to the event is FREE.



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- 12
- 10

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring all Public Water Systems to identify all water service lines by October 16, 2024. That includes the water line that is coming into your home or business (between the meter and the wall) and the water lines throughout your home or business. These are sometimes the same and sometimes different. The letter in your water bill explained how you can report this information back to us. There was also information on how to identify your lines. There are still many addresses that have not yet completed this. If you need help and would like to schedule one of our water techs to do this for you, please call Christine at (330) 637-3011.

Mosquito Fogging

Let's control those pesky nuisances! The next scheduled fogging is June 19th and then again July 3rd between 7:00 and midnight. The correct weather conditions must be present for it to be effective. It cannot be raining, the temperature must be above 50 degrees, and the winds need to be between 5 to 10 miles per hour. If proper conditions are not present, it will be cancelled and rescheduled for the following evening. The complete schedule can be found on our website.

Brush Pick Up

The city's Curbside Brush Chipping is the 4th Monday of the month April through October. The next pick up is the week of June 24th. Remember to follow the rules and regulations that can be viewed on our website, cityofcortland.org

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Realtor Crossword

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2. Preparing a property for sale by making it visually appealing
5. The process of discussing and compromising on terms
6. An evaluation of a property's value
7. Moving to a new location, often with the help of a realtor
8. Payment received by a realtor for their services
12. A legally binding agreement between a buyer and seller
13. Completion of the transaction between buyer and seller
14. A property for sale or rent
15. Someone looking to sell a property
17. The measurement used for the size of a property
19. A property being sold without the use of a realtor
20. The amount of a property that has been paid off

Down

1. A synonym for a realtor
3. The final step in buying or selling a property
4. An event where potential buyers can view a property
9. When more than one person is interested in purchasing a property
10. Legal ownership of a property
11. A loan to purchase a property
16. Someone looking to purchase a property
18. A type of housing unit, often part of a larger complex

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Trumbull County MetroParks

The next regular board meeting of the Trumbull County MetroParks Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 27 at 4:15 p.m. at the Park Office at 3983 N. River Road, Warren.

On Election Day, Be Prepared

By Peggy Boyd

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County recently met to begin to prepare the "Voter Information Guide". This publication is issued by the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, a local League under the League of Women Voters of the United States. All local, State and National Leagues are nonpartisan organizations which prepare the Voter Information Guide to provide a forum for all political candidates. Issues on the ballot will also be posted.

The Voter Information Guide will go to the printer in September. All local candidates will be mailed a questionnaire. These candite's are informed that their responses will be printed in their own words and there for all candite's are solely responsible for the content of their replies. Candidates are also given a timeline in which to respond. If a candidate does not respond after publication deadline, it will be noted so by the candidate's name. The Guide will be disbursed throughout the Trumbull County area on October 1, 2024. Senior Centers, Libraries, post offices, and stores will be just some of the sites one will be able to find the Guide.

The Voter Information Guide will also provide when the last day to register vote on the November 5, 2024 election. For registered voters to receive an absentee ballot, please call the Trumbull County Board of Elections. A web site will also be available at <http://www.Vote411.org>.

The League of Women Voters of Trumbull County can be reached by calling 330-367-4886.

Registration Now Open For Ohio Veterans Conference



Registration is now open for the highly anticipated Ohio Veterans Conference, which will bring together former service members and their supporters from all parts of Ohio, availing them to resources, inspirational speakers, informative breakout sessions, and networking opportunities.

This biennial conference is designed for all veterans – men and women of service from every background, every era, each branch of the military, and from all walks of life. The conference is expected to draw several hundred veterans and will take place on Saturday, August 3 at The Ohio Union on The Ohio State University's campus, located at 1739 N. High St. in Columbus.

Conference attendees will have daylong access to the resource fair and will have ample opportunity to meet fellow veterans, learn about key services, and listen to several subject matter experts on topics such as healthcare, financial wellness, taxation benefits, and updates on legislation that affects veterans and military families.

Our keynote speaker is retired Army General Dr. Rhonda Cornum a surgeon, healthcare executive, author

and former POW who will share her amazing story to illustrate the importance of pursuing resiliency and embracing whole health in our lives.

You will have the opportunity to meet with veteran organizations regarding federal and state benefits at the expo, obtain your veteran ID card, network at the education and career expo, have your resume reviewed by a human resources specialist, find out how to support veteran-owned businesses, participate in a VA whole health activity like yoga or crafting, and so much more.

In short, veterans, spouses, caregivers, and advocates won't want to miss the 2024 Ohio Veterans Conference. You can keep on top of details and developments on this event in the coming weeks and months by visiting OhioVets.gov.

