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Cortland's Canvas: A Tapestry Of Autumn Delights

By Alex Irman

As the last days of summer gently fade, a vibrant transformation begins to unfold across Cortland and its picturesque surroundings. Autumn in this charming corner of Trumbull County is not merely a season; it's an experience, a yearly invitation to witness nature's breathtaking artistry and partake in a host of community celebrations. From the fiery hues of changing leaves to the crisp scent of apple cider in the air, Cortland truly comes alive with the spirit of fall.

The natural beauty of autumn here is unparalleled. Driving along the winding roads that crisscross the region, one is met with a kaleidoscope of reds, oranges and golds painting the hillsides and tree-lined streets. Mosquito Lake State Park, a jewel in Cortland's crown, has become a prime destination for leaf peepers. The extensive shoreline, typically bustling with summer activities, takes on a serene grandeur as the oaks, maples and hickories don their autumnal best. Walking or cycling along the park's trails offers immersive views of the foliage, with the shimmering lake providing a stunning reflection of the vibrant canopy above. For those seeking a more tranquil experience, a drive through the rural areas surrounding Cortland reveals countless scenic vistas, with charming farmhouses nestled amongst fields of corn stalks standing sentinel against the colorful backdrop.

Beyond the visual spectacle, the Cortland area embraces the harvest season with a calendar full of events that cater to all ages and interests. One of the first events of the fall season held nearby in Hartford, Ohio is the Hartford Apple Fest, a beloved tradition that will take place September 19, 20 and 21st this



year. The festival and parade are held at the Hartford Township Park offering three days of family-friendly fun. The festival is a celebration of all things apple, featuring everything from fresh apple cider and homemade apple butter to delectable apple pies and fritters. Local artisans showcase their crafts, and live music fills the air, creating a festive atmosphere. Children delight in pony rides, bounce houses, and various games, making it a perfect outing for families. The aroma of roasted nuts and grilled foods mingles with the sweet scent of apples, creating an irresistible olfactory symphony.

As October rolls around, the focus shifts towards pumpkins and Halloween festivities. Many local farms open their doors for fall harvest experiences. While not always within Cortland's immediate borders, farms like Kuchta Farms in Newton Falls or White House Fruit Farm in Canfield (both just a short drive away) offer extensive pumpkin patches where visitors can pick their own perfect gourd. These farms

often feature corn mazes, hayrides, and petting zoos, providing hours of entertainment. White House Fruit Farm hosts its popular "Fall Harvest Weekends" throughout October, with craft vendors, food trucks, and live entertainment. Their market barn is a treasure trove of autumn produce, baked goods, and specialty items.

For those who enjoy a good scare, haunted attractions also become popular as Halloween approaches. While Cortland itself might not host a major haunted house, several well-known and highly rated haunted venues are within a reasonable driving distance, offering thrilling experiences for brave souls.

Community spirit truly shines through in Cortland during autumn. Local schools and churches often host their own fall festivals, craft fairs, and trunk-or-treat events, providing safe and enjoyable ways for children to celebrate Halloween. The Cortland Public Library typically organizes fall-themed story times and craft sessions

for younger residents, fostering a love for reading and creativity.

The culinary landscape also transforms with the season. Local restaurants begin to feature seasonal menus, incorporating ingredients like squash, pumpkin, and root vegetables. Cozy cafes become havens for warm drinks, with pumpkin spice lattes and hot ciders becoming popular choices. Farmers' markets, even as the growing season winds down, continue to offer late-season produce, showcasing the bounty of the land.

Even a simple drive through the residential streets of Cortland becomes a pleasant autumn activity. Homes are adorned with festive decorations - carved pumpkins, cornstalks, and colorful mums line porches and doorways, reflecting the community's enthusiasm for the season. The crisp air, invigorating and refreshing, encourages outdoor activities, whether it's a brisk walk around a neighborhood park or a family outing to collect fallen leaves for crafts.

In essence, autumn in Cortland is a holistic experience that engages all the senses. It's a time for appreciating the stunning natural beauty, celebrating the harvest, and coming together as a community. The fleeting nature of the vibrant foliage only adds to its charm, reminding residents and visitors alike to savor every moment of this glorious season. Whether you're seeking adventure at a pumpkin patch, relaxation amidst colorful trees, or festive fun at a local festival, Cortland offers a warm and welcoming embrace to all who come to experience its autumnal magic. It's a season that leaves an indelible mark, inviting you back year after year to witness its ever-renewing splendor.

A Look Ahead: Ohio's 2025-2026 Hunting Seasons

Ohio's outdoors enthusiasts are already preparing for the upcoming hunting seasons, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife having approved the regulations for the 2025-2026 hunting year. From deer and turkey to a variety of small game and waterfowl, a full schedule of opportunities awaits hunters across the state.

The following is a breakdown of the key season dates, offering a glimpse into what's to come.

DEER HUNTING - The flagship of Ohio's hunting seasons, the deer season, provides a range of options for hunters with different preferences and equipment. The statewide season dates are:

• **Archery:** The longest season, running from Saturday, September 27, 2025, to Sunday, February 1, 2026.

• **Youth Gun:** A special weekend for young hunters, scheduled for Saturday, November 22, to Sunday, November 23, 2025.

• **Gun:** This season is split into two parts: Monday, December 1, to Sunday, December 7, 2025, and a second weekend on Saturday, December 20 to Sunday, December 21, 2025.

• **Muzzleloader:** The season for traditional firearm enthusiasts is from Saturday, January 3, to Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Additional opportunities exist in disease surveillance areas (DSAs), including an early archery season from September 13, 2025, to February 1, 2026, and an early gun season from October 11 to October 13, 2025. Hunters are reminded that only one antlered deer may be taken during the entire 2025-

2026 hunting season, regardless of the method.

TURKEY HUNTING - Both fall and spring turkey seasons are on the calendar, though hunters should note the zone differences for the spring hunt.

• **Fall Wild Turkey:** The fall season is open from Wednesday, October 1, to Sunday, October 26, 2025, with a season limit of one wild turkey.

• **Spring Wild Turkey (2026):** The spring season is divided into two zones. The youth season is April 12 and 13, 2025. The regular season for the south zone (the remaining 83 counties) is from April 19 to May 18, 2025. The northeast zone (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Trumbull counties) will have its season from May 3 to June 1, 2025.

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Monday, Oct 20 - 7 PM

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www.cityofcortland.org under
City Council Minutes.

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Monday, Oct 13 - 7 PM

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Tuesday, Oct 14 - 7 PM

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Meetings held via ZOOM. Visit www.bazettatwp.org

THE CORTLAND BAZETTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Second Wednesday of each month at 5 PM at The Opera House

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Our theme will be

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

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

The Cortland News wishes to present a fair and accurate news report. If you have a concern about anything published, please call our office at 330-565-2637 and leave a message for our Manager or Editor.

Death notices and obituaries will be printed in the Cortland News at the request of the family. Arrangement should be made to have information for death notices and obituaries sent directly to the Cortland News from the funeral home. Space restraints may require some editing. Publication dates for the Cortland News may prohibit an obituary from appearing prior to a funeral or memorial service.

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Community Events

Cortland City/Bazetta Township and Lakeview School Board meetings and schedules. See pg. 2
 Lakeview Local School activities and sports schedules visit www.lakeviewlocal.org.
 American Red Cross blood donations, various dates. www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767.
 Cortland Public Library - Check out the ongoing events on Library page.
<https://wtcpl.org/locations-hours/cortland-library/>
 Cortland Senior Center - Open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cortland Christian Church.
 Charity Benefit Pancake Breakfast, [1st Saturday] 9 a.m.-noon, Cortland Masonic Lodge, 3263 Everett-Hull Road (E. Main Street).
 Church Events - See the Church News and Notes on the Faith pages.
 Trumbull County Combined Health District has numerous free upcoming Vaccine Clinics. See their website or the article in this issue.

