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Why the First Amendment Matters Even to a Hometown Paper Like Ours

By Alex Irman

When most people think of battles over the First Amendment, their minds tend to picture high-profile courtrooms in Washington, cable news broadcasts, or national investigative journalists clashing with the White House. Recent rhetoric and escalating attacks from the highest office in our nation against the freedom of the press have once again pushed this pillar of American democracy into the national spotlight.

It can be tempting, from the quiet streets of Cortland, to view these political disputes as distant noise—arguments belonging to national media giants rather than a small community newspaper dedicated to sharing good news, celebrating student achievements, and highlighting local heroes.

That perspective, however comforting, is a dangerous illusion.

The First Amendment is not an elite luxury reserved for major media conglomerates; it is the bedrock upon which our entire democratic experiment rests. It guarantees the fundamental right of ordinary citizens to speak their minds, worship as they choose, gather peacefully, petition their government, and report the truth without fear of retribution.

When public leaders attack the press



or seek to undermine the protections of free expression, the chilling effect does not stop at the borders of Washington or New York. It ripples into every corner of the country, directly impacting community publications like The Cortland News.

A free press at the local level is what keeps citizens informed about town council decisions, school board policies, local elections, and the events that shape our daily lives. Even when

our primary mission is to uplift our neighbors and spotlight the positive stories in our hometown, the right to do so freely, independently, and without government intimidation or censorship is essential. If the government can delegitimize, silence, or restrict national reporters today, there is nothing stopping officials tomorrow from deciding which local stories are “acceptable” to print.

The freedoms enshrined in the Bill

of Rights were not granted lightly. They were forged in revolution and preserved through generations of sacrifice. Countless Americans—including brave men and women from our own Cortland community—have worn our country’s uniform, fought on foreign soil, and laid down their lives to protect the liberty we enjoy every day. To allow freedom of speech and freedom of the press to be eroded by political convenience or authoritarian rhetoric dishonors the very principles those veterans fought and died to defend.

Protecting the First Amendment is not a partisan issue; it is a patriotic obligation. It belongs to all of us—the shop owner, the high school teacher, the veteran, the citizen attending a city meeting, and yes, the local editor setting the next week’s paper.

Freedom of the press is not just about defending journalists; it is about defending the public’s right to know, to speak, and to hold power accountable. If we allow that shield to weaken, we all stand to lose the very liberties that define our republic. We must remain vigilant, speak up, and protect this cornerstone of American freedom—because an attack on one voice is ultimately an attack on everyone.

A Letter from the Publisher Celebrating the start of our 23rd Year of Bringing Good News Home

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

It is hard to believe that twenty-two years have passed since the Cortland News first began arriving in local mailboxes. From the very beginning, our purpose was simple and unwavering: to share the good news, highlight the achievements of our neighbors, and

celebrate everything that makes the City of Cortland and Bazetta Township such a wonderful place to call home. In a world where headlines often lean into

conflict and noise, we have remained steadfast in our belief that positive, hometown stories matter.

Over more than two decades, our

pages have reflected the living history of this community. We have chronicled school triumphs, neighborhood festivals, historic milestones, and the everyday acts of kindness that define our area. At the same time, we have been proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our local merchants, service providers, and family-owned businesses, offering a trusted platform to help them thrive and stay connected with the families they serve.

Publishing a community newspaper issue after issue is a true labor of love, and it is made possible entirely by the talented, dedicated team working diligently behind the scenes. Our editor, Thom Foley, ensures that our reporting is polished, thoughtful, and true to the community voice. Feature writer, Alex Irman, brings heart and depth to the stories and milestones of our residents. Graphic designer, Tracy Omerzo, gives every edition its clean, engaging presentation, carefully arranging each article and advertisement for our readers. Keeping our operations running smoothly day in and day out is myself and

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Monday, Oct 12 - 6 PM

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Second Monday of each month

Monday, Oct 12 - 7 PM

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Meetings and agenda of Council and

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Wednesday Nov 4 – 6 PM

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Our Next Issue ... October 31, 2026

Article Deadline by Oct 19 • Display Advertising Deadline is Oct 21

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. www.tcchd.org

OCTOBER

- 14 Lakeview High School Fall Concert feat. the LHS Choirs and the Lakeview Blues - Raidel Auditorium / 7 PM
- 14 Patriotic Music Video ~ Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary
Hosted by Bazetta Christian Church 4131 Bazetta Rd at 6 pm
- 17 Public Rededication for the Oldest Civil War Monument in the State of Ohio
Trumbull County Historical Society and the Bristol Township Historical Society
10 AM to 2 PM
- 22-23 Fall Clean Up / in the City of Cortland
- 24 City of Cortland Trunk or Treat / on W. Main St. / 5 - 7 PM
- 25 Packing party for Operation Christmas Child
Southington Christian Church / Noon
- 26 Amelia Earhart: A One-Woman Performance / Bristol Public Library / 5 PM
- 31 Trick or Treat / 6 - 8 PM

NOVEMBER

- 3 MS Warriors Support Group / Cortland Library / 6 PM
- 4 "First Wednesday" Series / The Upton House / Darcy Krolikowski Miller, Guest Speaker - Author of "Connecticut to Mesopotamia"
- 21 Christmas in Bazetta / Bazetta Park / 3-6 PM / Special guest for children arrives at 3:30 PM

Upton House First Wednesday Series

By Bonnie Hood

The Upton House welcomes Darcy Krolikowski Miller, author of "Connecticut to Mesopotamia", as guest speaker at our "First Wednesday" series November 4. She will discuss the beginnings of settlement in northern Trumbull County where the village has remained grounded in the values of its founders. The program begins at 10:00 a.m., with refreshments available beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Upton House is located at 380 Mahoning Avenue in Warren. For more information call 330-395-1840 or visit www.uptonhouse.org.



