

Back To School 2025-2026: A New Chapter Of Learning And Growth

By Alex Irman

As summer days begin to wane, families across Cortland, Bazetta and beyond are gearing up for the 2025-2026 school year, a period promising both familiar rhythms and exciting new trends in education, fashion and technology. From elementary hallways to bustling university campuses, students of all ages are preparing for a fresh start.

Elementary School: Foundations and Fun For the youngest learners, the upcoming school year emphasizes a strong foundation in literacy and mathematics, alongside continued efforts to foster a positive and engaging learning environment. Schools are focusing on interactive learning, with an increasing integration of digital tools that make concepts more accessible and fun. Parents can expect renewed emphasis on early literacy programs and a push for individualized learning experiences that cater to diverse learning styles.

Beyond the classroom, recess remains a vital part of the day, with new playground equipment and organized activities promoting physical health and social development. Back-to-school shopping for this age group often includes bright, colorful supplies and trendy backpack accessories like plush keychains, adding a touch of personality to their daily gear.



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Middle School: Navigating New Horizons Middle schoolers face a unique transition, balancing academic rigor with significant social and emotional growth. The 2025-2026 school year will see schools continuing to implement strategies for fostering good study habits and time management skills. Planners, both traditional and digital, are becoming essential tools for tracking assignments and extracurriculars.

Academically, many middle schools are focusing on active learning techniques, encouraging students to summarize, self-quiz, and even teach material to others to deepen their understanding. Emotionally, there's a strong emphasis on developing coping strategies for stress and navigating peer pressure, with schools and parents working together to build a supportive environment. Fashion trends for middle schoolers often lean towards comfortable yet stylish looks, with a mix of retro-inspired footwear and personalized accessories.

High School: Preparing for the Future High school students are entering a crucial phase of academic and personal development, with the 2025-2026 school year bringing a renewed focus on career readiness and higher education pathways. Many districts are streamlining academic calendars to provide a more consistent experience, while also maintaining unique programs that cater to diverse student interests.

Technology continues to play a pivotal role, with increased integration

of AI-powered learning tools that offer personalized instruction and feedback. Students will find more opportunities for immersive learning experiences through virtual and augmented reality, bringing subjects like history and science to life. When it comes to style, high schoolers are embracing individuality, with a notable resurgence of denim, statement pieces with animal prints or camo, and retro sneakers. Thrifting and sustainable fashion are also gaining significant traction.

College: Innovation & Adaptability For college-bound students, the 2025-2026 academic year highlights flexibility, digital learning, and a greater emphasis on in-demand skills. Higher education institutions are increasingly investing in EdTech, leading to more prevalent hybrid learning models and virtual classrooms. AI is revolutionizing how universities operate, from admissions to personalized learning pathways.

Students are encouraged to embrace diverse study spaces, from traditional libraries to coffee shops, and to develop robust time management systems to balance academics, work, and social life. The "Degree in Three" trend, which condenses the path to graduation, is also gaining momentum as students seek to enter the workforce sooner and manage costs. College fashion is all about comfort and personal expression, with trends like baggy clothes in muted tones, and versatile pieces that can be dressed up or down.

Back-to-School Shopping: A Conscious Approach Across all age groups, back-to-school shopping in 2025 is marked by a more conscious approach. While electronics spending may see a slight dip as families prioritize existing devices, clothing remains a strong category, reflecting the desire for individuality and peer visibility. School supplies, while essential, are often purchased with an eye towards minimizing costs or reusing items from previous years. Sustainability is a growing consideration, particularly among younger generations, influencing choices in clothing and accessories. Popular items topping wish lists include Birkenstock Boston Clogs, Adidas Campus 00s Shoes and a variety of personalized backpack charms and keychains.

As students and educators prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, the emphasis is clearly on fostering a dynamic and adaptable learning environment that prepares individuals for a rapidly evolving world, all while embracing personal style and mindful consumption.

School Calendars Lakeview & Maplewood

By Alex Irman

Here are the school calendars for Lakeview and Maplewood school districts. Be sure to check with the schools about any updates or changes.


Lakeview Schools 2025-2026

- Aug 18 & 19 - Teacher In Service
NO SCHOOL
- Aug 20 - First Day for students
Grades 1-12
- Sept 1 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 10 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 17 - End of nine week grading period - EARLY RELEASE
- Nov 26 - 28 - Thanksgiving break
NO SCHOOL
- Dec 1 - Classes resume
- Dec 19 - End of nine week grading period - EARLY RELEASE
- Dec 22 -31 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 1 & 2 - no school
- Jan 5 - Classes resume
- Jan 19 - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 13 & 16 - NO SCHOOL
- Mar 12 - End of nine week grading period - EARLY RELEASE
- March 13 - Late winter break
NO SCHOOL
- Apr 1 - 6 - Spring break
NO SCHOOL
- April 7 - Classes resume
- May 22 - Last day of school
EARLY RELEASE

Maplewood Schools 2025-2026

- Aug 18 & 19 - Teacher In Service
NO SCHOOL
- Aug 20 - First Day for students
- Aug 29 - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 1 - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 26 - Progress Reports
- Oct 9 - PTC Day
- Oct 10 - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 24 - End of nine week grading period
- Nov 25 - Progress Reports
- Nov 26, 27, 28 - NO SCHOOL
- Dec 1 - NO SCHOOL
- Dec 22 -31 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 1 & 2 - no school
- Jan 16 - End of nine week grading period
- Jan 19 - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 12 - PTC Day
- Feb 13 & 16 - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 20 - Progress Reports
- Mar 20 - End of nine week grading period
- Apr 3, 6, 7 - NO SCHOOL
- Apr 24 - Progress Reports
- May 25 - NO SCHOOL
- May 28 - Teacher In Service
Last day for students

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2 & 15
Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.
Cortland Public Library - Check out the ongoing events on page 18
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>
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 has numerous free upcoming Vaccine Clinics. See their website or the article in this issue.

AUGUST

- 9
- Open House / Bristol Public Library / 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 10
- Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Lunch
Bazetta Christian Church
- 10
- Braceville Celebrates 250th birthday of USA with Storytelling
Braceville Town Hall / 2:00 pm
- 12 & 14
- Registration JoMaries School of Dance and Gymnastics / 5:30-7:30
- 13
- Blood Drive / Cortland Methodist Church / Noon - 5 PM
- 16
- Classic Car Show / Mark Thomas Ford / 11-3
- 16
- 'God Provides a Meal' / Cortland Methodist Church / 11 AM - 1 PM
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- TCHS Shopping in the 1950's Walking Tour
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- Kentucky Mountain Drive Thru Dinner
Cortland Methodist Church / 4:30-6
- 26
- Women's Equality Day / Warren Women's Park / 11:30 AM
- 26
- TCHS Digitization Workshop / 410 S Main St. Warren / 4 PM
\$20/person / Reservation Required
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- Sutliff After Hours / Sutliff Museum, 444 Mahoning Ave Warren
6 PM / \$20/person, Reservation Required
Purchase tickets by calling 330-394-4653

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

JoMaries School of Dance and Gymnastics has registration for the 2025-2026 season. Stop in on August 12 OR 14 from 5:30 to 7:30. Be sure to ask about the famous Ninja Warrior Exercise program. I guarantee you kids will LOVE it.

Schrader Insurance reminds you to check with them before your child goes off to college. You need to be sure they are properly insured but don't want to buy any unnecessary insurance.

Cortland Lanes is taking registration for all leagues for the upcoming season. See their ad to see which league is right for you

Cortland Pediatrics, Dr. Lynn Johnson, reminds you to schedule your child's physical before they go back to school. Make sure al of their vaccinations are up to date.