SEPTEMBER

- 19-21 Hartford Apple Fest
- 20 God Provides a Meal / Cortland United Methodist Church / 11 - 1 PM
- 20 Charity Pancake Breakfast / Benefiting Mustangs Care / Masonic Lodge 9-11:30 AM
- 21 Homecoming Church Service and Picnic / Cortland Christian Church 10 AM
- 22 Brush pick up this week.
- 27 Fundraiser Dinner / Benefiting Imelda's expenses while battling breast cancer / Cortland Christian Church / 2-6 p.m.
- 27 15th Annual War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction Trumbull County Fairgrounds / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 & 3 Fall Clean-up Days for City residents.
- 4 Masonic Lodge Charity Pancake Breakfast / Benefiting TNR of Warren 9 - 11:30 AM
- 5 Monthly ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Breakfasts / Kinsman American Legion Post 506 / 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 8 Red Cross Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church / 12 - 5:30 pm
- 11 Cortland Lions Club Membership Drive / The 1547 Project! / Noon - 3 PM
- 12 Craft Show / Healthy Hearts & Paws Project / 900 Martin Luther King Blvd Warren / 11 am - 4pm

Yarn Collection - Scarves of Love

By Constance Amstutz

GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League is collecting yarn to support their annual Scarves of Love project. Every winter with the help of the Loony Loomers, WJWL hangs hats, gloves, scarves, and socks around Warren's public square. These items are free for those in need and are hung for

easy access.

If you would like to donate, have any yarn taking up space, even partial skeins, please contact Constance Amstutz at 216-403-0633 or gfwcohjwl@gmail.com to arrange pick up. Thank you for helping us warm the community!

The Local Tap & Grill Introduces New Menu

The Cortland area's newest restaurant has rolled out an all new exciting menu. The Local tap & Grill, located on the east side of the Causeway in Mecca, is proud to let you know that their talented cook - and creator of the new "Campfire Burger" - Jamie has developed an exciting and fun menu. Jamie's passion for food shines through every plate.

"It's always been my dream to have my own kitchen where I can create my own food," she shares. After cooking in this community for years, she says joining The Local was a no-brainer: "I love everything about it—the people

here make it feel like home."

While Jamie prefers to stay behind the scenes, her food speaks volumes. The Campfire Burger, smoky and savory, is her latest masterpiece and already a crowd favorite. Come taste Jamie's creations and see why the kitchen is the heart of The Local Tap & Grill.

(Scan the QR code below to follow us on Facebook for specials and updates.)



Trumbull County Travel Club

By Peggy Boyd

Come celebrate the Autumn with friends on a Saturday afternoon to view the "Great Pumpkin Glow" at Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio. Scheduled to depart on October 18, the deluxe motorcoach will leave around 2:30 in the afternoon. Stopping along the way will be a visit to Grandpa's Cheese House to browse and take in many of the fall foods offered. A satellite of Sweeties is also on the same property so one can purchase Halloween goodies. A late afternoon

lunch (included) will be at the Der Dutchman before embarking at dusk to the Kingwood Gardens. Here, one will witness over 1,000 Jack-o-Lanterns being hand lit throughout the gardens paving the way to Scarecrow Lane, the Enchanted Forest and the 18 ft. mum tree. There will be food trucks selling Fall yummies and the greenhouse & gift shop will be open for this event.

Please call Peggy at 330-609-3971 for details. Limited seats remain.



Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic at Tails of Hope

By Soraya Hejazi

In honor of World Rabies Day, September 28, Tails of Hope joins the global rally locally to take action and pave the way for a world free from this preventable disease. Serving our community, and in alignment with Tails of Hope's belief that essential, life-saving vaccines should be made available and affordable to everyone, Tails of Hope is offering free Rabies Vaccines for cats and dogs, by appointment only, during the month of September. Clients at Rabies vaccine appointments will only pay a \$10 Tech Fee per animal.

Don't delay—make an appointment today! Limited appointments available. Contact Tails of Hope at 724-346-4673 for more information and to schedule your pet's free Rabies Vaccine!



American Legion Post 506 Breakfast

By Ginny Logan

The Kinsman American Legion Post 506 will host the first of this season's monthly all-you-can-eat sausage, egg and pancake breakfasts on October 5 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at 6336 State Rt 87 in Kinsman. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The basic mission of the American Legion is to support our veterans and to promote American values in our community. We were saddened to hear that the Cortland Post recently closed and we know that was a loss to the community. Perhaps we can work together to continue some of those traditions. We welcome members to check out our facility and meet some of our members. We're offering 50% off your first breakfast with your Legion ID. For more information contact Ginny Logan at 330-717-5215 or Greg Leonhard at 440-645-3734."



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Handle It Corral, A Unique Business In Cortland

Nestled in the heart of Cortland, located at 174 N Mecca Street, Handle It Corral has quickly become a favorite stop for unique, handcrafted gifts and home décor. Owned and operated by local entrepreneur Terri Green, the shop specializes in laser-engraved items such as custom door signs, clocks, and decorative cutting boards and much more. Each piece is designed with care and creativity, offering customers something truly one-of-a-kind. With the motto, "You dream it...We'll Handle It!!", the business is built on turning customers' ideas into keepsakes that add a personal touch to any home.

As a woman-owned business, Handle It Corral represents both creativity and empowerment in the community. Terri takes pride in not only running her shop but also in inspiring others to follow their passions and bring their dreams to life. Every product reflects her dedication to detail and her commitment to customer satisfaction, making Handle It Corral more than just a gift shop—it's a place where artistry, personalization, and hometown pride



come together.

We're always growing and evolving to bring our customers even more unique options. From adding new machines to expanding our line of handcrafted creations, we're constantly pushing our creativity to the next level. Every addition means fresh designs, more personalized products, and endless ways to turn your ideas into something special. Whether it's a new engraving technique or an entirely new product line, our goal is to keep surprising you with original pieces that you won't find anywhere else.

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Ohio State Highway Patrol Youthful Driver Educational Programs

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) is promoting safe driving among new motorists by sharing important information and resources to help youthful drivers and their parents understand the responsibilities of sitting behind the wheel.

"Driving is an important responsibility, especially for our young drivers," said Governor Mike DeWine. "In Ohio, we're working to expand access to driver training to help support good driving habits, but it's also important that young drivers make the conscious decision to stay focused on the road to protect themselves and others."

Driving is a skill that takes practice. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, teen drivers have a higher rate of fatal crashes, mainly due to their lack of skills and driving experience. Patrol statistics show the leading causes of youthful driver crashes are:

- Following too closely: Maintaining a safe following distance gives a driver more time to react to sudden stops.
- Failure to yield or running a red light/stop sign: These actions are dangerous and often result from a lack of attention.
- Unsafe speed: Speeding reduces a driver's ability to react and control their vehicle, especially in unexpected situations.
- Driving off the roadway and driving left of center: These crashes often result from a lack of focus or

overcorrection.

In Ohio, youthful drivers, age 15 to 24, were involved in 154,363 traffic crashes from 2023 to 2024. An action on the part of the youthful driver contributed to 63% of these crashes, and 66% of all fatal crashes. Crashes where youthful drivers were at-fault resulted in 398 fatalities and 41,473 injuries during the same timeframe.

"We know that inexperience, combined with risky behaviors like speeding and distracted driving, contributes heavily to crashes involving youthful drivers," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "That is why the Patrol offers educational programs that reach out to young people and equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to make responsible choices and prevent future tragedies on our roads."

The Patrol is actively working to engage young drivers through educational programs. The DRIVE to Live program is a collaborative effort to positively engage with young people and promote good decision-making behind the wheel. Schools and community groups are encouraged to schedule a presentation to help educate young drivers.

Parents and caregivers can also find helpful tips and a framework for discussing risky driving behaviors with their teens on the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Teach Your Teen to Drive website.

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What's "news" in the City of Cortland

JUST THE FACTS

In the Northern Hemisphere, September is known as the beginning of Autumn. What season is September in the Southern Hemisphere?

- a. Fall
- b. Spring
- c. Summer
- d. Winter

Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

DOMAIN CHANGE

The City of Cortland began the migration to a more secure .GOV domain. Our new website address is: <https://www.cortlandoh.gov> Please update your bookmarks to the new URL. Also, employee email domains will change from @cityofcortland.org to @cortlandoh.gov

The city was awarded a \$5,997.00 grant, which required a 10% match, to help fund the migration. State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is a federally funded program made possible by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The SLCGP was issued by the Department of Homeland Security through the CISA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the FBI recommend all state and local government entities adopt a .gov domain to help mitigate impersonation and cybersecurity risks for online services, like websites or email. Unlike other domains, .gov is only available to official U.S.-based government organizations and publicly controlled entities. Users visiting a .gov website or receiving an email from a .gov email address can be more confident that the content is genuine government information. Additionally, use of the .gov domain can help the public better recognize official government sites and emails while avoiding phishing attempts and websites that impersonate government offices.

The Ohio Auditor of State's Office has just released Bulletin 2025-007 providing guidance for local government on cybersecurity requirements under ORC 9.64 (House Bill 96) requiring cities to adopt a cybersecurity program or policy by January 1, 2026. Moving to a .gov domain is another layer of cybersecurity for the city. The city has partnered with ECMSI, Executive Computer Management Solutions Inc. to move from our .org domain to our .gov

domain. Please be patient with the move.

