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Sunshine, Celebration, And Service: Your 2026 Guide To Summer In Cortland

By Alex Irman

As the mercury rises and the morning mist clings to the surface of the water, the Cortland area transforms. There is a palpable shift in energy as residents trade their winter coats for walking shoes and patio umbrellas. Summer in Northeast Ohio is more than just a break from the cold; it is a vibrant, three-month-long celebration of community, history, and the simple joys of being outdoors. From the quiet ripples of Mosquito Lake to the patriotic echoes on Main Street, this is your definitive guide to making 2026 a summer to remember.

The Heart of Our Community: The Cortland Street Fair. If there is one event that serves as the heartbeat of our city, it is the Cortland Street Fair. Organized with meticulous care by the Cortland Lions Club, this year's fair is scheduled for **June 25, 26, and 27**. While many fairs rely on modern flash, Cortland's gathering is built on the foundation of human connection and civic pride.

The theme for 2026—*"Honoring Service Members – Celebrating 250 Years of American Freedom"*—sets a powerful tone for the festivities. As our nation nears its semiquincentennial, the fair serves as a local focal point for gratitude and celebration.

• **The Grand Parade:** Usually the highlight of the final evening, the parade is a moving tapestry of local spirit. It

brings together veterans' organizations, high school marching bands, and local scouts in a display of unity that defines the "Good News" philosophy of our town.

• **A Taste of the Fair:** The Lions Club

education, the afternoons belong to the thrills. Rides operate from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and reopen for the evening rush from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

• **Historical Entertainment:** The

Mosquito Lake is a summer highlight for pet owners. It allows dogs a rare opportunity to swim safely and freely in a controlled, fenced environment.

• **Thrills & Exploration:** *Day Trip*

Destinations - While there is plenty to do in our zip code, Cortland is the perfect "base camp" for exploring the wider region.

• **High-Octane Getaways**

• **Cedar Point (Sandusky):** Roughly two hours away, this is the destination for world-class thrills. With a skyline dominated by record-breaking steel coasters, it's a rite of passage for Ohioans of all ages.

• **Kennywood (West Mifflin, PA):** About 90 minutes southeast, Kennywood offers a "Classic American" feel. The balance of historic wooden coasters and modern rides makes it a perfect family day trip.

• **Waldameer Park (Erie, PA):** For a relaxing, budget-friendly day, head north to Erie. With no

admission fee to enter the park, you can enjoy the vintage charm of the midways or hit the massive water park to cool off.

• **Scenic and Cultural Retreats:**

• **Cuyahoga Valley National Park:** Only 50 minutes away, this park offers a serene contrast to the amusement parks. Hike to **Brandywine Falls** or ride the **Scenic Railroad** to see the Cuyahoga River winding through the valley.

• **Geneva-on-the-Lake:** This is Ohio's first summer resort. "The Strip" offers a nostalgic trip back to the 1950's with arcade games and lakeside diners, while the surrounding **Grand River Valley** boasts world-class wineries.

• **Supporting the Local Pulse**

Throughout the summer, remember that the "Good News" happens because of the people around us. Every time you choose a local Cortland restaurant for dinner, enjoy a basket of fries at the Street Fair or visit a small business on Main Street, you are contributing to the vibrancy that makes our town special.

Summer is short in Ohio, but the memories made at the Street Fair, on the lake or under the lights of the fairgrounds last a lifetime. Get out there, enjoy the 250th anniversary of our freedom, and make the most of every sunny day!



fuels the fair's atmosphere through its famous concessions. Whether you are stopping by for their signature **French fries** or visiting the **beer tent** to catch up with old friends, these fair staples are a central part of the weekend experience.

• **Supporting the Cause:** The fair is the primary engine for the Lions Club's philanthropic work. By managing **rental spaces for a diverse array of vendors**, the club generates the funds necessary to give back to the community. Every order of fries and every vendor space contributes to vital causes, including **local scholarships** and other charitable initiatives that benefit our neighbors throughout the year.

• **A Landmark Milestone: The 180th Trumbull County Fair** - Just a few weeks later, the focus shifts to the **Trumbull County Fairgrounds** for a milestone that few institutions ever reach. **From July 14th through July 19th, we celebrate the 180th Trumbull County Fair.** This is a massive, sprawling tribute to our region's agricultural soul.

The fairgrounds will be open **daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**, providing twelve hours of non-stop activity. For many, the fair is a sensory experience: the smell of sawdust in the livestock barns, the roar of the grandstand, and the neon lights of the midway.

• **The Midway Experience:** While the mornings are for agriculture and

Bicentennial Stages serve as the fair's cultural hub. From local performers to contemporary acts, these stages offer free entertainment that celebrates our regional talent.

• **Junior Fair and Heritage:** Take a walk through the 4-H barns to see the hard work of our local youth. Their dedication to animal husbandry and domestic arts is a reminder that the traditions of nearly two centuries ago are still thriving in the hands of the next generation.

• **Nature's Playground: Mosquito Lake State Park** - For those days when you need to escape the crowds, **Mosquito Lake State Park** offers over 7,000 acres of water and nearly 2,500 acres of woodland. It is the literal and figurative cooling center of Trumbull County.

• **The Marina & the Water:** Whether you're an angler looking for walleye or a family looking for a slow Sunday on a pontoon, the marina provides everything you need. In the early hours, the lake is like glass, making it the premier spot in the county for kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding.

• **Cooperation Station and the Dog Beach:** Cortland is famously pet-friendly and Cooperation Station Dog Park is the proof. The standout feature remains the fenced-in dog beach. Watching your four-legged friends sprint into the refreshing waters of

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 Monday, July 6 - City Council - 7 PM

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 Second Monday of each month
 Monday, June 8 - 6 PM

PLANNING & ZONING
 Second Monday of each month
 Monday, June 8 - 7 PM

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2
 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 Library page.
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 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 See their website for upcoming events.