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Local Student Continues Onward

By Tracy Omerzo

Hunter Omerzo, a 2020 graduate of Maplewood High School, has graduated from Dickinson College with a BA in Archaeology and Classics, with a Minor in Ethics. Hunter has been accepted into Oxford University, where he will be studying Maritime Archaeology for his Masters Degree. His journey to Oxford was sparked by a love of 3-D creation. During his research on an Egyptain shipwreck, he discovered that

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Pin Pals Bowling Banquet

By Randall Martin

Pin Pals is an all-ages bowling league for those with special needs. The league ran from February 19th through May 13th at Cortland Lanes. Trisha Betts, the coordinator of the league, announced that the next season hasn't been officially scheduled, but should start sometime in late August or early September. A signup date will be announced soon.

The league was so popular that a split session is being considered, and would separate this group by age, given how large the attendance had been for this season that just passed.

Last night's banquet featured a pasta dinner, dessert and participation medals for all special needs bowlers.

Congratulations to all participants for this season's Pin Pals bowling league!





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Cub Scouts Summer Fun

In the month of May the Cortland Cub Scout Pack 4050 out of the Cortland Lions Club held their Pine Wood Derby and Rank advancement ceremony. The Pack's six scouts received their adventure achievements and 5 advanced to their next rank. The oldest scout will soon receive his arrow of light and cross over to a Scout troop. If interested in joining the Pack you may join the Pack for our summer activities:

- Thursday, June 27th: Hike at Lakeview Recreation Area 6 pm
- Tuesday, July 2nd: Hike at Imagination Station Storybook Trail 6 pm
- Tuesday, July 9th: Fishing Event Details TBD
- Tuesday, July 16th: Hike at Dam Bird Watching Area 6 pm

- Tuesday, July 23rd: Soda Bottle Space Derby Build day 6 pm at Cortland Lions Club
- Tuesday, July 30th: Soda Bottle Space Derby Race Day 6 pm at Cortland Lions Club
- August 6th: Back2School Event at Lakeview Recreation Area 6 pm (New Lion Scouts -Kindergartners Fall 2024 Welcome at this event)

The pack will also be presenting the flags at the Cortland Street Fair on Thursday June 30 at 6 pm with their Charter Organization the Cortland Lions Club.

During the School year we normally meet on Tuesdays at 6 pm at the Cortland Lions Club.

If you would like more information you may contact the Cubmaster Robert Wacker by call or text 708-203-5443.





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Food Truck Night

May 30th saw the return of the very popular Food Truck Night in downtown Cortland. Nine different vendors served about 150 people and everyone had a great time. The city plans to host these events on the last Thursday of each month throughout the summer. The next ones will be June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, and October 26th! So come on down and join your friends and neighbors for a fun time.



Cortland Memorial Day Observance

By Dick McClain

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee and the American Legion Post 540 of Cortland held a Cortland Memorial Day observance on Sunday, May 26th at the Veterans Memorial, on front of Cortland Mower. The program honored the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.

Col. Robert B. Mangold (U.S. Army retired) was the emcee and the guest speaker was Lt. Commander Michael Popadak (U.S. Navy retired) who enlisted in the U.S. Navy, rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, and continued to climb in rank to Lt. Commander when he retired.

The invocation was by Pastor David Vensel of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, the National Anthem sung by Maggie Crouch, the presentation of colors by D.A.V. Disabled American Veterans and a rifle salute and taps by American Legion Post 540. Garey Watson played taps.

On behalf of the committee, Ian McAleer expressed thanks to the Four Seasons Garden Club of Cortland for donating the flags hanging on the back fence at the memorial. He also recognized the Cortland City service department staff for their continued maintenance work at the memorial site. *Pictures credited to April Foor.*



American Legion Honor Guard



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Warren Women's Club Invites Summer

By Peggy Boyd

Josie McKenna and Pluto, the African Tortoise from Mosquito Lake Park visited the members for lunch at the May meeting. Thirty-two ladies were introduced to the "Fun in the Sun" one could experience at the State Park throughout the upcoming months. Park Manager Josie McKenna spotlighted many of the water-based activities such as boating, kayaking, swimming and fishing. Hiking through woodland trails and picnicking on the beach plus giving fido a run in the new dog park complete with swimming privileges were just a few family activities offered.

The big hit of the lunch was Pluto, the African Tortoise, as he roamed around the room visiting the members as they heard about his history and how he lives.

Warren Women's Club, established in 1947, meets monthly September through June on the third Monday of the month at noon. Monthly meetings feature a luncheon, fellowship and interesting programs with a speaker

On Wednesday, June 19, Warren Women's Club will host their 61st annual Rose Luncheon at DiVieste's Banquet Centre in Warren. This is a fundraiser for the club. Tickets can be bought by calling Terri Crabs at 330-719-9345.



