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The Great American Escape: From Ohio's Hidden Gorges to Epic National Landscapes

By Alex Irman

There is a distinct shift in perspective that happens the moment your tires leave the interstate and enter a park. The ambient hum of traffic fades, replaced by the rustle of white pines or the deep roar of a waterfall. For decades, American vacations were defined by neon signs and crowded theme parks, but modern travelers are increasingly trading long lines for trailheads.

Whether you are looking to explore the surprisingly dramatic terrain of Ohio or planning a cross-country road trip to the crown jewels of the National Park System, public lands offer some of the most rejuvenating vacation experiences available.

Ohio's Outdoor Renaissance: Gorges, Canals, and Great Lakes

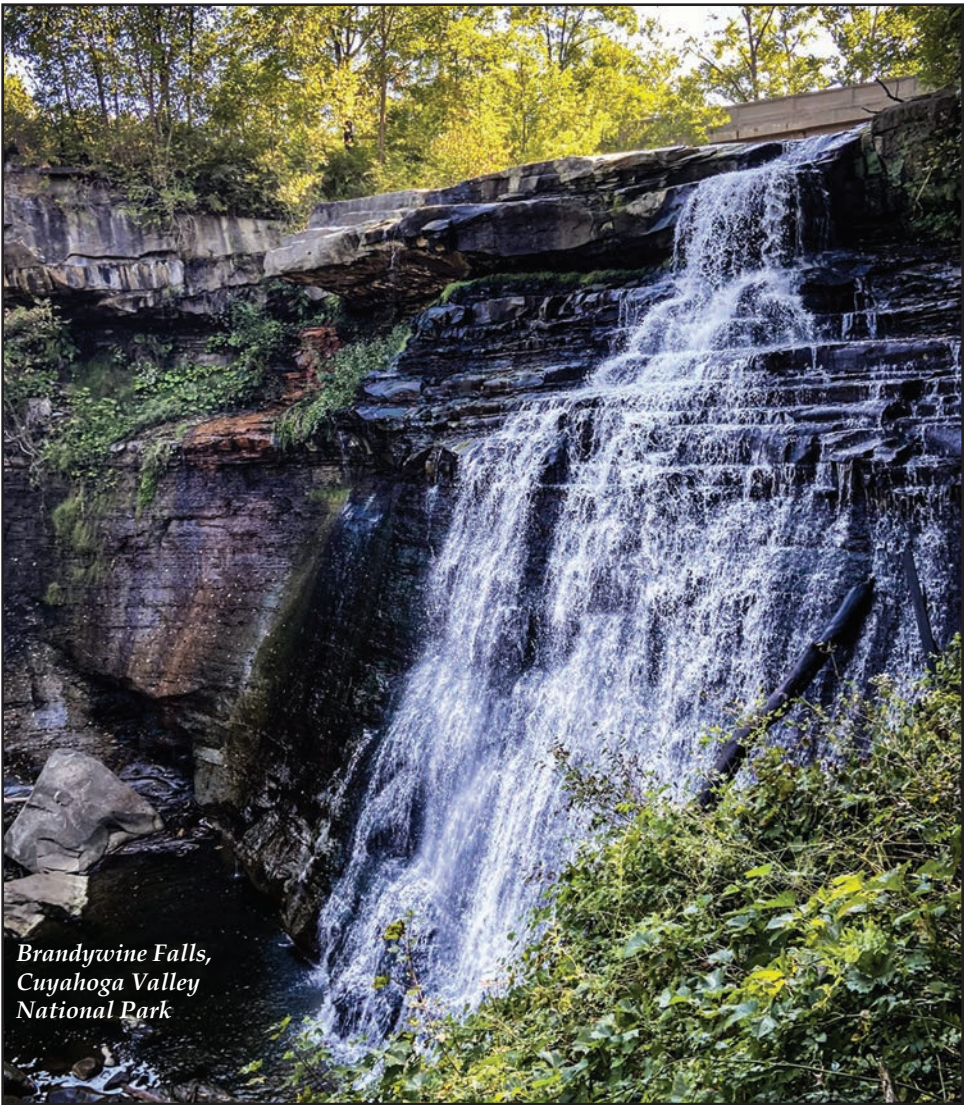
Many travelers mistakenly view the American Midwest as flat, homogenous farmland. Ohio thoroughly shatters this myth. The state's unique geological history—carved out by ancient glaciers and shifting river systems—has left behind a diverse canvas of deep gorges, massive sandstone caves, and vast lakefronts.

Hocking Hills State Park: The Crown Jewel

Located in southeastern Ohio, **Hocking Hills State Park** feels entirely detached from the rest of the region. Centuries of water erosion have carved intricate pathways through Black Hand Sandstone, creating towering cliffs, deep hemlock-shaded recess caves, and cascading waterfalls.

- **Must-See Trails:** Old Man's Cave and Ash Cave are the iconic stops. Ash Cave features a massive, horseshoe-shaped recess with a 90-foot waterfall plunging over the rim into a sandy pool below.

- **The Experience:** Visitors can stay in the recently built Hocking Hills State Park Lodge or rent secluded cabins



Brandywine Falls,
Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

nestled in the surrounding forests. The park is a haven for hikers, but it also offers world-class zip-lining, rock climbing, and stargazing at the nearby John Glenn Astronomy Park.

Cuyahoga Valley: An Accessible National Sanctuary

Ohio is home to **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**, a 33,000-acre refuge quietly tucked between the urban centers of Cleveland and Akron. Unlike Western parks defined by isolated wilderness, Cuyahoga Valley celebrates a harmonious blend of nature, history, and community.

- **The Towpath Trail:** Cyclists and walkers flock to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, which follows the historic route where mules once pulled canal boats in the 19th century.

- **Key Highlights:** Brandywine Falls, a stunning 60-foot tiered waterfall accessible via an easy boardwalk, and The Ledges, a field of massive, moss-covered rock formations that offer panoramic views of the valley. For a relaxed perspective, travelers can buy a ticket on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to ride vintage train cars through the heart of the park.

From Lake Erie to the Amish Country Beyond these two giants, Ohio's state park system boasts 75 unique properties, all of which feature free admission. Here are three favorites:

- **Mohican State Park.** It features Deep Clear Fork Gorge & Mohican River. Activity favorites include

canoeing, tubing, and staying at the historic resort lodge.

- **Maumee Bay State Park** is known for its Lake Erie shoreline and freshwater marshes. You will enjoy boardwalk birdwatching (world-class warbler migrations) and golf.

- **Salt Fork State Park.** This is Ohio's largest state park (17,229 acres) and has inland lake boating, striking fall foliage and miles of bridle trails.

Out-of-State Pilgrimages: The Parks Americans Travel For

While Ohio offers incredible weekend getaways, the itch for a week-long summer vacation often drives travelers across state lines. Several regional and iconic national parks serve as prime destinations for road-trippers and jet-setters alike.

1. The Regional Neighbor: New River Gorge, West Virginia

Just a few hours' drive south of Ohio lies New River Gorge National Park & Preserve. Redesignated as a full national park in recent years, this area features one of the oldest river systems on Earth. The gorge plunges over 1,000 feet down to a rushing river famed for world-class whitewater rafting. Hikers can traverse the Endless Wall Trail for jaw-dropping cliffside views, while engineers and photographers marvel at the massive steel-arch New River Gorge Bridge.