JUNE

- 6 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefitting Ali Baba Grotto programs for Special Needs Kids / 9 - 11:30 AM
- 6 International Firewood Expo / Trumbull County Fairgrounds
- 14 America 250 Birthday Picnic Celebration /Honoring all Military Veterans & Current Members / Bazetta Township Imagination Station Park / from 12 noon - 4 PM
- 14 Cortland Community Band / Bazetta Township Park, 3372 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland / (W/P) / 3 PM
- 17 Cortland Community Band / Lake Vista, 303 N Mecca St, Cortland / (W/P) / 7 PM
- 18 VBS Kick-off Event ~ Cortland Trinity Baptist Church / Pearl Park / 12 noon - 2 PM
VBS is June 20-24 at the Church
- 19 Juneteenth - Many Banks, Government Buildings, Libraries & Businesses are CLOSED
- 22-26 VBS "Emerald Crossing" / Cortland Church of the Nazarene / 6-8:30 PM.
- 25-27 Cortland Lion's Club Street Fair
- 26 Lakeview Alumni Weekend Basketball Games / New Gym / 6 & 7 PM.
- 27 Lakeview Alumni Weekend Tours / High School 10 AM / K-8 Building 11 AM
- 27 Lakeview Alumni Weekend Golf Outing / Tamer Win Golf Club

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Brookside Greenhouse is still open and has thousands of homegrown plants. Your favorite flowers and veggies are ready for you to plant. And wait until you see the thousands of hanging baskets they have.

Cortland Lanes - Has open bowling Thur 5- close, Fri after 9:30, Sat 5 - close. They are the *Official New Home of The Browns Backers!* Finally, Their Bar is Open ALL summer! Thurs, Fri & Sat from 5 - closing.

WT Schrader Insurance reminds us that they offer FREE insurance evaluations. Are you over paying? Are you properly covered? Do you have too much or not enough insurance? If your child is going off to college, it is a great idea to talk to them about what you should - and should not - cover them for.

Cortland City Wide Garage Sale is next week. Make sure you have a garage sale permit - it is only \$2.50 per day.

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7th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

By Jodi Clark

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You can register before May 31 by using the online registration form [on our FB page] and online payment, OR you can register online and send a check. \$8 Registration fee includes the advertisement in the Tribune, both online and print and your sale information on our list and interactive map. (more details will be available in the registration. (Online payment is preferred)

To make the list easier for our customers to understand, the sale times will be listed as 9 AM-5 PM. You are

permitted to open before and/or close after these times, however this is what will be listed.

Any questions and/or changes to your registration should be submitted ONLY to CortlandOHGarageSale@gmail.com The registration form and more information will be posted on May 1st. For more information check the Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/44410garagesale/



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Friends Of Mosquito Lake State Park Partners With The Birds Nest At Cortland Mower

By Jason Lee, Naturalist at Mosquito Lake State Park

The Bird Nest at Cortland Mower Sales and The Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park have teamed up for the birds! There is a new bird feeding station initiative at Mosquito Lake State Park. The goal is to create several active bird



feeding stations around the park to help promote birding opportunities, wildlife observation, and conservation education for visitors throughout the year.

The Bird Nest has partnered with The Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park to help support the project through seed donations and community involvement. You can stop in at The Birds Nest and purchase birding supplies and feed at discounted prices to donate to the project. All items will then be picked up and taken to the wildlife viewing area to be used for feeding stations.

We are also working with volunteers to help maintain and monitor the feeders as part of our growing birding and conservation programs at the lake.

The stations are designed to:

- Encourage more people to get involved in birding
- Provide close-up wildlife viewing opportunities
- Support educational programming during events like the Big Birding Weekend
- Help visitors learn about common backyard birds and migratory species in our area

If community members are interested in supporting the project, volunteering, or learning more about bird feeding and bird conservation, they are encouraged to reach out to me at jason.lee@dnr.ohio.gov

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Art Alley: A Vibrant Showcase Of Lakeview Student Creativity!

By Beth Harris

Nestled in the heart of our community on Main Street, the Art Alley has undergone an awesome transformation! Lakeview's talented Art 2 and 3 classes, guided by their inspiring teacher, Jeff Piper, have recently installed new artwork in the outdoor art gallery. Last spring, the unassuming alleyway was initially remodeled into an inspiring showcase of art. If you haven't had the chance to stroll through this artistic haven yet, you're in for a real treat!

This year's theme, "Landscapes of Trumbull County," has unveiled an incredible collection of artwork, brimming with the imagination and artistic vision of our local youth. As you make your way through the vibrant alley, each piece tells its own story, reflecting the diversity of Trumbull County through the eyes of its young artists.

What makes the Art Alley special isn't just the stunning visuals; it's the sense of community that shows through every brushstroke. By showcasing their artwork in a public space, these young artists contribute to the beautification and engagement of our community. It's a great opportunity for them to share their talents and perspectives with everyone who passes by, inviting you to see the world through their eyes.

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The Roman goddess Juno is the namesake of June. Which of the following is she NOT the goddess of?
 a.) Marriage b.) Beauty
 c.) Women d.) Childbirth
Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Curbside Brush Chipping - Brush chipping will continue through October; it is the 4th Monday of each month. Be sure to check the rules and regulations on our website to ensure that your brush is taken. Only 1 pass per street will be made. Private roads are not included in brush pick up. The next pick up is the week of June 22nd.

Garage Sales - Planning on getting rid of some of your no-longer-needed items? If you decide to have a garage sale, don't forget to get a permit from the city administrative office.

Mosquito Fogging - This takes place between 7 p.m. and midnight every other Wednesday evening. There are

certain conditions that must be present for effective pest control. It cannot be raining, the temperature must be above 50 degrees, and the winds need to be between 5 and 10 miles per hour. If proper conditions are not present, it will be cancelled and a make-up date will be scheduled for the following evening. The next scheduled dates are June 17th and then again on July 1st. Splash Pad

The Pearl Park Splash Pad is now open. Hours are 11 am to 7 pm.

