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# 2018 – A Year of Promise and Progress

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Walt Pickut

Every New Year builds on last year's progress... and then sets out on exciting new projects. This week the Jamestown Gazette presents a few of the sights our readers will see along the roadmap for 2018.

Dozens of exciting projects are lighting up the 2018 landscape. Some are government sponsored, others are headed up by local industries and many more are home-grown and backed by private citizens.

Jamestown's Theater District

**National Comedy Center:**  
 "2018 is going to be an amazing year for the National Comedy Center and Jamestown," said Brian Distefano, Marketing & Communications Manager for the National Comedy Center.



# The Future is Bright

## In Chautauqua County

"The museum is really coming together now, and it won't be long before we begin installing the 50+ incredible interactive exhibits featuring personalized tours for every guest. We're also working on booking some of the best talent in the world

for the 2018 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, which will be August 1 through 5. Keep an eye out for lots of surprises along the way!"

**Lucille Ball Little Theater:** This historic site will receive a long awaited facelift both outside and inside in 2018, including

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# High Reliability Returns to Jamestown

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## Kimskids Daycare Donates Santa Outfits For Newborns

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UPMC Chautauqua WCA

The holiday season came early for newborns at UPMC Chautauqua WCA with the support from local daycare provider, Kimskids Daycare, who donated tiny holiday outfits for newborn babies.

"Christmas is already a magical time with family and friends, but add newborns to the festive season and you're bound to have an even more magical holiday season," said Linda Johnson, senior manager, regional communications at UPMC. "When we dress our newborns in holiday outfits, the merry season comes alive. We are thankful and grateful to Kimskids Daycare and all of our community partners who make special visits to the hospital during the holiday season."



Kimskids Daycare children recently made a visit to UPMC Chautauqua WCA to donate holiday outfits for newborns born during the holiday season at UPMC Chautauqua WCA. Dressed in the Santa outfit is baby boy, Koden West, born to proud parents Troy and Kymberly West.

Daycare provider, Kim Hurley, said she wanted to do something special for the babies. "Our daycare's tradition is to visit the local nursing homes and places of care to bring joy to those who need extra special cheer during Christmas," said Kim who has coordinated many donations to various organizations over the years. "When I spotted the holiday-themed outfits online, my heart instantly melted. It reminded me of what the season is truly about. My oldest son was born in December and nothing brought more joy to our lives than bringing a newborn baby into our world during the holiday season. We could not resist the urge to bring that same joy to other new parents."

Construction has begun on a multi-million dollar construction project to build a Women's and Maternity Care

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# Responsibility Matters

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## Continuing Care

### TRC and CRCF Partner to Support Individuals with Disabilities

Since 1959, The Resource Center has provided services to people with disabilities and their families. In 1994, TRC Foundation was created to raise money to meet the unfunded needs of people with disabilities or socioeconomic challenges.

Recently, Denise Jones, Resource Center president and chief executive officer, and Randy Ordines, TRC Foundation, Inc., chair, announced the dissolution of TRC Foundation and the transfer of its \$2.2 million in assets to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

Established in 1978, the Community Foundation serves the charitable purpose of benefitting the people of the community it serves. It currently holds nearly 750 funds and has \$94 million in assets, granting over \$3 million back into the community annually in the form of grants and scholarships.

The following funds were established at the Community Foundation to continue benefitting The Resource Center and Filling the Gap, Inc.:

#### The TRC Foundation Fund

This fund honors the memories of individuals who have played a significant role in the history of The Resource Center and TRC Foundation, including longtime Executive Director Michael J. Raymond and influential employees such as Freda Eddy, Roger Paganelli and Norma J. Smith, as well as community champions such as Carl Cappa.



Michael J. Raymond

This fund provides support to The Resource Center and the Filling the Gap, Inc., network in supporting individuals with disabilities and other socioeconomic challenges and their families.

#### The Resource Center Kathy Seastedt "Dream On" Fund

For 25 years, Kathy Seastedt dedicated her life to helping those in need. The longtime Resource Center employee passed away unexpectedly in 2008.

Following her death, The Resource Center, TRC Foundation, Inc., and Filling the Gap Inc., collaborated to create The Kathy Seastedt "Dream

Kathy Seastedt "On" Fund to provide money to assist people with disabilities who have urgent needs such as with their home or vehicle, and medical and healthcare expenses.



#### The Resource Center Laurel Run Fund

In August 1997, Wayne Hotelling, inspired by his daughter Laurel, began a quest to run across New York State to raise awareness of people with disabilities.



Laurel Hotelling

In 2001, the first Laurel Run was held in Chautauqua County. Today it is a two-day event that features a relay from Jamestown to Dunkirk and family events in the Hotelling's hometown of Silver Creek.

Although Laurel, who was born with Down Syndrome, passed away on November 13, proceeds from the race will continue to support community awareness, prevention services, employment and training support for individuals with disabilities.

#### The Resource Center Look Good Fund

When Margaret Look joined The Resource Center Board of Directors in 1968, the Center's Jamestown program included a preschool and training center, serving approximately a dozen individuals with developmental disabilities. Today, TRC serves thousands of people with disabilities and their families. It has also grown to become one of the county's largest employers.

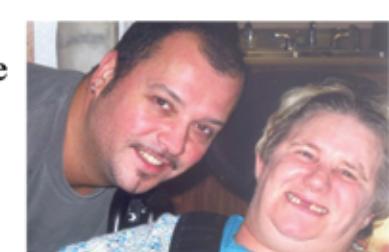


Margaret Look and Paul Cesana

In 2001, Look made a donation to create a fund that would allow people with disabilities the opportunity to enhance their personal appearance, purchase new clothes, or obtain other items needed on an urgent basis.

#### The Resource Center Working on Wonders Fund

When Mark Pacheco, an Assistant Manager at one of the homes The Resource Center operates in Jamestown, was killed in 2010, his friends and family came together to create The "WOW" Fund.



Mark Pacheco and Willie Eschwie

Standing for Working on Wonders, this fund allows individuals with disabilities to experience a WOW moment, something fun and exciting, and something they will always remember.

#### The Resource Center Excellence Awards Fund



2017 Disability Awareness Award recipients

Each year, The Resource Center recognizes the achievements of individuals with disabilities and the staff, community members, volunteers and businesses that support them.

# Obituaries

## In Memoriam

WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY... THAT MEMORY BECOMES A TREASURE

### December 12, 2017

Susan F. Riddle of Westfield  
*MASON Funeral Home*

### December 13, 2017

James L. Bird of Cattaraugus  
*DiStasio Funeral Chapel*  
  
Beverly R. Johnson of Falconer  
*Falconer Funeral Home*  
  
Arlene M. Hamilton of Frewsburg  
*Jordan Funeral Home*

### December 14, 2017

Leo E. Duliba of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
  
Terry L. Galati of Gowanda  
*Schindler Funeral Home*  
  
LouAnn M. Ream of Falconer  
*Falconer Funeral Home*

### December 15, 2017

Samuel S. Piazza of Palmetto, Fla./Jamestown  
*Hubert Funeral Home*

### December 15, 2017 (cont.)

Maria Toter, of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

Donna R. Turney of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

### December 16, 2017

Carol L. Brown of Gerry Gerry  
*VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home*

Mary Wilson Landy of Jamestown  
*Hubert Funeral Home*

Paige Louise Thomas of Little Valley  
*VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home*

### December 17, 2017

Joanne Pauline Huntington of Jamestown  
*Mentley Funeral Home*

Michael A. Milliman of Fredonia  
*McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home*

### December 18, 2017

Gail S. Grekulak of Jamestown  
*Hubert Funeral Home*

### December 18, 2017 (cont.)

Bruce A. Johnson of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

Eileen B. Utley of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

### December 19, 2017

Robert A. Genberg of Panama  
*Lind Funeral Home*

Janet E. Miller of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

Eileen M. Neid of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

Clyde Pier of Portland  
*Morse Funeral Home*

Ann M. Rupczyk of Sugar Grove, PA  
*Nelson Funeral Home*

Ida Charlotte Oldro Waite of Steamburg  
*VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home*

### December 20, 2017

William "Bill" Ethan Cole of Sherman  
*Freay Funeral Home*

Joanne C. Lundgren of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

Olga Marie Sauciuc of Jamestown

## THE LOOKING GLASS with Lake View Cemetery Association

# Resident Profile: Mary Emogene Hazeltine

Article Contributed by  
Lake View Cemetery  
Association

Mary Emogene Hazeltine was born May 5, 1868 in Jamestown, the daughter of Abner and Olivia Hazeltine. She graduated from Wellesley College, Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree in 1891. Mary worked as a high school principal for two years before accepting the position as head librarian at the Prendergast Library in 1893; the library's second librarian. She established and directed the Chautauqua School for Librarians during the summers at Chautauqua Institution from 1901 – 1905. Mary worked with Melvin Dewey (Dewey Decimal System) to establish this course. During this time she was elected



president of the New York State Library Association. (1902).

In 1906 Hazeltine was chosen as the first head of the newly formed Wisconsin Library School at the University of

Wisconsin at Madison; a position she held until her retirement in 1938. The school was only the ninth library school established in the U.S. and was one of six charter members of the Association of American Library Schools.

During her tenure as head of the library school she helped in training over one thousand librarians.

Not only an accomplished librarian and teacher, Mary also authored several books in her lifetime. *One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Authorship, 1836-1937*, was one of the earliest regional bibliographies published. Her book, *Anniversaries and Holidays*, first published in 1928, details important events and noted person's birth and death dates for each day of the year. For example; May 8th. Birthday of Jean Henri Dunant (1828), Swiss banker and philanthropist who was awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901 and gave

the money to the Red Cross, he himself died in poverty in 1910.

Mary Emogene Hazeltine retired to Jamestown in 1938 to work on the second edition of *Anniversaries and Holidays* and volunteered as a reference librarian at the Prendergast Library. Mary resumed her association with local organizations such as the DAR, Fortnightly, the Mozart Club and the First Covenant Church. She passed away on June 17, 1949 at the age of 81.

In 1951 she was named as one of forty of America's most significant library leaders and was selected by the Library Journal to the "Library Hall of Fame". She was also inducted into the Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame in 2008. Mary Emogene Hazeltine is buried in the Hazeltine family plot on Wildwood Section, Lot 7.

# Many Options Available When Considering Cremation



Pictured to the left is Lake View's cremation columbarium, located on the Falling Leaf section of the cemetery. It is one of several options for the inurnment of ashes here at the cemetery. The niches may be purchased as a single or double unit. Prices include the niche, the transfer of ashes to the niche insert and a

bronze plaque inscribed with name and birth and death dates.

