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Bemus Point Winterfest

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Cortney Linnecke

February winters in upstate New York can be a bleak time of year. The charm of the first snowfall has long since faded, the warm glow of Christmas lights are a distant memory, and Punxsutawney Phil's shadow has just projected a glum forecast: six more weeks of winter.

This Saturday, however, Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Services (CLSS) will provide an opportunity to shake off the winter blues with their fourth annual WinterFest. Instead of lamenting the snow, this festival celebrates it: the event is jam-packed with outdoor activities, live music, local vendors, and a massive bonfire to fend off the cold. This year's WinterFest will take place from 12-6 p.m. at the Bemus Point Golf Club, and as always, is free of charge.

Origins of WinterFest

The idea for WinterFest was born five years ago when couple and co-owners of CLSS, Bryce Steffen and Rachael Wiley-Steffen, met a friend for dinner.

"[We] were sitting at dinner, talking about how we wanted to give back to snowmobile clubs in the area," said Steffen. "We thought, let's do some type of party, raise money, and give all the money back to those clubs. So that's what we did: we started WinterFest."

Bryce and Rachael Steffen, co-owners of Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Services and creators of the annual WinterFest.

The clubs in question were the five clubs that maintain Chautauqua County's 450 miles of snowmobiling trails, the second longest linage in the state. The clubs – Sunset Drifters Snowmobile Club, Cherry Creek Snowmobile Club, Lake Effect Trailbreakers, Ellery Sno-Cruisers, and Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club – are all volunteer-based and not-for-profit.

"The volunteers do a lot of hard trail work," Steffen said. "They go out there and make it possible for snowmobilers to ride."

In the first year that WinterFest was held, the whole production was arranged in just over two weeks. While the festival is free, revenue is raised from vendors, raffle ticket sales, and activities, 100 percent of which goes to local snowmobile clubs. That first year it rained the entire day, but community members still trekked out to show their support. They raised a few thousand dollars. The next year's festival took place on the day of a blizzard, and Steffen said the snowmobiles turned out to the golf course in droves. They raised a little more that year. And last year, despite it being 65 degrees and sunny, Steffen said the festival saw its best crowd yet and raised over $5,000. This year, he hopes, will be the biggest yet.

"It's getting bigger every year and the prizes are getting better," he said. "The festival is also gaining more awareness

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UPMC Chautauqua WCA Heart Team Offers Free Blood Pressure Screenings During February American Heart Month

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UPMC Chautauqua WCA

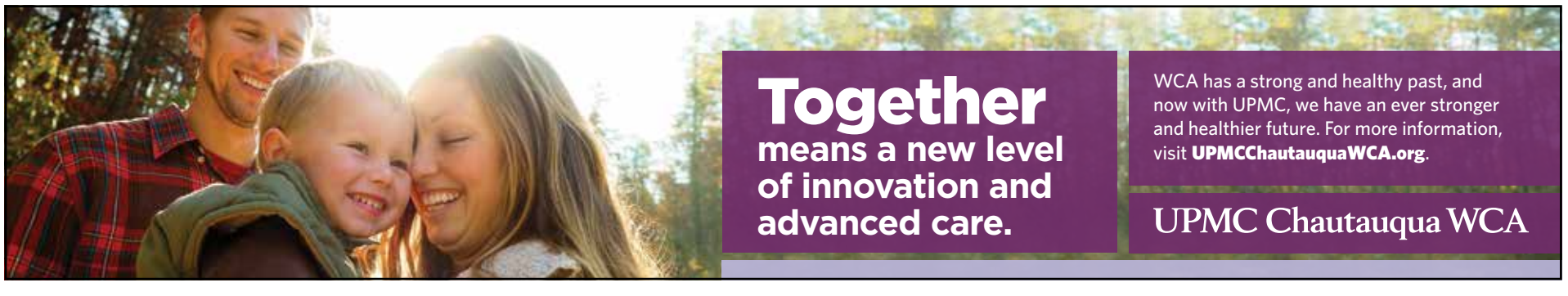
The UPMC Chautauqua WCA heart center team will offer free blood pressure screenings during February American Heart Month. The screenings will be held at UPMC Chautauqua WCA, Cardiology Department, second floor, 207 Foote Ave., Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is not required. The heart team will provide easy-to-understand fact tip sheets on heart and stroke symptoms and prevention.

UPMC Chautauqua WCA Heart Center team pictured front to back, Melanie Cobb, Rhonda Yachetta, Harleigh Moon, Julie Davidson, Tammara L.C. Hodges, Andrea Gilles, Hillary Widrig, Connie Moore, Karen Watson, Amy Roehrig, Brenda Fitzgerald, and Morgan Olver. The heart team will offer free blood pressure screenings and patient education fact sheets during February American Heart Month.

"An ounce of prevention can be the key to living a long and healthy life," said Toni DeAngelo, RN, director, community health and wellness, UPMC Chautauqua WCA. "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 75 million American adults have high blood pressure—that's 1 of every 3 adults. High blood pressure usually has no warning signs or symptoms so many people do not realize they have it. The only way to know if you have high blood pressure is to get it checked. Measuring your blood pressure is quick and painless. We want to encourage residents to stop by the hospital to get their blood pressure checked and pick up the newest information on getting healthy and making the right choices to stay healthy."

UPMC Chautauqua WCA and the Chautauqua Health Action Team (CHAT) will join forces in February to host Hands-Only CPR training and promote messages in the workplace that encourage heart healthy habits. "Chautauqua County has among the highest rates of heart attack and stroke deaths in New York State," Toni said. "We want to encourage employees make a pledge to commit to change by eliminating workplace candy jars, start a weekly walk, drink water instead of pop, take the stairs instead of the elevator or choose veggies instead of chips. Adopting one small change over a person's lifetime increases the quality and years of healthy life."

CHAT established a goal of preventing 250 heart attacks, strokes, and related deaths in Chautauqua County in the coming year. More commonly recognized as CHQ250 initiative, 250 lives is county health partners' commitment in helping the Million Hearts Initiative prevent a million heart attacks and strokes nationwide. For more information on UPMC Chautauqua WCA Heart Center, visit UPMCChautauquaWCA.org or call 716-664-8137



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4. If you were born on the 6th of February, what would your zodiac sign be?
5. Which awards show normally occurs at the end of February?
6. Which fruit is recognised in the month of February?
7. Which legendary character is recognized on the 12th of February?
8. What animal predicts the weather on February second?
9. What country's New Year celebration often lands in February?
10. What huge celebration occurs in Brazil in February?

