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Autumn In The Valley

By Alex Irman

As summer humidity recedes across Northeast Ohio, Trumbull County undergoes a dramatic transformation. The lush canopy bordering Mosquito Lake, the rolling countryside of Mecca, Fowler and Hartford, and the tree-lined neighborhoods of Cortland surrender to blazing canopies of amber, scarlet, and gold. Autumn here is not merely a transitional season; it is an entire cultural resurgence. From time-honored harvest traditions to the crack of shoulder pads under stadium lights, fall offers an irresistible blend of quiet pastoral beauty and boisterous community spirit.

The region's agricultural roots take center stage during the harvest season. A quintessential autumn outing often begins in Newton Falls at Kuchta Farms, where families navigate the labyrinth of the corn maze, gather around fire pits, and pick out carving pumpkins straight from the vine. In the northeastern stretch of the county, the Hartford Apple Festival anchors mid-September weekends, celebrating rural heritage with warm cider donuts, tractor parades, craft stalls, and freshly pressed cider that perfumes the town center.

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Throughout Trumbull and neighboring counties, roadside farm stands and family orchards welcome visitors seeking warm fruit pies, scenic wagon rides, and bushels of crisp Honeycrisp apples. For outdoor enthusiasts seeking brilliant foliage without the festival bustle, Mosquito Lake State Park and the Western Reserve Greenway offer miles of multi-use trails where falling leaves carpet paths under towering oaks, maples, and buckeyes.

Beyond the orchards, the true pulse of the area in the fall is found along the gridiron. Autumn in the Mahoning Valley is synonymous with football, a shared tradition passed down through generations. Nowhere is that hometown spirit more evident than right here in Cortland on Friday nights. Don Richards Memorial Stadium at Lakeview High School comes alive as the Lakeview Bulldogs take the turf, backed by a spirited home crowd dressed in blue and white. An essential part of that electric Friday night tradition is the acclaimed Lakeview High School Bulldog Marching Band. Their crisp formations, booming percussion, and soaring brass fill the stadium air during pregame and halftime, setting the standard for musical excellence and keeping the bleachers rocking throughout four quarters of Northeast-8 Conference competition. Across the

county, historic rivals like the Warren G. Harding Raiders at Mollenkopf Stadium, the Niles Red Dragons at Bo Rein Stadium, and nearby teams in Girard and Hubbard share in this Friday night ritual of sportsmanship, concession-stand pepperoni rolls, and community fellowship.

When Saturday arrives, collegiate loyalty takes over the airwaves and living rooms. Just down Route 11, Stambaugh Stadium—fondly known as “The Ice Castle”, serves as a local beacon for Youngstown State University Penguin faithful cheering on Missouri Valley Football Conference clashes. Yet, for many across Trumbull County, Saturdays belong unequivocally to the scarlet and gray of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Whether trekking down Interstate 71 to join over one hundred thousand fans inside Ohio Stadium in Columbus or gathering with friends and neighbors around the television at home, Buckeye football commands the weekend. From the iconic script Ohio performed by the marching band to high-stakes Big Ten battles, the pulse of Columbus echoes loudly throughout local households every autumn weekend.

Sundays introduce an entirely different layer of excitement, highlighting Trumbull County's unique geographic identity as a house divided.

Positioned squarely between Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, our community represents the ultimate border battleground between Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers fanbases. On any given Sunday, convoys of vehicles head west toward Huntington Bank Field along the shores of Lake Erie, while an equal number roll southeast toward Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh. Neighborhood driveways display opposing orange-and-brown and black-and-gold house

flags, and living rooms across town fill with friendly banter between rival supporters. Whether watching a defensive slugfest inside an NFL venue or gathering around a television with family over a pot of chili, Sunday afternoons capture this spirited interstate rivalry at its best.

As October gives way to November and the first dusting of frost coats the fields around Cortland, the pace of the season gently slows. The high school playoff brackets crystallize, final band competitions conclude, the last bushels of apples are pressed, and our community prepares for the coming winter. Yet, it is this distinct window—where the crisp air carries the scent of woodsmoke, autumn leaves frame every country road, and the roar of a Bulldog crowd echoes under the stadium lights—that solidifies fall as the most vibrant time of the year in Trumbull County.

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Monday, Oct 12 - 6 PM

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Second Monday of each month

Monday, Oct 12 - 7 PM

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City Council meetings at

www.cityofcortland.org under

City Council Minutes.

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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Community Events

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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

SEPTEMBER

- 19 God Provides A Meal / Cortland Methodist Church / 11 AM-1 PM
- 19 Pioneer Cemetery Guided Tour / 661 Mahoning Ave NW, Warren
10 AM / Tickets required
- 19 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser / Cortland Church of the Nazarene - 293 E Main St
Benefiting Children’s Ministry / 4- 7 PM
- 19 Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefiting the Four Seasons Garden Club / 9 to 11:30 AM
- 20 Outdoor Worship Service / Journey Christian Church / 10 AM
The rain date will be 9/27 at 10 AM
- 26 2nd Annual Lakeview Band & Choir Mattress Fundraiser
LHS cafeteria / 10 AM - 4 PM

OCTOBER

- 3 Charity Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
Benefiting TNR of Warren / 9 to 11:30 AM
- 3 Art on Main Family Fall Festival / W Main St. / Noon – 6 PM
- 3 Coop’s Nightmare – The Shock Rock Tribute to Alice Cooper
Penguin City Brewing Co.
- 3 TV Personality, Joanne Banko - Seminar at Ala Carte Catering
Hosted by Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild / Canfield / 10 AM
- 4 Trunk and Treat Spooktacular / 4 to 6 PM
Co-hosted with Cortland City Park. More details later.
- 5 Halloween Bingo with Guest Host / Cortland Healthcare - 369 N High St
All are welcome / 10 AM- 5 PM
- 6 MS Warriors Support Group / Cortland Library Meeting Room / 6-7:30 PM
- 7 American Red Cross Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12-5:30 PM
- 8 Senior Resource & Wellness Fair / Cortland SCOPE - 135 Grove Dr.
Sponsored by Cortland Healthcare / 10 AM - 2 PM
- 14 Lakeview High School Fall Concert feat. the LHS Choirs and the Lakeview Blues -
Raidel Auditorium / 7 PM
- 17 Public Rededication for the Oldest Civil War Monument in the State of Ohio
Trumbull County Historical Society and the Bristol Township Historical Society
10 AM to 2 PM
- 24 City of Cortland Trunk or Treat / on W. Main St. / 5 - 7 PM

Masonic Lodge Plans Next Two Charity Breakfasts

The next two fund-raiser pancake breakfasts at Cortland Masonic Lodge will be held on Saturdays, September 19 and October 3, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The public is invited. The September 19 breakfast will benefit the “Four Seasons Garden Club” and assist in funding their several projects in Cortland. The October 3 breakfast will support “TNR of Warren” in their spay and neuter program involving community cats, and cats belonging to low-income families.
For the last 5-6 years, the charity breakfasts have been held once or twice each month by the Masonic Lodge,

which provides all the meal supplies, and cooks the menu, so that 100% of the breakfast income can be donated to a local charity.
The “AYCE”, (all you can eat) breakfast costs \$10.00 for adults, and \$7.00 for youth age 6 to 10, and FREE for any children age 5 and under. Included are pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee --- with take-outs available. The lodge is located at 3263 Everett-Hall Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland. Mark your September and October calendars. And start your weekend by taking the family to breakfast, --- and support these worthwhile non-profit organizations.

The Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

Rehearsals for the holiday season began recently at the Lakeview Middle School Band room and will continue each week on Wednesdays at the same time and place. BUT IT ISN’T TOO LATE TO JOIN THEM! 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.

The 4th of July Has Passed, But America 250 Is Just Getting Started in Trumbull County

By Savannah Moss, Collections & Research Manager

The fireworks have faded, and the cookouts are over, but the celebration of America’s 250th anniversary is far from finished in Trumbull County. The Trumbull County Historical Society (TCHS) is reminding the public that the semiquincentennial commemoration continues with a full slate of programs running through the end of the year and beyond.
Here is a look at the exciting opportunities still ahead:

Envisioning the Next 250 Years: A Student Art & Creativity Challenge - The historical society is challenging students of all ages to look forward. The “Envisioning 250 Art Project” invites young minds to imagine what the United States might look like in the year 2276. Students can submit artwork, creative writing, films, music, or academic projects exploring the future of our communities, technology, and values. Teachers are encouraged to guide their classes in creating collaborative or individual projects. Selected submissions will be showcased at a special America 250 community event in 2026.

Rededication of Ohio’s Oldest Civil War Monument - Mark your calendars for a once-in-a-lifetime event. On October 17th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Trumbull County Historical Society and the Bristol Township Historical Society will host a free, public rededication ceremony for the oldest

Civil War monument in the state of Ohio. The event will feature a faithful tribute to the original 1863 dedication, period actors, tintype photography, local history and merchandise booths, and a kids’ scavenger hunt.
Trumbull Living Memories: A Digital Time Capsule - TCHS invites the public to contribute personal stories to the “Trumbull Living Memories” project. This digital time capsule is collecting the memories, photos, and family histories of Trumbull County residents. No memory is too big or too small; every story helps capture the community’s true spirit for future generations.