Got Yarn?

Constance Amstutz, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League

The Warren Junior Women's League is seeking donations of yarn. Donations will be collected until November. Full and partial skeins of yarn will be accepted. The collected yarn will be given to the Loony Loomers, who so graciously donate their products which aid our efforts in our Scarves of Love project in the early winter season. Scarves of Love provide hats, scarves, and gloves to those in the Warren downtown community who are in need.

Do you have extra yarn laying around? We will take it! If you would like to donate yarn, please contact Constance Amstutz via email at gfwcohjwl@gmail.com or by phone at (216) 403-0633.

A Letter from the Publisher

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our bookkeeper, Jill Freeman, whose meticulous care behind the scenes is essential to our ongoing success.

Connecting with our local business community is equally vital, and that personal touch comes from our dedicated sales team—Thom Foley, Ralph McCord, Larry Cline and myself who work hand-in-hand with our advertisers to support hometown commerce.

Of course, none of this would be possible without you, our readers and advertisers. Your story tips, club updates, family announcements, and loyal patronage are the genuine heartbeat of this paper. As we step into our 23rd year, we renew our commitment to deliver the uplifting, reliable hometown news you look forward to receiving. Thank you for welcoming us into your homes and businesses for twenty-three wonderful years—we look forward to many more.

Warmest regards,
Jim Woofter
Owner / Publisher, Cortland News

Warren Philharmonic Orchestra
Announces The 2026–2027 Frank R. Bodor
Strings Of Joy Program

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, with generous support from private donors and the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce, is proud to continue offering free string lessons to Trumbull County students through the Frank R. Bodor Strings of Joy Program. Students are selected through an application process, and each participant receives a loaned violin or cello for use throughout the program. The Frank R. Bodor Strings of Joy reflects the WPO's commitment to nurturing young musicians and expanding access to high quality music education throughout the Mahoning Valley.

This year's free violin lessons will be held each Sunday afternoon from October 18, 2026, through May 30, 2027. New and returning violin students in

grades 3–7 will study with violinist Natalie Machala at Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic Street NE, Warren, OH 44483.

Program materials—including the application, student/parent agreement, and parent guide—are available at: <https://www.warren-philharmonic.org/strings-of-joy>

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is a non profit 501(c)(3) organization serving the Mahoning Valley and surrounding communities. The Fall 2026 Concert will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM, also at Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic Street NE, Warren, OH 44483. Community members wishing to support the Frank R. Bodor Strings of Joy program may contact the WPO or visit the website for donation opportunities.



Supporting Students,
One Sensory Bag At A Time

By Constance Amstutz, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League

Small acts of support can have a meaningful impact in the classroom.

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Just The Facts

What is the only mammal that can fly? Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

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This is the last Brush Chipping of the year, the week of October 26th. 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 ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street. Reminder - private roads do not get serviced and be sure to follow the rules and regulations which can be found on our website.

Fall Clean Up

Fall clean up is scheduled for October 22nd or October 23rd. Contact Ohio Valley Waste with any questions - 330-792-2487.

City of Cortland Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24th from 5pm to 7pm on W, Main St. Join the City of Cortland as a "trunk host" and help create a fun, safe and memorable

Halloween experience for children and families. We are looking for businesses, organizations, clubs & teams, and families & individuals to participate. Decorate your vehicle or table, dress up, and hand out treats to hundreds of excited trick-or-treaters! Deadline to register is Oct 17th. You can register by going to cortlandoh.gov Set up will begin at 4:00 pm on Oct 24th. For more information, contact Events@cortlandoh.gov

Trick or Treat - Saturday, October 31st 6:00 - 8:00



Let The Rain Drain

We are moving into the time of year when leaves are beginning to fall. Residents should refrain from blowing leaves and grass into the roadway, into creeks or waterways. Leaves and grass clippings in the roadway can block storm drains creating the potential for

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Bazetta Township Park Board

There will be no meeting of the Bazetta Park Board in December in observance of the Christmas holidays. The Bazetta Township Park Board meets 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, Nov. 4th at 6 PM. You can also visit us at parks@bazettatwp.org.

Saturday - November 21, 2026 - Christmas in Bazetta from 3-6 PM. Carriage rides with Joyful Journey along with a petting zoo. A special guest will arrive at 3:30 PM for children to give him their "wish list". Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Saturday - January 16, 2027 - Chili Cook Off from 4 - 7 PM at the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club. Further details to be announced.

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.

From The Bazetta Fire Department

Recently our personnel entered a home to provide medical care for a resident in need and was bitten by a family pet. Prior to entering the home the resident stated that the animal would not bite anyone. Unfortunately that was not the case. The affected personnel now has to receive a series of rabies shots over a period of several days and the animal needed to be quarantined due to uncertainty of it's vaccination records.

When our personnel enter a home, animals don't always understand that we're there to help. Frequently they know that their owners are in distress and may perceive any strange person as a threat and become aggressive. We understand this is not the animal's fault and that they're likely trying to protect their owner.

We don't want our personnel to be bitten by any animals and we certainly don't want your pets to be taken away from you in any way. Therefore, we respectfully request, that any time you or your family calls 911 for any emergency, that you secure your animals prior to our arrival. It's best to put them in another room until our personnel have left to avoid any unfortunate incidents that could cause harm to our staff or your pets.

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Dates to Remember
Oct. 12 – Parks – 6pm
Oct. 12 – Planning & Zoning – 7pm
Oct. 19 – City Council – 7pm

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John Barbo - Candidate For State Representative 65th District

John Barbo is currently in his 29th year of teaching at the high school level. He has also coached basketball, football, and tennis, and is the Science Department Chairperson. He is in his second term as a Geneva City Councilperson, where he serves as the President of Council.

