

Honor And Gratitude: Why We Mark Veterans Day On November 11th

By Alex Irman

On Tuesday, November 11th, Americans will pause to observe Veterans Day, a federal holiday dedicated to honoring and thanking all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Far more than just a day off, this solemn and celebratory occasion is a vital reminder of the immense sacrifice made by millions to protect our nation and the freedoms we hold dear.

The holiday's roots trace back to the end of World War I. Hostilities formally ceased when the Armistice with Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. The following year, the date was recognized as Armistice Day, a tribute to the WWI veterans.

After the profound mobilization and service of Americans during World War II and the Korean War, Congress, at the urging of veterans service organizations, amended the 1938 act that established the holiday. In 1954, the name was officially changed to Veterans Day by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, shifting the focus from only WWI to honoring all American veterans—living and deceased—who



have served in wartime or peacetime.

The Reason We Celebrate - We celebrate Veterans Day to express our profound gratitude to the men and women who have worn the uniform of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. These veterans, from all backgrounds and all eras of conflict and peace, placed

their lives on hold, and in many cases, on the line, to defend the foundational principles of American democracy.

It is a time to reflect on the patriotism, courage, and dedication shown in their service. These individuals fought to ensure that the American way of life—a system founded on individual liberties and self-governance—would

endure. This includes the most sacred of those liberties: the freedom to vote.

A Right Paid For By Service - The link between a veteran's service and the right to vote is undeniable. The democratic process, culminating in the right of every eligible citizen to cast a ballot and choose their representatives, is a pillar of the nation's veterans pledge to defend.

Every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman who deploys does so with the understanding that they are protecting the very mechanisms of our republic, like free and fair elections. The act of voting is a direct exercise of the freedom they preserved, a living tribute to their sacrifice. When citizens engage in their democratic duty, they honor the memory of those who gave their all and the service of those who continue to stand guard.

On November 11th, whether you attend a local parade, an official ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, or simply take a quiet moment of reflection, remember to thank a veteran. Their service is the reason the torch of liberty, and the powerful right to vote, remains lit for all Americans.

Your Voice Matters: Spotlight On Cortland And Bazetta Local Races Ahead

By Alex Irman

As the November 4, 2025 General Election approaches, voters across Trumbull County have the important task of selecting the local leaders who will guide their cities and townships. While statewide and national races often dominate the headlines, the impact of local government—from city councils to township trustees—directly shapes our communities.

Two key local races that have drawn significant attention are the contest for **Cortland City Council At-large** and the election for the **Bazetta Township Trustee Board At-large**.

Cortland City Council: A Six-Way Race for Four Seats. Cortland residents will be electing four members to the City Council At-large, with six nonpartisan candidates vying for the positions. This body is crucial for setting city policy, approving the budget, and addressing local development issues.

The candidates on the ballot for the four At-large seats are:

- **Rich McDermott** (Nonpartisan)
- **Allison McGregor** (Nonpartisan)
- **Chelsea Munroe** (Nonpartisan)
- **Donald P. Petrosky** (Nonpartisan)
- **Kevin M. Piros** (Nonpartisan) *Incumbent*
- **Chris Wadley** (Nonpartisan)

With six candidates competing for four available seats, voters will need to carefully consider the priorities and vision each individual brings to the table. Key local issues often center on infrastructure improvements, budget management and supporting local businesses.

Bazetta Township Trustees: Four Candidates Seek Two Positions. In

Bazetta Township, a competitive race is underway for two open positions on the Township Trustee Board At-large. The trustees are responsible for the management of the township, including services such as fire, road maintenance, and zoning.

Four nonpartisan candidates are running for the two open Trustee seats:

- **John R. Barhoover III** (Nonpartisan)
- **Joel E. Davis** (Nonpartisan)
- **Michael J. Hovis** (Nonpartisan) *Incumbent*
- **Ben Moody** (Nonpartisan)

The Bazetta Trustees race is particularly vital for residents as the elected officials will be making decisions that directly affect the character and growth of the township. Voters are encouraged to research the candidates' stances on responsible growth, fiscal policy, and maintaining the quality of township services.

Lakeview School Board: Five Candidates Seek Three Positions

Local voters in the Lakeview School District will have an important decision to make regarding their Board of Education. There are three seats open for the Lakeview Local School District, At-large position.

The certified candidates running

for the Lakeview Local School District Board of Education are:

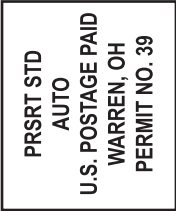
- **Derrick Bush** (Nonpartisan)
- **Angela Campana** (Nonpartisan) - *Incumbent*
- **Mark Harper** (Nonpartisan) - *Incumbent*
- **Nicholas G. Lawrence** (Nonpartisan)
- **Danielle Scherer** (Nonpartisan) - *Incumbent*


See pages 10 & 11 for the questions and answers.

In case you missed out on the **October 11 issue** of the **Cortland News** we featured our comprehensive **"Meet The Candidates"** Questionnaire for the Cortland City Council and Bazetta township positions. This is a valuable resource for residents to learn about the priorities and platforms of the individuals seeking to represent them.

If you missed this important issue, don't worry! You can view all our previous issues, including the October 11 candidate questionnaire, on our website: **www.cortlandnews.net**. Be an informed voter and take the time to read the candidates' responses before Election Day.

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City Council Minutes.

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Email articles to editor@cortlandnews.net

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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.

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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.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Charity Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
9 - 11:30 AM / Benefitting Warren Chapter of DeMolay
- 2 Time Change - Set your clocks BACK 1 hour Saturday night.
- 4 Election Day - BE SURE TO VOTE
- 5 Upton's First Wednesday Speaker Series "Women Pilots of World War II"
9:30 AM
- 6, 8 & 9 LHS Play "Too Many Detectives"
- 8 & 22 Rehearsal for LOAF Christmas Concert / Prince of Peace
- 9 The Veterans Memorial Committee of Cortland Masonic Lodge Program
Veterans Memorial in Point Park / 2 PM
- 12 American Red Cross Blood Drive / Cortland United Methodist Church
12 - 5:30 pm
- 13, 14, 15 Last Christmas Sale / Upton House
- 15 Charity Fund-Raiser Pancake Breakfast / Cortland Masonic Lodge
9 - 11:30 AM / Benefitting Champion Robotics Club
- 15 God Provides a Meal / United Methodist Church / 11 AM - 1 PM
- 20 Cortland Christian Church Soup and Sandwich / 11 AM - 1 PM

DECEMBER

- 6 Rehearsal for LOAF Christmas Concert / Prince of Peace
- 6 Annual Christmas Craft Show / Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club
Homemade Haluski. Local artists and crafters! We are looking for vendors!

Upton Update

By Cindee McMines

First Wednesday, November 5

Alexandra Lauson from the International Women's Air and Space Museum at the Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland will present a picture of women pilots and their duties during World War II. This little told story will make women come alive as they helped the war effort in new ways and made possible today's roles as pilots, astronauts and engineers in the field of aviation. Coffee hour 9:30 am, presentation at 10:00 am

Last Christmas Sale

The board of directors of the association has voted to discontinue the Christmas Sale and the Summer Garage Sale. The Christmas Sale will be November 13, 14 and 15. Donations of holiday items will be accepted for this year's sale but please do not bring general donations. We thank everyone for 25 years of support for the sales with their time and donations.

