

Echoes Of The Mill: Labor Day In Trumbull County, In 2026 And The 1960's

By Alex Irman

The late summer sun over Trumbull County, Ohio, carries a quiet, golden light in early September 2026. Along the Mahoning River, from the neighborhood streets of Warren to the residential quarters of Niles, Cortland and the open fields of Lordstown, families gather in backyard patios, stroll through local parks, and embark on annual pilgrimages to regional gatherings like the Canfield Fair. Labor Day in 2026 arrives as a welcome long weekend, a time for barbecues, lake trips and a well-earned pause before autumn settles across northeastern Ohio. Yet beneath the modern surface of food trucks, digital connectivity, and diversified workplaces lies a profound history of work, struggle, and community identity. To walk through Trumbull County on Labor Day in 2026 is to walk alongside the persistent ghosts of an industrial empire that reached its absolute zenith six decades ago in the 1960's.

Comparing Labor Day in Trumbull County today with its counterpart in the mid-to-late 1960s reveals a sweeping transformation in the nature of work, the structure of community, and the very meaning of the holiday. Where the 1960s marked an era defined by roaring blast furnaces, massive union halls, and a monolithic steel-and-manufacturing economy, 2026 presents a county navigating the complex realities of a post-industrial landscape, clean energy transitions, healthcare expansion, and a decentralized labor force. The contrast between these two eras highlights how much the Mahoning Valley has changed, while also revealing the enduring spirit of the workers who call it home.

In the 1960's, Labor Day in Trumbull County was not merely a three-day holiday; it was a sacred holy day for the American working class. The Mahoning Valley was widely

recognized as one of the premier steel-producing regions in the world, often hailed as America's Industrial Valley. Steel mills operated by giants such as Republic Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and Sharon Steel lined the river corridor, filling the sky with smoke and

dogs, draft beer and games. Millions of valley residents traveled down to Idora Park in nearby Youngstown for union family days, riding the wooden rollercoasters and sharing giant picnic baskets filled with fried chicken and homemade Kolachi. The holiday was



Idora Park 1930's

the night with a fiery orange glow. Tens of thousands of local men and women clocking into high-paying, union-protected jobs made up the economic heartbeat of the region.

When the General Motors assembly plant opened in Lordstown in 1966, it added thousands of automotive manufacturing jobs to an already booming local labor force. Meanwhile, Packard Electric, headquartered in Warren, employed an immense roster of local residents who wired millions of automobiles across the nation.

Labor Day during the 1960s was an expressive celebration of collective solidarity and industrial power. The holiday was anchored by the immense strength of organized labor unions. Locals affiliated with the United Steelworkers, the International Union of Electrical Workers and the United Auto Workers held central positions in civic life. Labor Day morning routinely featured massive union parades marching through downtown Warren and Niles. Local union banners fluttered proudly in the breeze, brass bands played and thousands of spectators lined the curbs to cheer for their friends, neighbors, and family members.

After the parades, the community descended upon grand company picnics and union hall celebrations. Local venues like Packard Park in Warren and Waddell Park in Niles were packed with families enjoying free hot

a collective victory lap for families who had achieved a prosperous middle-class life through hard physical labor. A worker at Republic Steel or Packard Electric could afford a comfortable single-family home, put children through college and retire with a solid pension, all guaranteed by the labor contracts forged through decades of hard-fought negotiations.

By 2026, the physical and economic reality of Labor Day in Trumbull County presents a starkly different portrait. The iconic open-hearth furnaces and vast steel complexes that once stretched along the horizon have largely been dismantled, leaving behind repurposed industrial parks and green spaces. The catastrophic collapse of the steel industry that began in the late 1970's and continued through the subsequent decades dismantled the monolithic labor framework of the 1960's. The subsequent closure of the reliable GM Lordstown assembly complex in the late 2010s marked the end of another legendary chapter in local manufacturing.

Yet in 2026, Trumbull County does not stand as a relic of the past; rather, it reflects a continuous effort toward rebirth and modernization. The regional economy has evolved into a patchwork of new industries, earning the Mahoning Valley the moniker of "Voltage Valley" due to major investments in electric vehicle component manufacturing,

research, and advanced technology. Battery production facilities like Ultium Cells in Lordstown, alongside emerging green-tech ventures and logistics hubs, represent the modern industrial frontline. However, the nature of this employment has shifted. Modern advanced manufacturing relies far more heavily on automation, robotics, specialized technical skills, and smaller, highly streamlined workforces compared to the massive labor forces of the 1960's.

Furthermore, the largest employers in Trumbull County on Labor Day in 2026 are no longer metal-making behemoths, but healthcare systems like Mercy Health, educational institutions, retail centers, logistics providers and small businesses. The labor force of 2026 is far more diverse in its duties. On Labor Day weekend, while factory workers enjoying shift rotations take time off, hundreds of nurses, medical assistants, retail employees, gig workers and service staff remain actively on the job. The clear-cut distinction between work and rest that defined the 1960s holiday—where virtually the entire manufacturing engine ground to an intentional halt so the workforce could celebrate—has softened into a modern schedule where service and digital industries operate round the clock.

The style of celebration on Labor Day in 2026 reflects this broader shift toward individual recreation and regional leisure. While formal union-sponsored parades have largely given way to broader community gatherings, the spirit of togetherness remains vibrant across Trumbull County. Families in 2026 celebrate the end of summer by packing local parks, taking pontoon boats out on Mosquito Creek Lake or attending concerts at historic venues such as the Robins Theatre or the Packard Music Hall lawn. The Elm Road Drive-In in Warren continues to draw generations of moviegoers under the stars, bridging the past and present with a classic American pastime that has endured since 1950.

Food traditions also showcase this quiet evolution. The community picnics of the 1960's, heavily catered by local union lodges and women's auxiliaries, have evolved into visits to regional food festivals, food truck rallies and family cookouts. A staple Labor Day destination for Trumbull County residents remains the Canfield Fair, where generations continue to gather for iconic fair food, agricultural exhibits and grandstand shows. The shared values of community, family and civic pride remain as strong in 2026 as they were in 1966, even if the work boots

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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.

AUGUST

- 29 Rummage Sale / Journey Christian Church / 9-5
- 30 Bazetta Twp Park Board Music in the Park / Bazetta Park / 4-7 PM
Bring your own lawn chair. Food trucks will be there.
- 31 Lakeview Band Night / Support our high school band / 7 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 MS Support Group / Cortland Library Meeting Room / 6-7:30 PM
Call Linda 330.282.7112
- 5 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefits Mustangs Cares / 9-11:30 AM
- 5 & 12 Underground Railroad Bus Tour of Trumbull County / 10 AM
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- 7 Labor Day
- 9 Cortland Community Band Rehearsals /For the holiday season
Lakeview Middle School Band Room / 7pm
- 9 Blood Drive/ Cortland United Methodist Church / 12-5:30 PM
- 11-13 Girl Scouts 8th annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend
Hosted by The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- 11 & 12 Cortland United Methodist Church – Treasurers, Trinkets & More Sale /9-6 & 9-3
- 12 HUGE Rummage Sale / Journey Christian Church / 9 AM - 5 PM
- 12 Bazetta Community Day/Car Show / Fun family event / 10 AM to 4 PM
Fun activities, food and craft vendors, Bob & Kat’s ‘Lil Kritters and much more.
- 15 Cub Scout Recruiting Event / Blessed Sacrament / 6:30-8 PM
- 19 Pioneer Cemetery Guided Tour / 661 Mahoning Ave NW, Warren / 10 AM
Tickets required
- 19 God Provides A Meal / Cortland Methodist Church / 11 AM-1 PM
- 20 Outdoor Worship Service / Journey Christian Church / 10 AM
The rain date will be 9/27 at 10 AM

Business News & Notes

By Thom Foley

The Bird’s Nest, inside Cortland Mower, now has Monarch Butterfly habitats. Ask them about how to get started rescuing and raising Monarch butterflies. It is easier than you think. And also it is very educational for your children.
Cortland Lanes registration for Fall Kids leagues is August 29 from 10-5. Or just call in and register. They are also setting up all of their Leagues so get

your teams together now. Don’t have a team? No problem – they can find one for you.
Little Sprouts Learning Adventures are holding registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Call or stop in now to reserve a spot for your child.
Girls Music 101 has their annual Back To School Sale going on now. It is the biggest sale of the year and there is nothing like it anywhere.