Brush Pick Up

The next brush chipping will be the week of September 22nd. Please follow the rules and regulations that can be found on our website - cortlandoh.gov. Only 1 pass per street will be made and nothing larger than 3" in diameter will be chipped. Put your brush out the Sunday before to ensure pick up. If the brush is too large, not root-free, or does not fit within our regulations, it will be tagged. The tag will state the reason for the non-pickup.

LET THE RAIN DRAIN

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. Part of the contract with Republic Services provides that they pick up unlimited yard waste for residential customers. Any leaves and grass clippings should be bagged separately from your regular trash. Thank you for your help in keeping our storm drains clear.

LIONS CLUB

The Cortland Lions Club will have a Membership Drive at The 1547 Project! This will take place on Saturday, October 11th from noon to 3 pm.

STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE

The streetlights are maintained by Ohio Edison (with the exception of the decorative light posts on Main Street and Huntington Dr.) The city does not repair electricity. Outages can be reported on their website www.firstenergycorp.com or by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS.

FALL CLEAN-UP

Fall Clean-up will be October 2nd and 3rd. This service is provided for residential customers of Republic Services within the City of Cortland. Items should be placed out with your regular trash that week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 6 - City Council - 7 p.m.
Oct. 13 - Parks Board - 5:30 pm
Oct. 13 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.

ANSWER

b. Spring. In the Southern Hemisphere, September brings budding trees, blooming flowers and the beginning of warmer weather.

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Trumbull County Family Court Offers Self Help Videos

By Caleb Holscher

In a groundbreaking effort for Ohio Courts to improve equal access to justice, Judge David L. Engler and Judge Samuel F. Bluedorn of Trumbull County Family Court have launched a series of self-help videos, Instructional Guides, and Tik Tok posts aimed at guiding pro se litigants (individuals who represent themselves) through divorce courts.

The educational videos are created specifically for individuals who cannot afford or choose not to hire legal representation. Judge David Engler appears in the Tik Toks alongside courtroom staff, including Caleb the Bailiff (played by Caleb Holscher), who also edits and produces the Tik Toks, videos, and PDFs under Judge Engler's direction.

"Our goal is to take some of the fear out of the legal process for those without attorneys and help parents realize that their children are to be put first in any divorce" said Judge David Engler.

The series uses approachable language and occasional humor to provide free education about the legal system. Judge Engler's Court has been expanding his Court's support for self-represented litigants and is setting a new standard for judicial outreach across Ohio.

These self-help resources are available on Tik Tok @judgingdavid2, the Trumbull County Family Court YouTube channel, and the Court's website: https://www.co.trumbull.oh.us/family-court/fc_selfhelpforms.html

"You should never let your fears prevent you from doing what you know is right."

— Aung San Suu Kyi

Cortland Police Levy 2025

By Chief David Morris

On November 4th, 2025, Cortland voters will be asked to approve a 1.5 mil additional levy to support your police department. The levy will generate \$315,673 annually and will cost property owners \$53 for each \$100,000 of assessed value. The funds generated through this levy will allow the department to continue to provide the high-quality services our residents have come to expect. The effectiveness of the department is proven by the peaceful and safe lives our residents enjoy.

The last levy the department passed was in 2020 and prior to that in 2015. The 2020 levy generates around \$210,000 annually. This voter approved amount does not increase with property re-evaluations and remains the same until voters approve to increase it. While all operational costs go up every year, the two significant expense increases that prompted this 2025 levy is employee healthcare and overtime.

As a matter of officer and public safety, the collective bargaining agreement rightfully requires a minimum of two officers to be on duty during each shift. Throughout the years, the department relied on part-time police officers to supplement the full-time staff to accomplish this mandate and minimize overtime. In 2020, law enforcement as a profession came under attack and recruiting new full-time officers became a nationwide crisis and very competitive between agencies. This challenge continues today. The availability of part-time officers became nearly non-existent. Cortland is authorized to have 8 part time officers and currently has one. This officer works full-time for another department and generally covers two open shifts on the weekends. In 2019, over 4,000 part-time hours were worked, and 1,200 hours of overtime were worked by full-time officers. In 2024, our one part-time officer worked 866 hours primarily covering the two open weekend shifts.

During the same time, full-time officers worked over 4,000 hours of overtime. Our current budget was never designed to function without the use of part-time officers but the times have required us to adapt.

Another drastic expense increase for the department is the healthcare provided to our employees. In 2018, healthcare expenses were around

\$190,000. In 2024, healthcare expenses ended the year around \$307,000. During the most recent contract negotiations, the city unions recognized the staggering rise in costs and agreed to a significantly higher employee shares. A clause was also agreed upon that excluded spouses from the healthcare plan that have available healthcare through their own employer.

With the significant increase in healthcare and overtime since 2020, the \$210,000 generated by the 2020 levy has been exhausted and basically leaves the department operating on funding that was passed ten years ago.

In order to conserve tax dollars, the department actively pursues grant money and receives private donations every year to upgrade, and purchase, needed equipment and technology.

Concerns have been raised that the levy is being passed to pay for the proposed public safety building. Let me be clear - there is no intention of using this levy money towards the construction of a new public safety building. The proposed plans for the new building gave the department several additional rooms with the current station still being used. When the city learned they did not receive the federal funding requested, the city administration was informed the department could continue to operate out of our existing station if the proposed building needed downsized. The department would continue to pay for the routine upkeep and maintenance of our existing station.

Another question heard is "why can't the general fund supplement the police department instead of raising taxes?". The general fund can be used to help the department with emergency expenditures but is insufficient to sustain the long-term operation of the department. On the flip side, the money generated from our requested levy can NOT be used for anything other than funding the police department.

I would invite anyone that has specific questions about the levy or the operation of the police department to contact Chief David Morris at 330.638.1000 ext. 1601 or dmorris@cortlandoh.gov instead of relying on social media posts alone as your sole source of information.

Old Lady Eleanor Busted

By Cait Morgan

If you look up "independent" in some dictionaries you just may find a picture of Eleanor. If not, try looking up stubborn. She took both to an art form. But sometimes, it can backfire.

In late 2003, she fell (again) getting out of bed before her caregiver had arrived. The Care Support monitor went off (again) and the fire department was dispatched (again). I was on the phone with her via the monitor box while en route to the house. She told me she thought she broke her face. As I heard the squad arrive (friends by now) I heard Jim call out "Eleanor? Where are you and what have you done now?" and she told him she was in the bedroom and had broken her face.

The next thing I heard was "Oh for God's sake, yes I think you did. Caitlin? You listening? How far away are you?". I OK'd calling EMS for transport and pretty soon she was on a gurney (again) with one of the firemen tucking a Kleenex in her hand (it kept her calm - yes, they had been there enough to know that) and off we went. She had face-planted and broken her nose, had brush burns all over her face and cut her forehead.

From the hospital, she went into a stint at rehab but this time with a twist. She couldn't walk. She was weak, she would stumble, she would fall. She obviously wasn't going home.

She was a crafty old woman and soon discovered that she really liked being waited on and wheeled about. We all accommodated her, after all, she couldn't walk, right? Thankfully, my then-husband was working for an EMS company who would lend him a transport van whenever we needed it after it became just too hard to lift her in and out of my car. After a year or so I got a call from the admin at her care center asking if I could stop down for a minute. Seems when Mom had PT she didn't want to go because her "show" was on. They took her anyway. She said "We have taken her back to PT three times. Just come on in and stand in the hallway just outside the PT room."

Off I went. I could hear her as animated and vocal as she could be saying "I'M MISSING MY SHOW!!!!" and then I looked up. Here she came, pushing a commandeered walker in front of herself and beating feet to the tiles like she was going downtown for dinner...walking.

Yup. The woman could walk.

I made a very simple declaration: "You are SOOO busted, Old Woman!" and all I heard was "uh-oh" and she did a u-turn and scurried ... yes scurried ... back into PT. All I could do was apologize to the staff and go back to work.

Don't mess with an old woman and The Price is Right.

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

- Albert Einstein



Civil War Living History Event

In North Bloomfield on October 10 & 11 history will come alive this fall as Center Brook Manor opens its grounds for a special Civil War Living History Event, inviting the public to step back into the 1860s and experience one of America's most defining chapters.

The event will feature an array of reenactors, historians, and educators who will bring the stories of soldiers and civilians to life through demonstrations, encampments, & interactive programs. Visitors of all ages will have the rare opportunity to learn about artillery, watch drills and skirmishes, and see a battlefield hospital.