ANSWERS: (1) Amethyst (2) Violet (3) True (4) Aquarius (5)Academy Awards (6) Banana (7) Paul Bunyan (8) Groundhog (9) China (10) Mardi Gras

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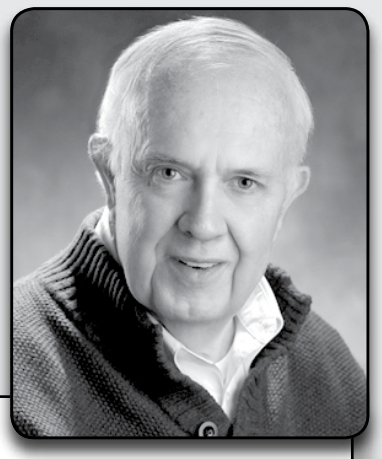

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Bring Your Own Fun… that's how to party!

Wintertime is always a season for fun and parties like none other. It comes with snowmen, sledding down long, slippery slopes and lots of hot chocolate afterward for rosy cheeked children.

And how about those unforgettable one-horse open sleigh rides across the open fields and through the woods, steaming mugs of après ski *Glögg* beside a roaring fire, and of course, if you know where to look, wonderful Winter Festivals. This week the Jamestown Gazette invites you to bring your fun to a great WinterFest that's conveniently close to home for all of us.

People around the world and down through the ages, however – not just in our wintry neighborhood – have always known what to do when snow begins to fall.

"Det ser ut som kul!" said the Swedes – "That looks like fun!" And they probably said the same thing a thousand years ago when they were still Vikings.

"Che sembra come divertimento!" said the northern Italians when they came here and saw their first snow in their new home. They probably said the same thing when the ancient Roman armies quested north across the snowy Alps to conquer a few more countries just before lunch.

Winter wakes up the fun in all of us… we just can't help turning snow into festivals. Here are a few of the best and wackiest from around the world and across the nation.

I hope they inspire you to bring your own fun to our very own Winter Festival next week – the Bemus Point WinterFest 2017 – the one Courtney is here to tell you about on our front cover. Whatever your language or heritage or childhood memories, it sure looks like fun.

So how about these:

• Nobody does winter like the *Québécois* in Quebec City, with one of the biggest snow parties on the planet. Enjoy a cup of *Caribou*, a tasty local concoction of maple syrup, red wine, and hard liquor, while you watch insane teams paddle and push their canoes across the iced-studded St. Lawrence River. Good fun, eh?

• Or how about reliving the ancient Scottish winter tradition of "tar barreling" – dragging barrels of burning tar down the icy streets of town on sledges – now toned down to carrying torches through the snow. It all ends up with the torches thrown into a flaming Viking Longship and a long night of hard partying. It's called *Up Helly Aa* and celebrates the end of Christmas Holy Days. You still have until February 16 to get to the Shetland Islands and join in.

• Or you could try Bansko, Bulgaria which brags of "…over 30 hedonistic parties in a lively winter resort…clearly one of Europe's greatest snow festivals."

• Maybe throwing lemons into crowds of partiers is your idea of a winter festival. If so, try this month's *Fête du Citron* (Lemon Festival) in Menton on the French Riviera. You have until March 1st this year. Better hurry!

• Embarrassingly close to Milwaukee, you can join the Cedarburg Winter Festival, dress up in something outlandish and race a decorated, old-fashioned bed on skis down Main Street.

• And if you like the snow but hate the cold, ski on over to Lava Hot Springs, Idaho (population 400). Their Fire & Ice Winter Fest invites you to strip down to your swimsuit, tube down their icy river in a silly costume, then run half naked down Main Street and jump into one of their famous, outdoor hot mineral springs… Ahhh! If you missed it this year, don't worry, they do it on the first weekend, every February.

Or best of all, accept Cortney's invitation this week and head on up to Bemus Point. Bring your own best fun to WinterFest 2017. "*Das seht lustig aus!*" as my ancestors would have said. It looks like fun in Deutschland, too.

It's all right here in your Jamestown Gazette. Enjoy the read.

Walt Pickut

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Learn to Make a Braided Wool Rug at Audubon on Friday, February 17

The Audubon Community Nature Center is presenting Braided Wool Rug Techniques where you can learn everything you need to know to make a braided wool rug. Diana Hatfield, who has made over 100 rugs of all shapes and sizes, is the instructor for the workshop on Friday afternoon, February 17.

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Audubon Community Nature Center

By devoting part of a Friday afternoon to do some learning, you could be able to make your own braided wool rug.

On February 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. the Audubon Community Nature Center is presenting a workshop on Braided Wool Rug Techniques. Using reclaimed wool clothing, you can learn how to start, braid, add lengths, and lace to create braided wool rugs of varying sizes with a hands-on project.

You will learn all these techniques by creating a wool trivet. You will also receive a lacing needle and a braiding hook. The skills you learn can be used to make rugs of all sizes.

Instructor Diana Hatfield has been making braided wool rugs for over a decade, repurposing wool clothing into useful items. She has made over 100 rugs of all shapes and sizes. Self-taught, she has tweaked the methods to find ones that work well for wool and has developed tools that make the process easier. At community fairs she has taken best-in-show as well as other ribbons for her work.

You must know how to braid prior to take part in this workshop. Please bring your own fabric shears if you have them.

Tuition is $32 per person with a $10 fee for materials. Members receive 25% discount on tuition at checkout.

Enrollment is limited. Paid reservations are required by Monday, February 13, and can be made by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or by clicking through Plan Your Visit/Attend a Program at audubooncnc.org.

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Humble g Tha Fiddla Performs February 9

Humble g Tha Fiddla

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Humble g Tha Fiddla, who plays classical violin to the accompaniment of hip-hop beats, will perform at Jamestown Community College on February 9.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. on February 9 in the Student Union in the Hamilton Collegiate Center. The program is free and open to the public.

The performance is presented by JCC's Voices of Diversity program and made possible by the college program committee, Black Student Union, and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation's Sarita Hopkins Weeks JCC Concert Fund.

Humble g, born Myles Alexander Keaton Smith, grew up in Cleveland, is a self-taught fiddler. His music focuses on "Hip-hope" – positive hip hop music -- and Afripean music featuring African drums and European strings.

Humble g is the co-founder of and a partner in Global Entertainment, a Cleveland-based company that focuses on intellectual and inspirational forms of entertainment. He is a member of Violins Against Violence, a program which strives to put violins in the hands of third graders in Ohio schools.