Finally, John serves on the Geneva Sustainability Commission, the Athletic Facility Committee, Capital Campaign Committee and the Geneva Schools Foundation, and is the president of the Geneva Gridiron.

His educational experiences have given him insight into the issues facing public education in Ohio. His role as council president has given him experience



in working with municipal budgets, bidding and approving infrastructure projects, and addressing the concerns of Geneva residents. Finally, his willingness to volunteer on multiple

committees demonstrates John’s commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents in his community.

John believes that voters deserve a representative with real-world experience, someone who can relate to the struggles and issues that impact the day-to-day lives of families. His experiences as an educator and council person have provided tremendous insight into the critical issues currently facing our communities.

In addition, John’s experience as a husband and father have shown him the challenges that are facing families throughout this state. Nothing is more important to a parent than making sure their family has the opportunity for a successful, happy life. Strong schools, affordable housing, jobs, fair system of taxation, and clean air and water – these are all critical factors that healthy communities require.

The fact is, rising costs of groceries, utilities, fuel, and health insurance are making life very difficult for our residents and families. John wants to work to make Ohio a place our young people want to stay and raise their families.

John’s career as an educator and coach, his time spent as Geneva City Council President, his volunteer experiences, and his experience as a husband and father have given him a well-rounded background that provides insight into the challenges the average Ohioan faces. If elected, the residents of the 65th district will have a representative that will truly represent them, not corporations and the wealthy. John will fight to fully fund our local school districts, create a tax system that takes the burden off the middle class and make sure communities have the resources to make informed decisions about data centers, and the ability to approve and regulate data center construction.

John believes that not all problems need to have a scapegoat. Sometimes problems are just problems, and can be solved if all parties are willing to put partisan politics aside and work together.



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By Don Barnes

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As The Season Changes

There is a particular energy that returns just after school resumes. Summer's slower rhythms begin to give way to familiar patterns, new commitments, and the steady work of building life together with neighbors and friends that will stand the winter chill.

Autumn invites us to see renewal not only in new beginnings, but also in the faithful rhythms that shape our days. The changing leaves, cooler mornings, and earlier evenings remind us that creation is never stagnant. Each season carries its own beauty, its own invitation, and its own promise.

Fall can be a season for taking

stock: giving thanks for what has been, releasing what no longer serves our life, and making room for what God may yet bring forth. Renewal is not always dramatic. Often, it comes quietly—through a chance conversation, a moment of prayer, a fresh awareness of grace, or the simple decision to begin again.

As the landscape changes around us, stay aware to your inner spirit. You may find courage for new commitments, patience for the days ahead, and gratitude for the blessings already present. In every changing season, may you find deeper life, hope, and love.

"You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

This quotation comes from the Talmud, an ancient Jewish commentary on scripture. It was written in response to a question about the simple reality that no one person can fix the whole world.

If we are being honest, this is a question most of us have asked or pondered at some point. We are aware of things that are wrong that are bigger than we can reasonably hope to change, far enough away that we cannot reach them, or more complicated and confusing than our minds can fully process. And in a world where new technologies are constantly being invented at an accelerating pace, trying to understand everything is impossible. And trying to control or fix most things feels equally impossible.

And yet, we are supposed to try. We are supposed to spend at least some of our time and energy paying attention to the world and what – and who – within it needs to be fixed, changed, healed, or helped. And then we are supposed to try. Not because any one of us can solve all the world's problems; not because any one of us can necessarily solve

even one of the world's problems; but because, in certain cases, we can solve some of the problems around us, and maybe even some that are far away, together.

Our ability to influence the world does not depend on our ability to be powerful, it depends on our ability to collaborate. Persistence, cooperation, and sharing a vision for a better future are what we need most. Persistence because the work will always take longer than we would like; Cooperation because the work will always be bigger than any one of us can do alone; And a shared vision, because we need to all be working toward the same goal to make progress. And when we lean into these qualities, what we can accomplish together is amazing.

God made us to live and work together. God keeps trying to inspire us to see what the world could be and work together to make it better. And God knows that progress will often move slowly and be challenging. Which is why generations of prophets, theologians, and pastors have all repeated the same encouraging instruction: "Do all the good you can... and do it together."

May we do likewise.

Church News & Notes

Cortland United Methodist Church

God Provides A Meal, Saturday Oct 17, 2026 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Menu: baked ziti with meatball, salad, breadstick, dessert & beverage.

Women In Faith Drive thru Dinner, November 4, from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please RSVP by 10/29 by calling 330-637-2571. Stuffed pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend veggies, dinner roll and cake \$15.00

Bazetta Christian Church

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.

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

Journey Christian Church

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

Our ministries are Someplace Safe, Soles for Souls. 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 Church of the Nazarene

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



Bazetta Christian Church Patriotic Music Video

The Bazetta Christian Church 4131 Bazetta Rd, Cortland, is hosting a patriotic music video, celebrating America's 250th anniversary on Wed., Oct. 14 at 6 pm. The program is free and the public is invited to attend.

Solo Sixstring

The Contemporary, Christian, Gospel group will be at Cortland Christian Church, 153 Grove Drive, Cortland, Sunday October 25, from 3-5 pm.

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Tori Swipas Joins Peak Performance

Tori Swipas PT, DPT, ATC is a physical therapist and certified athletic trainer. She graduated from Miami university in 2019 with her bachelors in kinesiology and athletic training where she worked with a variety of sports teams during her time there. She then graduated in 2022 from the University of Dayton with her doctorate in Physical Therapy.

She has experience working with a variety of orthopedic and sport injuries and has a passion for helping people get back to optimal function in their everyday lives and in sport. She utilizes therapeutic exercise, manual therapy, dry needling, and cupping as needed to help patients achieve their goals.

