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The Ballot And The Brave: How Our Votes Honor The Vigil Of Those Who Served

*As Autumn Leaves Settle Across Trumbull County, the Twin Callings of Election Day and Veterans Day
Reveal a Shared Heritage of Civic Responsibility*

By Alex Irman

A Season of Reflection Along Mosquito Lake

As late October draws to a close across Trumbull County, autumn announces itself in familiar, comforting ways. Morning frosts trace crisp outlines along the shoreline of Mosquito Creek Lake, tractors work their final sweeps across surrounding fields, and the vibrant amber and crimson foliage begins its graceful surrender to November winds. Along Main Street and down the quiet avenues of Cortland, red, white, and blue banners flutter alongside seasonal harvest wreaths on front porches. This distinctive turn in the calendar carries an unspoken gravity. We stand directly at the threshold of two profoundly meaningful dates on the American calendar: the casting of ballots on Tuesday, November 3rd, followed just eight days later by the solemn observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th.

At first glance, modern culture frequently treats these two events as entirely separate occasions, separated by partisan fervor on one hand and quiet solemnity on the other. Election Day arrives amid intense campaign dialogue, yard signs, debates, and community discussions concerning school levies, local county governance, judicial seats, and the direction of our state and nation. Conversely, Veterans Day is celebrated with reflective silence, local parades, ceremonial wreath layings, and public expressions of gratitude to those who donned the uniform of the armed forces. Yet when we pause to inspect the deeper currents that sustain our democratic republic, it becomes unmistakably clear that



these two November observances are not disparate events occurring by mere chronological coincidence. Rather, they represent two vital halves of a single, indivisible civic contract.

The Cost of Democratic Liberty

The sacred right to cast an independent vote in a free, transparent, and fair election did not emerge spontaneously out of good fortune. Every democratic mechanism we rely upon—every municipal polling station housed in our Cortland community halls, and church fellowship rooms—is anchored by the enduring sacrifices of men and women who stood guard in perilous places around the globe. The privilege of entering a voting booth, drawing a curtain, and deciding the future of our society in absolute peace was purchased through tremendous vigilance, hardship, and, in far too many instances, the ultimate sacrifice.

From the chilly waters of the North Atlantic to the sweltering jungles of the South Pacific and Vietnam, from the frozen hills of the Korean Peninsula to the deserts and mountain passes of the Middle East, generations of American service members carried forward a mission far larger than themselves. They left behind the safety of small-town front porches, the laughter of hometown diners, and the quiet comfort of family hearths to defend a profound principle: that government must derive its just powers from the consent of the governed. When we reflect upon our local veterans—those who returned home to work in Ohio steel mills, build successful businesses, raise families, volunteer in civic organizations, and rest peacefully under bronze markers in our local cemeteries—we are reminded that our freedom was never free.

Casting a Ballot as a Living Memorial

Recognizing this vital connection shifts our understanding of what it means to participate in the upcoming election. In recent years, cynicism has occasionally clouded the public square, tempting some to view voting as an inconvenience, a partisan chore, or an inconsequential exercise. Yet when seen through the lens of those who took an oath to support and defend the Constitution, casting a ballot transforms from an ordinary administrative task into a profound act of moral fidelity.

"The privilege of entering a voting booth, drawing a curtain, and deciding the future of our society in absolute peace was purchased through tremendous vigilance, hardship, and sacrifice. Our vote is the living fulfillment of the veteran's vigil."

To abstain from voting when one possesses the right and ability to do so is to disregard the heavy sacrifices made to secure that very prerogative. When a citizen steps into a polling precinct on November 3rd, that single mark on a paper ballot is a living testament to the soldier on night patrol, the sailor standing watch on open waters, the airman monitoring turbulent skies, the Marine securing hostile terrain, and the Coast Guardsman braving unforgiving swells. It declares unequivocally that their sacrifices were not made in vain, that their defense of our constitutional framework continues to yield a vigilant, engaged, and grateful populace.

Local Realities and Everyday Stewardship

Here in Cortland and across our neighboring communities in Trumbull County, this shared responsibility takes on an intimate, tangible dimension.

While national races frequently dominate headlines and airwaves, the true foundation of American civic life is anchored at the local level. On Tuesday, November 3rd, Cortland residents will make decisions that directly affect our community: funding for our local schools, county Judges and administrative stewardship. In these local decisions, the spirit of service exemplified by our veterans finds its most direct civilian expression.

Just as our armed forces rely upon disciplined teamwork, mutual trust, and dedication to a collective mission regardless of personal backgrounds, a healthy local community thrives when neighbors approach civic problems with mutual respect and a genuine commitment to the common good. We do not honor our veterans by approaching political dialogue with venom or contempt. Instead, we honor them by participating with thoughtfulness, listening with patience, treating our election workers and fellow citizens with courtesy, and committing ourselves to the peaceful betterment of our schools, neighborhoods, and public institutions.

Continuing the Mission Beyond the Ballot Box

As the election concludes and the campaign signs gradually disappear from our lawns, our civic duty does not end. In truth, it merely pivots toward the second half of this sacred November pairing. When Wednesday, November 11th arrives, our community must turn its full attention toward honoring our living veterans and remembering those who have departed. Our gratitude cannot remain confined to ceremonial speeches or momentary social media tributes. It must be demonstrated through tangible support for our veteran neighbors throughout the entire year.

In Trumbull County, many veterans face unique challenges as they transition back into civilian life, manage service-connected disabilities, seek meaningful employment, or navigate the golden years of their lives. Supporting local organizations such as the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and local community outreach initiatives ensures that no former service member in our region feels forgotten. Whether by volunteering time, contributing to local veteran relief programs, offering a listening ear, or ensuring that aging

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Monday, Nov 9 - 6 PM

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Monday, Nov 9 - 7 PM

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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

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

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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

31 Trick or Treat / 6 – 8 PM

NOVEMBER

- 2 Community Bingo / Public Event / Cortland Healthcare / 1-3 PM
- 3 MS Warriors Support Group / Cortland Library / 6 PM
- 3 Election Day
- 4 "First Wednesday" Series / The Upton House / Darcy Krolikowski Miller, Guest Speaker - Author of "Connecticut to Mesopotamia"
- 4 Women In Faith Drive-Thru Dinner / Cortland United Methodist Church
RSVP at 330-637-2571 / 4:30-6 PM
- 7 Charity Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefiting Warren Chapter of DeMolay / 9 to 11:30 AM
- 7 Journey Christian Church Kids Club - Shine Your Light / Call 234-244-4199
5:30 - 8 PM
- 8 Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee Program / Veterans Memorial / 2 PM
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 11 American Red Cross Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church
12 Noon-5:30 PM
- 13 Chili Cook -Off / Cortland Healthcare / RSVP by calling 330-638-4015
- 16 Thanksgiving Trivia Night / Bristol Public Library / 5PM
- 19 Cortland Healthcare Holiday Craft and Vendor Show (Public Event) 2-5 pm,
- 21 Charity Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefiting the Masonic Lodge Trustees / 9 to 11:30 AM
- 21 Annual Cortland GINGERBREAD WALK 10 am to 3 PM
- 21 Christmas in Bazetta / Bazetta Park / 3-6 PM / Special guest for children
arrives at 3:30 PM
- 21 God Provides A Meal / Cortland United Methodist Church

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

Vasilio's has a storeroom for rent in their plaza. Are looking for a high traffic modern location for your business? There is no better place than one of the area's busiest and safest plazas. Call the restaurant or stop in for more details.
Speaking of Vasilio's, they are taking reservations for their party room. Book your Holiday party soon – they fill up fast.
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November Charity Breakfasts
At Cortland Masonic Lodge

The next two charity fund-raiser pancake breakfasts at the Cortland Masonic Lodge will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th and Nov. 21st, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.
The benefiting organization, on Nov. 7th, will be the Warren Chapter of DeMolay -- a Masonic youth organization for boys. Representatives



will be available to share detailed information and answer questions about DeMolay activities. Then on Nov. 21st, the breakfast will benefit the Masonic Lodge Trustees, to help them fund various building improvement projects.
The "all you can eat" breakfast costs \$10.00 for adults, and \$7.00 for youth ages 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee, with take-outs available. As with every charity breakfast, the public is invited to attend.
Each month, as a community service project, the lodge donates all the breakfast supplies, then cooks the menu, and donates 100% of the income to a local area charity.

