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Echoes of Honor Navigating the Meaning of Memorial Day 2026

By Alex Irman

As the calendar turns toward the final Monday of May, a distinct atmosphere begins to settle across the United States. On May 25, 2026, the nation will once again observe Memorial Day—a date that serves as the bridge between the somber reflection of our past and the vibrant, hopeful start of the summer season.

While many look forward to the long weekend as a time for travel, barbecues, and relaxation, the core of Memorial Day remains a solemn tribute to the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. In 2026, as we stand deep in a decade marked by rapid global change and new challenges, the importance of pausing to honor that ultimate sacrifice has never felt more vital.

The Evolution of Remembrance - The roots of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, are buried in the aftermath of the American Civil War. Following a conflict that claimed more lives than any other in U.S. history, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued a proclamation in 1868 calling for a nationwide day of remembrance. He chose May 30 because it was not the anniversary of any specific battle, allowing the day to belong to all who fell.

By the early 20th century, following the devastating losses of World War I, the holiday evolved to honor all American military personnel lost in any conflict. In



1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act officially moved the observance to the last Monday in May, cementing its place as a cornerstone of the American cultural calendar.

How We Honor the Fallen in 2026 - Tradition remains the heartbeat of Memorial Day. Across the country, from the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery to small-town burial plots, volunteers will spend the morning of May 25 placing small American flags on the graves of the fallen.

Proper etiquette for the American flag on Memorial Day is a unique and moving ritual. To signify the nation's mourning, the flag is flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon. At midday, it is raised to the top of the staff, symbolizing the resolve of the living to carry on the fight for liberty and to ensure that the sacrifice of the dead was not in vain.

Since 2000, a key part of the day has been the National Moment of Remembrance. At 3:00 PM local time, Americans are encouraged to pause for one minute of silence. This simple act of collective stillness serves as a powerful reminder that, regardless of where we are—at a baseball game, a campsite, or a

family dinner—we are united by the freedoms secured by others.

Travel and the Unofficial Start of Summer - For many, Memorial Day 2026 is also the gateway to the "Great American Summer." Travel forecasts for this year suggest a significant surge in nature-first tourism. With the U.S. approaching its 250th anniversary, known as the Semi quincentennial, in just a few weeks in July, there is a renewed interest in exploring the American landscape.

Searches for stays near national parks like Shenandoah, Yosemite, and the Great Smoky Mountains have seen a significant increase compared to previous years. Travelers are also increasingly shunning the crowded boardwalks of major coastal cities in favor of "micro-beach" destinations like Carova Beach, North Carolina and Cedar Key, Florida, seeking a more low-key, reflective atmosphere. In the fitness community, the "Murph" workout—a grueling challenge named after Navy SEAL Lt. Michael Murphy—remains a popular way for people to push their physical limits in honor of those who served.

Balancing Celebration with

Solemnity - There is often a perceived tension between the "Happy Memorial Day" festivities and the gravity of the holiday's purpose. However, many veterans and Gold Star families suggest that the two can coexist beautifully. Memorial Day is not just a day to mourn death; it is a day to celebrate the life and liberty that those service members died to protect.

As the saying goes, to honor the dead is to live a life worthy of their sacrifice. Hosting a backyard barbecue or enjoying a day at the lake is not a sign of disrespect, provided we take a moment to acknowledge why we are able to do so. In 2026, many families are choosing to begin their gatherings with a short tribute, such as a toast, a story about a lost relative, or a brief reading, before the festivities begin.

Engaging the Next Generation - As the number of living veterans from earlier 20th-century conflicts continues to dwindle, the responsibility of memory falls to the youth. Memorial Day 2026 provides a perfect opportunity for parents and educators to teach children about service.

Inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," wearing a red poppy is a universal symbol of remembrance. Making paper poppies with children is a tactile way to introduce the holiday's history. Furthermore, attending a local parade is more than just entertainment; it is a public demonstration of gratitude that reinforces the bonds of community and ensures the stories of service are passed down.

A Day of Unity - In a world that often feels divided, Memorial Day 2026 stands as a rare moment of national cohesion. It reminds us that there are values - duty, honor, and selfless service - that transcend politics and geography.

As you prepare for the upcoming holiday, whether you are planning a solo hike in the Pacific Northwest or a large family reunion in the Midwest, keep the spirit of the day close at hand. At noon, when the flag rises to the top of the pole, let it be a signal of hope and a promise that the legacy of our fallen heroes will continue to guide the nation toward a peaceful and prosperous summer.

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 Monday, June 1 - 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.
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>
 Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.
 Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).
 Church Events - See the Church News and Notes on the Faith pages.
 Trumbull County Combined Health District See their website for upcoming events.

MAY

- 16 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefitting the Ernie Hall Museum / 9 AM - 11:30 AM
- 16 Veterans Reception / The Local Tap & Grill / Mecca / 1 PM
- 16 Blessing of the Bikes / The Local Tap & Grill / Mecca 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 PM
- 16 Annual Spring Hymn Sing / Trinity Lutheran Church
Cook-out food potluck and singing of hymns / 5:30 PM
- 16 God Provides A Meal / Cortland United Methodist Church
Donations accepted but not required / 11 AM - 1 PM
- 17 Car Show and Craft Vendors, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle
Bazetta Township Imagination Station Park / 12 Noon - 4 PM
- 18 The Mother Road: 100-year Celebration of Route 66
An engaging evening of live music / Bristol Public Library / 5:00 p.m.
- 19 & 26 Car Show / On W. Main St. / Every Tuesday through November 1st / 4:30-7:30
- 24 Cortland Veterans Memorial Program / Point Park / 2 PM
- 25 Brush Pickup in Cortland **THIS WEEK**
- 25 The Annual Vienna Memorial Day Observation / Soldiers & Sailors Monument
12:30 PM

JUNE

- 2 MS Support Group / meets on 1st Tuesday monthly / Cortland Library
6 to 7:30 PM / Contact: Linda at 330-282-7112
- 2 & 9 Car Show / On W. Main St. / Every Tuesday through November 1st / 4:30-7:30 PM
- 3 Bazetta Township Park Board / Bazetta Township Hall, 3372 State Route 5 a / 6 PM
- 5 & 6 International Firewood Expo / Trumbull County Fairgrounds
- 6 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefitting Ali Baba Grotto programs for Special Needs Kids / 9 - 11:30 AM

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Jo Marie's Dance Ninja & Gymnastics is having Summer registration May 18th from 6:00-7:30. They are offering Backhand Spring Classes, Aerial classes and the extremely popular NINJA skills and Obstacles classes. Call Aeron at 216-906-4220 for more information.

Brookside Greenhouse is now 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. They are open Memorial Day from 11-3.

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Girt's Cortland Music 101 reminds us that they offer music lessons all summer long. So now is a great time for Adults to learn to play that musical instrument they always wanted to play. And your kids can continue to develop their skills over the summer.

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A Local Partnership for the Birds

By Jason Lee, 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. Donations have already begun from local friends and businesses. Stop in at The Bird Nest inside Cortland Mower Sales at 118 Walnut St. for more info or to donate.

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 programs 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

As always, updated program information can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/lakeprograms or Mosquito Lake State Park Facebook page.

International Firewood Expo Returns

The International Firewood Expo returns to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds in Cortland on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2026, bringing together firewood and forestry professionals, equipment manufacturers, content creators, and enthusiasts for two days of hands-on demonstrations and industry connection.

Hosted by Ohio Wood Burner Ltd., the Expo continues to grow through strong vendor participation and attendee turnout. Organizers say 2026 will build on the momentum of the past three events with an even bigger weekend on the fairgrounds.

"Every year, this event brings together people from right here in our community, across the region, and from around the country and beyond," said Joe Nay, owner of Ohio Wood Burner Ltd. "It is become a place where local, regional, national, and international visitors can see equipment in action, meet the people behind the machines, and connect with others who care about this industry."

Attendees can expect a wide range of firewood industry equipment and products, including live demonstrations and exhibitor showcases spanning processing, cutting, handling, and related tools and services. In past years, exhibitors and visitors have traveled from across the United States and

internationally, including countries such as Canada, Slovenia, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Finland.