Cortland Christian Church

Cortland Christian Church will soon be celebrating our 200th anniversary, in 2028. As part of our anniversary plans, we are presenting a series of articles covering our distinguished history. Here we begin with the events leading up to our founding, in 1828.

Beginning around the turn of the century, about 1800, there was a religious movement under way in the Connecticut Western Reserve of Ohio. The movement held a conviction that Christian unity was essential, among the followers of Jesus, and that a return was needed to the directives established by Jesus and recorded in the New Testament.

One of the primary efforts was led by Barton W. Stone of Kentucky, pastor at the Cane Ridge Meeting House, near Lexington, where a massive frontier camp meeting was held in 1801. He is credited for the movement taking the name “Christian”.

Another main stream of the movement arose in Pennsylvania where Thomas Campbell, and his son Alexander Campbell, sought to promote unity among the churches around the Lord’s Table.

A Baptist church had been organized in 1820, in East Bazetta, with eight charter members including James and Doreas Bowen, William and Ann Davis, Samuel and Rachael Headley, and Samuel and Elizabeth Bacon. All had transferred from the Central Baptist at Warren. After they organized, a few others united with them, including Edward Scofield who had started the first local settlement in 1804 and built a log cabin near Walnut Creek.

One of the foremost expounders for Christian unity through the New Testament principles was Walter Scott. In May, 1828, Walter Scott and Adamson Bently visited East Bazetta (Cortland) by invitation of Enos Bacon and Daniel Faunce, who were converts at a great meeting conducted by Walter Scott in Warren, which they attended in January of that year. They returned to their small village of East Bazetta, or Baconsburg, to share their excitement about the new teachings regarding the New Testament and the campaign for Christian unity.

In the fall of that eventful year, 1828, Thomas Campbell organized the Christian church at East Bazetta, with a charter membership of twenty-eight, who transferred from the Baptist church to the new movement. The first official board was comprised of five members, Elders Samuel Bacon, Samuel Headley and Asher Coburn; and Deacons Jas. Bowen, and Asher W. Coburn. They had no church building, so they held their meetings in Samuel Bacon’s barn.

Next article – “The early years”.



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By Morgan Tondo Cretella

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Meet The LHS Band



Benton Beerbower

I have been in the Lakeview band program since 5th grade. I mostly play the alto saxophone, but have also played tenor. My favorite band memory was being able to play at Ohio State. This year I am looking forward to playing at the Horseshoe again, and also our upcoming trip to Disney. Besides band, I am also a member of Lakeview's Varsity Tennis and Gold teams, Ski Club, Senior Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Senior Class Executive Committee. After high school I plan on going to college to earn a degree in mechanical engineering. Band has provided me the opportunity to be a leader, and this will continue to carry me into my future endeavors.



Rachel Beeson

I have been in the Lakeview band program since I moved to Lakeview in 6th grade. During my high school time, I was a section leader for 2 years and a squad leader for my senior year. I play the flute and the piccolo. My future plans are to become a psychiatrist and go to Kent State. The hobbies I enjoy are reading, dance, and spending time with loved ones! I hope to be a good role model for those younger than me, like my sisters.

Class of 2027
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.

This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Brayden Shanower, an outstanding student who has attended Lakeview since kindergarten. Brayden is a valedictorian candidate this spring and challenges himself academically by taking both Lakeview High School classes and college courses through Youngstown State University. Brayden is musically inclined and is heavily involved in the music program as a member of the marching and symphonic.

He also serves as the Student Council president, leading key student activities across the school. Outside the classroom, Brayden plays on both the boys golf and bowling teams and works part-time at Cortland Lanes. Next year, he plans to attend college to study mechanical engineering with a focus in aerospace engineering.

Get to know Brayden better with a quick 60-second rapid-fire interview.

- What is a hidden talent or skill people might not know you have? I love to cook
- What is your favorite tradition or event at school? Doing the band cheers with my section before the halftime performances
- Where is your go-to spot in town to grab a drink or snack? The Circle-K or What's The Scoop On Main
- What is your absolute favorite way to unwind on the weekend? Hang out with my friends and maybe go down to the Sheetz. Also going to football games.
- How would your friends describe your aesthetic in three words? Not Exactly Quiet
- You might catch me... Sitting and relaxing at home
- What is currently at the top of your favorite playlist or watchlist? Panic! At the Disco
- What is one big goal on your bucket list for the next five years? I would love to get my private pilot's license.