2. The Mountain Escape: Smoky Mountains & Shenandoah

For those chasing grand mountain vistas without a cross-country flight, two

Eastern parks are perennial favorites:

- **Great Smoky Mountains National Park (TN/NC):** America's most-visited national park offers misty blue ridges, historic log cabins in Cades Cove, and vibrant wildflower displays.

- **Shenandoah National Park (VA):** Centered around the famous 105-mile Skyline Drive, this park allows vacationers to experience panoramic Appalachian views right from their cars, with easy access to the Appalachian Trail for day hikes.

3. The Great Underworld: Mammoth Cave, Kentucky

For a completely different type of geography, heading south to Kentucky reveals Mammoth Cave National Park. Protecting the longest known cave system in the world, it offers an surreal underworld of stalactites, vast chambers, and rich human history dating back to indigenous miners thousands of years ago.

Maximizing Your Park Vacation:

Pro Tips for the Road Planning a park-centric vacation requires a slightly different approach than a standard city trip. To make the most of your time in the wild, keep these strategies in mind:

1. **Secure Reservations Early: 6 to 12 months out.** National park lodges, popular state park cabins, and campsites book up nearly a year in advance. If you are looking at a lodge room at Hocking Hills or a campsite in the Smokies, set a calendar reminder for the day booking windows open.

2. **Embrace the Shoulder Seasons: Spring and Autumn.** Summer brings the largest crowds and highest temperatures. Visiting parks in May or October often yields pleasant weather, blazing fall colors or spring wildflowers, and significantly less congestion on the trails.

3. **Arrive Early (or Late): Beat the midday rush.** The peak congestion at popular trailheads usually occurs between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. By launching your hikes at 7:30 AM, you'll secure parking, enjoy cooler temperatures, and often have major landmarks entirely to yourself.

4. **Download Offline Maps: Before leaving cellular range.** Many state and national parks have notoriously poor cell service. Use apps like AllTrails or Google Maps to download regional and trail maps directly to your device while you still have Wi-Fi at home or the hotel. Leave No Trace: No matter where your travels take you, protecting these landscapes ensures they remain intact for future generations. Always pack out what you pack in, respect wildlife from a safe distance, and stay on designated trails to prevent erosion.

Whether you are watching the sunset over Lake Erie at Maumee Bay, navigating a rocky ridge in the Appalachians, or watching a waterfall tumble over an Ohio sandstone cliff, spending your vacation time in public parks offers a timeless reminder of the natural world's quiet, restorative power.

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Monday, July 20 – 7 pm

Monday, August 3 – 7 pm

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Read the minutes from Cortland

City Council meetings at

www.cityofcortland.org under

City Council Minutes.

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Second Monday of each month

Monday, August 10 - 6 PM

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Monday, August 10 - 7 PM.

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

The mission of the Cortland News is to focus on the positive aspects and events of our community. Our goal is to inspire pride and bring the residents of our community closer to one another by providing accurate, timely and useful information. We hold ourselves to high standards of journalism and strive to be a source of trust for our readers.

Based on the policy of the Cortland News to print positive news about our community, we reserve the right to reject contributed material considered inappropriate. We reserve the right to edit information accepted for publication for accuracy, style, length, spelling, grammar, and clarity.

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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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.

JULY

- 14 American Red Cross Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12-5:30 pm
- 14-15 Back to School Bash / Calvary Bible Church / 4747 Warren Rd NE [Rt 5]
- 18 Cortland Trinity Baptist Church VBS Kick -Off / Pearl Park / 12-2pm
- 18 God Provides A Meal / Cortland United Methodist Church / 11:00 am
- 18 Rock4Reason Celebrates 10th Anniversary / during its Annual Rock 'n' Hop Fundraiser at Up a Creek
- 18 Karaoke Night / Family Friendly -ALL Welcome / The Maker's Market / 6 PM
- 20-24 Cortland Trinity Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, from 6pm - 8:30 p.m.
- 22 Presentation - History of The Opera House / The Opera House / 7 PM
- 23 Taste of Mediterranean Healthy Food Demonstration
Kristy Edgar (Cultivated Health) / The Maker's Market / 6 pm
- 24 Open Mic Night (Poetry, Readings, Music, Singing, Acting, Comedy)
The Makers Market
- 24-25 Annual Lakeshore/Westlake Community Garage Sale / 8 AM - 3 PM
- 25 No Garage - Garage Sale / Hosted by Bazetta Christian Church, 4131 Bazetta Rd, 9 AM to 5 PM
- 27 Brush Pick up in the City is this week
- 29 Comfy Chapter's Book Bedazzle Event / The Maker's Market / 6 pm

AUGUST

- 1 Cortland Masonic Lodge Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast
Benefits the Vienna Historical Society / 9-11:30 am
- 2 Bazetta Park Farm & Flea Market / 12 noon - 4pm
- 4 MS Support Group / Cortland Library Meeting Room / 6 - 7:30 pm.
Call Linda 330-282-7112 for more info.
- 11 Red Cross Blood Drive / Sponsored by the OSHP / 3424 US 422, Southington
6 AM - Noon

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Jo Marie's Dance & Gymnastics is holding their annual Fall registration for the 2026-2027 Dance season. Dates will be August 4, 6, 11, 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the studio, 80 Erie St in Cortland.

Little Sprouts Learning Adventures tells us that they are filling up fast for the 2026-2027 school year. They still have some openings so register your child now.

Did you know that Girt's Cortland Music 101 was a Gold Seal Music Education Service Provider? Only the most prestigious Music Education Studios qualify for this. Ask them about their outstanding Instrumental Rental Program.

The Bird's Nest, inside Cortland Mower, now has Monarch Butterfly habitats. Ask them about how to get started saving and raising Monarch butterflies. It is easier than you think. And very educational for your children.

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Before that heat wave I had MD Denna Heating & Cooling check out my Air Conditioning Unit. So I stayed nice and cool through it all. The weather man say mor hot weather is coming so give them a call.

Are you looking for new insurance? Give Ruddy Insurance a call. An independent agency they can shop around for the best coverage at the best price for you.

Charity Breakfast On Aug 1st For Vienna Historical Society

The next fund-raiser pancake breakfast at Cortland Masonic Lodge will be held on Saturday, August 1st, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The public is invited. This breakfast will benefit the Vienna Historical Society.

For the last 5 years, the charity breakfasts have been held once or twice each month by the Masonic Lodge, which provides all of the meal supplies, and cooks the menu, so that 100% of the breakfast income can be donated to a local charity.

The "AYCE", (all you can eat) breakfast costs \$10.00 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. The lodge is located at 3263 Everett-Hall Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland. Start your weekend by taking the whole family to breakfast, and support a worthwhile non-profit organization.



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On Friday, July 24th & Saturday, July 25th the Annual Lakeshore/Westlake Community Garage Sale will take place from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. It is located near Trumbull County Fairgrounds off Bazetta Road. Just follow the signs. There is something for everyone!




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New Name! Champion & Cortland Golden Dawn

By Michael Rice, Co-Owner

We are proud to announce our “New Name!” Champion and Cortland Sparkle have officially become Champion and Cortland Golden Dawn. This is a move to go back to our roots. Since 1886, the only thing that has been consistent in our 140 years in business is change.