The Ballot And
The Brave

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veterans can access transportation and medical care, our community has the power and the obligation to surround our heroes with genuine care and unwavering support.
A Sacred Promise to the Future
As we navigate these pivotal early days of November, let the residents of Cortland stand together as a shining example of what a dedicated, grateful community looks like. On Tuesday, November 3rd, let us exercise our fundamental democratic right with pride, solemnity, and purpose, honoring the ballot as an instrument forged by the brave. Then, on Wednesday, November 11th, let us gather in unity across our city to offer our heartfelt gratitude to those who wore the cloth of our nation. By recognizing the profound harmony between these two observances, we reaffirm the enduring truth that democracy is neither an inheritance to be taken for granted nor a spectator sport to be watched from afar. It is a living, breathing covenant between the citizen and the protector, between the ballot and the brave. When we vote with conviction and honor our veterans with genuine devotion, we preserve the flame of liberty that has guided our community and our nation through every challenge, ensuring that its light will continue to illuminate generations yet to come.

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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 gfwcohjw1@gmail.com or by phone at (216) 403-0633.



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The launch and landing spot this year is Little Charlie's Bake Shop on South High. The walk includes community participating businesses along South High Street, North High, West Main and Pearl with exciting pop-up sales along the route! The Shop Walk includes Horse-drawn Carriage rides between shops and free pictures with Santa and final raffle basket drawing at the bake shop.

Flash-mob Christmas Caroling will be at Girts Cortland Music101 and open to the public between noon to 1 pm!

Awesome Aquatics will have a traveling Reptile Show. You can come in and hold pythons, anacondas, spiders,

tarantulas, geckos, turtles, bearded dragons and much, much more. Tropical fish and reptiles all Under One Roof. Face your fears and get your picture taken with them. It's going to be a great day.

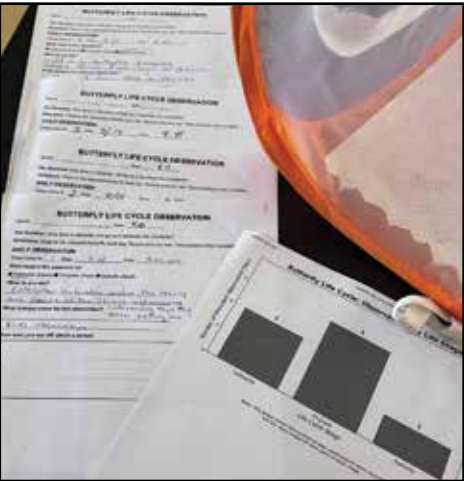
But Wait! We're just getting started! We're seeking businesses or community groups, churches, pop-ups, that would like to be a stop on the route or participate as a sponsor for this fun Annual Community event.

Participating businesses so far are Little Charlie's Bake Shop, Heritage Florist, Girl's Cortland Music101, I Want That!, Awesome Aquatics, The Pearl Street Market and an evening after- hours party at The Local Tap and Grill.

If an area Business is interested in being a Participant or sponsor for this event, call Candice at Music 101, 330-638-1101. Deadline to register as a participating business for this year's event is October 31st.

Cortland Mower Helps WG Harding Students Learn About Butterflies

Cortland Mower teamed up with Robin Walk, the Biology IST teacher at Warren Harding High School, to help her students learn about the life cycle of caterpillars and butterflies. Her son, Anthony Walk and Cortland Mower donated a butterfly incubator and caterpillar to the Biology classroom at Warren G. Harding High School.



"Our students had the opportunity to watch and photograph the caterpillar as it grew, formed a chrysalis, and emerged as a butterfly. Students recorded their observations and collected data throughout the process, connecting a hands-on experience to Ohio's Biology standards involving ecosystems, biological change and the collection and use of scientific data" said Ms. Walk.

"We are grateful to have community members who support our students and help bring science to life in the classroom!"



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More Than Real Estate: Patti L'Amoureux Brings A Unique Approach To Helping Cortland Residents Make Their Next Move

Local Realtor combines real estate, home staging, furniture resale, and moving resources to offer homeowners a more complete experience.

Buying or selling a home is about much more than a real estate transaction. It often represents a new beginning, a lifestyle change, or the closing of a meaningful chapter. For local Realtor and business owner Patti L'Amoureux, helping people navigate those changes is at the heart of what she does.

As a real estate professional with Century 21 Lakeside, Patti brings a distinctive combination of services and resources to the Cortland community. Her involvement with House to Home Staging, along with her ownership of Furniture Decor & More, a used furniture store in Cortland, and a local U-Haul dealer, provides her with a unique perspective on the many details involved in buying, selling, and moving. What makes Patti's approach different is her understanding that preparing a home for sale involves more than simply placing a sign in the yard.

Through her work in home staging, Patti understands how furniture placement, presentation, and thoughtful design can help buyers see a property's potential. Whether it's rearranging existing furnishings, refreshing a room, or helping a seller prepare a home for the market, she recognizes the importance of creating a welcoming first impression.

Her experience as the owner of Furniture Decor & More adds another valuable dimension. The Cortland business offers previously owned furniture and home furnishings, giving residents an opportunity to discover pieces for their homes while providing a resource for those looking to downsize, redecorate, or transition into a different

living situation.

And when it's time to make the actual move, Patti's U-Haul business offers another convenient local resource. Together, these businesses create a natural connection between real estate, home preparation, furniture, and relocation.

A Local Resource for Every Stage of Homeownership

For many homeowners, especially those who have lived in their homes for decades, the thought of selling can feel overwhelming. Deciding what to keep, what to sell, how to prepare the property, and where to begin can be just as challenging as the real estate transaction itself.

Patti's combination of experience allows her to approach these situations with an understanding of the bigger picture.

From helping a first-time buyer find the right home to assisting longtime homeowners who are ready to downsize, her goal is to make the process feel more manageable and personal.

Her connection to the Cortland business community is also an important part of her professional identity. As both a local business owner and Realtor, Patti has a vested interest in the people, homes, and neighborhoods that make the area special.

Bringing It All Together

In today's real estate market, presentation, preparation, and knowledgeable guidance can make a meaningful difference. Patti's involvement in several home-related businesses gives her an opportunity to

offer more than traditional real estate services.

Whether someone is considering selling a longtime family home, purchasing their first property, relocating, or simply wondering where to begin, Patti offers a practical and personal approach.

Because at the end of the day, real estate isn't just about houses. It's about the people who call them home.

Patti L'Amoureux is a Realtor with Century 21 Lakeside and is involved with House to Home Staging. She is also the owner of Furniture Decor & More and a U-Haul business in Cortland, OH.

For information about buying or selling a home, contact Patti at 330-282-2947 or pattilamoureuxc21@gmail.com



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Trumbull County Tourism has been named a finalist for Best Stakeholder Engagement in the 2026 City Nation Place Awards, an international competition recognizing excellence in economic development and destination marketing, branding and place marketing.

Trumbull County Tourism is the only U.S. destination named a finalist in this category and the only Ohio organization represented among this year's finalists.

The recognition is for Trumbull Tourism's Economic Development Tour series, which brings regional leaders inside the businesses, projects, and community assets shaping Trumbull County.

Clare Dewhirst, CEO, City Nation Place, said, "I'm still blown away by the creativity and innovation of place branding and marketing teams from around the world. Place branding and marketing is an incredibly demanding job, and its importance is often severely underestimated. It's a pleasure to be able to celebrate the individuals and teams working tirelessly to support the growth and development of their cities, regions, and nations."

Beth Kotwis Carmichael, CEO of Trumbull County Tourism, says, "It's a little surreal to see Trumbull County Tourism highlighted for our work alongside the destinations we're competing with in this category. For a staff of three, it's a reminder of the passion and level of work our team produces and how we continue to elevate the image of Trumbull County,

now on an international stage."