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It looks like some disgusting kind of confetti. But it's butts. A couple of businesses around town with a bunch of employees don't allow smoking indoors. So the workers take their breaks outside to smoke. Then they drop dozens and dozens of their grimy, slimy butts on the sidewalk every day. And nobody ever picks them up. Some businesses even put butt cans on their sidewalk and the smokers still can't be bothered. Just because you pollute your lungs, it isn't OK to pollute my sidewalk. Move your butts.

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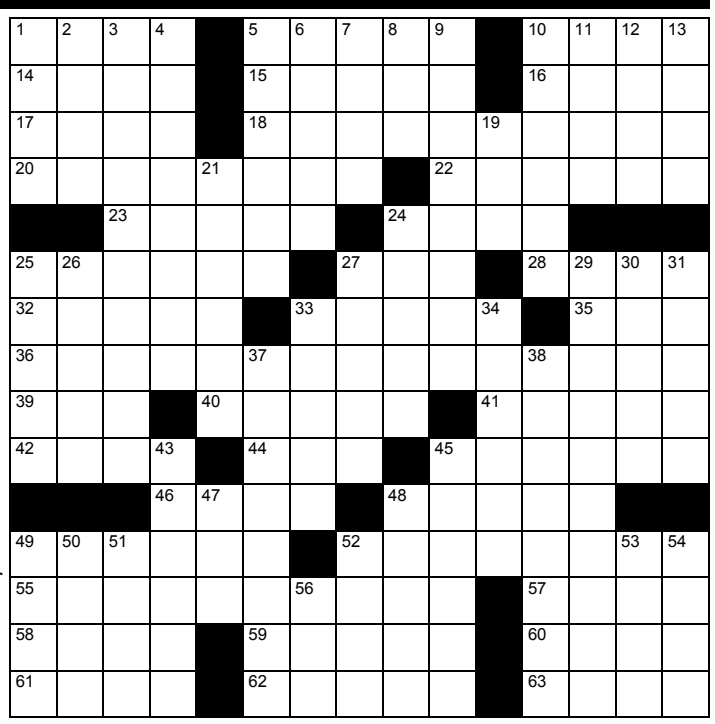
by Margie E. Burke



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20 Without a hitch
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24 Cassette contents
25 Kitchen space
27 Barracks bunk
28 Aerial maneuver
32 Church part
33 Bustles
35 Nod, maybe
36 Clinton's domain, once
39 Till bill
40 A bit lit
41 Flinch, say
42 Cultural doings
44 "Get the picture?"
45 Kind of bean
46 Deal (out)
48 Like some liberties
49 One-dimensional
52 Grammatical slip
55 Cheap additive
57 ___ meridiem
58 Gangster's gal
59 Burn
60 Santa's reindeer, e.g.
61 Wartime partner
62 Primitive fishing tool
63 Conclusion starter

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7 Overly smooth
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9 Will-maker
10 Reddish brown
11 Look out for, say
12 Yuletide song
13 Heredity carrier
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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

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Youngerman Center at Fredonia to Offer Head/Stroke Injury Support Sessions

FREDONIA
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Article Contributed by
The State University of New York at Fredonia

A series of support group meetings for stroke and head injury survivors and their family members will be held at the Henry C. Youngerman Center for Communication Disorders at the State University of New York at Fredonia, beginning in late February.

A typical group meeting includes activities to help stroke and head injury survivors use compensatory strategies to improve communication skills, provide educational information and create an opportunity to socialize and share experiences. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sessions, held on alternating Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m., in Thompson Hall Room E148, begin Feb, 21. Additional meetings are scheduled on March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, and May 2.

The Youngerman Center recognizes that there are individuals in the community whose insurance benefit for therapy has been exhausted but their hopes for improvement have not. Contact Julie Williams, coordinator, at 673-4618 or 673-3203 for more information about attending the group.

Libraries to Help with Jackson Center Mission

Susan Moran Murphy Executive Director of the Robert H. Jackson Center, Tina Scott, Executive Director of the James Prendergast Library, T. Marion Beckerink, Director of Development at the Robert H. Jackson Center, and Randy Sweeney, Executive Director of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation check out the new books.

Article Contributed by
Robert H. Jackson Center

Children and families will soon be able to borrow the book "Marshall, the Courthouse Mouse: A Tail of the U. S. Supreme Court" from each of the 38 libraries within the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. The goal of this project created by The Robert H. Jackson Center is to foster Justice Jackson's early love of reading by introducing students to an age appropriate, entertaining and educational book about the workings of the Supreme Court. This project was made possible thanks to a grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Check out your local library at www.libraries.cc to get a copy.

JOIN ME IN THE KITCHEN *with Vicki McGraw*

Contributing Writer

Vicki McGraw

Ahh, February, the month of love and chocolate! So… do you have big plans to celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetie? A fancy dinner out or perhaps a quiet dinner for two at home? No matter what your plans are, chances are quite good that food will be involved!

Creating the perfect romantic evening doesn't need to be fancy (unless you want it to be!). For those of us that lead very hectic lives, sometimes just staying home eating pizza by candle light can be a wonderful treat. Food can be the star of the evening or a supporting character, but it should never be a cause of stress! The adage of less is more can really come in to play here!

For those of you that enjoy doing a little cooking but would rather not spend all day shopping and prepping, why not try creating a simple (yet impressive) "heart of tenderloin." Grill (or broil) a 2" thick tenderloin steak to your desired doneness, let it rest for a few minutes and then cut it almost all the way through the middle, sideways, so it opens like a book. Place the opened steak on the plate, gently shaping it to look like a heart. Add baked potatoes, a nice tossed salad (the bagged varieties are really handy) and few fresh veggies and you have a delicious (yet simple to prepare) meal to serve your sweetie.

When we think Valentine's Day, usually one of our first thoughts is of chocolate, but these days that flavor isn't just a sweet candy treat. A look around the super market aisles will lead you to everything from coffee and cereal to beer and wine. There are several wonderful chocolate infused dessert wines available from local wineries, and recently I tried a chocolate cherry stout beer…not my favorite, but talk about a creative concoction!

I love all holidays, but Valentine's day is such a sweet event…sweet tasting, that is! The sales of sweets, from tiny conversation hearts to large heart shaped boxes of chocolate soar this week. As a chocolate lover, I have always looked forward to Valentine's Day (and Easter, and Halloween… you get the picture!) because I can feel a little less guilty about consuming my "guilty pleasure". If it has been given to me as a gift, it would be rude to not enjoy it as the giver intended, don't you think? It is a tradition, after all! The best part of all of this, is that while chocolate has always been a popular indulgence, of late the healthy aspects of dark chocolate have really hit the headlines and made us feel less guilty about the occasional sweet treat! So, my dear readers, you have my permission to indulge in a sweet Valentine treat!