Dates to Remember

- June 8 - Parks Board - 6 pm
- June 8 - Planning & Zoning - 7pm
- June 15 - City Council - 7 pm
- July 6 - City Council - 7 pm

Answer - b. Beauty (Aphrodite is known as the goddess of beauty). Juno is referred to as the Queen of the Heavens in ancient Roman history. As Juno Regina, she was the chief female deity and sat on a throne alongside Jupiter.



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Public Library & Trumbull County Auditor Educational Series About Ohio Property Tax Legislation

By Cheryl Bush, Marketing & Public Relations Manager

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library is partnering with the Trumbull County Auditor's office for a series of educational presentations about recent property tax legislation passed by the Ohio General Assembly. Trumbull County Auditor Martha Yoder will lead the sessions to help residents better understand five key pieces of legislation:

- HB 96 - Enhanced owner occupancy and homestead exemption;
- HB 186 - Inflation cap on the 20-mill floor for school districts;
- HB 335 - Inflation cap on inside mills;
- HB 129 - Changes to the 20-mill floor calculation;
- HB 309 - Authority of the Budget Commission.

The sessions are designed to inform residents with a clear understanding of how these changes will impact taxpayers, as well as property tax-supported entities such

as schools, municipalities, libraries, first responders, and townships. This series is intended to be strictly informative, educational, and nonpartisan in nature. The sessions will be held at Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations, making them convenient and accessible for community members across the area. Each presentation will cover the same material, allowing residents to attend the location or date that best fits their schedule.

The educational sessions are free and open to the public.

• Mon., June 8 at 6 p.m. Liberty Library, 415 Churchill-Hubbard Rd., Youngstown

• Wed., June 10 at 6 p.m. Warren Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren

• Wed., June 17 at 6 p.m. Brookfield Library, 7032 Grove St., Brookfield

• Thurs., June 18 at 6 p.m. Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr., Cortland

Bazetta Township Park Board

By Martha Urchek

The Bazetta Township Park Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Bazetta Township Hall, 3372 State Route 5 at 6 pm. All Bazetta Township residents are encouraged to attend and be part of our growing community. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1 at 6 PM. You can also visit us at parks@bazettatwp.org.

Future events planned with all proceeds benefiting the improvements of the Bazetta Township Imagination Station Park:

• **June 14, America 250 Birthday Picnic Celebration** from 12-4 honoring all military veterans who have served or who are serving. We also will be entertained with the Cortland Community Band. We will dedicate and plant a tree in the park observing America's 250th birthday. Come out and enjoy the day with your family and ours. More details to follow. Any questions, call Mary at 330-360-7867

• **June, July and August, Sundays and Wednesdays** from 4-7 we are

having "Music in the Park". Bring your own lawn chair. Food trucks will be there. More details with times and names of bands to follow.

• **Sunday - August 2, 2026 - Farm & Flea Market** from 12-4. Vendors - Food - Raffle Baskets and much more. Spots are \$20 - spaces are 10 X 10. No electric provided.

• **Sunday - September 12, 2026 - Bazetta Community Day.** Fun family event. Fun activities, food and craft vendors, Bob & Kat's 'Lil Kritters and much more.

So you can see, we are busy but can't do it without the community coming out and helping us celebrate all of the above events. We have a beautiful park for children and adults to enjoy. Any questions or more details on our events, visit us at parks@bazettatwp.org or call Mary at 330-360-7867. The above listed events planned with all proceeds benefiting the improvements of the Bazetta Township Imagination Station Park.

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Financial Planning for Families Caring for Children with Special Needs Caring for a child with special needs is a journey filled with love, resilience, and meaningful moments. Along the way, families may also encounter unique financial considerations—from healthcare and education to long-term support. Thoughtful financial planning can help bring clarity and confidence, allowing you to manage today's needs while preparing for the future, so you can stay focused on what matters most: your child's well-being.

Assess your family's needs and costs. A helpful first step is gaining a clear understanding of your child's unique needs and the resources that support them. This may include healthcare, in-home assistance, specialized childcare, or educational accommodations. In some families, caregiving decisions can also influence work schedules or household income. Looking ahead, it's worth considering how needs may evolve over time—such as future living arrangements, adult care services, or ongoing financial support. Taking time to plan thoughtfully can help you feel more prepared and confident as you look to the future.

Explore available benefits and resources. Many federal, state, and local programs are available to support families with special needs. Depending on eligibility, Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can help cover medical and living costs. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) provides free, customized public education for children with disabilities. You may also be able to claim certain tax credits or deductions, such as the Child and Dependent Care Credit or medical expense deductions. Because eligibility for these deductions or credits can be complex, it may help to work with a financial advisor or advocate who specializes in special needs planning.

Build a financial safety net. Building a financial safety net is an important step in protecting your family's future. Start by creating an emergency fund with three to six months' worth of expenses in a separate account to help manage unexpected medical or care-related costs. In addition, review your life and disability

insurance policies to ensure your family's financial stability if something happens to a primary caregiver or income earner. Taking these steps can provide peace of mind and help you feel more prepared for life's uncertainties.

Plan for long-term care and independence. If your child may require lifelong support, early planning is key. Establishing a special needs trust can help you set aside funds for your child's future without affecting eligibility for government benefits. These trusts can cover supplemental expenses such as recreation, education, and personal care. You may also want to explore ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) accounts, which allow individuals to save money tax-free for qualified expenses for those with disabilities.

Keep organized records. Keeping key information organized can make everyday decisions—and unexpected moments—feel more manageable. Saving records related to your child's care, such as medical information and expense details, can help you track spending, support insurance claims, and simplify tax preparation.

It's also helpful to put important legal documents in place, including guardianship designations, powers of attorney, and health care proxies. Having these conversations and documents prepared can provide reassurance, knowing your child's needs and preferences are clearly outlined and supported over time.

Caring for someone with special needs involves thoughtful financial planning to ensure long-term stability and support. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you understand available resources, strengthen your long-term financial foundation, and develop a strategy tailored to your family's unique circumstances.

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Big Birding Weekend Returned to Mosquito Lake State Park

Jason Lee, Naturalist, Mosquito Lake State Park

Birders, families and nature lovers visited Mosquito Lake State Park for the 4th Annual Big Birding Weekend, Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17.