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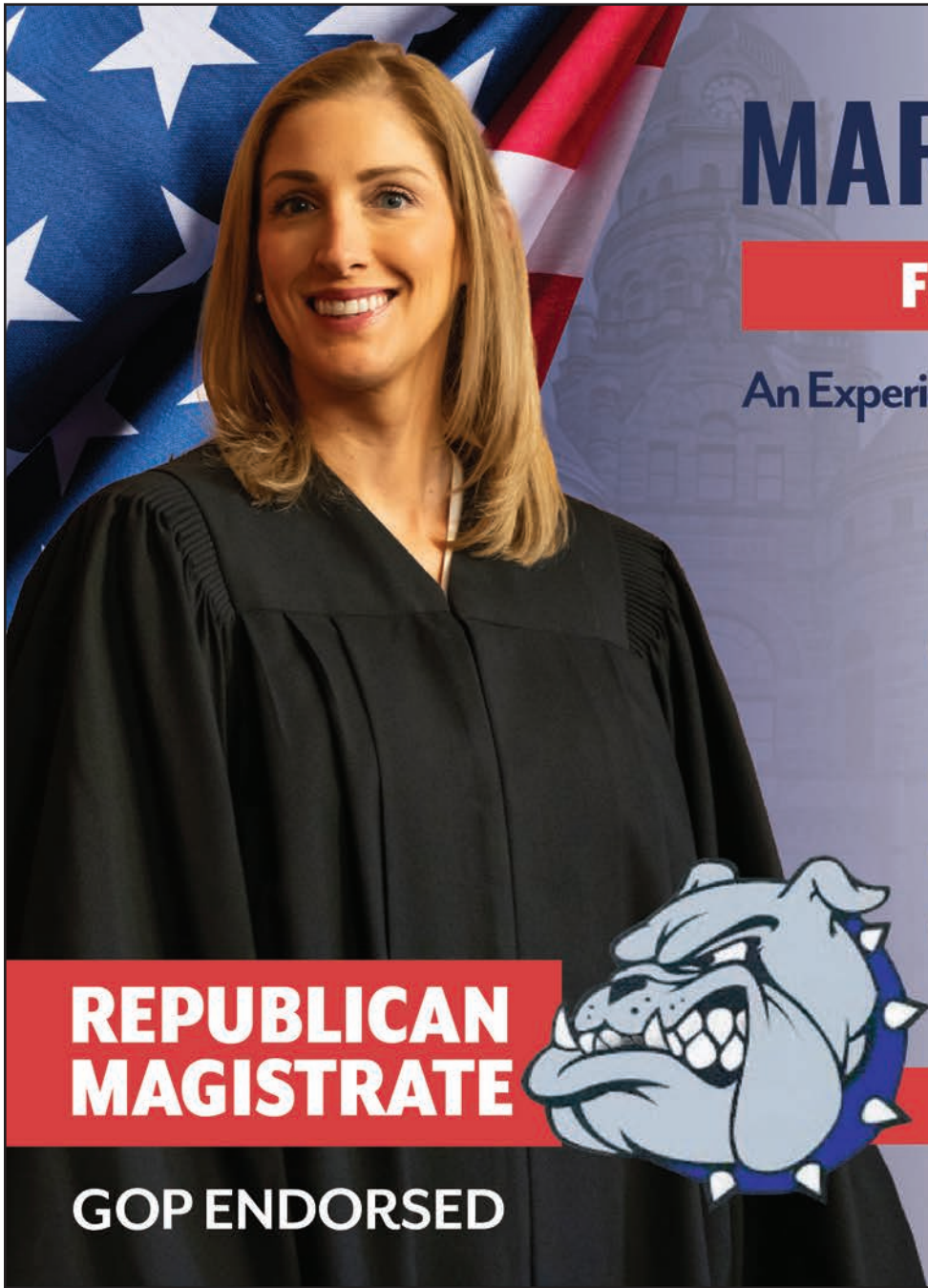


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Document your healthcare wishes.
An advance healthcare directive, sometimes called a living will, outlines your preferences for medical treatment if you are unable to communicate them yourself. It can clarify the types of care you do or do not want in certain situations, helping reduce uncertainty for loved ones during difficult moments. Because requirements vary by state, it is important to work with an attorney to ensure your document is valid and complete, including a HIPAA authorization. Keeping copies accessible and sharing them with key people in your life can help ensure your wishes are followed when they matter most.

Appoint trusted decision-makers.
Naming a healthcare proxy and a durable power of attorney are essential steps in preparing for the unexpected. A healthcare proxy authorizes someone you trust to make medical decisions on your behalf if needed, while a durable power of attorney allows a designated individual to manage financial matters during periods of incapacity. These roles

carry significant responsibility, so it is important to choose individuals who understand your values, can navigate complex decisions, and are willing to act in your best interest. Naming alternates can provide additional continuity if circumstances change.

Plan for potential long-term care needs. As life expectancy increases, so does the likelihood of needing extended care later in life. Whether care is provided at home or in a facility, costs can be substantial. Evaluating how these expenses might be covered, through personal savings, family support, or insurance solutions, can help reduce financial strain. Options such as long-term care insurance or life insurance with care-related benefits may help manage risk while preserving assets intended for future goals or legacy planning.

Prepare thoughtfully for what lies ahead. Addressing healthcare concerns is not about expecting the worst, but about creating clarity, dignity, and support in uncertain moments. With a well-structured plan in place, it becomes easier to navigate health-related challenges with greater confidence, knowing that both your wishes and your financial well-being have been considered. A financial advisor can help bring these elements together into a coordinated plan that supports you and your loved ones over time.

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Adopt-A-Foot

By Bob Mangold

Elvis Presley had his blue suede shoes. But I had my WHITE BUCKS. Why did you have WHITE BUCKS you might ask? Joining my high school marching band my freshman year our maroon uniforms called for WHITE BUCK shoes. So off to a Tom McGan shoe store we went. Out of the store I came with a really big smile on my face. I had them! I wasn't allowed to wear them home. Mom said I would get them dirty. Smile.

Ultimately they became brown bucks as a result of marching around on muddy football fields as the season went on. Fast forward to today. You, yes You, can bring a big smile to kids faces in our area by donating to the Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship Adopt-A-Foot program. Every \$30 donated gets a kid who really needs them a pair of NEW SHOES. And a big smile comes with every pair! Lakeview, Maplewood, Mathew's, Champion, Badger, and Bristolville school teachers and administrators know which kids need shoes.

I knew which kids needed shoes during my 20 years of substitute teaching in area schools. Working with the schools and Neal's Shoes in Elm Plaza NEW SHOES are put on kids feet who really need them. Please make checks out to LOAF for \$30 or any amount and mail to P.O. Box 494, Cortland, Ohio 44410 by Thanksgiving Day. Note on memo line Adopt-A-Foot. Last fall we distributed about 130 pairs as a result of your generosity. Bring a smile to a young face. You can do it!