Harriet's Birthday Celebration Returns

Wednesday, December 17, is a special day at the Upton House. Dinner in honor of the birthday of Harriet Taylor Upton will be celebrated at her home in her dining room. Saratoga Restaurant will be catering. Look for invitations in November.

Kinsman American Legion Chili Cook Off

By Norma Hartz

Kinsman American Legion November 1, hosting Chili/Food cook off from 1-4. Benefiting the multi-purpose court (pickle ball, basketball, tennis court) in the greenspace area. I'm looking for anyone who wants to volunteer and or cook a pot. Tickets at the door \$10 per adult, \$5 for 12 and under; children 3 free and under. Basket raffle for Shop with the Cops. Contact Norma Hartz at 724-674-0264 or njhartz@yahoo.com

A Letter To All Business Owners & Organizations

Dear Cortland Business Owner and/or Organization,

For several years, the city of Cortland has personally delivered "Cortland Welcome Bags" to new residents moving into the city. The bags include a welcome letter from the mayor, a list of important phone numbers, a map of the city, as well as small donations from local businesses and organizations. Gifts such as pens/pencils, magnets, notepads, coupons, key rings, tea bags, letter openers, lip balm, koozies, recipe books, jar grippers, and gifts cards are just a few examples from past welcome bags. Each year, the bags feature unique donations highlighting Cortland's wonderful businesses and organizations.

The city wishes to continue this tradition with your support. If you have been one of the many businesses contributing to the "Cortland Welcome Bags," thank you for your support. If not, please consider participating. It is a great and creative way to advertise your business and welcome new residents moving into the city.

If you are interested in participating in the program this year, please drop off 100 items at City Hall, 400 North High St, no later than Friday, December 12, 2025. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda at (330) 638-0142 or email her at rhorn@cortlandoh.gov.

Thank you in advance for your support. Cortland City Council

Happy Thanksgiving!



Cortland Optimist Club Christmas Craft Show

Save the December 6, 2025 annual Christmas Craft Show at the Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club. Homemade Haluski will be sold in the kitchen. Local artists and crafters! We are looking for vendors!



By Dick McClain

The Veterans Memorial Committee of the Cortland Masonic Lodge has announced that the Cortland Veterans Day observance will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 pm, at the Veterans Memorial located in Point Park on S. High St., directly in front of Cortland Mower.

Ian McAleer, the committee chairman, has indicated that the program will be led by the D.A.V. Chapter 11 officers and Honor Guard. All military veterans will be honored,

and special recognition will be given to W.W. II and Korean War veterans in attendance. The public is invited, and everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair. As in the past, Walnut Street will be closed during the program.

Members of the Masonic Lodge will assist directing parking and providing the sound system. In case of rain, the program will be held at Cortland Christian Church, at 153 Grove Street, on the same date, Nov. 9th, and at the same time, 2:00 pm.

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Lakeview Teachers Association Hosted A Meet The Candidate Night

By Nicholas Facciolo

The Lakeview Teachers Association hosted a Meet the Candidate Night this week to give community members a chance to learn more about those running for the Lakeview School Board. Candidates Derrick Bush, Mark Harper, and Nicholas Lawrence attended the event, answering questions on

topics including their vision for the district, governance, and financial responsibility. Throughout the evening, all three highlighted Lakeview’s recent achievements and shared their desire to help the district continue its positive growth.



Derrick Bush, LTA members Jamie Miller, Nicholas Facciolo, Abbie Haynie, Dr. Nicholas Lawrence, Mark Harper.

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Just The Facts

Veterans Day became a federal holiday in which year?

- a. 1938
- b. 1978
- c. 1920
- d. 2000

Find the answer at the bottom of the article.

Cortland Police Levy

Please support our local police department by voting to approve the levy on November 4th ! If you have specific questions about the levy or the operation of the police department, contact Chief David Morris at 330.638.1000 ext. 1601 instead of relying on social media posts alone as your sole source of information.

Refrain from Blowing Leaves or Grass into the Roadway

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. If you see someone blowing grass and leaves into the roadway, you can report it to the Police Department at 330-638-1000.

Part of the contract that Republic Services provides is that they pick up

unlimited yard waste from 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.

Time Change

November 2nd, Sunday evening at 2:00 a.m. the time will "fall back" one hour. We will get an extra hour of sleep!

Veterans Day Observance

The Veterans Memorial Committee of the Cortland Masonic Lodge will hold their program on Sunday, November 9th. This will take place at 2:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial in Point Park. The public is invited and asked to bring their own lawn chair.

If it should rain, Cortland Christian Church at 153 Grove St. will host.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 3 - City Council - 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 - Parks Board - 6:00 pm
Nov. 10 - Planning & Zoning - 7 p.m.
Nov. 17 - City Council - 7 p.m.
City Administration Offices will be closed for Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11th.

Answer a. 1938. Congress passed a resolution to make Veterans Day an annual occurrence in 1926 but not a federal holiday until 1938. Veterans Day commemorates all Americans who have served their country honorably, both living and deceased.

The Trumbull County Democratic Women's Caucus presented a donation to the Trumbull County Democratic Party. The Caucus has been working on voter engagement and registration, researching state budget impact on communities and advocating for bipartisan redistricting maps.

*Cathy Phifer, Trumbull Dems Secretary,
Donna Zielinski, Caucus member,
Sue Longacre, Caucus treasurer.*



Police Levy Passage Needed

By Chief David Morris

On November 4, 2025, Cortland voters will be asked to pass a 1.5 mil levy which will generate \$315,000.00 annually and cost around \$4.42 per month for each \$100,000.00 appraised value of your property. The cost of this levy will not increase with re-evaluations in the future without voter approval. This levy can ONLY be used to fund the police department and cannot be used by other services within the city. There is NO intention of using this levy to fund a new public safety complex.

As stated before, this levy is necessary to maintain our minimum staffing of two police officers working per shift. With the challenges of finding qualified part-time police officers, the department has had to rely on overtime in order to maintain minimum staffing levels. Minimum staffing is critical for officer and community safety. During the course of their duties, officers often have to transport/escort patients having a mental health crisis to the hospital or take a prisoner to the jail. Without minimum staffing, the city could be left unprotected during those times.

Healthcare is the other major cost increase over the past several years that has challenged the department's finances. In the last collective bargaining agreement, employees significantly increased their share of the premium. The city is always looking for ways to decrease our healthcare expenses, but many of the factors used to determine those costs are beyond our control.

While understandably residents are overburdened with taxes, we feel our community receives some of the highest level of police services in our county from our department. Our officers are dedicated to not only serving and protecting our citizens, but also positively interacting with many of them on a daily basis. Unfortunately, we have stretched our budget as far as we can stretch it and we need your help. We have applied for, and received grants, and businesses have generously donated funds to purchase much needed equipment, but our day-to-day expenses has exceeded those resources. If you would like to keep the same level of services you have come to expect, please support our levy on November 4th.