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In studying Psalm 139 I have come to realize that there is no higher calling than to love & worship the infinite & personal God of creation & redemption. There is no denying the facts of creation. When we walk outside on a stary night we wonder in amazement. The stary skies reveal things that are so much bigger than us. The galaxies around us are so far out of view that even the Hubble Space telescope launched in 1990 cannot keep up with the advanced findings found by the greatest scientists. So today there is a more powerful telescope than The Hubble to help find yet greater things that previously have been discovered about our planets. W. Tozer observed that what comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. Our image of God shapes our spiritual direction & future & is forged in the times we spend in communion with him. In contrast to the world, God's economy measures greatness not in terms of ability or accomplishments but in the vitality & integrity of a person's walk with the Lord.

King David was a gifted man who was rich in achievements, yet his greatness lay in his choice to give his heart wholly to God. Amid his

struggles, David took time to meditate & stretch his vision of the living God, & this provided him with a renewed perspective about the things that really matter.

If we unthinkingly take life for granted & lose our sense of wonder at God & his creation, our capacity to know God will shrink away. In the very first book of the Bible it's recorded that God created the heavens & the earth. David's ongoing amazement & wonder is captured in Psalm 139, a beautiful meditation on the knowledge, presence, power, & holiness of the Ruler of all creation.

Spring and summer gives us a renewed amazement of creation as we prepare for the humming birds to return from Central America and Mexico to our area in Ohio. Watching them reminds me of the creation we are a part of.

Even as I write this, I was photographing a mother deer who gave birth to two beautiful wonders of amazement. To watch them wobble and gain balance on all fours. The creation that surrounds us causes me to wonder how anyone can overlook the blessings we receive simply by living in the middle of such a wonderful place we call earth.

Summer Fun

I am sure most people have read portions of the Bible at some time in their lives. Many people may read it daily, while others have read it on occasion. Does the Bible ever talk about things like the season of summer? Does the Bible talk of things like having "fun"?

Believe it or not, the Bible talks of these things. King Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes, that there is nothing better than for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. God wants to see us work hard throughout our day, but then to sit back and be able to enjoy a time to relax, have fun and enjoy the pleasure of eating and drinking.

This is actually God's gift to man according to Ecclesiastes 3:13. Never put God in a place where He would never want you and I to enjoy our days, our work along with great food and

drink to quench our thirst.

The Bible tells us that we should be like the ants during the summer months.

Proverbs 6:6-8 describes how we should go to the ant, consider how it works, to note that it stores its food in the summer and gathers food at harvest. We are to stay busy and work, providing for ourselves and families. The ant is never lazy, it constantly stays busy working. Then, when winter and other seasons of life come, it has plenty for the days ahead from all its labor.

So, the best way to have "Summer Fun", is that we work hard and labor each day we are able, enjoy great food and drink at the end of the day, then we can fully enjoy the work we have done and have fun, while knowing we are well prepared for days ahead. Work hard and enjoy this season of summer!

There are few things so pleasant as a picnic eaten in perfect comfort

- W. Somerset Maugham



Church News & Notes

Cortland United Methodist Church

Monthly "God Provides A Meal" will be Saturday, June 15 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Menu is: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Cowboy Beans, Dessert, and Beverage. All are welcome. The Cortland Church of the Nazarene folks have been spring cleaning in preparation for the big 60th anniversary festivities. The playground has been updated with new swings, everything has been power washed, and the weeds

are gone! Yahoo, bring on the kids! New carpet has been installed in the sanctuary, and many other improvements have been made. We've been busy and hope to see many join us for the BBQ on July 20 and the special service and catered dinner on July 21. Please send confirmation via text to Gloria @ 570-567-4193 if you have any questions or if you plan to attend the celebration.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Bible Studies: Our congregation invites you to join us as we dive into God's

Word in our Bible Studies on Sundays at 9 am (other than the 2nd Sunday during the school year). Summer is every Sunday as we go through the book of Genesis. Wednesdays at 5:30 pm we are going through the Book of Hebrews. There will be no Wednesday study from June 5th - July 3rd. Wednesday Bible Study will start back up on July 10th at 5:30 pm as we will be Studying the Book of James and then in the fall the Book of Romans.

Katharina's Closet: Thank you to all who have donated to help improve our communities

by helping woman and young families. We are looking forward to being able to begin distribution soon to those in need. Donation drop off day is the first Monday of every month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. If you are unable to drop off donations during that time or have other questions please call Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402. Please do not leave donations on the narthex porch or by the parking lot entrance. We will have to dispose of such donations. Thank you for serving with us.