Other options for the inurnment of ashes are also available. The cemetery offers cremation only grave spaces. Each plot will accommodate two sets of ashes and both names may be placed on a 24" X 12" marker or an auxiliary marker.(bronze or granite

up to 8" X 6"). In a traditional sized grave space three sets of ashes may be inurned in addition to any full sized burial. The same rules for markers apply as well.

At this time, additional cremation inurnment options are being investigated so that we may better serve our families.

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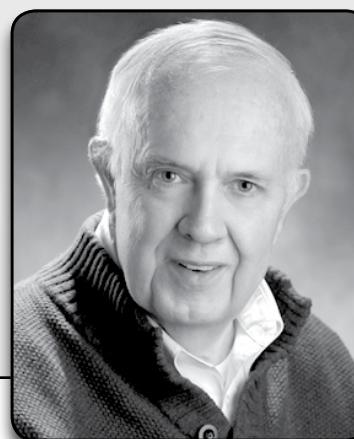
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# Words of Wisdom

Contributing Editor  
Walt Pickut



## Cycles?



As a kid I mastered the tri-cycle. Then I graduated to the at-first-terrifying and then wonderful bi-cycle. What freedom! I could go anywhere just about anywhen I wanted. From three wheels to two was a top-of-the-line cool move.

Then I discovered 4-wheels and the world was mine. Remember that? The best part was that before I could afford my own, and I was tired of borrowing my mom's 4-wheels, I had a girlfriend who had four of her own and she gave me a key.

I didn't know I was getting a little older until somebody said "Perry who?" OK, whether or not you remember Perry Como, he once had a hit song about those wheels:

*Find a wheel and it goes round, round, round  
As it skims along with a happy sound  
As it goes along the ground, ground, ground  
Till it leads you to the one you love.*

Wheels and circles and cycles make up one of the most fundamental images in our minds and words and the way we see our whole world. Consider these:

- ✓ Cycles per second
- ✓ Cycle of the hours
- ✓ The cycle of life
- ✓ The cycle of history
- ✓ Breaking the cycle
- ✓ What goes around comes around...

That last one is kind of dark. Coretta Scott King once said, "Revenge and retaliation always perpetuate the cycle of anger, fear and violence."

So, I would like to suggest we break a few cycles as the cycle of the years goes 'round one more time and 2017 turns into 2018. The truth is

that, in fact, time does not run in cycles at all, in spite the fact that the hands on a clock will run around in circles forever, or at least until you forget to change the battery.

Time runs in a straight line and it never changes its speed or direction: forward forever. Anything else is poetry, or imagination, or science fiction.

That's a curse and a gift. I really can't "rewind time" and go back to fix a blunder and I can't relive an unforgettably wonderful moment. But since time never stops going forward, it seems I have an endless clean slate ahead of me. That's the gift.

2018 will not arrive with any pre-printed blunders on it. And as for those unforgettably great moments, they don't come along by themselves either, but with a clean slate coming at you every moment, every moment is an opportunity to make some new ones.

Actor/director Matt Dillon, who has been nominated for or won 32 award since 1981, said, "One of my greatest fears is not being able to change, to be caught in a never-ending cycle of sameness. Growth is so important."

Get it? Sometimes cycles are better for washing machines and bicycles, than for real life. Matt went on to say, "I think anytime you can do something you haven't seen or done before, it's always a great day."

I plan to skip the New Year's Resolution thing this year. I don't have any cycles to break or repeat. I think I'll just go straight ahead and write whatever I think would be good/smart/profitable or just plain fun on my clean slate as it comes along moment by moment.

Happy New Year. Enjoy whatever you write for yourself, and of course, enjoy the read,

Walt Pickut

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# WHINE OF THE WEEK!

**Sending customers away...**

Store clerks who don't know their own store are driving me nutz! Too many don't know where to find products or when they find them, they don't know how they work when I ask for help. But worst of all is the response, "I don't know if we have it here. Look on-line." Stores are complaining that the internet is stealing their business and then their clerks send customers to the Internet to shop. I have friends who did 90% of their Christmas shopping online this year. Sorry, brick-and-mortar merchants, I don't blame them.

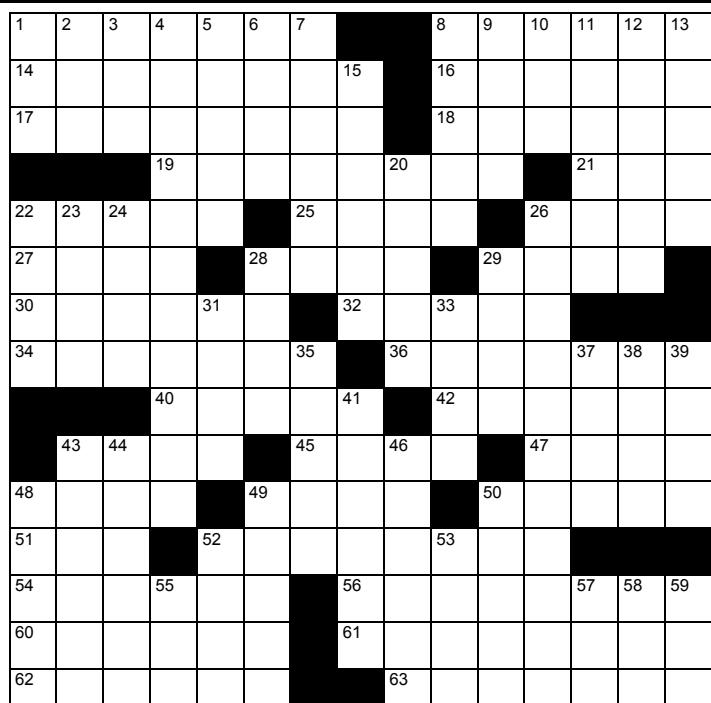
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**The Weekly Crossword**

by Margie E. Burke

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- 19 Bullfrog in a Three Dog Night song
- 21 One of the Bobbseys
- 22 Raise an objection
- 25 Advance
- 26 Nasty
- 27 Bread maker
- 28 In \_\_\_ (together)
- 29 Nursery purchase
- 30 Kind of year
- 32 Chemo target
- 34 Open railroad vehicle
- 36 Library transaction
- 40 Fix firmly
- 42 Bad-mouth
- 43 Clarinet's cousin
- 45 Scalp misery
- 47 Border
- 48 Start the bidding
- 49 Turkish bread
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- 54 Hooded jacket
- 56 Desk item
- 60 Put a new handle on



## Kimskids Daycare Donates Santa Outfits for Newborns

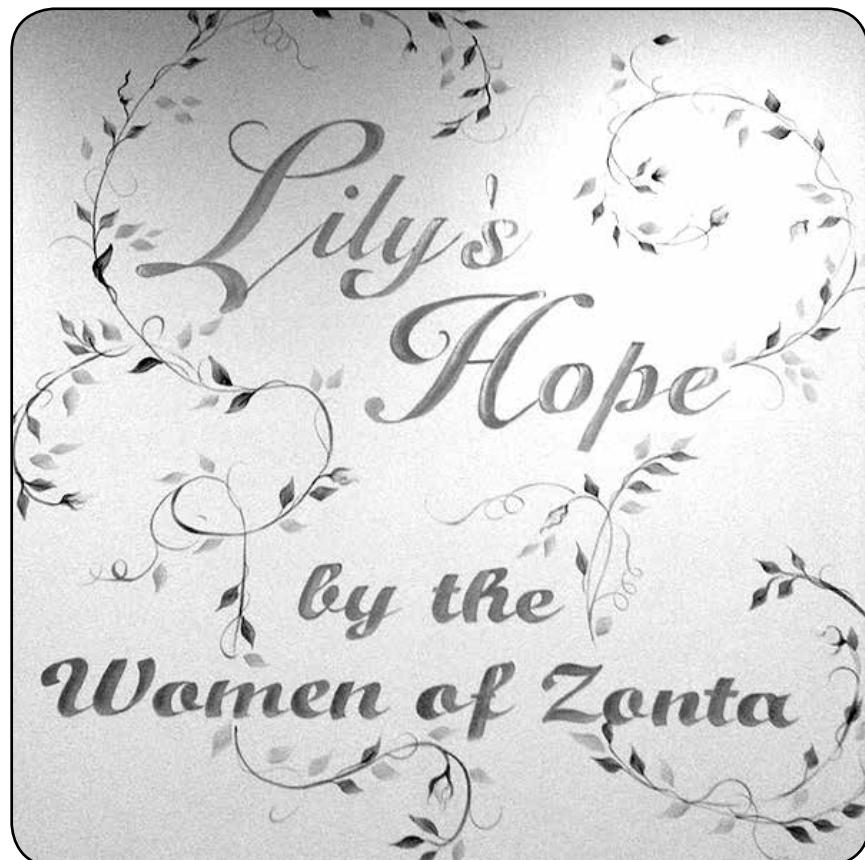
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Center and Inpatient Adolescent and Adult Mental Health Units above the UPMC Chautauqua WCA Emergency Department. The 18,000 square-foot modern expansion will include a state-of-the-art maternity care center equipped with four labor and delivery suites and 12 post-partum suites. With more than 650 deliveries per year, parents find the charm of a community full of friendly faces and

it is not uncommon for patients to know the people who touch their care. Many of the highly-skilled and talented physicians, nursing staff, and support staff members have been provided care at UPMC Chautauqua WCA for many years and are sincerely committed to providing an environment that exemplifies a superior patient experience.

For more information, go to UPMCChautauquaWCA.org.

## \$1,000 Donation to Lily's Hope Received



**Article Contributed by**  
**Zonta Club of Jamestown**

Zonta Club of Jamestown is overjoyed to announce the donation of \$1,000 from the Breast Cancer Support Group to Lily's Hope. Lily's Hope is a free resource in Chautauqua County for women experiencing hair loss due to a medical diagnosis or treatment. At Lily's Hope, women can receive a free wig, cap, hat or other accessories as available. Zonta Club will utilize the donation toward more new wigs and

medical accessories.

Recently, Zonta Club expanded this offering to women in Warren, PA and surrounding counties as requested. To make an appointment, one only has to call the UPMC Chautauqua WCA Cancer Treatment Center at (716) 487-0141. Lily's Hope is located at the Jones Memorial Health Center, 51 Glasgow Avenue in Jamestown.

For more information about Lily's Hope or Zonta Club of Jamestown, visit ZontaJamestown.org or find our community pages on Facebook.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

### Solution to Crossword:

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### Solution to Sudoku:

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## JOIN ME IN THE KITCHEN with Vicki McGraw



**Contributing Writer**

**Vicki McGraw**

as replacing the teaspoon of sugar you sprinkle on your morning cereal or stir into your cup of coffee can add up to caloric savings after time!