Kids At Heart are the new owners of Cortland Playroom. They tell us that they have a few openings for the upcoming school year - both in the full

and part time programs. Better call soon.

Cortland Mower now carries the bird seed that Centerra carried. There is a coupon in their ad for this issue also. Check out the Bird Nest. They will be happy to carry it to your car for you.

Girt's Cortland Music 101 is having their BIGGEST SALE OF THE YEAR! ZERO % interest on Rent to own instruments and a FREE bonus lesson when you purchase a minimum of 4 lessons.

Greenwood Insurance reminds us that they are year round source for Medicare policies and questions. Stop in or call to get the correct information you need.

Are you going to the 3rd annual Classic Car Show at Mark Thomas Ford? It is on August 16 from 11-3. Bring the family for lots of fun. Totally Dog has door busters for your dog. Don't let them get lonely when the kids go back to school. BUY LOCAL AND SAVE!

Braceville Celebrates 250th USA Birthday

By Janice Kistler

On Sunday, August 10th at 2:00 pm in the Braceville Town Hall please join us for the first of our monthly storytelling speaker series as America 250 celebrates the birth of our nation. August event is Braceville Pioneer Family History which will feature historians from our community sharing family history and memories. Each month will be a different topic and will lead up to our big event in July, 2026, so stay tuned and plan on attending.

Warren Civic Music

This is a reminder if you have not already sent in your order form or called the Packard Music Hall, now is the time to do so. Purchasing a concert series is less than \$25 per show. Don't miss the savings and the evenings of enjoying top notch entertainment.

Visit www.WarrenCivicMusic.com for more information and to view video clips of the upcoming concerts. If you're thinking about what to give as a gift, Warren Civic Music tickets are always well received.

Johnstons 1st Annual "Community Day"

It's Approaching SOON ... Johnstons Activity Committee's 1st Annual "Community Day" on Saturday, August 16th, 12-5 PM at Johnston's Fire Station - 4424 Greenville Rd, Farmdale.

We will be kicking off this event at noon with The Pledge, Prayer and the National Anthem by Jamie Lewis.

Everyone attending will receive a ticket for a FREE bag of popcorn and bottle of water. No alcohol on premises permitted. Special Performance by local singer Madison Meeker.

EVERYONE from Every Community is Welcome. We will have lots of Vendors, Food Trucks and Live Entertainment. Please remember to bring a Non-Perishable food item, a Hygiene item or a School Supply item for "ROCKET FUEL". We hope to see you there.

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Whether you're browsing for the perfect rustic accent, shopping handmade gifts, or looking to get inspired, Pearl Street Market is your new favorite place to slow down, shop thoughtfully, and support small businesses.

We're now accepting booth rentals and tour appointments for interested vendors! If you're a maker, artist, collector, or craftsperson who wants to showcase your goods in a warm, welcoming space — we'd love to connect.



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Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Events

- Upcoming Festivals and Events
- The 40th Warren Italian-American Festival, Aug 7-10 @ Downtown Warren
 - Candywood Summer Fest Aug 10 @ Candywood Wine Cellar, Vienna
 - Ohio Wild Food Fest Aug 16 @ Bending Oak Permaculture Farm, Liberty
 - Fall at the Farmhouse Aug 30-31 @ The Farmhouse, Newton Falls
 - Local Farmers Markets & Fleas
 - Girard Farmer's Market - Every 3rd Thur 5-8 pm
 - Howland Farmer's Market - Saturdays 9-1 pm through Oct 11th
 - Hubbard Farmer's Market - Sundays 10-2 pm through Sept
- Niles Artisan Farmer's Market - Sundays 12:30-4:30 pm thru Fall
 - Vienna Farmer's Market - Saturdays 9-1 pm
 - Warren Farmer's Market - Tuesdays 3-6 pm through Oct
 - Live Music and Entertainment
 - 100th Anniversary of Warren Author Earl Derr Bigger's Detective Charlie Chan Aug 15 @ Robins Theatre & The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
 - Nashville Legends Live Aug 23 @ The Peter Allen Inn
 - An Evening with Maysa Aug 30 @ Robins Theatre
 - Tour Route 7 60-Mile Yard Sale Aug 29-31 @ Ohio State Route 7



Centerra Country Store in Cortland recently shut its doors after serving our area for almost 90 years. One of the final customers is Jessica King, seen here with long-time store manager Brian Hall. Thank you to Brian and all of his staff for being there for our community all these years.



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PLAYGROUNDS by Laurence

In summer I am very glad
We children are so small,
For we can see a thousand things
That men can't see at all.

They don't know much about the moss
And all the stones they pass:
They never lie and play among
The forests in the grass:

They walk about a long way off;
And, when we're at the sea,
Let father stoop as best he can
He can't find things like me.

But, when the snow is on the ground
And all the puddles freeze,
I wish that I were very tall,
High up above the trees.



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MARK THOMAS FORD
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11.00 AM - 3.00 PM | 3098 ST RT 5 CORTLAND, OH

Mark Thomas Ford Hosting 3rd Annual Car Show

Mark Thomas Ford is hosting their 2nd annual Bronco & Classic Car Show on Saturday, August 16 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Last year's show was a huge success. Bronco owners from miles around brought their vehicles for display. This year they are calling ALL Classic Car enthusiasts to join them for an forgettable experience. Ocean Breeze and Curby's Custard will be there along

with live music. There will prizes for 1st and 2nd place along with a 50/50 raffle. Mark Thomas Ford is known for the MTF Promise: Biggest discounts, High trade in allowances, Best interest rates and Lowest Payments. They are located at 3098 SR 5 [Elm Road]. Go to www.markthomasford.com for more information or call 330-638-1010.

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Cortland Mower now carries the bird feed and seed from Centerra inside their store at 400 S High St, across from Brothers Pizza. Stop in to "The Bird Nest" and use the coupon found in their ad in this issue of The Cortland News to save money. They also carry a line of bird houses and other supplies. Just like Centerra did, they will be happy to load it into your car for you.



What's "news" in the City of Cortland

Just The Facts

Which of the insects below can be used to tell the temperature?

- a. Honeybees
- b. Butterflies
- c. Cicadas
- d. Crickets

Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Brush Pick Up

The next brush chipping will be the week of August 25th. The rules and regulations can be found on our website. Only 1 pass per street will be made and nothing larger than 3" in diameter will be chipped. Put your brush out the Sunday before to ensure pick up.

Electric Aggregate

Beginning with the July meter read, the City of Cortland has opted to use Archer Energy as the city's aggregate. The rate is \$0.09599 per kWh (now through July 2026 meter read). If you have questions or want to know if you are enrolled, call Archer at 1-844-795-7491.

Recycling Bin

There is a cardboard recycling bin located at Willow Park. Please break down the empty boxes before putting them into the bin.

Zoning Permits

If you have an outside project scheduled, please know that you may need a zoning permit from the City of Cortland before your project begins. Visit our website for all zoning applications and find the answers to your questions. Zoning permits are required for the following: new home, home addition, garage, shed, pool, deck, porch, patio, fence & sign. There is no permit required for - driveways, or shingle and/or siding replacement. If your project is not listed above, please call the city and we will advise you if a permit is required.

In addition to a zoning permit, please visit the Trumbull County Building Department website at buildinginspection.co.trumbull.oh.us or call them at 330-675-2467 for a list of permits that they require.