Event Details:

Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Trumbull County Fairgrounds, Gate A

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Just The Facts

Here is an old one: Which of the following are flushable? Choose all that apply.

- a. flushable wipes
- b. adult diapers
- c. surgical gloves
- d. gauze pads
- e. Ace bandages
- f. Kleenex/paper towels
- g. rags
- h. oil/grease
- i. string

Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Curbside Brush Chipping

Brush chipping will begin the week of May 25th continuing 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.

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

The city will be participating in

mosquito fogging again this year. 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 has to 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.

Dates to Remember

- May 18th - City Council - 7 p.m.
- June 1st - City Council - 7 p.m.

Answer

None of the above!! Flushable wipes are not flushable regardless of what the packaging says. Toilet paper should be the ONLY product that gets flushed besides the obvious. Other materials could clog your home's sanitary lateral and plug and/or burn up the city's pumps. A clogged pump could potentially cause the back up of sewage into multiple homes. When pumps fail, the repair cost or replacement only adds to the cost that gets passed on to the homeowner in the form of higher rates. Your anticipated cooperation on this matter is appreciated.

Mosquito Lake State Park Contacts

By Karina Cheung

Mosquito Lake State Park and Mosquito Lake are patrolled by Natural Resources Officers (NROs) from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Watercraft. These law enforcement officers provide coverage on state lands and waters, respond to emergencies, assist visitors, and conduct investigations.

If you are experiencing an emergency, you should call 911. Anyone who needs law enforcement assistance at the park or on the lake should contact the ODNR Communications Center at (614) 799 9538 or dial #ODNR from a cell phone to reach a dispatcher at any

time. Examples of incidents to report include thefts, lost property, injuries, vehicle or boating accidents, suspicious activity, disabled boats, and any other situation where an officer is needed.

Boaters and anglers are encouraged to carry a charged cell phone, ensure all required safety equipment is on board, and check fuel levels and batteries before heading out. If a boat becomes disabled, operators should raise a distress flag and drop anchor. While fellow boaters often assist, NROs can provide non emergency tows when available. There are no commercial on water towing services at Mosquito Lake.

In an emergency, always call 911 first, then contact #ODNR.



One of the many benefits of living in 'The Best Place in the World to Live' is free brush and limb pick up from April through October. The City of Cortland offers this free service through its Road Department the week of the Fourth Monday each month. See the City website for details. Picking up brush recently were City Road Department members James Waldroup, Danyen Fuchilla and Dustin Barnett.

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, June 3rd 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:

- **May 17, Car show and craft vendors, raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle from 12-4.** Car registration is \$25 per car, craft vendor is \$15 per spot. Rain date is June 7, 2026. Call Mary at 330-360-7867 for further details.

- **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.

City Of Cortland Curbside Brush Pickup Policy

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up for the entire city is the week of the 4th Monday of each month. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to collection week to ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Branches and limbs need to be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday before the scheduled collection week.

- One pass will be made on each street.
- Only branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free).
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in diameter.
- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household.
- Do not combine piles with your neighbors.
- Branches and limbs must be stacked in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.
- No firewood, large logs or complete trees will be picked up.
- If you have any questions, please call the Administration Building at (330) 637-3011.



One of the many benefits of living in 'The Best Place in the World to Live' is free brush and limb pick up from April through October. The City of Cortland offers this free service through its Road Department the week of the Fourth Monday each month. See the City website for details. Picking up brush recently were City Road Department members James Waldroup, Danyen Fuchilla and Dustin Barnett.

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7th Annual Citywide Garage Sale

By Jodi Clark

Hello Garage Salers! It's almost that time! The 7th Annual Citywide Garage Sale is scheduled for June 11-14. If you live in Cortland you are required to have a permit which you will have to obtain yourself. Keep in mind that City Ordinance prohibits more than 3 days per sale. Outside of the City, your Township sets this rule.

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/

E-Scooter Safety: Protecting Riders And Our Community

By Officer Chuck Lohry, Cortland Police Department

The growing popularity of electric scooters (e-scooters) has made them a common sight in our city as the spring and summer months return. As a convenient, eco-friendly mode of transportation, e-scooters offer users a way to travel short distances and avoid traffic congestion.

However, the rapid adoption of e-scooters has also raised concerns about rider safety, pedestrian welfare, and the need for effective regulations. Understanding e-scooter safety—including local laws such as the Ohio Revised Code—is essential for protecting both riders and the community in which they operate.

Ohio Revised Code 4511.512 provides specific regulations for e-scooter use. Riders and parents should be aware of the following:

- E-scooters may be operated on the public streets, highways, sidewalks and paths.
- Riders under the age of 18 must wear a protective helmet with the chin strap securely fastened.
- Riders between the ages of 14 and 16 must be accompanied by another person who is 18 or older and is responsible for their immediate care.
- No person under the age of 14 is authorized to ride an e-scooter.



Riders are required to follow all traffic laws. Additionally, e-scooters are required to always yield the right of way to pedestrians and human powered vehicles.

- An audible signal must be given before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.
- E-scooters operating at night are required to have a white light pointing to the front and visible from not less than 500 feet and a red reflector facing the rear visible to 600 feet when directly in front of a vehicle's headlamps.
- E-scooters are not designed for multiple riders; one rider only.
- Maximum speed for an e-scooter is 20 mph.

Wearing a helmet is one of the most effective ways to prevent serious head injuries in the event of an accident. Protective clothing such as elbow and knee pads, while not required, are another way to lessen injury. Riders should also wear reflective clothing or accessories, especially when riding at night, to increase visibility to motorists and pedestrians.

Distracted riding is another major contributor to e-scooter accidents. Riders must pay attention to their surroundings; avoid using mobile devices while riding. Distracted driving laws apply to e-scooters, just as they do to any vehicle.

Two of the most frequent complaints received by the Cortland Police Department are vehicles speeding in residential areas and children on e-scooters riding helmetless and ignoring traffic laws. This makes for a potentially tragic combination. To make our community safer for everyone, our officers will be enforcing speed laws and e-scooter laws in our neighborhoods. Violations may result in citations or, for repeat violations, impoundment of the e-scooter for up to thirty days.

In conclusion, e-scooter safety requires a collaborative effort from riders, parents and vehicle operators. By following best practices—such as proper equipment maintenance, helmet and protective gear use and rider education, we can reduce accidents and injuries, making e-scooters a safer and more sustainable option for transportation. Prioritizing safety and obeying local laws will help ensure that e-scooters remain a positive addition to our community.

Let Your Patriotic Colors Fly!

By John Sheets, Cortland Rotary

In preparation for the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, Cortland Rotary is at work readying flags for display at homes and businesses in the Bazetta/Cortland community. Starting just before Memorial Day and extending through Veteran's Day in November, Rotary will help you to show your patriotic pride with a flag at your property.

Cortland Rotary will take care of all the details from start to finish and will gladly replace any worn flag throughout the season. The cost is \$50 and it includes installation, upkeep and removal at the end of the season. For more information call (330) 719-8629 or apply online at <https://app.helpingwithflags.com/CortlandRotary>. Visit Cortland Rotary's website for more information at: <https://cortlandohrotary.com>



More Than A Location... Ohio Is A Character In The Story

"Union County" premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and will screen at the Holland Theatre in Bellefontaine on May 17, in the heart of where it was filmed with an audience of those who were subjects of the movie and appeared in it. Written and directed by Ohio native Adam Meeks, the movie is set in a rural part of the state and follows the main character on his journey and challenges through the process of court-mandated opioid addiction recovery based on the real community program. The sold-out OGTTM event will include a panel with Meeks and select cast members after the screening.

According to producer Brad Becker-Parton, "This film was made in collaboration with local communities. We filmed from March to June in 2025 in Bellefontaine, as well as Marysville, West Liberty and surrounding areas, and our crew was from Columbus. Because it is about a local drug program, many people played themselves in the film. These are the people we most wanted to go back and share the movie with."



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Mosquito Lake State Park Announces Spring And Summer 2026 Signature Events

By Jason Lee, Naturalist, and Salim Fadzl, Parks & Watercraft Manager, Mosquito Lake State Park

Mosquito Lake State Park is heading into the heart of 2026 with an energizing lineup of outdoor programs, from the free birding weekend and wildlife encounters to hands-on fishing events and community beach nights. Many of these programs are free or low-cost and designed for all experience levels, including families, first-timers, and longtime outdoor enthusiasts.