Another idea to add extra nutrition to your foods is to add a bit of vegetable or fruit puree to your recipes. By thoroughly cooking cauliflower, broccoli or carrots, you will easily be able to puree them so that when mixed in with other ingredients, they will not be recognized! I have a friend who has done this for years to get her kids to eat more veggies. A quarter cup of mashed broccoli will blend unnoticed into brownie batter and a cup or two of mashed cauliflower mixed with mashed potatoes will cut the carb count per serving, and how about adding finely chopped mushrooms and a little shredded zucchini to your ground beef for meatballs or meatloaf? The amounts added are small enough to blend in without being noticed, and you will be the only one to know it really is good for them! My suggestion for all of this, however, is to make the changes when you are cooking alone. My family will eat a lot of different things if they don't know exactly what they are eating!

As we look to the New Year, we are so lucky to be able to live in a place of abundance...and the opportunity to do as we wish. We have freedom to choose what we see and do, and luckily, what we eat! One of my favorite things to do is stroll the isles of our local markets and simply marvel at the variety of colors, textures, smells and tastes of the foods in front of me. Leave it to me to like to sight see in a super market!

As many of us do, I like to think of the New Year as an opportunity to start fresh in my quest to eat healthy. Out with the junk food of the holiday season and in with fresh and light. It is also a great time to purge your cupboards and refrigerator of out dated and unused items. Let's face it, if you haven't opened or finished some of these things over the holidays, what are the chances you will do so in the next few weeks? Let's focus on clean, healthy eating!

Start at the beginning...many recipes call for fats such as butter or oil. By cutting back on saturated fats we can reduce the calories and fat content. In sweet recipes, you can substitute applesauce for the butter or oil. In savory recipes, you can substitute an oil that is better for you, such as extra virgin olive oil, canola oil, or the latest "new thing", coconut oil for the called for vegetable oil. There are also many newer sugar substitutes available, as well. Unlike the saccharine of the past, the new products look, measure and act the same as real sugar, but contain far fewer calories. Something as simple

As with anything, moderation is the key to healthy eating. We tend to look at the nutrition facts on a package, but ignore the number of servings and portion size. My boys will tell you that a serving is however much they can eat at one sitting. Not so! We can eat many of the things we like and want as long as we go with the concept that a "little dab will do ya!" A small amount can cure a craving. Just because you can eat an entire box of cereal at a time does not mean you should! Even those crazy "gotta have it" chocolate cravings can be subdued by one small bite rather than an entire candy bar! I keep a stash of mini peanut butter cups on hand for just such occasions!

Dear friends, I hope that this New Year finds you happy and healthy, and ready to Join Me in the Kitchen for a new year of recipes and cooking hints! Cheers and Love to you all!

To read more of Vicki McGraw's commentaries on good cooking, fine recipes and perfect party treats, visit [www.jamestowngazette.com](http://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.

## Yummy Pancakes

- **1 c water**
- **½ c sweet potato puree**
- **¼ t cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice**
- **1 c pancake mix**
- **1 T canola oil**
- **Nonstick cooking spray**

Mix ingredients in a large bowl, stirring just until combined—the batter should be lumpy.

Coat griddle with cooking spray and heat to medium-high heat. When the pan is hot, scoop the batter by ¼ cup for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on the top of each pancake then flip to cook the other side for 2-3 minutes more.

Serve with light syrup or jam.

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## Sun Moon Yoga & Wellness New Years Day Free Workshop



Sun Moon Yoga & Wellness Studio

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**Sun Moon Yoga**

Situated on the 3rd floor of the Pearl City Arts Building on Cherry Street is the remarkable Sun Moon Yoga & Wellness Studio. Karen Hansen and her husband relocated to Jamestown from Buffalo to open this successful business that specializes in Yoga, Meditation practices and stress reduction methods. Karen is a Certified Yoga Teacher and Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist. She offers private lessons and consultations, as well as small group or corporate sessions. At the studio, different levels

of yoga workshops from beginners to more advanced, are offered in 8 week sessions. Students learn physical aspects as well as breathing and mindfulness techniques. One can use yoga and meditation to build their spiritual practices, in a non-theistic or specific religious manner. Hansen tries to schedule guest speakers and special events that help one on their wellness journey. On New Year's Day, she will be holding a free Full Moon Flow workshop from 5:30 - 6:30pm in her studio. The studio, newly renovated has "tons of equipment and resources" says Hansen and she invites you to visit in the New Year!



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## Two Paul Harris Fellowships Awarded



(L to R): Rotarian Greg Jones, Walter and Nancy Pickut Rotary Paul Harris Fellows and President Joelle Washer

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**Jamestown Gazette Staff**

Walter W. Pickut was recognized as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, as was his wife Nancy Marie Pickut, at the December 11, 2017 meeting of the Rotary Club of Jamestown.

Recognition of Paul Harris Fellows is awarded by the Rotary Foundation, the service branch of Rotary International, "In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

A certificate, medallion and lapel pin accompany the award. Ongoing active participation in Rotary programs and a cumulative gift to the Foundation's work over time of \$1,000 stand behind Fellowship recognition. One of the most notable accomplishments of the Foundation is the nearly complete and permanent eradication of polio from the world as part of its 100-year, \$3 billion commitment life-changing, sustainable projects.

Walt is currently Contributing Editor for the Jamestown Gazette, a freelance writer in healthcare and an author in Jamestown. He also serves on the board of directors at the Martz/Kohl Astronomical Observatory and the Lucille Ball

Little Theater. He holds bachelor's degrees from Bloomfield College (biology) and Houghton College (communication), a master's degree (medical physiology) from Fairleigh-Dickenson University and graduate studies in mass communication at SUNY Amherst. He previously served as director of the Cardiopulmonary Services division at Olean General Hospital and technical director of Respiratory Care Services at New York University Hospital/Medical School in Manhattan, holding board certificates in Respiratory Care and Polysomnography.

Walt nominated his wife Nancy Marie to receive her Paul Harris Fellow award because of her commitment to the objectives of the foundation as a social worker and as a life-long activist in the causes of physical, emotional and spiritual care of those in need and the homeless. Nancy holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton (dual major, mental health and counselling) and a master's degree in social work from SUNY Buffalo. She has served on the Red Cross Disaster Action Team with disaster site deployment, the Chautauqua County Critical Incident Stress Management Team for first responders, and volunteers at the Chautauqua County Humane Society and animal rescue.

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## Fletcher Elementary School Adds Learning Lab Experience



Fletcher Elementary School Instructional Coach, Stephanie David, works in the new Learning Lab with teacher Jennifer Ochocki and some of her students.

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Jamestown Public Schools*

"I am going to hand out some word cards and model this for you first," said Fletcher Elementary School Instructional Coach Stephanie David. "We are going to decode the words I give you on the cards and then, connect our words together to make a big board - a little like Scrabble. But not word to word but word, an arrow, and then a word so we can show how the words connect."

Mrs. David was conducting a "Learning Lab" with Jennifer Ochocki's students. In this lab, Mrs. Ochocki was trying out, with Mrs. David's help, how to use an interactive word wall with some of her students.

The Fletcher Learning Lab is new this year. The idea came from Principal Maria DeJoy, who read an article in *Educational Leadership* titled "Good Teaching in Action: Demonstrating Teaching in a Lab Classroom." Research shows the most effective professional development has three components: it is specific to teacher concerns, is job-embedded, and is presented in a non-threatening way. The Learning Lab is a classroom where teachers work together to sustain professional growth within a collaborative learning community. It is a classroom within the building where teachers can visit and try out different teaching practices with their students in a risk-free environment.

Mrs. David is the "Lab Host." District Instructional Coach, Christina Spontaneo, has also visited as a "Guest Host." As host, Mrs. David schedules days and times with the teachers and facilitates the strategy being learned. At the beginning of each month, she communicates what teaching strategies are being spotlighted in the Lab.

These strategies are best practices that have been learned in recent Professional Development Workshops and/or professional readings.

The Lab process includes three steps:

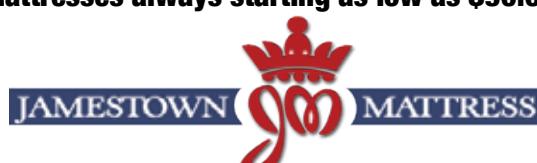
- Before the observation: Communication between the teacher and the Lab Host about what the strategy entails. This is important so that teachers come to the lab with a specific learning focus.
- During the observation: Teachers observe, take notes, and ask questions to the Lab Host and/or their students.
- Debrief: The teacher and the Lab Host have a discussion of the observation (questions, ideas, reflections) and then develop a plan for follow-up.

"I have gone to the Learning Lab several times with my first grade class," said Fletcher Elementary School teacher Ashley Calla. "In the learning lab, the students have participated in various cooperative protocols and strategies such as quiz, quiz trade, numbered heads together, talking chips and many more. The Learning Lab is a very positive and comfortable place for the children to learn and thrive. The students are always actively engaged and excited to be there. As a teacher, I find the learning lab extremely helpful and beneficial. Mrs. David is always easy to contact and fits classrooms into her schedule quickly. The Learning Lab allows me to see firsthand how to teach, incorporate and implement these structures into my classroom. Mrs. David answers questions and discusses how to differentiate each protocol to best fit each child's needs. She will even help to create 'make and take' items such as posters, flash cards and other tools that we need to successfully use the cooperative structures in our math and ELA classes."

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# CHAMBER CORNER

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## 2017 was a Solid Year for Chamber & MAST Membership

What a ride we've had this year, and as it comes to a close we are grateful to have the strong support of our members. Here at the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Association it's been a year of new challenges and we have risen to meet them and seize many opportunities along the way.

Working with our Community Chambers we tried something new last spring: Mornings on Main, as we launched our own listening tour in communities throughout Chautauqua County. Those coffee hours with small businesses helped us refocus on the needs of our small business community. They asked for help to drive customers into their businesses and we listened.

One of the key outgrowths from those sessions is the brand new Shoptauqua Gift Card. For a long time we have been looking for a way to update our former Chamber gift check program to make it more convenient for both our small businesses and the customers who have purchased gift checks in the past. This year we were able to find a provider that allowed us to create a closed loop merchant system, so the money remains in Chautauqua County and the gift cards can be spent only with local member businesses.

It's only been a few months but we already consider the Shoptauqua Gift Card to be a tremendous success. Thanks to the sponsorship we received from the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, the new gift card program is free for any member of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce to participate. We have over 100 local merchants participating!

In addition, since this October we have sold over 1,000 Shoptauqua gift cards, for a total of more than \$40,000 in sales! That is money that will be spent at businesses right here in Chautauqua County. If you are the lucky recipient of a Shoptauqua gift card, we strongly encourage you to try one of our locally owned businesses you may not have patronized in the past. From restaurants to retailers to specialty items and museums, the Shoptauqua gift card can be used for a wide variety of products and services. To learn where you can spend your Shoptauqua card, please visit [www.shoptauqua.com](http://www.shoptauqua.com).