Mosquito Fogging

The next scheduled evening to fog is August 13th. If the appropriate weather conditions are not present, it will be rescheduled.

eNews

The city issues a weekly eNews that includes news items and calendar events occurring in our community as well as agendas for City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. Sign up on our website www.cityofcortland.org or send an email to admin@cityofcortland.org.

Dates to Remember

- Aug 11th - Parks - 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 11th - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
- Aug 18th - City Council - 7 p.m.
- Sept 3rd - City Council - 7 p.m.

Answer

d. Crickets. They depend on their environment to regulate their body temperature. As temperatures rise, the chemical reactions in their bodies that allow them to chirp speed up, causing them to chirp more frequently. You can estimate the temperature by counting the number of chirps in a given time period and using a simple formula, Dolbear's Law. This law, named after the scientist who first described the relationship, states that you can estimate the temperature in Fahrenheit by counting the number of cricket chirps in 15 seconds and adding 40.

Example - If you count 20 chirps in 15 seconds, the temperature is roughly 60 degrees Fahrenheit (20 + 40 = 60).

Back To Troop - The Adventure Begins Again!

By Tori Campos

As the last summer s'mores are toasted and tents are packed away, it's time for Girl Scouts and leaders to start thinking "Back to Troop!" This time of year is full of excitement, as many troops gear up for cherished traditions, new friendships, and a fresh year of exploration and growth.

A key tradition every fall is welcoming new Girl Scouts. You'll find friendly faces and plenty of information at local elementary school tables, where leaders are ready to chat about what's in store. Want to dive in sooner? Mark your calendar for September 9 at 6 p.m. - we're hosting a recruitment and troop formation night at Kinsman Presbyterian Church. Reminders will be sent home with girls prior to the recruitment in their school folder or school newsletter.

Cortland will have an additional recruitment event in town, details to come. New troops will be formed, and existing ones will be looking for more members to join the adventure.

But Girl Scouting isn't just for the girls - it's a family affair. Parents, grandparents, and guardians often find joy and connection in volunteering with

girl scouts of north east ohio

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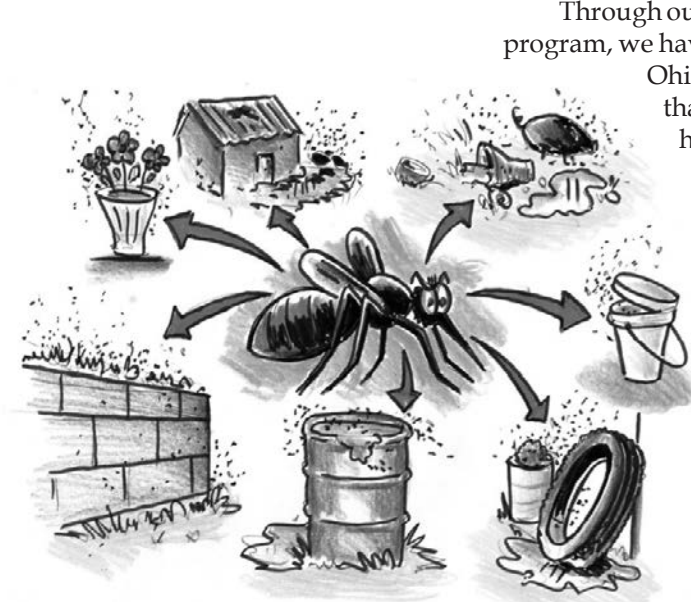
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Positive West Nile Virus Detected In Trumbull County Mosquito

From Trumbull County Health Department



Through our mosquito surveillance program, we have been informed by the Ohio Department of Health that Trumbull County had one mosquito pool test **POSITIVE** for West Nile Virus. The mosquito pool was collected near the dog park at Mosquito Lake State Park. The sample was collected on July 16, 2025. To date, there have been zero human cases of West Nile Virus

in Trumbull County. However, with the presence of a positive West Nile Virus mosquito pool we are asking the community to be vigilant against being bitten by a mosquito.

Use insect repellents when you go outdoors:

- Apply repellents on exposed skin registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Wear clothing treated with permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent for extra protection.
- Use products according to label instructions to optimize safety and effectiveness.
- Do not spray repellents on the skin under your clothing.

Take care during peak mosquito biting hours:

- Take extra care to use repellents from dusk to dawn.
- Wear light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts or jackets and long pants to protect against mosquito bites.
- Consider avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito biting hours.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure.

Don't let mosquitoes breed around your home:

- Empty standing water from flowerpots, buckets, barrels, tarps/ covers and wheelbarrows on a regular basis.

- Discard trash such as tin cans, plastic containers and other water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property.
- Dispose of discarded tires properly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out.
- Change the water in pet dishes frequently.
- Replace the water in birdbaths weekly.
- Check and clean clogged roof gutters at least twice annually so they will drain properly.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with mosquito-eating fish.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, even those that are not being used.
- Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they are not being used.
- Consider using products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), available at many garden and home improvement stores, to control mosquito larvae in containers that are too large to empty. Follow the label instructions.

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Further information can be found at the Ohio Department of Health website (ohio.gov/mosquito)



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- All hunters must follow TCMP regulations as well as all regulations and seasons as designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and/ or state and federal statutes.

HUNTING PARKS:

- These parks permit hunting for deer (bow, gun or both depending on location)

1. West Branch Wetlands Nature Preserve
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4. Trock Forest
5. Range Four Preserve

Hunting in the above stated areas will be From Start of Bow Deer Season to February 28 of each year.

PARKS FIREARMS REGULATIONS:

- Conceal Carry is permitted.
- No Target shooting permitted!
- No random or reckless discharge of firearms is permitted. Shooting is restricted to legitimate hunting.
- Guns are restricted to legal hunting weapons.
- Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

City Of Cortland Curbside Brush Pickup Policy

The City of Cortland Service Department will conduct branch and limb pick up service along city streets starting in April and continuing through October. Pick-up for the entire city is the week of the 4th Monday of each month. The next pick up is scheduled for the week of August 25. There will be one pick-up per month per household. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to collection week to ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Branches and limbs need to be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday before the scheduled collection week.
- One pass will be made on each street.
- Only branches and limbs will be picked up (trimmed/pruned and root-free).
- Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6' in length and can be up to 4" in diameter.
- The city will pick up a single brush pile no larger than 6' x 8' per household.
- Do not combine piles with your neighbors.
- Branches and limbs must be stacked in a straight pile with cut ends facing the street.
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By Cindee McMines

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- Digitization Workshop- August 26 @ 4 PM

Learn how to digitize your family photos and documents with our trained Collections Staff. Location: 410 S Main St. Warren. \$20/person, Reservation Required.

- Sutliff After Hours- August 28 @ 6 PM

Join us for the final event at the current Sutliff Museum, featuring untold stories of the Sutliff family, a look back at the museum's rich history, and an exciting glimpse into its future. 444 Mahoning Ave Warren. \$20/person, Reservation Required.



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The Gift Of Learning

One of the attributes of God that I am regularly comforted by is the omniscience of God, or the all-knowing attribute of God’s character. The apostle John wrote to the church in 1 John 3:20, “God...knows all things.” There are many other verses that describe the all-knowing God of the Bible: Ezekiel 11:5; Proverbs 15:3; John 10:15; 1 Corinthians 2:10; Romans 11:33-34; Psalm 139:1-4; Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 147:4.

This is comforting because there more realities in this world I don’t know than that which I do. I take great comfort in the God who knows all things when I don’t know something. The hurts of people, the joys of life and all the stuff in between, God knows all about it. He knows the what, the when, where, the who, and, perhaps even most comforting, the why.