“This is Trumbull”: A Local History Adventure for Families - Throughout the year, families can embark on a self-guided historical road trip across the county. In partnership with the Trumbull Tourism Bureau, TCHS has created the “This is Trumbull: A Local History Adventure” booklet. This free, accessible program encourages children and families to explore all 25 townships in Trumbull County by visiting historic sites at their own pace. No admission fees or specific hours to worry about. Participants who complete the challenge by December will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

For more details on all these initiatives, including submission deadlines for the student art project, visit: <https://www.trumbullcountyhistory.com/america-250/>.

Cortland To Host “Art On Main Family Fall Festival” This October Vendor Applications Now Open

Downtown Cortland will welcome autumn with the upcoming Art on Main Family Fall Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 3, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM along Main Street. Organizers are currently seeking local artists, crafters, makers and specialty vendors to participate in the community celebration.
The festival promises an afternoon of family-friendly entertainment, featuring live music, seasonal fall activities, food concessions and an open-air market highlighting regional talent.
Area artisans and small businesses

are invited to showcase and sell handmade goods, original artwork, autumn decor and unique handcrafted creations.
Vendor Details:
• Event Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, from Noon – 6:00 PM
• Location: Main Street, Downtown Cortland
• Booth Space: 10 x 10 outdoor spaces are available for \$20 each.
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Livi Steel, Inc. Celebrates 49 Years Of Family-Owned Manufacturing Excellence

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, 2026. 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 facility tours, 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, "Now we're building toward an even bigger future."

Gary Pirrung Hometown Music Fest

The Gary Pirrung Hometown Music Fest was held Labor Day at The Local Tap & Grill in Mecca to help Gary Pirrung as he prepares for hip surgery.

What started as an idea to help one of our local musicians turned into something bigger than we ever imagined. The community packed The Local for a full day of live music, food, vendors and fundraising, ultimately raising \$28,350 for Gary.

The support went far beyond the people who attended. All the food trucks and T-shirt vendors donated a percentage of their sales back to Gary, along with money raised through raffles, donations and other fundraising throughout the day.

The fundraising committee consisted of Wenona Slusher, Tamara Welker, Keith J. Monty, Kathleen Grant and Kim McCauley-Starcher.

But this was truly a community effort. Musicians donated their time, businesses and individuals donated, volunteers worked throughout the event, and people from Mecca and

the surrounding communities showed up in a way none of us will ever forget. "We knew Mecca would show up for Gary. We just didn't realize how BIG they would show up."

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- Costume Contest w/ door prizes
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Just The Facts

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- a. 3rd
- b. 12th
- c. 21st
- d. 30th

Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Brush Chipping

This month it is the week of September 27th. The service day may vary during the collection week due to weather and workload. As noted below, branches should be placed at the curb no later than the Sunday prior to the collection week to ensure removal. One pass will be made on each street.

Reminder – private roads do not get serviced and be sure to follow the rules and regulations which can be found on our website.

City of Cortland Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24th from 5pm to 7pm on W, Main St. Join the City of Cortland as a "trunk host" and help create a fun, safe and memorable Halloween experience for children and families. We are looking for businesses, organizations, clubs & teams, and families & individuals to participate. Decorate your vehicle or table, dress up, and hand out treats to hundreds of excited trick-or-treaters! **Deadline to**

register is Oct 17th. You can register by going to cortlandoh.gov Set up will begin at 4:00 pm on Oct 24th.

For more information, contact Events@cortlandoh.gov

Let The Rain Drain

We are moving into the time of year when leaves are beginning to fall. Residents should refrain from blowing leaves and grass into the roadway, into creeks or waterways.

Leaves and grass clippings in the roadway can block storm drains creating the potential for 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

- Sept. 21st – City Council – 7pm
- Oct. 5th– City Council – 7pm
- Oct. 12th – Parks – 6pm
- Oct. 12th – Planning & Zoning – 7pm

Answer

- c. 21st. The classic song lyrics are - Do you remember The 21st night of September? This hit was recorded in September of 1978.

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club resumed its meetings on Thursday, September 3, at the Chophouse. Our main speakers were: Mike Hovis, Republican Candidate for Trumbull County Commissioner, Gary Cates, former OH State Senator District 4th; followed by Denny Malloy, TCGOP Chairman and Jason Sponaule, Representative for U.S. 14th District Congressman Dave Joyce updates.

The TCRWC presented \$4,000 in donations to Mike Hovis, Republican Candidate for Trumbull County Commissioner, Mary Ellen Ditchy, Republican Candidate for Court of Common Pleas Judge, Michael Loychik, Republican Candidate for Trumbull County Auditor and OH-65 State Representative, David Thomas.

Everyone enjoyed the luncheon while listening to the speakers discuss their goals, commitments, and the responsibilities, priorities they hope to bring to their respective positions. It was a wonderful opportunity for

members to gather, connect, and learn more about the candidates and local political leadership.

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,

Oct 7 at 6 PM. You can also visit us at parcs@bazettatwp.org.

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 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 parcs@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.

Cortland City Trash Services

By Mayor Jim Bradley

Trash Services - Republic Services is still your disposal provider through the month of September. The new provider of waste disposal for the city is Ohio Valley Waste Services, Inc. By this time, you should have received an informational letter from them, if you haven't you will soon.

Their contract begins October 1st and will continue through September of 2031. **Do not use their brown carts until they begin which will be Thursday, October 1st or Friday, October 2nd depending on your pickup day.** Republic Services is the provider until then.

You may call them with any questions. The Customer Service Department is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - **330-792-2487**. You may also chat through the website www.ohiovalleywaste.com or email them at custservice@ohiovalleywaste.com

Educational Highway Road Closure

By Gary W. Shaffer, P.E., Deputy Engineer, TC Engineer's Office

The Trumbull County Engineer's Office advises that Educational Highway (Ch 1321) in Champion Township will be closed beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2026, through Thursday, November 5, 2026.

This is the road leading from Mahoning Ave to TCTC.

The closure is necessary for the Champion No. 23 Bridge Replacement Project. Please follow all posted detour signs and allow additional travel time. Trumbull County Highway Engineers appreciate the public's patience and cooperation throughout this important project.



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Mahoning Valley Book Bazaar

The first Mahoning Valley Book Bazaar (MVBB) will take place November 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Holiday Inn, 7410 South Ave, Boardman. The event will feature more than 70 authors, bookstores, publishers and other book-related vendors from Northeast Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and beyond.

The six founding members of the MVBB planning committee met through the literary non-profit, Lit Youngstown. They include Julie Cancio Harper, Craig Duster, RW Franklin, Eric Harper, Delaney Mathew and Eliza Osborn.

“We had all enjoyed literary events hosted by Lit Youngstown and we had collaborated as staff and vendors at their Fall Literary Festival. Then we saw an opportunity to create a one-day book market with a broader appeal,” said Duster.

“We are thrilled by the number of author and vendor applications that have been coming in, and we look forward to receiving more as the word gets out,” said Osborn. “It’s a testament to the love of books in the area.” Acceptance notifications began in June.

Book genre categories represented so far include romance, fantasy, sci-fi, thriller, mystery, young adult, children’s, history and literary fiction.

Harper said, “Imagine a bookstore crawl, but all in one convention center, where the booksellers come to the people. It will be a fun day for readers of all ages.”

Author and vendor applications are still open at mvbookbazaar.com.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the MVBB, please email hello@mvbookbazaar.com.

Buy One, Get One tickets are on sale now for a limited time through the MVBB website: mvbookbazaar.com. Advance tickets can also be purchased in person at POP! Art Books Culture, 6949 Market Street, Boardman.. General admission at the gate will be \$10 per person.

The Mahoning Valley Book Bazaar brings together independent bookstores, creators, small presses and passionate readers for a one-day book marketplace. For additional information, please visit www.mvbookbazaar.com or call Craig Duster at 330-360-9696.

Rotary Honor Police and Fire



By John Sheets

On September 8, Cortland City and Bazetta Police and Fire officials were recognized by the Cortland Rotary Club for their service to the community. The Cortland Rotary Club hosted a breakfast and had a remembrance program about the events of September 11, 2001. Safety grants in the amount of \$250.00 were

handed out to each Police and Fire department.

Pictured are Cortland Police Chief David Morris, Cortland Fire Chief Todd Price, Cortland Fire Captain Scott Bower, Bazetta Police Chief Chris Herlinger and Bazetta Fire Captain Phil Pelly.

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TV Personality Joanne Banko To Visit Niles Sewing Guild

To celebrate our guild’s 35th Anniversary, the Niles Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is pleased to bring TV personality, Joanne Banko for a seminar on Saturday, October 3. It will be held at Ala Carte Catering in Canfield, starting at 10:00 and ending at approximately 2:30.

Joanne is regularly featured on “It’s So Easy” television and is a freelance sewing educator and online sewing instructor and author of several books. Her website is: www.letsgosew.com. She has varied interests: machine embroidery, garment sewing and serger projects.