Over the last 18 months, the series has included five tours, 31 site visits and 101 participants.

Participants have represented business, government, education, nonprofits, economic development and tourism, with early- and mid-career professionals intentionally included alongside established leaders. Stops have ranged from international manufacturers and distribution operations to public infrastructure projects, healthcare, small businesses and quality-of-life assets.

Connections made through the tours have led to new partnerships, helped legislative staff identify businesses for future visits and inspired the development of a new workforce program for high school students.

"When we started these tours, we wanted leaders to get inside the places driving the Trumbull County economy," said Commissioner Denny Malloy. "We think we know what is happening, but until you walk through these businesses and projects and talk directly with the people, you don't see the whole picture. What is happening in Trumbull County connects to the region, the country and, in many cases, the world."

The City Nation Place Awards attracted a record number of entries from 31 countries across all seven continents. Winners will be announced on November 5 at the City Nation Place Global conference in London, England. The finalists were selected by an international jury of place leaders.

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Ohio State Bar Association Calls on All Ohioans To Help Protect Judicial Independence

As Ohioans prepare to vote in judicial races across the state this fall, the Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association adopted a resolution that calls on lawyers, judges, judicial candidates and voters each to do their parts to protect judicial independence and strengthen public confidence in Ohio's courts. It says:

- **Lawyers** should engage in constructive and respectful discussion of judicial decisions, defend the independence of courts and oppose conduct that undermines the legitimacy or safety of judges and judicial institutions.
- **Judges and judicial candidates** should always conduct themselves in ways that promote the greatest possible public confidence in an independent and impartial judiciary. That means refraining from endorsing political candidates, making commitments

regarding how they would rule in future cases, taking positions on matters that may come before them or engaging in personal attacks against their opponents.

- **Voters** are urged to take the time to become informed and participate in judicial elections at every level and recognizing the distinct role of judges in our system, to look beyond traditional partisan politics when evaluating judicial candidates.

"Judges are elected, but their responsibility once on the bench is to decide cases independently and impartially based on the law and the facts—not in response to public pressure or politics" said Ohio Bar CEO Mary Amos Augsburger. "As Ohioans prepare to vote, it is an important time to recognize that distinction, and the legal profession stands ready to help by providing credible information about judicial elections in order to support our courts and an independent judiciary."

The resolution comes at a consequential time for Ohio's judiciary, as voters prepare to select judges who will make decisions affecting constitutional rights, families, businesses, communities and the administration of justice across the state, while at the same time there are distinct challenges impacting public confidence in the courts, including political polarization, increased criticism of judges and judicial institutions and evolving norms surrounding judicial speech and conduct.

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What's "news" in the

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Just The Facts
What was the first wrapped penny candy in America?
Find the answer at the bottom of the column.

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



Cortland's Veterans Day Observation
The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee will hold their program at the Veterans Memorial on Sunday, November 8th at 2 pm. The public is invited and asked to bring their own chair. If it rains, the program will be at Cortland Christian Church – 153 Grove Dr. All veterans will be recognized; the speaker will be retired Air Force Major Peter Bollinger.

Let The Rain Drain
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 standing water and street flooding. City ordinances state "No person shall deposit litter on any public property, on any private property not owned by the person, or in or on waters of the state or municipality". Please do not purposely rake or blow leaves into storm inlets.

Thank you for your help in keeping our storm drains clear.

Dates to Remember
Nov. 2nd – City Council – 7pm
Nov. 9th – Parks – 6 pm
Nov. 9th – Planning & Zoning – 7pm
Nov. 16th– City Council – 7pm

Answer - Tootsie Roll. This chocolate-flavored, taffy-like candy was introduced in 1907. It was invented by Austrian immigrant Leo Hirschfeld, the candy was named after his daughter Clara, whose nickname was "Tootsie". It is known as the first mass produced individually wrapped penny candy in America.

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, November 4 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.

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Mecca Township Historical Society Announces 2027 Historic Calendar; Seeks Community Sponsors

The Mecca Township Historical Society is excited to announce that we are creating a 2027 12-month calendar featuring historic images from our community's past. Each month will feature a photograph from our local history, highlighting the people, places, businesses, and events that have helped shape our community.

The calendars will be available for purchase during the holiday season, with proceeds helping support the Historical Society and our ongoing efforts to preserve and share local history. As an all-volunteer-run historical society, we are inviting local businesses, organizations, families, and individuals to help make this project possible through a \$20 calendar sponsorship.

Become a Monthly Calendar Sponsor. For just \$20, you can have your name, business, organization, or memorial message featured on one of the 12 monthly calendar pages. Each month has two sponsorship spaces available, located on either side of the month name at the top of the calendar page.

Your sponsorship can include your business or organization name, your personal or family name, an

"In Memory of" or "In Honor of" message, or a short message of your choice. Because of the small size of the sponsorship space, logos and artwork cannot be included. The Historical Society will format the submitted name or message to fit the calendar design with clean black-and-white text. We have space for 24 sponsorships, two per calendar page, in an area approximately 1.5" high by 3" wide. Please restrict text to no more than 5 lines, 33 characters per line.

Sponsorships are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so you may request a particular month if it is still available. Please indicate your first and second choice of month, and we will do our best to accommodate requests, though spaces are limited to two sponsors per month.

Ways to Pay:

- Sign up through our secure fundraising partner, Zeffy (Preferred): <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2027-calendar-sponsorship-3>. You may also send us an email or Facebook message with your text of choice.

For more information visit www.meccatownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Volunteer Singers Needed For Cortland Area Christmas Concert

Sing, sing, sing! Oh how I wish I could sing. Even in the shower I try. Smile. But you Cortland, Bazetta, Mecca area residents can really carry a tune. And carry it well when Christmas carols and music are involved.

Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) needs volunteer singers for the December 15 7 PM annual Christmas concert. LOAF is organizing the annual Christmas concert featuring the Cortland Community Band at Raidel Auditorium, Lakeview High School. An integral part of the concert is the chorus formed anew each year led by Michelle Robbins Jones.

We need volunteer singers in every voice category especially men. Regardless of your experience Michelle will find a place for you on the chorus risers. First rehearsal is November 14, Saturday, 10:30 am at Prince of Peace Church, 490 North High Street, Cortland. No advance registration required. See you at Prince of Peace Church.



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More information on this can be obtained at the City's Web page cityofcortland.org.

Additionally, the State Fire Marshalls Office has placed a burning ban between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm in March, April, May, October, & November. Please make sure you are being vigilant and follow all requirements when burning.

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Cortland Healthcare Center Public Events



By Jessica Popp Marketing Director

Cortland Healthcare Center, located at 369 N. High Street, Cortland has a Calendar of upcoming events, open to the public to register for. Cortland Healthcare Center provides both long-term and short-term care, specializing in short-term rehabilitation, for the senior community. This local facility is certified by Medicare and Medicaid with 68 dually certified beds. While their services are geared toward the senior community, Cortland Healthcare Center often features community events for not only seniors but families and children as well.

“At Cortland Healthcare Center we strive to provide awareness and promote advocacy for the Senior citizen community. Our focus centers on being a reliable community resource to families, caregivers and to local organizations whose main role is to help area seniors in need. Many times,

families are uncertain how to navigate finding and securing long-term care for their loved ones or have difficulty navigating the realm of what their parent or loved one’s insurance covers. For those requiring short –term rehab, the process is not always cut and dry. We pride ourselves on hosting community events, not only for our residents, but for the general public, and to support Cortland City and Bazetta Township as well as Lakeview Local Schools. We understand that now more than ever, working families are caring for an aging parent and also young children, so we look forward to providing education, resources and fun events that support our local community’s needs” said Charles Williams, Administrator.

The public is invited to these upcoming events:

- **Cortland Healthcare Holiday Pie Sale:** \$10.00 Apple, Pumpkin,

Pecan, Sweet Potato, \$12.00 Crème Pie, accepting orders @ 330-638-4015 until Nov. 20th. Pie Pick up Nov. 23rd 4-6 pm at our facility.