This year has been another busy one in our health insurance and employee benefits field. Our licensed broker, Kevin Sixbey, joined the team early in the year and has been working hard with existing and new health insurance clients for many months, with a dedicated eye towards helping each business or individual find a plan that works best for them at an affordable price.

Our Dream It Do It program added Jehuu Caulcrick to the team, working to encourage young people to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and math. This STEM-based recruitment is aimed at building a workforce pipeline into jobs in manufacturing and science-related fields. Our annual STEM Wars event at Jamestown Community College saw a record turnout last spring with over 950 students from local schools participating.

The Chautauqua County Education Coalition took a big leap forward this year by growing the stakeholders engaged and helping shepherd significant projects that are strengthening our learning system. The Education Coalition, under the leadership of Director Justin Hanft, works to foster cross communication between education, business, and community leaders. With over 60 organizations participating, CCEC is focused on benchmarking and improving kindergarten readiness, identifying career pathways that connect to healthcare and manufacturing, and coordinating and aligning offerings of cohort trainings for in-demand occupations in healthcare and manufacturing.

While we work on these important workforce development initiatives, membership remains the backbone of our efforts at the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce. Our six Community Chambers in Dunkirk, Fredonia, Hanover, Jamestown, Mayville-Chautauqua and Westfield-Barcelona are working daily to help support small, local businesses by providing events and opportunities to highlight their unique qualities. Each of our vital Community Chambers creates meaningful experiences that help to bring business people together and to help drive foot traffic into our local member businesses. Supporting local business is our most important work. We thank all of our members for their continued collaboration this past year and look forward to making 2018 an even stronger year for our local economy in Chautauqua County.

## Westfield-Barcelona Chamber Hosts "Fish" Contest

Just as Buffalo proudly displays its bison statues and Saratoga displays its horses, the Westfield area community will soon be known for its fish in recognition of its proximity to the tremendous fishing waters of Lake Erie. The Westfield-Barcelona Community Chamber of Commerce is taking orders for blank fish cutouts, which will be decorated and displayed throughout the community this coming summer. The fish dimensions are four by two feet, and 48 of them are available for organizations to purchase at a cost of \$15 each. Then it's up to the purchaser to decorate their fish however they see fit, and to make sure it's weather-proof for outdoor display.

The decorated fish will be kept secret until they are unveiled on Friday, June 1 – the opening First Friday of the 2018 season. They will remain in place for the summer or until they are worn out or damaged. Businesses can display their fish project in front of their location, and others who don't have a storefront will be given a designated spot. Locations of each of the fish will be numbered and mapped to encourage people to move about the town and village, and ballots to vote for favorite fish will be available for 25-cents each at First Friday on June 1. The winners of the contest will be announced later in the summer.

Anyone who wants to reserve a blank fish can get more information from Sue Poster, Community Chamber Coordinator, at [sposter@chautauquachamber.org](mailto:sposter@chautauquachamber.org). Purchased fish will be delivered in February.

## First Lutheran Choir Supports Toys for Tots



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**First Lutheran Church**

The First Lutheran Choir had their annual Christmas party and dinner at the home of Karen Linn and Glenn Utter, 376 Marvin Parkway in

Jamestown on Saturday, December 15th. Each member brought an unwrapped toy to donate to the Marine Corp TOYS FOR TOTS that is spearheaded by Resource Center. The toys collected will be added to the toys already donated by the community.

## Brocton Hosts Record Breaking NYE Ball Drop

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**Brocton**

The St. Stephen Hotel at The Arches in Downtown Brocton is hosting the fourth annual New Year's Eve ball drop. And yet again, it continues to be the highest and largest ball drop in the country. St. Stephen Hotel owners Teri Selig and Al Seavy are proud to provide such an incredible event for their community.

Four years ago Al Seavy thought the idea of doing a ball drop would be a fun thing for the community to enjoy. Turnout was higher than expected and appreciated by crowds of all ages. People were lining the streets of Brocton. The event has gotten bigger and better each year.

The famous Brocton Ball is provided by Al Seavy Automotive & Auto Sales and The St. Stephen Hotel, which has served the community for over 25 years. Over 14 feet in diameter, the ball is constructed out of pex ¾" water line and conduit, and holds over 3,000 LED bulbs. Special thanks to Bentley Tree Service who's crane will be enabling the extraordinary record breaking drop, over twenty feet higher than New York City. Bill Bentley will be using his 165' boom crane, weather permitting, to raise the ball over Brocton, New York to ring in 2018 in style. Bentley Tree Service is a fully insured tree removal service ready to handle your tree removal, yard cleaning, and lot clearing needs with attention to detail and professionalism. Contact Bill Bently at (716) 736-3963. Also thanks

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This year, to accommodate even more of the community and communities around, St. Stephen Hotel will be hosting a double evening of excitement. For crowds from senior folks to children hoping to celebrate early, there will be a 6:00pm drop. Stop to enjoy dinner specials before or after. Reservations accepted at 792-SAINT (7248).

A local crowd favorite, Through the Storm, will be playing 7:30 to 9:30. T-t-S is a local hard rock band made up of Tim O'Dell (contact 467-7142) on guitar, Collin Lacki vocals/bass, Christian Rex on drums, and show technician, Mark O'Dell. The trio has enjoyed entertaining their fanbase for over three years and are excited about their much anticipated newest EP, "The Darkest Light" out soon.

At 10pm, premier grunge band Grunge Monkey, featuring 90s alternative rock, takes the stage. Rock in the New Year with lead singer and guitar Dr. DJ Galiffa, Kevin Presto on drums and vocals, Chris Farrell on lead guitar, and Dave Kahley on bass. Grunge Monkey has been rockin' fans in the tri-state area since 2008 so be sure to catch them local. They can be contacted at (716) 223-0278 or @GrungeMonkeyBand.

Plan on being where everyone else will be this New Year's Eve. Music, photo ops, dinner specials, red light drink specials, DD, and of course NYE Ball Drops!

# 2018 – A Year of Promise and Progress

## Continued from Front

a redecorated, renovated lobby and new stage technology and architecture returned to state-of-the-art form, creating the finest ever show-time experience for actors and the audience alike.

An especially exciting improvement slated for completion in 2018 is the installation of a theater-wide air conditioning system. This will create an opportunity never before enjoyed by theatergoers at the Lucille Ball Little Theater – comfortable and enjoyable summer performances and events. It is also expected that this will allow closer collaboration for events between the theater, the Comedy Center and the Comedy Festival.

**Reg Lenna Center For The Arts:** "We are excited that our Master Plan is on track for completion in 2018," said Kathleen Eads, executive director at the Reg.

"We will complete the renovation of five of our seven buildings along Third and Spring Streets, including the theater's main lobby, moving the Art Gallery to the Third Street sidewalk level, remodeling of the WRFA radio studios and recording spaces and opening a new café as soon as late January."

"We especially want to let everybody know our shows, presentations and performances will go on as normal throughout all the work, with the only exception that guests will enter on Spring Street instead of Third until the work is all done. The Forte Restaurant will also remain open for fine dining throughout all of 2018."

**The Downtown Redevelopment Initiative** (DRI) and a consortium of local foundations have been key contributors to the completion of the Reg Lenna Center For The Arts Master Plan as well as for many other downtown improvements, renovations and beautification projects.

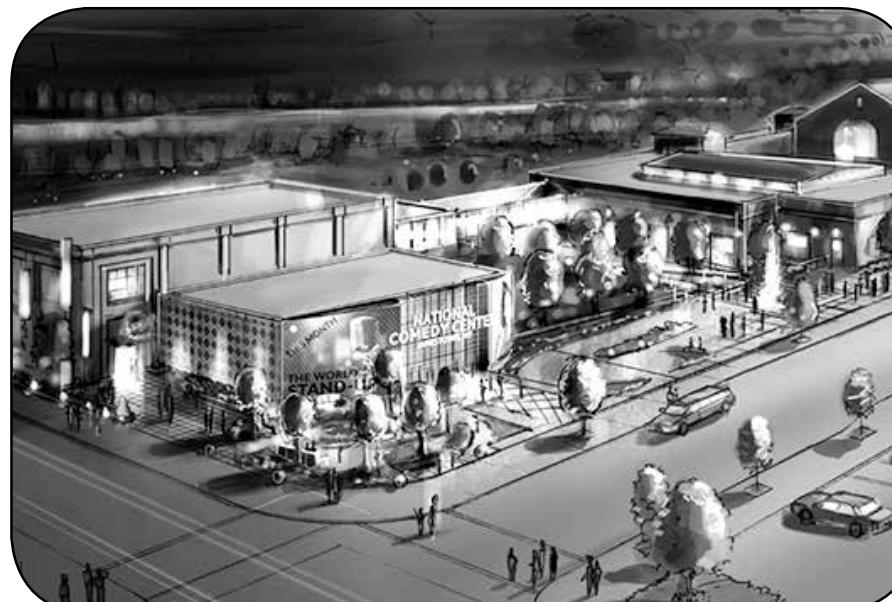
## Hospitality

The new **DoubleTree by Hilton** hotel in Jamestown, formerly the Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn, became a Hamister Group property in 2013, renovating it to create a 147 room full-service hotel with restaurant. The new hotel will also include 4,000 square feet of banquet and meeting space. The Grand Opening is slated for July, 2018.

DoubleTree is rated in the Top 10 of Hotel Brands worldwide. The new Jamestown DoubleTree will offer a meeting planner and audio/visual team, catering, 24-hour fitness center, and an on-site Restaurant and Gastro inspired pub, "Pearl City Hops", with 40 craft beers available.

The **Chautauqua Harbor Hotel** is the newest sight rising quickly along the Chautauqua Lake shoreline on a 9-acre portion of the historic Celoron Amusement Park site in Celoron, New York. Opening for the 135-room hotel is planned for early July, one month before the opening of the National Comedy Center.

David Hart, president and CEO of Hart Hotels, met with the Jamestown Gazette recently to talk about the project. Hart also owns and operates hotels in Watkins Glen and in Clayton in the Thousand Islands District, with a forth hotel on the oceanside in Maine. All are waterfront sites in historically popular tourist



The new National Comedy Center will be opened in 2018.

locations. Chautauqua Harbor will be a full-service, 4-diamond rated hotel with a 300-capacity grand ballroom, bar and 12,000 sq.ft outdoor patio, dining and beverage location. A special Carousel Bar (honoring the famous Celoron Park attraction) will be located offshore on the Celoron Park Island. The hotel's 1,000 feet of lakefront will also include a scenic, old fashioned boardwalk for strolling and sunset watching.