TCAP Winter Crisis Program

By Vinitra Murray

The Trumbull Community Action Program, 611 Main Avenue SW, will be operating the Winter Crisis Program from November 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Eligible applicants/households may qualify for WCP:

- If the bulk fuel customer has **25% or less** of the tank's fuel capacity on hand, an assistance amount **up to** \$1,200. For coal and wood, an assistance amount **up to** \$650 is available.

- If the household meets income requirements

- If either the main heating source and/or secondary heating source is in disconnect status, has been terminated, transfer of service or new service.

- Eligible households with both regulated utility companies are eligible for **up to** \$175 assistance, and customers with one or both unregulated utility companies are eligible for **up to** \$750 of assistance.

For an appointment on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, CALL 330-951-0015. This is the automated line, please wait for your confirmation number and this will be a face-to-face interview at TCAP.

Friday appointments are for those who absolutely cannot come to the

agency due to age or disability. A case worker will call you at the time and date of your appointment. You must enter your utility bill account number(s) to prevent disconnection prior to your appointment date. This is referred to as an appointment hold and is available if you have not used your appointment hold in the last twelve months.

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The Cortland Community Band

By Stephanie Kommel

The Cortland Community Band is off to a strong start for our holiday concert season. We’ve had several new members join since we started rehearsals again in September and have over 60 active members, which is fantastic!

The band is comprised of members aged from their early 20’s to several who are in their mid-80’s, and members of all levels of ability are welcome to join. We have no membership fees of any type and there are no auditions. If you’re interested in joining you can email cortlandcommunityband@yahoo.com, or come to a rehearsal. We meet on Wednesdays when school is in session at the Lakeview P-8 building in the band room from 7-9 pm. If school is cancelled, there is no rehearsal, and if rehearsal is cancelled for any other reason we will post on the Cortland Community Band Facebook page and email our members as well.

Our Christmas concert schedule is full, with five concerts this year. They’re listed below. Come out and give us a listen, I promise it’ll be an enjoyable experience.

CCB 2025 Holiday Concert Schedule:

- Wednesday, December 3rd, Howland Scope, 7pm, 8273 High St NE, Warren, OH 44484
- Wednesday, December 10th, 7pm, Shepherd of the Valley Liberty, 1501 Tibbetts Wick Rd, Girard, OH 44420
- Sunday, December 14th, 2 pm, LOAF concert at Lakeview High School auditorium, 300 Hillman Dr, Cortland, OH 44410
- Wednesday, December 17th, 7pm, Grace Methodist Church, 1725 Drexel Ave NW, Warren, OH 44485
- Sunday, December 21st, 3 pm, Eastwood Mall, in front of Santa, 5555 Youngstown Warren Rd, Niles, OH

Shopping Small

Special to The Cortland News

You may have already heard more mainstream statistics regarding your dollars (such as when you spend \$100 at a local business, about \$68 stays in the local economy, rather than just the \$43 if you would spend that same money at a big-box store). But did you also know that small businesses accounted for more than half the jobs that have been created in the last decade?

Additionally, small businesses donate 250 percent more than corporate businesses to non-profits and to community-based causes, according to the Seattle Good Business Network.

While some shoppers won’t purchase items directly on Shop Small Saturday, the shopping holiday has definitely increased small business awareness. People have begun to shop small on other days and more consistently throughout the year.

Small Business Saturday - Small Business Saturday started in 2010. That year, the event was sponsored and promoted by American Express to encourage the growth of small businesses. Small Business Saturday usually sees over 125 million shoppers who spend approximately \$15.9 billion. The state-by-state breakdown of the day shows that a majority of participation was through restaurants and bars, with 41 percent of people dining locally. This was followed by purchases of clothing and accessories from small businesses (24 percent), grocery stores (23 percent) and then coffee shops (22 percent).

The Gift that Keeps on Giving - Shopping local is the ultimate gift you can give your community and it is an incredibly patriotic act. By shopping local, you keep your money local, investing in the places that invests in you.

You Make Your Town the Place to Be! Local shops and businesses are what gives a town its flavor. By spending money in local shops - especially those

that support local makers - you are making a statement that you appreciate those trades and would like to see them remain in the area.

Supporting those businesses can even attract more people to your area. Towns and cities with vibrant downtown areas are hot spots during the shopping season, resulting in more revenue for many related businesses, organizations and tourism bureaus.

You Help Shape OUR Community

- A community’s small businesses are what give a town or city its heart; these are places that help shape your town’s character and personal brand. Locally owned businesses tend to stock the items and products that they know will sell well. By purchasing from small businesses, you are helping to dictate the items they sell, as well as their overall success in our community.

You Support Your Neighbors

- Well, maybe not technically your neighbors, but definitely others who live in our area. Not only do small businesses account for more than 99 percent of all the business in the country (that is a lot of jobs), but they support and give to local programs. One of the most popular ways small businesses give back is through sponsoring little league teams and major community events. And shopping local doesn’t stop at purchasing gifts. Consider shopping local with your groceries or opening up a savings account at a local bank to save for your Christmas shopping all year round.

Shop Local Fast Facts - Shopping local has become on trend thanks in large part to nationwide marketing campaigns. In fact, Small Business Saturday has become a shopping holiday in its own right - and fares well against its more big-box competitors Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

This is what it means to shop local in Cortland & Bazetta!



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Unleashing Generosity Locally For Pets And Veterans

By Soraya Hejazi

Full of many traditions, the holiday season includes giving thanks and making a difference. Tails of Hope, the first and only non-profit Spay/Neuter clinic in Mercer County, PA, who has served over 17,000 animals from Western PA & Eastern OH since their doors opened in 2017, invites you to give thanks with a donation to help save and improve the lives of four-legged loved ones for a local family or veteran. From the comfort of your home, you can give a unique and meaningful gift in the name of your friends, loved ones or furkids.

#GivingTuesday unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. When you donate to Tails of Hope from November 1 thru #GivingTuesday on December 2, your gift could be DOUBLED - up to \$2,000, thanks to a special Match Challenge by the Transfer Fraternal Order of Eagles. This means your tax-deductible donation will make TWICE the difference for animals, families, and veterans who are counting on us during this Season of Giving.

All year long, Tails of Hope remembers our veterans. Donations

help to offer an additional 25% discount off our already low everyday costs to veterans. Tails of Hope also offers a Spay & Neuter Angel Program (SNAP) for those who qualify for additional financial assistance. Discounts cannot be combined. Contact Tails of Hope for more information: 724-346-4673

Gifts to Tails of Hope help keep pets healthier and keep families together. A gift to Tails of Hope is ultimately a gift to shelters, rescues, and other animal welfare organizations by reducing their long-term burden. For many of these animals, your gift to Tails of Hope will provide the one and only veterinary visit and medical care they will ever receive in their lifetime. Without federal, state, or local municipality funding, Tails of Hope is grateful for its supporters, volunteers, and gifts from generous friends that have made it possible for us to accomplish this together as a community. And so many more animals need our help. With rescues & shelters full, veterinary clinics overburdened, and without Spay/Neuter readily available and affordable for everyone, litter after litter is left unwanted, abandoned, or worse.