There is an element of fear in this God, for He does not tell us why much of the evil in this life happens. He doesn’t tell us what He will do with us. He doesn’t promise life is a stroll in the garden. What He does promise us is He knows what He is doing and He is with us.

Summer is winding down, and if you have children in the home, there may be some dread in the conversation about going back to school, whatever that looks like for you. I began with the omniscience of God to highlight our need to keep learning. God has given us a mind that can learn. Learning is a gift, and what a gift it is!

I love learning new things. I am the guy that gets excited to learn something new and then shares it. What a terrible way to live to learn nothing! We went to school to learn, but learning doesn’t stop until our time on earth is done.

There is no greater pursuit of learning than the pursuit of knowing God. The way to know God is knowing Him in the Bible, for this is where He has placed the revelation of Himself to mankind. Knowing Jesus is knowing God, and it is my deepest desire that the people of Trumbull county Ohio know Jesus as Lord and Savior. I pray that you use the gift of learning that He has given you to find Him.

State Funding Available For New Technologies

The Ohio Department of Development today announced the opening of a new round of grant funding to help innovators and entrepreneurs bring breakthrough technologies to the marketplace.

The Ohio Third Frontier, an initiative of the Department of Development, is releasing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Phase 1 and 2 projects through the Technology Validation and Start-up Fund (TVSF).

The program aims to boost the state’s economy through commercializing technologies invented by and developed at higher education institutions, nonprofit research institutions, and federal labs, as well as supporting startups with the licensing of their products.

“Here in the heart of innovation, we’re committed to supporting the pioneering spirit of Ohioans,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development and chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. “By assisting the companies and institutions behind the latest technologies, we’re keeping Ohio at the forefront in the global marketplace and building pathways for the boldest ideas to continue to be created right here in Ohio.”

Phase 1 awards are intended for Ohio research institutions to help with the cost of viability testing and prototypes for new technologies. Awards can help demonstrate the commercial viability of a technology and help prepare a proof-of-concept for commercialization. Grants range from \$200,000 to \$1 million and require the institution to match the grant amount. Another funding option is for \$100,000 requests that require the institution to hire an intern as part of the project instead of the cost-share match.

Phase 2 Start-up Fund awards are up to \$200,000 for each project and target companies ready to move technologies from Ohio research institutions to the marketplace. Awards support startups and young companies with the licensing and validation of products and technologies to help them move forward with the commercialization of their product.



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Red Cross Blood drive Wednesday, Aug 13, 12:00 - 5:30 pm
Kentucky Mountain Drive thru Dinner, Aug 20, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, \$14 please pre-order, Chicken & Biscuit, Green beans, bean soup, sweet potato casserole, & brownie

Trinity Lutheran -
Katharina's Closet September's drop off is Sept If you would like to drop off donations please call Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402 to arrange a time. The next distribution day is Nov 20.

Join us for our first Donation Drive and Fundraiser Baby Shower in the style of a poor-man's soup dinner on Sunday, September 28 at 12:30 pm. Bring a donation of diapers, wipes, baby clothes or a monetary donation.

Bible Studies, join us as we dive into God's Word on Sunday are at 9 am. We are currently going through the book of Exodus. Wednesday Bible Studies at 5:30 pm we are studying about Angels and Demons.


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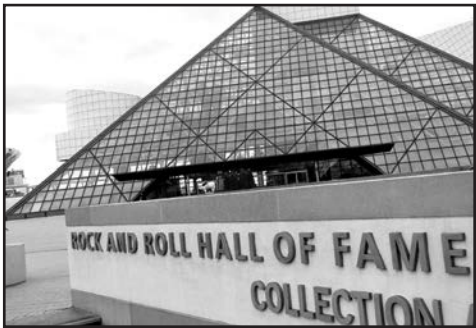


SCOPES Rock And Roll Trip To Cleveland

On Thursday August 14th Ridgeview Tours and SCOPE Senior Services host their next one-day tour. Enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful Lakeview Cemetery where many famous Clevelanders are buried, such as President James A Garfield, John D. Rockefeller and Alan Freed the disc jockey who coined the phrase "Rock & Roll". The world famous 'Haserot Angel' statue which cries black tears is also on the tour.

Then enjoy lunch at Heinens with its amazing architecture at the former Cleveland Trust building with 13 murals and tiffany style-stained glass ceiling. Our group will explore the famous Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and dive into the world of legendary music artists.

The Trip will run \$169 per person and leaves from the Lowes parking lot on State Route 46 at 8 am to return around 6:30 pm. Call Doreen at the Niles Senior Center at 330-574-2888 for details or to make a reservation.



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By Anne Japuncha

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There is no greater love than His,
Then these words our Father spoke.

The beauty found within this Book,
Was meant for you and me.
The word of God is promised there,
For all eternity.

SCOPE Offers 'Senior Friendly' Listing Of Area Businesses

The 'Senior Friendly' partnership with SCOPE Senior Services offers businesses and organizations who want to advertise and connect with older adults an opportunity to feature their products and services. SCOPE will vet those who seek the designation to assist older adults in knowing which business to use or buy from.

SCOPE provides to the public a list of SCOPE 'Senior Friendly' businesses by category. Call 330-399-8846 for a copy or visit any senior citizen center.

"We have had businesses enter our centers to sell senior citizens goods and services or to promote their facilities," stated Mike Wilson AAS, Director of SCOPE Senior Services. "We are now vetting companies to assist in protecting our seniors from unscrupulous businesses. I have even been at widow's homes while contractors make presentations, so as not to allow questionable contractors to prey on our most vulnerable citizens," Wilson concluded.

Businesses wanting to do business with older adults contact Mike Wilson at SCOPE mwilson@fcsOhio.org or 330-399-8846 ext. 206.

SCOPE was formed in 1962 and stands for Senior Citizens Opportunity for Personal Endeavors.

Do You Have An Old Lakeview, Cortland Or Bazetta School Yearbook?

The Historical Society is very grateful to the people who have donated yearbooks over the last few months! We have made a lot of progress in filling out our collection.

BUT - we are still missing a few, we still have no yearbooks from Bazetta School and nothing from Cortland School before 1949. We need yearbooks from 1951, 57, 60, 80 82-85, 90, 97, 2003 and 2007. If you would like to donate yearbooks or other materials, contact the Historical Society at info@cortlandohiohistory.org.

Bazetta Township Police "Senior Watch" Program

Bazetta Township believes in a "neighbor helping neighbor" concept and that's why the "Bazetta Township Senior Watch Program" calls for neighborhood volunteers to assist with our programs. The volunteers have signed up to help us help our seniors. Our volunteers must undergo a thorough background check and receive training in elderly needs and assessments. Through our volunteers, we will strengthen our relationships between neighbors and neighborhoods. Program members or clients can sign up for the programs by filling out an application obtained at the Township Building, Police, or Fire Departments.

The application asks for pertinent information and requests the client to choose which program they would like to be enrolled in. The least intrusive programs are the "Elderly Call" and the most comprehensive is the "Senior Watch".

"Elderly Call" program is where the senior citizen is part of our "elderly

call" list. On Tuesday or Thursday only (between 8:00 am - 3:00 pm) the police department or fire department will call the "client's homes" to check on their welfare. Again, if no contact is made an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

"Senior Watch" program is for seniors who may need our help more than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or provide assistance. The Police Department or a designated volunteer would visit the client once a week (or more) to check on their welfare.

Once the application is forwarded to the Police Department, it would be entered in our database and a schedule would be set for the client based on the program selected. As part of the application process, a "site evaluation" of the client's home would be completed by a Police or Fire Department official. This evaluation would help determine any safety concerns or any special requirements needed at the residence.