The **Village of Celoron** was also awarded a major REDC grant for Phase IV Design and Construction improvements to the neighboring Lucille Ball Memorial Park.

## Regional Development

In total, 23 projects slated for 2018 across Chautauqua County won awards of nearly \$10 million through the New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) process, as part of \$68.8 million awarded for 112 projects across five counties in Western New York.

The **City of Jamestown** also received a number of major (REDC) grants, including a grant for a West Second Street public piazza and streetscape scenic improvement.

**The Southwestern Central School District** also received a significant grant for its Shared Fuel Station project.

**Jamestown Renaissance Corporation** won major REDC grants for two of its key projects for 2018, the STRIVE project at 10-12 West 2nd Street and its Jamestown Urban Design Plan 2.0.

The nearby **Village of Falconer** was also recognized for winning an REDC grant to assist with its 2017 Comprehensive Plan including components for 2018 work and progress.

## Water, Water Everywhere

Clean water is vital for drinking, boating, fishing, farming, manufacturing and the scenic beauty that attracts tens of thousands of visitors to Chautauqua County every year.

"The county's water projects for 2018 are a huge step forward in a multifaceted program to improve our water quality," said Doug Conroe, Executive Director of the Chautauqua Lake Association. "Great things are happening. State grants are filling the gaps that local communities can't afford alone in 2018."

Every healthy lake begins in healthy streams. Prendergast Creek, for example, will undergo a complete rehabilitation, including planting of streamside willows

and native vegetation to stabilize its banks and reduce sediment runoff into Chautauqua Lake, according to Debby Kelly of the Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Lakes are also unfortunately fed by lawn, farm and septic runoff. Rural residents with their own wells are as vulnerable as the lakes to such pollution. Two local communities draw their drinking water from the lake. Caring for streams and stopping runoff are critical for a good water supply.

"The Earth has done a good job so far at handling the runoff around the lake, but the Earth can do that for only so long," Conroe added. New sewer systems will eliminate the need for septic systems. Algal blooms and waterweeds feed on the runoff, so control will lessen the need for other remedies.

## Clean Water Projects on tap for 2018:

- Wastewater Treatment and/or sewer studies/upgrades
  - Chautauqua County – West Side of Chautauqua Lake
  - Town of Chautauqua, Chautauqua Heights
  - Village of Sherman
  - Town of Westfield
- Village of Mayville – Stormwater Management Study
- Village of Sinclairville – Water System Improvements
- Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Chadakoin River Watershed – Jamestown Riverwalk Restoration
  - Lake Watershed Rehabilitation – North and South Basin Peripheries

## Countywide Progress

Additional REDC grants of key importance to Chautauqua County included:

The Village of Fredonia received a grant for renovations at the Card Seed Company Building, a historic location. According to SUNY Fredonia Theater Professor, Ted Sharon, operating Venture Productions, the total 3-story building rehab will create apartments, production and dance studios and an innovative rooftop garden space.

REDC grants will also provide for 2018 development of the Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution Multiuse Trail Easements.

The Town of Ripley will engage in Improvements, Design and Construction at the Ripley Beach Town Park.

Erie 2- Chautauqua – Cattaraugus BOCES will gain REDC assistance for further Adult Education Workforce Development

Young Audiences of Western New York, Inc. will develop a program titled "Traveling the Erie Canal: 200 Years of Journeys"

The New York Cider Association will develop the 2018 Craft Beverage Agritourism Cider Week in Western NY.

## Congratulations and Ongoing Work

Chautauqua County Executive Vince Horrigan, speaking about the REDC grants, said "These awards are more fantastic news for Chautauqua County...I am especially thrilled to see all of the awards for water and sewer infrastructure that are so important to our local communities and for improving the water quality of Chautauqua Lake... I congratulate all of the many grant writers and awardees who spent countless hours submitting these fantastic CFA applications. Just one more example of how Chautauqua County is on the move."

Past Chautauqua County Executive, Greg Edwards, and now the CEO for Jamestown's Gebbie Foundation – also collaborating in major funding initiatives in Jamestown – described their additional private, philanthropic drives for 2018. Key fundraising and grant development for the National Comedy Center's will help create the groundbreaking hologram/virtual reality show and other presentations. Assistance is also being provided for the City of Jamestown's new piazza and wayfinding projects for outdoor Comedy Center events and local tours.

The Rotary Club of Jamestown has announced that it will sponsor the "Comedy as a Tool for Social Progress" exhibit space in the National Comedy Center. "We see the 'Comedy as a Tool for Social Progress' exhibit area of the museum as a great way to promote those ideals," said Joelle Washer, Rotary Club President.

"From issues of the first amendment, to race, to gender equality, this art form is uniquely positioned to make people think at the moment it makes them laugh, making everyone more receptive on otherwise divisive issues," said National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson.

## Learn More

The New Year 2018 promises to bring more growth and development to Chautauqua County as well as continued challenges to be met in the realm of economic development, employment and education. Progress on all fronts will require continued work, commitment and the optimism of forward thinking residents, businesses and elected officials.

For more information about the awards or the Regional Economic Development Councils, visit <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov> and visit [www.nationalcomedycenter.org](http://www.nationalcomedycenter.org) to learn more about the progress of this exciting new attraction expected to bring 100,000 new visitors to Jamestown every year.

And from the Jamestown, Gazette, Happy New Year! See you in 2018.

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## Celebrate the Holidays with Wits 'n Giggles Stand-Up Comedy at Northwest Arena

Article Contributed by  
*Northwest Arena*

Wits 'n Giggles Stand-Up Comedy brought to you by Bud Light and Comfort Inn returns to the Northwest Arena Saturday, December 30 at 7:30 p.m. The night features, "The Rock Star of Comedy" Pete George and Josh Morrow.



Morrow started to tour the Midwest and developed a routine that audiences will never forget.

Headliner, Pete George is known as "The Rock Star of Comedy", and for good reason. A musical upbringing combined with a bright child trapped in an eccentric environment makes for one of the most unique comedy shows that you will ever see. Described as a sitcom waiting to happen, Pete's variety of comedy and music has the ability to entertain cross-over audiences. After many of his shows, audience members offer their praise by exclaiming, "We can't wait to see you on TV!"

Wits 'n Giggles is held in the Jamestown Mattress Arena Club located on the top floor of the Northwest Arena. Tickets for the event are \$10 presale, \$12 day of show, and \$5 for students. Must be 18 years of age and up to attend. Get your tickets today by calling 716.484.2624, visiting northwestarena.com, or at the Northwest Arena's Landmark Chevrolet Box Office.

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The sing-a-long will be Conducted by Andrew Schmidt, Director of Music at St. Luke's, and accompanied by renowned local organist, Brian Bogey. The event is free and open to the public.

**Weber Knapp Company Names New President***Article Contributed by***Weber Knapp Company**

The Weber Knapp Company Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Rhonda M. Johnson to the position of President of the Weber Knapp Company effective January 1, 2018. Rhonda Johnson will be succeeding the current President Rex E. McCray, who will continue in the role of CEO and Chairman of the Board.

Weber Knapp has been a Western New York-based manufacturer since 1909, currently operating plants in Jamestown, Falconer and Taiwan.

Rhonda joined the Weber Knapp team in 1991 and has progressed through various manufacturing supervisory and management positions, most recently as vice president of operations. Since joining Weber Knapp, she has set high expectations for herself and met them by achieving an MBA (2008), actively participating in non-profit community service and demonstrating a progressive



Rhonda M. Johnson

management style reflective of the overall philosophy of the company. Rex McCray, CEO, stated, "Rhonda has earned this opportunity and with the support of our management team, I am very confident in her leadership abilities in managing the continued success of Weber Knapp."

Rhonda resides in Jamestown with her husband Jeff, son AJ and grandson Jax.

**JCC Awarded Liberty Partnerships Program Grant**

(L to R): Laura Turnbull, Lindsey Rensel, Rachel Irish, John Kinder Jr., Alycie McLaughlin, Kate Stahlman, Laurie Whitermore

*Article Contributed by*  
**Jamestown Community College**

Jamestown Community College has been awarded a five-year, \$2,250,000 Liberty Partnerships Program Grant from the New York State Education Department.

The grant will provide services through which students can master core skills that prepare them for college and careers after high school graduation. LPP was developed to reduce the number of New York state middle and high school students who are at risk for dropping out of school.

Statewide, the 2015-16 Liberty Partnerships Program served 13,461 students in 443 partner schools throughout New York State. A total of 2,110 seniors participating in LPP graduated high school, resulting in a 92% program-wide graduation rate. In addition, 92% of those seniors planned to attend college.

JCC will serve 360 students in grades 5-12 in the Dunkirk, Jamestown, and Salamanca school districts through LPP programs. Administrators, counselors, and teachers at each school submitted student recommendations based on criteria set by NYSED.

"JCC is excited to be collaborating with our education partners on this new initiative," said Laurie Whitermore, program director. "We will provide LPP students with diverse learning opportunities to

expand their educational journey, creating community youth leaders with a college ready mindset."

The LPP is collaborating with the Chautauqua Leadership Network, a community-based organization whose members will provide students with leadership mentoring and career exploration opportunities.

Navigators providing on-site assistance to the LPP students in the schools are John Kinder, Jamestown High School; Lindsey Rensel, Jamestown Middle Schools; Katelyn Stahlman, Dunkirk Middle/High Schools; and Alycie McLaughlin, Salamanca Intermediate/High Schools. The navigators provide an array of support services, including academic support, personalized learning plans, leadership and summer enrichment opportunities, after school clubs, study skill support, and career and college preparation activities.

Other personnel include outreach coordinator Laura Turnbull, a licensed social worker who provides case management support to LPP families and navigators, and student services assistant Rachel Irish.

For more information on the program, contact Whitermore at 338.1411.



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## Santa Visits the Jamestown Gazette



Flanking Santa Claus (L to R): Tesla Grobaski, Jessica Piskor, Stacey Hannon, and Walt Pickut

Article Contributed by  
**Jamestown Gazette Staff**

Santa Claus, AKA Gerald Sayre, recently moved - sleigh, reindeer and all! - to Jamestown from West Virginia. He has now been bringing Christmas cheer to local children and grownups alike for 3 years, delivering candy canes, Ho-Ho-Hos and holiday music from his Santamobile as he cruises around downtown Jamestown's busy streets.

"I do it just because I enjoy doing it," Santa told the Jamestown Gazette staff one afternoon last week. He is a retired housekeeper at a local rest home who now does his Santa work at his own expense starting in the beginning of the week before Christmas every year.

Santa can be found at Gerald Sayre on Facebook, but at different times of the year he transforms himself into a Leprechaun for St. Patrick's Day, a pirate with a parrot on his shoulder for Halloween and a few other favorite and



Santa and his reindeer disguised as the Santamobile.

famous characters for other holidays.