"Our goal is to create fun ways help connect people to Mosquito Lake and to nature," said Jason Lee, Naturalist at Mosquito Lake State Park.

2026 HIGHLIGHT CALENDAR: Big Birding Weekend, May 15-17

A weekend built for nature lovers, birders, and everything in between, all during peak spring migration and featuring a wide range of programs for all levels.

Wildlife Show at the Amphitheater, Saturday, May 23 & Saturday, June 6

A live wildlife program with Mosquito Lake's naturalist team and volunteers, hosted at the park amphitheater.

Ohio BioBlitz 250, Saturday, June 13

A full-day BioBlitz as part of ODNR's America 250 programming, inviting the public to discover, identify, and record species across the park

using tools like iNaturalist.

Lake to Plate, Saturday, June 13

A three-part, hands-on program where guests can learn to fish, then how to clean their catch and cook with local anglers, as well as taste a few classic recipes. Registration is encouraged to help the team plan.

Mosquito Lake Beach Bash, Saturday, June 20 and Saturday, August 15

Beach Bash returns for summer 2026 with a community night at the lake. Enjoy free live music, food trucks, a car show located on the beach parking lot and, of course, the beach!

Kids Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 20

A fishing derby at Lakeview Recreation Area for *ages 15 and under*, with naturalist activities and prizes supported by the Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park.

In addition to these signature events, Mosquito Lake State Park offers ongoing seasonal programs including owl prowls, Golden Buckeye hikes, archery lessons, and a wide range of free kid's programs and family-friendly nature activities.

For more information contact Jason Lee, Naturalist, at jason.lee@dnr.ohio.gov or Salim Fadzl, Parks & Watercraft Manager, at salim.fadzl@dnr.ohio.gov

Naturally Speaking Skunks: Unwanted Visitors or Important Neighbors?

By Jason Lee, Naturalist at Mosquito Lake State Park

Over the past few months, several members of the community have shared concerns about skunks showing up in their yards. While most people would rather not see a skunk waddling through the backyard, it is important to remember that skunks are not simply pests. They are a valuable part of our local ecosystem and play an important role in keeping nature balanced.

Skunks are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and animals. One of their most important benefits is their appetite for insects and small animals that many homeowners would rather not have around. Skunks eat grubs, beetles, grasshoppers, crickets, mice, voles, and even wasps. In many cases, a skunk digging small holes in a yard may actually be helping control lawn grubs and other insect larvae. They are also scavengers, helping clean up carrion and fallen fruit, which reduces waste in the environment.

Even though skunks are helpful, I completely understand that most people do not want them living under porches, decks, sheds, or garages. The good news is that there are several natural ways to make your yard less inviting without harming the animal.

The first step is to remove easy food sources. Keep garbage cans tightly sealed, bring pet food indoors, clean up spilled birdseed, and pick up fallen fruit from trees. Skunks are usually looking for an easy meal, and if your yard provides one, they may continue visiting.

Next, block access to potential den sites. Skunks often look for quiet, covered spaces under sheds, decks, and porches. Before sealing any opening, make sure there are no animals already inside, especially during spring and early summer when young may be present. Once you are sure the space is empty, use wire mesh or hardware cloth to close off entry points.

You can also use light and motion to discourage skunks. Skunks are mostly active at night, so motion-activated lights or sprinklers can make an area feel less safe to them. Strong smells, such as citrus peels or vinegar-soaked rags placed near problem areas, may also help discourage them, although these methods usually need to be refreshed regularly.

Most importantly, do not try to corner, chase, or handle a skunk. Skunks are generally calm animals and would rather avoid people, but they will defend themselves if they feel threatened. Give them space, secure attractants, and allow them to move along.

Skunks may not be everyone's favorite backyard visitor, but they are important neighbors in the natural world. With a few simple changes, we can reduce unwanted encounters while still respecting the role they play in our ecosystem.

If you have questions contact Jason at The Division of Parks & Watercraft jason.lee@dnr.ohio.gov or 330-637-2856



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JCRC Unveils New Traveling Holocaust Survivor Exhibit

A new educational Holocaust Survivor exhibit was unveiled at the JCRC's Shoah Ceremony (Holocaust remembrance) earlier this month.

The exhibit features a video and displays that tells the life and love story of Frances (Kordelas) and Abraham Honigman. Their enduring bond inspired them to survive the Holocaust, and build a new future in Youngstown. It is the third traveling exhibit created by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. The exhibits tell the life stories of Youngstown-area Holocaust Survivors and are available, at no cost, to schools, religious institutions, and civic organizations.

Abe and Frances were born in Poland in the early 1900s. When Germany invaded Poland in 1939, both of their families were uprooted. Eventually, both families were relocated to the Kielce Ghetto. Later, when many others in the ghetto were sent to the Treblinka death camp, Frances and Abe were married in a secret ceremony, a marriage that became a sustaining force for them through the Holocaust. Both were ultimately sent to death camps. After liberation, they each believed the other had been killed. Abe finally learned Frances was alive and they reunited. They immigrated to the United States in 1953 and settled in Youngstown. Abe purchased and expanded a corner grocery store, and Frances worked alongside him to build the family business. Together, they had

three children.

The other exhibits tell the life stories of Henry Kinast and Bill Vegh.

Henry Kinast was a Holocaust Survivor who, as a young boy, defied the odds of slave labor and the concentration camps and became the patriarch of a large family rooted in a family business. He married Inga Jonsson. Together, Henry and Inga immigrated to the United States in 1954. Eventually they settled in Youngstown, where they raised their four children.

Bill Vegh was born in 1929 in Czechoslovakia. He survived the Auschwitz concentration camp, where most of his family died. He moved to the United States in 1948, and settled in the Mahoning Valley. He married Lucile Blau of Hazelton, Pa.

Contact Jesse McClain at 330.746.3250 ext. 126 or jmccclain@jewishyoungstown.org for information on bringing the exhibits to a school, religious institution, or civic organization.



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As nicer weather is breaking area residents are out enjoying it. Nine-month-old Skyla McDonough was recently taking advantage of it by riding in her fancy convertible remote control car with a little help from her father Jay.

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Controlling Our "Self"

I love traveling but I cannot stand flying. Every time I travel by plane, I dread waiting in line to go through security, or waiting for my flight to leave, or waiting in line to get on the plane, or off the plane. And guarantee that the flight will be delayed. Now I must wait in the airport until alternate plans are made for me. What is the key component of all of this? Being out of control! I cannot stand it when I am not in control.

I recently came across quote from Sister Joan Chittister; a Catholic Benedictine nun, author, and theologian known for advocating for social justice, peace and women's roles in the Church. Listen to these words about controlling ourselves: "The important thing is not to spend our lives trying to control the environment around us. The task is to control the environment within us."

I don't know about you, but I like to be in control of those around me and the circumstances I find myself in. Yet I can make a long list of all the things

humanity likes to try to control yet cannot. We try to control the actions of others, our health or the health of others, the weather, the economy, politics or the government, the past or the future, or just the randomness of life. The hard reality is that we are just not in control of much of the situations surrounding us.

I only control what I do and what I say. I need to regularly ask myself: What can I do today to gain a better grip on my inner self? The wisest man ever to live, King Solomon of Israel, gives us some advice regarding controlling our "self." He writes in Proverbs 25:28 (NIV), "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control." Don't allow the walls of your life to be broken down on top of you through the anxieties relating to the actions of others. You do not control them. You do not control much of what is happening all around you. You only control your own life. Stop trying to control everything else.

"Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."

~ Proverbs 25:28 (NIV)

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is when we remember those who loved through the sacrifices of their lives for our freedom. To all who served our nation in the military, thank you, it is appreciated. To all who share their loved ones with us as they serve our nation, thank you. To those who have lost their loved ones, we give our dearest condolences to you. Your sacrifice is appreciated. Our hearts grieve these deaths, and we remember with gratitude all that was given for us. The giving of a life for the freedom of another is not a new thing. Every generation has those who lay down their lives for others.