She will present “Easy Embellishments” with many fun and interesting tips, tricks and techniques for embellishing garments, home décor, crafts and more. She will be bringing

along sample garments and projects, along with her books and embroidery designs for sale. The public/non-members are invited to attend with advance paid reservations. \$20 members/\$25 non-members, includes a full course lunch. Email Diane at freshfigs@aol.com for info on how to make a reservation and lunch choices.



Who To Contact At Mosquito Lake State Park

By Karina Cheung

Mosquito Lake State Park and Mosquito Lake are patrolled by Natural Resources Officers (NROs) from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Watercraft. These law enforcement officers provide coverage on state lands and waters, respond to emergencies, assist visitors, and conduct investigations.

If you are experiencing an

emergency, you should call 911. Anyone who needs law enforcement assistance at the park or on the lake should contact the ODNR Communications Center at (614) 799 9538 or dial #ODNR from a cell phone to reach a dispatcher at any time. Examples of incidents to report include thefts, lost property, injuries, vehicle or boating accidents, suspicious activity, disabled boats, and any other situation where an officer is needed.

Boaters and anglers are encouraged to carry a charged cell phone, ensure all required safety equipment is on board, and check fuel levels and batteries before heading out. If a boat becomes disabled, operators should raise a distress flag and drop anchor. While fellow boaters often assist, NROs can provide non emergency tows when available. There are no commercial on water towing services at Mosquito Lake.

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Shear Comfort Backs Events At Penguin City Brewing

By Samantha Ensminger, Trumbull County Tourism Bureau

Ellis Music Events is expanding the network of businesses supporting live entertainment in Youngstown, welcoming its first international sponsor while also adding a local seasonal attraction as a promotional partner for two upcoming concerts at Penguin City Brewing.

Shear Comfort, a Canadian-based manufacturer and retailer of premium seat covers and automotive accessories, will sponsor both the September 26 Bayou Blue concert and the October 3 Federal Street Fright Night featuring Coop's Nightmare. The partnership marks the first time Ellis Music Events has secured sponsorship support from a company based outside the United States.

As part of the partnership, a vehicle showcasing Shear Comfort seat covers is expected to be displayed inside Penguin City Brewing's event space, giving concertgoers an opportunity to see the company's products in person while connecting the brand with two distinct live entertainment audiences. "The support we have received locally has been incredibly important to what we are building, and I never want that to get lost," said Jake Ellis, owner of Ellis Music Events. "At the same time, having an international company like Shear

Comfort look at what we are doing here in Youngstown and decide they want to be part of it is pretty special. To me, that is another sign that people outside our area are paying attention to what is happening here."

Nightmare in Niles will also partner with Ellis Music Events for Federal Street Fright Night on October 3, bringing a distinctly local Halloween connection to the event. The seasonal attraction is expected to have an on-site presence that includes its hearse, costumed actors and promotional materials and will have opportunities for visitors of its attraction to secure free tickets to the Federal Street Fright Night show during its opening week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 26 - Bayou Blue: Creedence Clearwater Revival & Linda Ronstadt Tribute with Taylor Borton. Bayou Blue brings a two-hour tribute to the music of CCR and Linda Ronstadt to Penguin City Brewing.

Saturday, October 3 - Federal Street Fright Night featuring Coop's Nightmare. The touring Alice Cooper tribute brings a theatrical rock show to Youngstown to kick off the Halloween season, with costumes, characters and the spectacle associated with Alice Cooper's legendary live performances.

Becoming More Active

We've learned that one of the most important factors in living longer and feeling better is how often we get moving.

Talk to your doctor about becoming more active, particularly if you are dealing with chronic health issues like diabetes, heart disease or obesity. Medical professionals can guide you toward exercises and everyday activities that are suited to personal goals but also take into account any individual challenges you may face. Here's how to get going.

BEGIN SLOWLY Once you've discussed things with your doctor and set an appropriate plan, take it easy during your initial exercises. This is critically important if you haven't been active recently, as the risk of injury is greater. Start with small, achievable goals. That means two or three hours of moderate activity per week. Pay close attention to how your muscles and respiratory system react as you move through this new regimen. Be prepared to move things around if it's initially difficult to fit regular exercise into your weekly schedule. Slowly add more miles, time or reps while allowing yourself plenty of time to adjust and recover.

EVERYDAY EXERCISES In reality, any activity that raises your heart rate is a net positive. This can be of particular comfort since you don't have to join a gym or health club, lift weights or run on a treadmill in order to get in the recommended amount of exercise. Everyday activities like walking at a rapid pace, dancing, playing outside with your grandchildren, doing chores around the house and weekly lawn work are actually a form of exercise. You can take up yoga or begin balancing exercises from the comfort of home.

TAKING TIME Thirty minutes of moderate exercise is recommended per day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes walking briskly. More vigorous activities like hiking, running or jogging should take up about 75 minutes of each week. Health.gov recommendations include doing muscle-strengthening exercises at least twice a week. If you don't have access to resistance bands or weights, use water bottles or other household items. If you begin to feel chest pains, shortness of breath or any other nagging pain, immediately take a break and consult your doctor.



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Upton Association First Wednesday Program

By Bonnie Hood

The Upton Association First Wednesday program October 7 will feature Patrick Henry Jolly, a direct descendant of American patriot Patrick Henry, who will deliver his ancestor's famous Liberty or Death speech. Jolly will remain in character while giving his first-person presentation.

The program will give us a better understanding of a man whose words remain relevant for today. The program will be at 10:00, with refreshments available 30 minutes prior. The Harriet Taylor Upton House is located at 380 Mahoning Avenue in Warren.

Recycling Schedule At TCTC During Road Closure

By Morgan Tondo Cretella, Community Engagement Coordinator, TCTC

Due to the closure of Educational Highway and the resulting traffic delays on and around the Trumbull Career & Technical Center's campus, all recycling activities must take place after 3:00 p.m. for the duration of the road closure. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we navigate this temporary change.

5 Tips To Support Your Digestive Health

(StatePoint) Ever have that feeling of sluggishness that you can't seem to shake? Did you know that it could be because your digestive system isn't working optimally? For better digestive wellness, consider the following tips:

Hone Your Diet: Eat a diverse diet and limit processed foods and added sugars. A well-rounded diet that prioritizes whole foods is typically high in fiber and other nutrients that promote a healthy gut.

Stay Hydrated: As you increase your fiber intake, be sure to drink plenty of water to support regularity and keep everything moving through your system. Your digestive system will thank you!

Get Moving: Daily activity is a natural digestive aid. Exercise boosts circulation to deliver blood and oxygen to your digestive tract, helps you maintain a healthy metabolism, and keeps your digestive muscles strong.

Manage Stress: The mind-body connection is powerful, and poor digestive health is just one of the many potential side effects of too much stress. Get Quality Sleep: High-quality sleep is needed to keep all the systems of your body in tip-top shape, and your digestive system is no exception.



City Of Cortland Curbside Brush Pickup Policy

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

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

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Christopher Cicconi, Conductor and Music Director of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra.



The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is pleased to welcome the community to a memorable evening at the beautifully renovated Trumbull County Country Club on Sunday, September 20, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Guests will gather for a night of appetizers, entertainment, and a silent auction, all in support of the orchestra's ongoing artistic and educational work. Admission is \$75 per person, with a cash bar available.

The event will take place at the Trumbull County Country Club, 600 Golf Drive NE, Warren.

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra looks forward to celebrating with friends, supporters, and neighbors as it continues enriching the cultural life of Trumbull County.

The WPO is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that serves the Mahoning Valley and beyond. The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra Fall 2026 Concert will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St NE., Warren.



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.

Kristen Rock To Hold Town Hall Meetings

By Cathy Phifer, TC Democratic Party Secretary



Kristen Rock, candidate for Trumbull County Commissioner, will be discussing her plans for Trumbull County with residents during a series of Town Hall Meetings. Rock's guiding principle is that every decision made by county government should be measured against how well it directly improves the lives of our residents. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about her ROCK-solid plan for jobs, strong communities, responsible government and a healthier Trumbull County.

The ROCK Plan for Trumbull County:

- R** – Reduce Waste & Control Spending - Make county government efficient, transparent, strategic and accountable.
- O** – Open Doors to Jobs & Growth. Support existing businesses, recruit new investment, prepare shovel-ready sites and bring workforce development to our workers.
- C** – Connect Our Communities. Invest in roads, bridges, utilities, housing and the infrastructure needed for population growth and a high quality of life.
- K** – Keep Trumbull Healthy & Safe. Fight for quality healthcare, protect seniors, support first responders and build our public-safety workforce.

- Town Hall Meeting Dates:**
- Friday, Sept. 18 at 10 am at the Niles SCOPE Center
 - Monday, Sept. 21 at 7pm via Zoom*
 - Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 5 pm at the Girard Library
 - Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 5 pm at the Niles SCOPE Center
 - Thursday, Sept. 24 at 12 pm via Zoom*
 - Friday, Sept. 25 8 am at Panera Bread on Elm Road
- *RSVP to cardwellelizabeth@gmail.com for Zoom meeting details or questions.