"Merry Christmas to all your readers," Santa called out returning to his Santamobile. The crew was glad he could visit, even without a Jamestown Gazette chimney to clamber down.

## NEW YEAR TRIVIA

1. When was the Gregorian calendar adopted by the Roman Catholic Church?
2. What god is January named after?
3. T/F: Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productiveness.
4. What is traditionally sung at midnight on New Year's Eve?
5. How much did the original New Year's Eve Ball weigh?
6. What was the original New Year's Eve Ball made out of?
7. When was the new New Year's Eve Ball introduced?
8. How much does the new ball weigh?
9. When was the first ball dropping celebration atop One Times Square?
10. T/F: The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 BC.

ANSWERS: (1) 1582 (2) Janus (3) True  
 (4) "Auld Lang Syne" (5) 700 pounds (6) Iron and wood  
 (7) November 11, 2008 (8) 11,875 pounds (9) December 31, 1907 (10) True



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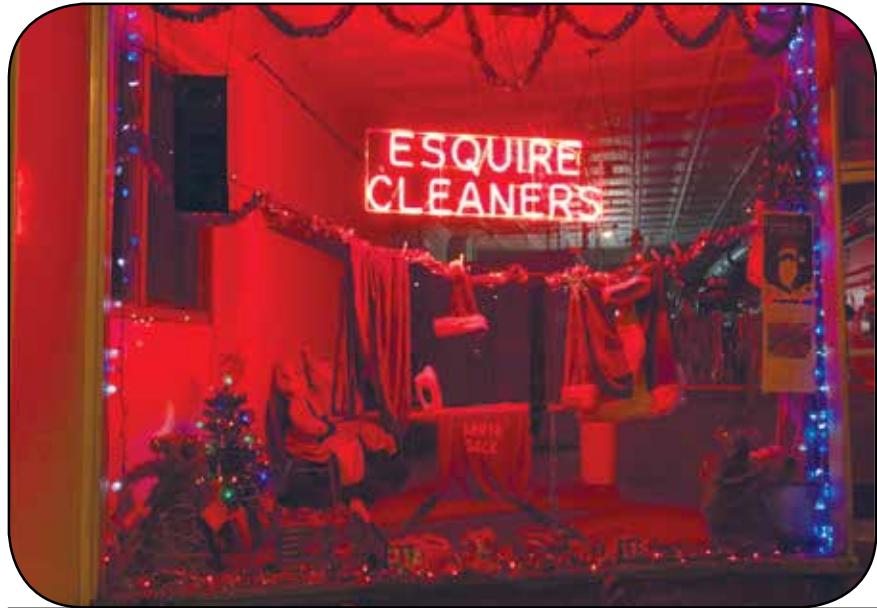
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## JRC Announces 2017 Storefront Holiday Decorating Contest Winners



Esquire Cleaners, 1st Place Winner

### Article Contributed by Jamestown Renaissance Corporation

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) has announced the winners of the annual Downtown Jamestown Storefront Holiday Decorating Contest. The contest began in 2015 as a way to encourage business owners in downtown Jamestown to dress up their businesses for the holidays and to increase the curb appeal for visitors shopping and eating downtown during the holiday season. 17 businesses participated in 2017 and were judged by members of the Jamestown area community.

"Congratulations to Esquire Cleaners, our first place winner. Several of our judges mentioned how much they enjoyed the scene in the window, specifically how Esquire Cleaners tied it to their business," said Kristy Kathman, program and administrative coordinator for JRC. "It was a close contest this year, and the windows looked great. I have had many people comment on how festive downtown Jamestown looks, and I couldn't agree more. Thank you to all the businesses who decorated for the season!"

The contest's second place winner was Vintage House Design, Inc., and third place winner was The Gypsy Moon Cake Co. Each business that participated in the holiday decorating contest had a chance to win an advertising grant from the JRC and

Jamestown Up Close to use in the coming year ranging from \$1,000 to \$250.

"We are so excited and thankful! Esquire Cleaners is so small, and Nate (Bailey) just bought the business this year, so this is a huge thing for us to be chosen. We are very appreciative, and happy to be part of the downtown community," said Heather Mundaniohl, manager at Esquire Cleaners. She also said that the decorating contest really brought to light the sense of pride that is present among downtown businesses. Ms. Mundaniohl said she sees pride in the customers as well. When decorating, Ms. Mundaniohl wanted to bring in the cleaners aspect to the scene, so she depicted Santa getting his suit cleaned and pressed before his big day.

The storefront decorating contest ran from the night of the downtown Jamestown Christmas parade, December 1, to December 11. The People's Choice award was determined via Facebook vote earlier in the month. The Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum won the People's Choice award and a \$100 lunch voucher to a downtown Jamestown restaurant for their staff.

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation makes Jamestown better through inspiration, action, and celebration. For more information on Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, please visit [www.jamestownrenaissance.org](http://www.jamestownrenaissance.org) or call 664-2477. You can also learn more about the organization by joining their Facebook page.

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(L to R) Heather Dyke, RN at UPMC Chautauqua WCA and S. Joal Swiegart assist in showing the Rapid Infusion Warmer that was purchased through funds by CRCF.

### Article Contributed by UPMC Chautauqua WCA

The Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation supported the need of a Rapid Infuser Warmer for the emergency department at UPMC Chautauqua WCA through the Lillian Brink Fund and a Fund for the Region grant totaling \$8,000.

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The goal of the state-of-the-art Emergency Department is to deliver the best emergency experience possible in the shortest period of time. Every consideration was given to create a calming environment as well as providing the technology and space that our emergency

team needs to work efficiently and effectively. The new Emergency Department provides comfortable, first-class accommodations for patients and families from the front door to the bedside. Not only will patients and their families experience a new state-of-the-art facility, but they will benefit from improved patient experience of care and communications.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation is a nonprofit, community corporation that serves the charitable purpose of benefiting the people of the community it serves. It was created by and for the people of the Chautauqua region to help donors make a positive impact on their community by establishing a "bridge" between the donor and charitable activities.

If you have additional questions on how to support UPMC Chautauqua WCA's Emergency Department, please call 716.664.8423 or email Megan Barone, director of development at [Baronema3@upmc.edu](mailto:Baronema3@upmc.edu).

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## Neil Rizos: The Art of Exploration On View Through January 7th, 2018

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Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Are you looking for an excursion during the holiday break, or a unique holiday gift for the art or nature lover in your life? This exhibit features over fifty works of art depicting birds, reflecting Neil Rizos' life-long exploration of art and nature. Rizos works in a variety of media, including bronze sculptures, paintings, drawings, pastels, etchings, lithographs and woodcuts. The works in this show are available for purchase, and would make wonderful holiday gifts for any art or nature enthusiast. View the individual pieces and prices at <http://www.rizosart.com/peterson-institute.html>.

For more than 25 years, Rizos has pursued his interest in birds, art and the natural world. Speaking of his recent work, Rizos says, "Birds are the starting point of my artistic journey. Although the species are often recognizable, my purpose is not to copy appearances. Rather, my intention is to make my personal, interior experience visible in a way that engages the viewer deeply; moving through form into that which cannot be grasped, only experienced."



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## Brownie Girl Scouts Make Donation to Union Relief



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Girl Scouts of  
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Brownies of Girl Scouts of Western New York Troop 20067 in Westfield, NY, packed 23 shoe boxes full of goodies and donated them to the Union Relief in Westfield.

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## Winter 2018 "Healthy Bones" Classes Announced



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### Lutheran Foster Grandparent Program

"Healthy Bones" is Chautauqua County's name for the StrongWomen Program. StrongWomen is a national evidence-based community exercise and nutrition program targeted to midlife and older men/women. Dr. Miriam E. Nelson and colleagues have developed and evaluated this curriculum. "Healthy Bones" strength training aims to help women maintain muscle mass, strength, and function as they age.

The StrongWomen Strength Training Program grew out of research published by Dr. Miriam E. Nelson on bone density in older adults, which became popular through her first book, *Strong Women Stay Young*. The program began in 2003 with the development of the StrongWomen Strength Training Program curriculum and StrongWomen workshops, which train individuals to become program leaders.

Each class follows the same routine but may vary in times and length. An information session precedes each class to complete the required paperwork with classes beginning shortly thereafter. Class cost is \$25.00 and weights are available for your use at each location. Winter 2018 classes are beginning at four individual locations throughout Southern Chautauqua County:

#### GALC Cafetorium

##### Informational Meeting:

**Classes Begin:** Monday, January 8th - meeting each Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 pm until 6:15 pm and concluding on Monday, March 21, 2018.

**Location:** Gustavus Adolphus Learning Center Cafetorium

200 Gustavus Avenue  
Jamestown NY 14701

**Contact:** to enroll call Sue Waterman

at 789-3741

#### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

**Informational Meeting:** Monday, January 8, 2017

**Classes Begin:** Monday, January 8th and meeting each Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am – 10:30 am and concluding on Wednesday March 14, 2018

**Location:** St. Timothy Lutheran Church

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**Contact:** to enroll call Cherrie Clark at (716) 386-3105

#### Fairway Pointe Senior Village

**Informational Meeting:** Monday, January 8, 2018 at 10:00 am

**Classes Begin:** Monday, January 15th - meeting each Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am until 11:15 am and concluding on Wednesday March 21, 2018.

**Location:** Fairway Pointe Senior Village

23 Southwestern Drive

Lakewood NY 14750

Open parking and use the entrance marked OFFICE and continue to the Community Room.

**Contact:** to enroll call Courtney Steubing at 483-3601.

Classes are continuing at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jamestown but are at full capacity.

Additional "Healthy Bones" instructors through Chautauqua County Office for the Aging conduct classes in Dunkirk, Fredonia, Sinclairville and Findley Lake. For additional information on "Healthy Bones" classes or other exercise/wellness programs in the county, contact NY Connects at 753-4582, 661-7581 or 363-4582.

For additional information on classes in southern Chautauqua County, please feel free to contact Chautauqua County RSVP at 665-8039.

## Yield Monitoring In Bulk Juice Grapes



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The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program is a regional extension program that provides research based information to local grape growers. LERGP strives to help grape growers with any challenge they face. We provide succession planning services to regional growers. By introducing growers to these tools we hope to increase the likelihood of generational transfers. As family farms evolve into small and medium sized businesses we also provide information on tools to transfer vineyard businesses outside of the family.

Kevin Martin, business management educator, describes the process, "The first step is to look at the business plan. The financials really define whether or not succession planning goals are realistic. Business organizations can also be important tools to help easily transfer ownership." LERGP facilitates discussions between generations. LERGP also provides templates and guidelines for financials and organizational structures designed to succeed during transitions and meet the goals of both generations.