Mustangs Care Charity Breakfast At Masonic Lodge

By Jessica Licata

A pancake breakfast is being held at the Cortland Masonic Lodge on Saturday September 5 from 9-11:30AM to benefit the charity Mustangs Care. Tickets available at the door and pre-sale by contacting mustangscare@outlook.com or via our Facebook Page. Adult tickets are \$10, children 12 and under are \$7. Children 5 and under eat free.
Mustangs Care was founded in 2018 and provides weekend take home food for all students in need in grades K-12 at Mathews Local School District

encompassing Fowler, Vienna and parts of Cortland. Each year approximately 70-80 students are provided with food discretely placed in their back pack or locker every week of the school year. Grades 6-12 at Mathews High School are also given access to a food pantry at the school.
All food is purchased by generous donations from individuals and businesses like you! Mustangs Care is a registered 501c3 non-profit corporation. We at Mustangs Care are so grateful to all that have donated over the past eight years and the Cortland Masons for supporting us so that we may help more kids!
Please consider donating. Every cent goes toward the purchase of food for the children. Online donation is available on our Facebook page.
Donations can also be sent to: Mustangs Care, P.O. Box 13, Vienna, OH 44473



Echoes Of The Mill

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worn by the participants look very different.
Organized labor itself occupies a different place in the local consciousness in 2026 compared to the 1960s. In the mid-twentieth century, union membership in Trumbull County was nearly universal among industrial workers, serving as the foundational pillar of local political and social life. Today, while trade unions maintain a vital presence among building trades, public sector employees, teachers and automotive battery technicians, the overall union density is a fraction of its mid-century peak.
Consequently, Labor Day in 2026 is understood less as a militant assertion of collective labor leverage and more as a general celebration of all working people, honoring the contributions of healthcare workers, educators, service personnel, and technology specialists alongside tradespeople and industrial technicians.
Ultimately, the contrast between Labor Day in Trumbull County in the 1960’s and 2026 reflects the changing arc of the American dream. The 1960’s represented a period of intense industrial certainty, where physical labor in the mills guaranteed immediate economic mobility, backed by the solid power of industrial unions. In 2026, work in Trumbull County requires adaptability, lifelong skill development and resilience in the face of continuous economic transformation. Yet, as the smoke from backyard grills rises into the evening sky over Warren, Niles, Cortland and the surrounding townships, the core identity of Trumbull County remains unchanged. It is an identity forged in determination, grounded in deep community ties and forever dedicated to honoring the men and women whose daily work sustains the Mahoning Valley.

Cub Scouts Pack 101’s Recruitment Night

By Sarah Gyure

Come see what Cub Scouts is all about at Pack 101’s recruitment night! Your child can learn about all the fun and exciting things Cub Scouts do by attending a no obligation recruiting night on September 15 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. The event will be held at the Scout House on the grounds of Blessed Sacrament Church, 3002 Reeves Rd. in Warren.
Cub Scouts Pack 101 is open to boys in grades K-5. During the event, the boys will craft a Rain-gutter Regatta boat and test it on the pack’s inflatable course. Meanwhile, parents will have the opportunity to speak with the Cubmaster and Den Leaders about everything Cub Scouts has to offer. Snacks will also be served.
We look forward to seeing you there.



Cortland Rotary Club’s donation to the Warren Family Mission School Supply Drive. Pictured are: Rotarians, Jan Poncar and Beth Harris with Leah Elliott, the director of development at the Warren Family Mission. Cortland Rotary club collected school supplies worth a couple of thousand dollars. Thank you to all for participating in the collection drive.

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Third-generation fabricator honors legacy, workforce, and future during National Manufacturing Month

Livi Steel, Inc., a third-generation, family-owned structural steel fabrication company, will mark 49 years in business on October 13. The milestone arrives during National Manufacturing Month and follows closely behind MFG Day 2026 on Friday, October 2, making this October a powerful celebration of legacy, skilled trades, and the future of American manufacturing.

Incorporated with the Ohio Secretary of State on October 13, 1977, Livi Steel's roots trace back to early October of that year when its founder began laying the groundwork for what would become a cornerstone of the Mahoning Valley's industrial community. Today, from its shop at 1245 Burton Street SE (corner of Burton Street and Pine Avenue) in Warren, Livi Steel fabricates the structural "skeletons" for schools, warehouses, medical facilities, office buildings, and more across the region.

A Legacy Built on Family – In More Ways Than One

Livi Steel isn't just family-owned – it's family-driven. Three generations of the founding family have led the company, but the sense of kinship extends throughout the shop and office. Mother-daughter (Angela Arnold and Ashley Morrow), father-son (Charlie Simmons and Michael Simmons), and multi-generational teams work side by side, creating a closeness rarely seen in today's industry. That culture of loyalty and craftsmanship has fueled nearly five decades of growth.

"We're proud that our story isn't just about steel. It's about people," said Ashley Morrow, Human Resources Manager, Office Manager, Payroll Manager, Grant and Safety Assistant, DER, and Compliance Officer. "Families

build this company every day, and that's what we're celebrating this October."

Aligning With Manufacturing Month & MFG Day 2026

The anniversary coincides with National Manufacturing Month and MFG Day on October 2 – a national initiative produced by The Manufacturing Institute to showcase modern, high-tech, high-skill careers. As an active AISC-certified fabricator using advanced systems like the PeddiAssembler and PythonX robotic platform, Livi Steel exemplifies the innovation MFG Day is designed to highlight.

Livi Steel also partners with workforce programs like Flying HIGH Inc. to train the next generation of welders and fitters. As a Second Chance Employer, the company provides career pathways that strengthen both families and the local economy.

Looking Ahead to Year 50 and Beyond With big plans slated for the October 13 anniversary and throughout 2027, Livi Steel is investing in its people, technology, and community (the company restructured the end of May 2026, eliminating second shift / afternoon shift). The company is hoping to host career conversations, and community events during Manufacturing Month to open its doors to students, parents, and future tradespeople. More details will be provided closer to October 2026.

"We've spent 49 years building strong structures and stronger relationships," said Ashley Morrow, Human Resources Manager, Office Manager, Payroll Manager, Grant and Safety Assistant, DER, and Compliance Officer. "Now we're building toward an even bigger future."



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AWL Adoption Success Story

By Candace Neubert, Adoptions Supervisor, AWL of Trumbull County

We usually post about dogs and cats looking to be adopted. This time I thought I'd share about a dog named Mars who found his FOREVER home.

Mars was the sweetest dog; he loved everything and everyone. He was great with kids and recently went with me to an assisted living facility and did so great there. He was so gentle and sweet to everyone he saw. Mars



even got a couple of people interested in adopting him. The next day back at the shelter, someone came in and saw him, filled out the paperwork, and took him home! We are all so happy he gets a quite loving home now!!

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b. Teamsters
c. United Auto Workers
Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

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Welcome to your new role in the city!

Mosquito Fogging

This takes place between 7 p.m. and midnight every other Wednesday evening. There are certain conditions that must be present for effective mosquito control. It cannot be raining, the temperature must be above 50 degrees, and the winds need to be between 5 and 10 miles per hour. If proper conditions are not present, it will be cancelled and a make-up date will be scheduled for the following evening.

The last date of 2026 for Mosquito Fogging is September 9th.

Lakeview Band Night
Support our high school band on August 31st at 7:00 pm.