- **Every 1st Monday of the month we host Community Bingo:** Monday, November 2nd, Community Bingo- Public Event 1-3 pm, Guest Host: Brandon Harb from Harmony Hospice Care, refreshments & snacks provided. 5-Card play.
- **Friday, November 13th, Chili Cook -off.** We specially invite all local

Police, Fire and EMS First Responders to participate and help our residents judge the best chili! RSVP by calling 330-638-4015

- **Thursday, November 19th, Holiday Craft and Vendor Show 2-5 pm** Interested Craft and Homemade good Vendors call 330-638-4015 to register.
- **Monday, December 7th, Community bingo -Public event 1-3 pm,** refreshments & snacks provided. 5-Card play.



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Cortland Veterans Day Observance

By Dick McClain

The Cortland Veterans Memorial Committee has announced that a special program will be held at the Veterans Memorial, located in Point Park, on Sunday, November 8, starting at 2:00 PM. The public is invited, and everyone is asked to bring a folding chair.

All veterans will be recognized, and the speaker will be retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Peter Bollinger.

Members of the Memorial Committee will provide the sound system and assist directing parking. The D.A.V. Chapter 11 will perform the rifle salute and taps. Walnut Street in front of Cortland Mower will be closed starting at 1:00 PM to set-up for the event. In case of rain, the program will be moved to Cortland Christian Church, located at 153 Grove Drive.

By Cindee Mines

Kay Fisher was a driving force for the repair of the pillars of the Kinsman House in 2019. Kay loved her city and helped restore the Kinsman House. She was instrumental in securing and retaining a \$300,000 grant, which was about to expire, for the installation of an elevator and handicapped-accessible restrooms in the Kinsman House.

The Warren Heritage Center is responsible for the salvation, preservation, restoration and ongoing operations for the Kinsman House. Thanks to Kay and her push to save the house, we are able to present programs, have the house open the first Sunday of every month and display exhibits about Warren history such as our new donation from the TMH School of Nursing artifacts.

This 1832 mansion sits at the foot of the Millionaire's Row and was the home

of Frederick Kinsman and his children. Mr. Kinsman was friends with President Garfield who visited the home for dinner as noted in the Garfield diaries at the Library of Congress.

We hope you will help the WHC to continue the work that Kay was so passionate about. The Warren Heritage Center is a 501c3.

Donations to the Kay Fisher Memorial Endowment Fund can be made to the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley thru their website, www.cfmv.org. Click on the donate button on the top right of their screen, then look for the Kay Fisher Memorial Endowment in the box provided.

Checks can be made out and sent

to the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, 201 E. Commerce St. #150, Youngstown, OH 44503. Donors should put Kay Fisher Memorial Endowment Fund on the memo line.

The Warren Heritage Center is grateful for your continuing support to honor Kay and the dream she had to maintain the Kinsman House.

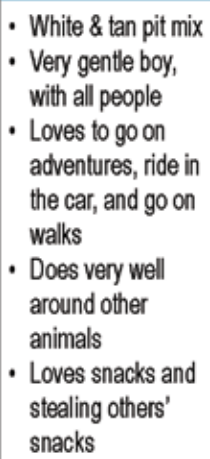




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Check out this quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi dissident during World War II. He said, “Gratitude changes the pangs of memory into a tranquil joy.” What makes this quote even more meaningful is the fact that Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis in a concentration camp on April 9, 1945, at the age of 39. If anyone had reason to despair amid deep hardship, it was Bonhoeffer; yet he continued to lead worship, minister to fellow prisoners, and write theological reflections until his final days, defying the orders of the Nazi regime. By practicing gratitude, even

our deepest wounds and difficulties can be transformed into memories of calm and contentment rather than piercing grief. We do this by placing our trust solely in the Lord.

The Apostle Paul tells us in **Philippians 4:6-7** (NIV), “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Whenever we are tempted to despair, we need to cast our anxieties upon the Lord. We do this by lifting our concerns up to God in prayer and petitions (making requests to Him) with thanksgiving. This means being thankful in all situations, even when things are going poorly.

When we do this, we will truly recent peace from God. This peace is a peace that transcends or surpasses our understanding.

BOTTOM LINE: Leave all your anxieties and worries at the feet of Jesus, who wants to take them from you and carry you through your hard times. Be thankful to Him today!

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the brave men and women who have served in our military. Thank you for the courage, sacrifice, and dedication they have shown in protecting our freedom and our way of life. We honor their commitment, and we recognize the cost of their service, both seen and unseen.

Lord, bless each veteran with peace, healing, and comfort. Surround them with your love and help them feel the appreciation and respect they deserve. May they find rest in knowing that their sacrifices have made a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

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Medicare supplement plans work with original Medicare Insurance. With a Medicare Supplement you do not cancel or replace your Medicare Part A or Part B coverage, and you still have all your Medicare insurance benefits, rights and protections. These plans are a secondary (supplemental) insurance to original Medicare insurance and help cover costs not covered by Medicare. For example, Part B of Medicare Insurance covers outpatient services, doctor appointments and tests.

Typically, Medicare pays 80% of approved costs after a deductible is met and you are left with the remaining 20%. However, there are no limits to the 20% with only original Medicare insurance. A supplement will pay some or all those costs depending on the specific plan. There are several different supplemental insurance plans available. These plans are required to be the same from company to company and are approved by CMS (Medicare). However, each company sets their own premiums and rate increase schedules. These plans do not include prescription drug coverage (part D), vision, dental or hearing benefits. A separate prescription plan needs to be added to the coverage to avoid potential Medicare late enrollment penalties in the future.

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) combine Parts A, B and possibly Part D. They are administered by individual insurance companies instead of Medicare. Many of these plans include prescription drug coverage. They

typically have lower premiums and are either HMO or PPO plans. HMO plans require you to see doctors within the network or services are not covered except in an emergency situation. PPO plans do not require you to see doctors in network but will pay more of the costs if you do. The premiums for these plans vary from plan to plan. They typically have copays for services and are required to set maximum out of pocket amounts for the year. Even though they are administered by individual insurance companies, they are regulated and approved by Medicare each year. They are also required to provide benefits equivalent to Original Medicare or better.

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan or a standalone prescription drug plan with a Medicare Supplement insurance plan; each year between October 15 - December 7 you have the option to review your plan and switch plans if there is a better option for your specific needs. Each of these plans vary in coverage, premium and availability based on the county you live in. If you have one of these plans it is a good idea to touch base with your local agent to see if it is still a good option for you.

Your local agent knows the plans available in your specific area better than an agent somewhere else answering the 1-800 numbers you see on TV. They can check the costs of the plans with your prescriptions and make sure your doctors are in network if you choose an Advantage plan. They can also compare plans from different companies. If you have a problem, you can contact them directly for help. You can also review available plans at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-Medicare or your local State Health Insurance program.

Jill Freeman is a licensed insurance agent with Wiley Insurance Services, located at 3470 Warren Meadville Rd, Cortland. She can be reached at 234.244.4014 or at JFreeman.WileyInsurance@gmail.com.

A Heartfelt Thank You To Our MS Support Group Meeting Guest Speakers

By Linda Ford

The MS Warriors Support Group would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful professionals who have taken the time to join us at our meetings. Your willingness to share your knowledge, experience, and encouragement has made a meaningful difference in the lives of those living with multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Muthusamy, a neurologist with Mercy Health shared her experience with MS patients and her son who is interested in pursuing a medical career came to learn about real MS patients and our challenges.

Cynthia Lonsinger, LPTA, presented the benefits of physical therapy for MS patients and Jarrod Boyle, RD, LDN with One Bite at a Time Nutrition Counseling will be presenting, "Turn Down the Heat: 3 Everyday Ways to Calm Inflammation" at our November 3rd meeting.

Each of you has brought valuable information, practical advice, and new perspectives that help us better

understand and manage the challenges of MS. Beyond the knowledge you share, your compassion, kindness, and words of encouragement remind us that we are not alone on this journey.

We are grateful for the time and effort you have invested in our group and for your commitment to helping others live their best lives. Your contributions have helped make our meetings a place of learning, hope, friendship, and support.