4 Top Tips For Starting A New Business

(StatePoint) Starting a small business is an exciting journey, and one that many Americans hope to make a reality. More than six in 10 U.S. adults say they would prefer to be their own boss.

However, in an ever-changing landscape, the prospect of launching and sustaining a business can feel intimidating. That's why The UPS Store, is offering these tips to put your entrepreneurial ideas into action:



- 1. Refine Your Idea:** Coming up with an idea is the first step toward establishing a successful business. This phase involves recognizing market needs and determining how you can fill a gap. Refining your concept will help establish a solid groundwork for

everything that follows, ensuring that your enterprise aligns with your vision and values.

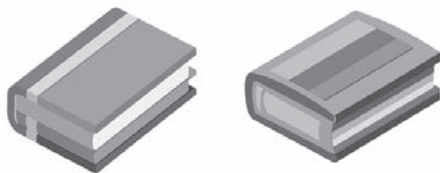
- 2. Identify Your Passion, Skills and Purpose:** Your passion and purpose are what will fuel your entrepreneurial journey, and your unique skills will allow your business to stand out in a crowded marketplace.
- 3. Evaluate the Competition:** Having a thorough understanding of the competitive landscape is crucial. By evaluating other small businesses, you gain valuable insights into their strengths, weaknesses and the strategies they employ. Start by identifying your direct and indirect competitors. Take note of their product or service offerings, pricing strategies, marketing and SEO tactics and customer reviews.
- 4. Research Market Demand:** To validate your business idea and ensure its viability, you'll need to gather information about your target customers, competitors and overall industry trends. This market research will ensure your business idea resonates with potential customers, help you refine your offerings, and prepare you for market ups and downs.

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

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

BUT – we are still missing a few, we still have no yearbooks from Bazetta School and nothing from Cortland School before 1949. We need yearbooks from 1951, 57, 60, 80 82-85, 90, 97,

2003 and 2007. If you would like to donate yearbooks or other materials, contact the Historical Society at info@cortlandohiohistory.org.



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Travel Club Explores Rt. 66

By Peggy Boyd

The Trumbull County Travel Club recently returned from their historic 14 day “Great Western Trip “ which included Rt. 66 from Oklahoma to Flagstaff, Az.

On October 15, members will cruise into Fall and explore the Lincoln Highway, the 1st transcontinental road in the US designed for automobiles. This 3,389-mile road was built in 1913 beginning in New York and ending in San Fransico. Being a day outing, travelers will explore only a small part of this road now often called US Rt. 30.

Tour goers will see the Big Mac Museum on the other side of Pittsburg developed by Jim Delliatti. A working Restaurant plus a timeline of memorabilia honoring the creation of the Big Mac Hamburger. Still cruising on the Lincoln Highway, the 2nd stop will be at the largest museum in America dedicated to sharing the story of the 1st coast-to-coast highway. Inside visitors will be surrounded by authentic, oversized and meticulously restored

1930 artifacts. All will be treated to free pie and coffee in the original diner located on Rt. 30.

No Fall Tour would be complete without a stop at a garden center. Laurel Nursery and Garden Center will be laced with pure fall foliage offering 70 varieties of pumpkins and mums of every color of the rainbow. All will receive a free pumpkin to take home. Lunch will be on one’s own at Eat & Park before departing for home with one last stop at a local winery.

A “Brown Bag Trip” is planned for Saturday, November 14.

December 2-4, members will travel by deluxe motor coach to Lancaster. Three shows will be seen including Joshua.

The Travel Club is open to any person who wishes to make friends and explore the world. Members often fly, cruise and use the trains to see sites both local and afar. There are no membership fees to belong. Please call Peggy at 330-609-3971 for all details of the above trips.



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- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 11:00 AM**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 6:00 PM**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 11:00 AM**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 6:00 PM**

Do you have both Medicare & Medicaid?

If so, join us for one of our upcoming seminars as we discuss the expected **Medicaid changes coming in 2027** and what they could mean for you and your coverage.

- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 6:00 PM**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 11:00 AM**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 1:00 PM**

All seminars will be held outside of **Beth Piper Insurance office** located in the JCPenney Concourse of the *Eastwood Mall*



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With the arrival of Fall comes the revival of football at all levels. A recent college football game came to a dramatic and controversial ending when one second was put back on the game clock after time had expired and the heavily-favored but trailing home team was then able to score a winning touchdown with a desperation second chance play. The next day, an online meme was brought to my attention showing an image of a road sign along a highway, stating, “You are entering the state of Michigan. Turn your clocks back one second.” I can’t help but find some humor in that meme, even though the outcome was no laughing matter. Just minutes apart, both teams and their fans experienced both extremes of the euphoric thrill of victory and the devastating agony of defeat.

This caused me to ponder the preciousness of time at our disposal, to realize that even a second can hold significant opportunity or consequence for each of us. As the saying goes, ‘a lot can happen in a second.’ Split-second decisions can alter our lives or those of others for better or worse, with carelessly-spoken words or actions, facial or bodily expressions, and so on. In Psalm 90:12 (NIRV) attributed to Moses, we read, “Teach us to realize how short our lives are. Then our hearts will

become wise.”

Each breath and second of life should be embraced as a gift. The only breath we are guaranteed is the one we have just taken. Each Sunday this season I am moved by words in our Centering Song: “...’Cause all my life You have been faithful, And all my life You have been so, so Good. With every breath that I am able, oh I will sing of the Goodness of God.”

In Acts 17:25,27,28, the apostle Paul witnesses to the Athenian people of God’s Goodness, giving life and breath in order that people would seek, reach-out and find God, adding that “...in Him we live and move and have our being.” There was a popular saying in a church I pastored, “God is Good all the time, and all the time: God is Good.” This is where as Christians live and move even with every second and breath of being, there is potential and calling to be wisely mindful we are constantly witnesses to a God Who is so, so Good, even when we and all are undeserving and circumstances are not seeming very good. Even our unaware one-second witness can bring God’s Good News to someone’s life. If you have been thinking or intending to turn or return to God and fellowship within a church: don’t wait another second.

That will be Good News!

Many times we question why. Why did I have to face this situation? What “good” can come out of this? Our “hurt” moments are hard to consider as a blessing for someone or something in the future. Yet out of those painful moments, I have seen God use it to reveal something beautiful. For those moments, consider this as a hope to your situation.

Did you know....An oyster that has not been wounded in any way does not produce pearls? A pearl is a HEALED WOUND. Pearls are a product of pain, the result of a foreign or unwanted substance entering the oyster, such as a parasite or a grain of sand.

The inside of an oyster shell is a shiny substance called “nacre.”

When a grain of sand enters, the nacre cells go to work and cover the grain of sand with layers and more

layers to protect the defenseless body from the oyster. As a result, a beautiful pearl is formed!

God never allows pain without a purpose. Please keep in mind that God didn’t cause the pain. This is a fallen world. Wrong turns/wrong decisions/wrongful intentions from others, can put us in a unfortunate receiving position. That’s where Gods mercy can step in... using it to bring something good out of it, for us or through us to others! This is a moment of clarity where we trust the God of the universe to transform this heartache into a great opportunity.

Your experience can be your greatest declaration of how God can change what was meant for evil to become beauty out of the ashes of hopelessness (Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28).

Nothing is impossible with God!



Lakeview Outreach And Fellowship Installs Officers

During the annual LOAF organizational meeting September 2 Pastor Dave Vensel, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, installed officers for the 2026/27 program year. Installed was Bob Mangold, President, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church; Reverend Jonathan Williams, Vice President, United Methodist Church; Donna Pate, Treasurer, United Methodist Church; Sandy Bailey, Secretary, Saint Robert Catholic Church.

Planning commenced immediately for the three main and other community events sponsored by LOAF: the joyous Christmas Concert made possible by the Cortland Community Band and volunteer community chorus; Adopt-A-Foot providing shoes to needy kids; and summer Vacation Bible School. LOAF makes these community events possible through donation of time and resources provided not only by participating churches. More important all kinds of support from readers like you residing in Cortland, Bazetta, Mecca and all surrounding areas who volunteer untold hours and financial resources to keep us going.

Thanks everybody - we couldn’t do it without you.

Church News & Notes

Cortland Church of the Nazarene

The Cortland Church of the Nazarene is having a Spaghetti and meatballs Dinner Fundraiser for the children’s ministry on Saturday, Sept 19, from 4- 7 p.m., at 293 E Main St

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

Cortland United Methodist Church

God Provides A Meal, Saturday September 19, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Menu: Chicken Gravy over Biscuits with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert & beverage

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, October 7, 12-5:30 pm

Bazetta Christian Church

We are a collection point for new toys for The Warren Family Mission Christmas in July Toy Drive. Every year, the Mission’s Christmas Toy Distribution helps over 1,000 local children experience the joy of Christmas. 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

We will 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 us for Bible Study, a great way to grow spiritually and in friendship. All are welcome.

Our ministries are Someplace Safe, Soles for Souls. We are collecting used shoes for Soles for Souls. There is a collection barrel outside the church.