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“Go Camping” at L.O.A.F. VBS!

By Daynelle Sanner

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Join us June 17th - 21st from 9 am - noon at Cortland United Methodist Church located at 155 North High Street, Cortland, Ohio. Cost is \$5 per child, \$10 per household. Pre-registration is requested by calling 330-637-2571 or visiting Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship Facebook page. Walk-in registration will begin at 8:30 am

on June 17th. Anyone that would be interested in volunteering can email Pastor Dave at pdccortlandumc@gmail.com. Find more information by using the QR code or on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Lakeview-Outreach-And-Fellowship>.



Explore the Heart of Northeast Ohio: TrulyTrumbull.com Launches

By Beth Kotwis Carmichael

In a major step forward for regional tourism and community engagement, the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau proudly announces the launch of its completely redesigned website, TrulyTrumbull.com. The new site embodies a fresh, user-friendly interface and a suite of innovative features aimed at promoting visiting the county, along with of living, working, and thriving in Northeast Ohio.

A Fresh Look, A New Domain, A Renewed Commitment: The new TrulyTrumbull.com stands out with its modern design and accessible navigation, highlighting the bureau's commitment to attracting visitors and serving the local community. With its

easy-to-remember URL and a focus on how to “Live, Work, Thrive” in Trumbull County, the site positions itself as a central hub for visitors, residents and development interests alike.

Empowering Exploration and Engagement A standout feature of the

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Summertime is Black Berry Time


By Robert Adkins

Remembering the Good Old Days of Summertime when I was a young lad my Dad and I looked for ripe Blackberry patches along the road or back in the fields. We used an old coffee can for a bucket. Mom would say “Go find some ripe black berries and I will make a pie.” Off we would go on our merry way.

“Blackberries are perennial shrubs with arching canes, reaching heights of up to 3 meters. They boast thorny stems, dark green leaves with serrated edges and clusters of small white or pale pink flowers that bloom in late spring. When fully ripe, the blackberries are shiny

black, juicy and offer a delicious sweet-tart flavor.”

Mine grow in my Cortland backyard covered with a screen to keep the birds from eating my Summer Delight. Black berries are in front of my “Pot Luck, Pot Garden” with Kentucky Wonder Beans, Tomatoes, Lettuce and a special treat, Scallions. I have a Honey Suckle vine reminding me of the sweet memory crossing of the Ohio River into the Kentucky Hills to visit my Grandma and Grandpa. Young Bob is now enjoying the exquisite pleasure of the Good Old Summertime in Cortland on the shores of Perfect Lake.



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Lakeview School News

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

By Velina J. Taylor

Recently, I listened to a podcast between Katie Couric and Jonathan Haidt, a New York University professor and trained school psychologist. They spoke about his research and findings included in his book, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*.

His suggestion to today's parents is to roll back what he calls the "phone-based" childhood and bring back the "play-based" childhood or a "positive" childhood. While he acknowledges that doing this just in one's family can be difficult due to incredible peer pressure, he believes a group of families or even a school community will find it to be doable.

To accomplish this change, he claimed we need to establish four norms.

First is no smartphones before high school for our children. A child could have and use a flip phone or a phone watch but should have no internet capabilities.

Second is no social media before the age of sixteen. Haidt bluntly stated that social media is unsafe for any child but at least a family should avoid allowing it until well after a child has gone through puberty.

The third norm is to have a smartphone-free school. Accomplishing this will return conversation to lunchrooms and hallways. The return of face-to-face interactions is imperative

to personal development, and getting away from the draw of social media will help to allow for those conversations. He also stated that current data shows children are on phones/screens between 9 and 10 hours daily on average.

The fourth and final norm is the return of independence and free-play. This last norm effectively gives our children back their childhood—a positive childhood that is play-based.

Haidt's claims state that the research on what smartphones and social media apps are doing to our children is devastating, and the spikes in depression, anxiety, and even self-harm correlate almost exactly with the rise of internet-connected smartphone use.

Lakeview Community Supports Seniors With Scholarships

By Thom Foley

Once again, the Bazetta/Cortland Lakeview community showed why this is the best place in the world to live by giving Lakeview graduates over \$85,000 in scholarships to further their education. It is important to remember that the money comes from the community. Local organizations hold fundraisers, individual scholarship donors give their own money and/or hold events to raise money in memory of loved ones. Teachers, staff, parents, boosters – all of them contribute time, money and efforts to help 'pay it forward.

We are proud of our graduates and want to support them in their efforts to further their education. Over 30 local organizations, consisting of small businesses, athletic leagues, individuals, bands, lodges, companies, individual families, teachers, clubs and more presented scholarships.