Dates to Remember
Sept. 9 – City Council – 7 pm [due to Labor Day]
Sept. 14 – Parks – 6 pm
Sept. 14 – Planning & Zoning – 7 pm

Answer
a. National Education Association. The NEA is the union that includes public school employees (teachers, secretaries, bus drivers, etc.). They have approximately 3 million members. This number includes inactive & lifetime members.

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday!

Bazetta Township Park Board

By Martha Urchek

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, Sept 2 at 6 PM. You can also visit us at parks@bazettatwp.org.
Sunday, August 30 from 4-7 we are having "Music in the Park". Bring your own lawn chair. Food trucks will be there.
Sunday, September 12. Bazetta Community Day/Car Show from 10 AM to 4 PM. Fun family event. Fun activities, food and craft vendors, Bob & Kat's 'Lil Kritters and much more. Spots are \$15 – spaces are 10 X 10. No electric provided.
Sunday, October 4, Trunk and Treat Spooktacular from 4 to 6 PM which is being co-hosted with Cortland

City Park. More details later.
Saturday – November 21, 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".
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-mentioned events planned with all proceeds benefiting the improvements of the Bazetta Township Imagination Station Park.

ODNR Celebrates Opening Of New Nature Center Complex At Mosquito Lake State Park

New facilities mark a major investment in recreation, conservation, and outdoor learning
By Anthony Bresnen, ODNR

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) welcomed community members, partners, and supporters today at Mosquito Lake State Park for the official ribbon cutting of the park's new Nature Center complex. ODNR Director Mary Mertz joined local leaders and the Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park to celebrate this major investment in outdoor education and community engagement.
"Mosquito Lake State Park is a great place to get outside in northeastern Ohio, and this nature center will create new opportunities for visitors to build lifelong connections to the outdoors," said ODNR Director Mary Mertz. "Thanks to strong local support and continued investment, this nature center will help more families, students, scouts,

and other park visitors experience Mosquito Lake in a meaningful way."
The project began in 2024 through the early efforts and vision of the Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park, with remaining funding provided by Ohio State Parks and support secured through the Ohio Legislature.
The new Nature Center complex features two buildings designed to expand educational and recreational programming at the park. One building houses exhibits and displays focused on local wildlife, and the second serves as a covered space for classes, public programs, and community events. Together, these facilities support year-round nature education, hunter and boating safety courses, birding activities,

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A Familiar Face Takes the Helm: Todd Price Becomes Cortland's New Fire Chief

By Constance Amstutz

When Todd Price pinned on his new badge at Cortland City Hall earlier this month, the hands that fastened it belonged to someone who understood exactly what that moment meant – his uncle, Roger French, a former fire chief himself.

For the small Trumbull County community that has watched Price grow from a wide-eyed Bristolville teenager into a steady-handed leader, the swearing-in felt less like a change of command and more like a homecoming. "I've been around fire service my whole life...I would beg my dad to go down and watch the fire trucks draft from the pond," said Price, who officially succeeded longtime Chief David Rea on Aug. 3.

Mayor Jim Bradley administered the oath of office, with French stepping forward to pin his nephew's badge – a quiet, deeply personal passing of the torch.

Price grew up in Bristolville and joined the junior fire program at 16, drawn to the work the way kids often are – by watching the people he loved do it. Both of his parents were schoolteachers; his mother taught at Bristol and his father at Mineral Ridge.

Price reflected on the memories going to the fire station after school – helping to clean and wax the fire trucks – jumping in before he was even eligible to participate on a deeper scale. After graduating in 1993, he headed to the University of Toledo, where he earned a nursing degree with honors and rode with the Toledo Fire Department. Even in college, he made the trip home every two or three weeks to run calls with his hometown crew.

That pull toward home never left. He joined the Cortland Fire Department part-time in 1999 and has served there as a captain and paramedic ever since. He simultaneously built a career that also spanned 20 years on the St. Elizabeth Mobile Intensive Care Unit as well as leading the Johnston Township paramedic program, which he took over from Dr. Jeff Bedlin.

Behind the badges and the long shifts is a man devoted to the people around him. He and his wife, Stacy – an MRI tech, who he met years ago at the Trumbull Memorial Hospital emergency room – celebrated 22 years of marriage this year. They're also bracing for a quieter house. Their daughter Reagan is a sophomore in the University of Findlay's physical therapy program and a former Lakeview volleyball standout, while son Gavin prepares to line up on the Lakeview football field each Friday night as a senior. Price travels to their games and college camps, savoring these years before he and Stacy become



empty nesters.
He's equally tenderhearted about his own parents, now in their 80s and living nearby. "I've learned a lot from watching my parents grow older – especially that you don't wait to make memories with the people you love," he said.
Chief Price has a strong focus on building relationships first and says that will shape how he wants to lead. "Football is coming – we will be at the games. Stop and talk to our crew. Say hello. Ask them what they love about their jobs and community," says Price. Whether family, friends, or his own crew, honesty and loyalty stay in the forefront. Price sees the talent within his team and wants to continue making it a priority to help them grow and be successful.
Through years of service, there were many things that tested his ability to lead – through COVID-19 as an Operations Section Deputy Chief – to attending the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Price's history has led him to this moment, equipping him to be the leader we need. He gives credit to the helping hands along the way, especially Chief Rea for encouraging him over the years.
His top priority as chief is the long-discussed new fire station, a project he calls overdue for a department that has long since outgrown facilities built for volunteers. He's also focused on recruiting part-time firefighters in a post-COVID world that's made that harder. Fortunately, the collaboration between local communities continues to provide training support, resources, and collaboration as they work together. If you stop by the fire station, don't be surprised if you find the new chief out front, washing down a truck and happy to talk. That's the kind of leader Cortland has gotten – one who remembers your name, knows your kids, and has spent his whole life getting ready for this.
Drop in, say hello, and ask him what he loves most about the job. He'll gladly tell you.



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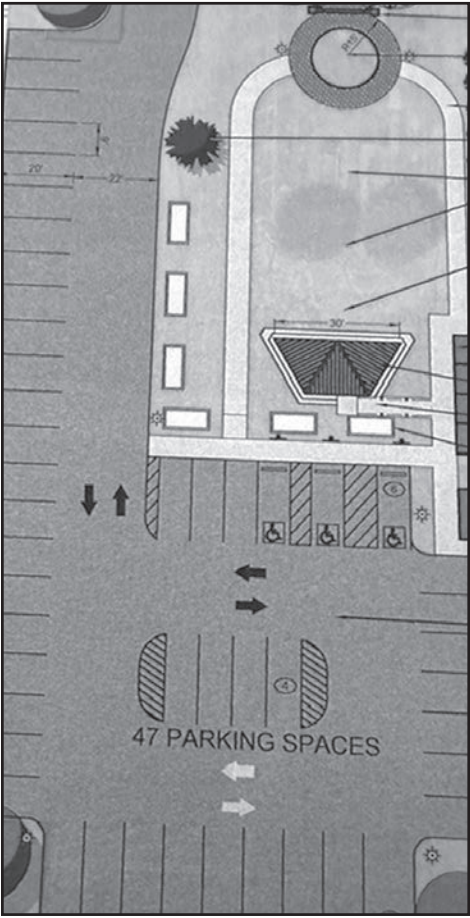
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Outdoor Education And Event Space

By Mayor Jim Bradley, City of Cortland

Work has begun on a new outdoor project in Cortland. The new Outdoor Education and Event Space, located at 181 West Main Street, which previously served as a parking lot. This project will be funded in part by the Cortland



Community Foundation which was awarded a One-Time Strategic Community Investments \$350,000 grant from the Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

The project scope is to redevelop an existing parking lot into an outdoor event space featuring a pavilion, repaved parking lot, walkways and utility connections. This project will also provide space to help to develop additional events and programs to enhance the West Main Street and downtown corridor experience.

The types of events which would be perfect for this new space would be Community Music events, Food Truck events and community health and education events as the Trumbull County Health Department is directly across the street.