Big Birding Weekend is designed to be easy to join, whether attendees are lifelong birders or simply curious. The weekend features a packed schedule of free programs and drop-in experiences during peak spring migration, with registration encouraged for select activities to help organizers plan and manage capacity.

The weekend kicked off at the Lakeview High School Auditorium, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and opening remarks at 6:00 p.m. by Naturalist Jason Lee.

Featured programs included More Than Feathers: The Hidden Value of Birds, presented by Jamey Emmert of the Ohio Division of Wildlife, a special screening of the documentary A Bird in the Hand with a Q&A, and a live raptor program, Eyes of the Hunter: Meet a Red-Tailed Hawk.

Saturday, May 16 | Big Day of Birding (all-day hub) Saturday's hub was the Beach Pavilion. Attendees grabbed info, connected with

conservation partners, and enjoyed food trucks.

The day included raffles sponsored by The Nature Conservancy of the Mahoning Valley and a Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Pop-Up Library at the pavilion.

Visitors chose from multiple guided bird hikes and experiences across the park, including pontoon boat birding excursions and kayaking birding excursions plus family-friendly programs like Family Birding Stations.

The Saturday evening programming included a Birder Social at Country Porch Winery and Owls of Ohio, featuring live owls, for a relaxed close to the day.

Sunday included a morning birding option at Shenango Wildlife Area and a Feeder Watch Party at the Nature Center.

Self-guided birding locations and tips were also available for visitors who prefer to explore at their own pace.

For the full schedule, registration links and other upcoming events at Mosquito Lake State Park, visit <https://trulytrumbull.com/event-directory/>

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Civil Air Patrol Decorate 400 Area Graves

By Bob Mangold

Youngstown ARS Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron OH-051 members decorated about 400 veteran graves in Casterline, Grove Street, and Bazetta Hillside Cemetery. With Capt. Sean Beatty in command CAP OH-51 accomplished this mission on Saturday, 16 May 2026, which took nearly 4 hours. Supported by American Legion Post 700 Howland and 540 Cortland-Bazetta every effort was made to decorate all veteran graves with a new American

flag. Post 540 followed up by decorating graves in Casterline, Grove Street, and Bazetta Cemeteries. A handful of flags were posted at the entrance of each cemetery for use should we have missed any graves. Several Legion members handled other cemeteries that same day. Flags will remain in place until end of summer.

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Main Street Flower Barrels Four Seasons Garden Club

By Anita Shaw

Spring is finally starting to show here in Cortland and along with warmer weather comes flowers! Four Seasons Garden Club has once again planted beautiful flower barrels to brighten up West Main Street. These barrels have very generously been sponsored by several area charities and businesses who have provided support over the past few years. Please thank the following businesses and charities for their monetary donations when you stop in:

- Cortland Christian Church
- Helping Hands Community Outreach
- Friends & Family Of Dorothy McGinnis

Also, a huge shout out to the Cortland city workers who help the Four Seasons members with watering duties and the generosity of the Cortland Rotary Club and local organizations that helped provide the bulbs for the Christmas displays. We hope that this seasonal flower display, as well as the beautiful Welcome to Cortland areas, American flags that fly downtown and the Christmas wreaths & snowflakes in winter, are helping to brighten Cortland and show you that our Garden club is actively working to promote city pride.

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The Charity Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge, held on Saturday 5/16, raised \$1,668 to benefit the Ernie Hall Museum. Pictured left to right are Dan McMillin, Lodge Treasurer, Tarin Brown, Museum Secretary, Jim Marucci, Museum VP and Dave Nuss, Museum Treasurer.

The next Charity Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge is Saturday, June 6, to benefit the Ali Baba Grotto activities for special needs kids. The public is invited. Breakfast is served from 9 am to 11:30 am.



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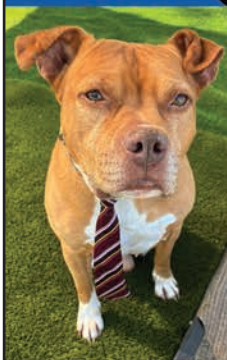


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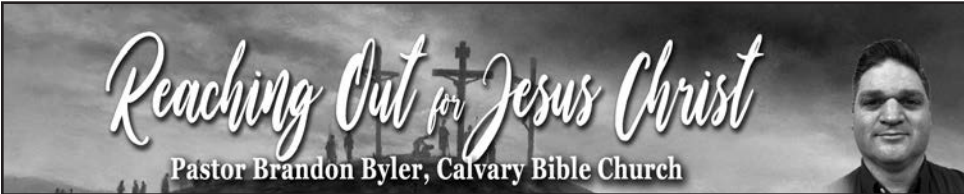
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Know Thyself

When I was in undergrad, I was introduced to the world of philosophy. I will admit this was not the field of study that was the most exciting and I don't remember much of it. In fact, my professors would most likely recoil in horror at the fact that what has stuck with me is only two words. These two words are the motto associated with Socrates: "Know thyself."

One of the sad realities in the church is many Christians don't understand who they are in relation to Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came to save us. Taking time to know who we are in Jesus is more than eye-opening – it's life-giving!

Let me give you a glimpse of how knowing who you are in Christ can give life to your soul. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 1:7 that in Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, His death on the cross, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace. This is a short verse, but it gives great truth. The word redemption speaks of buying something back.

For Christians, we know we are sinners, and this means we need God to save us. When Jesus died on the

cross, He "bought us back" to Himself, redeeming us from sin. That involves being forgiven of the sin we commit that required Jesus to go to the cross. To be forgiven means we are no longer guilty. That's a life-giving truth!

Paul uses a powerful word in Romans 5:1, saying we have been justified by faith, and so we have peace with God. To be justified means we have been declared, "not guilty." How can it be that sinners who are definitely guilty of sin can be declared "not guilty?" The answer is because Jesus paid our debt! That's amazing, right? Therefore, we can conclude from just two verses in the New Testament that Christians are a people who are redeemed, forgiven, and declared "not guilty." This will change the way we live; this will give us life in a world that seeks to suck the life right out of us.