Happy Valentine's Day!!

To read more of Vicki McGraw's commentaries on good cooking, fine recipes and perfect party treats, visit www.jamestowngazette.com and click on Join Me in the Kitchen's own page. The Jamestown Gazette is proud to present our county's most creative and original writers for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

Decadent, Flourless Chocolate Cake

- **1 T Instant Espresso Powder**
- **1 T Hot Water**
- **¾ C unsalted Butter**
- **6 oz high quality *Bittersweet Chocolate***
- **1 C Sugar**
- **3 Eggs**
- **½ C unsweetened Cocoa**

Heat oven to 350*. Line the bottom of an 8-9" springform pan with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Wrap the outside of the pan in aluminum foil.

Combine instant espresso powder and hot water; set aside.

Break bittersweet chocolate into small pieces. Place butter and chocolate pieces in a nonstick saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until melted. Remove from heat; stir in espresso mixture. Add sugar, beat with a whisk until combined. Add 1 egg at a time, whisking well after each addition. Whisk in cocoa until well mixed.

Pour cake batter into prepared pan. Place the springform pan into a large roasting pan. Place roasting pan on center rack in the oven and fill the space around the springform pan with water, to 1" up the side of the pan. Bake 40-45 minutes, until center of the cake is set.

Faith Matters

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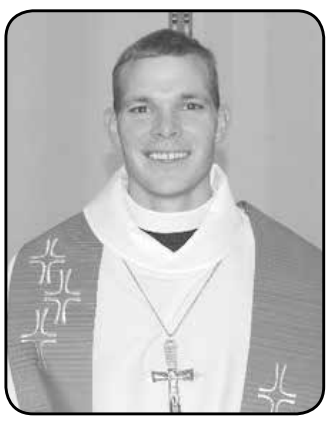

Contributing Writer

Pastor Shawn Hannon

Hope Lutheran Church Arcade, NY

Let's get to the chase. Last week was not the week I thought it was going to be. It started with an early goodbye to a colleague. On Wednesday I walked into the office to find the carpet in my office saturated with water and still spreading, and two different members of the church I serve had health crises. It's Friday as I write this, and TGIF has new meaning. Not that it's the weekend (woo-hoo!), but simply that this week is over. Seriously, thank God.

Perhaps you've had a week like that. Or maybe it was just a day. Maybe it was a month, or even a pretty bad year. We've all had times in our lives where things simply did not go our way.

When I'm going through times like this a certain scripture usually comes to mind. Paul wrote it the Christians who lived in Rome. He said, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). All things work together for good.

I don't know what will come of my early goodbye or flooded office or worry for my friend's health, but I do know that nothing is unredeemable with God. I know, because I consider what God has been able to do in me. If God saved me—chief of sinners—God really can work all things for good! There is nothing that God cannot redeem and restore and work for good.

Sometimes people understand that text to mean that God makes bad things happen in order to work good. That's not the case. God doesn't need to do that. Bad things have a habit of happening all on their own. The good news for us, is that every time they do we have a God who is already at work turn things for good.

It's why Jesus called the hungry, the poor in spirit, and the persecuted the blessed ones in Matthew 5. Because God turns things for good.

It's why even though all of us have wined and fallen short of the glory of God, Romans 3 teaches us that we are justified by God's grace. Because God works all things for good.

And it's why at the end of a particularly lousy week, I chose hope over despair. Because I believe that God works all things for good.

So no matter what you have, are, or will go through, know this. Nothing is beyond God's redeeming. Nothing is too broken or painful for God to make new. Not for those who believe.

For more inspiration and insights from Pastor Shawn's past columns, please visit www.jamestowngazette.com and click on the Faith Matters page. The Jamestown Gazette is proud to present our county's most creative and original writers for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

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Dual Admission Guaranteed for Students Transferring to UB

Article Contributed by
Jamestown Community College

Jamestown Community College and the University at Buffalo have signed dual admission agreements for biotechnology and studio arts degree programs.

Students are guaranteed dual admission to JCC and UB and continuation with junior standing of JCC graduates into UB's programs. Required and optional coursework in JCC's biotechnology and fine arts: studio arts programs, as well as cumulative grade point average requirements, are outlined in the agreements.

The agreements can be accessed at www.sunyjcc.edu/transfer/agreements.

Heritage Living at the Mall Announces Mall Walk for Heart

Article Contributed by
Heritage Ministries

On Monday, February 13, 2017, in honor of National Heart Health month, Heritage Living, in conjunction with the Chautauqua Mall is launching the Mall Walk for Heart contest that is open to the entire community. The purpose of this contest is to provide a unique opportunity for community members to achieve health and wellness goals while having a bit of fun.

According to the American Heart Association, walking for at least 30 minutes a day can help you heart health and overall health in several ways, including:

- Reduce your risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Improve your blood pressure, blood sugar levels and blood lipid profile
- Maintain your body weight and lower the risk of obesity
- Enhance your mental well-being
- Reduce your risk of osteoporosis
- Reduce your risk of breast and colon cancer
- Reduce your risk of non-insulin dependent (type 2) diabetes

Participants in the Mall Walk for Heart program will record their steps daily during each day of the one month program. The top male and female walkers with the highest number of steps will receive gift card prizes.

Anyone interested in joining the contest should visit the Heritage Living mall location near JC Penney. All participants will receive a free Heritage pedometer to help them track their progress. All participants will also receive a Weekly Walking Journal. Community members can join the club at any point during the 4 week event. Staff will also be on hand at Heritage Living on Monday, February 13 to do blood pressure screenings for registered participants, as well as provide heart healthy snacks from 8am-10am.

Heritage Living at the mall is serving the community by providing an easy-access location for area seniors, and their families, to get answers to questions about a senior's evolving needs. Heritage Living is open weekdays 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Anyone looking for more information about the programming available at Heritage Living should call (716) 763-5608. Heritage Living is a service provided by Heritage Ministries, which is a non-profit, human service organization serving the Chautauqua County region with over 800 employees. Independent and assisted living residences for seniors are located at The Homestead in Gerry and at The Woodlands on Southwestern Drive in West Ellicott. Rehabilitation and skilled nursing services are provided at The Village (Gerry, New York), The Park (Jamestown, New York), Orchard Grove (West Ellicott, New York) and Heritage Green (Greenhurst, New York). For more information, please call 716.487.6800 or visit www.heritage1886.org

2017 Softball League Informational Meeting Dates Announced

Article Contributed by
Jamestown Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department

The City Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department has announced the informational meetings for the 2017 softball leagues:

League	Date
Co-Ed League	Mon., Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m.
City Slo-Pitch League	Mon., Feb. 13, 6:15 p.m.
NEW Modified League	Mon., Feb. 13, 6:45 p.m.
NEW One-Pitch League	Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Parks Maintenance Building at 115 Fairmount Avenue. The building can be accessed off West Eight Street before the bridge to Jones & Gifford Avenue or off of West Third Street behind the West Gate Building before the Third Street Bridge.