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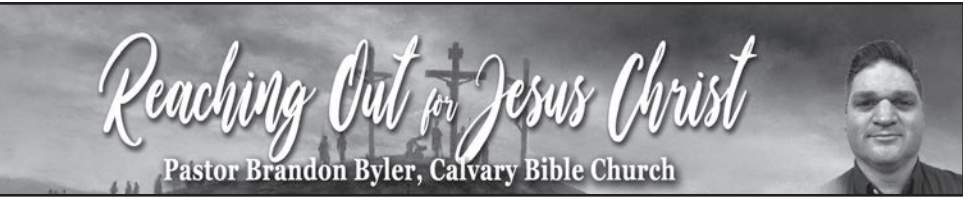
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Thankfulness

Thankfulness is a biblical command that is found throughout the New Testament. The Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Have you ever read that verse and wondered, “In everything? How is that possible?” Such a statement seems counterintuitive for not all things in this life are good. How can we be thankful for such difficult moments, some of which leave our hands and hearts empty?

God has given us many helpful examples to walk through affliction. Stories teach, and the lives of faithful men and women are sermons in themselves. In 1553, Mary I of England ascended the throne. You may know her by nickname, “Bloody Mary.” She earned her nickname by hunting down protestants and imprisoning them and putting them to death.

One man that she imprisoned for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ by faith alone was John Bradford. Bradford wonderfully fulfilled 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Shortly before his execution, Bradford said these words: “If the queen will give me life, I will thank her; if she will banish me, I will thank her;

if she will burn me, I will thank her; if she will condemn me to perpetual imprisonment, I will thank her.” The queen denied his request, and Bradford was burned at the stake on July 1, 1555, going into heaven a thankful soul.

I am thankful that God has triumphed over evil, but we need to remember how that triumph came to be. It didn’t come through some celebration where Jesus is crowned king and the world rejoices. Rather, Jesus goes to the cross and is crucified in abject humiliation. We look at this and wonder, “What is the point of all that?” The Bible responds authoritatively, “The salvation of souls.”

One final thought on Jesus’ humiliation. If you are wondering what Jesus thought about the cross, the author of Hebrews makes it clear in Hebrews 12:2, that Jesus went to the cross “for the joy that was set before Him [Jesus] endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” He didn’t love the shame; He hated it. He did it for the joy set before Him. What was His joy? The salvation of souls of like mine. And for that I am immensely grateful.

A Full Life

Rev. Dr. David Gilbert, Cortland Christian Church

In Shakespeare’s *MacBeth* (act 5, v, 24) the king for which the play bears its name, bemoans the shortness and futility of life:

*Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more; it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.*

A little free advice: don’t let *MacBeth* give your eulogy. Seriously, he is a total “Gloom Gus,” especially toward the play’s end. In a speech that has become justly famous (and inspired the title of William Faulkner’s classic novel, *The Sound and the Fury*), he spouts a series of depressing metaphors for life: it is a “walking shadow,” a “pathetic stage actor,” a “tale told by an idiot,” loud and eventful but meaningless. The fellow should really get his serotonin levels checked.

Psalm 102 may have inspired Shakespeare’s imagery. In one verse David refers to life as a shadow and the body as “withered like grass.”

Unlike *MacBeth*, however, the psalm expresses hope, not futility. It has been oft observed that if we have hope only for this fleeting life, then we are poorly equipped to enjoy life or face death with anything but cynicism. But if we have hope for more than just this life (hope in God), our lives and deaths mean something.

What do you think? What metaphors would you use to describe *your* life?

As I write this, “All Saints’ Day” approaches. With its commemoration of the dead, “All Saints” honors not only those who have died, but also (indirectly) our continuing purpose. In another psalm, David looks back on his long life. He reflects on all he has learned and experienced since youth and writes: *Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shown thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come* (Ps. 71:18). David may be old, but he’s not finished. His intention is not merely to keep living because it beats dying, but to live with a purpose.

Age keeps creeping on. As we grow older, the tendency is to become more cynical, but we don’t have to. By nature to be young is to be optimistic, but the young as you know can become jaded and cynical too. Any of us can be a professor of life’s blessings, to both the old and the young alike. What has God taught you that you can teach to “this generation”?

LOAF’s Annual Adopt-A-Foot Program

By Robert B. Mangold

Yes! You can still help put NEW SHOES on local kids’ feet in time for the holiday season and beyond. Partnering with Neal’s Shoes in the Elm Road Plaza, Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship were able to put NEW SHOES on over 100 local kids’ feet this past year. What a joy and smile went with each pair.

Lakeview, Maplewood, Mathews, Champion, Badger, and Bristolville school teachers play an important role in this effort. They know who needs New Shoes. With their help Neal’s Shoes and LOAF get NEW SHOES to kids who need them. A big smile appears on every face when the shoelaces are tied with each pair provided.

You can help with this effort. Every \$30 donated buys a pair of NEW SHOES for a kid who really needs them. Please make checks payable to Lakeview Outreach and Fellowship for \$30 or any amount and mail to LOAF, P.O. Box 494, Cortland, Ohio, 44410 by November 15th. Note on memo line Adopt-A-Foot. Bring a smile to a young face. YOU can do it.

LOAF Christmas Concert Chorus Rehearsals

By Bob Mangold, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Heads up all you Cortland-Bazetta area singers! Remaining chorus rehearsal dates for LOAF Christmas Concert are November 8, November 22 and December 6. Location is at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 490 North High Street, Cortland, at 10:00 a.m. First rehearsal was on October 25 but advertisement only on Facebook on Everything Cortland site. Please come to remaining three if you missed the first one. Concert is Sunday December 14, at Raidel Auditorium, Lakeview High School at 2:00 p.m. Easier music to sing this year.

Church News And Notes

Cortland United Methodist -
God Provides A Meal, Saturday, November 15, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Ham, Scalloped potatoes, carrots, dessert & beverage Donations accepted but not required.
American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, November 12, 12:00 - 5:30 pm
Cortland Christian Church
Soup and Sandwich is November 20, 11 am-1 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Katharina’s Closet: Donation drop off is the first Monday of the month from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We are receiving donations of Diapers, Wipes, and Baby Clothes. *Distribution - The next distribution day will be Thursday November 20th, 2025, from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Wacker at 330-647-6402 or pastortrinitywarren@gmail.com

Bible Studies: Our congregation invites you to join us as we dive into God’s Word in our Bible Studies. Bible Studies on Sunday are at 9am on the first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays September through May. We are making our way from Genesis to Revelation. We are currently going through the book of Exodus. Wednesday Bible Studies at 5:30pm and we are studying what the Bible says about Angels and Demons.

Sunday School: Sunday School is at 9am on first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays during the school year. We have Sunday School for the kids K-12th (preschool if parents stay with child). The children are working on learning the basic Bible Stories and confessions of the Christian faith.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday November 19th at 5:30pm we will celebrate Thanksgiving in Worship. We hope you can join us.