We are looking at ways to better serve the communities we are located in. With rising costs across the economy, a change was needed. The Golden Dawn name gives us the opportunity to work with many suppliers and vendors to better serve our customers.



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The Cortland Collaborative Named Business Of The Year

By John Sheets

The Cortland Rotary Club recognized the 2025-26 Business of the Year awardee and the 2025-26 Rotarian of the Year at the recent end of the year membership meeting.

The Business of the Year is The Cortland Collaborative and Maker’s Market Cafe and Events located at 201 West Main Street. The Cortland Collaborative is dedicated to the growth of local businesses and the enrichment of the community. The Maker’s Market offers delicious cafe and eatery items.



Lance Grahn, Rotarian, Jamie Bledsoe and Matt Derrick, owners of the Cortland Collaborative and Maker’s Market Cafe.

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Velina Jo Taylor accepts the Cortland Rotary Club President's gavel from Past President Don Petrosky. She will start as the Cortland Rotary Club President on July 1st. Congratulations Jo!



Just The Facts

Approximately how long does it take a watermelon to grow?

- a. a. 120 days
- b. 90 days
- c. c. 60 days
- d. 30 days

Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Payment Processing - The transition to the new payment processing vendor PayStar is complete.

Options to pay your water/sewer bill

1. Online at <https://cortlandoh.authoritypay.com/> This is the same website; it has not changed. You can do a quick pay or sign in to your account.

2. Autopay-you may sign up for autopay by visiting <https://cortlandoh.authoritypay.com/> sign in to your account and enroll in autopay.

3. Pay by Phone 330-636-9499 automated service, follow the prompts

4. Pay by mail, drop off in the secure drop box, which is located by the entrance door, or visit the administration office to pay in person. Office hours are 8:00 am-4:30 pm, closed from noon to 1 for lunch.

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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 date is July 29th.

Keep Wipes Out of Pipes

We continue to see an increasing number of issues with our lift station pumps. They are unable to function when wipes, rags, string and other non-flushable items are flushed. Flushing wipes down the toilet can cause problems in the city's sewer system. Those "disposable" wipes may be labeled flushable, but they can clog the sewer system, contributing to costly cleanups and/or sewer backups for homeowners. Please do not flush wipes!

Dates to Remember

July 20th - City Council - 7pm

August 3rd - City Council - 7pm

Answer

b. 90 days. And bonus information - 92% of watermelons are water.

Enjoy Your Summer!



TCRWC Meeting

By Betzy Peacock

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club attended the Ohio Federation of Republican Women event at the Das Dutch Haus Restaurant in Columbiana, organized by President Stephanie Garrett.

Members reviewed the organization's mission and reaffirmed their commitment to working to empower women, strengthen our communities, support Republican candidates and promote conservative values.



Betzy Peacock, Stephanie Garrett, Judie Shortreed

Ohio Auditor Candidate Visits Area

By Cathy Phifer

Annette Blackwell, Democratic nominee for State Auditor, recently visited Trumbull County to meet concerned voters.

Ms. Blackwell is the current Mayor of Maple Heights as well as Director of Safety and has been widely praised for turning the city's fiscal health around. Moving to Ohio from Selma, Alabama at the age of 2, she became a leader in her community. Along with her public service, she has long-time private sector experience, including at Key Bank University Hospitals, and 16 years at Deloitte and Ryan where she focused largely on property tax issues.

Now Mayor Blackwell is running for Ohio Auditor to ensure local communities and government can provide safe and affordable places to live for Ohio's working families,



fight the corruption that's plaguing Ohio's government, and safeguard our tax dollars by holding bad actors accountable.

When Mayor Blackwell was first elected to lead Maple Heights, the city was in fiscal emergency and on the state's "fiscal watch" list. She turned her living room into a war room, poured over the financials and literally wrote the five-year plan that turned the city's finances around.

Because of her work, the City of Maple Heights has received the State of Ohio Auditor's most prestigious award, the Clean Audit Award every year from 2021-2023. Maple Heights proudly was recognized as being one of the State of Ohio's best partners.

Mayor Blackwell looks forward to taking her public and private sector experience, determination and fiscal discipline to the Ohio Auditor's office because she knows that with costs rising on so many everyday goods and services the last thing we need is our tax dollars being wasted. She will also continue to be a voice against the endless raid of local government funds by Statehouse politicians.

Mayor Blackwell lives in Maple Heights with her husband, and together they are the proud parents of three children.

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, August 5 at 6 PM.

All events benefit the improvements of Bazetta Township Imagination Station.

June-July-August, 2026 - Sundays and Wednesdays from 4-7 we are having "Music in the Park". Bring your own lawn chair. Food trucks will be there. Visit parks@bazettatwp.org or call Mary at 330-360-7867 to view the scheduled bands.

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- Bazetta Community Day/Car Show. Fun family event. Fun activities, food and craft vendors, Bob & Kat's 'Lil Kritters and much more. Spots are \$15 - spaces are 10 X 10. No electric provided.

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.



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Democratic Candidate For Ohio Attorney General Holds Town Hall In Warren

By Cathy Phifer

John J. Kulewicz, Democratic candidate for Ohio Attorney General, held a Town Hall on Thursday, July 9th at the United Steel Workers Local 1375 Union Hall, 684 N Park Ave. in Warren. Attorney Kulewicz grew up in Columbus where he learned the values of hard work and independent judgment from his parents and grandparents. He learned firsthand the importance of good jobs and union membership to the economy of Ohio. John has spent his law career challenging conventional wisdom and taking on uphill battles.

As a 44-year member of the Columbus-based law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, he successfully argued and won cases against the odds in the Supreme Court of the United States and courts throughout Ohio. He recently published a book, *An Ohioan's Odyssey: Lessons in Leadership, Law, and Public Service*.

In politics, Kulewicz has consistently defied expectations, most recently in his own two campaigns for Upper Arlington City Council, where he was the leading vote-getter both

times. In his re-election effort, he won more votes than any UA City Council candidate in a contested election since adoption of the city charter seven decades ago.

John earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal. He earned his B.A. in American history from The Ohio State University.

Outside of work, he is an accomplished long-distance swimmer and certified lifeguard. He has not only visited all 88 Ohio counties but he has swum in each one. He particularly enjoyed the Trumbull County pool in Hubbard, declaring it the best one.

He lives with his wife Maryline in Upper Arlington where he has served on the City Council since 2020. He and Maryline are the proud parents of Adam and Abigail.

Kulewicz recently filed an ethics complaint with the Ohio Inspector General to look into apparent conflicts of interest at JobsOhio. He believes public money demands accountability and transparency.



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Fire Chief Rea Retires

By Constance Amstutz

For nearly three decades, Chief David Rea has been a steady presence in the Cortland community; the voice on the radio in a crisis, the leader behind the scenes, and, more quietly, a teacher, husband, and father whose life has always been rooted in service.

This July, he will hang up his helmet for the last time. But retirement, for Chief Rea, is less an ending than it is a careful turning of the page.

Raised in McDonald, Chief Rea's path into the fire service didn't begin with rank or recognition. Like many in the profession, it started with a willingness to help. He volunteered at McKinley Heights, learning early what it meant to show up when others could not. That sense of duty would shape the course of his life.

In his early years, Chief Rea worked in private EMS in Warren, where long shifts and unpredictable days became routine. It was during that time, in paramedic training at Brown Memorial Hospital, that he met his wife, Paula. Their commitment to each other has endured decades of long hours, late-night calls, and the quiet sacrifices that come with public service.