All interested teams are asked to have a representative present at the respective meeting.

The final deadline for entry fees (once determined) is Thursday, April 6, 2017. Definite amounts will be announced at the meetings. If additional information is needed, please contact the Recreation Office at 483-7523.

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United Senior Council of Chautauqua County Meeting

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United Senior Council of Chautauqua County

The next meeting of United Senior Council of Chautauqua County will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 10 AM with a program presented by Greg Carlson from the Veteran's Administration. The meeting will be held at the Lakewood American Legion, 174 Chautauqua Ave., Lakewood and hosted by the Lakewood-Busti Golden Agers. Those attending should enter on the far side of the building.

County Senior Citizens are welcome to attend the monthly meetings which are held on the second Thursday of the month at 10 AM at various county locations. For more information, call Cecile at 483-0101.

Little Sweethearts Invited to Chautauqua Mall's "Made With Love" Valentine's Day Event

CHAUTAUQUA MALL

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Chautauqua Mall

WHAT:

Chautauqua Mall, Chautauqua County's family friendly regional shopping mall, invites little sweethearts to share the love at a heartwarming Valentine's Day celebration. Children will enjoy Valentine's Day-themed fun and will have the opportunity to decorate a Valentine's Day card of their own or create valentine that will be mailed with love to the Heritage Living residents.

Not a KidX Club member? Registration is free and new members will receive a welcome bag filled with a membership card, program information, special gifts and exclusive retail offers. Visit Chautauqua Mall Management Office or http://chautauquamall.com/events-news for more information and to sign up today.

WHEN:

Saturday, February 11

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE:

Chautauqua Mall (Center Mall)

318 E Fairmount Avenue

Lakewood, NY 14750

FOR MORE INFO:

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Bemus Point Winterfest

Continued from Front

thanks to social media."

WinterFest 2017 Events

This year's WinterFest has received more community backing than perhaps ever before. It will be hosted by CLSS with help from LOUD Performance Products and The RiderScope, with significant sponsorship provided by Ziebart of Jamestown, Ed Shults, KacZar Collision, and Line-X. Volunteers from the United Methodist Church will be also helping with festival set-up and operation. All this support means one thing: more activities, more vendors, and more fun.

Festival-goers are welcome to show up to the golf course on Saturday any time between 12 and 6 p.m., whether by foot, by car, or by snowmobile. Live music is slated to begin just past noon, with the band Black Widow performing from 12:30-4:30 p.m. and DJ Matt Terrill from DXtoonz to follow.

Food and business vendors will be set up all day, alongside various family-friendly activities, such as a snow pile for sledding, an airboat and hovercraft demonstration by the Bemus Point and Dewittville fire departments, and for the adults, a life-sized game of pong using 50-gallon drums and a basketball. Tickets will also be sold for a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese auction.

"We have some really cool things we're raffling off this year," Steffen said. "For example, we'll have tickets to win a jersey autographed by Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers."

Other highlights of this year's festival will be the Take a Friend Snowmobiling event, sponsored by the New York State Snowmobile Association and the Chautauqua County snowmobile clubs. According to Steffen, the activity is a great way to introduce newcomers to snowmobiling. "You can bring people who don't have any experience on snowmobiles, and they can go for a ride on the golf course," he said. "Or, if they're up for it, they can even drive a snowmobile under the supervision of a guide."

Besides snowmobile rides provided by local clubs, there will also be a large selection of snowmobile dealers at Saturday's festival. They will be displaying the newest sleds of 2017 so that snowmobile aficionados can window shop and take new models for a test drive.

And at the heart of all this activity and entertainment is the 3:00 p.m. lighting of the Christmas Tree Bonfire, an event that is one of Steffen's favorite parts of the festival.

"The idea for the bonfire goes back about 25 years ago," he said. "My dad was friends with Norm Skillman, who was a big practical jokester. Everybody in Bemus knew my dad, and everybody knew Norm."

Steffen told the story of how one winter, while Skillman was on vacation, Steffen's father put signs up around Bemus that read: Christmas Tree Dump, 23 Elm St., Bemus Point. Before long, the whole community was in on the joke and everyone was chucking their old trees at 23 Elm. By the time Skillman returned home, his entire front yard had been converted to a Christmas tree graveyard.

"That inspired the idea to start a Christmas tree dump at the Bemus Golf Course," Steffen said. "Now we use those trees for our WinterFest bonfire."

Whether you love or hate the snow, Bemus Point's WinterFest is an event that is worth coming out for. Find out more about the festival by visiting the WinterFest 2017 Facebook page. To learn more about snowmobiling in Chautauqua County or to book a rental or a guided tour, visit Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Service's Facebook page or their website at clsnowmobiles.com.

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Limited Tickets Available for Have a Heart for 4-H Green Tie Affair

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Chautauqua County

Cornell Cooperative Extension Chautauqua County's 4-H Youth Development Program still has tickets available for their 5th annual Have a Heart for 4-H Green Tie Affair benefit dinner on Sunday, February 26, 2017.Tickets are available for $25.00 per person and can be purchased from any Chautauqua County 4-H member, by calling the 4-H Office at 664-9502 ext. 214, or by visiting the 4-H Office Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm. The 4-H Office is located in the Frank Bratt Ag Center 3542 Turner Road, Jamestown.

4-Hers from the Fluvanna Farmyard Friends helped prepare the Chautauqua Suites for the 2016 Green Tie Affair. This year's event takes place February 26, 2017.

The Have a Heart for 4-H Green Tie Affair will take place on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the Chautauqua Suites in Mayville. Doors open at 3:00pm with a basket raffle. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm with a pie auction immediately following dinner. To see a complete list of business sponsors, please visit http://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/have-a-heart-for-4-h-benefit-dinner.

Chautauqua County 4-H connects 320 youth to hands-on learning opportunities that help them grow into competent, caring, contributing members of society. The Green Tie Affair will directly fund 4-H programming in 2017. Any funds raised over that need will be placed in the endowment that 4-H has created at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation so that 4-H can positively impact the lives of families in Chautauqua County forever.

The 2016 Have a Heart for 4-H Green Tie Affair drew nearly 800 guests. Time is running out get your tickets today!