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Lakeview Hall Of Fame Spotlight

By Michael DeToro

Editor's Note: The Lakeview School District is inducting 9 new members for 2025 on Saturday, September 13.

Dave Christner Community Member and Contributor

The Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce that Dave Christner, a longtime booster and contributor, will be inducted as a member of the 2025 class. For more than 30 years, Christner has made a profound impact across all sports at Lakeview, serving as a bridge between the athletic department and booster club while working tirelessly to modernize facilities and support student-athletes.

Christner and his wife, Carleen, were raising two daughters in Cortland during the 1990s when the girls became interested in sports. A Packard Electric employee, he decided to volunteer some of his free time to the Lakeview Athletic Booster Club, a decision that would benefit countless athletes for years to come.

Early on, Christner was instrumental in redesigning the home and visitor concession stands at Don Richards Memorial Stadium, as well as engineering the new press box's interior. His engineering and managerial skills were a perfect fit as the stadium was modernized to better serve the community.

By the early 2000s, Christner had taken over as president of the booster club and turned his focus to updating locker rooms for football, basketball and other sports. In 2004, he worked closely with the boys' basketball staff to design a space that featured larger lockers and a film review area. In 2006, he led efforts to expand and upgrade the football locker room, adding additional changing space for players and coaches and introducing state-of-the-art digital video equipment. In 2008, he applied the same vision to the girls' locker room, adding larger lockers and more storage space for equipment.

Recognizing the growing role of strength and speed training, Christner also guided the move of the weight room from the old gym's stage area

to a more spacious location behind the media center. His design and connections allowed the space to be outfitted with additional equipment donated by the local YMCA.

For the past 17 years, Christner has also served as the voice of Friday night football, announcing games from the press box and ensuring that equipment and electronics – including live Hudl cameras – run smoothly for every event.

"Simply put, Dave has made the greatest impact of anyone I've worked with at Lakeview," said long-time coach Mark Swinning. "He has announced countless games, worked on electronics for various teams, and invested countless hours to make the athletic experience better for every student-athlete."

Former track and football coach Tom Pavlansky added, "His energy and efforts helped transform the football locker room into a state-of-the-art space that earned compliments from countless college coaches. The current weight room is also a direct result of the parent group he brought together, making it an invaluable resource for our athletes for nearly two decades. I can't think of a more deserving person for the Lakeview Athletic Hall of Fame."



Kyle Smedi Class Of 2008

The Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is proud to honor Kyle Smedi, Class of 2008, as an inductee into the 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame. A dominant force on the football field and one of the most decorated defensive players in school history, Kyle's contributions helped shape a golden era of Lakeview football.

A three-year letter winner and dominant presence at linebacker, Kyle Smedi's senior season in 2007 stands as one of the finest in Lakeview football history. He was named First-Team All-State and earned Northeast Ohio Defensive Player of the Year honors—accolades reserved for the very best in the region. Known for his relentless motor and field awareness, Kyle anchored a fearsome Lakeview defense with punishing hits and unmatched sideline-to-sideline pursuit.

That year, he set a single-season school record with 8 sacks and 30 tackles for loss. By the end of his career, he started 33 consecutive contests and he had amassed 18.5 sacks and 46 tackles for loss—both school records at the time—cementing his legacy as one of the most disruptive defenders to ever wear a Bulldog uniform.

In addition to his state and regional accolades, Kyle was also

nominated for Trumbull County Player of the Year and WKBN's Big 22 Player of the Year. He was a First-Team All-Northeast Ohio and All-Conference selection and capped his high school career with an invitation to compete in the prestigious North-South All-Star Classic, showcasing Ohio's top senior talent.

Kyle's success didn't end at Lakeview. He continued his football career at Slippery Rock University, where he contributed to one of the most respected Division II football programs in the country.



LES Teacher Mrs. Kasula Finalist For Award Of Excellence

Recently, we had the incredible honor of celebrating Mrs. Kara Kasula from Lakeview Middle School—at the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Award Banquet for Educators!

Mrs. Kasula was recognized as a finalist for the Award of Excellence in Teaching, a testament to her dedication, innovation, and unwavering commitment to her students.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Kasula on this well-deserved recognition. We are so proud of her accomplishments and grateful to have her as part of our Bulldog family.

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OSHP Promotes School Bus Safety Ahead of New School Year

As students across the state prepare to head back to the classroom over the coming weeks, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) is asking drivers to protect our kids by sharing the roadway with school buses and adhering to traffic laws.

Since 2020, a total of 6,225 crashes involving a school bus have been reported in Ohio, five of which were fatal. Those five fatal crashes resulted in the deaths of five individuals, with one being a school-aged student.

“While school buses are considered the safest mode of transportation for students, their safety depends heavily on every driver remaining vigilant while behind the wheel,” said Governor Mike DeWine, who recently signed a bill creating a new school bus safety grant program to help schools upgrade or add safety features to buses. “There is nothing more important than our kids, and it’s our shared responsibility to keep them safe.”

It’s crucial for all drivers to familiarize themselves on traffic laws concerning stopped school buses. Understanding these laws isn’t just about avoiding a ticket, it’s about protecting the lives of students getting on and off the bus. Some of those laws include the following:

- When a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, all vehicles traveling in both directions must come to a complete stop at least 10 feet from the bus. This applies

to two-lane roads and roads with a center turning lane.

- On roads with four or more lanes, or divided highways, only traffic traveling in the same direction as the bus is required to stop. Oncoming traffic may proceed with caution.

- Motorists must remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the bus driver signals that it is safe to proceed. In addition to enforcing the laws previously mentioned, the Patrol is tasked with ensuring school buses are safe before they leave the garage. As part of the OSHP’s commitment to school bus safety, school districts are required to get each bus inspected twice a year. These inspections guarantee all buses meet the state’s high safety standards.

“The commitment our personnel put into inspecting each school bus is truly remarkable,” said Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. “Their attention to detail directly contributes to preventing crashes and ensuring students have a safe way to get to and from school, and school-related events.” One of the two yearly mandatory school bus inspections must be completed before the start of the school year, and the second is done at random. Since 2020, Patrol personnel have performed nearly 195,000 inspections.

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Kids At Heart Buys Cortland Playroom

By Thom Foley



Kids At Heart Preschool and Child Care Centers, a locally owned and operated early childhood education company, is proud to be the new owner and operator of Cortland Playroom Preschool—Cortland’s longest running child care center.

The new leadership brings the same high standards and safety-first approach found at their Fairlawn location, which provides enriching programs for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. The center emphasizes safety with a secure entrance, classroom cameras, and a fenced outdoor play area.

Leading the transition is Center Director Emily Matzie, who is passionate about providing stability and excellence for both children and families.

“We’re proud to keep the entire team of loving, experienced teachers who are the heart of this center,” said Matzie. “Our strong academic curriculum supports students from 6 weeks to 11½ years old. We’re committed to building on the center’s legacy while creating new opportunities for learning and growth.”

Kids At Heart is part of Ohio’s ‘Step Up To Quality’ program, which recognizes high-performing child care programs. Each day includes educational and fun activities designed to help children thrive.

“We are a truly family-oriented center,” Matzie added. “We care deeply for each child—not just while they’re

here, but beyond. We’re not just a child care service.” Kids At Heart is all about helping children learn and grow.