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Rev. Jonathan Williams, Pastor
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Need Coffee

By Cait Morgan

I am one of those people who needs a time in the morning to get my act together (read that as NEED COFFEE) before the world can come at me. And if I had a lousy night's sleep, just stay back and stay quiet.

Last night I didn't get to sleep until around 3AM. So when I wandered out of bed a little before 8AM, I was not impressed with sunshine, birds and the world in general. And I was certainly not ready for the Purveyor of Energy and Joy who was bouncing around the place.

Bear: Hi!! Good Morning!! What do we have planned today? I washed the front window and the sliding doors! It's a beautiful summery day outside!

Me: frluhdmmmmple

Bear: Would you like a steak for dinner? I'll get one out! I filled the feeders, too.

Me: Can ya give me a minute? (*Apparently the death stare wasn't working*)

Bear: Want to go somewhere today?

Me thinking: (*You can go somewhere*)

Bear: Look!! There's a cardinal!

Me: (*Lord, help me here...I don't want to kill him. I really don't*) I poured myself some coffee and headed for the chair. The dogs settled in on my lap and around me.

Bear: How about that steak? I think I'll ride the (*stationery*) bike for an hour. Do you want some toast?

Me: OK, great. Pull out that chicken for tomorrow too, please. And please bring more coffee (*if you know what is best for your continued lifespan*).

He headed down to the lower level. Note, I have no toast, I have no coffee refill. What I have is dogs on my lap with one batting at the computer and a jazzed up husband.

Bear: I can't find the chicken. But I have the steak. What do you want to do today? Have you seen all the birds out there? Should I go get a chicken from the store?

Me: Just go ride your bike (*and get to it before I have to get out of this chair and throttle you*)

Bear: OK! Made fresh coffee - really strong. You'll like it.

Me: (*That depends on if I ever get it*)

Finally he brought in the coffee pot.

Me: Thank you. (*I had still had no toast*)

Bear: You haven't had much of your coffee yet. Are you OK?

Damned near bit my tongue off. Took a gulp of coffee. And a second one.

As he headed down to the Cave to get on his headphones and begin his ride he truly put his life in danger:

Bear: I'm heading down for my ride. Are you still reading the paper? Seems to be taking quite a while....

GIVE ME STRENGTH ... and another up of coffee. Gonna be a loooong day!

Editor's Note: Apparently the Bear survived. There are no known reports on the Police blotter or hospital reports.



Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24, 2025

Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 232 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Every year, National Collection Week takes place the third week in November with more than 4,500 drop-off locations open across the country. This year, National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24, 2025. The Cortland area drop-off site is listed below. Other locations are available at www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/.

Shoobox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups! The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need.

"Children need hope, and they need to know that they are not alone and God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Gift-filled shoeboxes open the door for us to share the hope of the Gospel with boys and girls around the. Please pray that these simple gifts have an eternal impact."

For more information contact: Yvonne Woodworth, Area Coordinator for Northeast Ohio, (440) 228-4319 or Sue Shafer (330) 509-2874.

Join us to pack the boxes at Wildare Church, 7211 N Park Avenue Cortland, (Champion Township) on these dates: Mon, Nov. 17: 10AM - Noon, Tue, Nov. 18: 4 - 6PM, Wed, Nov. 19: 10AM - Noon, Thu, Nov. 20: 4 - 6PM, Fri, Nov. 21: 4 - 6PM, Sat, Nov. 22: 10AM - Noon, Sun, Nov. 23: 1 - 3PM, Mon, Nov. 24: 8 - 10AM.

Your Voice Matters... continued from front page

Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Local elections are where a single vote can have the greatest impact. Whether you reside in the City of Cortland or Bazetta Township, taking the time to research the candidates and cast your ballot is essential to ensuring your community is led by individuals who represent your interests.

For complete candidate listings for all Trumbull County races, including school boards and final polling place information, please visit the Trumbull County Board of Elections website.

SCOPE Senior Centers Looking For Instructors

SCOPE Senior Centers are Looking for Fitness and Dance Instructors. Senior Citizens Opportunities for Personal Endeavors (SCOPE) will be opening three new senior citizen centers in 2026 located in the Bristol, Brookfield, and Champion areas.

SCOPE will need fitness, dance craft, and quilting instructors at those new centers for daytime classes. Current senior citizen centers are in Cortland, Howland, Hubbard, Newton Falls, Niles and Warren. The class times happen normally during the day. Those who are Silver Sneakers Flex as well as Silver and Fit and/or Renew Active certified instructors are also needed.

SCOPE handles the promotion and advertising of these classes through its monthly newsletter, The Telescope' of which 3,000 copies are printed every month and by submission of newspaper articles. Please send resumes to attention of Mike Wilson at mwilson@axessfamily.org or with questions contact Mike at 330-399-8846 extension 206 and leave a message.

'Guns And Moses' Film To Be Shown

The Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival, in partnership with the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at YSU, will present the film "Guns and Moses" for ages 18 and older at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at YSU.

Mo Zaltzman, a Hasidic rabbi in a desert town, is shaken when his congregation is attacked. Police arrest a young white nationalist, but Mo doubts the boy's guilt. With no one else searching for answers, he steps into the role of detective. As bodies mount, Mo must master a gun and confront a terrifying choice: whether he can pull the trigger when lives are at stake, or whether his hesitation will cost everything.

A virtual Q & A with film director, author, and influencer Salvador Litvak will follow the film. The event is free but registration is required. Visit jccyoungstown.org/filmfest to register. Donations will be accepted at the door.



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Meet Your BOE Candidates

In our efforts to help our school district grow stronger together, The Cortland News is giving all candidates for Lakeview Board of Education an opportunity to introduce themselves to the community. There are 5 candidates for 3 open positions. All 3 incumbents are running for re-election.

We asked all candidates these same 3 questions.


1. Candidate Introduction and Occupation: Please introduce yourself. What is your current occupation, and how long have you lived in the Lakeview Local School District?

2. Educational Background: What is your educational background (degrees, certifications, or relevant professional training)?

3. Reasons for Running: Why are you seeking a position on the Lakeview Local School District Board of Education, and what unique perspective or experience do you believe you would bring to the board?

Here are their *unedited* answers. We listed all candidates alphabetically by last name.

Re-elect



Danielle SCHERER

Lakeview School Board

Derrick Bush

1. My name is Derrick Bush, and for nearly ten years my family and I have called the Lakeview community home. We chose this district because of its small-town values, strong traditions, and the potential we saw in the school district for our two children. I currently serve as an Audit Supervisor with the State of Ohio, where I manage our audit program and assist in regulatory compliance matters in the gaming

industry. My career has been built on ensuring that public organizations operate with integrity, accountability, and transparency. All values that also define how I approach community service.

2. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Youngstown State University, where I also had the privilege of playing college football. My experience as a student-athlete taught me lessons that continue to shape my life — discipline, teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. Those lessons guide how I lead professionally and how I carry myself as a parent and community member. In addition to my degree, I'm a seasoned leader in state government with skills in risk management, project management, and analytics. These experiences have strengthened my ability to analyze revenue/expenditures, evaluate performance, and make sound, transparent decisions. These skills provide me with some of the tools that are essential to being a resource to the community and the administrative leadership of the school district.