Though Paula once tried to convince him to trade sirens for farm life in Ashtabula, Trumbull County ultimately remained home. By the mid-1990's, Chief Rea had joined the Cortland Fire Department full-time, building a career that would span nearly 30 years including the last 14 years as chief.

Those who have worked alongside him may describe a leader who understood that the job was never just about fighting fires. It was about people. The residents who rely on the department often as their first line of emergency response, and the firefighters and paramedics who depend on steady leadership in high-stakes moments.

Chief Rea acknowledges the great mentors that have guided him throughout his career. "I've had several great leaders over the years - past Chief's I've worked for, throughout my full-time, part-time, and volunteer work. I'm fortunate!"

During his tenure, Chief Rea guided the department through an evolving emergency landscape. Calls became more complex, demands increased, and resources stretched thinner. He saw firsthand how rising costs with equipment like fire trucks doubling in price over just a few years placed growing pressure on local



departments. Yet through it all, his focus remained consistent: making sure his team had what they needed and that the community was protected.

Even now, as he prepares to step away, that concern hasn't faded. He hopes the department continues to adapt, securing the tools, staffing, and support necessary to meet the changing demands of fire and EMS services.

"With the new station under way, I would have loved to have been here for the opening," says Chief Rae. These accommodations are much needed.

His retirement date of July 23 is set with precision, tied to the strict requirements of Ohio's Police and Fire Pension Fund DROP program. Still, ask Chief Rea what he is looking forward to most, and the answer isn't about benefits or schedules. It's about family.

In August, his son James will be married. This is a milestone Chief Rea speaks about with unmistakable pride. After years of working holidays, nights, and long shifts, retirement will allow him to be present for the moments that matter most.

That doesn't mean he is stepping away from service entirely. Over the past year, Chief Rea has taken on a new role teaching in the paramedic program at Trumbull Career and Technical Center. The schedule can be demanding with long days that stretch into evenings and weekends, but it offers something different - the chance to shape the next generation.

In the classroom, he passes along more than technical skills. He teaches judgment, resilience, and the responsibility that comes with being the person others turn to in their worst moments. It is, in many ways, a continuation of the same work he has always done with a different kind of impact.

He expects to continue teaching for several more years, easing into retirement rather than stopping abruptly. It is a transition that reflects who he is as a practical, thoughtful, and deeply committed individual.

For Cortland, Chief Rea's retirement marks the end of an era. For those who know him, it is also a reminder that behind every title and duty is a person who quietly carries the weight of responsibility for years. And now it is time. Time to step back, to support, celebrate, and be present with his family, and to continue training others.

It goes without saying, we are so grateful for the years of service and leadership Chief Rea has provided our community. Thank you for your service, Chief. You deserve every ounce of recognition.

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Running To NYC And Beyond For Diabetes Lakeview Grad To Run NYC Marathon With “Beyond Type 1”

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a series of articles chronicling the journey of 2017 Lakeview grad Brooke Taylor Hays. She is running to raise money for Type 1 Diabetes and is sharing her story. The marathon is November 1, 2026. Follow along and help support our fellow Bulldog.

By Brooke Taylor Hays

My name is Brooke Hays, but you might remember me as Brooke Taylor. I’ll one-up that, my name is Brooke Hays, formerly Brooke Taylor, Lakeview High School Class of 2017 graduate, and Scott Taylor’s daughter. Yes, that Scott Taylor.

Growing up in the Lakeview community, I spent countless hours attending school events, cheering on the Bulldogs, and watching my dad serve as an elementary principal for 18 years. Lakeview has always felt like home, and it helped shape the person I am today. What many people may not know is that I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at 12 years old.



On June 27, 2011, my life changed forever. What started as a normal summer quickly turned into a three-day hospital stay, insulin injections, blood sugar checks, carb counting, and learning how to manage a disease that would never take a day off. Unlike Type 2 diabetes, Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the body’s immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. It has no cure, and managing it requires constant attention every single day.

For years, I viewed my diagnosis as something I simply had to live with. Something I was ashamed of. But over

time, Type 1 diabetes became something that challenged me to grow stronger, more resilient, and more determined than I ever thought possible.

Today, nearly 15 years after my diagnosis, I’m taking on one of the biggest challenges of my life: running the 2026 New York City Marathon as a member of the Beyond Type 1 charity team.

The New York City Marathon is one of the most iconic races in the world, covering 26.2 miles through all five boroughs of New York City. For most runners, the challenge is completing the distance. For runners living with Type 1 diabetes, there is an added layer of preparation and decision-making. Every training run and every race requires careful management of blood sugar levels, insulin, nutrition, hydration, and technology.

I am proud to be running with Beyond Type 1, an organization dedicated to educating, advocating for, and supporting people living with diabetes while working toward a future free from the burden of this disease. Through this marathon journey, I am raising both awareness and funds to help improve the lives of those affected by Type 1 diabetes.

This marathon is about much more than crossing a finish line. It is about showing newly diagnosed children and adults and their caretakers, families, and loved ones that life does not stop after a diagnosis. It is about proving that people with Type 1 diabetes can pursue big goals, overcome challenges, and accomplish things that may once have seemed impossible.

As I train for race day, I carry with me the support of my family, friends, and the community that helped raise me. No matter where life takes me, Lakeview will always be a part of my story.

If my journey can inspire even one person living with Type 1 diabetes to believe in themselves, every mile will be worth it.

I hope you follow along with me on my journey as I take on the 2026 NYC Marathon. <https://beyondtyperun.funraise.org/fundraiser/brooke-taylor>

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What Brings You Joy?

I don't mean just the things that make you happy. Happiness is wonderful, but happiness is a momentary emotion. We feel happy when something good happens. We feel happy when something makes us laugh. We feel happy in many different moments and for many different reasons, and it is a good thing, but happiness is only a feeling. It visits us for a moment, and then it is replaced by whatever we are inspired to feel next.

Happiness is a feeling; joy is a state of mind. Joy can coexist with any feeling, including happiness or sadness.

Joy is reconnecting with friends and family after spending time apart. Joy comes from sharing and hearing stories of how life happened since you saw them last.

Joy is working at a hobby or project that has a purpose, even if that purpose is to escape mentally from another part of your reality. Joy comes from staying the course even when the work is frustrating.

Joy is discovering something that makes you curious or fills you with wonder, and then figuring out how to add further exploration of that thing

into your already full life.

Joy is being connected to groups, involved in activities, and open to new possibilities that share the common quality of experiencing life more deeply or transforming the world for the better. Joy is what makes you come alive inside and want to keep going, even when times are hard.

What brings you joy? If you don't know, how will you begin your quest to discern it? If you do know, how have you built it into your life? And if you know what brings you joy and have figured out how to live your life around it, how are you helping others to discover and experience their own joy?

God did not make us merely to exist, follow instructions, and work hard. We were also made to create, discover, and connect. We were made to have joy in our lives, and to bring joy to others. And the work of finding and sustaining joy is often hard, but always worth the effort.

So may you have, find, make, discover, and share joy in your life, and hopefully also in someone else's life, wherever you happen to be in the coming weeks.