Throughout this issue you will see some of their pictures. You can see all of the winners on the Lakeview Schools website.



Lakeview Little Bulldogs
Tyler Hovance, Isabelle Haines



Jill L. Hoover Legacy Scholarship
Elizabeth Fazekas



Carol Callahan Snodgrass
Clover Wagner, Emily Bayus

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Lady Bulldogs Finish A Winning Season

By Cullen Chadwick

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 18-6 including Northeast 8 league champions and district runners-up. Izzy Haines(Outfield), Ava Bacon (Pitcher), Mackenzie Stowe (Catcher), Kennedy Bartlett (Infield) were all 1st team All-League players. Hallie

Capan (Outfield), Kalyssa Werner (Infield), Isabella Isenberg (DP/utility) were all 2nd team All-League. Thank you to the Cortland community for all their support this season and the large crowds at their games.



Front row: Makenna Werner, Izzy Haines; 2nd row: Talor Ash, Kalyssa Werner, Linnea Kovac, Paige Schwartz, Abby Waldo, Ava Bacon; 3rd row- Vince Werner (coach), Carley Brainard, Ella Collins, Hallie Capan, Mackenzie Stowe, Kennedy Bartlett, Annaliese DeJulio, Isabella Isenberg, Cait Kelm (coach); 4th row: Demetra Noble (coach), Cullen Chadwick (coach), Bryan Bartlett (coach), Dave Kelm (head coach).

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Dinosaur Beats Out The Gingerbread Man

The students, staff and faculty of Lakeview Middle School enjoyed a little fun during the last week of school – a race of inflatable characters in front of the school. Students lined both sides of the driveway and cheered on their favorite characters/staff/faculty in a hard-fought race back and forth on the driveway. In a photo finish

the dinosaur [aka Margie Petrunia] edged out the gingerbread man [aka Lindsay Costas]. Other participants were: Scott Chronister-Turkey, Ashley Handrych-Shark, Jamie Brown-Gizmo, Emily Ramey-Chicken, Jodie Gibson-Polar Bear, Missy Schmader-Polar Bear, Mariah DiIullo-Flamingo.



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Simply Slavic has announced it is seeking applicants for its 2024 round of academic scholarships for students attending Youngstown State University. YSU students who have completed their freshman year and are currently enrolled at the undergraduate or graduate level are encouraged to apply. All applicants must submit a 500-word narrative on how Slavic culture has influenced their lives. Funds can be used for tuition and student expenses such as books, lodging, and study abroad programs. The scholarship is supported through a unique partnership with local brewer Modern Methods Brewing Co. The winner will select based on essays and academic achievements. The deadline is Thursday, July 31. Applications are available at SimplySlavic.org under the tab FORMS. For more information, call (330) 333-1441 or email info@simplyslavic.org

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Ground Penetrating Radar At Pioneer Cemetery

By Meghan Reed

The Trumbull County Historical Society is excited to announce a groundbreaking project at the Old Mahoning (Pioneer) Cemetery in Warren. Dr. Matt O'Mansky, a professor of Anthropology at Youngstown State University, is leading an innovative effort to map and uncover hidden headstones using ground-penetrating radar (GPR).

Pioneer Cemetery, a historical gem in Warren, holds the final resting places of many of the area's early settlers. The first burial there is recorded in 1804. Over the years, some headstones have become weathered, shifted, or buried, obscuring the complete historical record of the cemetery. Dr. O'Mansky's efforts aim to address this by using state-of-the-art GPR technology to accurately locate all existing headstones, including those that are currently covered and unseen.

This project is not only significant for historical preservation but also for enhancing the educational and cultural understanding of Warren's heritage. By mapping out the headstones, the Trumbull County Historical Society aims to create more detailed records and potentially discover new historical information about the early residents of the area.

The community is invited to follow the progress of this project, which promises to shed new light on Warren's rich past. For updates and more information, please visit the Trumbull County Historical Society's website and social media channels.

For further information, contact Savannah Moss, Collections & Research Manager, Trumbull County Historical Society at (330) 394- 4653 or savannah@trumbullcountyhistory.org.

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Individual insurance companies will determine the initial monthly premium for each Medicare Supplement Plan they offer. Once an individual is enrolled in the plan there are typically annual increases to the premium. The amount, frequency and timing of this increase is dictated by the insurance company. In addition, there may be increases in monthly premiums as policy holders get older. As these premiums increase, you may want to consider changing to a different Medicare Supplement Plan or to a different insurance company if they offer a lower rate.