"Our goal is to give the community a chance to connect directly with the past," said Roger Peterson. "Reading about history is important, but when you can stand beside the tents, hear the muskets fire, and talk to people in period dress, it becomes an unforgettable experience."

Highlights of the event will include:

- Living Encampments — Tour soldier camps complete with authentic

tents, gear, and cooking setups.

- Civilian Life & Medicine — Learn how families managed daily struggles and see firsthand the tools used by wartime doctors with an authentic recreation of a battlefield hospital complete with surgeons, nurses and stewards.

- Children's Activities — Hands-on experiences for younger guests to better understand the lives of soldiers during wartime.

The Civil War remains one of the most studied and debated periods of American history. This event provides a chance not only to witness history but also to reflect on the sacrifices made and the lasting impact the war had on the nation.

The event will be from 9 am-5 pm at Center Brook Manor, 8745 State Route 45, North Bloomfield. Admission is \$10 donation for the hospital house tour. Grounds admission by donation. Admission at the door, but reservations are recommended as the hospital tour has limited space. Reservations by visiting CenterBrookManor.com/events

Become A Halloween Hero

(Family Features) If you participated in trick-or-treat adventures as a child, you're part of a long tradition for millions of children. This year, you can teach your own children or grandchildren what it means to become a Halloween hero.

As the longest running youth engagement campaign in the U.S., Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has taught generations about the power they have to make a difference for the world's children.

The program got its start in 1950 when a handful of kids in Philadelphia collected change in milk cartons (\$17 that first year) to help children in post-World War II Europe. Over the years, the campaign grew into millions of children bringing little orange boxes with them on Halloween night to collect coins while trick-or-treating.

Generations later, kids have raised nearly \$200 million for lifesaving programs for children around the world, providing health care, nutrition, emergency relief and more.

In honor of its 75th year, a month-long initiative is engaging partners and supporters with multiple options for giving.

"For 75 years, the little orange box has inspired generations to turn Halloween into something bigger," said Shelley Diamond, chief marketing officer, UNICEF USA. "Today, whether

through online fundraisers or family friendly activities, we encourage the young - and the young at heart - to put some meaning in their Halloweening all October long."

Donations go to critical, flexible funding that can be used to help children when and where they need it most. The majority of funding goes directly to programs that provide children with essentials like safe water, education and vaccinations against deadly childhood diseases.

Funding makes a meaningful difference in everyday lives. Each \$1 donation could provide a school or community with 30 pencils or two bars of soap. Every \$5 can provide water for a child for a full year or ensure five more children can be vaccinated against measles. An \$8 donation, less than most fast-food meals, could provide a package of 25 diagnostic tests for malaria.

Along with funding critical programs in 157 countries and territories, donations support UNICEF's humanitarian supply network, which rushes essentials like emergency nutrition, blankets or medicine where they're needed, often within 24 hours of a disaster or crisis.

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Cortland Lions Club

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The Cortland Lions Club has had a busy August and September

- Our Fry Trailer was at St Roberts for their annual Football Players and Parents Picnic. We served up a lot of free fries in support of our hometown Football Team. Our Fry Trailer was also at Lakeview's Meet the Team night

- Our Fry Trailer was at the IBEW Local 573 Family Picnic serving up fries and sandwiches to thank them for their electrical hook ups at our annual Street Fair

- We held another Lions Club Street Fair Reorganizational Public meeting. Enthusiasm is running high to grow and improve Cortland's premier annual summer event. Stay tuned and get involved

- Our Fry Trailer has been at every home football game serving up our famous French Fries. Lakeview

Athletics and Lakeview Band are supported with each order sold. Thanks for your support

- We will have our Fry Trailer at the 1547 Project Brewery at 3290 Elm Rd in Cortland on Saturday October 11th from Noon until 3 PM. Come out, have some fries, a sandwich, a beer and meet some of our Lions Club Members. If our service projects look interesting to you come out to this event we'd appreciate meeting you. We are ordinary people doing amazing things in our community

- New faces are showing up at our meetings. Recently we added two new members and we will have more to add during October. We are enthused.

Come and join us to become AN ORDINARY PERSON DOING AMAZING THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Dawna Wiland, Club President, Ryan Barnot, Basil Jarret (Sponsor) and Robert Toot

Cortland Lodge Hosts Two Charity Breakfasts

The next two charity fund-raiser pancake breakfasts will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, and on Saturday, Oct. 4th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Cortland Masonic Lodge located at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

On Sept. 20th, the beneficiary will be the Mathews School District "Mustangs Care" food program which sends home food for low-income families to feed the kids in the evenings and on weekends. Without this, the only meals that some kids get would be at school.

And on Oct. 4th, the breakfast proceeds will be donated to TNR of Warren (Trap-Neuter-Return) which provides low cost, and in some cases no cost, Spay and Neuters for outdoor community cats. They also provide these services for low-income households for their indoor cats. And they provide flea, tick, and wormer medications virtually at cost.

The "all you can eat" breakfast costs \$9.00 for adults, and \$6.00 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 public is invited to attend and enjoy these breakfasts at the Masonic Lodge. As a community service project, the lodge donates all the breakfast supplies, then cooks the menu, and donates 100% of the income to a local area charity.



The Cortland Masonic Lodge recently held a charity breakfast to benefit the Four Seasons Garden Club. The lodge holds at least one breakfast a month to benefit local organizations. All the proceeds go to the organizations and the Lodge absorbs the costs. Presenting a check to Four Seasons Representative Stephanie Canzonetta [center] are Lodge members Bob Barascit and Tim Bayer

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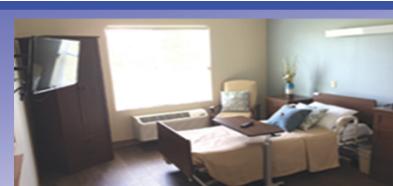


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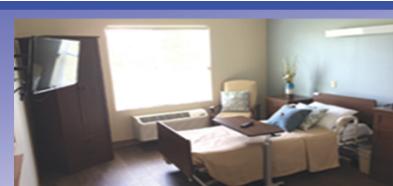
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Autumn

A friend mentioned the word "Autumn" to me today and instantly I felt a sense of dread!

Let me explain.

The word "Autumn" can have multiple impacts on people. One individual can express a sense of awe and delight as they associate it with the beauty and color changes of nature. Another individual will see "Autumn" as a time of abundance...a period in which the fields are ready to be harvested. For me, "Autumn" screams the final count down! It is the last days of summer fun, and the dreaded cold is around the corner! No longer will there be the nice summer breeze on a motorcycle or a cool dip in the swimming pool! Winter is coming... (sarcastic) 'YAY!' Normally I'm not a negative person but this word definitely puts a damper on my positive attitude.

Here's the lesson.

It is so easy to allow one thing to control your narrative for the day and miss out on many other things. Just because a season in my life is done doesn't mean it the 'end of the world.' Every season reveals its purpose if you are open to it. This autumn has caused

me to reflect on other things that can be missed. Instead of focusing on the 'loss of summer', focus on the extra time gain and find a purpose for it.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 is the eye opener for me... 'To everything there is a season and a time to EVERY PURPOSE under the heavens.'

This Autumn, I'm reflecting on 'joys' that are hidden in new beginnings despite the thought of a cold winter. Why? Because this year I'm finally a Grandpa! A new beginning with a new focus on the season. This season can be filled with joy and laughter because of this new addition to the family. The possibilities are endless when you stop 'whining' and look at the blessings IN the season! It has to be intentional on your part, to adjust one's perspective to see what God has given to you. Seasons will come and go AND God's Faithfulness and purpose will always be there in that 'Autumn' season. This Autumn remember to focus on His Goodness, something worthwhile. Psalm 19:1 'The Heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament shows His Handiwork.'

Every year we watch as the seasons change, towns change, parks change, restaurants come and go. Things in this life change. Kids grow older and you wonder where the time has gone. The face in the mirror grows older and you wonder who is staring back at you. There are things we wish we could change quickly like the numbers on the scale, the weather, tragedies, and disasters. Unfortunately in this life change happens all around us but we often have very little we can do about all the changes. There are some things we may affect with our lives, but the big changes often are out of our hands. This is the reality of who we are in our sinful nature, we are unable to change what is owed for our sin.

God is and was and always will be. As the author of Hebrews wrote, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever". He is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. He knows our needs and took on our human flesh by becoming incarnate

being born of the Virgin Mary so that he could set us free from sin, death and Satan. Because of this the Lord God works change in us as St. Paul writes in Ephesians, "But that is not the way you learned Christ! - assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." As Christians we receive from Jesus the greatest change of all, forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

As the leaves change color and you continue in this life in these uncertain times full of change. One thing will never change God loves you, and is with you. He has redeemed you. He died for you. He lives for you. He will return one day as he promised and raise you from death to life eternal.