MS Warriors Support Group

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, and we are pleased to welcome Jarrod Boyle, a Registered Dietitian · One Bite at a Time Nutrition Counseling, as our guest speaker. Jarrod will share his knowledge and experience with our group and provide helpful information for those living with MS.

Living with Multiple Sclerosis can bring challenges, questions, and changes that are easier to face when you don't have to face them alone. The MS Warriors Support Group provides a welcoming place for individuals living with MS to connect, share experiences, learn from one another, and find encouragement and support.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Cortland Library. Whether you are newly diagnosed, have been living with MS for many years, or are a family member or caregiver, you are welcome to join us. Come meet others who understand the journey, ask questions, share ideas, and discover that you are not alone.

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MOVIE REVIEW

By
Bob Garver

Editor's Note: The Cortland News is proud to introduce a new feature for our readers. Bob Garver has been a New York Movie critic for 20 years. We welcome this addition to our paper and hope you enjoy reading his reviews. He welcomes all feedback via his contact info at the end of the review. The Cortland News would also like to hear your thoughts on this new feature.

Contact us at Editor@thecortlandnews.com

“Practical Magic 2”

Apparently I blinked and the 1998 chick flick “Practical Magic” developed a huge cult following. The film, about witch sisters Sally (Sandra Bullock) and Gillian (Nicole Kidman) Owens somehow warranted a sequel in 2026 that was the first to win a weekend over “Spider-Man: Brand New Day” at the domestic box office. What kind of spell has this franchise cast on the moviegoing public?

The Owens sisters, along with their kooky aunts Franny (Stockard Channing) and Jet (Dianne Wiest), come from a long line of witches that are cursed to lose their male partners. Sally’s children Kylie (Joey King) and Antonia (Maisie Williams) have already lost two father figures. Now Kylie is in danger of losing her boyfriend Gideon (Xolo Maridueña) unless the curse can be broken through a perilous trip to England that Sally and Gillian want to stop.

The movie is, in its best moments,

agreeable and little more. I’m not saying that the appeal of Bullock and Kidman playing witches who share the ins and outs of sisterhood is completely lost on me, especially when they’re sharing funny or touching moments with wily veterans Channing and Wiest. What I’m saying is that these movies can’t “just” be about these women enjoying happy hour.

Like its predecessor, “Practical Magic 2” falters when it tries to deliver more than the laughs and tears that people expect. In other words, it doesn’t work as a thriller. There’s so much uninspired mystery-solving and action here that the film is over two hours long. I was chanting, “Just end already” like an incantation by the time the credits rolled.

Grade: C
“Practical Magic 2” is rated PG-13 for some violence, intense thematic elements and sensuality. Its running time is 130 minutes.

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

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

Here is a list of the events taking place at The Cortland Collaborative, Maker's Market.

• **Open Mic Night** Saturday Oct 10th 6-8 pm

• **Halloween Trivia** with Ben Gavitt, Sat. Oct 17th 6:30-8:30

• **Puzzles and Pastries** 12-2 pm Tuesday Oct 20th

• **Yoga** every Wednesday 6 pm -7 pm - Cafe open on Wed. from 5-8 pm

• **Rock of Grace small Group** meeting first Thursday and third Friday. Cafe opens 5-8 pm

• **Karaoke** Friday Oct 23rd 6-8 pm

• **Trunk or Treat** Sat. Oct 24th from 5-7pm

Trumbull County Farmstand Crawl

Residents and visitors are invited to spend an afternoon exploring the back roads of Trumbull County during the first Trumbull County Farmstand Crawl, happening Sunday, October 11, from 12-5 p.m.

The free, self-guided event will feature four independently owned farmstands throughout Trumbull County. Guests can visit the participating stands in any order, meet the people behind them, discover locally grown, baked and handmade goods, and experience some of the small businesses tucked into their own community.

The crawl is organized by the American Farmstand Association (AFA) and Local Farmstand Finds (LFF), organizations working to connect consumers with independent farmstands and help those stands become more visible within their communities.

"Farmstands are about so much more than what's sitting on the table or inside the cooler," said Amy Elrite, founder of the American Farmstand Association and Local Farmstand Finds.

"There's a person, a family and a story behind each one. Farmstand Crawls give people a reason to take the back roads, meet those people and discover what is being grown, baked and made right in their own community."

For small farmstand owners, events like the Farmstand Crawl can provide something particularly valuable: an introduction. Many independent farmstands operate from rural roads, family properties and locations people may pass every day without realizing what is there. By bringing several stands together into one community event, the crawl encourages people to intentionally seek them out, learn their stories and hopefully return long after the event is over.

"Success for us isn't just having someone visit a stand on October 11," Elrite said. "It's having someone discover a farmstand they didn't know existed and come back again. That's how these small businesses become part of the fabric of their communities."

Trumbull County Farmstand Crawl, Sunday, October 11, 12-5 p.m. Trumbull County. Free, self-guided driving event Participating Farmstands

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Five Stars: The Lakeview Way

By Ashley Handrych, Superintendent

Recently, Lakeview Local Schools received the highest report card rating possible from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

There is a story behind those five stars. It is not a story about test scores, percentages, or a state report card. It is a story about who we are.

Lakeview exists in an unusual financial space. Ohio's school-funding formula measures a community's capacity to support its schools using property values and resident income. In simple terms, the greater the formula determines a community's local capacity to be, the more it expects that community to shoulder locally.

On paper, Lakeview can look wealthier than the reality we experience inside a school district budget. So for years, we have lived with a simple expectation: Do more with less. Not as a slogan. As a way of operating.