Pennies 4 Paws Campaign to Kickoff in February

Mrs. Beaver's class at Gail N. Chapman Elementary in Randolph. Randolph Central School participates in the P4P campaign every year.

Article Contributed by

Chautauqua County Humane Society

The Chautauqua County Humane Society (CCHS) is excited to announce that the eleventh annual Pennies 4 Paws campaign will begin February 12 and will run through the end of April. This year's campaign will benefit the animals at CCHS significantly by providing lifesaving medical services to animals in desperate need of care.

The Pennies 4 Paws campaign hopes to collect 25 million pennies, or $25,000, by the end of the campaign. Sponsored by Media One Group, CCHS encourages schools, social organizations, individuals and businesses to fundraise in a variety of ways, including bake sales, school hat days, dress down days, pop bottle/can drives and other special events.

Collection containers are also available if they are needed by any fundraising group. Although pennies are the most common, CCHS accepts any and all monetary donations.

"With this year's campaign supporting our building and renovation project, every penny truly counts," said Hannah Braun, CCHS Community Relations Coordinator. "CCHS is making great strides in the rehabilitation of the animals that enter our shelter. Our community is the driving force behind this success, so we are asking for their continued assistance in reaching our goal."

In 2015, CCHS took in 1,683 animals that needed lifesaving medical services. Whether it be preventative care, surgical operations, x-rays, diagnostic testing, diabetes maintenance, dental work, etc., CCHS bears the financial burden that arises from the cost of these services.

For more information on the Pennies 4 Paws campaign, or to get involved, please visit www.spcapets.com or contact Community Relations Coordinator, Hannah Braun, at 716-665-2209 ext. 213 or hbraun@spcapets.com.

The mission of the Chautauqua County Humane Society is to promote the adoption of animals, prevent all forms of animal cruelty and neglect, shelter lost, abandoned and homeless animals, and to provide education about the humane treatment of animals.

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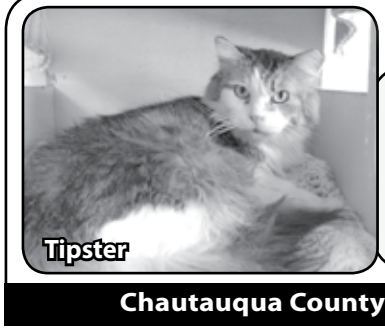
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A Year of Near Misses, So Far

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Walt Pickut, Martz/Kohl Board of Directors

"It feels like the world suddenly strayed into shooting gallery," said a member of the Martz/Kohl Observatory last week. "Four near misses since January 1 and another one coming. That must be some kind of record." It's not a record anyone wants to break.

In 2017 Earth has already dodged four NEAs, Near-Earth Asteroids, and not by much. Each one shot overhead well within the Moon's orbit. In astronomical terms, that's almost a bull's eye. Any one of them could have killed tens of thousands if their orbits had been mere fractions of a degree different and slammed into any city on Earth.

Fortunately, there are guardians like the Catalina Sky Survey, NASA's Asteroid Watch program, and Pan-STARRS, the Panoramic Survey Telescope & Rapid Response System, funded in large part by the United States Air Force along with key universities around the world and international science corporations. Pan-STARRS is a system of telescopes, two now in operation with two more planned at a total cost of $100 million, which is inexpensive insurance since we have only one planet to live on. Though not part of that system the Martz/Kohl Observatory has frequently tracked a few of the well-known asteroids and we report observations of new and unusual astronomical events to various official agencies that continually watch the sky.

Count Them!

On Sunday, January 8, Catalina Sky Survey spotted asteroid 2017 AG13, a 10-storey tall space rock, only one day before it sped past Earth travelling at 16 miles per second. It was followed by #2, a slightly smaller asteroid, 2017 BX, only a few weeks later. The third bullet we barely missed was a smaller asteroid, 2017 BH30, whizzing by the Earth six times closer than the Moon. Asteroids 2 and 3 were also discovered no more than a few days before their closest pass by the Earth.

Then on January 30th PanSTARRS discovered a fourth asteroid that seemed to have Earth in its crosshairs. It was given the designation 2017 BS32. It already passed us only a few days ago on its closest approach, 3:25 on the Thursday afternoon, February 2. This one screamed by 60% closer than the Moon at an astonishing 26,000 miles per hour. At about 55 feet across, it was a chunk of space rock the size of a school bus, though much heavier, that could have blasted a crater big enough to wipe out all of Jamestown's city center and much more along with it.

Now get ready for #5, comet 45P/HMP, coming this week. Fortunately, this one's aim is not quite as good as the others, but it will buzz by on Saturday, February 11. Its name and its size are much bigger than its predecessors. It is named 45P/Honda–Mrkos–Pajdušáková after its discoverers who first detected it on December 3, 1948. It takes 5.25 years to circle the sun once and on this pass it will cruise within a little less than 8 million miles of Earth. But its enormous mass, nearly a half-mile in diameter, could obliterate a small country with massive global consequences.

Hop Aboard

The Martz/Kohl Observatory has begun a training program for its members to learn how to operate the observatory's telescopes, cameras and computers for their own sky-watching and enjoyment. New members are invited. No technical, scientific or astronomy training is required, just a little curiosity and a lot of enthusiasm.

This year will also feature NASA and Space Telescope scientists along with astronomers from some of the nation's top universities. Their talks, on the second Wednesday of every month starting in March (doors open at 8p.m.) are always geared for the general public with lively Q & A to follow.

Admission is free for members, general public suggested donation (Martz/ Kohl is non-profit, member/volunteer operated) $5 for adults and $2 for any age with student ID.

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FROM THE LOCKER ROOM ***with Cortney Linnecke***

Lady Red Raiders Basketball with Coach Anderson

The Lady Red Raiders Basketball Team

Contributing Writer

Cortney Linnecke

The Lady Red Raiders may have had a rocky start to their basketball season – losing the first five games of the year – but once they found their footing, they ran away with the ball and never looked back. Now, with a 6-9 record overall and a 5-5 record in the league, at the time of press, Jamestown is peaking at the right moment and hoping to gain momentum to push them through the post-season. Head coach Tim Anderson sat down with the *Jamestown Gazette* to discuss that momentum, how his girls work together, and why defense has been the key to his team's success.

Cortney: How do you feel that your girls have grown and improved this season?

Coach Anderson: We started out the season by losing five straight games, and then we had a nice run where we won five or six games in a row. So we've kind of been up and down this year, but hopefully we're headed in the right direction as playoffs get closer.