Exciting updates are already underway, including new playground equipment to enhance outdoor learning and play.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Call 330-637-2296 to schedule a tour. Limited spots remain for the 2025-2026 school year. Check them out at their website kidsatheart.com



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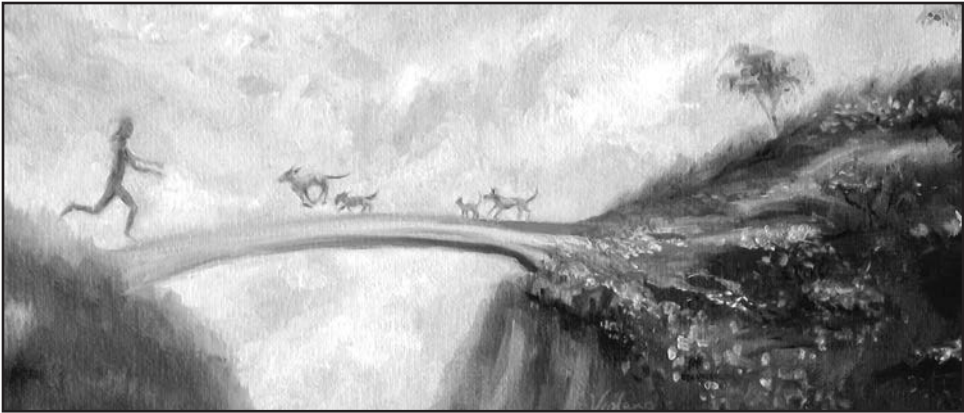
Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day in 2025 will be on August 28th. It's a day dedicated to honoring and remembering beloved pets who have passed away. This day provides a space for pet owners to reflect on the joy and love their pets brought into their lives, while also acknowledging the pain of loss.

Here are some ways people observe Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day:

- **Share memories:** Talking about pets, sharing photos, and reminiscing about good times helps keep their memory alive, says National Today.
- **Create a memorial:** Many people create photo albums,

scrapbooks, or digital slideshows to honor their pets.

- **Support animal charities:** Some choose to donate to animal shelters or rescue organizations in their pet's name, suggests the American Kennel Club.
- **Light a candle:** Lighting a candle can be a simple yet meaningful way to remember a pet, according to Catawba Heights Animal Hospital.
- **Attend events:** Some communities host walks or gatherings to commemorate Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day, such as the Rainbow Bridge Walk hosted by Poopy Doo's Animal Rescue.



A 2009 oil painting of the "Rainbow Bridge," by artist Stella Violano. "The way I see it, Rainbow Bridge leads to a vast and beautiful place that is wide open and not crowded where we all live happily together forever," Violano says.



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Terms You Need to Know For 2025 'Open Enrollment'

Open enrollment season is just around the corner. For most, this is the only time of year when you have a chance to make changes to your employee benefits package, including your health insurance. (The exception is if you experience a qualifying event, including but not limited to marriage, divorce, having a baby, etc.). To ensure you're maximizing your benefits, it's important to understand the different terms and acronyms you are likely to encounter as you review your health insurance options. Here is an overview of some of the most common enrollment terms.

Premiums. Any form of insurance coverage involves paying premiums. Most employer-based health insurance today requires that you pay a portion of the monthly premium for coverage. The payments you are required to make are generally deducted from each paycheck.

Deductible. Many insurance plans include a deductible. In the case of health insurance, this is the amount of money you have to pay in total (usually in a given year) before your health insurance assumes the remaining costs. For example, a plan with a \$1,000 deductible would require that you pay all bills up to \$1,000 out of your pocket. **Out-of-pocket limit.** An out-of-pocket limit is a cap on the amount of money you must pay for health care services that are covered by your plan each year. Once you have met your limit, your health insurance will play for 100% of your remaining health care services. It is a best practice to keep an emergency fund that you can pull from to meet this out-of-pocket limit, should you need medical care.

Copay (copayment). This is a fixed amount you pay each time you use a medical service. For example, each doctor's visit might require a \$20 copay. If your insurance plan includes copays, this amount is required even if you've met your deductible for the year, up until you reach your out-of-pocket limit.

HMOs and PPOs. These are two different forms of health insurance coverage. Your carrier may provide one or both forms of coverage. HMOs are health maintenance organizations, which often are available for lower monthly premiums but come with some restrictions. For example, most require that all your health care needs be coordinated through your primary care physician. With HMOs, you are also typically limited to services from a specific network of providers

covered by the plan. PPOs are preferred provider organizations, which tend to have higher premiums than HMOs. With PPOs, referrals from your primary physician typically aren't required and you generally have more flexibility in choosing providers based on your needs.

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Some health insurance plans come with an HSA feature. This account allows you to set aside money on a pre-tax basis to pay for qualified medical expenses. You can use the savings account to cover expenses for deductibles, copays and other out-of-pocket medical costs. By using pre-tax dollars, the net cost to you for these services is reduced. HSAs also allow you to roll over any unused funds each year for future use, even years from now when you retire.

High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). These plans are offered in conjunction with an HSA. HDHPs often are available for a lower monthly premium, but, as the name implies, require that you carry a higher deductible. Much, or all of the deductible, can come out of the money you set aside in the HSA. If you anticipate few major health care needs, HDHPs can be a sensible option to limit your premium costs.

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs). This account lets you pay many out-of-pocket medical expenses with tax-free dollars. You set money aside in an FSA with each paycheck on a pre-tax basis. The funds accumulated can be used to cover the costs of copays, deductibles, qualified prescription drugs and other qualified medical expenses. Most of the money must be used before the year is out. Your employer may allow you to carry it over for a short period into the following year or include a provision that lets you spend up to \$500 of this year's FSA savings in the following year. Check with your employer to understand the details.

Making the right health insurance choices for your circumstances can result in better coverage and potentially save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year. A financial advisor can help you sort through your protection needs and identify the plan that makes the most sense for your physical and financial health.

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Don't Over Load Your Child's Back Pack

By Dr. Joseph Cvengros, Peak Performance

Back to school season is upon us! Returning to the classroom can be exciting and fun for many students, however, going back to school can also mean new sports seasons, writing papers, and carrying backpacks from class to class. At times, these changes can easily affect the body causing pain and discomfort due to over packed bags or even poor posture.

Here are some hints and tips on how to prevent injury this school year. Peak Performance is here to help! If your child is experiencing pain or has an injury, please do not hesitate to call our office to get scheduled.

Backpacks - Carrying heavy backpacks can lead to back, neck and shoulder pain. Most students use their backpack inappropriately. If a back pack is too heavy the weight of the weight can pull you backwards. If you compensate by bending forward or arch the back,

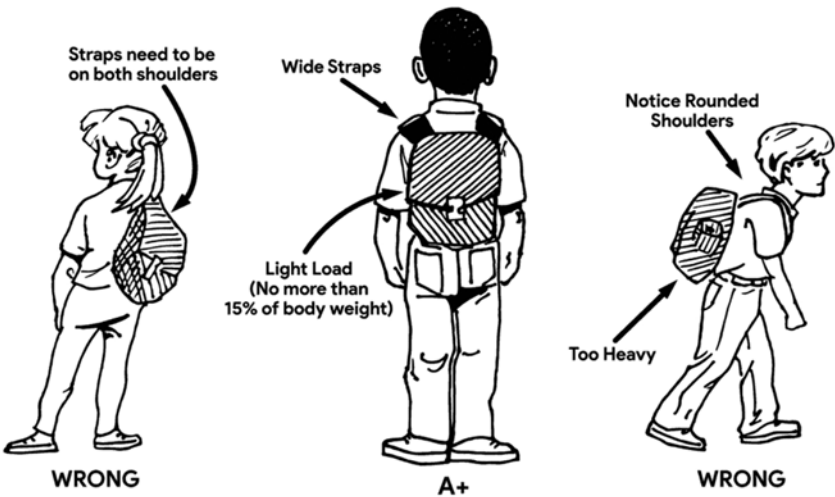


way Always use both shoulder straps to even out weight. Adjust straps, keeping the load close to the back. Your backpack should never be more than 4 inches below the waist.