Seasons Changing

Breast Cancer Fundraiser For Imelda

By Maria Galela

A dinner fundraiser to help with Imelda's expenses while battling breast cancer will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 2-6 p.m. at the Cortland Christian Church located at 153 Grove Street, Cortland. Cost of dinner is \$18.00. This dinner will give everyone a unique chance to sample Filipino cuisine (eggrolls, noodles/rice, and adobo chicken) or simply enjoy a pasta dinner. Take-outs are available either during

the dinner itself or pre-ordered.

Imelda is a single mother who was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer and currently undergoing chemotherapy. While facing this battle with faith and trust in the Lord, the treatment leaves her physically, emotionally and financially overwhelmed. Please consider making a donation. For more information, please contact Vicky at 330-503-9206 or Pam at 330-774-6926

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Church News And Notes

Cortland United Methodist

- God Provides A Meal, Saturday, September 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Meatball sub, tater tots, veggies with ranch dressing, dessert & beverage. All are welcome. Donations accepted but are not required.

Red Cross Blood Drive, October 8, 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Cortland Christian Church

is having a "Homecoming Church Service and Picnic on Sunday September 21 at 10 AM. Picnic follows. There will be a special service and lots of good food and desserts. Since this is "picnic day" dress casual. We are planning service to be outdoors, however, if the weather does not cooperate, we will be indoors. We would like to invite all former Pastors, members and friends to come and join us. If you are available and would like to come, please do, we welcome you to be a part of this wonderful day. It will be nice to visit with old friends again. See you soon.

In 2028, Cortland Christian Church will be celebrating "200 years

of spreading the Word". Many changes have happened since then. Lots of planning to do.

Cortland Nazarene Church is having a community Craft Show Saturday, October 11 from 10 AM - 3 PM. Crafters are needed, Tables are only \$10 [provided]. Call Shirley @ 330-294-6922 or JoAnn @ 330-367-9219.

Trinity Lutheran Church Donation Drive and Fundraiser Baby Shower: in the style of a poor-man's soup dinner. Sunday, September 28th, 2025 at 12:30 pm Bring a donation of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, or a monetary donation.

Bible Studies: Join us on Sunday are at 9 am on the first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays September through May. We are making our way from Genesis to Revelation. Wednesday Bible Studies at 5:30 pm and we are studying what the Bible says about Angels and Demons.

Sunday School at 9 am on first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays during the school year for the kids K-12th (preschool if parents stay with child).

Ohio's 2025-2026 Hunting Seasons

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SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS

- A variety of small game and furbearer seasons offer year-round opportunities for hunters.

• **Squirrel (gray & fox):** September 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026.

• **Cottontail Rabbit:** November 7, 2025, to February 28, 2026.

• **Ruffed Grouse:** November 7, 2025, to November 30, 2025. The daily limit is one grouse.

• **Ring-necked Pheasant (roosters only):** November 7, 2025, to January 11, 2026.

• **Quail:** November 7, 2025, to November 30, 2025, for specific counties and wildlife areas.

• **Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, & Weasel:** Hunting season is from November 10, 2025, to January 31, 2026.

• **Coyote & Groundhog:** No closed season.

MIGRATORY BIRDS & WATERFOWL

- Hunters pursuing migratory birds and waterfowl will find a variety of dates, which are often divided by zone.

• **Mourning Dove:** September 1, 2025, to November 9, 2025, and December 13, 2025, to January 1, 2026.

• **Early Goose & Early Teal:** Both ran from September 6 to September 14, 2025.

• Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers:

Seasons are divided by zone. In the Lake Erie Marsh Zone, the dates are October 18 to November 2, 2025, and November 15 to December 28, 2025. In the North Zone, the dates are October 18 to October 26, 2025, and November 15, 2025, to January 4, 2026. In the South Zone, the dates are October 18 to October 27, 2025, and December 13, 2025, to January 31, 2026.

• Goose (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's) & Brant:

Season dates are also divided by zone. In the Lake Erie Marsh Zone, the dates are October 18 to November 2, 2025, and November 15, 2025, to February 2, 2026. In the North Zone, the dates are October 18 to October 26, 2025, and November 15, 2025, to February 9, 2026. In the South Zone, the dates are October 18 to October 27, 2025, and November 16, 2025, to February 9, 2026.

As always, hunters are encouraged to review the complete regulations and licensing requirements on the official Ohio Department of Natural Resources website before heading out. All dates and regulations are subject to change, and hunters are responsible for staying informed.

"Take it to Heaven"

When all your troubles surround you
And you need a safe place to land
Take all your troubles to Heaven
To rest in Gods glorious hands

When you need a shoulder to cry on
Just to know someone still cares
Put all your Faith in the Father
His loving kindness will always be
there

Even if doubts overwhelm you
When your path seems so un-clear
Your Father in Heaven is listening
Guiding you to a life without fear

The Lord will so gently lead you
Till you reach that higher ground
These are His gifts that He promised
He's the temple where blessings
are found

So take all your troubles to Heaven
The answers you need will be there
Hallelujah those chains will be broken
To fly away on the wings of a prayer

- A.J.

Cortland Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

Calling all Lakeview 11-13-year-olds! The Cortland Lions Club is sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest at Lakeview Middle School. We are coordinating with the Principal and Art Teacher currently. More details will be provided to students.

In summary: Create a poster with the theme: "Together As One". Submissions are due to Cortland Lions Club by Friday, October 17, 2025. Winner is awarded a \$25 Dairy Queen gift card and one Lakeview swag item courtesy of Hovis Image Wear LLC. The winning poster advances to the next level (district) with potential for further advancement.

More information: Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11 to 13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2025-2026 contest theme is "Together As One." This contest allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

Adopt-A-Foot

By Robert Mangold, Council President, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

For my sister and I growing up in New Jersey it took place three times a year: Christmas, Easter, and September when school started. NEW SHOES! A big deal! Off we went to Thom McAn, Buster Brown or Stride Rite shoe stores. Sometimes I got Buster Browns. They were very durable and made of tough, hard leather that lasted forever. Downside was my folks made me polish them.

We were so happy leaving the store always wearing our NEW SHOES home to show off to our playmates. A big smile on my face every time. Fast forward to today. You, yes You can bring a big smile to kids faces in our area by donating to the Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship Adopt-A-Foot program. Every \$30 gets a kid who really needs them a pair of NEW SHOES. And a big smile comes with every pair!

Lakeview, Maplewood, Mathews, Champion, Badger and Bristolville school teachers and administrators know which kids need shoes. I knew which kids needed shoes during my

20 years of teaching in area schools. Working with the schools and Neals Shoes in Elm Road Plaza, NEW SHOES are put on kids' feet that really need them. You can help out.

Please make checks out to Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship (LOAF) for \$30 or any amount and mail to LOAF, P.O. Box 494, Cortland Ohio 44410 by November 15. Note on memo line Adopt-A-Foot. Bring a smile to a young face.

YOU can do it. Ok off to my basement to polish my Buster Browns! Smile.

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Lakeview Hall Of Fame 2025 Inductees

On Saturday, Sept 25 Lakeview High School inducted 10 new members. They are: Ben Moody, Laura Nockta, Greg Solarz, Lauren Schattenger, 2014 Girls' Golf Team, 2015 Girls' Golf Team, Dave Christner, Kyle Smedi, Diane Neighbarger, 1990's Track Boosters. We congratulate all the inductees! GO BULLDOGS!



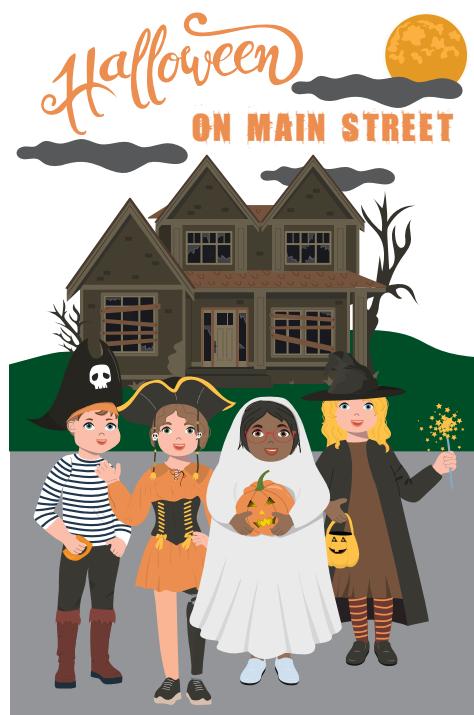
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The Cortland-Bazetta Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #168 is proud to announce its first annual Halloween on Main, a fun and safe event for children and families in the Cortland community. Halloween on Main will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in downtown Cortland. The event will feature candy giveaways by participants and Halloween fun for all ages.