As Christians we recognize just what a great sacrifice this is as we know our Lord laid down His life for our freedom, our eternal freedom from sin, death and Satan. His blood was shed for your forgiveness, He died to defeat death, He rose in victory to give you eternal life, St Paul writes of this freedom in His Letter to the Romans the 6th chapter, "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so

that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:5-11) Jesus unites himself in death so that you are united to Him in Life, Life that is eternal and never ends. We remember each week all that Jesus has done for us and all He is going to do as He prepares His eternal Kingdom for Christ is Risen He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Today on Memorial Day we appreciate the love of our military members and their families and the sacrifices they give daily. We remember with honor those who gave their lives. We give Thanks to God for all who served our nation and one our freedom under our constitution, a reflection of The One who died and rose to redeem them and died and rose to redeem you.

God's peace. Happy Memorial Day.

Church News & Notes

Journey Christian Church

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

Bazetta Christian Church

Food drive Through May 18 to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley. Second Harvest provides critical food assistance to residents facing food insecurity. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations can be dropped off at the church. Most needed food items: Canned tuna, Dry

Pasta, Canned fruit, Cereal, Macaroni & cheese, Canned vegetables, Peanut butter, Canned soup, Non-food items also needed: Laundry & dish detergent, Toothpaste, Toilet paper, Diapers, Soap, Shampoo.

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,

May 16, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Meatball sub, macaroni salad, cowboy beans, pie & beverage. Donations accepted but 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 9am 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).

We invite you to join us for our annual Spring Hymn Sing. Join us for a cook-out food potluck and singing of hymns on May 16th at 5:30 pm.



Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:22-23



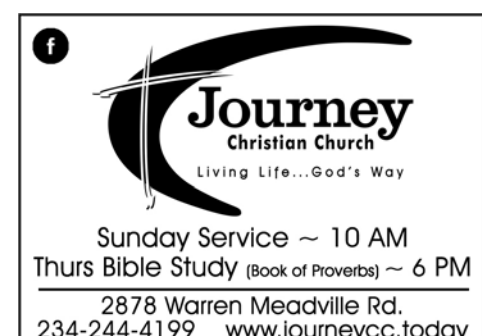

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Sergeant Timothy Williams Earns Ohio Distinguished Service Medal

By Annette and Brian Williams

Our family would like to share how incredibly proud we are of our son Sergeant Timothy Williams for having earned the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal. Tim is a 2012 Lakeview graduate and has been a member of the Ohio Army National Guard for nearly 14 years. He began his military career in aviation completing training as a Distinguished Honor Graduate. Then served as a structural mechanic for CH-47 Chinook and HH-60 Blackhawk helicopters at the 638th Aviation Support Battalion out of North Canton. He eventually re-classed to become an Allied Trades Specialist. Tim served on deployment in 2019 to the Middle East for Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.



to gain access to inside of the semi tractor trailer, immediately rendering first aid to the driver by applying a make shift tourniquet as the driver's arm injury was severe. Tim attended first responder (CLS) courses annually through the Army National Guard.

The Ohio Distinguished service medal is awarded to Ohio Army National Guard members for acts of extreme bravery, risking life, or exceptionally meritorious service involving personal hazard. Tim was presented the medal by Battalion Commander of the 237th Brigade Support Battalion on April 10th, 2026 at Camp James A. Garfield.

As a parent, there are few moments more fulfilling than witnessing your child, receiving such a high honor to demonstrate the strength, character and compassion that they have within themselves. He has made us all proud, not only with his bravery, but with the integrity and humility in which he carries himself, this recognition is just a small reflection of the admiration and respect that he has earned.

This award was presented for heroism and selfless service on May 6th 2023 to save the life of an injured motorist. After witnessing a large tractor-trailer rollover accident, Sergeant Timothy Williams reacted immediately without regard to his own personal safety. The driver is alive today due to Sergeant Williams' poise and swift actions under pressure.

His actions have undoubtedly made the world a better place. What many people do not realize is that this not the first accident Tim witnessed and assisted in helping others in need. When he once wondered aloud why he witnessed these terrible accidents it was easy to answer ... "God put you there because he knew you would help."

Sergeant Williams was first on the scene of the accident and was able



\$50,000 In Grants Expands Autism Support In Mahoning Valley

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley (ASMV) is proud to announce it has received a total of \$50,000 in grant funding from multiple funds of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley to support critical programs and services for individuals with autism and their families across the region.

THE FUNDING INCLUDES:

- \$20,000 from the *Western Reserve Health Foundation, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley*, to support Behavioral Health Access and Family Support for Individuals with Autism in the Mahoning Valley.
- \$10,000 from the *William Swanston Charitable Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley*, to support Building Pathways to Thrive: Autism-Specific Support for Children and Families.
- \$10,000 from the *Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley*, to support Behavioral Health Access and Family Support for Individuals with Autism in the Mahoning Valley.

• \$10,000 through the *Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley General Grant Program* to provide organizational operating support.

These combined investments will allow ASMV to expand access to essential resources, enhance behavioral health support, and strengthen programming that serves individuals and families across Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties.

"This funding comes at a pivotal time for our organization and the families we serve," said ASMV Executive Director Jodi Glass. "It allows us to meet individuals where they are on their journey – from diagnosis through every stage of life – with the support, connections, and resources they need to thrive. We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation and its fund partners for their investment in our mission and in the well-being of our community."

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley provides year-round programming including family support, social connections, advocacy, and inclusive community events designed to improve quality of life for individuals on the autism spectrum.

Patrol Announces Statewide Effort To Protect Ohioans From Impaired Driving

Each year, families across Ohio are forever changed by individuals who decide to drive impaired. To ensure everyone makes it home to their loved ones safely, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) will be conducting statewide OVI checkpoints next week.

"The goal of these statewide checkpoints is to deter and intercept impaired drivers, ensuring the safety of all motorists on Ohio's roadways," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "By working alongside our local and state partners, we are sending a clear message that impaired driving will not be tolerated."

Through these checkpoints, taking place over a three-day period from May 14-16, troopers will be working to keep our roads clear of impaired drivers and prevent tragedies before they can occur. When someone decides to drive impaired, the devastating reality is that this choice not only impacts them, but it can change the lives of others as well. That truth is felt deeply by Thomas

Tomasheski, of Grafton, who lost a daughter-in-law and a grandson after they were hit head-on by an impaired driver in June 2011. Tomasheski's son, who was driving the vehicle when the crash occurred, and granddaughter were hospitalized for several months.

Tomasheski was not involved in the crash, but he has lived with the results of one person's poor decision for nearly 15 years. "I have a life sentence," said Tomasheski. "There is never a day that goes by without my mourning the loss of my family... never."

Since the crash, Tomasheski has been vocal on the dangers of driving impaired. His goal is to prevent someone else from experiencing what he and his family have gone through. "If together we stop one person from drinking and driving, [that's] time well spent," said Tomasheski.

Patrol data shows that impaired driving remains a leading factor in fatal and serious injury crashes on

Ohio roadways. While troopers will be focusing on removing impaired drivers from the road, the public can also protect themselves and others by designating a sober driver, using a rideshare service, practicing defensive driving and never driving impaired.

Operational support for the statewide checkpoints will be provided by more than 100 local law enforcement agencies across the state. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Transportation will be providing assistance with traffic control and signage.

While not directly participating in the Patrol's statewide OVI checkpoints, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will have heightened OVI enforcement on water and land over the three-day period.

If you see an impaired or reckless driver on the road, call #677 to be connected directly to the nearest Ohio State Highway Patrol post. Your call could save a life.



Master Gardener Jack Hineman spoke to the Nazarene Church about having a community garden during the fellowship breakfast. Contact us through the Cortland Church of the Nazarene Facebook if you are interested.



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LHS Athletic Hall Of Fame Class Of 2026

By Michael De Toro

Lakeview High School and the Lakeview Athletic Hall of Fame Committee are proud to announce the inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026. This year's class represents a blend of athletic excellence, community contribution, and coaching leadership that has helped shape the tradition of Lakeview Athletics.