Cortney: Strong defense has been crucial in your victories this year, particularly your recent 59-45 win against Orchard Park. What can you tell me about your team's defensive game this year?

Coach Anderson: We played a lot of games where we're two or three points down, but then we've been successful defensively. We try to really take their offense and get out there and run, get stops, get transitions, and get baskets. We're a different team when we're playing well defensively. It really drives our offense on the other end as well.

Cortney: Tell me about the girls on your team – how do they work together, and how do they stand out as individuals?

Coach Anderson: I would say that everyone on the team has given different contributions. We don't have one superstar; it's really a bunch of girls who play hard and play together. So there's a girl who might have a high-scoring night one night, and it might be somebody else another night. There's not really one person who's going to stand out on a nightly basis. But it's been a good, balanced attack when we're successful.

Cortney: How do you think Jamestown will stack up against this year's competition in playoffs?

Coach Anderson: We have a couple tough non-league games left on our schedule that can help us grow as a team, and then hopefully we can take care of business with two of our league games left. You're always looking to have a little momentum going into the post-season and to position yourself well. It's going to be competitive: our league has been competitive all year. The class we're in – Class AA – has been tough to this point, so we're just hoping to keep that momentum as we start into the playoffs. No matter who we play in the post-season, it's going to be a tough matchup.

To read more of Cortney Linnecke's creative and informative contributions to the Jamestown Gazette, please go to www.jamestowngazette.com.

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United Arts Appeal Fund Drive Publicizes Local Businesses

At their February meeting United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County board members sent letters to local businesses and selected individuals, requesting their support for the arts in 2017. Participating members were (L to R, seated) Rick Davis, Sally Ulrich, Shane Hawkins, (standing) Julie Newell, Bob Ostrom, Joe Braeger, and Elizabeth Bush.

Article Contributed by
United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County

February marks the kick-off of the 2017 fund drive for the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA).

At their meeting this month, board members sent letters primarily to businesses, asking for support for the hundreds of concerts, performances, classes, and exhibits their organizations present that are enjoyed by thousands of people each year.

"The contributions we receive from local businesses are so important," said UAA president Shane Hawkins, "and in return we give them a lot of recognition."

Both individual and business donors to the United Arts Appeal receive a range of benefits for their generosity. Regardless of the amount of their contribution, they are listed on the UAA's website and in the printed programs of the United Arts Appeal member organizations, giving them exposure to thousands of audience members.

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United Arts Appeal member organizations are the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual & Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

As a group, this is the only request the UAA makes of the local community.

"We also deeply grateful for the support of the County, local foundations and individuals," Hawkins said.

In 2016 the United Arts Appeal received major support from Chautauqua County, the Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, and the Hultquist Foundation.

Patrons in 2016 were Lyndon and Melanie Gritters and Terry and Rick Turner. Special Gifts were received from M.L. Feather, John and Margie Fuchs, Mark and Donna Hampton, Hope's Windows, KeyBank, Dr. Bruce Rockwell, and Wegmans. Donors included Everyday's True Value, Family Health Medical Services PLLC, Betsy and David Shepherd, William Smith and Carol Lorenc, Lissa and Sherwood VanDewark, and Weinberg Financial Group.

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Solution to Sudoku:

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8	1	4	2	3	9	6	5	7
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Meridien Energy Donates Excavation Work to St. Luke's Capital Campaign

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Visitors entering downtown Jamestown via North Main Street recently may have noticed a bit of increased activity, including large heavy equipment near St. Luke's Episcopal Church. No, it is not a new big box store, or even another drive through coffee shop being constructed on the lot next to the church's parish house. One thousand tons of soil have been removed from the lot and drainage is currently being installed in the first phase of the creation of a safe and visually attractive parking area and entrance to the church. The new lot will include handicapped parking spaces. The completed entry way will be the first of many improvements to the property as part of St. Luke's current building project. These upgrades to the church campus are expected to enhance the appearance of the east side of Main Street's 400 block, and to make it easier for the community to access St. Luke's buildings.

Meridien Energy, LLC, has donated its services, equipment and all materials to construct the parking area as a gift to St. Luke's ongoing Capital Campaign. With a thirty-year history of quietly supporting organizations and causes in the region, Meridien's mission has always been to help wherever they can in the community. The company became involved with St. Luke's after hearing more about the Children of the Book Reading program conducted each summer at the church for elementary aged students in the city.

"We are happy to partner with St. Luke's." says Angela Schettine, Executive Vice President and Counsel for Meridien. "St. Luke's does so much good for its parishioners and, more importantly, for the underserved children and families in our community. It is with those people in mind that we were pleased to help create a safe parking area for people who access the church daily for various services and support."

St. Luke's has nearly reached its primary goal of One Million Dollars for their Capital Campaign, which began in 2016 and is intended to refurbish, preserve, and protect the 1892 historic structure and surrounding property. Along with the parking and entry way improvements, the project's scope includes the repair and realignment of exterior walls, and windows, creation of handicapped accessible bathrooms on both floors, and the transformation of the basement "undercroft" area into a bright, accessible space for activities, including the creation of modern classroom areas for interactive learning to assist the Reading Camp.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church has stood as a downtown anchor on the corner of 4th and Main Streets for 164 years of the parish's 182-year history. Over the years, St. Luke's has responded to the changing demands of the city, and has steadily expanded and adapted their outreach to meet the community's needs. It is a place where both parishioners and community members can pray, worship and break bread as well as a host for community groups looking for a place to call home. St. Luke's has undertaken the challenge of the refurbishment project to ensure that their buildings and grounds are safe, well-maintained, and accessible to all who wish to enter.

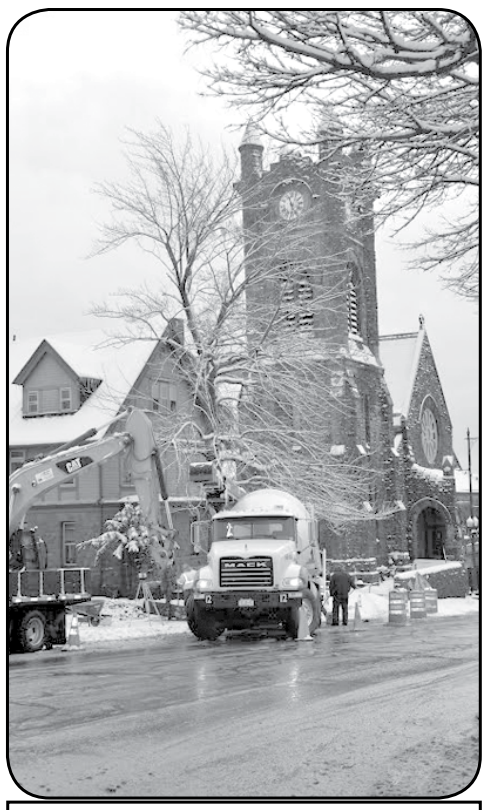
"It took a lightning strike on September 1, 2013 to focus our attention on the importance of a more proactive stewardship of our beloved bell tower and magnificent church building." explains the Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector of St. Luke's. "Damage inspections and reports at that time confirmed the need for more extensive repairs and updates, the cost of which far exceed the planned maintenance included in our annual budget."