We have been reluctant to continually turn to our homeowners and senior citizens and ask them to carry more of the burden. We are grateful for the supportive nature of the Bazetta Cortland communities and know their partnership is strong. The last time Lakeview voters approved new operating money was 2010. Sixteen years ago. Think about what has changed since then. The cost of buses, utilities, insurance, the needs of children, the expectations placed on public schools, all changed.

Lakeview's expectations for itself did not.

Those of us who have spent our careers here were raised professionally in a system with a pretty straightforward philosophy: Put your head down. Do the work. Figure it out. And take care of kids.

We don't get points for explaining why something is difficult. We don't get extra stars because resources are tight. And our students don't get their school experience back while adults wait for perfect circumstances. So we get to work.

Lakeview has historically operated at per-pupil spending substantially below the Ohio average while continuing to produce strong academic results.

We are a little bit of a unicorn. We balance the budget. We spend less per student. We have built a five-year facility plan designed to responsibly care for an aging high school and our other facilities. We continue to educate, transport, support, coach, feed, challenge and care for approximately 1,500 Bulldogs.

And now? Five stars. The highest overall rating available on Ohio's district report card.

That did not happen because the work was easy. It happened because

our people are good at hard things.

Decisions made in Columbus can change the financial circumstances facing our schools. They can change formulas, requirements and resources. But they cannot legislate the spirit out of Lakeview. They cannot calculate it on a spreadsheet.

They cannot measure the thousands of decisions our people make every day to solve the problem instead of explaining why it can't be solved. They cannot quantify what happens when limited resources meet people who refuse to lower the standard. And they should never underestimate a district that has spent decades learning how to get it done anyway.

But there is another truth we need to say out loud. Being good at doing more with less does not mean we need less. Five stars should not be interpreted as evidence that Lakeview has all the resources it needs. In many ways, these five stars demonstrate just how hard our people are pedaling. And I worry about how long we can reasonably ask them to pedal this fast.

A balanced budget does not mean there are unlimited dollars. It means we have made the decisions necessary to live within the dollars available to us. And if revenues do not keep pace with expenses, we will continue to reduce. We will find efficiencies. We will consolidate where we can. We will make difficult decisions. We will protect classrooms as long as possible.

But eventually, efficiency becomes subtraction. Spending a significant amount less than the per pupil state average should not indefinitely be worn as a badge of honor.

Eventually there is nothing left to streamline without changing what students experience. Eventually doing more with less becomes simply doing less with less. That is the line we are working every day not to cross.

And I do not want our success to hide that reality.

Five stars do not make the financial challenge disappear. If anything, they make the question more important: How long can a district spend substantially less per student, absorb increasing costs and increasing student needs, continue reducing expenditures, and still produce the same results?

I don't know the answer. And as superintendent, I am not willing to pretend that there is no limit.

What I do know is that our people are doing everything we are asking of them. Our students are achieving. Our staff is delivering. Our finances are balanced. Our facilities have a plan. Our taxpayers are receiving a tremendous

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Several changes happened in 2025 to the basic plan format of plans as part of the Inflation Reduction Act that was passed in 2022. Arguably the biggest of these changes was the elimination of the coverage gap, also referred to as the donut hole and the reduction of the maximum out of pocket amount. For 2027 the new format of the prescription plans will continue with some adjustments. The following information applies to both Stand-Alone Part D plans and the prescription portion of Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage. Keep in mind, the medical coverage on Part C Advantage plans including copays, deductibles and out of pocket limits are separate from the prescription portion of the plan.

In 2026 the annual prescription deductible could have been between \$0-\$615 for 2027 that amount increased by \$85 allowing insurance companies to set their deductible between \$0-\$700. This is the phase where the individual pays 100% of the costs of the prescriptions until the deductible is met. After the deductible is met, the initial phase is where you pay a set copay amount or coinsurance percentage depending on the plan and drug tier, and the plan pays the remainder of the costs. Once the initial phase threshold or max out of pocket amount is met the individual enters the catastrophic phase of their coverage and pays \$0 for the remainder of the year for their medications.

For 2027 the maximum out of pocket amount is increasing to \$2400. Several factors figure into the calculation to reach this amount but in general, an individual will pay no more than \$2400 for covered medications. It is important to note that medications must be covered on the plans formulary to count towards the \$2400 limit and the premium for the plan does not figure into the calculation.

Another component of the new regulations is the option to participate in a monthly payment plan. This is an optional program where those with high costing medications can choose to participate in a program through their insurance company where payments are divided by the remaining months of the year and made to an account that is then used to pay for the prescriptions, similar to a budget plan for utilities.

One exception to the above format will continue to be insulin medications. There are insulin savings programs that limit the cost of insulin to \$35 per month without regard to the different Part D phases. Each company can decide if their plan will participate in the program and which specific insulins they will include for this price.

If you cannot afford your medications, there are different options that may be available to help with these costs depending on your specific situation. You may qualify for "Extra Help" through Medicare if you meet certain income limits or receive both Medicare and Medicaid. Manufacturers may offer assistance programs to help offset costs. Information can be obtained from your insurance agent, Medicare.gov and oftentimes your physician's office. If you are a veteran, it might be helpful to check and see if you can receive prescriptions through the VA.

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return on their investment. Lakeview is holding up its end of the bargain.

And this community will ultimately decide what it wants for the future of its schools.

If someday Lakeview decides our children need a new high school, that decision belongs to this community. If we ask for additional local resources, that decision belongs to this community. And if our community decides it wants its voice heard in Columbus about Ohio's system of school funding, that voice belongs to this community too.

Until then, our responsibility is clear. Deliver. Take care of the kids in front of us. Respect the taxpayers who entrust us with their dollars. Make hard decisions. Spend carefully. Expect excellence. And keep pushing for the resources necessary to sustain it. That is what makes these five stars

mean something different to us. They aren't five stars earned under perfect circumstances. They are five stars earned the Lakeview way.