3. I'm running for the Lakeview Board of Education because I believe in the power of public service and in giving back to the community. I have experienced first hand the opportunities Lakeview can offer, the proud tradition, and I want to help ensure it continues — not just by maintaining what works, but by preparing for the future. My focus is on supporting our teachers, expanding opportunities for our students, and ensuring fiscal responsibility. Our teachers deserve fair compensation, continued professional

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 Payton Meloni, a talented student and leader at Lakeview High School. Payton, the daughter of Autumn Thomas, has been a proud Bulldog her entire academic journey. Payton chose to attend the Trumbull Career and Technical Center (TCTC) for her junior and senior years, where she is excelling in the Equestrian program and ranks in the top 15% of her class.

Her leadership shines as she serves as president of TCTC's Future Farmers of America chapter. She also participates in the French Club, National Technical Honor Society, and the TCTC Equine Judging Team. Outside of school, Payton is an avid 4-H participant, serving as chapter president, and works part-time at Family Farm and Home. Looking ahead, she plans to pursue a four-year degree in health sciences, focused on either human or animal care.

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

1.) What is something that you do exceptionally well?

- I would say treat people with kindness.

2.) What is your favorite part of the Lakeview Local School District?

- Definitely the staff.

3.) Where is your favorite place to eat in Bazetta/Cortland?

- Vasilio's or Brothers

4.) Where is your favorite place to hang out in Bazetta/Cortland?

- The barn.

5.) Describe your fashion style.

- Getting ready for work with boots, jeans, and a t-shirt.

6.) You might catch me ...

- At the barn, mostly!

7.) What is something you are watching, listening to, or reading right now?

- The band Treaty Oak Revival.

8.) What are your future aspirations?

- I can't wait to make a positive impact!



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Meet Your BOE Candidates

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development, and an environment that encourages growth and retention. Our students deserve access to diverse programs that prepare them for any path — college, trades, arts, or athletics. I'm ultimately running because I care deeply about the future of OUR district. My goal is simple — to help Lakeview continue to be a place where students thrive, teachers feel valued, and our community remains proud of where we live and develop our youth.

Angela Campana Incumbent

1. My name is Angela Campana. My husband, Jason, and I have proudly resided in the Lakeview School District since 1999. All four of our children are Lakeview graduates who have become productive adults, thanks in large part to the strong educational foundation they received at Lakeview Schools.

2. I am a dedicated educator with 25 years of experience in teaching. I spent 16 years of my career in Warren City Schools and am currently employed by Grand Valley Local Schools. I hold a Bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University and a Master's degree in Elementary Reading and Math from Walden University.

3. As both a parent and an educator, I am deeply committed to the success and well-being of our students, and I have a strong appreciation for the importance of public education in shaping future generations. I've seen firsthand how a strong public education can shape young people into confident, capable adults. Lakeview has provided that foundation for my own children, and I want to ensure that future generations continue to benefit from the same high standards, opportunities, and support. With my background in education, I have a good understanding of what teachers deal with, what students need to succeed, and why clear, honest decision-making is so important. I also want to help ensure our district remains fiscally responsible while continuing to move forward. Serving on the school board is an opportunity to give back to our community and to help ensure Lakeview continues to be a place where every student succeeds.

Mark Harper Incumbent

1. My name is Mark Harper, and I am a 1994 graduate of Lakeview High School. I have lived in the Lakeview School District for 49 years. I am employed at Champion Local Schools as the Director of Facilities. My wife, Heidi, our three children, and our daughter-in-law are all Lakeview graduates.

2. After graduating from Lakeview High School in 1994, I attended the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. I hold a Class B CDL with school bus and passenger endorsement, and completed the Masters of Transportation through OSBA in 2019. In 2018, I received the OASBO Transportation Supervisor of the Year award. As Director of Facilities, I supervise transportation, maintenance, custodial, and food services.

3. Upon my re-election to the Lakeview Board of Education, I will continue to bring real-life knowledge of district operations and administrative experience to Lakeview Schools. Specifically, I have twenty years of maintenance and facility experience, including twelve years of school bus driving and twelve years of Administrative experience supervising maintenance, transportation, and food services.

Nicholas G. Lawrence, OD

1. Nicholas G. Lawrence, OD I am a practicing optometrist and board member at Eye Care Associates. I have been practicing optometry for 15 years. I am a 2001 Lakeview High School graduate and have lived in Bazetta for the last 12 years.

2. Bachelor of Science, Biology Minor in Chemistry Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 2005; Doctor of Optometry (cum laude) The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 2010 Residency in Ocular Disease Louis Stokes VAMC, Cleveland, Ohio 2011; The Ohio State College of Optometry, Adjunct Faculty Member July 2012-2018

3. I am a big believer in our community and the development of our children. I believe in the importance of transparency with our community on how we are educating and preparing our children for the real world. I feel I will bring an enthusiasm to our board that is prepared to work with our current administration to continue the momentum they are currently creating.

Danielle Scherer Incumbent

1. My name is Danielle Scherer I hold an array of employment which allows me to interact with many people in the district which I am grateful for - property manager, sports official, sports complex manager, cleaning service provider. I have lived in the Lakeview School district my entire life and intend to stay. I am the 4th generation living in the district (3rd graduating) and my own children have graduated from or currently attend as well.

2. I graduated from Lakeview High School in 1997 and from Pennsylvania State University in 2003 with a business degree in management and marketing.

3. I am seeking re-election for my second term. The first four years went by incredibly fast and I feel there is much work to still be done - which I would be honored to take part in. As a life-long resident who has been integrated into the community from many angles, I feel I often have a unique perspective to offer and guard my Lakeview pride whole-heartedly. I intend to live in the community the remainder of my life so whether I am a member of the Board of Education or not, it is all meaningful to me. Having my first term nearly complete, I am ready to run with that experience for another four years to hopefully and more expeditiously play a part in all board business. I appreciate your consideration.



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LHS Drama Presents “Too Many Detectives”

The Lakeview High School Drama Department is currently in the process of rehearsing their fall play, Too Many Detectives at the Murder Mansion. A murder mystery that has some very well-known names such as Sherlock Holmes, The Mystery Gang, Ms. Marple, Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys, Batman along with many others! Could one of these world-renowned detectives become a world-renowned murderer? What mysteries lie within the walls of the Doyle mansion?

Come to Lakeview High School auditorium Thursday, November 6th and Saturday, November 8th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, Nov. 9th at 3:00 pm to find out, \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for general admission, tickets will be sold at the door. Join us to solve this murder!’

‘LHS Sophomore Holiday Give-Back’

Special to The Cortland News

For over ten years, Jenna Hogue, a current English teacher at Lakeview High School, has been hosting the sophomore class with a ‘Holiday Give-Back’ event for the community. Each year, she has her sophomore classes vote on what they want to do to give back, and then from December 1st - December 15th each year, she runs the event at the school, opening up the charitable donations to the entire school, but organizing a challenge for her sophomore classes specifically.