The Cortland-Bazetta FOP is currently seeking businesses, organizations, & individuals interested in participating. Spots are reserved in 10-foot widths.

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Class of 2026 Spotlight Bulldog

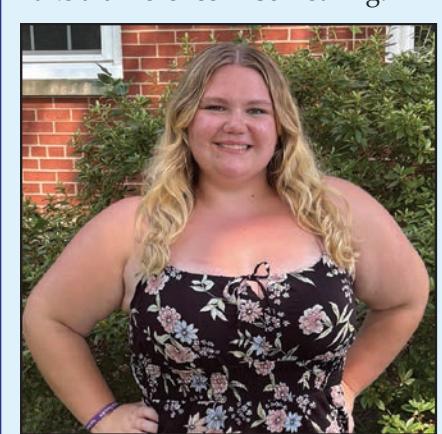
By Michael DeToro

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 Chelsea Walker, an accomplished student and leader in the Lakeview hallways. Chelsea, the daughter of Tabatha and Jeffry Walker, has been a proud Lakeview student her entire academic career. She is an active member of the Assemble for Change group, where she helps make the school's culture and climate as positive as possible. Academically, Chelsea challenges herself with a mix of Lakeview High School classes and college courses through Youngstown State University. She also shines in music, performing with the marching band, symphonic band, and the jazz ensemble Lakeview Blues. Additionally, she is an active member of Lakeview's Drama Department. Outside of school, Chelsea works as a social media manager for the Youngstown Youth Flag Football Association. Looking ahead, she plans to continue her education next fall, with interests in stage management or human resources.

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

- 1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well?
- Creating a safe environment for others.
- 2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District?
- The community, specifically, the staff and students.
- 3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland?
- My mom's diner. Shout out to the Four-Star Diner!
- 4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland?
- My house. I have a lot of people over.
- 5.) Describe your fashion style.
- Whatever I'm in the mood for. I don't like to limit myself creatively.
- 6.) You might catch me ...
- Doing charcoal drawings
- 7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now?
- 1984 by George Orwell
- 8.) What are your future aspirations?
- To be happy and be great at whatever I choose to do. I want to make a difference in something.





Trumbull County Raffle-Auction Kicks Off Breast Cancer Awareness Month

One of Trumbull County's largest basket raffles will kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month when it returns Sept. 27 to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds to raise money for a local Stage 3 breast cancer survivor, Colleen Case of Niles to help pay her out-of-pocket medical expenses and celebrate local breast cancer survivors.

The 15th Annual War Against Breast Cancer Raffle-Auction will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a Cow Patty Bingo contest to win up to \$500, princess performances, live music, food trucks, sweet treats, and an archery contest to win free steak for a year. Admission and parking are free.

Local Events Benefiting Animals In Need



Mahoning Valley Republican Women Club

Trumbull County Republican Women's and TC GOP Chair attended the Mahoning Valley Republican Women Club Meeting. The 51st Secretary of State of Ohio, Frank LaRose was invited as speaker. We cordially invite all members to review our TCRWC Facebook Page for next events and to join us in our October meeting.



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Mary Chesney Chapter Daughters Of The American Revolution

By Kim Welch

The Warren Trumbull County Public Library was the site for the September meeting of the Mary Chesney Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) led by Regent Martha Yoder.

Delicious refreshments were provided! Members and guests were happy to be gathering together again after their summer break! Some of their upcoming service projects include; collecting new and gently used children's books and delivering them to area Little Free Libraries, collecting individually wrapped snacks and other items for local homeless and at risk



Diana Tripi acting chaplain, new member Pauline Gaps and Regent Martha Yoder.

veterans to be given out by them at the Stand Down in Warren on the 25th and meeting to sign heartfelt Christmas cards to veterans all over the country that are in Hospice Care through the program, Annual Operation Holiday Salute. They do this every year to honor their service and sacrifice. These will be the last Christmas cards they will ever receive.

Manufacturer's coupons are collected at every meeting and are sent to military bases around the world for families to help defray the cost of groceries and necessities through the Overseas Coupon Program, (OCP).

Other activities and events this month were; participating in the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Moose Lodge in Warren on the 13th, ringing bells for Constitution Day on September 17th at the library to commemorate the signing of the Constitution on this date in 1787, and attending in the Laying of the Roses to honor local service men who have been declared POW's or MIA on the 19th at the Veterans Memorial downtown.

Anyone interested in joining please email their registrar, Barb at barblayfield@aol.com.



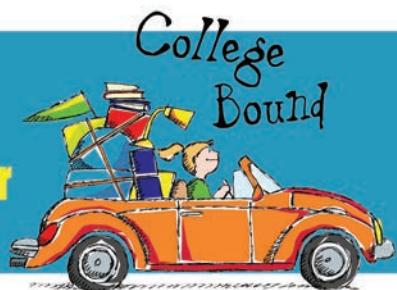
GFWC Warren Juniores

By Ashley Cline

We are calling all Trumbull County female students in grades 9-12 to join the GFWC Ohio Warren Juniores. The girls get involved in volunteerism and leadership opportunities, with guidance from our sponsoring club, GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League. Juniores are examples of how the call to community service can be answered at any age.

Since our Juniores club was federated in 1996, we've participated in countless volunteer programs and events throughout the community. Graduating members have scholarship opportunities available to them. Membership applications and dues must be submitted by September 30th. For more information, visit us on Facebook and Instagram, or contact Club Advisor, Ashley Cline, at (330) 307-9479.

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By Mallory Novak, Associate Agent, Ruddy Insurance Group



Oh Deer!

Fall in our community means two things, students heading back to school and deer making surprise guest appearances on the roads. For teen drivers, that combo can be trickier than a pop quiz.

Deer are most active at dawn and dusk, right when many teens are driving to school, sports, or work. And remember, if you see one, chances are it's a whole family reunion is crossing behind it. Swerving might seem like the answer, but experts say braking carefully is the safer bet (because nobody wants to explain to their parents how they "missed the deer but hit a mailbox").

Back-to-school traffic also means buses, bike riders, and new drivers learning that "yellow light" doesn't actually mean "floor it." Police remind drivers to slow down in school zones, put down the phones, and watch out

for kids who treat crosswalks like racetracks. Insurance agents note that deer-related crashes are usually covered under comprehensive coverage, not liability. Parents of teen drivers may want to double-check their policies before fall, since repairs from a deer strike or even swerving into a guardrail, can be costly. And while adding a teen to a policy can raise premiums, many companies offer discounts for good grades, driver's ed courses, or safe driving apps.

So, parents: remind your teens to buckle up, keep playlists low enough to hear what's happening outside, and don't test your reflexes against a deer's. Spoiler alert: the deer usually wins. With some patience, preparation, and good insurance, everyone can head into fall a little safer and a lot less stressed.

Positive Human West Nile Virus Case
In Trumbull County

By Frank J. Migliozzi, Health Commissioner

The Trumbull County Combined Health District is reporting a human case of West Nile Virus. This was confirmed by the Ohio Department of Health. The Trumbull County Combined Health District would like to remind the community to be vigilant against being bitten by a mosquito by doing the following:

- Use insect repellents when you

- go outdoors

- Apply repellents on exposed skin registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

- Wear clothing treated with permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent for extra protection.

- Use products according to label instructions to optimize safety and effectiveness.

- Do not spray repellents on the skin under your clothing.

- Take care during peak mosquito biting hours

- Take extra care to use repellents from dusk to dawn

- Wear light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts or jackets and long pants to protect against mosquito bites.

- Consider avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito biting hours.

- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure.

- Don't let mosquitoes breed around your home

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

- Discard trash such as tin cans, plastic containers and other water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property

- Dispose of discarded tires properly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out.

- Change the water in pet dishes frequently.

- Replace the water in birdbaths weekly.

- Check and clean clogged roof gutters at least twice annually so they will drain properly.

- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with mosquito-eating fish.

- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, even those that are not being used.