Construction is expected to be completed by December 2026. Shown are two artist's renditions.

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You will automatically receive help If you have Medicare Part A & B and have Supplemental Security Income, if you get help from your state paying your Part B premium or if you receive your state's full Medicaid coverage. Otherwise, if you meet the following requirements you can apply to see if you qualify:

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- 2) Live in the United States.
- 3) Yearly income is \$23,940 or less

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4) Combined savings, investments, and real estate are not worth more than \$18,090 single, \$36,100 married. You do not count your home, car, personal possessions, life insurance or burial plots.

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



Lakeview Class of 1967 Get Together

The Lakeview class of 1967 is planning an informal get together at the home of Ron Stockton on the 3rd of October from 4-7 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers plus buns and plates will be provided but a covered dish or dessert is requested. Please bring drink of choice. Please RSVP to Patty Thompson Smith by September 13, 2026 by email patanddon5@yahoo.com or call Patty @ 234-600-0066.

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and hands-on learning opportunities for visitors of all ages.

The new Nature Center complex features two buildings designed to expand educational and recreational programming at the park.

"This project started with a simple goal: to give Mosquito Lake State Park a dedicated place for programming and connection," said Matt Balut, President of the Friends of Mosquito Lake State Park. "It is exciting to see that vision become part of a larger investment in the park, made possible through the work of the Friends group, Ohio State Parks, state support, and the many partners who continue to advocate for Mosquito Lake."



The Nature Center reflects what Mosquito Lake has become today—one of northeastern Ohio's premier outdoor destinations and the second-largest inland lake in the state. In 2025, the park welcomed nearly one million visitors, underscoring its importance to the region's recreation, conservation, education, and community identity.

Recognized as the No. 1 state park system in America with the 2025 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft provides exceptional outdoor recreation and boating opportunities by balancing outstanding customer service, education, and conservation of Ohio's 76 state parks and waterways.



Angelique McCaskill was sworn in August 13, as a Humane Society Agent of the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County by Judges James A. Fredericka of the Probate Court. Pictured are Judge Fredericka, Angelique McCaskill, and Lindsey Carson.

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Church News & Notes

Cortland Church of the Nazarene

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

Cortland Christian Church

We are the home of the Carillon and ring the bells and hymns on the hour. We are celebrating 200 Years of existence in Cortland in 2028.

Cortland United Methodist Church

Treasurers, Trinkets & More Sale including a Bake Sale, Friday September 11 - 9:00 am-6:00 pm and Saturday September 12 - 9 am-3 pm.
American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday September 9,

Noon-5:30 pm
God Provides A Meal, Saturday September 19, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
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Bazetta Christian Church

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

be dropped off at the church during normal business hours.

Journey Christian Church

On Saturday September 12, from 9 - 5 we will be holding a HUGE Rummage Sale. We are located at 7828 Warren Meadville Rd in Cortland.
They will also be hosting an outdoor worship service on September 20th @10:00. The rain date will be September 27th at 10:00.
Every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm join them for Bible Study, a great way to grow spiritually and in friendship. We are collecting used shoes for Soles for Souls. There is a collection barrel outside the church.

Backpack Giveaway



It was pure joy for the Cortland Nazarene Church family to help our community by giving backpacks filled with supplies as the children prepared to start a new school year. The event took place earlier this month. All the back packs, filled with supplies, were given free to the children. The members of the Church assembled the bags and covered the cost. One more reason why Cortland/Bazetta is the best place in the world to live!

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*
Hebrews 13:16

50th Anniversary Of The Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society

By Curt Moll

In May of 2026, the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society reached its fiftieth anniversary. Its founding came during the national bicentennial period, a time when the importance of preserving local history came to the forefront. Until that time much of our history survived only in scattered photographs, aging documents, and personal memories.

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

In 1987 the society purchased the Cortland Opera House at 152 Park Avenue from the Methodist Church. The building was built as the first Methodist Church in 1841 and moved 2 times to the present location. It served religious, cultural, educational, fraternal and community purposes before acquisition by the historical society. By saving and restoring it, the society preserved a place where the public life of the community had unfolded for generations.

Members and supporters repaired, cleaned, painted, improved, and furnished the building. Fund raising and donations helped make the work possible. Over time, the Opera House became a place for meetings, programs, rentals, displays and public gatherings. In 1994 the Viets sisters, Vera and Wilhemien, left their home and property to a trust that made it available to the Cortland - Bazetta Historical Society. This helped to create the Viets Museum in 1995. It gave the society a place connected directly to one of Cortland's major history-preserving families. It also helped continue the Viets sisters' own commitment to education, memory and public access to the past. In that sense, the museum was not simply a building or a collection. It was a continuation of the Viets family's role in preserving Cortland's story.

After a fire in the museum, the cost of maintaining the property became too great for the historical society. The eventual sale in 2011 of the Viets property was a difficult but necessary decision. It was not the end of the Viets legacy; The society continues to preserve and share Viets related materials, including furniture, photographs, clippings, recordings and other historical resources at the Cortland Opera House.

As our society's collections grew, so did the responsibility of caring for them properly. The creation of new research and exhibit area that opened in 2018 made possible through a generous bequest from Martha Goist for maintaining and improving the Cortland Opera House marked another important stage in our history.

The fiftieth anniversary is therefore more than a celebration of an organization. It is a recognition of fifty years of volunteer labor, community generosity and civic memory. The Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society has helped ensure that the stories of the village, city, township, schools, churches, businesses, farms, families and public institutions remain available not only as memories, but as records.

Its work reminds us that local history survives only when people decide that it is worth saving.



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Running To NYC And Beyond For Diabetes Back to the Starting Line

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

The Things That Teach You You're Capable

By Brooke Taylor Hays

When I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes 15 years ago, I remember wondering if I would ever feel normal again. I wondered if this diagnosis would change what I was capable of. Fifteen years later, I'm learning that some of the hardest things in life can also become the things that make you strongest.

Living with Type 1 Diabetes and training for a marathon might seem completely unrelated, but they've taught me many of the same lessons.

Neither comes with a perfect roadmap. Some days, my blood sugar doesn't cooperate. Some runs feel harder than they should. Sometimes the plan needs to change. I've learned that adapting isn't failing, it's just part of the process.

Both have taught me to trust myself. To listen to my body. To be patient with progress that doesn't always look the way I imagined it would. And, most importantly, they've taught me that my body is capable of far more than I once believed.

The first year I was diagnosed, I wouldn't believe you if you told me about the life I'm living now. I certainly couldn't have pictured myself training to run 26.2 miles in a year, let alone in a few hours.

But maybe that's the point. Sometimes we don't realize how strong we are until we're given something that requires us to find out. T1D taught me that I could live through something I never asked for. Marathon training is teaching me that I can choose something incredibly hard and still keep showing up.



And I think that's the feeling I'm chasing toward the finish line: not just the pride of running a marathon, but the overwhelming realization that if I can do this, maybe I can do anything. Fifteen years of T1D brought me here. Now, 26.2 miles are reminding me just how far I can go. The miles might feel harder right now, but the answer remains the same: Why not me? Link to donate: <https://beyondtyperun.funraise.org/fundraiser/brooke-taylor>

Measles Confirmed In Trumbull County

The Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) is reporting and investigating two confirmed cases of measles in Trumbull County. The cases are unrelated. Both individuals are unvaccinated against measles.

During the infectious period, one individual was present at the following locations:

- Walmart - 200 Goldie Rd. in Liberty - July 29, 2026
- Akron Children's Mahoning Valley Emergency Department - 6505 Market St. in Boardman - August 2, 2026

The TCCHD is working closely with Akron Children's Mahoning Valley Emergency Department and the Ohio Department of Health to investigate and notify anyone who may have been exposed. **Though measles is highly contagious, the risk of contracting the disease among those who are vaccinated is low.** If you visited any of the locations listed and are unsure about your vaccination status, contact your healthcare provider. As a precaution, TCCHD is recommending all unvaccinated individuals monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of measles for 21 days after any possible exposure.