For the majority of these years, the sophomores have voted to collect items to donate to local animal organizations, like the Animal Welfare League in Vienna or the Trumbull County Dog Warden and Kennel in Howland. Some years ago, the students voted to bring in goods for a Food Drive for Cortland Food Bank, and one year they wanted to make holiday cards to send to soldiers overseas and to local veterans. Hogue does the research for whatever they vote for, whether be finding an organization to send care packages to overseas, or calling numerous animal organizations for wish lists, or even locating veterans at local assisted living establishments in Trumbull County. She also does the drop-offs herself.

Hogue, a Trumbull County resident, feels very strongly about giving back to the community in which you live, and she has tried to encourage that in her students as well. The event will take place again this year, and although is hasn’t been voted on yet, anyone looking to participate can call the high school in December for details.



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November Charity Breakfasts At Cortland Masonic Lodge

By Dick McClain

The next two charity fund-raiser pancake breakfast at the Cortland Masonic Lodge will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st and Nov. 15th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am -- at 3263 Everett-Hull Rd. (E. Main St.) in Cortland.

The benefiting organization, on Nov. 1st, will be the Warren Chapter of DeMolay -- a Masonic youth organization for boys. Representatives will be available to share detailed information and answer questions about DeMolay activities.

Then on Nov. 15th, the breakfast will benefit the Champion Robotics Club, to help them raise funds for building their robots and for their competitive events.

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 monthly breakfasts at the Masonic Lodge. As a community service project, the lodge donates all of the breakfast supplies, then cooks the menu and donates 100% of the income to a local area charity.

THE WISE INVESTORS

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Important Advice for the ‘Sandwich Generation’

If you’re between the ages of 35 and 60, you may be feeling a financial pinch from both your growing – or grown – children and your aging parents or in-laws.¹ You may also find yourself juggling your work commitments and the expectations of family members for your time and support. As a member of what’s known as the sandwich generation, you’re not alone.

Unlike previous generations where children left their homes earlier and more permanently, today children tend to live at home longer – or move out and return over time, sometimes with their own children in tow. And parents tend to live longer, often spending 25 years or more in retirement. If you’re wondering how to keep yourself financially on track in the face of these competing demands, the following strategies may help.

Pay yourself first. Instead of paying your bills and other expenses and then saving what’s leftover, automatically route a portion of your paycheck to your 401(k), Roth IRA or other retirement savings account – and encourage your working children to do the same. This ensures you’re regularly investing in your future financial security. And because of the power of compound interest, the sooner you or your children start this habit, the better their chances are of accruing wealth. Immediate needs and expenses can loom large; establishing a routine of saving regularly can help provide financial stability in later years.

Talk openly about finances. Discuss the basic tenets of sound money management with your children to help them develop good saving and spending habits at an early age. According to the Parents & Finances study published by Ameriprise Financial, 70% of parents involve their children in family financial decisions to help instill values and principles.² Helping children understand the role that money plays in your family can allow them to grasp where they can contribute within the family finances. On the flip side, it’s equally important to talk with your parents about their plan for meeting their financial obligations in the years ahead. This includes knowing what – if any – plans and financial resources they have, should they become ill or incapacitated.

Make sure financial and legal documents are up to date. Whether it’s you, your parents or your children, it’s important to determine whether you’ll need a Durable Power of Attorney, a Healthcare Proxy, a Living Will and a Last Will and Testament. It’s also key to review and update beneficiary designations on investments and insurance policies because they may outweigh what is stated in a will. In addition, it’s wise to keep a list of your

financial accounts and passwords – and know where your parents and children keep theirs – in case one of you needs to step in for another. And don’t forget to keep these documents in a safe and secure place.

Discuss long-term care insurance. One of the greatest challenges when it comes to planning for retirement is trying to predict future healthcare expenses. In-home health care costs or a lengthy nursing home stay can be very costly. If you or your parents don’t already have long-term care insurance, it may be wise to look into it to see if it fits with your family’s goals and options. Talk with siblings or other trusted family members about what a possible care plan could look like for your parents and for yourself. While conversations around long-term care can be tough to initiate, it’s often easier to bring everyone together while you and your parents are still healthy and in good mental capacity.

Explore resources to help offset costs. If your children are attending college, research the scholarship opportunities or work-study programs that may be available to them. Also, find out whether your parents qualify for any federal, state or local benefits for their care. This knowledge can help all of you make better and more informed decisions about budgeting, school choices, loan options, and other financial choices that need to be made.

Set limits. If you have the desire and financial resources to support adult family members, it’s important to balance your generosity with ensuring you have enough money to last through retirement – and support your family’s own financial independence. Be clear with your children and parents about how much financial support you are realistically able to provide. If you choose to give them money, establish whether it’s a loan that needs to be repaid or a gift that does not. When loaning money, document the conditions of the loan in writing and have both parties sign and date the agreement so that there are no misunderstandings.

Managing the responsibility that comes with being a member of the sandwich generation can be difficult. For help understanding how to plan for your future while caring for those who matter most to you, consult a reputable financial advisor. An advisor can help you create a financial strategy that makes sense for your unique situation.

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Cortland Lions Club Helps
Lakeview Cancer Patients

By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club participated in a Volley Ball Fund Raiser for two Lakeview High ladies who are battling Breast Cancer. Thru the Fund Raiser we were able to raise and donate \$300 to each lady to continue their fight.



Mark Novotny-Athletic Director, Rachel Derr-Teacher/Recipient, Dawna Wiland-Cortland Lions Club President, Adrienne Rawl-Parent of a Lakeview Student/Recipient and Heather Kiser-Volley Ball Coach.





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Medicare supplement plans work with original Medicare Insurance. With a Medicare Supplement you do not cancel or replace your Medicare Part A or Part B coverage and you still have all your Medicare insurance benefits, rights and protections. These plans are a secondary (supplemental) insurance to original Medicare insurance and help cover costs not covered by Medicare. For example, Part B of Medicare Insurance covers outpatient services, doctor appointments and tests. Typically, Medicare pays 80% of approved costs after a deductible is met and you are left with the remaining 20%. However, there are no limits to the 20% with only original Medicare insurance. A supplement will pay some or all those costs depending on the specific plan. There are several different supplemental insurance plans available. These plans are required to be the same from company to company and are approved by CMS (Medicare). However, each company sets their own premiums and rate increase schedules. These plans do not include prescription drug coverage (part D), vision, dental or hearing benefits. A separate prescription plan needs to be added to the coverage to avoid potential Medicare late enrollment penalties in the future.

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

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

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Cortland Lions Club Welcomes Four New Members



By Ralph McCord

The Cortland Lions Club welcomed four new members to our Club. Pictured is Dawna Wiland Cortland Lions Club President, New Members Kelly Smith with Sponsor Matt Smith, New Members Robert Toot, Trevor Totten and David Kovacs who were all given their Membership Kits from Lions

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What is the Difference Between Replacement Cost and Guaranteed Replacement Cost?

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With replacement cost insurance your insurance company will pay to repair or replace damage portions of your home without considering depreciation because of the age. For Example If your dishwasher water hose breaks and the water damages your kitchen floor. The insurance company will not factor in the age of the floor and depreciate the cost to replace it. They will replace it with a new floor of like kind and quality as your old floor.