Packing your backpack Pack light, only take what you need. Organize to use all compartments. Place heavier items closer to the center of the back.

Weigh your backpack. It should never weigh more than 15% of your body weight. 40# student = 6# or less. 60# student = 9# or less. 80# student = 12# or less.

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the spine will compress unnaturally leading to poor posture.

What makes a good backpack? Wide adjustable shoulder straps that are padded. Narrow straps can dig into the shoulder. Back padding for comfort. A waist belt to help distribute the weight evenly. Multiple compartments to organize and position contents evenly.

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Trumbull County Republican Women's Club News

By Betzy Peacock

Judie Shortreed, President of Trumbull County Republican Women's Club on 7/31, attended "The Coffee" at Market Place Coffee house in Howland with State Representatives David Thomas and Nick Santucci. A variety of questions were answered from community residents in various topics, human trafficking, monies for mobile meals, senior services and cost of our high electric bills.

Club Officers and members participated during the Saturday, July 19th "Coffee at the Clubhouse" event when Magistrate Mary Ellen Ditchey, shared the purpose and duties of a magistrate in our court system plus valuable insights about our local judicial process.

TCRWC joined forces with the Trumbull County GOP in participating in the July 4th Howland Parade as our country prepares for its 250th birthday next year.

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Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Tim Calderone was sworn on July 28, to fill a vacancy on the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities. His term will expire on December 31, 2027. Trumbull County Probate Judge James A. Fredericka administered the oath of office to Mr. Calderone.



Timothy Calderone, Court Reporter Gina Durkin and Judge Fredericka.

Trumbull County Travel Club News

By Peggy Boyd

Members of the Travel Club recently returned from there summer, 3-day vacation to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Sightseeing and enjoying three theater productions, members spent one morning in Strasburg joining on the steam locomotive to tour the Amish countryside.

The August day trip to Madison to the Grand River Winery & Rabbitt Run Theater is sold out as is the September

vacation to the New England Coast and Maine. In October, there is a day trip on October 18. The Great Pumpkin Glow at Kingwood Garden and Mansion will be the featured stop with dinner included and a stop at Grandpa's Cheese Barn. November 9 will be a short hop up to Cleveland to the Cleveland Aquarium, lunch included in Little Italy and Dunham Tavern Museum Tour.

For details call Peggy at 330-609-3971.



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Women's Equality Day Event

By Peggy Boyd

A Women's Equality Day Celebration will be at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday August 26, at Warren Women's Park on Mahoning Avenue. This free event will mark the 105th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. The theme is "You've Come Along Way But...Women in the Military." Featured speaker will be Retired Master Sargent, Lori Stone. The afternoon will include light refreshments at the Harriet Taylor Upton House. A tour of this home will be available during the time of the celebration.

Because of Harriet Taylor Upton's familiarity with Washington, Upton was a natural to represent the cause of women's suffrage. Mrs. Upton died

in Pasadena, California in 1945. Her remains were returned to Warren and buried at the Harriet Taylor Upton House Garden.

The history of Women's Equality Day was established in 1971 when U.S. Representative Bella Abzug was able to get a Congressional Resolution passed that designated every future August 26 as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Sponsors of this year's tribute are Harriet Taylor Upton Association, Trumbull County League of Women Voters, Warren Civic League, GFWC Warren Junior Women's League and Warren Federation of Women's Clubs.



Paulette Edingson, Harriet Taylor Upton, Kim Welsh & Esther Gartland; Back Left: Sandy Mahaffey, Marti Flint. Back Right: Danita Davis, Peggy Boyd

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Medicare Part A covers inpatient services such as hospitalization, skilled nursing facilities, hospice, and some home health care. For most people, Part A has no premium as long as you or your spouse worked and paid into Medicare and accumulated enough credits. You can enroll in Part A at age 65 even if you are still working and covered under employer insurance. Although, if you are covered under a High-Deductible Health Plan and contribute to a Health Savings Account, you will want to stop contributions prior to becoming eligible for Medicare or 6 months prior to applying for Medicare to avoid income tax consequences on the contributions. If you do not qualify for premium free Part A, you can buy the coverage for a monthly premium if you also choose to enroll in Part B and pay that premium.

Medicare Part B is medical insurance that covers most outpatient services such as doctors, tests, lab services, preventative services, ambulance services, and medical supplies. In specific circumstances Part B will also cover some prescription drugs including injections and infusions that you cannot administer to yourself and are received under the supervision of a doctor or other trained personnel. Part B of Medicare has a monthly premium based on income. In 2025 most people will pay \$185 per month. However, those with low income and limited resources may qualify for reduced premiums and those with a higher household income may pay an extra charge referred to as the income related monthly adjustment amount or IRMAA. The increased rate is based on the modified gross income from your tax return 2 years ago. For 2025 it is based on your 2023 tax return and affects anyone single or married filing separately with income more than \$106,000 and couples filing jointly

with income more than \$212,000. If you receive a letter from Social Security indicating you are subject to the IRMAA increased premium you may be able to file an appeal if there has been a change in income. For example, a decrease in household income due to retirement.

Medicare Part D is prescription drug coverage. Part D is not included with Original Medicare Parts A&B and requires a separate Prescription Drug Plan or policy. You can obtain this coverage with a stand-alone prescription plan, or it may be included as part of a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan. You are not required to pick up separate drug coverage, however if you do not have coverage within 63 days of starting Original Medicare or losing credible employer coverage, there will be a penalty imposed on the premium when you do apply for coverage. Once again, there are programs to help people with the costs of Part D premiums and the cost of medications if you qualify or the premium rates may increase for those with higher household income due to IRMAA.

While Medicare covers many things there are co-pays and costs that the individual is responsible for when seeking care. These costs can add up quickly, therefore most people will pick up either Medicare Supplement Insurance or a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) to fill in the gaps. There are several different options available when applying for Medicare and choosing the plan that works best for your specific situation. It can be confusing and overwhelming. Most local agents are available to explain your options and help you navigate through the process of setting up your insurance at no charge. Local agents are also available to help after you have received coverage and answers any questions you may have along the way. More information can also be found at Medicare.gov and SSA.gov.

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Sending Your Child To College Insurance Check Up

When students head to college in the fall, they take more than a backpack full of fresh pens and notebooks. They will be armed with technology must-haves, furniture, clothing and everything it takes to get through a school year away from home. As a parent, you can help protect them with the right insurance coverage so they can focus on what really matters.


If your child lives on campus, their belongings may be covered by your homeowner's insurance. Depending on what they bring to school, take an inventory, ideally with photos and keep your receipts. If anything is damaged or stolen from their dorm room, it may be covered 100 percent.

If your child plans to live off campus, consider adding renters' insurance. It's a surprisingly affordable

way to protect your child's belongings. Renters insurance will cover the possessions inside their apartment from theft or damage.

Remember, accidents happen, especially in college. If someone falls down the stairs at your child's apartment, personal liability insurance can cover the medical and/or legal expenses and possibly judgments against your child.

One other item you may want to address is your car insurance. Is your child taking one of your vehicles to college? Will they be allowing their roommates to borrow it? Different auto policies have gaps in coverages for these situations, It's best to check with your agent to make sure you have the proper coverage.