There are dozens of truths that inform us who we are in Jesus in the New Testament, especially in Paul's letters. I encourage you to take some time and read through them this year and take note of the helpful phrase, "in Christ." Then, as a Christian, you can truly "know thyself."

"Our ability to hear God's voice is directly related to the receptiveness of our heart" Author - Blackaby.

Our response to the things around us can point to our character and love. Summer time is one of those moments that I have to stop and take in the beauty of God's creation. It gives me a moment to refocus on what is important...God, family, and life. It is so easy to succumb to the stress of everyday. It's so easy to forget the good moments, good times, and focus on the things that are lacking. As I stop to admire the handiwork of God's creation, I'm reminded of His goodness. In the midst of the stress, God's goodness is still there. Sometimes it takes a reminder, like starry summer nights, to bring clarity, peace, and joy to a heart that is willing to listen.

There is a God that meets us where we are and is able to soothe our spirit. "O Lord our Lord, How excellent is

Your Name in all the earth." Psalm 8:1 "I will praise You, O Lord with my whole heart." Psalm 9:1. When I started to write this article it was full of complaints. I was focused on the last frost that killed my plants. I was also focused on all the rain that kept ruining my plans for the weekend. But I had to stop...God has given me so many things to be joyful about. Why waste time complaining. Enjoy the summer time moment! Life is too short.

...I'm reminded of His goodness. In the midst of the stress, God's goodness is still there.

- Pastor Steve Garces

Church News & Notes

Cortland Church of the Nazarene

"Emerald Crossing" VBS June 22-26, 6-8:30 PM. Ages are from 2-12. Pre-registration is on June 6, 9 AM-noon at the church, located at 293 E Main St. Call Alisha at 330-807-9301 for more information.

Our Fellowship breakfasts are held on the first Friday of the month, 8 am. All are welcome.

Journey Christian Church

Every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm join us for Bible Study, a great way to grow spiritually and in friendship.

Cortland Christian Church

We are the home of the Carillon and ring the bells and hymns on the hour. We are celebrating 200 Years of existence in Cortland in 2028.

Cortland United Methodist Church

God Provides A Meal, Saturday, June 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Menu: cheeseburger, pasta salad, applesauce, dessert & beverage. Donations accepted but are not required.

Trinity Lutheran Church

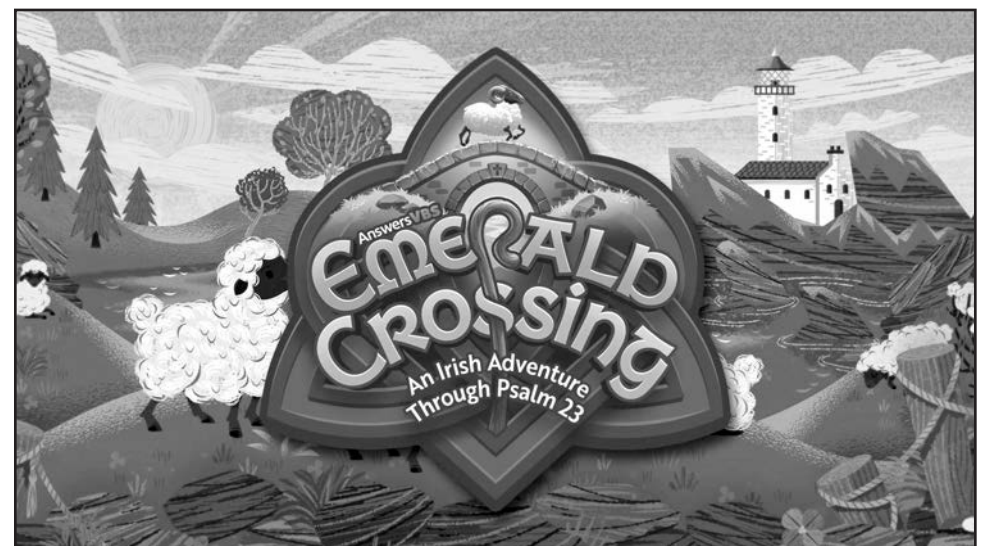
Katharina's Closet Donation drop off is the first Monday of the month from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. We are receiving donations of Diapers, Wipes, and Baby Clothes.

Our congregation invites you to join us as we dive into God's Word in our Bible Studies on Sunday at 9 am on the first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays September through May. We are currently going through the book of Leviticus. Wednesday Bible Studies at 5:30 pm

Sunday School is at 9 AM on first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays during the school year. We have Sunday School for the kids K-12th (preschool if parents stay with child).

Cortland Trinity Baptist Church

2576 McCleary Jacoby Road, Cortland will be hosting their Vacation Bible School Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 p.m.



Cortland Trinity Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

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and later as a king, we'll discover important truths.

Join us for the Kick-off Event on Saturday, July 18, from noon-2:00 pm at Pearl Park in Cortland for food and games.

Then join us for Vacation Bible School Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 p.m. at Cortland Trinity Baptist Church, 2576 McCleary Jacoby Road, Cortland.

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Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

The Cortland Community Band had their final rehearsal for the summer concert season on Wednesday, May 20th. We have quite a full schedule for the summer, with all our public concerts listed below. Grab a lawn chair and come out to hear some great music. All concerts are free, however we are a 501c3 organization and gladly accept any donations. The band sponsors an annual scholarship to a graduating Lakeview High School senior, and the remaining funds are used to purchase new music and other sundries for the band.

If you're interested in joining the band, all musicians are welcome to join. We have no membership fees and no auditions. Just dust off your instrument and come to the Lakeview Middle School band room on Wednesdays, starting in mid-September. More info on the exact start date will be shared in late August on our Facebook page, Cortland Community Band, and in this paper. We currently have members ranging from 23 to nearly 86 years old. All instruments are welcome, and we definitely could use a few new faces in our flute and percussion sections in particular.

If you would like to be added to our emails for updates please email us at Cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com. You can also contact us at that email address if you're interested in having us perform.