The original timbers that were installed in the bell tower in 1894 are still in place, holding the bells that chime every quarter hour throughout the downtown Jamestown area. Exposed to the elements for these many years, they are still holding strong, but Fodor and his buildings and grounds committee fear that their stability may soon come into question.

"Although we failed to receive New York State Preservation funding this year to assist with the work to restore the church's stonework, we have redirected our efforts to the aging bell tower and timbers." Fodor says. "We are still a bit short on funds to complete all of the renovations, but we are working on securing more donors and grant funding to finish the project. In the meantime, we are very appreciative of the support that we have received thus far from our parishioners, community members, foundations like CRCF and the Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, as well as, local businesses such as Meridien. The City of Jamestown has also been extremely helpful in the permitting process and it's been delightful to work with them. We are blessed to have so many friends who are willing to help us preserve and maintain our historic building and grounds. We have faith that we will meet our goals to complete the necessary repairs and improvements so that we can continue our mission of supporting and welcoming our community into our church home for generations to come."

St. Luke's Church sees itself as a resource to the City, offering up free space to community agencies in need of meeting places. "We are delighted to have so many agencies using our space for peer support, community programming and to serve those in need. We look forward to a future where the renovated undercroft will become even more of a community asset," Fodor says.

For more information about St. Luke's programs and services or to make a donation to their Capital Campaign, please contact the church office at 716-483-6405.



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Jamestown Community College

The Uncommoners, Jamestown Community College's theatre group, will perform *Paragon Springs* in March.

Performances are set for March 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. and March 5 at 2 p.m. Admission prices are $10, premium seating, $7, general seating, and $5, restricted view. Tickets can be obtained by calling 338.1187 or online at campusstore.sunyjcc.edu.

The cast includes JCC students Alexa Anderson, Gordon Brooks, Will Gilroy, Courtney Nielsen, Whitney Poindexter, Alex Simmons, and Johnathan Young, all of Jamestown, and Chloe Kilmartin of Mayville. Skip Anderson and JCC alumnus Kipp Reynolds are also in the cast.

Paragon Springs, an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People* by Steven Dietz, is set in 1926 in the Midwest. The famed "healing waters" of Paragon Springs have been mysteriously poisoned. The town's foremost citizen crusader, Dr. Thomas Stockman, is determined to know the truth behind the tragedy.

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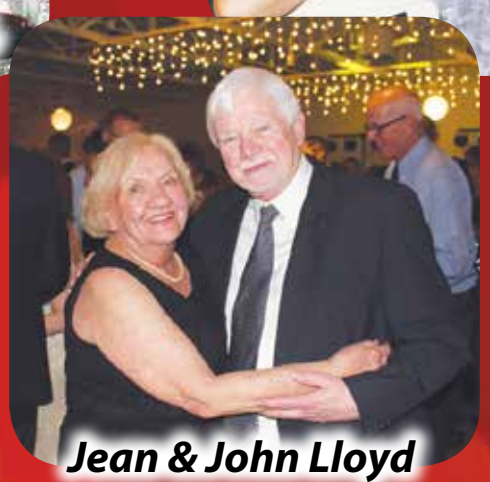

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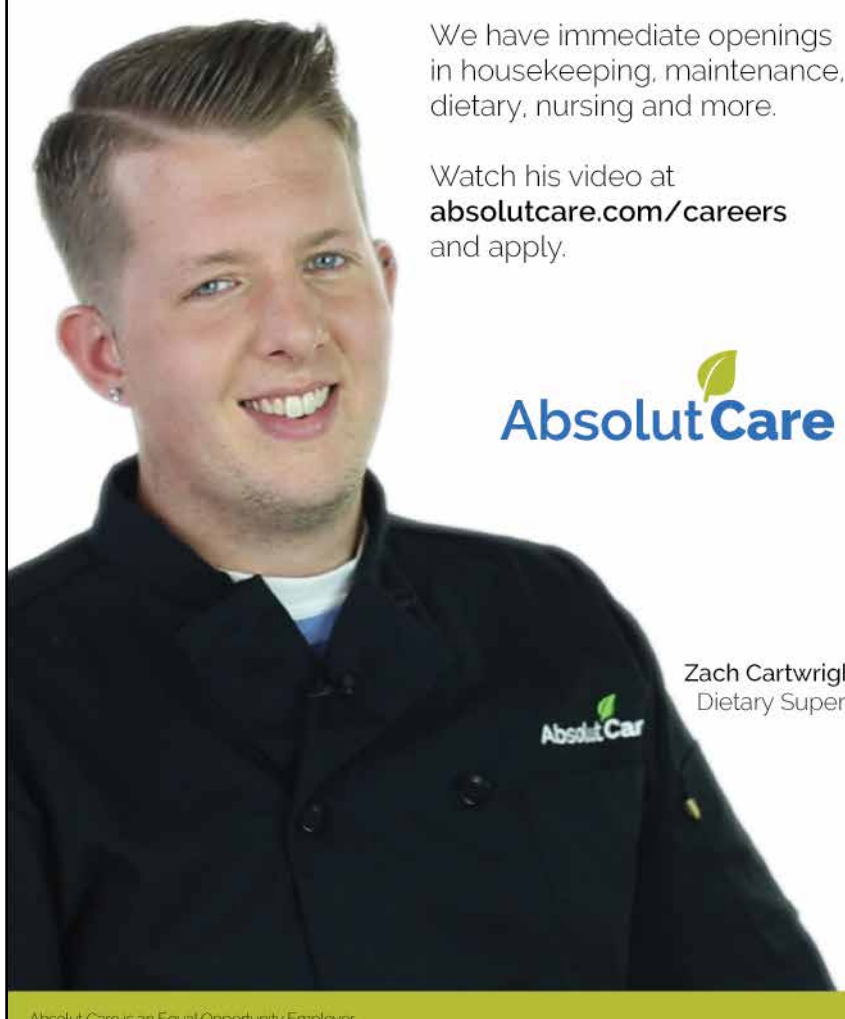

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