Genuine Joy

Our culture is greatly affected by social media influencers. Through their 30 second to two-minute videos, they portray a type of perfection or bliss that we all know they don't truly have be we all want. By promoting either a near-perfect existence or rage-baiting people, social media influencers can suck the joy out of your life. Life, marriage, school, and worship are hard enough on their own; when we see unrealistic experiences being flaunted in front of us by non-Hollywood actors who script everything and make it seem natural, we can become discontent with our life. Why is it that we tend to look at other people and want to be like them? It is rooted in how God made us. When God made Adam and Eve, He made them perfect, He made them to have fellowship with Him, He made them to follow His example. When they sinned, the image of God became corrupted to the point that we are no longer looking to follow after God but others like us. In the Bible, God tells us in Hebrews 12:2 to look to Jesus and run as He ran, keeping our eyes on Him as He is seated at the right hand of God. Jesus ran for the joy that was set before Him. That joy was the glory of God and the

good of mankind.

Genuine joy doesn't come watching videos about the life of others who we idolize. It comes following Jesus and living for the glory of God. We were made for the purpose of following God, not other people, whether they are on your phone or your cul-de-sac.

It's summer. Get away from the distractions of social media that leaves you discontent with the good gifts God has given you. Take your spouse or family and go on a walk or a bike ride and enjoy being together. Go to the water park and experience the gifts of your local community. Go to church this week and seek the face of God. Seek genuine joy and no longer be satisfied with the counterfeit that is sold for likes, shares, and subscribers.

Let me plug the Back to School Bash on August 14-15 at Calvary Bible Church. We will have free food, carnival games, and present how to know God personally. This is a great way to get to know one of your local churches and for us to get to know you, as well as have some fun and get some school supplies you may need for the coming school year. I hope to see you there.

Church News & Notes

Calvary Bible Church
Back to School Bash on August 14-15 at 4747 Warren Rd NE [Rt 5]. We will have free food, carnival games, and present how to know God personally. This is a great way to get to know one of your local churches and for us to get to know you, as well as having some fun and get some school supplies you may need for the coming school year.

Journey Christian Church
Every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm join us for Bible Study, a great way to grow spiritually and in friendship. We are collecting used shoes for Soles

for Souls. There is a collection barrel outside the church.

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, July 18 at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Sloppy Joe, macaroni salad, fruit cup, dessert & beverage. Donations accepted but are not required. We are hosting an American Red Cross Blood drive on July 24 from 2:00 - 5:30 pm. Please donate.

Bazetta Christian Church
No Garage - Garage Sale, Saturday, July 25 from 9 AM to 5 PM in the Church parking lot. Spaces are \$10.00 each. Participants keep all proceeds from their sale. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the church at 330-637-6312 or Tom Maloy at 330-891-9400.

We are a collection point for new toys for The Warren Family Mission Christmas in July Toy Drive. Every year, the Mission's Christmas Toy Distribution helps over 1,000 local children experience the joy of Christmas. By collecting toys now, Warren Family Mission can get a head start on their toy

collection. New toys can be dropped off at the church during normal business hours.

Cortland Church of the Nazarene
Our Fellowship breakfasts are held on the first Friday of the month, 8 AM. All are welcome.

Cortland Trinity Baptist Church
VBS kicks off their Vacation Bible School 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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Cleveland Play House Announces 2026-27 Season

Cleveland Play House (CPH) is thrilled to announce its 2026-27 season, featuring four dynamic offerings that celebrate resilience and human connection. The lineup includes a sparkling romantic comedy by Noël Coward, two celebrated American musicals, a new play spearheaded by the CPH Education Department as part of its “Stories That Matter” initiative, and two dynamic productions from the Case Western Reserve/Cleveland Play House MFA Acting Program that will be announced soon.

“This season is built around stories of humor, courage, and connection—qualities that feel deeply reflective of Cleveland itself,” said CPH Managing Director Rachel L. Fink. “From the sophistication of *Private Lives* and the edge-of-your-seat suspense of *The Da Vinci Code*, to the optimism of *Annie* and the deeply human and hopeful spirit of *Working*, these productions offer a wide range of theatrical experiences while remaining grounded in the things that connect us here in Northeast Ohio.

“For more than a century, Cleveland Play House has brought audiences together through the power of live storytelling. As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating work that entertains, sparks conversation, and reflects the spirit of this community, while continuing to invest in the people and relationships that will shape the future of theatre in Cleveland.”

Private Lives By Noël Coward
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22, 2026
Outcalt Theatre, Playhouse Square

When mismatched exes find themselves honeymooning with their new spouses—on adjacent balconies, no less—sparks fly, tempers flare, and passions come roaring back to life.

In this sparkling romantic comedy, love is as intoxicating as a well-mixed cocktail...and twice as dangerous. What begins as polite society quickly dissolves into a deliciously sophisticated game of love, ego, and irresistible attraction.

Noël Coward’s masterpiece *Private Lives* is a laugh-out-loud duel of hearts and wits that proves of these star-crossed lovers: you can’t live with them, and you can’t live without them.

Annie Book by Thomas Meehan,
Music by Charles Strouse. Lyrics by Martin Charnin.

Nov. 28 - Dec. 27, 2026
Allen Theatre, Playhouse Square

Bursting with spirit and unstoppable charm, *Annie* shines with the kind of hope that refuses to be dimmed, as an irrepressible young girl with a big voice and an even bigger heart proves that courage comes in small packages.

In this high-energy, rags-to-riches adventure celebrating the 50th anniversary of one of America’s most

beloved musicals, iconic anthems like “Tomorrow,” “Easy Street,” and “It’s the Hard-Knock Life,” accompany our young heroine as she takes on a world that underestimates her and transforms everyone she meets—from a lovable stray dog named Sandy, to the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, and even the President of the United States!

Because sometimes, all it takes is one plucky dreamer—bright, bold, and unshakable—to remind us all that the sun will come out tomorrow!

The Da Vinci Code A co-production with Indiana Repertory Theatre
Adapted by Rachel Wagstaff and Duncan Abel. Based on the novel by Dan Brown.
January 30 - February 21, 2027
Allen Theatre, Playhouse Square

Dan Brown’s best-selling thriller comes to heart-pounding life onstage! When a shocking murder inside the Louvre Museum sets off a trail of cryptic clues, an unlikely duo must race across Europe to unravel a mystery that has been guarded for centuries.

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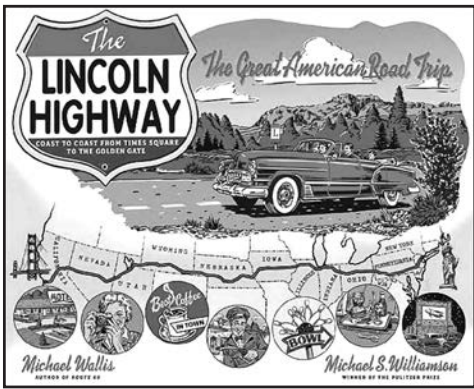
Working: a Musical
Book by Studs Terkel. Songs by Craig Carnelia, Micki Grant, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mary Rodgers, Susan Birkenhead, Stephen Schwartz, and James Taylor.