We hope to see many new and old faces at our performances this summer. **SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

- **SUNDAY, June 14th:** 3 pm at Bazetta Township Park, 3372 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland, OH 44410 (W/P)
 - **Wednesday, June 17th:** 7pm, Lake Vista, 303 N Mecca St, Cortland, OH 44410 (W/P)
 - **Wednesday, July 15th:** 7pm, Grace Methodist Church, 1725 Drexel Ave NW, Warren, OH 44485 (R/S)
 - **SUNDAY, July 19th:** 2:15, Winds at the Winery, Mastropietro Winery, 14558 Ellsworth Rd, Berlin Center, OH 44401 (W/P)
 - **SUNDAY, July 26th:** 4 pm, Joint Concert with YACCB at Boardman Township Park, 375 Boardman Poland RD (rt 224), Boardman, OH 44512 (W/P)
 - **Wednesday, August 5th:** 7pm, Cortland United Methodist Church, 155 N High St, Cortland, OH 44410 (W/P)
- ***(W/P) is weather permitting*
***(R/S) is rain or shine*

Sergeant Thompson Promoted


Sergeant Barry L. Thompson, Warren District Commercial Enforcement, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on February 22 and was recognized today by Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, during a ceremony at the Patrol's Training Academy. Lieutenant Thompson remained at Warren and Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement to serve as commander.

Lieutenant Thompson began his Patrol career in February 1997 as a cadet dispatcher. He became a member of the 131st Academy Class in April 1998. He earned his commission in October of the same year and was assigned to the Wooster Post. As a trooper, he

also served at the Canfield and Lisbon posts and Warren District Commercial Enforcement. He earned Post Trooper of the Year in 2010. He was promoted to sergeant in 2013 and was assigned to the Steubenville Post. As a sergeant, he also served at the Lisbon Post.

He graduated with an Associate of Technical Studies degree in individualized study from Kent State University in 2021.

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Cortland Christian Church Celebrates 250 Years

By Dick McClain

Cortland Christian Church is planning our 200 th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2028. This is the first in a series of articles sharing our distinguished history.

1828 - In the fall of 1828, twenty-eight local residents signed their names to the founding charter of Cortland Christian Church. But that was not the actual church name, because the area was not known as "Cortland" at that point in history. Originally, the church was called the Disciples Church, or the Christian Disciples Church.

To better understand the history period leading up to the year 1828, we should consider some important happenings ---

1783 - the Revolutionary War ended, just 45 years before 1828.

1799 - George Washington died.
1803 - the Louisiana Purchase took place - but California Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada Utah, and Texas were all still part of Mexico.

1803 - the state of Ohio was founded, just 25 years before the church.

1804 - the Lewis and Clark expedition began, returning in 1806, and the early United States began to stir for westward expansion in North America.

1804 - only 24 years before 1828, the first local settlement was started. The five-mile square would be named Bazetta by the first settler, Edward Scofield, who built a log cabin near Walnut Creek.

1811 - the first mill was built on Walnut Creek, and by this time about 10 families had arrived. "Leroy" was the name supposedly given by Edward Scofield for the area around the mill; however, after the Bacon family arrived,

it was unofficially called "Baconsburg", and sometimes "East Bazetta".

1814 - the British burned down the White House, near the end of the War of 1812, and the Civil War would not start for another 33 years after 1828.

In the presidential election of 1828, Andrew Jackson defeated the incumbent president, John Quincy Adams, and became the 7 th U.S. president. Jackson supporters called themselves Democrats and they formally organized the Democrat Party shortly after the 1828 election.

By 1828, the original 13 states had expanded to 24, including Ohio.

(We wish to recognize and gratefully thank Sally Lane for her book, "Cortland and Bazetta Township", which provided some of the information presented here.)



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Our Plan: Create sustainable fundraisers to be able to provide free admission for all of our students. All students will receive an ID Card that

will allow free admission for all home athletic events. We are going to create a separate fund solely dedicated to this initiative. All money raised will go directly to this cause and will not be used for anything else. Our goal to make this happen is \$10,000. How can you Help?

Option 1 - Golf Outing Sponsorship, \$1000 - Golf outing sponsors will receive a hole sponsor sign, featured sponsorship at one home football game with pregame recognition on the field, special mention in the athletics fall and winter programs, a minimum of two sponsored social media posts during game week, and recognized on the videoboard in the gym.

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For more information about the program, please feel free to contact me via email at mark.novotny@lakeviewlocal.org or via phone at (330)-637-8821.



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Come home, make new memories and be part of the Lakeview family once again.

Alumni Basketball Games, Friday, June 26 Lakeview High School New Gym 6 & 7 PM. Sign up information to follow.

Alumni Tours, Saturday, June 27th Lakeview High School 10:00 AM; Lakeview K-8 Building 11:00 AM. No need to register! Just show up at the start time and meet your tour guide at the main entrance of each building.

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TCTC Students Earn National Recognition

By Morgan Tondo Cretella

Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) proudly announces student achievements at the 2026 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, held May 6-10 in Nashville. TCTC students delivered outstanding performances on the national stage with three teams earning first- or second-place in their respective events.

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is one of the nation's premier career and technical student organizations, serving more than 52,000 members across the country. BPA prepares students for successful careers in business management, information technology, and related fields through competitions, events, leadership opportunities, and real-world professional experiences.

TCTC students advanced to the national competition after demonstrating exceptional achievement at both the regional and state levels. Their success reflects not only technical knowledge and workplace readiness, but also the professionalism, leadership, and communication skills that are critical in today's workforce.