While the legal and financial community has created a number of helpful and sometimes virtually free products to ease the challenges of businesses in transition, LERGP

also provides assistance when exiting the industry. LERGP tracks and estimates values of assets and capital. "We have a number of growers looking to retire or exit the industry. Current markets and prices are accelerating vineyard sales. Unfortunately exiting at the moment is not as financially rewarding as it would normally be. At extension we will continue to work hard to at least provide growers with the best information available so their difficult decisions are informed decisions."

LERGP, in conjunction with industry partners, will be providing more information at their annual growers' conference. For more information, visit [lergp.cce.cornell.edu](http://lergp.cce.cornell.edu).

The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program is a cooperative effort between Cornell and Penn State Universities; the participating Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations of Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara and Cattaraugus Counties in New York and Erie County in Pennsylvania; and participating industry partners National Grape Cooperative (Welch's), Constellation Brands and Walkers Fruit Basket. The LERGP extension team provides research-based educational programming for commercial grape growers throughout the year at venues across the Lake Erie grape belt. For more information on LERGP, call 716-792-2800 or visit our website at <http://lergp.cce.cornell.edu/>.

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## Jefferson Middle School Receives Winter Coats from Community Helping Hands



Jefferson School Nurse, Diana Pantall, holds up some of the many coats donated to the school through Community Helping Hands.

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Jamestown Public Schools*

Community Helping Hands recently donated coats to Jefferson Middle School to help out students who may not have a winter coat.

"We are so appreciative of the donation by Community Helping Hands," said Jefferson School Nurse, Diana Pantall. "We hate to see any child come to school without a coat. An organization like Community Helping Hands is a

great resource for us to be able to give coats to those students who need them."

Community Helping Hands was established in 2001 and is located within the Gateway Center, a formerly abandoned factory building that has been beautifully repurposed to house several organizations that provide help to those in need. They provide emergency assistance to local families in need of clothing, household items and furniture; and also operate a youth/family center on the second floor of the Gateway Center.

## Make Your Mental Health a Priority this Holiday Season

*Article Contributed by  
Office of the Chautauqua County Executive*

The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) says many people can find family gatherings, parties and other social events overwhelming. Others may feel deep sadness or loneliness during the holidays following the loss of a loved one, divorce or separation from family and friends. While the holidays can be a stressful time for anyone, they can be particularly difficult for people living with mental illness as the season can amplify a range of emotions and stresses.

- Here are some tips adapted from the Cleveland Clinic to help you with holiday stressors.
- Try something new like a food you haven't tried before or an activity you have not participated in.
- Spend time with people who care about you.

- Take a vacation with a family member or friend.
- Volunteer your time to help others. Spending time helping others can help you feel less isolated.
- If you are religious, take time to reflect on the spiritual significance of the season.
- Try to appreciate the good things you have now instead of focusing on the past or negative things.
- Stay active. Go outdoors for some fresh air. Go for a walk.
- Get help if you need it. Don't be embarrassed to ask for help at this time or any time of the year.

If your feelings are too much to overcome by yourself or if you feel like a friend or a loved one is experiencing a difficult time and needs help, the Chautauqua County Crisis Hotline Number is available at 1-800-724-0461. Always, if you are experiencing an immediate emergency, dial 911.

## Movies at the Reg Schedule

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**The Reg Lenna Center For The Arts**

Movies at The Reg - The Florida Project  
January 10 at 7pm  
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January 13 at 8pm  
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Movies at The Reg - Last Flag Flying  
January 17 at 7pm  
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Movies at The Reg - Murder on the Orient Express  
January 27 at 8pm  
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## Rotary Club of Jamestown Sponsors Exhibit at National Comedy Center



(L to R): Cheri Krull; Sue Jones; Katie Geise; Tom Benson, National Comedy Center Chairman; Joelle Washer, President of the Rotary Club of Jamestown; Russ Ecklund; Rich Ryan, National Comedy Center Development Director

*Article Contributed by  
Rotary Club of Jamestown*

The Rotary Club of Jamestown announced that it will sponsor the "Comedy as a Tool for Social Progress" exhibit space in the National Comedy Center. The organization will donate \$20,000 to the Comedy Center's Endowment Fund to obtain the naming rights.

"The mission of the Rotary Club is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. We see the 'Comedy as a Tool for Social Progress' exhibit area of the museum as a great way to promote those ideals" said Joelle Washer, Rotary Club President. The donation is the Rotary Club of Jamestown's largest to date.

"The exhibit area that they selected will feature a curated media presentation produced by three-time Emmy-nominated executive producers Stephen J. Morrison and Mark Herzog of Herzog & Co., whose works include CNN's 'The History of Comedy,'" said National Comedy Center Development Director, Rich Ryan. "It will address how comedy has been on the forefront of social change throughout history."

"From issues of the first amendment, to race, to gender equality, this art form is uniquely positioned to make people

think at the moment it makes them laugh, making everyone more receptive on otherwise divisive issues," said National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson.

The National Comedy Center will feature 35,000 square feet of exhibit space and is expected to draw over 100,000 visitors each year. Capital funding for the construction of the Center is in place, and the Center is now building a supporting endowment fund. The endowment fund will address operational sustainability, program enhancement and technology advances.

The Rotary Club of Jamestown, which will turn 100 in 2019, has a long history of investing in the city. Previous fundraising efforts include significant donations to the restoration of the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, the renovation of the Emergency Department at UPMC WCA, donating to the JCC Capital Campaign and the creation of The Portage sculpture.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with the Rotary Club of Jamestown, and are incredibly grateful for their sponsorship" said Gunderson. "This organization has a long history of contributing to successful endeavors, so we're looking forward to a long and happy partnership with them."

For more information please visit [www.nationalcomedycenter.org](http://www.nationalcomedycenter.org).

## Learn About Aquatic Ecosystems in the Allegheny National Forest at Audubon's January 5 First Friday



You can learn about aquatic ecosystems in the Allegheny National Forest at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday Lunch Bunch on January 5, 2018. Presenter Nate Welker happily gets wet as part of his work as a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Forest Service.

### Audubon Community Nature Center

You can learn a lot about "Allegheny National Forest Aquatic Ecosystems and Communities" at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday Lunch Bunch on January 5, 2018, at 11 a.m.

Fisheries biologist Nathan Welker will give a presentation about some of the work being done in the Allegheny National Forest (ANF).

Established in 1923, the 513,000-acre ANF lies within an eight-hour drive of one-third of the population of the United States and is the only National Forest in Pennsylvania. Like most of the eastern U.S., the ANF is working to recover from a "legacy of impacts" including widespread timbering, oil and gas development, industrial pollution, and the growth of the nation.

Fortunately, water quality has improved over the last several decades in many waters that were historically polluted primarily by identifiable sources. However, overall habitat degradation continues to threaten the health of aquatic communities. Increased development and urbanization with their impacts like more road building, poorly managed crop and animal agriculture, and oil and gas development all impact aquatic systems.

Additionally, dams on major rivers and stream crossings on tributaries drastically alter the characteristics of many Allegheny National Forest waterways and result in habitat fragmentation, blockage of aquatic organism passage, and physical habitat alterations.

Today, the ANF's aquatic ecosystems are recovering and local fish communities have begun to rebound. Unfortunately, non-fish species like freshwater mussels

much slower to recover if they can recover at all.

Nathan "Nate" Welker grew up in Sugar Grove, Pa., where he graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1990. After a 14-year hiatus away at college, graduate school, and in the Army, he returned to Warren County to take a position with the U.S. Forest Service, Allegheny National Forest. In that role, he has spent the last 13 years providing fisheries and aquatics expertise for a wide range of projects and activities throughout the Forest. Welker also serves on Audubon Community Nature Center's board of directors as one of his community-minded activities.

A BYO brown bag lunch and conversation follows the program, with coffee and tea provided.

The fee for attending is \$8 or \$6 for Nature Center Members. Registrations are accepted online on the Programs page at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org) through January 4. Walk-ins are welcome.

First Friday participants may want to make reservations by the January 2 deadline for the 2-4 p.m. program that afternoon on "Apples All Year Long: Choosing Varieties." Details are on the Programs page at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org).

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. To learn more, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or visit the Programs page at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org).

*Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways.*

## Fletcher PTA Holds Annual Santa Secret Shop

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**Jamestown Public Schools**

The Fletcher Elementary School PTA recently held their annual Santa Secret Shop to help students purchase gifts for their families during the holiday season. The three-day event allowed children to pick from \$1 store items for every age group. The PTA volunteers shopped with the children to help choose just the right gift and then wrapped the gifts for the students to take them home.

"It is good for the community to get together and show children what the holidays are really about – giving," said Fletcher PTA member, Allison Murphy-Johnson. "Some students

don't have the opportunity to go out and shop for their families and this event gives them a chance to think about others and the importance of giving over the holiday season."



## Lincoln Elementary School PTA Upgrades School Playground



Lincoln Elementary School kindergartners Connor Kilbury, Mason Black-Dier and Abigail Batchelor try out the new revolution inclusive spinner with Lincoln Playground Committee members: (L to R): Melissa Rhodes, Cheryl Stone, Jessica Jacques and Sara Giltinan.

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**Jamestown Public Schools**

The Lincoln Elementary School PTA recently helped upgrade the school's playground. As the existing playground was still in good condition, the PTA decided to add four new pieces. The PTA restricted \$20,000 in funds that had been raised from previous years and also used funds from the 2016 Fall Fundraiser raising a total budget of \$31,000.

The PTA added two-team totters (a version of a teeter totter that fits more children), a triple hoop, and a revolution inclusive spinner. All pieces purchased are age appropriate for ages 2-12, covering every age at Lincoln Elementary School. The committee met and discussed what they wanted for the playground upgrade and looked through catalogs from different playground companies. The committee decided to use Little Tikes,

the company used for the existing playground, because they offered the most upgrades for the available funds.

The PTA Playground Committee consisted of parents, teachers and JPS staff. A special thanks to the committee members who volunteered their times to work on this project: Joanne Dean, Melissa Rhodes, Jessica Jacques, Sara Giltinan, Melissa Williamson, Karen Sykes, Cheryl Stone, Matthew Langworthy, Callie Pellerito, Sue Christian, Katie Russo, and Carl Pillittieri. This committee worked tirelessly to help find the best additions within the PTA's budget.

"The Lincoln PTA hopes our families enjoy the new pieces that have been added to the playground," said Lincoln PTA Treasurer Melissa Rhodes. "Thank you to all of our families at Lincoln School for your continued support. Without you, our PTA couldn't do all the great things we are able to do at Lincoln School!"