- The 2026 inductees are:*
- **1961-1962 Boys Basketball - Team** - As the first graduating class at Lakeview High School, these boys reached the OHSAA Regional championship game and let the Mahoning Valley know that Lakeview was going to be a force in basketball.
 - **1995 Boys Cross Country - Team** - A standout team that distinguished itself by only losing to three schools the entire season, and finished as OHSAA State runners-up.
 - **2009 Boys Track and Field - Team** - OHSAA Regional Champions and OHSAA State runners-up team featuring record-setting athletes and school-record performances.
 - **Harry Hawcroft - Contributor** - Dedicated community member who was instrumental in delivering the game of soccer to Cortland, Bazetta, and eventually Lakeview High starting in the late 1970s.

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Class of 2026 Spotlight Bulldog

By Michael DeToro

This tri-weekly installment will spotlight an outstanding graduating senior at Lakeview High School. Each showcased student will be someone who represents their family, Lakeview Schools, and most importantly, our Bazetta/Cortland community with integrity, commitment, and loyalty.

Class of 2026 concludes its Spotlight Bulldog series by honoring a standing tradition to feature the Senior Class President. This issue's spotlight shines on Isabella Isenberg, daughter of Mark and Lonnie Isenberg. A Bulldog since kindergarten, Isabella's leadership as Class President is matched by her academic excellence as a valedictorian candidate. Her course load includes CCP courses through Youngstown State University, and she is a consistent fixture on the Honor Roll.

Beyond the classroom, Isabella is a member of S.M.A.S.H., the National Honor Society, and the Senior Beta Club. An all-conference caliber athlete, Isabella is an 8-time varsity letter winner in basketball and softball. Her talent on the diamond earned her significant attention from college recruiters. Following graduation, she will attend Otterbein University to study Biochemistry and pitch for their softball team. Isabella aims to pursue a career in pharmaceuticals.

- Get to know Isabella better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.
- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well? - I work very hard in the classroom and in athletics.
 - 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District? - The community and how supportive they all are. They come together for a lot of sporting events and extracurricular activities, and it's great to see.
 - 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland? - Chipotle
 - 4.) Describe your fashion style. - Athletic casual
 - 5.) You might catch me ... - At the softball field, studying, or hanging out with friends.
 - 6.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now? - The Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick
 - 7.) What are your future aspirations? - I want to go into medical research and make advances in drug development



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Seeking Classic Car Participants

Adult Day Services at Heritage Manor is seeking participants for a classic car show to be held June 19, from noon to 2 p.m.

The event is intended to celebrate Father's Day with clients. Those who would like to participate with a classic car should call Kristen at 330-719-3577.

Adult Day Services at Heritage Manor, 517 Gypsy Lane, is part of the continuum of care offered by Senior Living by Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. The Adult Day Services

program includes on-site nursing, is wheelchair-accessible, and is approved by the Veterans Administration.



Help Provide Free Admission For LHS Students To Athletic Events

Dear Cortland and Bazetta Business Leaders,

My name is Mark Novotny and I am the Athletic Director at Lakeview High School. I was approached by several community members on the possibility of providing free admission to athletic events for all students K-12. Unlike many other area athletic departments, my budget and funds operate independent of any school funds and expenses. I have looked into my budget to determine what this would look like and worked with community members to come up with a plan to make this happen.

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.

Option 2- ID card Sponsorship, \$500 - We are seeking four ID card sponsors for \$500 each. In return for your generosity, your business name will be printed on our student ID cards and will be announced in a thank you message at home varsity football and basketball contests. Additionally, your business will be featured in one social media post and recognized on the videoboard in the gym.

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For more information on the golf outing, please contact Chuck Williams at charles.williams@saberhealth.com or by phone at (330)-307-1635

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

INSURANCE ANSWERS

By Amelia Gavolas, Platt Insurance Agency



Summer Fun Comes With Hidden Risks Here's What To Know

As Memorial Day passes and summer gets underway here in Ohio, backyards come alive. Pools are opened, grills are fired up, and friends and family gather to enjoy the long-awaited sunshine. It's one of the best times of the year—but it's also a season that quietly brings more risk into our homes than many people realize.

Summer fun often comes with added exposures that aren't always top of mind. Take swimming pools, for example. Whether in-ground or above-ground, pools can increase liability risk significantly. The same goes for trampolines, which are popular with kids but are one of the most common sources of backyard injuries. Even something as simple as hosting a graduation party or holiday cookout introduces liability considerations if a guest is injured on your property.

Then there are the "toys" of summer—boats, jet skis, ATVs, and golf carts. These aren't always automatically covered under a standard homeowners policy, and assuming they are can lead to unpleasant surprises. In some cases, they require separate policies or endorsements to ensure proper protection.

Travel is another big part of the season. Road trips, rental cars, and borrowing vehicles from friends or family all create situations where your existing auto insurance may or may not respond the way you expect. Understanding those details before you hit the road can save a lot of stress later.

What makes summer risk tricky is that it doesn't feel risky. It feels like fun. And most of the time, everything goes exactly as planned. But insurance is there for the moments when it doesn't—when a guest slips on a wet deck, when a teenager takes a turn too fast on an ATV, or when an accident happens far from home.

The good news is that most of these risks can be managed with the right coverage in place. Small adjustments—like increasing liability limits, adding an umbrella policy, or properly insuring recreational vehicles—can make a meaningful difference in protecting your home, your assets, and your peace of mind.

Before the season gets into full swing, it's worth taking a few minutes to think through how your summer plans might have changed from last year. New purchases, new drivers, or even just hosting more gatherings can all impact your coverage needs.

The best way to make sure you're properly protected is to have a conversation with a local independent insurance agent who understands the unique risks and lifestyles here in Northeast Ohio. A quick review can help ensure that your coverage keeps up with your life—so you can focus on enjoying the season ahead.



Celebrating Graduates Veterinary Career Program At Tails Of Hope

By Soraya Hejazi

For six years, Tails of Hope has been doing more than providing affordable veterinary care—it has been building the future of the profession. The PAWSitive Pathways to Veterinary Careers Program stands as a powerful example of how one nonprofit organization can inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of veterinary professionals.

Access to veterinary careers can be challenging, especially for students who may not otherwise have exposure to the field. The PAWSitive Pathways program was designed to change that. By offering hands-on learning, mentorship, and real-world clinic experience, the program opens doors for students to explore careers as veterinarians, veterinary technicians,

and animal care professionals. At its core, the initiative reflects the mission-driven culture of Tails of Hope—a nonprofit, high-quality, high-volume Spay/Neuter clinic dedicated to addressing pet overpopulation and expanding accessible and affordable care in the community.

Participants in PAWSitive Pathways gain valuable, real-life

experience inside a working clinic environment. Students observe surgery with Dr. Nicole Grable, assist with procedural tasks, and learn animal handling and restraint, surgery prep, post-surgery monitoring, providing emergency first aid to animals, using veterinary terminology, general clinic operations, high volume TNR Day operations, and more directly from Tails of Hope's experienced veterinary technicians who are deeply committed to community service.

A total of 11 junior and seniors from Lawrence County Career & Technical Center (LCCTC) participated in this year's program. These students will log more than 250 hours at Tails of Hope this school year and be a part of providing care to more than 160 pets, shelter animals, and homeless community cats.

As the demand for veterinary professionals only continues to grow during a nationwide shortage, programs like Tails of Hope's PAWSitive Pathways play a critical role in not only developing a strong and diverse workforce but also continuing to address the dire need for affordable Spay/Neuter services when the availability trend is declining.



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TRICARE is health insurance for current service members and their families, survivors, former spouses and Medal of Honor recipients along with their families. TRICARE For Life is an insurance program for retired military personal who are eligible for Medicare Insurance.

There are some distinct differences between VA coverage and TRICARE For Life. It is important to understand these differences to receive all the benefits that you are entitled to and find the best coverage for each specific situation.

According to the VA website, those with VA coverage are encouraged to sign up for Medicare Insurance. If care or prescriptions are needed outside of the VA system, you will be able to go to other providers and facilities to receive the care you need. Part A of Medicare Insurance (hospital insurance) is provided premium-free to those who qualify. With Part B of Medicare Insurance (medical services), if you delay signing up you may pay a penalty when you do sign up as VA coverage is not considered credible coverage by Medicare to avoid the late enrollment penalty for Part B of Medicare. In addition, funding for services is provided by Congress and

funding for future years is uncertain. The VA has priority groups, if you are in one of the lower groups you could lose your VA benefits in the future. For more specific information visit the VA website at: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/>.