April 3 - May 2, 2027
Outcalt Theatre, Playhouse Square

This is Cleveland—heard, felt, and sung. In this intimate staging of *Working: a Musical*, the stories of everyday people take center stage. From the factory floor to the office desk; the classroom to the construction site, the heartbeat of a city comes alive through the voices of those who keep it moving. Inspired by the spirit of Northeast Ohio, this production infuses Studs Terkel’s iconic portrait of the American workforce with a distinctly Cleveland feel—rich with soul, grit, humor, and pride. Set to a vibrant score of folk, rock, and popular music, each story unfolds just feet away, inviting you to celebrate every job well done.

This high-octane, rock-infused musical showcases the pride of Americana—with calloused hands and a full heart; the rhythm of a city built on hard work, and the people who show up every day to make it matter.

Subscribers to the full four-play season will also get the first opportunity to access tickets to an exciting new family theatre production in the Spring from the CPH Education Department as part of its “Stories That Matter” initiative to be announced soon. To subscribe to the 2026-2027 season, visit clevelandplayhouse.com.



Trumbull County Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

Fall day trips are planned for September 15, 2026. In celebrating the United States 250th Birthday; members will climb aboard a deluxe motor coach and explore the historic Lincoln Highway. This is the first coast-to-coast highway built and this Thursday day outing will let all who travel this day to learn history and see parts of the country built by man.

Saturday, November 14, opens the “Holiday Season” with a brown bag bus tour to Amish Country where one can do more than stock your pantry. This day is a refreshing alternative where one does not have to fight the crowds at the store as well as find close spaces to park.

December 2-5 the club has booked three shows in Lancaster to celebrate the Christmas spirit. Joshua will be seen with 2 other performances on this mini excursion

Please call Peggy for details and information on the club at 330-609-3971. there are no fees to belong to the Travel Club.

Women’s Equality Day

By Peggy Boyd

The committee for Women’s Equality Day recently met to formulate the program for the free event to be held at Noon on August 26. The Theme for 2026 will be on the life of Carey Green Mountain, the first black woman to own property in Warren and commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.. Guest speaker to tell her story will be Helen Rucker, Warren City Councilwoman At-Large. She will chronicle Carey Green Mountain’s journey from slave to freedom and then to property owner in 1892.

This program was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County, Harriet Taylor Upton Association, Warren Civic League, GFWC Warren Junior Women’s League, GFWC Warren City Federation of Women’s Clubs and Women’s History Committee.

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Lakeview Hall Of Fame Spotlight

By Michael DeToro

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

Harry Hawcroft - Contributor

The Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces Harry Hawcroft as a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to the development of soccer in the Lakeview community. Through vision, determination, and countless hours of volunteer service, Hawcroft laid the foundation for a program that has impacted generations of Lakeview student-athletes.

As fate would have it, Harry, a native of the UK, chose Trumbull County to raise his family in the 1960's. In 1979, while serving as a member of the Bazetta/Cortland Optimist Club, Hawcroft presented an ambitious idea. He wanted to establish an organized youth soccer program for the children of Cortland and Bazetta. At a time when soccer was still gaining popularity in Northeast Ohio, he developed a comprehensive plan outlining everything necessary to

launch the program, including uniforms, equipment, insurance, officials, coaching education, field development, and long-term funding. Impressed by his preparation and commitment, the Optimist Club approved the proposal.

The following summer, the Lakeview Optimist Soccer Association (LOSA) became a reality. Open to children aged five through middle school, the league quickly grew thanks to Hawcroft's leadership. He recruited volunteer coaches, organized field maintenance and concession operations behind the high school and insisted that every coach complete formal coaching education. Through his partnership with the University of Akron soccer program, local coaches received both classroom instruction and on-field training, establishing quality instruction from the very beginning.

As participation continued to grow throughout the 1980's, additional fields were developed at the middle school, and

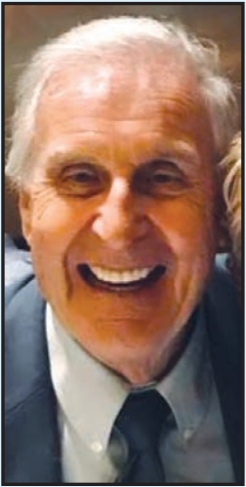
families began asking for opportunities beyond the youth level. Once again, Hawcroft answered the call. He presented a proposal to Superintendent Raidel and the Lakeview Board of Education advocating for boys' and girls' soccer as a variety sport.

His vision became reality in 1986 when Lakeview officially introduced high school soccer. The youth program that he built even provided the funding to purchase the uniforms for the inaugural varsity teams.

Hawcroft, alongside Tom Williams, served as one of Lakeview's first high school soccer coaches, helping establish a program that would quickly become competitive. In 1990, just five years after the sport was introduced, the Bulldogs captured the Trumbull AA League Championship. Never content to stop there, Hawcroft also organized winter travel opportunities through a YMCA club in Cleveland, allowing Lakeview players to compete

year-round against top competition and further develop their skills. Many of those athletes went on to earn opportunities to continue their soccer careers at the collegiate level.

After retiring from the program in 1994, Hawcroft left behind far more than wins and championships. He left a thriving youth organization, a successful high school program, and a lasting soccer tradition that continues to benefit Lakeview student-athletes today. What began as one Brit's dream became a legacy that transformed athletics in the community





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Megan Taylor ~ Class Of 2004

The Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces Megan Taylor, Class of 2004, as a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. One of the most dominant and versatile volleyball players ever to wear the blue and white, Taylor helped elevate Lakeview volleyball to new heights before authoring one of the finest collegiate careers in Hiram College history.

A four-year varsity letterwinner from 2000 through 2003 under head coach Scott Taylor, her father, Megan possessed a rare combination of size, athleticism, court awareness, and leadership. Equally effective as an outside hitter and setter, she could control every aspect of a match, whether delivering a match-changing kill or quarterbacking the offense with precision.

Her senior season stands among the greatest in Lakeview volleyball history. Serving as team captain, Taylor led the Bulldogs to the school's first outright Trumbull Athletic Conference (TAC-8) Championship while earning Division II First Team All-Ohio honors.

Taylor continued her career at Hiram College, where she quickly became the centerpiece of the most successful era the Terriers volleyball

program had ever experienced. As a freshman, she earned North Coast Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year honors while helping Hiram qualify for the NCAA Division III Tournament. Over the next three seasons, the Terriers captured an NCAC regular-season championship, an NCAC Tournament championship, and advanced to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Individually, Taylor established herself as one of the premier setters in Division III volleyball. She led the nation in assists per set during the 2005 season, earned AVCA Honorable Mention All-American recognition, was a three-time First Team All-NCAC selection, and received three All-Great Lakes Region honors.

She finished her collegiate career with 4,852 assists, still the most in Hiram

history, while also becoming one of only two players in program history to surpass both 1,000 career assists and 1,000 career digs. She was later named to the NCAC All-Decade Team and inducted into Hiram College's William H. Hollinger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2020.

Taylor's accomplishments extended beyond the court. She was named the recipient of Hiram's prestigious Helen M. Petroskey Award as the college's outstanding senior female student-athlete, earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, and served as a student ambassador, orientation leader, and member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Following graduation, she earned a master's degree from Miami University and has dedicated her professional career to higher education and student

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By Frank Strama

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Finance 101: The Lessons Every College Bound Kid Should Learn Now

Sending a child to college marks an important milestone for families, bringing both new opportunities and natural questions. It's often the first time students manage money independently while balancing classes, new responsibilities and newfound freedom. This transition also creates a valuable opportunity for parents to guide and teach their children how to build strong financial habits.