In most cases Medicare Supplement Insurance is guaranteed acceptance at age 65 when first starting Medicare or during the first 6 months you are enrolled in Part B of Medicare. There are a few other specific situations where a policy could be issued without health questions. Each state has its own rules regarding open enrollment and guaranteed issue. If you are outside the open enrollment period and do not qualify for guaranteed issue, you can change plans at any time, but the application will be subject to

underwriting. Each insurance company has its own underwriting criteria, and the health questions will vary from company to company. As part of the application and underwriting process medical records are reviewed. If there are no issues, the new policy will typically be issued at the current rates for that company and plan. If you do have health conditions that are flagged during underwriting, the policy may be issued at the standard rate, issued at an increased rate or it may be declined.

It is important to keep your current coverage in place while exploring other options. Your current Medicare Supplement Insurance policy cannot be cancelled if you continue to pay the premiums. Once a new policy is approved, in place and paid for then the original policy can be cancelled. This provides continuous coverage and protection in case the new policy is not approved, or the premiums are higher than expected due to the underwriting process.

If premiums on the Medicare Supplement Insurance policy become too high and unaffordable, another option is to consider switching to a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan. This can be done during Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period each fall or throughout the year if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. However, it is important to review the current available plans and basic coverage differences between Supplement Insurance and an Advantage Plan before making this decision. It is always helpful to consult your local agent. They can answer questions and look at the different options for your specific situation.

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By Soraya Hejazi

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Optimist Club - FRONT: Nolan Toth, Cooper Schiavone, Abigail Sulc, Lillian McCarthy, BACK: Ashley Solis, Emerson Hyde, Brianna Fleegeer, Ryan Gee, Ron Miller



Lakeview Athletic Booster Club - Andrew Brown, Cooper Shiavone, Matthew Siekel, Nolan Toth, Mrs. Nicholas



Lakeview Bulldog Scholarship
Dylan Clements, Benjamin Herrholtz

Scholarships...continued



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By Traci Cooper, cPT, ACSM



Today I picked up the phone and called my daughter. I asked her, "what are you doing sweet girl." She answered, "I'm at Starbucks then I'm off to the gym for my workout." I began to ponder the fact that my 30-year-old still goes to the gym. Katelyn is my first born. When she was little, I used to take her for walks and carry her when she got tired. My walks were always farther than she liked to go but sometimes I think she just loved to be carried. I worked full time and as a single Mom, we got our workouts in when we could.

When I began working in gyms, Katelyn would go with me. She loved the excitement and chatter. Working on the machines that she could use was fun for her. At age 14, Katelyn began babysitting in the gym daycare. She would read to the kids and play games. After her shift, she would go with me to classes and sit and do her homework

When we opened the fitness center, Katelyn was 16 years old. She began to learn Zumba routines and became certified in Turbo Kick so that she could jump in when I needed a sub for classes. She also began putting together her own workouts and fitness routines. Of course, she didn't stay in fitness as a career, but the lifestyle has never left her. It is truly amazing to have a daughter who is interested in the same things as I am. Sometimes when she calls, we will talk about new protein rich recipes that we are tasting and calorie deficits.

I never knew how large the impact of a healthy lifestyle would be on my daughter, but I'm happy with the results. Working out with our children builds lifelong habits that they will carry with them to their children.

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Traci Cooper is a personal trainer through the American College of Sports Medicine, a group fitness instructor, and the owner of Coopers Fitness and Athletic Training Center.

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- **Make travel a part of your retirement budget.** Without the funds to pursue travel, you likely won't get too far. As you plan for your living expenses, include travel as a line item in your retirement budget. Identify a portion of your monthly income to cover travel expenses before you hit the road.

- **Consider travel timing.** Most retirees plan their biggest travel excursions in the early years of retirement, when health challenges may be lesser and they have more stamina. Therefore, your travel budget may represent a larger portion of your overall expenses in the first years of retirement. If this aligns with your travel vision, factor it into your retirement budgeting strategy.

- **Determine your travel style.** To come up with a reasonable cost estimate, identify the types of traveling you plan to do. Are you more interested in short trips to nearby locations, mostly traveling by car? Do you plan to explore the country in an RV? Are you looking to visit foreign destinations on a regular basis? Your travel goals will tell you a lot about how much you are likely to spend, which should be reflected in your retirement plan.

- **Find ways to cut costs.** It's easy to face "sticker shock" when you travel. Expenses like food (usually eating out), lodging and transportation can add up quickly. If you plan to stay in one

place for an extended period, look into renting a home or apartment rather than “hotel-ing” it. Try to eat like the locals by buying food at grocery stores and markets. Take the time to look for flight deals or make your automobile travel routes as efficient as possible. One of the perks of being retired is that you may have more flexibility than working people to lock in deals by traveling off season or at other unpopular times.