About Measles: Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus. It is spread through contact with nasal or throat secretions of an infected person. The measles virus can live in the air for up to two hours after a person leaves the room. Symptoms usually appear 7-14 days after a person encounters the virus, but it can take as long as 21 days for symptoms to appear. Individuals can spread measles four days before and four days after the onset of rash.

- Symptoms**
- High fever
 - Cough
 - Runny nose
 - Watery eyes
 - Rash (beginning 3 to 5 days after other symptoms occur)

Measles can be serious, and about 1 in 5 people who get measles will be hospitalized with complications such as pneumonia, dehydration, or brain swelling.

What To Do If You Think You Have Measles:

If you or someone in your family has symptoms:

- Stay home and avoid contact with others for four days after the rash begins
- Everyone else in the home without symptoms should also stay home to avoid risk of getting others sick if they don't have evidence of immunity
- Call your doctor or hospital to let them know someone in your home may be sick with measles. They will give you instructions.

Prevention: The MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent measles and its complications. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all children get two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age. Anyone traveling internationally should be fully vaccinated before traveling. Infants 6-11 months old should get one dose of the MMR vaccine before travel, then should receive two additional doses after their first birthday. Older children, adolescents, and adults should receive one or two doses of MMR vaccine if they do not have evidence of immunity. If you have received two doses of the MMR vaccine, your chances of getting measles are very low. After two doses, the vaccine is 97% effective at preventing measles.

For more information regarding vaccine clinics in Trumbull County, please contact the Trumbull County Combined Health District at 330-675-2489, option 3 for Nursing. For more information about measles, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/index.html>.

Back to School - Peak Performance Physical Therapy Partners With Local Schools to Keep Student-Athletes Safe

By Joe Cvengros, PT, DPT, CSCS, Peak Performance

As students across the area head back to school and athletes return to the field and competition, local schools are placing a strong emphasis on keeping student-athletes healthy, safe and ready to perform.

Peak Performance Physical Therapy is proud to partner with Champion Local Schools, Lakeview Local Schools and South Range Local Schools to provide sports medicine coverage and support for their athletic programs. The partnership brings professional sports medicine services closer to student-athletes, helping schools address injuries quickly while emphasizing injury prevention and safe participation.

For athletes, getting injured can be one of the most frustrating parts of playing sports. Having sports medicine professionals available to evaluate injuries, provide treatment and guide rehabilitation can make an important difference in an athlete's recovery.

Peak Performance Physical Therapy works alongside coaches, athletic staff, parents and student-

athletes to help identify injuries and develop individualized plans for recovery. The goal is not simply to get an athlete feeling better, but to help them safely return to their sport when they are physically ready.

"Keeping student-athletes safe and helping them return to the activities they love is at the heart of what we do," said Peak Performance Physical Therapy. "We are excited to work with Champion, Lakeview and South Range Local Schools and be part of their athletic communities."

Sports medicine coverage can play an important role throughout the season—from preseason preparation and injury prevention to evaluation, rehabilitation and return-to-play planning. Early attention to an injury can also help prevent a minor problem from becoming a more serious one.

As another school year begins, Peak Performance Physical Therapy is committed to supporting local student-athletes both on and off the field. Through partnerships with Champion, Lakeview and South

Range Local Schools, Peak Performance is helping build healthier athletic programs and giving young athletes the support they need to compete with confidence.

Back to school means back to sports—and Peak Performance Physical Therapy is proud to help local athletes stay in the game and get back on the field safely and faster.



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Lakeview Hall of Fame Spotlight

By Michael DeToro

Burke Ensign ~ Coach

A 1969 graduate of Lakeview High School, Burke Ensign was a member of the Bulldogs' historic back-to-back state championship boys cross country teams in 1967 and 1968. As a junior in 1967, he finished seventh individually at the state meet, establishing himself as one of the finest runners in Lakeview history while helping the Bulldogs capture the first of two consecutive

state championships. Ensign continued his running career at Malone College, where he studied Elementary Education and graduated in 1975. As a member of Malone's 1972 men's cross country team, Ensign helped make college athletics history. That team went undefeated in all 13 of its meets and captured the NAIA Men's Cross Country National

Ed Armstrong Class of 1978

Some seasons become part of a school's identity. At Lakeview High School, the 1976 football season is one of them.

The Lakeview High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee proudly announces Ed Armstrong, Class of 1978, as a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. A three-year varsity letterwinner in both football and baseball, Armstrong was a fine multi-sport athlete. But it was at quarterback, during one unforgettable fall, that he helped write his name permanently into Lakeview history.

As the Bulldogs' quarterback, Armstrong led Lakeview to a perfect 10-0 record and school's first conference championship, guiding a team that many within the Lakeview community still regard as the greatest football team in school history. Under Armstrong's leadership, the Bulldogs did not simply win. They dominated. The defense only gave up 5.5 points per game and the offense was explosive. Although only a junior, Armstrong was the focal point.

Armstrong's individual performance matched the team's remarkable success. He set school passing records while earning All-League and All-County honors, establishing himself as one of the area's premier quarterbacks. More importantly, he provided the leadership and composure necessary to guide a talented group of Bulldogs through a season in which every opponent was determined to end Lakeview's perfect run.

His accomplishments at Lakeview opened the door to the next level. Armstrong accepted a football scholarship to West Virginia University, where he continued his career as a member of the Mountaineers.

Competing at the NCAA Division I level, he contributed in a variety of roles, seeing action at quarterback and running back while also contributing on special teams.

Following his collegiate career, Armstrong continued playing the game he loved, spending two seasons as a quarterback in semi-professional football in Washington State. Eventually, his competitive drive took him in a different direction, leading to a successful career spanning more than four decades in the metals recycling industry.



Championship, which was the first national championship in any sport in Malone College history.

The hometown kid was called back to Lakeview, this time as a teacher and coach. His coaching career began almost immediately after he began his teaching career. In January 1975, Ensign was hired to replace a teacher and coach who had moved to the high school and immediately took over the boys' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball team at Bazetta Elementary.

Not too long after, Ensign created an intramural track program that quickly became popular with students. It was there that he began introducing countless young athletes to the sport that had shaped his own life. He moved on to the interscholastic teams. Coaching alongside longtime Lakeview cross country coach Ernie Grekis, Burke and Ernie won countless conference and district championships at the varsity and junior high levels.

In 1997, Ensign became Lakeview's head boys cross country coach. During his tenure, the Bulldogs captured more league titles, continuing a tradition of excellence that he had experienced firsthand as a Lakeview athlete nearly three decades earlier. He remained head coach through 2004, when one of his former runners, Sean Voorhies, took over the program. Ensign then returned to coaching junior high boys and girls cross country, continuing to develop young runners and help prepare them for the high school program.

His impact on Lakeview athletics extends beyond cross country. During his 34 years as an educator, Ensign taught generations of Lakeview students, beginning at Bazetta Elementary before moving to the new Lakeview Middle School in 1979. Throughout his career, he taught fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students in a variety of subjects, including science and social studies, before retiring in 2009.

Even retirement could not keep Ensign away from the Bulldogs. Today, he remains one of Lakeview's most loyal supporters, attending most cross country meets and home track meets, as well as home football games. His presence serves as a reminder that his connection to Lakeview athletics was never simply a job or a coaching position. It has been a lifelong commitment.