The VA and Medicare Insurance are two separate entities. With a few exceptions, care is either provided at VA facilities and by VA providers or from Medicare approved providers and facilities. If services are provided by the VA, they fall under VA Insurance. If services are provided outside the VA system, they are not covered unless Medicare or some other type of insurance is in place or unless there is a prior arrangement with the VA allowing coverage for services by other providers. There are several Medicare Insurance approved Advantage Part C plans available at little or no cost to cover the gaps in Medicare Insurance when services are provided outside the VA system. This provides individuals with the ability and peace of mind to see the doctors they prefer, and fill prescriptions locally or seek outside care when specific services are not covered under the VA system. Contact a local insurance agent familiar with Medicare and VA to review options or get answers to questions.

With TRICARE For Life (TFL), those who qualify for the premium-free Medicare Part A are required to sign up for Part B of Medicare Insurance when they are eligible to continue their TRICARE For Life coverage. TFL insurance works in combination with Medicare insurance. Recipients can go to any Medicare approved facility or provider to receive care. Medicare is billed as the primary insurance and the portion that is not paid by Medicare is then sent to TFL. There is no premium paid to TFL, but recipients must continue to pay the Medicare Part B premium to continue to receive TFL coverage.

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

Patrol To Focus On Motorcycle Safety

With the return of warmer weather, drivers are beginning to see a larger number of motorcycles on roadways across Ohio. To ensure everyone makes it home safely, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) is urging both motorists and riders to stay alert, share the road and always drive sober.

"By staying mindful of your surroundings and choosing to drive responsibly, you can help make the roads safer for everyone," said Governor Mike DeWine.

Unlike standard vehicles, motorcycles lack a protective structure, offering the rider little to no protection in the event of a crash. That is why safety is a shared responsibility and requires both motorcycle riders and other drivers to remain aware of their surroundings.

Safe driving practices and cooperation from all drivers on the road are essential to assisting in the reduction of fatal crashes involving motorcycles. According to Patrol statistics, there have been 19,674 motorcycle-involved crashes on Ohio roadways over the last five years. A total of 1,060 of those crashes were fatal, resulting in the

deaths of 1,082 motorcyclists and 14 others.

"The Patrol's goal is for every trip to end safely, because every crash that is avoided represents a potential life saved," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "With that goal in mind, troopers will be out making sure motorists follow posted speed limits and are not driving distracted or impaired."

For the motorcycle rider, taking a training class, wearing safety equipment and riding with the proper endorsements will help protect yourself and others. Remember, Ohio law requires helmets for riders under the age of 18 and for those with less than one year of motorcycle experience. Motorcycle passengers must also wear helmets when the driver is required to do so.

For more information on how to operate a motorcycle safely, as well as rider courses for new, intermediate and advanced riders, visit <https://motorcycle.ohio.gov/>. The public is encouraged to safely call #677 to report reckless or impaired drivers and drug activity.

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Monty's By The Lake

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restaurant, Chappell made the decision to preserve it.

"After hearing the stories and seeing what this place meant to the people, it didn't feel right to take it away. Some places you don't replace-you take care of them" Chappell said.

Monty's by the Lake has long been a familiar spot for locals, known for its simple, comforting food and small-town atmosphere. Mary, as General Manager, is involved in the day-to-day operations. "Our goal is to maintain that nostalgic feel while making necessary behind the scenes. We're not trying to reinvent it" Chappell added. "We're just making sure it's here for the next generation." The Restaurant is open Wednesday and Thursday from 6 AM - 2 PM; Fridays and Saturdays from 6 AM - 8 PM. They are closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesdays. Locals can expect the same familiar experience, with a few thoughtful updates, including fresh menu offerings and continued investment into the property.

In a time when many small-town staples are disappearing, Monty's by the Lake stands as a reminder that not every story needs to be rewritten ... some just need to be continued.



New owner Spensir Chappell

Entertainment At The Local Tap & Grill

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- Blessing of the Bikes, Sunday, May 17, 12-7 PM, Faith, Freedom & the Open Road. Blessings at 1, 3 & 5. Live music throughout the day. Rib dinners, raffles, and veteran recognition
- Sunday, May 24 at 2 PM Featuring The Huckin Fillbillys. Ride in, boat in, eat up, drink up and stay for the sunset while enjoying live music by the lake.
- Sunday Morning Stretch at The Local May 31. A relaxing community stretch session to start the day open to all looking to ease into their Sunday morning.
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Explore History on a Year Long Adventure

By Savannah Moss, Collections Manager
Trumbull County Tourism Bureau

Residents and visitors of all ages can explore all the townships of Trumbull County in 2026 through "This is Trumbull: A Local History Adventure," a free, self-guided program created by the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau and local historical societies. From January through December, participants can visit historic sites at their own pace with no admission costs or set open hours.

Everyone who completes the challenge is entered into a raffle for a prize, with a winner drawn in December. For online instructions and site histories, visit <https://theclio.com/tour/2944> or www.trumbullcountyhistory.org/america-250/.

Physical booklets are available at the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau and the Local History & Genealogy Center at the Warren Trumbull County Public Library. Completed answer sheets can be mailed to the Trumbull County Historical Society (P.O. Box 1907, Warren, OH 44482), dropped off at the Tourism Bureau, or emailed to info@trumbullcountyhistory.org.

Cortland Collaborative The Makers Market Entertainment Schedule

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- **Tuesdays - Midday Munch & Game 11:30 - 1:00 PM**

A laid back lunchtime hangout where good food meets friendly competition. Grab a bite, pull up a chair, and jump into board games, card games and quick-play your favorites, perfect for a midday break.

- **Wednesdays - Walkie Talkie's Walking Group 9:00 am**

- **Thursdays - Yoga Every other Thursday**

Instructor Lindsey Snowden; (Beginner level) 10:00 AM \$15.00/ Session March 25

Here is the special events schedule:

- **May 15th: Live Music with Dombroski**

- **May 16th: Trivia Night (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)**

- **Tuesdays: Car Cruise (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)**

- **May 19th: Community Members Monthly Meeting (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)**

- **Thursday, May 21st: Cortland Master Society Book Club**

- **Saturday, May 23rd: Midwest Sessions - Feature Film Viewing (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)**

- **May 30th: Guest Chef Experience (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)**

Lakeview Alumni Weekend June 26 & 27

Lakeview Schools is excited to invite all alumni back for a special Welcome Home Weekend coinciding with The Cortland Street Fair.

Reconnect with old friends, stroll through familiar halls and celebrate the traditions that make Lakeview so special. We'll be hosting a variety of family-friendly events throughout the weekend.

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.

- **Golf Outing, Saturday, June 27. Tamer Win Golf Club. \$400/team 18 Hole, Four Person Scramble. Lunch & Steak Dinner by DiLucia's.** Contact Chuck Williams at (330) 307-1635 or charles.williams@saberhealth.com. Register online or by mail: Lakeview Athletic Boosters 4626 Niles Cortland Road NE Cortland, OH 44410

Welcome Home!
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Newman Levy Speaker Series Kicks Off

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown is kicking off its summer J. Newman Levy Speaker series with "Women in History: Dorothy Fuldheim" at 5:30 p.m. May 27 at the JCC, 505 Gypsy Lane.

In honor of Jewish History Month, learn about Ohioan Dorothy Fuldheim, portrayed by living history performer Anne McEvoy from Women in History. Fuldheim was a Jewish-American news journalist and television broadcaster who is credited with being the first woman in the United States to anchor a television news broadcast as well as to host her own television show.

Dinner is included. The event is free, but registration is required by May 21. Visit jccyoungstown.org/newmanlevyseries to register.

Other events in the series include Marcia Levy discussing the stories behind some of America's favorite films, comedian Robin Fox, and The Klezmer Orchestra playing klezmer's greatest hits.