Cortland Christian Church

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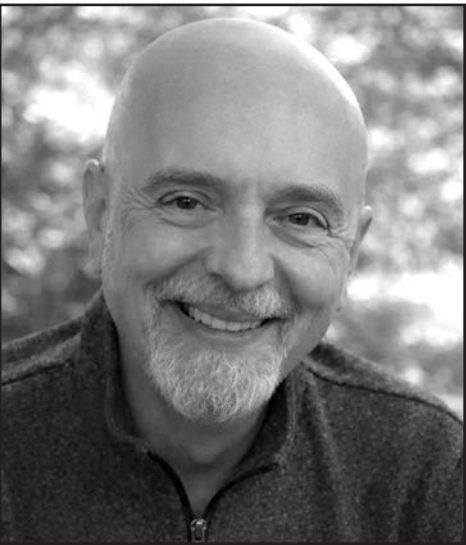
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Bazetta Christian Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Bazetta Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Cortland is pleased to welcome the Rev. David T. Chafin as its pastor. An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. Chafin brings more than four decades of pastoral, regional, and ecumenical ministry experience to the office.

Prior to coming to us as Designated Interim Pastor in January, he most recently served as Senior Pastor of North Eaton Christian Church in Grafton, Ohio, a position he held since 2017. His previous ministry includes pastoral service in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, as well as seven years as Deputy Regional Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Rev. Chafin holds a Master of Divinity degree from Methodist Theological School in Ohio and



a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in conducting from Marshall University. His ministry has included congregational visioning, leadership development, mission funding, community service, and ecumenical engagement. He has also been active in music and theater, serving as an organist, choir director, performer, Civic Orchestra and Chorus Music Director and community theater leader.

In his free time, Rev. Chafin enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, karaoke and choral singing, fishing, writing and cooking.

Bazetta Christian Church invites the Cortland & Bazetta community to welcome Rev. Chafin and join the congregation for worship, fellowship and service at any time. Find us live on Facebook on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child



Southington Christian Church is hosting two packing parties for Operation Christmas Child.

The first includes a Potluck Lunch for OCC on Sunday, September 27, immediately following morning worship service (approximately 12:15 p.m.) Southington Christian Church is located at 3285 State Rte. 534, Southington.

Our congregation will pack 120 shoeboxes for girls for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse that sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world. All are welcome to come and pack a shoebox. A potluck lunch will be held after church (before packing begins).

The second packing party will be Sunday, October 25, after morning service (approximately 12:15 p.m.) This one will include a Chili Cook-Off and Pastor Appreciation. We will be celebrating Pastor Matthew Brobst — cards and gifts are welcome. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Both events are open to the community, families and kids who want to help. Supplies and packing guidance will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Brobst at 330-898-2251.



Donna Stillwagon and Eleanor Wykle of Journey Christian Church collected and provided the backpacks that were in need for Someplace Safe. The packs were collected, filled and donated to Someplace Safe for the children that are staying there.



Cortland Rotary Club supports the Salvation Army. Team members: Robert Burkey, Dave Gilbert, Dennis Nisbett and Jan Poncar.

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Lakeview School News

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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

William Antonchak

I have been part of the Lakeview band program since 5th grade, and I play the snare drum. What I like most about band is getting to play music with my friends, perform at different events, and improve my drumming skills. Being in band has also taught me teamwork, responsibility, and dedication. I am currently studying auto collision at TCTC, and in the future, I plan to continue working on cars and learn more about welding. Outside of band, I enjoy figuring out how things work and fixing or working on different projects. I am looking forward to continuing to improve my skills in both band and my hobbies. Thank you!



Marley Barker

Lakeview senior Marley Barker brings a big personality, contagious laugh, and plenty of fun to the Marching Band's sousaphone section. Her favorite memories include creating her first band dance with the tubas, attending the Ohio State Invitational and watching TBDBITL, and a bittersweet goodbye with a graduating senior whose kind words she still cherishes. Outside of band, Marley loves crocheting, drawing, reading, and spending time with people she loves. After graduation, she plans to pursue her dream of becoming a forensic pathologist. Marley will leave Lakeview with unforgettable memories, lifelong friendships, and plenty of laughter along the way.



Lakeview Choir Program News

By Rebecca Shelton

Patron Drive / Sponsorship Campaign - The Lakeview Choir program is launching its community patron drive and business sponsorship campaign. The community patron drive lets family, friends, and community members show their support for the choir program through donations starting at \$5. Donations of cash or check can be dropped off at the Lakeview High School main office during normal business hours. We are also looking for local businesses that would like to partner with the Lakeview Choir program. If you are a business and would like to partner with the choir, please reach out to Director Rebecca Shelton at rebecca.shelton@lakeviewlocal.org or call the high school.

2nd Annual Lakeview Band & Choir Mattress Fundraiser - The Lakeview High School cafeteria will be transforming into a mattress showroom for one day only: Saturday, September 26th, open from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. In the market for a new mattress, adjustable frame, or other accessories? Come on out for great deals that directly support the students in the Lakeview Band and Choir programs!

Lakeview High School Fall Concert feat. the LHS Choirs and the Lakeview Blues - Wednesday, October 14th, 7:00 pm in Raidel Auditorium. Come hear the fall preview concert featuring the LHS Concert Choir, LHS Honors Choir, and the Lakeview Blues.

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 Logan Hartman, the son of Brent and Tara Hartman. Logan has been a proud Lakeview student throughout his entire academic career and has established himself as a well-rounded and talented member of the Class of 2027.

An honor roll student, Logan is challenging himself this year by taking a mixture of Lakeview High School classes and college courses through Youngstown State University. Logan's talents are especially evident in the music department. He is a member of the award-winning Lakeview Symphonic and Jazz Bands, as well as the marching band. He also serves as the vice president of the Band Council.

Logan has also made his mark on the stage. He has been an active member of the Lakeview Drama Club and has earned starring roles in productions for the past three years. Outside of music and drama, Logan has competed in tennis, playing doubles for the Bulldogs over the past several seasons.

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

- What is a hidden talent or skill people might not know you have? I am double-jointed in my elbows.
- What is your favorite tradition or event at school? The pep rallies.
- Where is your go-to spot in town to grab a drink or snack? The Circle-K
- What is your absolute favorite way to unwind on the weekend? "Chillax" at home.
- How would your friends describe your aesthetic in three words? Very, Very Tall
- You might catch me... Practicing my music
- What is currently at the top of your favorite playlist or watchlist? I'm watching The Closer.
- What is one big goal on your bucket list for the next five years? I want to get stronger.



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The Cortland News would like to list your home address [no name is needed] if you have decorations that others would enjoy seeing. Right now we are collecting addresses for Halloween. We will do the same Christmas. Our next issue is October 10 and the deadline for submitting your address for Halloween is September 30. Simply drop an email to Editor@thecortlandnews.com If you have a photo, please include it. If we have room, we may be able to publish that also.

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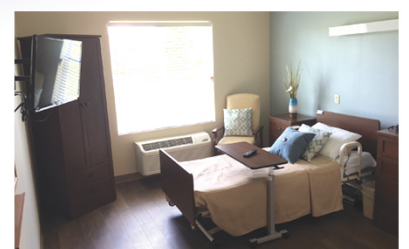


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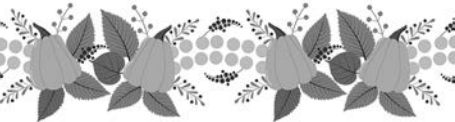
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More information on this can be obtained at the City’s Web page cityofcortland.org.

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.

INSURANCE ANSWERS

By Jaimie Pavkovich, Associate Agent ~ Ruddy Insurance Group

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”

~ F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Back To Busy Roads

The backpacks are ready; the alarm clocks are set and somehow everyone has forgotten where they put their shoes. Yep... back to school we go. With early morning drop-offs, school buses, teen drivers heading out before the sun is fully up and after school practices every night, your family’s vehicles are busier than ever. For parents of young or newly licensed drivers, now is a good time to review your auto insurance with your agent. Make sure your teen is properly listed on your policy; remember your insurance doesn’t know your teenager is driving unless you tell them. Understand the coverage that you have and discuss the importance of safe driving. PSA: roadside assistance is never a bad idea for peace of mind or the just in case moments.

If your teen causes an accident and someone is injured or their property is damaged; like that \$85,389.00, 2026 Black Customized Truck that your teen just hit. Your liability is there to help protect your family financially. Make sure your limits provide adequate coverage for what you have worked so hard for.

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Online Training Hub, Supporting Regional Minority Business Assistance Centers

The Ohio Department of Development’s Minority Business Development Division (MBDD) today announced the launch of its new online training hub, a modern, centralized workspace designed to support Minority Business Assistance Centers (MBACs) across the state.

This one-stop shop connects MBACs to consistent, high-quality technical assistance and training resources to strengthen and enhance the client experience across the statewide network.

“Behind every homegrown entrepreneur willing to take a chance on their dreams is a community ready to help turn ambition into opportunity,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. “This new training hub will equip our regional MBAC partners with even more tools to learn from one another and continue delivering the high quality support our minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses count on.”