The needs are increasing. The demands are increasing. The cost of doing business is increasing. The expectations are increasing. But around here, difficulty has never been permission to lower the bar. We leave it all on the field.

To our teachers, administrators, classified staff, students, families, Board of Education and community: Take a minute and enjoy this one. Because while there will always be another challenge tomorrow, today the State of Ohio put five stars next to the name Lakeview Local Schools. Job well done, Bulldogs.

Do more with less? We have. Five stars prove it.

Display at Bristol Public Library

By Stephanie Young

Now on display at the Bristol Public Library in our featured display case is a collection of pyrography, also known as woodburning or pokerwork, dating from the 1910s through the 1930s. The pieces are on loan from Judith Sheridan of the Brownwood Farmhouse in North Bloomfield.

Pyrography dates back to the 17th century and grew in popularity during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The art form ranges from simple, rustic designs to highly intricate pieces and can be practiced on a variety of materials, including wood, leather, and even hard-shelled gourds.

The collection features decorative wall hangings, platters, glove boxes, and other examples of this distinctive art form.

The collection will be on display through the end of October. We invite you to stop by the library and take a look at these unique pieces of decorative art. The library is located at 1855 Greenville Rd. in Bristolville.



October At Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson

October will bring a variety of programs and activities to the Bristol Public Library, including events celebrating the community's love of reading, children's programming, and opportunities for local crafters to connect.

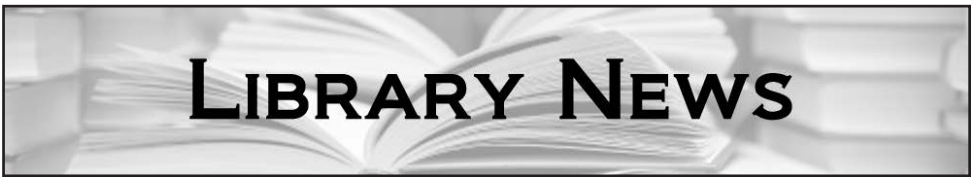
The library's featured Trumbull County Reads program will be a living history presentation on Amelia Earhart. Carol Starre-Kmiecik will portray the famed aviator on Mon., Oct. 26th at 5 p.m.

Registration is required for both Trumbull County Reads programs. To register, contact the library's circulation desk at 330-889-3651.

Young children will also have an opportunity to enjoy Story Time, designed for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m through Oct. 27th. Children will enjoy stories, songs and games while developing social skills, interacting with other children and gaining confidence away from parents or caregivers.

Because space is limited, registration is required for Story Time. Families can visit the Bristol Public Library for more information and registration or contact the circulation desk at 330-889-3651.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 5:30 p.m., the library will host Sit & Stitch. Participants are invited to bring their latest crochet, knitting, embroidery or other needlework project and spend time creating and socializing with fellow crafters. All skill levels are welcome. The program is open to ages 16 and older, and registration is recommended. For additional information or to register for programs, contact the Bristol Public Library circulation desk at 330-889-3651.



Cortland Library Events In October

Closed for Columbus Day - All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will be closed on Mon., Oct. 12 for Columbus Day.

All events held at the Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr.

- Toddler Tales**
Mondays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 19
- A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.
- Preschool Storytime**
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Oct. 13, 20
- 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.
- Midweek Mayhem**
Wednesdays from 3 - 4 p.m.: Oct. 14, 21, 28
- Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout. Free.
- Teen Advisory Board**
Tues., Oct. 13 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.
- Totally Tweens**
Mon., Oct. 19 from 3 - 4 p.m.
- Tweens ages 10 - 14 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.
- The Historical Book Discussion**
Wed., Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Fans of historical and biographical nonfiction can read "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough, which is the companion title to this year's

- Trumbull County Reads program, and then join in the discussion. The book is available to borrow from the library.
- Parenting with Peace**
Thurs., Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.
- Parenting is rewarding but can be demanding, laborious, and stressful. This presentation by Greentree Counseling Center will teach parents practical tools to manage stress, and how to prioritize selfcare to help foster healthier family dynamics. Through education, reflection, and interactive activities, parents should leave feeling informed, de-stressed, and empowered. Free.
- Read to SomeBunny**
Thurs., Oct. 22 between 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Children ages 6 - 12 can sign up to read aloud to registered and certified Bunnies in Baskets (therapy rabbits) for 15-minute sessions. Rabbits are provided by F5RS (Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, and Feathered Friends Rescue and Sanctuary). Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.
- Masquerade Murder Mystery for Teens**
Tues., Oct. 27 from 4 - 6 p.m.
- Teens ages 12 - 18 can enter the Masquerade, with a mysteriously provided invite, and no shortage of toxic guests. Someone is being targeted in the town of doom and gloom. Can you figure out who? Characters will be provided after registration. Registration is required by Oct. 23. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

Amelia Earhart: A One-Woman Performance At Bristol Public Library

By Stephanie Young

In conjunction with the Trumbull County Reads initiative, the Bristol Public Library is pleased to present Amelia Earhart: A One-Woman Performance, featuring acclaimed Cleveland actress and performer Carol Starre-Kmiecik.

The captivating historical presentation will take place on Monday October 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bristol Public Library. With more than 35 years of experience performing on stage and screen, Starre-Kmiecik brings the legendary aviator Amelia Earhart to life in an engaging and memorable portrayal.

Through this unique one-woman performance, audiences will have the opportunity to learn more about Earhart's remarkable life, groundbreaking achievements, and enduring legacy as one of history's most celebrated aviators.

Registration is required to attend this program.

Space may be limited, so interested participants are encouraged to register in advance by calling the circulation desk at 330-889-3651. The Bristol Public Library is located at 1855 Greenville Rd. in Bristolville.



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