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

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Lakeview High School - Class of 2026



GRADUATION TIME: May 17, 2026, 1:00 pm, Don Richards Stadium

CLASS COLORS- Royal Blue & White, Class Flower- Hydrangea, Class Song- "Vienna"- Billy Joel

QUOTE- "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them." -The Office

VALEDICTORIANS - Izabella Ash, David Bates, Isabella Isenberg, Adison Lenox, Claire Remmick, Kalyssa Werner, Melena Zervas

CLASS MEMBERS

Kylie Allen
Izabella Ash
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David Bates
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Maya Figueroa
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Evan Hawn
Sadie Hertzner
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Annabelle Humphrey
Isabella Isenberg
Zane Johnson
William Kirila
Mallory Kurtz
Isaiah Lantz
Joshua Lawson
Adison Lenox
Matthew Leonard

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Preston Littleton
Jacob Lynch
Gavin Mahood
Claire Marble
Kaytlin Marinkovich
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Emily Mazur
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Ashlyn Miller
Madison Moore
Marshall Morris
Trent Nale
Brianna Navarra
Hayden Newton
Avery Oaks
Nathaniel Paolucci
Ava Pappas
Ali Parise
Mallory Petrick
Mason Pierce
Cheyenne Pistilli
Madison Pompoco

Kyler Purdum
Elias Raptis
Ivy Rawl
Claire Remmick
Cody Rizzo
Camryn Ross
Sadie Sample
Seth Scott
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Brandon Toot
Giana VanValien
Chelsea Walker
Kalyssa Werner
Melena Zervas

LHS Athletic Hall Of Fame

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- **Rev. Carl Kish - Contributor** - Avid supporter, fan, and follower of Lakeview athletics for over 30 years as the priest at St. Robert's Church. His presence at games and meets served as a motivation for countless student-athletes.
- **Burke Ensign - Coach** - Longtime coach and mentor who guided and positively influenced hundreds of Lakeview athletes during his career and continues mentoring them in retirement.
- **Ed Armstrong - Class of 1978** - Standout quarterback and multi-sport athlete who led the Bulldogs to an undefeated 10-0 season in 1976, set school passing records, and earned All-League and county honors.
- **Nicole Bevilacqua Rush - Class of 2008** - Exceptional two-sport standout in soccer and track and field. A multiple-time All-Ohio honoree in soccer while also setting records and earning All-Ohio honors on the track.
- **Emilee Gysegem McCollum - Class of 2011** - Lakeview's premiere swimmer who finished on the OHSAA podium eight times, including a 3rd place finish in the 200 yd. IM swim in 2009.
- **Kaylee Neumeister - Class of 2016** - Her golf game helped deliver Lakeview a state runners-up and a state championship in back-to-back years while earning personal All-Ohio honors.
- **Megan Taylor - Class of 2004** - Volleyball standout and four-year letter winner who earned All-State honors and led her team to its first TAC-8 Championship.

The 2026 class will be formally honored during Induction Weekend, which coincides with the varsity football game against Girard High School on Friday, September 25, and the Induction Ceremony on Saturday, September 26 at DiLucia's Banquet Center in Warren, OH.

A form to purchase tickets for the induction ceremony is available on the Lakeview High School Athletic website. For questions or media inquiries, please contact Michael DeToro, Hall of Fame Chairman, at (330) 637-4921

Origins Of Football And Astronauts

Ohio football teams and astronauts are launching Ohio into the spotlight in May. Did you know that in 1920 the first-ever NFL football game was played in Dayton? On May 9, America's Packard Museum in Dayton screened "Triangle Park" about that first game between two of the 14 original NFL teams, the Dayton Triangles and the Columbus Panhandles.

Directed and written by Allen Farst (Dayton), the movie was filmed in Ohio and features Kirk Herbstreit (Centerville) and Taylor Decker (Vandalia). Following the screening, the museum hosted a talk-back with Farst discussing local history, NFL history, and motion picture car selection and coordination in film.

Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta is named for Ohio Astronaut Neil Armstrong, so it is fitting that it will host the May 30 screening of "Apollo 11." The Apollo 11 mission was commanded by Armstrong (Wapakoneta, Upper Sandusky), and

the movie reconstructs the real-life drama.

"This film was released during the 50th anniversary year of Apollo 11 in 2019 and featured some archival footage of the historic mission, some of which had never before been seen by the public," and Dante Centuori, executive director of Armstrong Air & Space Museum.


"Our museum has limited space inside for showing a movie, so we felt it was worth 'rolling the dice' with the weather and hosting an outdoor film on our lawn. The building's unique architecture provides a wonderful backdrop. Sunset will be around 9 p.m. The museum will be open extended hours, so folks can arrive early and visit the museum before heading outside to find their spot on the lawn for the film," he added.

Guernsey County (Cambridge) Public Library's 1950s Sock Hop & Classic Car Cruise-In and Family Movie Night on May 30 runs 12 to 5 p.m. After

the Sock Hop's classic cars, music from the 1950s and tasty food from local food trucks, "Hidden Figures" will screen at the Crossroads Branch Library. The movie was selected because of the tie to Ohio astronaut John Glenn, who was born in Cambridge and raised in New Concord.

"Hidden Figures" highlights Glenn's achievement in space exploration. It is about three women mathematicians who face racial and gender discrimination while playing a key role in Glenn's launch into orbit.





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Attorney Kristen Rock Launches Campaign For Trumbull County Commissioner

Kristen Rock officially launched her campaign for County Commissioner focused on responsible and transparent governance, economic development and strengthening essential public services.

Rock spoke before a group of supporters and community leaders about her vision for accountability and solution driven decision-making.

"Our county deserves leadership that listens, plans responsibly and delivers results," said Rock. "I'm running to ensure every resident has a voice and that we are building a future that works for everyone—families, businesses, and our next generation."

"Trumbull County is at a crossroads," said Rock. "We can continue with the status quo, or we can choose leadership who reads the fine print, plans for the long term, and delivers results. I'm running to put my professional experience to work for

the families, businesses, and the next generation of this Valley."

The Rock campaign will prioritize:

- **Economic Growth:** Supporting local businesses, attracting new investments, and creating sustainable job opportunities

- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Investing in roads, public utilities, and long-term development planning

- **Safety & Services:** Strengthening efficient delivery of county programs

- **Transparent Government:** Promoting open communication, accountability, and responsible decision-making

An attorney, Kristen Rock brings a background of public service, business experience and community involvement, positioning her as a candidate with both practical experience and a strong commitment to the community.

ODNR Seeking Applicants For The 2026-2027 Conservation Teen Advisory Council

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is calling on young conservationists to join a team of high school student leaders to form the next class of the Conservation Teen Advisory Council (ConTAC). This council allows students to peek behind the curtain of ODNR.

Each month, members will go on a field trip featuring a different ODNR property and will learn from industry professionals about what Ohio's natural resources have to offer, as well as the career pathways.

The deadline to apply is Friday, June 5, 2026.

"ConTAC empowers students to move from interest to action," said ODNR Director Mary Mertz. "By working alongside ODNR professionals and their peers, they gain the skills and



Photo courtesy of The Ohio Department of Natural Resources

experience needed to make a lasting difference in conservation."

Through monthly meetings, members will gain hands-on experience across ODNR's divisions while learning about the department's mission of wise use and protection of Ohio's natural resources. Examples of meetings include surveying snakes at wildlife areas, electrofishing at Alum Creek, kayaking along the Cuyahoga Scenic River, and exploring citizen science opportunities at Put-in-Bay. Each meeting is designed to give students a real-world look at conservation careers across Ohio.

ConTAC members also have the opportunity to attend Wildlife and Forestry Advisory Council meetings, offering insight into how state agencies are guided and advised. In addition to meetings, students complete a "Take Action" project focused on conservation. These projects can range from tree plantings to lake and stream cleanups, giving students the opportunity to step into leadership roles and make a tangible impact on the natural world.

Students must be entering grades 9 to 12 for the 2026-2027 school year to apply. Selections of the 2026-2027 ConTAC class will be made in early summer 2026.

Chris Becker Declares For Trumbull County Common Pleas Court

Trumbull County First Assistant Prosecutor Chris Becker announced his independent candidacy for Judge of Trumbull County, General Division in the November 2026 election.

Becker, a resident of Trumbull County for over 26 years and a practicing attorney for 36 years said his campaign will focus on his experience, independence and fairness in the courtroom.