While it's easy to focus on major expenses like tuition and housing, the everyday financial behaviors students develop during this time can shape their future long after graduation. College presents an ideal environment to introduce foundational financial skills in a real-world setting where the stakes are manageable, but the lessons are meaningful. The following areas highlight key lessons parents can help reinforce as their child begins this new chapter.

Understanding cash flow matters more than ever. For many students, college marks the first time money is not simply "there" when they need it. Whether funds come from a checking account, part-time work, or family support, learning how to track income and expenses is essential. Teaching students to understand the difference between fixed costs, like rent or meal plans, and flexible spending, like entertainment or dining out, can help them avoid running short before the semester ends. A simple budget can be a helpful tool that builds awareness and confidence.

Credit is powerful. Credit cards are often heavily marketed to young adults, but few understand how credit really works. College-bound students should recognize that credit is not additional income; interest can accumulate quickly, and payment history plays a critical role. Developing habits like paying balances on time, keeping utilization measured, and

regularly reviewing statements can help build strong credit rather than costly missteps. These early behaviors often shape long-term financial health.

Saving is not just for later. It supports flexibility. Students may assume saving can wait until after graduation, but even modest savings during college can serve an important purpose. Emergency expenses, unexpected travel home, or gaps between part-time income can derail finances quickly without a cushion. Understanding the value of saving, even in small amounts, helps students experience firsthand how preparation creates options and reduces stress.

Financial decisions reflect values. College is often when young adults begin defining what matters most to them. Encouraging students to think about how they spend money, and why, can help align spending with personal priorities. Whether it means minimizing debt, prioritizing experiences, or saving for future goals, learning to make intentional choices fosters independence and accountability.

The goal is not perfection, but to equip students with practical tools and a healthy relationship with money as they enter adulthood. For parents, this means maintaining open conversations, setting realistic expectations, and providing ongoing guidance that can help build confidence in financial decision-making. For families navigating this transition, a financial advisor can provide clarity, outline long-term implications, and help balance education goals with future financial independence.

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In addition, if you continue in a plan with your employer that is considered credible coverage but has less than 20 employee members, Original Medicare becomes the primary payer of claims, and the group insurance becomes secondary. If you do not enroll in Medicare, you may be responsible for paying medical costs yourself as the employer plan will process and pay claims as if you are enrolled in Original Medicare.

If you or your spouse continues to work past age 65 and are covered by an employer group insurance plan with 20 or more employees that is considered credible coverage, the group insurance remains the primary payer and it is not necessary to sign up for Medicare until you lose that coverage. However, most beneficiaries will qualify for premium free Part A, hospital coverage.

Signing up for Part A does not

cost anything and starts the Medicare process. When you leave employer coverage, whether through loss of employment, retirement, or other circumstances, you would then sign up for Part B coverage and provide proof of the credible coverage through the employer to avoid premium penalties. Be aware, if you contribute to a Health Savings Account on a high-deductible plan, you will want to stop contributing to the HSA plan at least 6 months before applying for either Part A or Part B of Medicare to avoid possible income tax consequences.

In any case, it is a good idea to look at all your options when turning 65 or becoming Medicare eligible. It may be helpful to talk to a licensed insurance agent familiar specifically with Medicare Insurance options and the different rules and regulations. It is also a good idea to consider employer insurance costs compared to Medicare costs.

Original Medicare when added to a Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage plan may or may not have lower overall costs when you consider premiums, deductibles, copays, and maximum out of pockets costs compared to individual and group insurance plans.

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.

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History Of The Historic Opera House Presentation

By Curt Moll

This year the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society is celebrating 50 years of service for the community. Its founding came during the national bicentennial period, a time when the importance of preserving local history came to the forefront. The historical



society was organized to preserve the physical records of the past and help people understand why the records mattered.

On Wednesday July 22 at 7pm Join us at the Cortland Opera House for a presentation on the history of our Historic Opera House and refreshments in recognition of fifty years of volunteer effort, community generosity, and civic memory.



INSURANCE ANSWERS

By Jaimie Pavkovich, Associate Agent ~ Ruddy Insurance Group



Motorcycle Insurance Matters

There are two types of riders. People that have motorcycle insurance and people who are realizing they should've had motorcycle insurance. Owning a motorcycle is a great feeling. The open road, wind in your face and bugs in your teeth. Pure freedom. While motorcycles are fun ... accidents, theft, weather and distracted drivers are very real. Motorcycles don't come with airbags and road rash doesn't complement that outfit. Motorcycle insurance will help protect your bike and your wallet.

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Rock4Reason to Celebrate 10 Years of Helping Local Families

By Bill Burgess

Ten years ago, a group of friends united by a desire to help families facing cancer turned compassion into action. Today, that effort has grown into Rock4Reason, a nonprofit organization that has raised thousands of dollars to provide financial and therapeutic support through the power of music. On Saturday, July 18, Rock4Reason will celebrate its 10th anniversary during its annual Rock ‘n’ Hop fundraiser at Up a Creek, bringing together local musicians, supporters and the community to honor a decade of giving back.

The event will feature live performances by Amanda Beagle Studios, Matt Skeen, Brian Angelo and the Huckin Fillbillies, along with basket raffles and 50/50 drawings. Proceeds will benefit Rock4Reason’s mission of assisting families impacted by cancer and supporting community agencies that care for cancer and terminally ill patients.

Since its founding in 2016, Rock4Reason has raised more than \$175,000 and helped approximately 550 families throughout the region. In 2025 alone, the organization raised \$22,000 and provided assistance to 70 families. As it marks its 10-year milestone, Rock4Reason hopes to surpass \$200,000 in total funds raised.

“We couldn’t have done this without the incredible support of our community,” said Rock4Reason co-founder Frank Lindsay. “Every person who has attended an event, donated, volunteered or shared our mission has helped make a difference in the lives of families facing some of their toughest moments. We are grateful for everyone who has been part of our journey.”

Lindsay, manager of information technology at Kent State University at Trumbull, founded Rock4Reason with his wife, Heather, and friends Jennifer and Matt Durno after witnessing firsthand the compassionate care hospice organizations provided during his father’s battle with cancer. Inspired to help others facing similar

challenges, the group launched a series of fundraising events that evolved into a nonprofit organization in 2016.

Today, Rock4Reason continues its mission of making difficult times a little more manageable by providing financial assistance and therapeutic support to families throughout the Mahoning Valley.

Community members are invited to attend the July 18 celebration, enjoy an evening of live local music and help Rock4Reason continue its mission for years to come.

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Lakeview Local Schools today announced its 2026-2027 program year policy for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The State of Ohio Budget for school year 2026-2027 includes funding to cover the cost of reduced meals for breakfast and lunch. This provision allows schools to provide no cost meals to reduced price meal eligible students.

Application forms are distributed to all homes in a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should complete an application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required. Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households that do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult

signing the application or state “none” if the adult does not have a Social Security Number, the amount and source of income received by each household member (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and

Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits. 2026-2027 Public Release

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible and if the household size increases or income decreases because of unemployment or other reasons, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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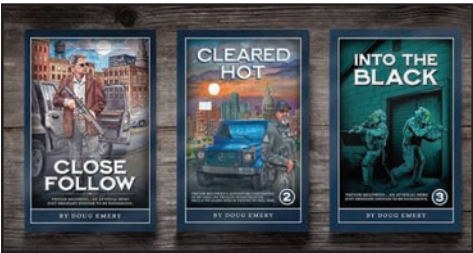
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Local Author Doug Emery Celebrates Launch Of Third Novel In Trevor McCowen Series

Local author Doug Emery celebrated the release of his third novel, *Into the Black*, during a sold-out book launch and signing event held May 9, at Café 422 in Warren, Ohio.