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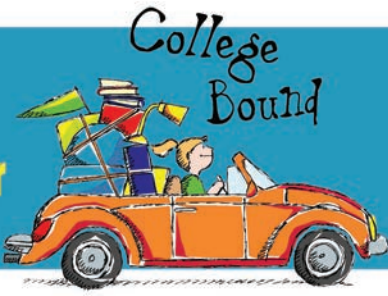
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By Michael DeToro

Lakeview High School Football has officially launched the Lakeview Football Letterman's Club, inviting all former varsity football lettermen from every era to reconnect with the program and keep the Bulldog tradition strong. Designed to bring the program's alumni back together, club members stay "in the huddle" throughout the autumn with seasonal updates, weekly game recaps, and recognition from the program. Membership dues and additional donations directly support the current team's equipment, facility upgrades, and program needs.



Exciting News For Our Students!

The Lakeview School District is thrilled to announce that all K-12 students receive FREE admission to all home athletic events this school year! Important Reminder: K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult and present their student ID pass for free admission. Families received an email on August 3 with directions for obtaining student ID passes. If you haven't had a chance to review it yet, please check your inbox for those instructions.

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The club recently began distributing its inaugural gear. Bart Wilson, a Class of 2000 graduate and former Mr. Touchdown winner, was recently presented with his official 2026 Letterman's Club golf polo by members of the current senior class.

While the cutoff for receiving the embroidered polo has passed for this season, former players can still join the White Tier for \$30, which includes all e-newsletters, game recaps, and insider updates for the 2026 season.

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INSURANCE ANSWERS

By Mallory Novak, Associate Agent, Ruddy Insurance Group



Back To College: The Insurance Lessons Nobody Puts On The Syllabus

It’s that time of year again: parents are loading cars with mini-fridges, laundry baskets and approximately 47 things their college student swears they absolutely need. Meanwhile, the college student is mostly concerned with finding their classes, figuring out their roommate situation and locating the nearest place that delivers pizza. But before the dorm room is decorated and the first late-night Target run happens, there’s one more thing worth checking off the back-to-college list: insurance. If your young adult is taking a vehicle

to school, don’t assume the insurance policy automatically knows about the change in address. Where a vehicle is primarily kept can affect an auto insurance premium, so it’s important to let your insurance agent know where the car will be spending most of its time. If the student is attending school away from home and leaving the car behind, there may also be discounts available with some insurers.

It’s also a good time for a quick refresher with your young driver. Make sure they know where their insurance card is, what to do if they’re involved in an accident, and who to call if something goes wrong. Because “Mom, I’m fine...but the car is definitely not” is not the kind of phone call anyone wants to receive at midnight.

Take a look around a typical dorm room. Laptop. Phone. Television. Gaming system. Headphones. Clothes. Textbooks. Bicycle. Mini fridge. Maybe an entire kitchen somehow fits inside a room designed for two people. Now imagine replacing all of it. Students living on or off campus should talk with their insurance agent about whether their belongings are adequately covered. And here’s the part many renters don’t realize: the landlord’s insurance generally covers the building, not the student’s personal belongings.

Renters insurance can also provide liability coverage and, depending on the policy, help with additional living expenses after a covered loss. Renters insurance is often surprisingly affordable. It’s potentially less than the cost of one questionable late-night food delivery and probably a much better investment.

Before sending your young adult off with a car, a dorm full of belongings, and the confidence that comes from surviving senior year of high school, give your insurance agent a call. Ask about the vehicle. Ask about the address. Ask about discounts. Ask about renters’ insurance. And if your student is moving into an apartment or rental house, make sure they understand what their policy does and doesn’t cover. A few minutes reviewing your coverage now could prevent a much bigger headache later.

And if your college student learns anything from the experience, let it be this: Always know where your insurance card is and maybe don’t let your roommate borrow your car.

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Helping Clients Navigate Financial Decisions After a Loss

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Grief can make even the simplest decisions feel unclear. After the loss of a loved one, financial matters can become overwhelming. In these moments, my role as a financial advisor is to bring calm and clarity, helping clients focus on what needs attention now while setting aside decisions that can wait so they have space to move forward at their own pace.

During this time, guidance often centers on helping clients take manageable steps forward. The following areas reflect where compassionate, practical support can be most helpful during this time.

Identifying what needs immediate attention: The first step is understanding what needs attention right away. Clients often face immediate tasks such as accessing financial accounts, notifying institutions and reviewing insurance policies. These responsibilities can feel daunting, especially when layered on top of emotional stress. By focusing on what's urgent and setting aside what can wait, an overwhelming situation can feel a little more manageable.

Managing cash flow and essential expenses: Managing cash flow is often a top concern, especially after the loss of a spouse. It can be helpful to take a closer look at income sources and current expenses, making adjustments as needed to help ensure essential needs are covered. In some cases, this may involve temporarily scaling back discretionary spending or pausing contributions to longer-term savings goals. The priority is maintaining stability and creating breathing room during a period of uncertainty. For clients who relied on a spouse's income or benefits, it is also important to explore survivor benefits, Social Security options, and any available employer-

related resources.

Reassessing the financial plan: Once the immediate needs are addressed, it's often beneficial to revisit the broader financial plan. A loss may shift the trajectory of a client's goals. It is helpful to reassess timelines, update beneficiary designations and adjust investment strategies to reflect their new circumstances.

Navigating estate settlement and inheritance: Estate settlement can be complex, especially when emotions are high and legal processes feel unfamiliar. The process often includes understanding wills, trusts, and probate, making thoughtful decisions about inherited assets, and considering potential tax implications as part of a broader financial picture. For many, this may be the first time managing significant assets or navigating financial responsibilities independently. Taking a measured approach creates space to fully understand each decision.

Offering emotional support through financial planning: In times of uncertainty, having a trusted advisor can make a meaningful difference. Beyond technical expertise, an advisor provides steady guidance, helping clients navigate complex decisions with care. By offering perspective, organization and a thoughtful path forward, advisors can help ensure that even in difficult moments clients feel supported, informed and confident in the steps they take next.

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Lakeview's Annual Band Night

The Lakeview Marching Band will host its annual Band Night Monday, August 31 at 7 PM. The event will be held at Don Richards Memorial Stadium located at Lakeview High School.

The theme for this year is "You must be dreaming"! It will feature some of the best bands in the Valley including Campbell Memorial, Canfield, Warren G Harding, Howland and, of course, our own Lakeview Marching Bulldogs!

The cost is only \$5 for students and seniors, and \$7 for adults. Come out to support our Bulldogs and enjoy a great family friendly night of wonderful music.

The Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

Rehearsals for the holiday season will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm at the Lakeview Middle School Band room and will continue each week on Wednesdays at the same time and place. Musicians of all ages are welcome to join. We have a particular need for members in our flute, saxophone and percussion sections, but we welcome new members in all sections.

There are NO membership fees or auditions to join, just dust off your instrument (or drum sticks) and come to rehearsal. We generally have 3-5 performances for the holiday season and our current members range in age from 23 to 85+ years old.

If you're interested in more information, you can check out our Facebook page under Cortland Community Band, or email Cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com.

TCTC Ribbon Cutting

By Morgan Tondo Cretella

The Trumbull Career & Technical Center (TCTC) is proud to announce the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Industrial Technology, Career Exploration, and Resource Center, an investment in workforce development, student success, and community partnerships. Founded through the Appalachian Community Innovation Centers Grant, the new center represents a collaborative effort to expand career opportunities, improve access to essential support services, and strengthen connections between education, employers, and the community.

The Industrial Technology, Career Exploration, and Resource Center will serve as a regional hub where students, families, job seekers, and local businesses can access career exploration opportunities, workforce development resources, and mental health support services. Designed to prepare learners for in-demand careers while supporting their overall well-being, the center reflects TCTC's commitment to building pathways to lifelong success.

The community is invited to celebrate this milestone during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the

Trumbull Career & Technical Center, 528 Educational Highway, Warren.

Featured speakers will include:

- Dominic Venetti, Director of Family Preservation, Cadence Care
- Kim Barrell, Administrator, WIOA & OhioMeansJobs
- Jason Gray, Superintendent, Trumbull Career & Technical Center

School administrators, community leaders, business partners, and representatives from collaborating organizations will also be attending to celebrate the opening of the new facility and its impact on the region.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, guests are invited to tour the new center, enjoy light refreshments, and meet with project partners and school leadership to learn more about the programs and services that will be offered.