"I'm running for judge because our community deserves a court that is guided by law, not just politics," Becker said, "Judges should be independent, impartial and committed to the safety of our community."

"Over the past two years, I've spoken with hundreds of residents, attorneys and community leaders," all of whom have expressed what a fantastic and enthusiastic campaign we ran two years ago when we lost by just one percent of the vote in our first effort against a candidate who was a seasoned campaigner and was elected to office in her third try. That experience

reinforced my commitment to serving the community and listening to voters across party lines." Becker stated.

"What I have consistently heard over the last two years is a desire to have a judge with real courtroom experience and independent judgement," Becker said. "As an independent candidate I am accountable to the people—not a political party. My promise is simple; I will apply the law fairly, work hard every day and protect the community."

Becker, who was the 2014 Assistant Prosecutor of the year in the State of Ohio thanked those who helped gather over 1,300 signatures in order to get on the ballot. "I cannot give thanks enough to the dozens of friends, family and supporters that worked so hard to get the valid signatures that were required so that I can be on the ballot as an independent candidate."

The campaign looks forward to meeting and re-connecting with citizens and community leaders throughout the coming months and up to and including November 3, 2026.

Honor Exceptional Veterans Nominations Open For Ohio Veterans Hall Of Fame

The deadline to submit nominations for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is approaching, and we invite you to help highlight former service members who are making significant, positive impacts across our communities.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame honors individuals who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and who, after their military careers, have demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service, volunteerism, advocacy, professional excellence, or philanthropy. Each year, up to 20 veterans are selected for induction based on recommendations from an Executive Committee of veterans from across the state and with final approval from the Governor.

The nomination deadline for the Class of 2026 is June 1, 2026. We encourage early submissions



to support timely processing and to allow for a complete and thorough review of all eligible nominations.

Many Ohioans know a veteran who continues to serve selflessly, someone whose dedication to others did not end when their military service concluded.

Nominations are also accepted posthumously to honor veterans whose legacies continue to inspire.

To be eligible, nominees must:

- Be a past or current Ohio resident
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be of good moral character

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Looking For Famous Ohio Actors On Screen In May?

In addition to Urbana's Clancy Brown's role in the "The Shawshank Redemption," he is also the voice of Mr. Krabs in "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," which will be on screen on May 2 at Champaign County Public Library (Urbana). He also has a smaller role in "Lady and the Tramp," which will screen on May 23 at Barnesville State Theater.

Youngstown's Ed O'Neill's movie "Little Giants" will screen twice - on May 16 at Englewood Cinemas and May 22 at The Columbiana Arts Theater. On May 15 the Capitol Theatre in Mount Gilead will screen "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," which stars Paul Newman (Shaker Heights; Kenyon

College), with a screenplay by William Goldman (Oberlin College). Dayton's Allison Janney (Kenyon College) can be seen on screen May 20 in "Hairspray" at the Ohio Theatre in Loudonville, and on May 28 Halle Berry (Cleveland) will appear in "Boomerang," hosted by Midtown East Community Enrichment Center at the Ohio State House Atrium in Columbus.

"There are so many great movies to see in May, and all Ohio Goes to the Movies films are free, running until October 2026. They all celebrate Ohio's role and influence in the movie industry, past and present," said OGTTM Program Director Molly Kreuzman.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library ~ May 2026 Events

Memorial Day Closing - All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.
 All events will be held at the Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr.

Toddler Tales
 Mondays at 10 a.m. May 18 A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Teen Homework Hangout
 Tues., May 19, 26 from 3 - 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can come to a homework hangout before finals, with calming music and tea. Take the time to study, read, or write that paper. Free.

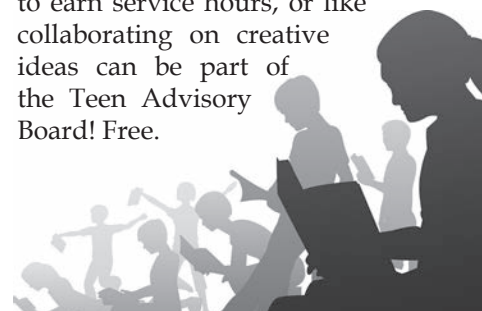
Teen Yoga and Mindfulness
 Tues., May 19, 26 from 3 - 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy a relaxing yoga and meditation session. Teens can bring their own mat or use one of the library's. Registration is required by April 24. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Family LEGO Night
 Thurs., May 21, 28 from 6 - 7 p.m. Practice problem-solving and engineering skills while building with the library's collection of LEGO bricks. Finished projects will remain at the library. For families with children ages 3 and older. Free.

Preschool Storytime
 Tuesdays at 10 a.m. May 19, 26 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.

Teen Advisory Board
 Tues., May 19, 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 who have ideas about what they'd like to see at the library, want to earn service hours, or like collaborating on creative ideas can be part of the Teen Advisory Board! Free.

Midweek Mayhem
 Wednesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. May 20 Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at the library's weekly hangout! Free.



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Bristol Public Library Hosts The Victor Samalot Duo's

"The Mother Road: 100-Year Celebration Of Route 66"

The Bristol Public Library invites the community to an engaging evening of live music featuring the Victor Samalot Duo and their program, The Mother Road: 100-year Celebration of Route 66, on Monday, May 18th at 5:00 p.m.
 This dynamic performance takes audiences on a musical road trip along the iconic Route 66, blending storytelling with a rich selection of songs inspired by the cultures, landscapes, and histories found along America's "Main Street." The Victor Samalot Duo is known for their vibrant performances, combining skillful musicianship with an educational and entertaining narrative that appeals to audiences of all ages.

Attendees will experience a unique fusion of musical styles, from jazz and Latin rhythms to classic American tunes, all woven together to reflect the diverse spirit of Route 66. The program is designed to be both interactive and informative, offering insight into the historical and cultural significance of the legendary highway.
 This event is free and open to the public. Families, music enthusiasts, and community members are encouraged to attend and enjoy this special cultural offering.
 For more information and to register, which is required due to limited seating, please contact the Bristol Public Library at 330-889-3651.

The Great Western Adventure & Rt. 66

By Peggy Boyd
 Join the Trumbull County Travel Club on this amazing 14 day tour that is timed to celebrate the Nation's 250 Anniversary and Rt. 66's 100th anniversary. The trip is scheduled for August 23 through Sept 5. Visiting Arizona, Colorado, The Texas Pan Handle, New Mexico & the Great Plains, this bucket list vacation will let the land tell the stories as travelers move west through small towns, Cowboy & Indian cultural sites, the Grand Canyon and the 4-corners of the country where one can be in all four states at on time.
 Travel the sites of Rt. 66, go skyward at Acoma Pueblo "Sky City" and wagon train straight into a herd of bison before moseying into Kansas to tour two Presidential Libraries & Museums. Trip designed for no more than 35 travelers on a deluxe motor coach giving all the space needed to relax during travel time. There are 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch included in the Grand Canyon and 6 dinners. There are 10 seats remaining with deposits due by the end of May.
 Please call Peggy at 330-609-3971 for details. The club is open to anyone wishing to see the world. Members travel by bus, train, air and we have cruised. There are no membership fees to belong. The club meets 4 times a year at the Warren Public Library.

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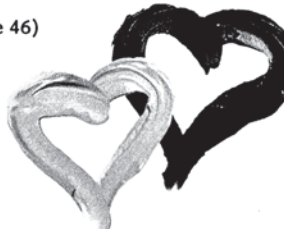
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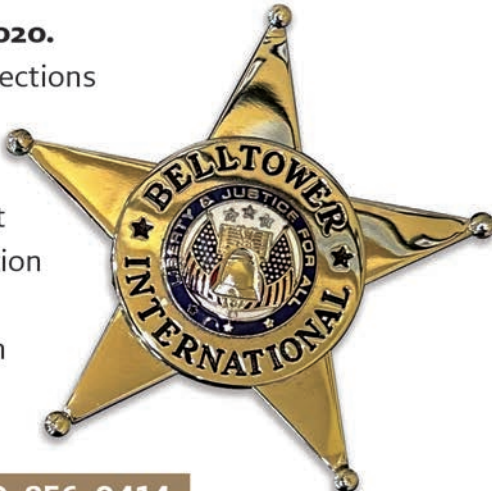
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