Inside the new training hub, users will be able to access the following features:

- Training Resources
- Forms Center
- Best Practices Library
- Outreach Calendar
- Policies and Compliance
- Partnership Resources
- Onboarding Hub

Development supports small, minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses through its Minority Business Development Division and a statewide network of 15 Minority Business Assistance Centers (MBACs). The centers provide entrepreneurs with free one-on-one counseling, assistance accessing capital and state contracts, help navigating certification, and other resources to start and grow their businesses.

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Get The Most Out Of Medicare's 2027 Annual Enrollment Period

Annual Enrollment (AEP) for Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans begins October 15 and runs through December 7. During this time Medicare beneficiaries are given an opportunity to evaluate their current coverage and consider options for the upcoming year. Even if you are happy with your current plan, it is still a good idea to take the time to review your options. You may be taking a new prescription medication, your current plan's drug formulary may have changed, or your physicians could have left the plan's network. Annual Enrollment is the time to review and get ready for the next year. Getting more appropriate plan coverage, lowering out of pocket costs or increasing benefits are some of the reasons to look at your current coverage and compare options.

Your current insurance company should be mailing an Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) that lists any changes they are making to your coverage. These are typically received in late September or early October and are sent to anyone on a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) or a stand-alone Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). If you have an agent you work with, they will have updated plan information available on October 1st. Here are three things you can do during Annual Enrollment:

1. Review your Annual Notice of Change. Be sure to read any notices you receive from your current Medicare Insurance plan about upcoming changes for 2027. Look for any changes that could impact the cost of the drugs you take or the doctors and specialists you prefer as well as any changes to the ancillary benefits you use. With the

changes to prescription drug coverage mandated by the Inflation Reduction Act, it is especially important to review changes to the prescription portion of your plan on both Advantage plans and Stand-alone Prescription Drug plans.

2. Verify your doctors are still practicing and will continue to be in your plan's network. If you have not seen your primary care physician in a while, call the office to verify that he or she is still practicing and call the insurance company or your agent to verify that they continue to be an in-network provider with your plan. Networks can change as providers and insurance companies review and renew or cancel contracts.

3. Think ahead to 2027. Consider any health changes that took place in 2026. What health conditions might need addressing in the year ahead? Will a different plan offer more appropriate options or reduce your overall costs based on your current prescriptions and health situation?

Whether you have a Part D Stand-alone Prescription Drug Plan or a Part C Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare's Annual Enrollment lasts 54 days, October 15 - December 7. This is the time to review and make decisions that may last a full year. One of the best ways to review your plan is to contact a local agent. They will be able to look at your current plan, and while taking into consideration your specific situation and preferences, help you decide what might work best for you.

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.

TC Combined Health District Receives \$190,000 In Funding

By Jenna Amerine, MPH, CHES, TC Combined Health District

Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) has been approved for \$190,000 in grant funding from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to support its efforts to address substance use disorders and strengthen prevention, treatment, recovery, and community resilience initiatives, Frank Migliozi, Health Commissioner of TCCHD announced today.

With the grant award approved, TCCHD looks forward to finalizing its grant agreement and putting these funds to work in the community.

The grant from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will go toward providing scheduled transportation for non-Medicaid rides to support recovery and re-entry services for individuals in Trumbull County, Jenna Amerine, Grants Coordinator of TCCHD said.

"TCCHD is excited to collaborate with Hope Town to offer scheduled rides that supports the needs for those receiving treatment, recovery, or re-entry services in Trumbull County. This is a priority for our residents as many services while in treatment, recovery, or re-entry are not covered under Medicaid and our residents have limited public transportation options. By offering this service we hope to improve residents access to these services and remove barriers," said Migliozi.

"Hope Town is incredibly excited to partner with the Trumbull County Combined Health District on this important initiative. Through Hope on Wheels, we have seen firsthand how transportation can become a significant barrier to accessing treatment, recovery services, employment opportunities, and other essential supports. This partnership will help remove that barrier and ensure more Trumbull County residents can get to the treatment and services they need to begin and continue their recovery journey. We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside TCCHD and OneOhio to expand access to treatment, strengthen recovery, support successful re-entry, and create lasting impact in the community," said Samantha Camlin, Program Manager of

Hope Town Ohio.

The grant is part of a \$45.7 million regional grant funding opportunity awarded by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation as part of its mission to strengthen addiction prevention, treatment, recovery, and community resilience across Ohio. This is the second round of regional grants distributed by the Foundation. The grant funding comes from 55 percent of the funds the state is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic.

The grant awarded to TCCHD reflects the Foundation's commitment to supporting organizations on the front lines of addressing substance use disorder. These investments strengthen community-driven prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts that help build healthier, more resilient communities across Ohio.

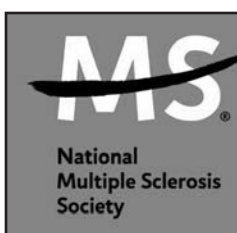
TCCHD is an example of the dedicated, top-notch organizations working across Ohio every day to help individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance use disorder, said Alisha Nelson, Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.

"These new grant awards build on the momentum of our first cycle and represents another powerful opportunity for Ohioans to come together and create lasting change," Nelson said. "With these investments, we can expand hope, strengthen recovery, and equip our local organizations on the frontlines with the tools they need to help more individuals and families heal."

Grant recipients are selected through a rigorous, locally driven review process that prioritizes evidence-informed strategies to address substance use disorder. Regional volunteers, the OneOhio Expert Panel, and the Foundation's Board of Directors work together to ensure funding decisions reflect community needs while maintaining transparency and accountability.

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The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Cortland Library. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, and we are pleased to welcome Cindy Lonsinger, LPTA, as our guest speaker. Cindy will

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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



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 & 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."

Fans can expect an evening filled with Alice Cooper's biggest hits, elaborate stage theatrics, Halloween atmosphere and a celebration of one of rock's most legendary performers.

For additional event information, visit www.ellismusicevents.com

Cortland Collaborative The Makers Market Entertainment Schedule

All events are FREE
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• **Mondays - Mindful Monday's**
11:30 - 1:00 PM

Meditation, Music and Puppy petting - A calming midday reset designed to melt stress and lift your mood. Settle into gentle meditation, unwind with soothing music, and enjoy the pure joy of puppy snuggles. It's the sweetest way to relax, reconnect, and recharge.

• **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.

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

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



MOVIE REVIEW

By
Bob Garver

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

Contact us at Editor@thecortlandnews.com

Advance Review - "Coyote vs. Acme"

The dialogue-free Road Runner/Wile E. Coyote cartoons are my favorite of the Looney Tunes. No jokes centered around annoying accents or speech impediments, just pure physical comedy. Of course, the hapless carnivore never actually catches the flightless bird, thanks largely to his reliance on questionable devices from the unseen Acme Corporation.

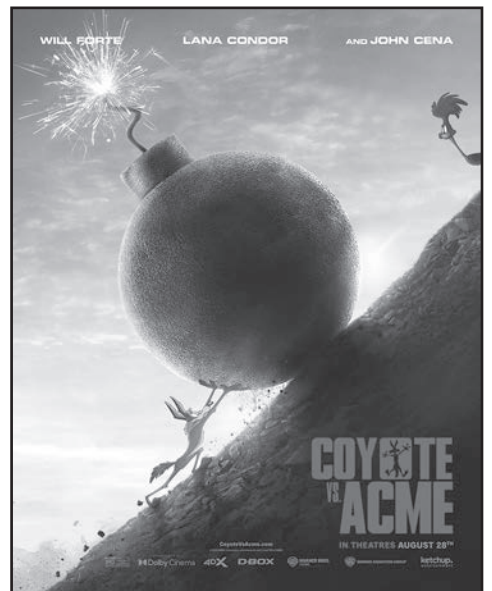
New live-action/animation hybrid "Coyote vs. Acme" sees the coyote finally have enough of the technology giant's faulty products. He enlists unambitious Albuquerque attorney Kevin Avery (Will Forte) to sue the corporate behemoth for decades of defectiveness. Even with his loyal niece Paige (Lana Condor) supporting him as an intern, the deck is stacked against Avery. His accident-prone client is unsympathetic, Acme has a powerful legal team led by undefeated hotshot Buddy Crane (John Cena), and the key witness is going to have to be the Road Runner himself. How will Avery ever get the bird to testify on behalf of an enemy that has always tried - and is, in fact, still trying - to eat him?

"Coyote vs. Acme" is the best Looney Tunes-related output in decades. The classic physical comedy is so sharp, it's like the characters spent every day since the last Chuck Jones-

directed short in 1963 training for this movie. It also hits some surprisingly strong emotional beats about Coyote and Road Runner's dynamic. I can't say it always works as a legal thriller, and some of the logic gets murky as mediums are blurred, but overall this movie is as much fun as the first cartoon on a well-earned Saturday morning.

Grade: B "Coyote vs. Acme" is rated PG for cartoon violence and some language. Its running time is 101 minutes.

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.