"This center represents more than a new building—it represents new opportunities," said Jason Gray, Superintendent of Trumbull Career & Technical Center. "By bringing together career exploration, workforce development, and student support services under one roof, we are creating stronger pathways for students and families while helping meet the workforce needs of our region."



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MOVIE REVIEW

By
Bob Garver

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

When we last left Peter Parker aka Spider-Man (Tom Holland) back in 2021, he had to submit to a spell from Doctor Strange that would made the world forget he ever existed. His Aunt May (Marissa Tomei) had died, so he had no family left, but he had to leave his friends Ned (Jacob Batalon) and MJ (Zendays) to go on with their lives without him, or even the memory of him.

soon becomes apparent that he, as Peter, can't stay out of her life forever. And this leads to some good conversations about what these characters are, what they've been, and what they can and can't be going forward. It's some of the best acting I've seen from the MCU in a long time.

And yet, I'm not recommending "Spider-Man: Brand New Day." The story with the body-possessing villain just isn't that interesting outside of what it means for the future of this franchise. Compared to the satisfaction I got from 2021's "Spider-Man: No Way Home," this movie ... I won't say "doesn't have legs," but is maybe a few legs short of an arachnid.

Grade: C

"Spider-Man: Brand New Day" is rated PG-13 for sequences of action/violence and some language. Its running time is 145 minutes.

Robert Garver is a graduate of the Cinema Studies program at New York University. His reviews have been published in newspapers since 2006. Feedback, both positive and negative, is welcome at rrg251@nyu.edu.



As we rejoin Peter in "Spider-Man: Brand New Day," he's mostly turned himself over to superhero work full-time. He has some help, like from supposedly benevolent organization Damage Control, leftover Avengers like Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), and rival vigilante Frank "The Punisher" Castle (an expertly-jaded Jon Bernthal). But these people are "allies" at best, Peter misses having friends.

Eventually a threat presents itself that causes Peter to have to re-insert himself into MJ's life. He tries saving her impersonally as Spider-Man, but it

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Local, State, And Regional Leaders See Mosquito Lake From A Different Perspective

Morning at Mosquito event connects the lake to water supply, economic development, conservation, quality of life, and long-term regional growth.

By Beth Carmichael, Trumbull County Tourism

Mosquito Lake is often described as a place for boating, fishing, and camping. Last week, local, state, and regional leaders were asked to look at it differently.

Now in its third year, Morning at Mosquito took on a new on-lake format, with Trumbull Tourism bringing leaders out on the water for interactive stations focused on the lake's role in water quality, invasive species management, fishery health, public water supply, economic development, and regional livability.

ODNR Director Mary Mertz joined the morning event, along with other ODNR representatives, regional leaders, and community partners.

"People assume our work is only about visitors," said Beth Kotwis Carmichael, CEO of Trumbull Tourism. "The assets that bring visitors here are often the reasons that make people want to live here, work here, and invest here. The Morning at Mosquito event is a good example of how the lake connects to economic development, quality of life, and talent attraction."

That connection is especially important as Northeast Ohio continues conversations around business attraction, site readiness, workforce, housing, and infrastructure. Morning at Mosquito was created to help decision-makers see the lake not as a separate recreational amenity, but as part of the region's broader economic and community development story.

The on-lake stations included:

- Fishery health and lake

management, led by ODNR Division of Wildlife

- **Public water supply and economic development**, connecting the lake to infrastructure, business investment and talent attraction, led by Franco Lucarelli with the City of Warren

- **Water quality and surrounding land use**, showing how nearby streams, roads, farms, yards and development affect the lake. Led by Amy Reeher, Trumbull County Soil and Water District

- **Hydrilla and invasive species management**, focused on protecting the lake's long-term health. Led by Anthony Casey, Cleveland Metroparks "For four years, Trumbull Tourism and a strong group of community partners have worked to keep Mosquito Lake part of a larger conversation," Carmichael said. "The reason we put this much effort into an event like this is that an experience is often the most effective way to help people understand an issue. When you are on the lake, hearing from the people who work on it, manage it and care for it, the importance of Mosquito Lake becomes much clearer."

About Trumbull Tourism Trumbull Tourism is the destination marketing/management organization for Trumbull County, Ohio. Its work extends beyond visitor promotion to include destination development, partnerships, community engagement, and efforts that strengthen the way people experience and understand Trumbull County as a place to visit, live, work, and invest.

Federal Street Fright Night Halloween Concert Featuring Coop's Nightmare

Halloween is coming to downtown Youngstown as Ellis Music Events proudly announces the debut of Federal Street Fright Night, a new Halloween-themed concert experience featuring Coop's Nightmare - The Shock Rock Tribute to Alice Cooper on Saturday, October 3 at Penguin City Brewing Co.

Opening the evening will be Youngstown-area favorite Solo Sixstring, whose high-energy acoustic rock performance will kick off an unforgettable night of classic rock, theatrical entertainment and Halloween fun.

Following the success of Ellis Music Events' launch concert and its Summer of '89 event series, Federal Street Fright Night continues the company's mission of bringing professionally produced live entertainment to downtown Youngstown while creating unique

annual concert experiences for the Mahoning Valley.

"Federal Street Fright Night is more than just another concert," said Jake Ellis, owner of Ellis Music Events. "We want to create an event that officially kicks off Halloween season in downtown Youngstown. Alice Cooper's music, theatrical stage show and larger-than-life persona make Coop's Nightmare the perfect act to launch what we hope becomes an annual Halloween tradition."

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Pioneer Cemetery Guided Tour

By Savannah Moss, Collections & Research Manager, TC Historical Society

The Trumbull County Historical Society will host a guided tour of Pioneer Cemetery, located at 661 Mahoning Ave NW in Warren. The tour is Sept 19 at 10 AM. Thought to be the oldest public cemetery in the Western Reserve, attendees will get to learn about the history of the Cemetery, the pioneers

who settled Trumbull County and learn about the efforts that are being made to preserve the Cemetery.

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Trumbull New Theatre Opens Their Season With PICNIC

By Terri Gilbert

Opening TNT's 2026-2027 season in September is the stirring and Pulitzer-winning drama by William Inge, Picnic. The play takes place in the joint backyards of two widows during the Labor Day holiday in a small Kansas town in the 1950's. When a handsome outsider takes a shine to a local girl, their sudden passion for each other disrupts the mundane routines of the community causing long-dormant desires to explode with ramification of love and heartbreak that no one expects. Director Josh Crank has selected the following actors to bring Picnic to life on the TNT Stage: Jenny Long, Casey Murphy, Sydney Stalnecker, Genie Engstrom, Jennifer Taylor, Jacqui Petrick, Janice Budd-Fentress, Brenton Lamp, Aaron Holden, Marc Bye and Brandon Sloan.

The show runs September 11-12, 18-20, and 25-27 with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 3 pm.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for students.

Reservations can be made either by calling the Box Office at 330-652-1103 from 6-8 pm Monday-Wednesday. Please note that due to the Labor Day holiday, the Box Office will not open until Tuesday, September 8th. Online reservations are also an option and can be done via the TNT website (www.trumbullnewtheatre.com).

TNT is located at 5883 Youngstown-Warren Rd. in Niles.

American Pickers To Film In Ohio

The American Pickers are excited to return to Ohio! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in October 2026. American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques.



They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable Characters and their collections. As they hit the

back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you!

Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184

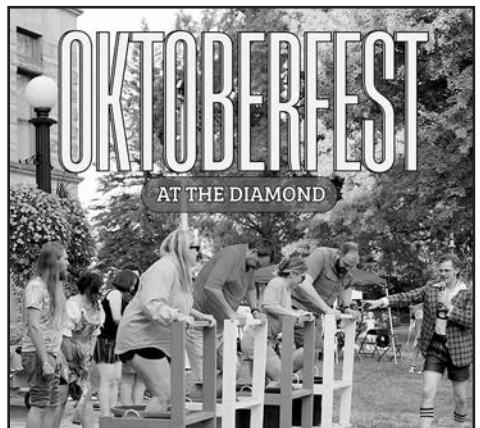
Trumbull County Historical Society's 11th Annual Oktoberfest

By Ryan MacLennan, Director of Operations and Outreach

Trumbull County Historical Society's 11th Annual Oktoberfest returns on September 26th from 4 pm-8 pm. This year brings with it a new location for the beloved event. It will be held at the 7-17 Credit Union Field at Eastwood.

Attendees can expect 10 regional breweries, delicious German-inspired food, grape stomping, face painting, a stein hoist contest, and love German music from the Youngstown Saxton Band. Adult tickets are \$30 and include a meal and 2 alcoholic drink tickets; Young Adult tickets (ages 12-20) are \$15 and include a meal ticket and 2 soft drink tickets. Children under 12 are free.

This is not just a fun event but also a fundraiser that supports the Trumbull County Historical Society's mission. Tickets can be purchased by calling (330) 394-4653 or emailing ryan@trumbullcountyhistory.org



Cortland Collaborative The Makers Market Entertainment Schedule

All events are FREE unless otherwise noted

• **Mondays - Mindful Monday's 11:30 - 1:00 PM**

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

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

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

• **Thursdays - Yoga Every other Thursday**

Instructor Lindsey Snowden; (Beginner level) 10:00 AM \$15.00/ Session August 13 & 27.

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

• Women's wellness huddle September 10th 9-11 am

• September 12th karaoke night 6-8 pm

• September 18th - board game night 6-8 pm

• We have open mic night September 19th 6-8 pm

• Ben Gavitt hosting awesome 80's trivia on September 26th. 6-8 pm

Underground Railroad Bus Tour

By Ryan MacLennan, Director of Operations and Outreach

To celebrate International Underground Railroad History Month in September, The Trumbull County Historical Society is excited to announce the dates of our bi-annual Underground Railroad Bus Tour of Trumbull County. On September 5th or September 12th, we invite the public to join us at 10 AM for a detailed tour around the County that takes you to many of the known stops on the Underground Railroad.

This tour will teach you about the bravery of Freedom Seekers who sought the aid of local abolitionists. The tour also includes a special behind-the-scenes tour of one of the historic properties.

The tour is around 2 hours long. Spots are limited, and registration is required. The tour begins at the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau located at 321 Mahoning Ave NW in Warren, Ohio. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling (330) 394-4653.





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Editors Note: We are happy to introduce a new feature. Each issue this school year we will introduce you to some Senior members of our LHS band. We asked them to introduce themselves to our community.

Meet The LHS Band

Julianna Anderson

"I play the clarinet and I have been in the marching band for 4 years. I like being in band because I have had the chance to make many friends. I have been a member of band council which also gives me the opportunity to meet people in different marching bands. After high school, I plan on attending college. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my family and friends. I also enjoy bowling and have recently started playing soccer."



Olivia Albu

"I play the clarinet and have been in band since 5th grade. I have been in the marching band all 4 years of high school and have been section leader for 2 years. I enjoy band because I love how close everyone is in the band and how it has made me grow as a person. I plan to go to college and become an accountant. I like hanging out with my friends and watching comedy shows."



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Interactive Map Launches For Pioneer Cemetery

By Savannah Moss, Collections & Research Manager

The Trumbull County Historical Society (TCHS), in partnership with Youngstown State University’s Center for Applied GIS, announced today the launch of an interactive ArcGIS StoryMap for Pioneer Cemetery. The digital tool allows visitors and researchers to locate individual headstones within a couple of feet of their physical markers, providing unprecedented access to the historic burial ground.

The project, more than a year in the making, transforms decades of historical records and recent fieldwork into an accessible public resource. Pioneer Cemetery, believed to be the oldest in the Western Reserve, holds the remains of many of the area’s earliest settlers, with the first recorded burial in 1804. The StoryMap project builds on years of preservation work. In 2023, TCHS received an Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board grant to



digitize cemetery records from a 2003 survey. Those digitized records became the foundation for the GIS mapping initiative.

The fieldwork team- Pioneer intern India Gatts, TCHS staff Savannah Moss and Kate Pfouts, and Martha Ellers intern Helena- spent hundreds of hours at the cemetery carefully plotting GPS coordinates for every visible headstone, working through challenges posed by weathered and shifted markers. John Bralich, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Youngstown State University, guided the technical development of the StoryMap. The Center provides GIS mapping services to government, nonprofit, and social service organizations throughout the region. The StoryMap integrates interactive headstone locator tools, historical biographical records, satellite imagery overlay, and mobile optimization for on-site use.

With the StoryMap complete, the Trumbull County Historical Society’s next goal is to raise funds for a community headstone cleaning day that will allow volunteers to safely clean and preserve the cemetery’s historic markers. Information on how you can get involved or support the project is available on the TCHS website.

Links and Resources: Pioneer Cemetery StoryMap: <https://www.trumbullcountyhistory.com/old-mahoning-pioneer-cemetery/> YSU Center for Applied GIS: <https://ysu.edu/geography-and-urban-regional-studies/center-applied-gis>

LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events September 2026

Closed for Labor Day All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Mon., Sept. 7 for Labor Day. All events held at the Cortland Library, 578 Lakeview Dr.

Friends of the Cortland Library Members Meeting
Tues., Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

The Friends of the Cortland Library is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to the support and advancement of the library. Members and those interested in joining the group are invited to attend.

Tea and Mystery Book Club
Thurs., Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Join other library patrons for this monthly book discussion and tea. The featured title in September is “Murder on the Orient Express” by Agatha Christie. The book is available to borrow from the library.

Teen Advisory Board
Tues., Sept. 8 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Teens ages 12 – 18 who have ideas about what they’d like to see at the library, want to earn service hours, or who like collaborating on creative ideas can be part of the Teen Advisory Board! Free.

Midweek Mayhem
Wednesdays from 3 – 4 p.m.:
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Minecraft IRL
Thurs., Sept. 10 from 4 – 5 p.m.

Is it possible to build Minecraft structures in the real world? Children ages 6 – 11 will take on challenges, make crafts, and complete activities inspired by the world of the Minecraft videogame. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

Imagining the Future: The Museum of Science Fiction and Fantasy Arts
Sat., Sept. 12 at 2 p.m.

The Trumbull County Historical Society will present how the Museum of Science Fiction and Fantasy Arts (MoSFA) is creating a space where creativity, storytelling, and speculative worlds converge. Free.

Books and Beverages
Tues., Sept. 15 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Teens ages 12 – 18 can bring their current or favorite read to the library for a book discussion while they enjoy coffee and tea with other teens. Free.

Totally Tweens
Tues., Sept. 22 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Tweens ages 10 – 14 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities at the library. Free.



Ohio State Parks Welcome Girl Scouts

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) invites Girl Scouts, along with their troops, families, and friends, to take part in the eighth annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend starting Friday, September 11 through Sunday, September 13. This statewide celebration offers a mix of outdoor exploration, hands-on experiences, and memorable time in nature.

“It’s inspiring to watch young people connect with nature in meaningful ways,” ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. “Whether they’re paddling a kayak, exploring a trail, or discovering wildlife for the first time, these experiences spark curiosity and create lifelong appreciation for Ohio’s natural spaces.”

ODNR is proud to support the Girl Scouts’ mission to help girls build courage, confidence, and character. Each program is designed to offer a welcoming, inspiring outdoor experience for participants of all ages.

Ohio State Parks are free and open to the public. All Girl Scouts, their families, and friends are invited to join. For activity registration and details on purchasing the Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch, visit your local Girl Scout council’s official website.

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