Thank you for sharing your expertise, uplifting our spirits, and making a difference in our MS community. We truly appreciate each of you and the special gifts you bring to our group!

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the Cortland Library in the meeting room from 6:00-7:30. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 3. Please contact me if you would like to attend our meetings or present information to our MS Support Group. Linda Ford, 330.282.7112.

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LHS Volleyball Annual Pink Game



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By Cullen Chadwick

The Bulldog Volleyball Team put on their 5th annual Pink game on October 12th to support 2 Bulldog families battling breast cancer. They were able to raise over \$8000 for the Rawl and Elliott families.

The Platinum sponsors for the game were F2 Labs, Farmers National Bank, James and Marilyn Moffatt, Knoth Family Restaurants and Shaker Painting.

Gold sponsors were Katie's Korner, Mrs. Belinda Kindle, Sunburst Environmental Services, The Lazy Doodle, Village Quality Solutions.

The Silver sponsors were Hovis Image Wear, Ironics Inc, Sons of Italy #2874, Sydney Candle, University at Larchmont, and Walmart. The Bulldogs beat Crestview in 3 straight games.

The Bulldog team is having another very successful year. Multiple players have hit major milestones this year. Cecelia D achieved 1000 assists, Rylie G 1000 digs, Annaliese D 500 digs and Anna H 100 blocks. Coach Heather Kiser hit 250 wins this season. As a team they are currently 17-5.

Please come out and cheer on them on!

Meet The LHS Band



I am Zachary Cunningham and I have been in the Lakeview Band since 5th grade, where I've played the Trumpet each year. During my time in high school I've been the head section leader and a squad leader for the past two years. My favorite band memory is leading one of the lines as we marched into the Ohio State stadium. My time in Lakeview's Spanish Club, National Honors Society, Bulldog Buddies, and all the Band programs have helped me discover how much I love having an impact on the people around me through helping them. It is why I want to pursue a degree in Psychology in college so one day I can have a positive impact on even more people.



Xavier Butler has been in the Lakeview band for 4 years and plays baritone. I like that the band gave me what feels like a second family. A place where I can be myself and express myself artistically. I love music and I especially love the way we make music at Lakeview. The amount of work we put in for our performances is more than people know. I do not think any of it could get done if it were not for the strong bonds we all have with each other. It is magical to see how much teamwork and friendship really pays off! Outside of band, I enjoy walking and spending time with family and friends. Following high school, I plan to attend an undecided college to major in music

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.

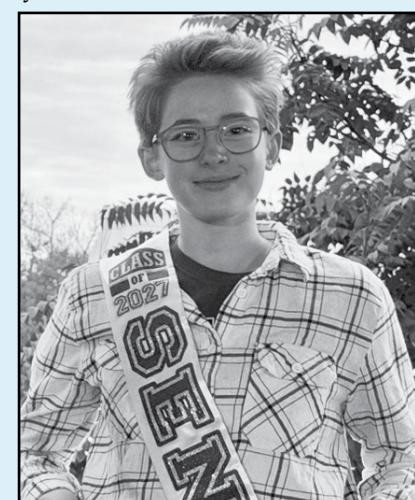
This issue's Spotlight Bulldog is Lilli Masteller, the daughter of Rochelle and Bruce Masteller. Lilli joined the Lakeview family as a ninth grader and has made a name for herself through her artistic talent, school involvement, and commitment to helping others.

Lilli is an incredibly talented artist who has earned multiple Silver and Gold Keys at the annual Scholastic Art Competition. She has also been selected to represent the 65th District in the Ohio House of Representatives High School Art Exhibition in Columbus for the next two years. This marks the second time she has been chosen for this honor. Her talent has even taken her beyond the classroom, as she was contracted to create the mural at What's the Scoop on Main.

Lilli is also involved in the Lakeview Drama Club, where she serves as a crew member. Outside of school, she works part-time at Burger King and is an active member of Howland United Methodist Church. Through her church, she has participated in six mission trips, including a trip to Magoffin County, Kentucky, this past summer.

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

- What is a hidden talent or skill people might not know you have? I have a medical condition that lets me move my eyes in two different directions.
- What is your favorite tradition or event at school? Our school dances
- Where is your go-to spot in town to grab a drink or snack? Any of the local coffee shops
- What is your absolute favorite way to unwind on the weekend? Drawing
- How would your friends describe your aesthetic in three words? Chaotic, comfortable, creative
- You might catch me... Drawing
- What is currently at the top of your favorite playlist or watchlist? Lady Gaga
- What is one big goal on your bucket list for the next five years? I want to have my own house.



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Olivia Norris Caps Outstanding Season With 19th-Place Finish At State Tournament

By Dean Shanower

Lakeview High School golfer Olivia Norris capped off an outstanding season with an impressive performance at the OHSAA Division II State Golf Tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron. Competing against 70 of the top high school golfers in the state, Norris finished 19th overall with a two-day total of 165.



Norris, who is a Junior at Lakeview, opened the tournament Sunday with a round of 88 on a challenging day at Firestone. Although the opening round presented adversity, she continued to battle and began to find her confidence midway through the round. That confidence helped her finish strong and provided valuable momentum heading into the tournament's second day.

On Monday, Norris carried that momentum into an outstanding final round, shooting a 77 to improve significantly on her opening-round score. Her second-day performance demonstrated her ability to make adjustments, stay composed and compete under pressure on one of Ohio's biggest stages for high school golf.

Norris' state tournament appearance was the culmination of a successful season with the Lakeview girls' golf team. She played a key role in helping the Lady Bulldogs capture their third consecutive Northeast 8 Athletic Conference championship and advance through the Division II postseason. At the sectional tournament at Pine Lakes Golf Club, Norris finished third individually, helping Lakeview secure a third-place team finish and advance to districts at Good Park Golf Course in Akron. At the district tournament, Norris shot an 83 to earn one of the individual qualifying spots for the state tournament.

Olivia got her first set of Clubs around the age 6 and started with First Tee program for 3 years. Next she went to Junior PGA during middle school. She started practicing with the high school girls golf team during 8th grade. From May through end of July she competes in The Greatest Golfer tournaments, this summer she won an event at Mill Creek Golf Course. Olivia finished in 3rd place for the two-day greatest golfer championship. After greatest golfer is over she starts her season with the high school golf team. Olivia hopes to have the opportunity to play in college. Finishing 19th in the state is a tremendous accomplishment and a

fitting conclusion to a season marked by hard work, perseverance, and continued improvement. Norris represented Lakeview with pride throughout the postseason, and her performance at Firestone provided a memorable finish to an already successful year. Her achievement is one the Lakeview golf program and community can celebrate for years to come.

Lakeview Class Of 1966 Holds 60th Class Reunion

By Garey Watson

The Lakeview High School Class of 1966 held their 60th class reunion on Sunday, September 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 at DiLucia's Banquet Center on Elm Road in Warren, Ohio. Twenty-four classmates were in attendance. Traveling the furthest was Marcia Szabo Wollam from Austin, Texas.



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LAC Youth Baseball & Softball Camp

By Emily Pykare

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The Camp will be on consecutive Saturdays - November 7 & 14. Campers will attend one 90-minute session each Saturday and receive a LAC camp shirt. Camp times are tentatively set for 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Exact time and age

groups will be determined by number of participants per age group. Final details will be sent to the email used for registration the Monday prior to the first camp date.

Sessions will focus on hitting, pitching, fielding, baserunning and catching. It will be operated by LAC coaches and trained staff members. With a low player to coach ratio, each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere.

Camp questions? Please text or call 330-442-2114. Looking to be a Winter Camp Sponsor? Please text or call 330-717-2009.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes both sessions. Registration will remain open through camp.

Lakeview Dollars And Sense

Making Sense Of School Finance, One Question At A Time

By Terry Armstrong, Lakeview School District Treasurer

I am excited to have the opportunity to contribute to the Cortland News, providing ongoing information about school finance and in particular that of Lakeview Local Schools. As a life-long resident of Trumbull County, I know the positive reputation of Lakeview Local Schools and am honored to serve as your School Treasurer.