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Here are three important things every Medicare beneficiary can do during Annual Enrollment:

1. Review your Annual Notice of Change. Your current insurance company should send you a letter that explains any changes to premiums, costs, services, and benefits. Be sure to read any notices you receive from your current Medicare Insurance plan about upcoming changes for 2026. 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 upcoming mandated changes to prescription drug coverage, it will be 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 2026. Consider any health changes that took place in 2025. What health conditions might need addressing in the year ahead? Will a different plan offer more appropriate options? It is important to see if you can reduce your costs by choosing another plan based on your prescriptions and health situation.

Whether you have a Part D Standalone Prescription Drug Plan or a Part C Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare's Annual Enrollment only 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.

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Statewide Events Launched to Help Ohioans Navigate Medicare Open Enrollment

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP), part of the Ohio Department of Insurance, has launched its annual Medicare Checkup events to help Ohioans navigate Medicare's open enrollment, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. During this period, Ohioans can review their current coverage and make plan selections for 2026.

OSHIIP, an award-winning program for its exceptional service, is offering both in-person and virtual events throughout the state. These sessions will cover the basics of Medicare, explain changes, and provide unbiased guidance on how to review and compare plans. Attendees will also learn about prescription drug coverage options, financial assistance programs, and strategies to reduce out-of-pocket costs.

Before Oct. 15, the events are focused on education, helping participants

understand the Medicare landscape and prepare for enrollment. Once the enrollment period begins, OSHIIIP will often include personalized plan comparisons and one-on-one counseling to assist individuals in making informed decisions. With Medicare plans changing each year, Ohioans should review benefits, costs, and coverage details carefully. Information on 2026 Medicare plans will be available starting Oct. 1 at medicare.gov.

Ohioans can find the schedule of in-person events, organized by county, as well as virtual event options at insurance.ohio.gov. The website also features an interactive calendar to book virtual one-on-one counseling sessions. OSHIIIP representatives are also available at 800-686-1578 and oshiipmail@insurance.ohio.gov to provide assistance.

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4 Money Moves to Make Before You Turn 30

For most young adults, your 20s are all about learning — who you are, who you want to be and where you want life to take you. Maybe you just landed your first "real" job, are moving out of your childhood home or working on a degree to consider a new vocation. It's an exciting era filled with growth and exploration.

As you navigate these big life changes, it's important to use this time to also consider your financial future. You're never too young to get your finances in order, and the decisions you make now can help you develop positive habits to build wealth down the road. Whether you're new to establishing money goals or simply looking to refine your spending and investing habits, making these four key moves in your 20s can help set you up for financial success before you reach your 30th birthday.

1. Set a Monthly Budget: If you've just started a new job, you might feel like you're rolling in cash when those first few paychecks come in! Don't let your finances get away from you just as you start bringing in an income. Document your essential monthly expenses — such as rent, utilities, groceries, etc. — and add in other expenses important to your lifestyle — such as entertainment, a trip with friends, or a fitness membership. You may have to make tradeoff decisions between priorities month-to-month to be realistic with your monthly income. Budgeting may sound archaic — yet it can be dynamic and powerful. Knowing where each dollar is going is the first step to prioritizing the items most important to you.

2. Build a Strong Foundation: Once you have a handle on your monthly expenses, you can begin saving for the "what ifs". Open a high-yield savings account with your bank

and pad it until you have 3-6 months' worth of monthly expenses set aside as a safety net in case of emergencies. You can make this even easier by setting up automatic transfers to regularly move funds from your checking account into this high-yield savings account. At the very least, aim to save a little of each paycheck.

3. Invest Early: Yes, you can start investing in your 20s! An easy place to begin is by maximizing your 401(k) contributions. A 401(k) is a type of retirement savings plan that invests part of your paycheck before taxes are taken out. Maximizing these contributions is especially important if your employer offers any amount of matching funds. It's so-called "free money" that can snowball into significant wealth over time.

4. Plan Ahead with What's Left: Your 20s are a good time to consider larger life goals and, once you have that emergency fund in place, begin setting money aside to make them a reality. Do you dream of owning a home someday? Is a destination wedding on your vision board? How about kids? You don't have to have all the answers right now, but putting money aside today means you'll be better prepared and have more flexibility financially when those big moments arrive.

Preparing for the future doesn't have to be overwhelming. Working with a financial advisor can help you come up with a roadmap that keeps you focused on what's ahead while allowing you room to explore and grow in the present.

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Frugal Family Fun Things To Do In Trumbull County

Check The Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Website For Details

FALL FESTIVALS AND MARKETS

- Mahoning Valley Punk Flea, September 6 @ Courthouse Square, Warren

- Lordstown Apple Cider Festival, September 12-14 @ Lordstown Center

- The Five 4's Fall Craft and Market Show, September 13 @ The Five 4's Distillery, Newton Falls

- Braceville Farm History Day, Sept 14 @ Kuchta Farms

- 6th Annual Sunflower Festival, Sept 19 - Nov 2 @ Hartford Orchards

- 61st Annual Hartford Apple Festival, Sept 19-21 @ Hartford Center

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

- Halloween Family Fun Weekend Sept 19-21 @ Trumbull County Fairgrounds, Bazetta

- 10th Annual Oktoberfest on the Square Sept 20 @ Courthouse Square, Downtown Warren

- Sleepy Hollow 2025 Sept 27 and Oct 4 @ Greene Eagle Winery, Greene

- Halloween On Main October 25, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in downtown Cortland Sponsored by The Cortland-Bazetta Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #168

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

- 52nd Northeast Ohio Century Bicycle Tour, Sept 14 @ Loyal Order of the Moose, Cortland

- The Orchestra - Former Members of ELO and ELO Part II, Sept 24 @ Robins Theatre

- Celtic Thunder Sept 27 @ Packard Music Hall



Events at Mosquito Lake State Park

Golden Buckeye Walkers

Tues., Sept. 23 @ 6PM

Campground Overflow Parking Lot

Join the naturalist for our weekly Golden Buckeye Nature Walkers meet-up! This easy-paced, social walk is designed for adults 60+ who enjoy the outdoors, fresh air, and friendly conversation. We'll explore different areas of the park each week while taking in the beauty of nature together.

Email park naturalist Jason Lee with questions at jason.lee@dnr.ohio.gov prior to the program.

Owl Prowl

Fri., Sept. 26 / 6:30-7:30 PM

Mosquito Lake State Park

Amphitheater

As dusk settles in, we'll stroll the campground trails and streets to tune in to the sounds of nightfall. Along the way, we'll keep our eyes and ears open for a resident pair of barred owls that have called this area home for years. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the campground after hours and learn about one of Ohio's most vocal and captivating raptors. Who knows, we may have an owl of our own on the walk.

Chalk on the Walk: Halloween Edition

Sat., Sept. 27 / Noon-3:00 PM

Mosquito Lake Basketball Court

Get ready to spook up the sidewalk with your creativity! Kids can transform the pavement into a magical canvas of pumpkins, owls, bats, spiders, fall leaves, and all things nature with a Halloween twist. Prizes will be awarded for the most spooky, colorful, and nature-inspired creations. Chalk is provided—just bring your imagination (and maybe a costume too)!

Glow in the Dark Archery & BB Guns

Sat., Sept. 27 / 8-10 PM

Mosquito Lake Archery Range

Join our naturalist and amazing group of volunteers as they try to save the park from an invasion of ghosts, monsters, zombies and creatures of the night. With all the fun they teach archery and bb gun basics with an emphasis on safety. This program is for all ages, not just kids. While waiting your turn to defend Mosquito Lake, join us in roasting marshmallows by the fire. Parent supervision required. No open-toed shoes and kids must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must sign an activity waiver to take part in the program.

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THE 2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON

High-Energy with Jackass Flats

September 16 2025 Jackass Flats is bringing their electrifying blend of bluegrass, rock, and jam-band energy to the stage for a night of foot-stomping, soul-shaking music! Known for their tight harmonies, blazing-fast banjo and fiddle solos, Jackass Flats has built a reputation as one of the most exciting live acts on the circuit. Whether you

love classic bluegrass or modern Americana, this show offers something for everyone.

Simon & Garfunkel 1981 - The Concert! October 07 2025 The sound of Simon and Garfunkel is brought to life in a stunningly authentic experience, recreating the breathtaking harmonies and melodies that made Simon and Garfunkel legends. This incredible tribute will capture hearts and transport audiences back to the historic 1981 Central Park Reunion Concert. Celebrate classics such as Bridge Over Troubled Water, The Sound of Silence, Homeward Bound... and many more!

Lovin' Spoonful November 17 2025 Get ready for a rare opportunity to experience the legendary music of The Lovin' Spoonful, one of rock's most beloved bands! With their signature blend of folk, rock, and feel-good

melodies, this iconic band will transport you back to the golden era of the 1960s. Best known for their top hits Do You Believe in Magic, Summer in the City, and Daydream, The Lovin' Spoonful will spark nostalgia from beginning to end.