- **Don't overlook insurance needs.** Travel insurance may be appropriate if you get sick or lose luggage on a trip. Keep in mind that Medicare is not accepted outside the U.S., and even within the U.S., you want to be sure your health insurance has you covered in states outside your own.

- **Look for discounts and rewards.** Seniors have a unique advantage in that costs for some activities are reduced. Even though the discounts may be modest, every dollar helps stretch your travel budget. Check to see what discounted options are available through clubs like AAA or AARP. Also pursue smart credit card strategies that help you earn rewards like free travel or cash back on your purchases.

If travel is in your plans when you leave the workforce, it's key to go beyond dreaming and do some significant preparation in advance. Use the time you have now to set specific goals and build savings that will help make your dreams a reality.

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a complete digital reconstruction of the vessel had not been created. Hunter began a self-promoted project of recreating the sunken ship (Ship 17) to scale. This launched him into a position to connect with Alexander Belov, a researcher for the European Institute of Underwater Archaeology in France. As the author of *Ship 17: a baris from Thonis-Heracleion*, Alexander was very excited to learn about Hunter's project. Alexander has been extremely helpful

and is looking forward to connecting with Hunter in person at Thonis-Heracleion, the sunken city in Egypt, where Ship 17 was discovered.

If you are interested in learning more, Dickinson College has written an article about Hunter's achievements. You can find it at...

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The Trumbull County Board of Health is holding a "Drive-thru Pack-N-Play" distribution event on Tuesday, June 11 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Call for reservations: 330-675-2489 option 3. The address is the Board of Health at 194 W. Main Street in Cortland. You must be 32 weeks or more pregnant OR the baby must be under 1 year and under 30 pounds and must be a Trumbull Co. resident. You must be WIC eligible. Grandparents, foster parents and other caregivers are welcome.



Always Have A Spare

By Cait Morgan

It's garage sale season, a season I love, yet fear. Looking for bargains and things I may or may not need is a fun way to spend time. The whole problem is that I am the child of a Depression Baby who had an oft imagined use for everything and never ever threw things out. If she needed one, she acquired two, sometimes three. While Eleanor's living space on the first floor was uncluttered and well-kept, the basement, the upstairs and the garage were jam-packed with stuff. I set up two apartment kitchens when I was young from her house and she never knew it until she recognized a few items (and never did recognize others). When I mentioned to a former spouse that there was an antique mahogany billiard table in her basement he didn't believe me. We went downstairs and after some digging, we unearthed a corner of it. He was astounded. I found a great spaghetti bowl – brand new!

I have inherited the "always have a spare" syndrome. I have the best stocked pantry and toiletries closet in the neighborhood. I have inherited the kitchen gadget and specialty pan/small appliance obsession which I try to fight but often lose the battle. But I have not crossed the hoarder line yet. I have learned to admire and even walk around with an item I just have to buy

then release it back to its spot on the table and beat feet out of that sale to move on to the next one. And yes, I have driven back to get an item – sometimes finding it waiting for me, sometimes not.

We are going to have a sale this year to divest of many things. Well, the Curmudgeon thinks we will sell some stuff. I am having issues. Yes, we have three coffee percolators on stand-by. But when the last one died at 5 AM, there was no complaining at all when all he had to do was go to the garage for a spare, bought at an estate sale for \$4, still in its box (obviously a backup in its former life, too). The percolators stay. So do my brass candle sticks – all 18 of them. Some were my uncle's and he gave them to me. I can't get rid of those and I can't help it that I can't remember which ones were his! I'm not selling my huge roasting pan either. So what if we haven't used it, ever? So what if it's just the two of us? An Army platoon may stop by or a huge group of relatives finds us online and shows up for dinner. What then??!

As far as I can see, this sale, if it happens at all, will be one table of assorted things we do not know the use for, cannot identify what it belongs with or have been in our storage unit for the past 12 years. Unless, of course, there is something I may need...



Right Done For A Wrong-Part 2

Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, (Ret) American Legion Post 540

On 13 May American Legion Post 540 members and local citizens gathered at Hillside Cemetery. Our mission – continue to "Right Done For A Wrong" last summer when American flags and marking stakes identifying veterans' graves were removed by an unauthorized person.

Most of these items were recovered and a lot of graves remarked with the stakes in the fall. Those lacking a plaque on the headstone or inscription thereon are most likely lost forever unless a family steps forward to identify the grave.

Though we were few in number on

13 May we re-marked some graves we missed last fall during Right Done For A Wrong – Part 1. We proudly posted an American flag on every veteran grave we could find on 13 May in Hillside and three other cemeteries we care for. How meaningful these flags are to those of us who have served America. They are forever our comrades-in-arms and buddies.