At the National Leadership Conference, students competed in a variety of business and technology-related events alongside top qualifiers from across the United States. During the national awards ceremony, TCTC students earned the following honors:

1st Place - Video Production Team

- Keira Fasser, Lakeview
- Trent Halowell, Howland
- Maurissa Keeney, Maplewood
- Kierstin Richoz, Girard

2nd Place - Virtual Multimedia and Promotion Team

- Jaxson Bell, Niles McKinley
- Maurissa Keeney, Maplewood
- Austin Merriman, Howland
- Kierstin Richoz, Girard

2nd Place - 2D Computer Animation Team

- Harry Karam, Champion
- Miciah Lampley, Warren G. Harding

5th Place - Virtual Multimedia Individual

- Nathan Lenart, Bloomfield
- Landon Primus, Champion
- Austin Merriman, Howland

6th Place - Visual Design Team

- Sara Geilhard, Mathews
- Allison Henderlight, Champion

- Julianna Midcap, Bristol

8th Place - Software Engineering Team

- Logan Carroll, Newton Falls
- Anthony Chiasson, Niles McKinley

- Jaiden Gillespie, Warren G. Harding

9th Place - User Experience Design Team

- Marley Leskovec, Girard
- Logan Mills, Howland
- Antonio Sagnimeni, Howland
- Addie Sanders, Hubbard

National Finalist - Podcast Production Team

- Samantha Brown, Warren G. Harding

- Raegan Samuels, Joseph Badger
- Joseph Whittaker, Warren G. Harding

- Chloe Williams, Niles McKinley

TCTC also had six Business Professionals of America Torch Ambassador Award winners. The award recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service, professionalism, and personal growth throughout their BPA experience. Those students include:

- Maurissa Keeney, Maplewood
- Landon Lane, Joseph Badger
- Julianna Midcap, Bristol
- Marshall Morris, Lakeview
- Kierstin Richoz, Girard
- Ethan Vestorsky, Mineral Ridge

"These accomplishments are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students and instructors," said Rachel Gensburg, program supervisor. "Representing TCTC on a national stage and earning top honors among the best students in the country is an incredible achievement."

About Business Professionals of America - Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the premier Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for middle, high school and college/university students preparing for careers in business and information technology. BPA provides opportunities for growth through education, competitive events, leadership development and community service. The organization has more than 46,000 members in schools in the United States and China. Learn more at www.bpa.org.



First Place Team: Trent Halowell, Howland High School, Maurissa Keeney, Maplewood High School, Kierstin Richoz, Girard High School, Keira Fasser, Lakeview High School

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In 2026 most people will pay \$202.90 per month. However, those with low income and limited resources may qualify for reduced premiums and those with a higher household income may pay an extra charge referred to as the income related monthly adjustment

amount or IRMAA. The increased rate is based on the modified gross income from your tax return 2 years ago. For 2026 it is based on your 2024 tax return and affects anyone single or married filing separately with income more than \$109,000 and couples filing jointly with income of more than \$218,000. If you receive a letter from Social Security indicating you are subject to the IRMAA increased premium you may be able to file an appeal if there has been a change in income. For example, a decrease in household income due to retirement.

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While Medicare covers many things there are co-pays and costs that the individual is responsible for when seeking care. These costs can add up quickly, therefore most people will pick up either Medicare Supplement Insurance along with a Part D Drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) to fill in the gaps.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services. She is located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland and can be reached at 234-244-4014 or Jill@AWileyInsurance.com.

Masonic Lodge Charity Breakfast On June 6

The next fund-raiser pancake breakfast at Cortland Masonic Lodge will be held on Saturday, June 6th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The public is invited. This breakfast will benefit the Ali Baba Grotto programs for Special Needs Kids. The charity breakfasts are held each month by the Masonic Lodge, which provides all the meal supplies, and cooks the menu, so that 100% of the breakfast income can be donated to a local charity.

The "all you can eat" breakfast costs \$10 for adults and \$7.00 for youth age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee --- with take-outs available.

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Lakeview Hall Of Fame Spotlight

By Michael DeToro

The Lakeview School District is inducting 11 new members for 2026 on Saturday, September 26. Each issue between now and then we will be Spotighting new members.

2009 Boys Track and Field Team

Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces the induction of the 2009 Boys Track and Field Team. Under the leadership of coaches Mark Swinning and Sean Voorhies, the Bulldogs captured conference, district, and regional championships before

finishing as OHSAA Division II State Runner-Up. Throughout the season, Lakeview consistently overwhelmed opponents with its balance across sprints, hurdles, distance races, relays, and field events. Along the way, numerous school records fell, several of which still stand today.

Leading the charge was senior standout Ben Moody, whose unforgettable postseason remains one of the greatest individual performances in Ohio high school track history. At the OHSAA Division II State Championships, Moody captured state titles in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 100-meter dash. These two demanding events were contested within minutes of one another. He also placed fourth in the long jump and anchored the Bulldogs' third-place 4x100 relay team alongside Te Elias, Tyler Elliott, and Desmond Vaughn. Moody accounted for 26.5 points at the state meet, helping propel Lakeview to the state runner-up trophy. He still holds the school record in the 110-meter hurdles.

The Bulldogs' success extended far beyond sprinting and hurdling. Distance standouts Tyler Ames and Heath Harris provided consistency while establishing school records in the

3200 and 1600 meters, respectively. Both ended their careers with podium finishes at the state meet. Their work ethic and distance event versatility became central to the team's identity throughout the championship season. In the field events, the long jump relay team of Moody, Seth Gambone, and Toma Leveto established a school record that still stands today. The shot-put relay team of Gambone, Nick Kohuth, and Clint Hess added another mark to the Lakeview record book, showcasing the Bulldogs' complete team balance across every phase of competition.

The 2009 Bulldogs were defined by their unity, toughness, and spirit. Athletes embraced any role needed to help the team succeed, building a culture of accountability and selflessness. By season's end, they had earned statewide recognition and set a new standard for Lakeview track and field.

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1961-1962 Boys Basketball Team

The Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee proudly revisits one of the most storied chapters in Bulldog basketball history with the induction of the 1961-62 boys basketball team. Led by head coach Art Kovacs and assistant coach Jack Rogers, this squad captivated Trumbull County with an unforgettable postseason run. Defined by grit, resilience, and second-half heroics, the Bulldogs finished with a remarkable 24-5 record and an OHSAA Regional Runner-Up trophy.