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Then there are the Bushwick originals: Piggy Smalls, pulled pork with smoky lime crema, red onions and queso fresco; Seoul Man, crispy pork belly with Japanese barbecue sauce, kimchi and sesame aioli; Caribbean Queen, jerk pork belly with mango salsa; and Buffalo Soldier, crispy cauliflower tossed in Buffalo sauce.

Beyond tacos, the menu keeps the same playful attitude: Appetizers: Big Ass Nachos, Buffalo Springfield chicken egg rolls, Popper Don't Preach jalapeño poppers and the loaded Hit Me With Your Best Tot.

Burgers & Sandwiches: The OG Smash Burger, Space Cowboy, Dark Side of the Shroom, Whole Lotta Baloney and the pulled-pork Notorious P.I.G.

Beastie Bowls: Ad Rock, MCA and Mike D bowls pair a choice of protein

with everything from black bean and corn salsa to kimchi, mango salsa and sweet potatoes.

Something Sweet: Sweet Churro O' Mine — Bavarian-cream-filled churros topped with caramel and chocolate.

Food, Drinks and Live Music: Bushwick doesn't fit neatly into one category. It's a taco place, neighborhood bar and live-music room rolled into one, with four drafts on tap plus a wide selection of beer, wine, cider and seltzers.

It's an intentionally casual, slightly irreverent place where you can come in for tacos and a beer and end up staying for the band.

Bushwick is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., with the kitchen serving until 9 p.m.

Cleveland Play House Announces
2026-27 Season

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

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

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

transforms everyone she meets—from a lovable stray dog named Sandy, to the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, and even the President of the United States!

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

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

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

Through hidden chambers, ancient cathedrals, secret societies, and a series of riddles hidden in the masterpieces of Leonardo da Vinci, this captivating adventure is filled with twists and turns in which every second counts.

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

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

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

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

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





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Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board Concerned About Increase in Suicides

By Daniela Ghizzoni, Director of Clinical Services

The Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board and partner agencies are addressing a concerning increase in suicide deaths in Trumbull County and is reminding residents that help and support are available.

According to the Trumbull County Coroner data, there have been 26 suicide deaths reported this year compared with 12 deaths during the same period in 2025. Of the 26 deaths reported this year, 11 of these deaths occurred in August. This increase is a serious concern for our community and reinforces the importance of suicide prevention, early intervention, and access to mental health and substance use disorder services.

Trumbull County Coroner, Dr. Lawrence D'Amico reports, "In my role, I see firsthand the devastation these deaths leave behind for families and loved ones. No one should feel they have to face that kind of pain alone. I strongly encourage residents to take warning signs seriously, check in on the people around them, and know that the 988 Lifeline and local resources exist for exactly this reason."

"Suicide death represents a profound loss for families, friends, coworkers, and our entire community. While we cannot always know what leads someone to consider suicide, we do know that reaching out, listening without judgment, and connecting individuals with appropriate support can save lives," said Daniela Ghizzoni, chair of the Trumbull County Suicide Prevention Coalition. The Coalition meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM at the Trumbull County Mental and Recovery Board and is open to all who want to help.

We encourage residents to take changes in a person's behavior or emotional well-being seriously. Warning signs may include talking about feeling hopeless or being a burden,

withdrawing from others, significant changes in mood or behavior, increased substance use, or talking about death or suicide.

If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available.

- **Call or text 988** to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Call 911** or go to the nearest emergency department if there is an immediate danger or life-threatening emergency.
- Contact the Coleman Crisis Center at 330-392-1100 or another behavioral health provider for ongoing support and services.
- Reach out to a trusted friend, family member, coworker, faith leader, or other person who can provide support.

The Board also encourages community members to remember that asking someone directly about suicide does not increase the risk of suicide. A simple question such as, "Are you thinking about suicide?" can open the door to an important conversation and an opportunity to connect someone with help.

"We want our residents to know that they do not have to face a crisis alone," said April Caraway, executive director. "There are people who care, resources available, and treatment and support that can make a difference."

The Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board and the Trumbull County Suicide Prevention Coalition remain committed to working with community partners, behavioral health providers, schools, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and other organizations to strengthen suicide prevention efforts throughout the county.

For additional information contact Daniela Ghizzoni at the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board at 330.675.2765 ext. 117.

Heart-Healthy Exercises

Adults should get at least two and a half hours of moderately intense aerobic exercise each week. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommends this activity take place in 10-minute intervals, or more. Focus on these specific areas to improve your heart health:

AEROBIC EXERCISES

Cardio helps lower blood pressure, controls blood sugar and improves circulation. Moderate-intensity exercises include brisk walking, biking on a level terrain, gardening, leisurely swimming, and dancing. For those who often find themselves overscheduled, opt for a shorter but more vigorous routine. This would include jogging, swimming laps, biking over 10 miles per hour, hiking uphill and playing soccer. The general guidelines state that one minute of these types of vigorous activities equals roughly two minutes of moderate-intensity exercise. Just be sure to check with your doctor or personal health care professional before you get started.

STRENGTH TRAINING

This doesn't have to mean heaving huge barbells. Lower-intensity resistance training can help lower bad cholesterol levels while reducing your

risk of having a stroke or heart attack. These routines include pushups, squats and sit-ups, as well as lifting weights. The CDC recommends some sort of strength or resistance training at least twice a week. Besides toning muscles, these exercises also strengthen our bones and connective tissues, lower our risk of injury, and improve the general quality of our lives. Just be sure to work all of the major muscle groups, not just your arms. That includes shoulders, chest, legs, hips, back and abs. Repetitions should be in sets of 8-12.

FLEXIBILITY ROUTINES

Stretching can improve your balance and flexibility, while reducing the chances of cramps, muscle pain and joint aches. The most popular flexibility-improving exercises include yoga, Pilates and tai chi. Many enroll in official classes or invest in online programs, but it's not required. A few timely stretching exercises in your own living room every other morning can yield huge results. Stretch 3-5 times in a variety of poses during every session, going slowly until you can go no further without pain. Breathe normally during these stretches. Your motion should be smooth instead of jerky, in order to avoid injury. Hold the stretches for about 30 seconds each time.

Ohio Goes To The Movies

When Ohio Goes to the Movies (OGTMM) set its initial goal to host at least one free Ohio-centric movie screening in every county in the state, organizers knew it was a challenging but essential target to achieve statewide participation, ensuring the movie series' success. Recently OGTMM reached that goal as the final county signed on to host an Ohio Goes to the Movies event in September.

The 88-county number loomed large as the diversity of Ohio ranges from metropolitan areas to rural landscapes. Not all counties have active movie theaters. Ohio doesn't have more counties than any other state, but with 88, it is in the top 15. By comparison, Texas has the most with 254 counties, and Delaware has the fewest with three counties.

"Setting the goal for all 88 counties to host Ohio Goes to the Movies screenings was ambitious, but it has allowed us to include and unite the entire state, which was a key objective for this signature event of America 250-

Ohio," said Molly Kreuzman, OGTMM program director. "It was a lot of work and a lot of outreach. Neighboring counties saw what others were doing and wanted to get involved and bring OGTMM to their communities building on their own sparkle of creativity. They saw the value of forming partnerships."

"Host venues got creative, partnering with local organizations to present unique movies with ties to their communities at traditional cinemas, historic theaters, drive-in theaters, libraries, key museums, parks and more. More than the screenings themselves, the lasting impact comes from the partnerships built while organizing Ohio Goes to the Movies events."



Looking for Community Volunteer Reporters

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'?

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One of the most rewarding aspects of retirement is the opportunity to reclaim your time and invest it in pursuits that bring joy, fulfillment, and personal growth. For many retirees, travel is not just a leisure activity but is a long-held aspiration and a central part of their vision for this next chapter of life. If traveling in retirement is on your to-do list, the following considerations can help you evaluate your options and build a strategy that supports your desire to explore the world on your financial terms.

Be strategic about timing. When it comes to retirement travel, timing matters. Many retirees choose to embark on their most ambitious trips during the early years of retirement, when physical and mental health are often at their peak. These initial years may involve longer or more frequent journeys, which can result in higher travel expenses. If this aligns with your personal goals, consider front-loading your travel budget to accommodate a more active lifestyle early on in retirement. Adjusting your financial plan to reflect this pattern can help you enjoy your adventures while maintaining long-term financial stability.

Define your travel style and preferences. Understanding your travel preferences is key to estimating costs and planning effectively. Are you envisioning short road trips to nearby destinations, extended RV road trips, or regular international travel? Each approach comes with its own financial implications. For example, domestic travel by car may be relatively affordable, while overseas trips can involve higher costs for airfare, lodging, and insurance. By clarifying the type and frequency of travel you envision, you can tailor your retirement plan to reflect realistic spending expectations and avoid surprises.

Look for ways to reduce travel expenses. Travel doesn't have to break the bank. There are many ways to reduce costs without sacrificing enjoyment. Consider renting a home or apartment if you plan to stay in one location for an extended period as this can be more economical than staying in hotels. Take advantage of your flexibility as a retiree by traveling during off-peak seasons, when prices for flights and accommodations are often lower. With a little research and planning, you can stretch your travel dollars further and make each trip more affordable without sacrificing the experience.