Readers, supporters, friends, and local community members gathered throughout the evening to meet the author and purchase signed copies of the latest installment in the Trevor McCowen action-thriller series. The Trevor McCowen series follows tactical operators, private security professionals, and military veterans navigating high-risk missions, leadership challenges, and morally gray situations in fast-paced, action-driven storylines. *Into the Black* marks the third release in the series since Emery published his debut novel, *Close Follow*, in 2021.



Emery began writing during the COVID-19 pandemic and says he is still surprised by the response the books continue to receive. "I started writing during COVID never imagining this many people would actually read the books," Emery said. "Publishing three books in five years has been incredible, and I'm still shocked every time someone buys one. Seeing a room full of people come out to support the series was something I'll never forget."

In addition to writing, Emery works as a financial advisor and is



involved in training opportunities for local law enforcement. Proceeds from book sales help fund scholarships that assist local officers with the cost of training programs designed to better prepare them for situations they may encounter in their day-to-day work.

A lifelong Trumbull County resident, Emery lives on a farm in Hartford with his wife while continuing to write and expand the Trevor McCowen series.

The Trevor McCowen series currently includes:

- *Close Follow*
- *Cleared Hot*
- *Into the Black*

Doug Emery's books are available on Amazon and through his website at www.dougemeryauthor.com. Additional updates and content can be found on social media at @dougemeryauthor.

Logan's Landing Project First Event In Bazetta Park

By Carrie Biery

Families from across the community gathered Monday morning, June 29 for Logan's Landing Project's first-ever Event in Bazetta Park, with more than 50 attendees enjoying a morning filled with activities, entertainment, and community connections.

The Storytime event featured a variety of local organizations and businesses that helped make the morning a success, including the



Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, the Bazetta Fire Department, Just Because Balloons, Bite Sized Bliss, and What's the Scoop on Main, which generously donated ice cream for attendees.

Children enjoyed story time, interactive activities, delicious treats, and the opportunity to meet local first responders while families connected with one another in a welcoming outdoor setting.

"This is exactly what we hoped to create — a place where families can come together, make memories, and enjoy free community events," organizers said. "Seeing so many smiling faces at our very first event was incredibly rewarding."

The next event occurred on Sunday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m., featuring Music & Movement with Amanda Beagle Vocal Studio, offering another fun-filled morning for children and families. The Event in the Park series will continue throughout the summer.

For updates on future events, community initiatives, and family-friendly programming, follow Logan's Landing Project on Facebook.



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The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is inviting passionate outdoor enthusiasts to apply for its next Natural Resources Officer recruit class.



Whether you're an experienced law enforcement professional or someone eager to begin a meaningful career in public service, this is your opportunity to help protect Ohio's natural spaces. Applications must be submitted by August 9.

"Natural Resources Officers are essential to ensuring visitors can safely enjoy Ohio's remarkable state parks, forests, preserves, and waterways," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "Joining this team means choosing a career with purpose—one focused on service, stewardship, and making a real difference every day."

Natural Resources Officers serve on the front lines of law enforcement, education, and public safety across Ohio's outdoor spaces. Officers patrol scenic trails, assist visitors, protect

wildlife and natural resources, and promote safe recreation on land and water.

Candidates who move forward in the hiring process will complete a specialized ODNR training program tailored to natural resources enforcement. Recruits will then attend the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Academy. Applicants who are already certified peace officers in Ohio will bypass the academy and transition directly into field training.

ODNR is seeking motivated individuals who enjoy active, outdoor work and want a career that blends conservation, community service, and law enforcement. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be U.S. citizens, at least 21 years old, with a valid driver's license.
- Hold an associate degree or have 18 months of relevant experience/training in natural resources, natural science, criminal justice/law enforcement, or military police/investigative services.
- Pass a background check, medical and psychological exams, a drug screening, and meet physical fitness and swim standards.

This is a unique chance to begin a career that combines adventure, service, and a commitment to Ohio's natural resources. Don't settle for an ordinary job—start an extraordinary one.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bristol Public Library ~ July News

By D'Lynn Johnson, Manager

The Bristol Public Library is hosting Jennifer Jones, director, of Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management on Monday, July 27 at 5:00 pm. Ms. Jones will be presenting Recycling 101, the basics needed to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Contact the circulation desk for more information and to register. The library now offers vinyl records. Vinyl's may be borrowed for one week and are limited to two per patron. Stop today to see our collection.

Join our Bristol Bookworms book discussion group! The group meets the

first Monday, of select months, at 1:00 pm. Meeting months are February, March, April, September, October and November. A variety of books, including fiction and nonfiction, are read. Due to Labor Day the next meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at 1:00 pm. The Girl from Greenwich Street by Lauren Willig will be discussed. Contact the circulation desk at 330-889-3651 for more information and to register, which is required.

The Bristol Public Library is located at 1855 Greenville Road in Bristolville.



Applications Open For Autism Society Teacher Mini-Grants

By Aundrea Cika Heschmeyer

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is now accepting applications for its annual Teacher Mini-Grants Program, which provides funding to educators serving autistic students and other learners with special needs throughout Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties.

The program helps teachers bring innovative ideas to life by supporting classroom resources, sensory tools, communication supports life-skills programming, and other initiatives that promote student success and inclusion.

Made possible by the generous support of Associated School Employees Credit Union, the Teacher Mini-Grants Program invests directly in local classrooms and educators who help students with autism and other special needs thrive.

This year, ASMV will award three grants of \$750, \$500, and \$250 to educators working in public and private schools throughout Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties. Applications are being accepted through August 1, 2026, and program guidelines and application materials are available at AutismMV.org.

Applications will be reviewed by the ASMV Education Committee, and grant recipients will be recognized and presented with their awards on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30 PM, during a Teacher Appreciation Night hosted by Gorant Dessert Bar in Boardman. The event will celebrate the dedication, creativity, and impact of educators who support students



with autism and other special needs throughout the Mahoning Valley.

"Teachers often identify classroom needs that can have an immediate impact on student success, but funding isn't always available," said Dr. Laura McBride, ASMV Vice President and Teacher Mini-Grants Committee Chair. "These grants empower educators to bring creative solutions into their classrooms and provide additional support for students with autism and other special needs."

In previous years, Autism Society Teacher Mini-Grants have funded a variety of classroom projects designed to support autistic students and other learners with special needs. Funded initiatives have included sensory learning tools, communication supports for nonverbal students, flexible seating options, inclusive classroom libraries, social-emotional learning resources, life-skills development activities, and other innovative programs that enhance student engagement, independence, and success.

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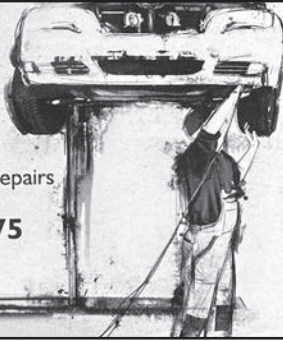
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