Formed following the merger of the Cortland and Bazetta school districts, this "new" team, the first ever to compete under the Lakeview name, quickly became a source of community pride. The Bulldogs dominated the regular season and finished as runners-up in the Trumbull Interscholastic Association after falling to Badger in a memorable overtime showdown for the league title.

The Tribune Chronicle later described Lakeview's postseason path as a masterclass in poise under pressure. After routing Warren St. Mary's 78-29 in sectional play, the Bulldogs rallied from a late deficit to defeat Springfield Local 58-56 behind the clutch shooting of Bob Winters and capture the sectional championship.

In the district semifinals, Lakeview erased a 10-point deficit to stun Columbiana 48-47. The Bulldogs then followed with a commanding 55-41 victory over Cleveland St. John

Cantius to claim the district crown. Sonny Pease paced the attack with 16 points, while Pete Hanen and Winters combined for 17 more to secure the championship.

The regional semifinal matched Lakeview against Hudson. After building a commanding 21-7 halftime lead, the Bulldogs withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally by the Explorers. Clutch jump shots from Jim Wake and a driving underhand shot by Pease at the buzzer sealed a 42-35 victory and sent Lakeview to the regional championship game.

The Bulldogs' memorable season reached its climax before a packed crowd of 2,700 fans in Canton. Facing Berlin Hiland for the regional championship and a berth in the state tournament, Lakeview carried a slim 24-21 lead late into the first half. Hanen, battling through a painful ankle injury, connected on all four of his field-goal attempts and scored nine first-half points. However, the Bulldogs could not overcome Berlin Hiland's towering 6-foot-5 center Andy Ahijecych, who scored 22 points to lead the Hawks to a 60-49 victory.

Though their tournament journey ended one step short of the state finals, the 1961-62 Bulldogs established a standard of excellence that helped define Lakeview athletics in its earliest years. More than six decades later, their unforgettable run remains one of the proudest accomplishments in school history.



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Emilee Gysegem McCollum - Class Of 2011

Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces Emilee Gysegem McCollum, Class of 2011, as a member of the 2026 Athletic Hall of Fame induction class. A trailblazer for Lakeview athletics, Gysegem became the premier swimmer in school history and quickly established herself as one of the most accomplished student-athletes ever to wear the Bulldog colors.

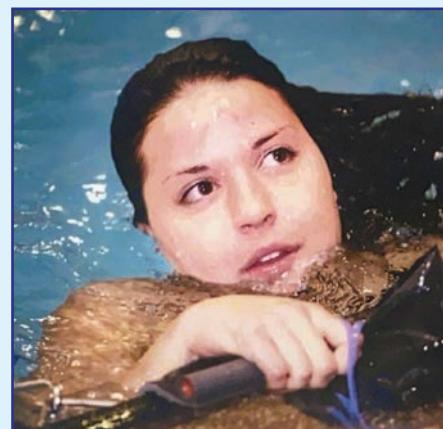
During her four-year career at Lakeview, Gysegem earned eight All-Ohio honors and qualified for the OHSAA State Swimming Championships all four years. Competing against the best swimmers in Ohio, she recorded state podium finishes ranging from third to seventh place in the 200 Individual Medley, 100 Backstroke, and 100 Breaststroke events.

Her excellence extended well beyond the pool. Gysegem graduated as Lakeview's Valedictorian while serving as Treasurer of Student Council and President of National Honor Society. She was also recognized nationally as a Scholastic

All-American swimmer during her high school career.


Gysegem continued both her academic and athletic success at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where she became one of the most decorated swimmers in program history. A four-year standout and two-time team captain, she captured four Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championships in the 200 and 400 Individual Medley events and earned NCAA Division II All-American honors in the 400 IM in 2013. She still holds Clarion's school record in the 400 IM after breaking a previous mark held by a 28-time All-American.

Throughout her collegiate career, Gysegem excelled equally in the classroom. She was a four-time NCAA Academic All-American, served as Vice President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and earned the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. In 2015, she was named a PSAC Top 10 Award winner, recognizing the conference's top student-athletes for combined excellence in academics and athletics. Gysegem graduated from Clarion as the university's Valedictorian and Outstanding Management Student of the Year with a degree in Business Management and minors in Sports Management and Athletic Coaching. Her remarkable accomplishments as a swimmer, scholar, and leader continue to serve as a source of pride for the Lakeview community and make her a deserving addition to the Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame.




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By Jaimie Pavkovich, Associate Agent, Ruddy Insurance Group

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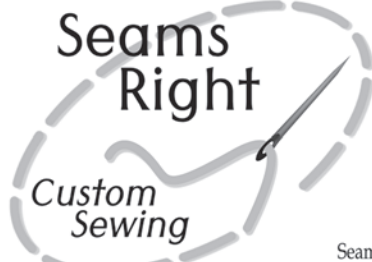


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- ★ National Anthem performed by *Amanda Beagle Vocal Studio*
- ★ Welcome from Mayor Jim Bradley
- ★ Lions Club President Dawna Wiland
- ★ Lions Club Street Fair Chairman David Kovacs
- ★ Little Miss & Junior Miss Cortland

TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT

- ★ Main Stage - Three Cord Monty
- ★ Beer Tent - Karaoke with Darrin Simmons
- ★ 7:30pm Community Tent Pizza Eating Contest sponsored by *Pizza Joes*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26,
BEGINS AT 6 PM**

- ★ 6-8pm Trumbull County Schools Robotics Team

TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT - BEGINS AT 8 PM

- ★ Main Stage - *Broken Reins*
- ★ Beer Tent - *Kat Fitzgerald AKA Crash The Great*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- ★ 1-4pm - Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Bookmobile
- ★ 1-3pm - Niles SWAT Vehicle
- ★ 3-5:30pm - Tr. Co. Schools Robotics Team
- ★ **6pm - Annual Cortland Lions Club Street Fair Parade**
Theme - Celebrating 250 years of American Freedom
Emceed by WFMJ's Derek Steyer
Grand Marshall - *Wally King*

TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT - BEGINS AT 8 PM

- ★ Main Stage - *No Funk No Justice*
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