Review your insurance coverage. Insurance is an often-overlooked aspect of travel planning, but it can be crucial, especially in retirement. Travel insurance can provide peace of mind by covering unexpected events such as illness, trip cancellations, or lost luggage. It's also important to understand the limitations of your health insurance coverage. Medicare, for example, does not provide coverage outside the United States, and even domestic travel may require supplemental insurance depending on your provider. Reviewing your insurance needs before you travel ensures you're adequately protected wherever your journey takes you.

Retirement is a time to embrace new adventures, and travel can be one of the most fulfilling ways to do so. Consider connecting with a financial advisor to create a well-crafted financial strategy that supports your lifestyle and brings your retirement vision to life without compromising your long-term goals.

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SCOPE Offers 'Senior Friendly' Listing Of Area Businesses

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

SCOPE provides to the public a list of SCOPE 'Senior Friendly' businesses by category.

Call 330-399-8846 for a copy or visit any senior citizen center.

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

prey on our most vulnerable citizens," Wilson concluded.

SCOPE is the largest senior citizen organization in Trumbull County. There is no cost to the older adult to participate at any SCOPE operated Senior Citizen Center. Some of the classes and fitness programs do have small fees for the instructors.

The SCOPE sponsorship provides 'Senior Friendly' partner's access to attend events and visit SCOPE centers. This also allows for pamphlets and promotional materials to be displayed and handed out at any of the Trumbull County SCOPE Senior Citizen Centers serving some 4,000 older adults annually.

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

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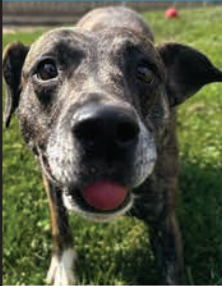
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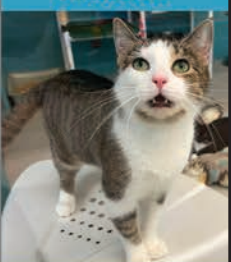
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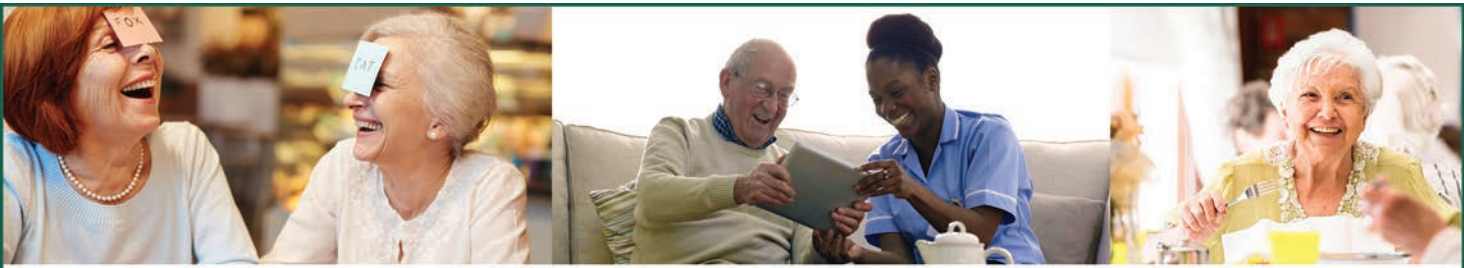
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Prepare Yourself For Cooler Weather

(Family Features) Although cold weather isn't directly to blame when you get sick, it creates an environment that makes it easier for germs and illnesses to thrive. In fact, understanding how cooler temperatures affect your chances of getting sick may be your best approach for preventive care.

Despite the old adage that "you'll catch your death of cold," the cold itself doesn't cause illness. More accurately, the cold is more hospitable to viruses, making it easier for them to spread. While you can't control Mother Nature, you can take steps to protect your health when temperatures drop.

Protect Your Immune System

A weakened immune system makes it harder for your body to ward off intrusive germs. If you're otherwise healthy, protecting your immune system can be as simple as stepping up typical healthy habits, like eating plenty of nutrient-rich produce, getting enough sleep and exercising. Managing stress and limiting alcohol consumption are also helpful in managing your body's immune response.

If your immune system is compromised by an underlying condition, talk with your doctor about what you can do to add an extra layer of protection during the cooler months, including any vaccines that may help boost immunity.

Combat Congestion

Cool, dry conditions can wreak havoc on your nasal passages, drying them out and reducing the protective layer of mucus that helps fight infection. Sinus pressure and congestion are often some of the first warning signs you're coming down with something.

To treat your congestion symptoms, you can use a non-medicated option like Mucinex Sinus Saline Nasal Spray. This is the first-ever saline product with a nozzle that lets you switch between two spray pressures. The "gentle mist" helps clear everyday congestion and soothes the nose while the "power jet"

helps clear tough nasal congestion often associated with colds. An added benefit is that the product can be used for children 2 years of age and older on the gentle mist setting and children 6 years of age and older on the power jet mode.

Spend Time Outdoors

People naturally spend more time indoors when temperatures drop, but there are some benefits to getting outdoors. Sunlight is a natural source of vitamin D, which plays a pivotal role in immunity. Sunlight also triggers the body to produce serotonin, which boosts your mood, and multiple studies show a strong correlation between mental and physical health.

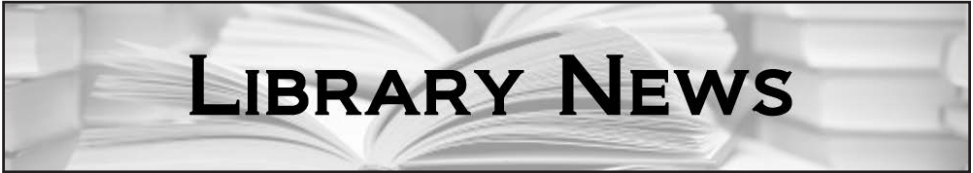
Fresh air and exercise are also good for your overall health, and exposure to daylight can help keep your circadian rhythms regulated, which in turn promotes better sleep. What's more, acute exposure to cold can trigger your body to produce infection-fighting cells, so you're less prone to illness.

Practice Good Hygiene

The everyday act of washing your hands can play a big role in preventing illness, especially after you spend time in public places. While out and about, you likely come in contact with many surfaces others may have touched, including door handles, shopping carts, touch screens and menus. Make a habit of wiping down surfaces you touch frequently, such as your keyboard and phone, with disinfectant wipes.

Stay Hydrated

Keeping your body well-hydrated throughout the day can help ensure all your body's systems are functioning as they should. If you're dehydrated, your body can't use the nutrients you consume properly, which affects your immunity. In addition, drinking plenty of water helps flush toxins out of the body before they can cause an infection. Find more practical tips and products to help manage your health during the colder months at Mucinex.com.



A Library Card Hits All The Right Notes: Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month This September

By Apryl Gilliss

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library (W-TCPL) joins with the American Library Association and libraries nationwide in celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month this September. The community is invited to discover the incredible resources and opportunities available at your local library by signing up for a library card. This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone – no matter your interests.

Today's libraries are vibrant community centers offering much more in addition to books. At the W-TCPL, you'll find diverse programs, computer and tech classes, story times, book clubs, author talks, and more. From borrowing books, eBooks, and audiobooks to streaming movies, a library card helps everyone find more of what they enjoy – all without stretching their budget.

Anyone who lives, works, attends school, or owns property in Ohio is

eligible to sign up for a free W-TCPL library card. To sign up for a full-service library card, stop by any W-TCPL location (in Brookfield, Cortland, Eastwood Mall, Howland, Liberty, or Warren) or visit the Bookmobile or Pop-Up Library. For information about signing up for a digital library eCard, visit the library website at www.wtcpl.org.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. The annual event encourages parents, caregivers, and students to sign up for a free library card that will save them money while offering rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning.

To learn about programs and services at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, visit the library website at www.WTCPL.org or call Marketing and Public Relations at (330) 399-8807.



September At Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson

During the month of September, Bristol Public Library is celebrating National Library Card Sign-Up Month! It's a great time to support your local library and discover all that your library has to offer.

For this year's celebration, we encourage you to visit each of the CLEVNET libraries in Trumbull County during our Library Crawl. Pick up a Stamp Book at any participating library and visit each location to be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing!

Story Time - Registration for Story Time began Monday, September 14th.

Story Time will be held on Tuesday mornings in October at 10:00 a.m. and is designed for children ages 3-5.

Backyards for Butterflies - Join

us on Monday, September 21st at 5:00 p.m. for Backyards for Butterflies, presented by Amy Reeher, Watershed Coordinator of the Trumbull Soil & Water Conservation District. Learn more about butterflies and ways you can help create a welcoming habitat for them right in your own backyard!

Coffee, Tea & Snack Station The library has added a Coffee, Tea & Snack Station to the second floor! Enjoy a break with a friend in our comfortable soft-seating area or relax with a good book while enjoying a snack or beverage. All items are available for purchase by donation, with all donations benefiting the Friends of the Library.

Stop by the library this September – we look forward to seeing you!

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