When I started in August of 2025 in this role, the Board of Education asked that we find a way to share more information about school finance as well as do so on an on-going basis. We have started a treasurer website for Lakeview Local Schools that includes financial reports, presentations, audits and other relevant financial information located at <https://www.lakeviewlocal.org/departments/finance/office-of-the-treasurer>

We also have started a Money Monday initiative where we share a “funding fact” that typically comes from questions posed about school finance. Topics have included “where our money comes from?” and “what

are the different types of budgets?" All of them are archived on the Lakeview Local School Treasurer website.

We also started a program called School Finance 101 that goes a bit deeper into school finance topics and is also responsive to questions posed about the school district. The next one is Monday, November 30th at 5:00 PM. They are held in the Lakeview High School Media Center and anyone is welcome to attend.

Having served as a teacher, I have enjoyed the opportunity to engage with those interested in these topics. If you have a question you would like addressed, please email me directly at terry.armstrong@lakeviewlocal.org. I will be sure to address in a future edition of Cortland News as well as a Money Monday topic.

Thank you and I look forward to this opportunity. Our goal of course is to provide informative information with clarity and a focus on transparency. Please email me with any questions you want addressed.

Lakeview Girls Golf Continues Championship Tradition With Another Successful Season

By Dean Shanower

The Lakeview High School Girls' golf team put together another memorable season, continuing to establish itself as one of the top programs in the area. The Lady Bulldogs captured their third consecutive Northeast 8 Athletic Conference (NE8) championship, a tremendous accomplishment that reflects the dedication, hard work, and commitment of the players throughout the season.

Throughout the year, Lakeview consistently competed against strong competition while demonstrating the importance of teamwork and perseverance. The team worked through long practices, challenging courses, and the ups and downs that come with a competitive season. The players continued to support one another and represent Lakeview with pride, both on and off the course.

The Lady Bulldogs' success continued into the postseason. Lakeview finished third at the Division II sectional tournament at Pine Lakes Golf Club, earning a spot in the district tournament at Good Park Golf Course in Akron. The team continued to battle on a difficult course, posting a score of 383 to finish ninth in the district. Although the team

fell short of advancing to the state tournament, the season was filled with accomplishments worth celebrating.

Individually, several players contributed to the team's success throughout the season, with the girls demonstrating steady improvement and determination. The team's postseason run was highlighted by Olivia Norris and Madeline Isenberg, who finished third and seventh, respectively, at the sectional tournament.

The season was a testament to the commitment of the players, the support of their families, and the encouragement of the Lakeview community. With three consecutive NE8 championships and another postseason appearance, the Lady Bulldogs have continued to build a strong tradition for Lakeview girls' golf. The team can look back on the season with pride, knowing its hard work and accomplishments have helped strengthen the program for the future.

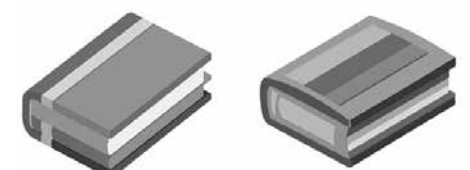
Members of the team are: Olivia Norris, Madeline Isenberg, Parker Morris, Bayleigh Wistar, Malea Smith, Allie Williams, Angelique Adkins, Selah Biel, Mackenzie Totten, Charlie Lammers, Brooke Steele, Avery Pompoco, Aliviana Dellimuti.

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,

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Protecting Lakeview's Schools Without Raising Millage

By the Lakeview Levy Committee c/o Melissa Maki

On November 3, voters in the Lakeview Local School District will be asked to renew the district's 1-mill Permanent Improvement Levy. This is not a new tax. It will not generate new revenue or increase millage. It simply continues the existing funding Lakeview relies on to maintain its buildings, transportation, and other long-term assets.

Permanent improvement funds are reserved for capital needs and cannot be redirected to routine operating expenses. These funds help the district plan and address ongoing facility and equipment needs before critical systems fail.

Lakeview High School is more than 60 years old, and several critical building systems are nearing the end of their useful lives. The membrane roof is due for replacement. The boilers are original to the building, with upgrades over the years, and much of the HVAC system will need to be replaced in phases.

Annual gymnasium inspections have also identified bleacher repairs needed to help keep students, families, and visitors safe. Transportation is another significant need: the oldest bus in Lakeview's fleet dates to 2002, and at least one replacement bus is needed. Resurfacing the track and field would also extend their useful life.

These are not extras; they are essential to maintaining the buildings, grounds, and equipment our students and staff use every day. Just as homeowners plan for a new roof, furnace, vehicle, or other major expense, school districts must plan to repair and replace major assets. Renewing this levy will allow Lakeview to follow a long-term facilities plan and address needs thoughtfully and on schedule.

This renewal is especially important given recent changes in Ohio.

Recent state legislation has changed how school levies operate, including shortening levy terms from 10 years to five. As a result, Lakeview's fixed-sum operating levies, originally approved in 2009, 2010, and 2013, will return to voters in the coming years. Those measures will also be in the form of renewals.

Our community should understand the difference between requesting additional funding and continuing funding that already exists. The renewal simply maintains the current level of local support on which the district has planned and operated.

School funding is also becoming increasingly complex. Ohio public schools rely on a combination of state and local funding. Locally, districts have few options for raising revenue—primarily property taxes and, when approved by voters, income taxes.

Meanwhile, districts must meet state requirements and mandates that do not always include additional funding.

The district has successfully utilized outside funding sources, including nearly \$1 million in grants received during the previous school year, to supplement and provide students with additional resources.

Local decisions can also affect school revenue. **The Trumbull County Commissioners' recent increase to the owner-occupied property tax credit is expected to reduce Lakeview Local Schools' revenue by approximately \$130,000, that's roughly the cost of replacing one school bus.**

When school districts discuss the financial effects of state or local government decisions, they are not simply "blaming" another level of government. Those decisions have real consequences for local school budgets. When revenue declines or new requirements are imposed without corresponding funding, districts must still educate students, maintain safe facilities, and meet those requirements. These circumstances make responsible long-term planning and preserving existing local funding even more important.

Lakeview's buildings, buses, athletic facilities, and infrastructure represent decades of community investment. Protecting these assets is fiscally responsible. Repairing a roof before it fails, replacing aging mechanical systems in planned phases, fixing stadium bleachers when inspections identify concerns, and maintaining a dependable bus fleet can help prevent larger, more costly problems later.

The November 3 Permanent Improvement Levy renewal will sustain that planning. Although the renewal funds are essential, the district will also need to allocate additional dollars to complete these long-term capital improvements.

Again, **THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX**, new money, or an increase in millage. It is part of Lakeview's existing levy cycle and continues funding dedicated to the long-term needs of our schools.

Our community has invested in Lakeview Local Schools for generations. We hope you will join us on November 3 and vote YES to renew the 1-mill Permanent Improvement Levy. Your support will help Lakeview continue its facilities plan, protect our community's investment in its schools, and maintain safe, reliable learning environments for students.

Vote YES to Renew the Levy!

Submitted By The Lakeview Levy Committee

Junior Achievement Of Eastern Ohio Receives Community Grant

Junior Achievement of Eastern Ohio (JAEO) is proud to announce it has been selected as a recipient of a 2026 Community Grant from the Taco Bell Foundation. The \$41,944 grant will support JAEO's financial literacy and career-readiness programming, helping local students develop the knowledge and skills they need to make informed financial decisions and prepare for their futures.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Taco Bell Foundation for this generous investment in the students of Eastern Ohio," said Michele Merkel, President of Junior Achievement of Eastern Ohio. "Financial literacy is a critical life skill, and this support allows us to provide students with engaging, hands-on experiences that make financial concepts meaningful. Through programs such as the JA Stock Market Challenge

and JA Titan Challenge, students have the opportunity to apply what they learn, strengthen their decision-making skills, and gain a better understanding of how their choices today can impact their future."

The Taco Bell Foundation has a longstanding relationship with Junior Achievement USA, providing sustained support for JA programs that help young people build financial literacy, explore careers and develop skills for success. The Foundation's support of Junior Achievement extends across communities nationwide, connecting local Taco Bell franchisees and teams with Junior Achievement organizations and the students they serve. In 2025, the Taco Bell Foundation provided more than \$1.6 million to Junior Achievement, supporting approximately 77,000 students across 55 Taco Bell markets.