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Eleanor The Pack Rat

By Cait Morgan

Eleanor, like most people who lived through the Depression, was a packrat extraordinaire. She also always had a plan. The main floor of the house gave no hints to her hoarding, but open the door to the second floor and you’d be met with a wall of stuff stacked all the way up the stairs. And if you managed to get up there, you would never ever guess that there was furniture there under the piles of stuff.

I was up there once while she was in the hospital trying to find something and an entire pile of God-knows-what fell on me. Knocked me flat onto my back and pinned me there. The phone was on the floor within reach so I called her neighbor and asked her to either come help me or call the fire department. She had never experienced the upstairs and was not missing the chance to do so and came herself. We pretty much played a game of Marco Polo until she was able to locate me and dig me out. Yup, there was that much stuff.

The basement was a total disaster of wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling stuff. If Mom saw something that was a deal, like CrockPots or pans or pillows or sheet sets or whatever, she would buy three or four. One stayed on the main floor for use and the rest went to the basement along with any bedding, lamps, gadgets or other items she didn’t want upstairs. This went on for decades.

She eventually lost track of what she had. I was able to furnish my own first apartment plus the apartments of a few friends and most of my first house straight out of the basement and upstairs. And she never missed any of it.

I told her often she had to start cleaning that place out, and she always refused. Those were her memories! Those were things we might need someday! How could I say something like that?! When the day came to tell her that she was not able to go home I was stressed out. I put it off. I cried most of the morning. My secretary cried with me. Mom was more independent than anyone I have ever known - this news was going to kill her. Finally, my boss pushed me out the door and said to just go tell her. I went to the nursing/rehab home, sat on the bed and said “You know, Mom, you aren’t going to be able to go home again.”

She just looked at me. I took a deep breath, fought back the tears and continued. “We’re going to have to sell the house, which means cleaning it out and selling your stuff.”

And that’s when it sunk in to her. And she got the snidest grin on her face, laughed and said “Good luck! Better you than me!” and that was that. The woman always had a plan in place for sure.

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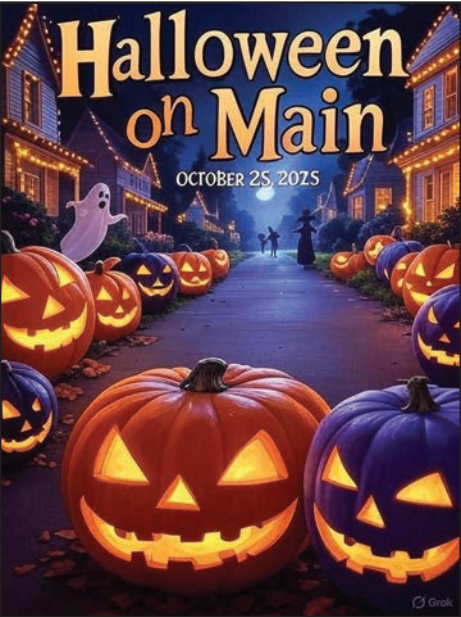
With the City of Cortland officially canceling all city-sponsored events for the remainder of the year, the members of FOP #168 felt a strong commitment to ensuring that local children still can enjoy a safe and festive Halloween tradition.

Halloween on Main will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in downtown Cortland. The event will feature candy giveaways and Halloween fun for all ages.

The Cortland-Bazetta FOP is currently seeking businesses, organizations, and individuals interested in participating by handing out candy.

To apply or learn more about how to get involved, please email the lodge at OHFOP168@gmail.com.

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Burton-Middlefield Rotary Has Biggest Week Of The Year

By Bob Johnson, secretary, Burton-Middlefield Rotary

The week of July 6-12, 2025, was the busiest of the year for the Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield (BMR).

At the club's regular Wednesday evening meeting at the Welshfield Inn, BMR held its annual leadership changeover. Rotary has a long-standing tradition of installing new leadership each year, with the new Rotary year beginning July 1. Every officer—club, district, zone, and international—is rotated annually to bring in fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

This year, club member Jeff Pascoe took the reins from outgoing president Larry Fox. The two exchanged leadership pins before presenting awards to several deserving club members. Following the presidential induction, 11 members were officially installed as the new board of directors.

With the new leadership in place, the club turned its attention to preparations for the 2025 Maple Splash Raffle Festival (MSR), which kicked off Friday afternoon. Set-up and staging continued into Saturday morning, just in time for the event's 2 p.m. start.

A larger tent with a stage helped shade attendees from the intense afternoon sun. While heat and a brief shower may have slightly affected attendance compared to last year, excitement remained high. The Rockability band and headliner Todd Meany and the Ace Molar band kept the crowd energized with singing, dancing, and nonstop fun.

Last-minute ticket sales were brisk, with the event-only 50/50 drawing

raising over \$2,000—half of which went to a thrilled attendee. The online 50/50 raffle, which had been running since January, raised more than \$16,000. The winner, though not present, was overjoyed when contacted by phone.

Prize drawings began at 8 p.m., starting with the grand prize—a brand-new Ford F-150 pickup provided by Preston Ford. The winning ticket belonged to a Florida resident, who exclaimed, "I can't believe it! I never win anything!" The truck will be personally delivered by a Rotarian traveling to Florida in the coming weeks.

Four additional raffle drawings kept excitement levels high throughout the evening. Several winners were in attendance, while others received phone calls immediately after the drawings. The raffle basket area was a highlight once again, with the creative raffle team assembling an impressive 75 baskets. The plinko board added extra fun, allowing attendees to earn additional entries. This year's raffle basket section generated record-breaking funds.

The Century Village grounds were filled with food trucks and nonprofit organizations. Attendees were invited to engage with local nonprofits, who shared the missions and impacts of their programs. A "passport" program encouraged guests to visit nonprofit booths, collecting stamps that could be turned in for a chance to win a \$1,000 prize basket filled with gift cards, lottery tickets, and more.

A children's version of the passport program was also offered, with kids earning ice cream prizes from Cowboy Creamery—a big hit that kept the line growing throughout the day.

The BMR club and event committee reported another successful year for the Maple Splash Raffle fundraiser, which runs annually beginning in January. Proceeds will allow the club to increase its nonprofit giving and expand support to additional organizations in the coming year.

LIBRARY NEWS

Open House at Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson

The Bristol Public Library will hold an Open House on Saturday, August 9th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Discover everything the library has to offer. Tour the library, visit the museum, meet the staff and enjoy light refreshments.

There will be a giveaway for all ages, while supplies last. Children up to age 5 will receive a free board book and Grades K-12 will receive free school supplies. Adults that sign up for a library

card will receive a free library tote bag and if you're an adult that already has a library card, you will receive a free gift too.

Visit the final day of the Friends of the Library book sale. All items will be free. Included are books, music CDs, books on CD, DVDs, and video games for adults, young adults and children.

For more information contact the circulation desk at 330-889-3651.

Monarch's On The Move At Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson

Rayna Lambert, a Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate, is proud to partner

with The Bristol Public Library to present a special program on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025.

This will be an engaging and educational program about the remarkable monarch butterfly, their life cycle, and how you can help them thrive. This program will begin at 1:00 pm, and children kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to attend. Of course, adults are welcome to attend!

The program will feature a reading of Mission: Monarch. This is a children's picture book that Rayna wrote and illustrated for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The August 12th program will also include a take-home craft and live monarch caterpillars to view up close.

Registration is required due to limited seating. Please contact the Bristol Public Library circulation desk at (330) 889-3651 to reserve your spot!



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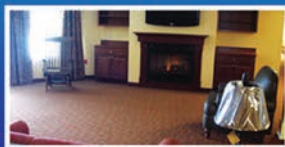


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