However, replacement cost is subject to a maximum amount. For example, if your home's estimated replacement cost is \$250,000 and you experience a total loss, having to rebuild from the ground up, your insurance company will pay to rebuild your house, up to \$250,000.

What is Guaranteed Replacement Cost? What if it costs more than \$250,000 to replace my house? What if \$250,000 wasn't estimated properly? Now what? This is where guaranteed replacement cost comes into play.

Guaranteed replacement cost is just that, it's guaranteed. This means

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Dorothy Louise Powell: A Holistic Wellness Enthusiast & Sourdough Connoisseur

By Ashley Morrow

In the heart of Columbiana, Ohio, Dorothy Louise Powell has built a life that embodies her passions for nature, wellness, and community. This vibrant entrepreneur and stay-at-home mom has transformed her beautiful property into a haven for holistic living, where she shares her expertise in meditation, fermentation, and herbalism with like-minded individuals.



A Journey of Self-Discovery & Growth Dorothy's journey into the world of wellness began with her own path of self-discovery, particularly in the realm of mental health awareness. As someone who has faced challenges with mental health, Dorothy found solace in meditation and mindfulness. She became a certified meditation teacher, empowering her to help others navigate their own journeys towards inner peace and wellness. Her love for nature and the outdoors has also led her to explore the world of herbalism, foraging, and gardening.

Sourdough & Beyond As the owner of Ginger Bread Bakery, Dorothy is renowned for her artisanal sourdough bread. However, her expertise goes far beyond the realm of bread-making. She teaches fermentation and sourdough classes, both privately and in groups, and even offers parasite cleanse and heavy metal detox protocols. Her enthusiasm for educating others on the importance of gut health and natural remedies is inspiring. Dorothy's approach to wellness is holistic, recognizing the intricate connections between gut health, mental well-being, and the natural world.

A Holistic Approach to Wellness Dorothy's business is an extension of her values: everything organic, everything natural. She creates herbal remedies, forages for wild ingredients, and renders tallow for skincare. Her upcoming tea blends, grown from her own garden, are the perfect addition to her product line. Whether it's through her baking, teaching, or mentoring, Dorothy's mission is to empower others to take control of their health and well-being, particularly when it comes to mental health awareness.

Breaking the Silence, Breaking the Stigma Through her work, Dorothy aims to create a safe space for individuals to discuss their mental health journeys, free from judgment. She believes that by sharing her own experiences and struggles, she can help others feel less alone and more empowered to prioritize their well-being. Meditation, for Dorothy, is more than just a practice – it's a lifeline that helps her make sense of the world and release what's not meant for her.

A Multidimensional Woman Dorothy wears many hats: wife, mother, entrepreneur, mentor, and friend. Her love for life, nature, and people is evident in everything she does. When she's not baking or teaching, you can find her tending to her garden, spending time with her chickens, or networking with like-minded individuals at craft shows and vendor events.

Celebrating Dorothy's Spirit As we celebrate Dorothy Louise Powell, we're reminded of the importance of living life on our own terms. Her dedication to holistic wellness, her passion for nature, and her commitment to empowering others are qualities that inspire us all. If you're looking for a kindred spirit or simply want to learn more about Dorothy's products and services, be sure to follow her journey and get involved in the conversation.

Get in Touch To learn more about Dorothy's products and services, including sourdough classes, meditation sessions, and herbal remedies, please visit her social media channels (personal and professional) <https://www.facebook.com/share/1GUTmVkGEj/> and <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BPCgPeL4E/>. You may also email Dorothy at gingerbreadbakery23@gmail.com.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Cortland Library Events November 2025

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING All Warren-Trumbull County Public Library locations will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 26 and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and on Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

Toddler Tales
Mondays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
A fun and active Storytime for toddlers ages 19 - 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Free.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Nov. 4, 18, 25
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.

Teen Advisory Board
Tues., Nov. 4 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 a part of the Teen Advisory Board! Free.

Organizing Your Genealogy Research Class
Wed., Nov. 5 at 1 p.m.
This class provides guidance in organizing your genealogical materials. The class will cover creating paper and digital ancestor charts, taking advantage of your library's resources and services, naming, numbering, sorting, and storing both paper and digital files, and preserving your

family photographs and documents. Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 399-8807 ext. 202. Free.

Midweek Mayhem
Wednesdays from 3 - 4 p.m.: Nov. 5, 12, 19
Teens ages 12 - 18 can enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at the library's weekly teen hangout! Free.

Homework Hangout
Mon., Nov. 10 from 3 - 4 p.m. Teens ages 12 - 18 can take time to study, read, or write that paper while listening to calming music and sipping tea! Free.

Family LEGO Night
Thurs., Nov. 13 from 6 - 7 p.m. Practice problem-solving and engineering skills while building with the library's collection of LEGO building bricks. Finished projects will remain at the library. For families with children ages 3 and older. Free.

Only Murders in the Library Discussion Group
Mon., Nov. 17 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., Nov. 18 from 3 - 4 p.m. Tweens ages 10 - 14 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities. Free.

Dominoes and Doughnuts
Sat., Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kids ages 5 - 12 can try their hands at toppling a domino design while savoring some doughnuts. Registration is required by Nov. 19. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call (330) 638-6335. Free.

November Events at Bristol Public Library

By D'Lynn Johnson, Youth Services Coordinator

The Bristol Public Library's youth department is hosting a Make and Take Craft event Wednesday, November 12th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Youth in kindergarten through twelfth grade can stop in and make either a Turkey-rific Magnet or a Gourd-geous Mini Centerpiece. Examples are at the circulation desk and on the library's web page at www.bristol-libraryoh.org. Crafts are available one per person, while supplies last.

"The History that Defines Us" will be presented by Chris Smith on Friday, November 21st from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Her presentation is filled with tales of the Great Lakes, Cleveland, Pittsburgh

and Youngstown. You will learn about historical events that changed the world and leave with an appreciation of our region's resilience.

Finally, the library will close at noon on Wednesday, November 26th for the start of the Thanksgiving holiday. To allow our employees time to enjoy the holiday with their families, the library will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. The staff would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday.

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

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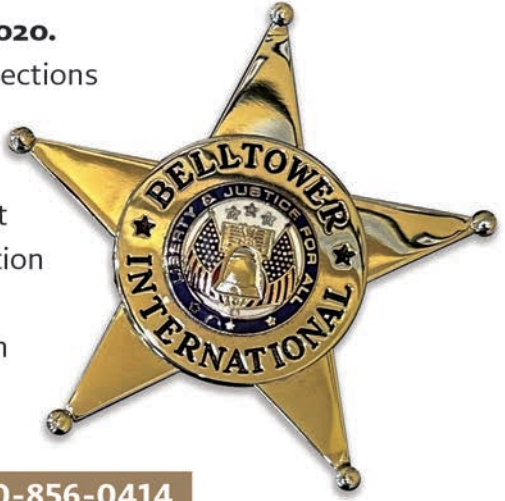
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