The Magic of All Hallows' Eve

Halloween occupies a unique place on the modern calendar, blending ancient ritual, folklore, and playful community tradition. Observed annually on the evening of October 31, the holiday marks the threshold between autumn's harvest and winter's onset, transforming ordinary neighborhoods into vibrant celebrations of the mysterious, the macabre, and the delightfully spooky.

The holiday traces its roots back more than two thousand years to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Marked across Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, Samhain celebrated the close of the harvest year. Celts believed that on this night, the boundary between the living and the spirit realm grew thin, allowing wandering souls to cross over. People gathered around protective bonfires, wore disguises to confound lingering spirits, and left food outside to appease them.

Over centuries, these traditions merged with Christian

observances. Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as All Saints' Day, making the preceding evening All Hallows' Eve, which eventually evolved into Halloween. European immigrants later brought these customs to North America, introducing folklore rituals like carving vegetable lanterns—originally turnips, quickly swapped for native pumpkins—and going house to house for treats.

Today, Halloween has blossomed into a global cultural phenomenon. Neighborhood streets glow with jack-o'-lanterns as children in creative costumes trick-or-treat for candy, while adults embrace haunted attractions and festive parties. By taking humanity's ancient fears of darkness and the unknown and transforming them into lighthearted communal play, Halloween endures as one of the most imaginative, joyful spectacles of the autumn season.

(Editor's Note: Trick or Treat in the city of Cortland is set for this Saturday evening from 6pm till 8pm.)





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Other Mommy

The title “Other Mommy” is misleading. The villainous demon haunting 8-year-old Bela (Arabella Olivia Clark) can take any form, including her father (Jay Duplass), her babysitter (Sean Kaufman), or even a complete stranger. But yes, much of the time it impersonates her mother (Jessica Chastain). The reason, I suspect, has less to do with the fraught mother-daughter relationship and more to do with Oscar-winner Chastain wanting to have fun playing a demon. Sadly, neither the performance nor the film is that much fun.

Bela interacts with Other Mommy, who desperately wants a hug so it can take over Bela’s body. Unlike Regular Mommy, Other Mommy is warm and affectionate. But Bela knows that the demon is fake and evil, and soon the parents are wise to its plans. They whisk Bela from place to place in hopes of running from the demon, but it always catches up. Eventually the family realizes that they must face the demon themselves, and perhaps even scarier, tell each other some hard truths.

“Other Mommy” is quickly earning itself a reputation as one of the worst-reviewed movies of the year. It isn’t so much terrible in and of itself as it falls short of high expectations set by the highly-popular trailer. There are a few decent emotional beats



surrounding the fracturing of the family dynamic. But those rare promising moments are efficiently snuffed out by the film indulging in every haunted-house cliché it can muster. If the appeal of the film lies in the promise of two Jessica Chastain performances for the price of one, please know that neither performance is worth half of one. Grade: C-

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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!

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IPOs: The Excitement and Risks of Investing Early

Every so often, a client asks me some version of the same question: "How do I get in on the next big thing?" I understand the appeal. There's something exciting about spotting a company before everyone knows its name and having the opportunity to be part of its potential growth story.

Often, that conversation leads to initial public offerings, or IPOs. On the surface, the opportunity can sound compelling: buy shares when a company first goes public, hold on as it grows, and potentially benefit if the business takes off. But as with any investment, it's important to look beyond the excitement and consider how the opportunity fits into your broader financial picture.

What Happens When a Company Goes Public? An IPO is the process of a private company offering shares to the public for the first time. Instead of ownership being limited to founders, employees, and early investors, anyone with access to the market can buy shares. That's what attracts so much attention. Investors often see a growing company and imagine getting in before bigger gains happen down the road.

Sometimes those investments work out very well. Companies can continue growing, generating profits, and creating value for shareholders over time. But it's important to remember that going public is just a new phase in a company's journey, not proof that future success is guaranteed.

It's Important to Be Informed of the Pros and Cons. For every IPO success story you hear about, there are plenty of examples that don't get nearly as much attention. Over the years, I've watched some newly public companies exceed expectations and reward investors who got in early. I've also seen some companies struggle once the initial buzz faded. Some stocks fall below their IPO price within months. Others spend years trying to recover lost ground. And in some cases, the business never delivers on the growth investors anticipated.

The reality is that IPOs come with a lot of uncertainty. Investors are often evaluating what a company could become rather than what it has already proven it can sustain as a public business. That doesn't mean IPOs

should be avoided. It simply means they deserve the same careful analysis as any other investment opportunity.

A Few Questions Worth Asking. Before investing in an IPO, it's worth pausing and asking a few key questions:

- **Do you truly understand the business?** Not just what it does, but how it makes money and whether that model is built to last.

- **Are you investing based on research or excitement?** Interest from the media, social media or friends can create a sense of urgency. That's very different from making an informed investment decision grounded in expert analysis.

- **How would this fit into your broader portfolio?** A newly public company should be viewed in the context of your broader investment strategy, not in isolation.

- **Are you comfortable with the risks?** Early trading can be volatile, and stock prices don't always move the way investors expect. It's important to understand the downside risks before committing money.

Bringing It Back to Your Bigger Picture. Successful investors aren't necessarily the ones who chase every new opportunity, nor are they the ones who avoid them altogether. More often, they're the people who evaluate opportunities carefully and keep them in perspective. An IPO might deserve a place in your portfolio, or it might not. The right answer depends on your goals, your timeline, and the role that investment would play within your broader strategy.

That's why it's important to evaluate opportunities like these within the context of your overall financial plan rather than as a standalone investment. If you're considering an IPO and wondering whether it makes sense for your situation, a conversation with a financial advisor can help you sort through the excitement, weigh the risks, and decide whether it aligns with your long-term objectives.

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Upton House First Wednesday Series

By Bonnie Hood

The Upton House welcomes Darcy Krolkowski 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.



By Gagan Saini

When a family home is being prepared for sale, the fastest-looking cleanout plan can create extra work. A dumpster arrives, relatives start carrying boxes, and only then does someone ask whether a cabinet contained family photographs or whether the refrigerator was supposed to remain with the house.

For Cortland-area families helping an older relative move or sorting a home after a loss, a short pause before removal can prevent avoidable confusion.

Begin with a clearly marked area for items that need a decision. Keep it separate from anything headed for donation or disposal. If several relatives are helping, agree on who will answer questions before anyone begins. A helper's task should not include guessing whether an unfamiliar object is unwanted. If ownership or authority is disputed, stop and seek appropriate professional guidance rather than treating a cleanout as permission to decide.

Photograph rooms before moving large items. The purpose is to record what was there, not to assign a value. Photograph the contents of a shelf or drawer before splitting them among boxes. A simple label such as “upstairs hall closet” is more useful than “miscellaneous” when someone later asks where an item went.

Separate personal belongings from the house itself. Freestanding furniture

may seem straightforward, but attached shelving, light fixtures and appliances can raise questions during a sale. Discuss intended removals with the agent or buyer before taking anything apart. Confirm the agreed arrangement in the sale documents rather than relying on a casual conversation.

Set aside financial papers, identification documents, photographs and anything containing personal information for private review. Do not leave these materials in open donation boxes. Check pockets, envelopes and the backs of framed pictures before discarding them. Keep medicines, chemicals and other potentially hazardous materials out of ordinary giveaway piles; ask the relevant local service how to handle them safely.

Finally, decide how much clearing is actually needed for the sale route being considered. A buyer evaluating a house as-is may still have specific expectations about belongings left behind. Ask exactly what may remain, whether removal costs affect the offer and how those terms will be recorded. Never assume “as-is” answers every cleanout question.

A careful first pass does not require sorting every object. Its job is to protect the things that cannot easily be replaced and make the remaining decisions clear. That can help a family move forward without rushing the choices that matter most.