If we missed a veteran's grave of which you are aware please call Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army (Ret), at 330-637-8956. We can still install a marking stake in preparation for Memorial Day 2025.



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Supporting Human Trafficking Awareness

By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women’s League presented the ORRIN Foundation with a monetary donation to help aid their progress in helping survivors of human trafficking. Funds raised were a result of the Provisional’s project as first year members. “ORRIN (The Ohio Response, Recovery, and Intervention Network) is comprised of individuals and agencies from various disciplines working together to respond effectively and expand existing resources for survivors of Human Trafficking.”



WJWL member Rachel Balentine, Stacy Altieri and Nicole Meszaros of the ORRIN Foundation and WJWL members Katie Ford and Ashley Cline.

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revamped website is its enriched content that makes planning overnight visits or a day out seamless and social:

- **Events Calendar:** A comprehensive, up-to-date calendar showcasing events for across Trumbull County for visitors, making finding something exciting to do easier than ever. You can even add events to your calendars.
- **Plan Your Trip:** This innovative feature allows visitors and locals to craft personalized itineraries by aggregating things to do, places to eat, and events to attend. Itineraries can then be shared with friends and family, facilitating group travel plans or recommendations.

- **Trending Stories:** Stay atop of what's happening with a dedicated section for Trending Stories, offering insights into local culture, undiscovered gems, and inspirational travel ideas.
- Invitation to Explore The Trumbull County Tourism Bureau invites everyone to visit the new www.TrulyTrumbull.com. With its focus on the enriching experiences of visiting, living, and working in the area and robust tools like the new events calendar and trip planner, the website is set to become an invaluable resource for discovering the beauty and vibrancy of Trumbull County.



Cortland Library Events In June

Holiday Closing
Juneteenth, All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed Wednesday, June 19 for Juneteenth.

Toddler Tales
Mondays at 10 a.m.: June 10, 17, 24
A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: June 11, 18, 25
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.

Only Murders in the Library
Mon., June 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
This discussion group will focus on one true crime topic each month, with the topic being selected from group members' suggestions. The group will use and share resources such as books, articles, and podcasts before each session.

Virtual Storytime with Zion National Park
Wed., June 12 at 2 p.m.
All ages may enjoy a virtual Storytime on the big screen in the library meeting rooms featuring a Park Ranger from Zion National Park in Utah. They will be sharing some of their favorite hiking/adventure themed stories with us. Free.



Concert Featuring Tyler Guerrieri
Wed., June 12 from 6 – 7 p.m.
Guitarist Tyler Guerrieri specializes in all genres of music and performs as a solo artist at libraries, wineries, and festivals. He will perform a selection of country music. Free.

Totally Tweens: Adventurous Tasting Edition
Tues., June 18 from 3 – 4 p.m. Tweens can try various types of chocolatey treats, including some more adventurous bites! (Allergen warning.) For tweens entering grades 5 – 8. Registration is required by June 11; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Laboratory Lock Down
Wed., June 26 at 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. AND 3 – 4:30 p.m. A mad scientist has locked teens in a laboratory and is trying to turn them into werewolves! The group must work together to solve multiple puzzles, find combinations, and escape before the transformation is complete. There are two time slots available. For teens entering grades 7 – 12. Registration is requested by June 25; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

Sign Language Class
Fri., June 28 from 2 – 3 p.m. Meagan Albani, certified ASL Instructor, will teach some basics of American Sign Language and some adventure-themed signs. For children ages 5 – 11. Registration is required by June 26; call (330) 638-6335 to sign up. Free.

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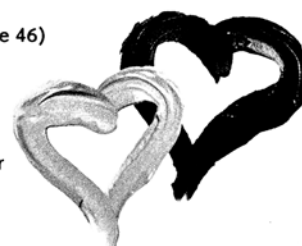
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- Main Stage - *Three Cord Monty*
- Beer Tent - *Terry and Diane McCabe*
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FRIDAY - JUNE 21, BEGINS 6 PM

- 6 - 8 pm Trumbull County Schools Robotic Teams
- Pizza Eating Contest - *Sponsored by Pizza Joes*
7:30pm in the Community Tent

TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT - BEGINS AT 8 PM

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- 1 pm - 4 pm - Mattinee
- 1 pm - 4 pm - Ohio Dept of Natural Resources
Jason Lee, Naturalist - *Front of City Parking Lot*
- 1 - 5 pm Animal Welfare League - Adopt A Pet
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- 3 - 5:30 pm Trumbull County Schools Robotic Teams
- 6 pm - Annual Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Parade
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TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT

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