A Debby Boone Christmas December 02 2025

Celebrate the holiday season with three-time Grammy-winner Debby Boone as she performs timeless Christmas classics alongside her beloved hit You Light Up My Life. Throughout her 40-year career Debby has performed and delighted audiences on Broadway and in music theaters across the country. With stunning musicianship and heartfelt storytelling, experience the true spirit of the season with an unforgettable night.

Aria Nouveau April 08 2026

Aria Nouveau combines the world class talents of soprano Laura Auer and tenor John Reisen, top 10 billboard album and America's Got Talent finalist, in a thrilling duo concert event. Enjoy crossover hits such as The Prayer, Music of the Night, Nessun Dorma and mainstream favorites made famous by legendary voices Nat King Cole, Celine Dion, and Tony Bennett. Prepare to be enchanted as Aria Nouveau takes the stage for an elegant and artful evening.

Mariano Longo with SoundScape Symphony May 07 2026 A night of music, talent, and Ohio pride awaits as Maestro Mariano Longo, acclaimed arranger, conductor and Howland native leads the incredible 30-piece SoundScape Symphony through the beloved '60s, '70s, '80s classics and more. Join us for the Ohio Artist Extravaganza, a celebration of the region's finest instrumentalists and vocalists, all coming together on one stage in a homegrown musical spectacle.

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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- If you have any questions, please call the Administration Building at (330) 637-3011.



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TC GOP Ronald Reagan Constitutional BBQ

The Trumbull County Republican Women's Club participated in the TC GOP Ronald Reagan Constitutional BBQ held at Bronzewood in Kinsman.



*Sitting: Julia Shutt, Judie Shortreed, Jo Anne Szczyglowski, Dawn Zinni Hanni.
Standing: Andrew J. King, Marisa Cornachio, Cristina Roedgner, Robert J. Patton, Matt Lynch, David Engler, Mark Hanni.*

Judges Natasha Natale, Matt Lynch, Andrew King and David Engler were the speakers addressing current issues and the US Constitution.



The greeting card class had a fun day today creating their own cards at THE GREETING CARD BUFFET. Please join us every 2nd Thursday of the month 10 AM.



Ohio Fall Events Guide Is Back – And Better Than Ever! 400+ Festivals, Fairs, And Fall Fun Await Across All 88 Counties

Crisp air, crunchy leaves, and the smell of fresh apple cider can only mean one thing: fall in Ohio! TourismOhio is celebrating the season with the release of the official 2025 Ohio Fall Events Guide, the seasonal roundup of 440 must-experience events guaranteed to fill every autumn weekend with adventure, flavor, and plenty of pumpkin spice.

Now live at Ohio.org, the guide spotlights five standout events from each of Ohio's 88 counties, making it the ultimate planner for everything from big-time festivals to small-town favorites. Organized by month and region, it's designed to help travelers easily map out cozy date nights, family road trips, and spontaneous getaways all season long.

"Fall is when Ohio truly shines," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development which oversees TourismOhio. "Our communities turn into living postcards, filled with unique festivals, incredible food, and the kind of traditions that bring people back year after year. These 440 events don't just celebrate the season—they showcase the heart, creativity, and hospitality that make Ohio the Heart of it All."

This year's cover captures that spirit perfectly, featuring a mother and daughter picking apples at Bauman Orchards' Fall Festival in Wayne County, a Northeast Ohio favorite with U-pick apples, a hay maze, petting zoo, live music, and plenty of fall flavors. The festival runs Sept. 20 and 27 and Oct. 4.

The guide continues to showcase beloved traditions like the Circleville Pumpkin Show and the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival, while also highlighting new-to-the-guide gems like the Spring Valley Potato Festival and the Put-in-Bay Monarch Fest.

"Autumn in Ohio is an experience like no other," said State Tourism Director Sarah Wickham. "In just a few weekends, you can wander through pumpkin-lined streets in small towns,

taste award-winning wines along the Lake Erie shore, and experience the one-of-a-kind Woollybear Festival in Vermilion! With 440 events across all 88 counties, fall in Ohio isn't just a season—it's a statewide celebration waiting to be explored."

To see all 440 events and find even more inspiration to plan your perfect Ohio getaway, visit the Ohio Festivals and Events page at Ohio.org.

TourismOhio is set to roll-out even more fall trip ideas and insider tips in the coming weeks. And, if you aren't quite ready to trade in swimsuits for sweaters, you can still find last-minute summer adventures on the Summer in Ohio landing page.

Operating within the Ohio Department of Development, TourismOhio works to showcase all Ohio has to offer as a place of adventure, a place of promise, and the place for you.

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Bristol Public Library Events

By D'Lynn Johnson

Spooky Craft Day at Bristol Public Library - The Bristol Public Library's youth department is hosting a Spooky Make and Take Craft event. On Wednesday, October 8th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Youth in kindergarten through sixth grades can stop in and make their own pet ghost in a jar and grades seventh through twelfth will create a spooky lantern.

It's That "Time" at Bristol Public Library - Children's programming will resume in October at the Bristol Public Library. Story Time, for 3, 4 and 5 year olds, will be held on Mondays at 10:00 am. Sessions will begin on October 6th and will end on October 27th.

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Children will enjoy stories, songs, and games during each session. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn to interact and socialize as they make new friends as well as learn to be away from parents or caregivers. Registration is required, due to limited space, and began on September 15th.

Titanic, Tragedy of Errors at Bristol Public Library - The Bristol Public Library presents "Titanic, Tragedy of Errors" on Monday, September 29th at 5:00 pm. Thomas Edward's Titanic program follows the life of the Titanic from the inception of the idea to build a passenger ship that was bigger and more luxurious than any ship afloat to the collision with the iceberg on the night of April 14, 1912, and the results of the Board of Inquiry. This program is unique, fun, and very informative. It is guaranteed to educate and entertain. Registration is required.

Visit the Bristol Public Library for more information and to register or contact the Circulation Desk at 330-889-3651.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events In Sept & Oct

By Apryl Gilliss

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a perfect time to sign up for a library card! This year's theme, "One Card, Endless Possibilities," is a reminder of how Warren-Trumbull County Public Library cardholders can borrow books and so much more!

The library's collection now includes a "library of things." Library cardholders can borrow items such as crafts, games, technology equipment, and tools for home or vehicle.

The library's digital resources include electronic media (including hoopla, Kanopy, and the Libby App by Overdrive) and research resources (such as video courses, databases, and foreign language learning).

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Sept. 9 from 3 — 4:30 p.m. Teens ages 12 — 18 who have ideas about what they'd like to see at the library, want to earn service hours, or collaborate on creative ideas can be part of the Teen Advisory Board! Free.

Midweek Mayhem

Wednesdays from 3 — 4 p.m.: Sept 24 Teens ages 12 — 18 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout! Free.

Toddler Tales Mondays at 10 a.m.: Sept. 22, 29 A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 — 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Sept. 23, 30 Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early

literacy skills. For children ages 3 — 5 with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Trivia Night for Teens

Tues., Sept. 16 from 4 — 5 p.m. Teens ages 12 — 18 can form a team, or play solo to test what they know. Teens can enjoy pizza and win prizes. Free.

Only Murders in the Library

Mon., Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This discussion group focuses on a true crime topic each month. The group will use and share resources such as books, articles, and podcasts before each session.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Sept. 23 from 3 — 4 p.m. Tweens ages 10 — 14 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities. Free.

Puzzles and Pizza

Sat., Sept. 27 from 2 — 3 p.m. Kids ages 5 — 12 can assemble jigsaw puzzles, solve word puzzles, and create their own puzzles to take home while enjoying a slice of pizza. Registration is required by Sept. 24. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

"EPIC: The Musical" Party

Tues., Sept. 30 from 4 — 5 p.m. Teens ages 12 — 18 can enjoy an "EPIC: The Musical" themed party, with music, games, and trivia all inspired by this retelling of Homer's "Odyssey." Teens can feel free to dress up as their favorite character. Registration is required by Sept. 27. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

One Card, Endless Possibilities 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, "One Card, Endless Possibilities," is a reminder that libraries are for everyone — no matter your age, background, or goals. Whether you're exploring into a new hobby, searching for your next great read, brushing up on tech skills, or helping your child succeed in school, it all starts with a library card.

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, storytimes, 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.

Don't miss out! Visit your library this September to sign up for a library card and discover all that your library has to offer. Because with a W-TCPL library card, the possibilities are truly endless.

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 (330) 399-8807 ext. 128.

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