By Thom Foley

The Cortland News is looking for a few more volunteer reporters to help bring all the GOOD NEWS to our community. Do you have that burning desire to help spread the good news in Bazetta and Cortland? Are you looking to get more involved in our community? Maybe you have a 'nose for news'?

You could help by covering area events and programs. Do you like to interview people? There are lots of possibilities and you can pick your own times to help. If you are interested drop me a line at Editor@thecortlandnews.com

We look forward to having you be

part of our volunteer team that helps to share ALL THE GOOD NEWS in our community.



The Warren City Schools Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame committee is currently accepting nominations for the Class of 2027. "Outstanding graduates" will be inducted during the 35th Annual Ceremony on April 24, 2027. Honorees are those graduates who have made significant contributions in their fields, as well as society, the state or on a global scale. A nominee must be a graduate of one of the three Warren public high schools: Warren High School, Warren G. Harding High School or Warren Western Reserve High School. The first class of the Hall of Fame was inducted on May 14, 1993.

Anyone who knows a well-qualified or deserving graduate who has been out of high school for at least 12 years can fill out a nomination form. Nomination forms are available in person at the WCSD Board of Education Office, can be downloaded through this link: WCS' DHOF 2027 Nomination Form, and are also available through the Warren City Schools' website at [https://www.warrencityschools.org/under Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame](https://www.warrencityschools.org/under-Distinguished-Alumni-Hall-of-Fame). Nominations should be mailed to Alumni Hall of Fame, c/o WCSD BOE, 105 High Street NE, Warren, Ohio 44481. The deadline for nominations is November 10, 2026.

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Lakeview Athletic Hall Of Fame Welcomes
Class Of 2026

The Lakeview Athletic Hall of Fame celebrated its 2026 induction class on Saturday, September 26, at DiLucia's Banquet Center. The evening honored athletes, coaches, teams, and community members whose accomplishments continue to inspire Bulldog pride.

This year's class included standout athletes Ed Armstrong, Megan Taylor, Nicole Bevilacqua Rush, Emilee Gysegem McCollum, and Kaylee Neumeister; long-time coach Burke Ensign; contributors Harry Hawcroft and Reverend Carl Kish; the 1961-1962 Boys Basketball Team; the 1995 Boys

Cross Country Team; and the 2009 Boys Track & Field Team.

Looking ahead, the Hall of Fame Committee has already set the date for the next celebration. Induction Weekend 2027 is scheduled for August 27-28, 2027, and nominations for the Class of 2027 are open now through April 15, 2027. Please visit the Lakeview High School Athletic website or sites.google.com/lakeviewlocal.org/lhs-hof.

The Hall of Fame Committee invites alumni, athletes, and fans to stay involved and help carry on the tradition of recognizing the very best of Lakeview athletics.



1961-1962 Basketball Team

Seated: Coach Art Kovacs, Standing: Bev Helmick (wife of Joe Helmick), Bob Johnson, Sonny Pease, Bob Winters, Jim Petyak, Jim Wake, and Bob Chamberlain.



2009 Track and Field Team

Row 1: Tyler Ames, Desmond Vaughn, Andrew Gardner, Tyler Ames, Te Elias.
Row 2: Heath Harris, Michael Graham, Butchy Brannan, Coach Sean Voorhies, Coach Mark Swinning, Ben Moody, Seth Gambone.



1995 Cross Country Team

Sean Voorhies, Nick Loprire, Garrett Sudimack, Anne Ughrin Vadgamwala, Pat Dillon, George Selby, Dave Tascoe, Coach Burke Ensign



Individual Inductees

Nicole Bevilacqua Rush, Emilee Gysegem McCollum, Kaylee Neumeister, Harry Hawcroft, Rev. Carl Kish, Burke Ensign, Ed Armstrong, Megan Taylor

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Maplewood Cross Country Takes 2026 District Title



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Wonderful turnout at the Kinsman House for the Honoring the Fallen Nurse Honor Guard event. Thank you to everyone who attended the Operation Freedom War Memorial. Everyone enjoyed it. Thank you for doing what you do.

Warren Women’s Club



Ruth Ann Capito, Jenny Smith & Michele Kubicina

Warren Women’s Club, located at 708 North Park Avenue, Warren held their October meeting featuring Jenney Smith as guest speaker. Introducing members to Clover Recycling, a woman owned Veteran nonprofit, Ms. Smith described how recycling makes an impact on the environment and helps the community.

Lunch was served to 38 members before the business meeting was called to order. An installation was performed for three new members. Joining the club were Eleanor Steffens, Carole Scogins and Sandra Lauth. The annual Christmas Teas were discussed with their dates being November 29 and December 6, 2026. Tickets are still available by contacting Sandy Mahaffey at 330-518-6927.

The Warren Women’s Club meets at noon on the third Monday of the month of September through June. The monthly meetings feature a luncheon,

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Thanksgiving Trivia Night At The Bristol Public Library

By Stephanie Young

Think you know your Thanksgiving traditions, history, food, and pop culture? It's time to put your turkey-day knowledge to the test!

Join us at the Bristol Public Library on Monday, November 16th at 5PM for a Thanksgiving Trivia Night filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of opportunities to prove that your family's Thanksgiving arguments really have prepared you for something.

From the first Thanksgiving to football, from pumpkin pie to holiday movies, we'll serve up questions guaranteed to challenge even the biggest Thanksgiving know-it-alls.

Gather your friends, family, or favorite trivia teammates and come ready to compete for bragging rights—and a few fun surprises along the way!

And because everyone deserves something to be thankful for, every participant will receive a door prize! But there's only one prize that truly matters: bragging rights. Winners can proudly remind everyone until next Thanksgiving that they were the smartest turkeys in the room.

Space may be limited, so gather your team and reserve your spot today! Contact the circulation desk at 330-889-3651. Bristol Public Library is located at 1855 Greenville Rd. in Bristolville.

LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events In November

Closings - All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations and services will be closed on Wed., Nov. 11 for Veterans' Day.

We will also be closing at 5 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 25 and will be closed all day on Thurs., Nov. 26 and Fri., Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

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

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Come Write In Space

Mondays between 6 - 7:30 p.m.:

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November is National Novel Writing Month. Join us and work on any of your writing projects. Coffee and tea will be provided. Free.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1

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.: Nov. 4, 18

Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout. Free.

Ozobot Robots with PBS Western Reserve

Thurs., Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

In this hands-on program, children ages 8 - 12 will learn the basics of robotics and coding by guiding these tiny robots through colorful paths and exciting challenges. Presented by PBS Western Reserve. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Tea and Mystery Book Club

Thurs., Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Join other library patrons for this monthly book discussion and tea. The featured title is "No Strangers Here" by Carlene O'Connor. The book is available to borrow from the library.

A Patriotic Zwiwnknopf Button

Sat., Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.

Kathy Kovell from the Lacers of the Lake group will teach the art of

crafting a unique, colorful button using traditional techniques. All materials will be provided. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Nov. 10 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Do you have ideas about what you'd like to see at the library? Want to earn service hours? Do you like collaborating on creative ideas? Come be part of the Teen Advisory Board! Free.

How to Fight Seasonal Depression

Sat., Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that occurs during certain times of the year, most commonly in colder months. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Heather Hawthorne will explore the causes, symptoms, and effects of SAD, as well as healthy ways to overcome it. A free presentation.

Genealogy Class:

Ancestry Library Edition

Mon., Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Did you know that Ancestry Library Edition is free to you to use in all of Ohio's public libraries? Learn how to use this database to jumpstart your family history by finding census, birth, marriage, death, military, and immigration records, and how to refine your search technique. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 399-8807 ext. 1289. Free.

Cozy Movie Night

Tues., Nov. 17 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Bring your blankets, pillows, and favorite snacks for this cozy movie night for teens ages 12 - 18. Popcorn will be provided. For the title of the movie to be shown, visit www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Family LEGO Afternoon

Thurs., Nov. 19 from 4 - 5 p.m.

Practice problem-solving and engineering skills while building with the library's collection of LEGO building bricks. Finished projects will remain at the library. For families with children ages 3 and older. Free.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Nov. 24 from 3 - 4 p.m.

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