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**Fredonia School of Music  
Opens Registration for 2018  
Fredonia Bass Fest****Article Contributed by****State University of New York at Fredonia****Rufus Reid**

An invitation is being extended to musicians – professional players, college and high school students, teachers and adult learners – to join Fredonia Bass Fest 2018, a day of performances and classes on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at the State University of New York at Fredonia's School of Music.

The Fredonia Bass Studio and Assistant Professor Kieran Hanlon have arranged to have guest artists Blake Hinson, assistant principal bass with the New York Philharmonic, and Rufus Reid, an internationally renowned jazz bass musician, participate in the event in Mason Hall.

Before joining the New York Philharmonic, Mr. Hinson was principal bass of the Grand Rapids Symphony, played with the New World Symphony as a fellow and performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra. He was accepted to the Curtis Institute of Music, where he studied with Philadelphia Orchestra principal bass Harold Robinson and Edgar Meyer. He spent three summers at the Aspen Music Festival and School on fellowship, where he played in the Aspen Chamber Symphony and Aspen Festival Orchestra and won the 2006 low strings competition.

A premier bassist in international jazz, Mr. Reid's reputation likewise extends to the educational arena. He is a co-creator of the Jazz Studies & Performance Program at William Paterson University. Now retired, he continues to teach, conducting master classes, workshops and residences around the world. Reid received a B.M. in Performance on the double bass at Northwestern University, where he studied with Warren Benfield and principal bassist Joseph Guastafeste, both of Chicago Symphony.

In addition to third annual high school competition in the morning, opportunities for networking and bass fellowship will be offered throughout the day.

The Double Bass Solo Competition provides an opportunity for young players from the region and beyond to compete in front of a panel of Bass Fest faculty. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places and competitors will have the opportunity to receive comments and feedback from the panel. The competition winner will be invited to perform his or her solo piece in the evening concert alongside faculty performers in Rosch Recital Hall. The

competition is open to all registered high school students.

The first round of the competition is a recorded round. Applicants must submit the online competition application (with \$15 fee) with a recording by Jan. 1, 2018. Finalists will be notified if they are invited to the final round of the competition, a 10-minute live performance with piano (a Fredonia accompanist will be available) during the morning of Bass Fest in Rosch.

First place prize is \$250 cash, a full set of strings from D'Addario and a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the Fredonia School of Music. The winner must apply, audition and be accepted to the university and the School of Music. The award is to be used during the recipient's first year of undergraduate study as a Music major. It has no cash value and is non-renewable and non-transferable.

Second place is \$100 cash and a full set of strings from D'Addario.

Third place is \$50 cash and a full set of strings from D'Addario

The day-long festival opens with Double Bass Competition registration at 9 a.m., followed by rehearsals that continue to 11 a.m. The final round, with live performances that are open to the public, begins at 11 a.m.

After a lunch break, registration for non-competition participants will be held at 12:30 p.m., followed by a general welcome and competition winner announcement. Master classes with Hinson and Reid and a panel discussion with Bass Fest faculty will continue until 5 p.m. Dinner (included in registration) will be held at 5:45 p.m., followed by a faculty concert at 7:30 p.m.

Once registration for round one of the competition is completed and entry fee paid, the applicant is to prepare a double bass recording and email a link to the video to Kieran Hanlon at Kieran.Hanlon@fredonia.edu. Recordings are to be limited to five minutes.

Finalists will be notified if they will be invited to the final round of the competition during the morning.

## Kennedy Center Visiting Artist Teaches "STEAM Poetry"



Kennedy Center Visiting Artist, Mimi Herman, worked with JHS students, (L to R): Nicole Rasmussen, Tiara Skinner and Stephanie Beriso from Barbi Price's AT English 9 class during a STEAM Poetry workshop.

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Jamestown Public Schools*

"We are going to take something from our science list and compare it to something from our 'what is on your home list.' So, let's pick something we know a lot about from the science list," said Mimi Herman, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Visiting Artist. "Rocks," said Jamestown High School ninth and 10th grade students.

"Let's try comparing rocks to something in our house."

"Rocks are the bedrooms because they don't move."

"Remember there are different types of rocks: Igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary," said Ms. Herman. "Do they stay the same the whole life of the rock or do they change? They change; so think about those qualities of rocks and see if something fits as a metaphor."

Ms. Herman worked with Jamestown High School, and also Persell Middle School, students as part of her STEAM Poetry presentation. She helped students explore how poetry connects with science by brainstorming subjects they have learned in science so far this year and then brainstorming objects they find in their homes. They used those lists to make metaphorical connections, and from those connections, start exploring how to write a poem.

"Doing exercises like this helps strengthen students' poetry techniques and deepen their science understanding," said Ms. Herman. "It is important because it makes learning 'sticky.' Once students work a problem in a different way or do something hands-on, they tend to remember it."

The classroom visits are part of the partnership team consisting of Chautauqua Institution, Jamestown Public Schools and the Chautauqua Lake Central School District who were named among 10 inductees in

the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Partners in Education Program. This is the second year of the collaboration, which gives the schools multiple visiting artists opportunities each year.

Teachers also had an opportunity to participate in a professional workshop with Ms.

Herman to learn strategies to guide students in creating metaphors that make the unseen scientific phenomenon visible. Participants learned ways to help students extend their metaphors into poetry that demonstrates understanding of the science content.

"Chautauqua Institution is proud to serve as a year-round arts education resource that now offers in-depth residency programs in schools, field trips at Chautauqua, and professional development for teachers. Partnering with Chautauqua County schools is an honor and a priority as we look to serve our community throughout the year," said Deborah Sunya Moore, Vice President of Performing and Visual Arts.

**MIMI HERMAN** is the 2017 North Carolina Piedmont Laureate, director of the United Arts Council Arts Integration Institute and an A+ Schools Fellow. Since 1990, Ms. Herman has engaged over 25,000 students and teachers with writing residencies, and provided arts-integrated workshops and institutes for teachers, administrators, parents, and teaching artists. She holds a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MFA in creative writing from Warren Wilson College. The author of Logophilia and The Art of Learning, her poetry, fiction, and articles have been published in journals throughout the country. With her partner, John Yewell, Ms. Herman offers Writeaways writing retreats ([www.writeaways.com](http://www.writeaways.com)) in France, Italy, and North Carolina.



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## Transplants Garden Club



Transplant Garden Club members made wreaths for Wreaths Across America ceremony. (L to R): Sue Bloom, Paula Beckman, Cheryl Wahlstrom, Sharon Reed, Jo Stewart, Regina Weatherbee, Karen Ray. Absent Vaughn Wilson, and Nancy Jones.

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**Transplants Garden Club  
of Jamestown**

For the fourth year, members of the Transplants Garden Club of Jamestown have made fresh green wreaths, with hand tied red bows, for donation to the Civil Air Patrol. These wreaths, and those donated by others, will be used for the laying of the wreaths ceremony at Soldiers Circle in the Lakeview Cemetery. This ceremony is part of the nationwide Wreaths Across America project.

Garden club project leader and club President, Sharon Reed, would like to thank everyone who helped make wreaths and donated materials. A special thanks goes to the Jamestown Parks Department for the major donation of branches cut from the Scotch Pine harvested at Bergman Park for the annual Tracy Plaza Christmas tree. It makes everyone proud to know the the Christmas Tree branches were not wasted but used to honor our military heros.

Visit <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/our-story/> for local activities.

## Bailey Manufacturing Company, LLC- Largest Employer in Forestville NY

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**Office of the Chautauqua  
County Executive**

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) has worked with Bailey Manufacturing since 2010 to facilitate an acquisition, which would solidify Bailey Manufacturing's presence, and employment in Chautauqua County now and for years to come. Bailey Manufacturing Company, LLC serves the global automotive industry and specializes in manufacturing of CNC precision-machined parts, metal stamping, molds, tumbling and rustproofing of parts, and tooling. The company has 60 employees and anticipates adding six new jobs through expansion and increased business.

The CCIDA Board of Directors approved a \$500,000 AL Tech Loan for a ten year period. This loan was for the acquisition of the remaining 49% ownership of Bailey Manufacturing Co., LLC from John Hines' partner, Megatech Corporation. CCIDA Chief Financial Officer Rich Dixon said, "It was our pleasure to assist John with financing to complete the acquisition, and look forward to Bailey Manufacturing's continued local operation for years to come."

This project was brought to completion through a collaborative effort with the CCIDA, Empire State Development, Southern Tier Enterprise Development Organization (STEDO), and Western

Region Corporation (WRC). Giving credit to the CCIDA for their financial and technical assistance, John Hines said, "We couldn't have done this without the CCIDA's help."

About Bailey Manufacturing Company, LLC - Bailey Manufacturing Company, LLC is located at 10987 Bennett State Road in Forestville, NY. Their extensive experience lies in the fabrication and engineering development of steel, aluminum, welded and assembled components. Bailey Manufacturing Company has been supplying product to the automotive industry for over 65 years and has established itself as a competitive, reliable, and quality-conscious organization. John Hines is President and CEO of the company, and has managed day-to-day operations for over 20 years.

About CCIDA - The CCIDA is an economic development organization authorized and empowered by the State of New York to make Chautauqua County a better place to work, live, and visit. They facilitate development by attracting new businesses, while promoting the retention and expansion of existing businesses. Assistance in the form of incentives – tax abatements, low interest loans, and bond financing – enhances the opportunities for job creation and retention by our businesses. For more information visit [www.ccida.com](http://www.ccida.com).

## Youth Baseball News in Falconer, NY

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**U.S. Baseball Academy**

Falconer High School is hosting a four week baseball camp starting January 7. SUNY Fredonia assistant coach Dick Adams will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball

Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to seven players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit [www.USBaseballAcademy.com](http://www.USBaseballAcademy.com), or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

## Learn How to Start Your Own Apple Orchard, Friday, January 5, at Audubon



If you have ever thought about starting a home orchard, you will want to participate in Audubon Community Nature Center's "Apples All Year Long: Choosing Varieties." The deadline to make reservations for the Friday afternoon, January 5, workshop is Tuesday, January 2.

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**Audubon Community  
Nature Center**

You can take the first step to starting your own apple orchard at "Apples All Year Long: Choosing Varieties," a workshop offered by Audubon Community Nature Center.

On Friday, January 5, 2018, 2 to 4 p.m., orchardist Al Yelvington will use your sight, taste, smell, and a lesson to help you decide which apple varieties you want in your home orchard.

Selecting the apple varieties you want to grow takes time, but this class will help you come up with a methodology as well as letting you taste some different types of apples. Yelvington and others will share personal knowledge as well as the common traits of apple varieties.

There is much to consider when choosing which apples you want, such as flavor, what you intend to use them for, when they ripen, disease resistance and more. The best way to decide is to learn about the characteristics of apples and taste as many as possible.

This class will provide you written and spoken information, resource guides, sources, and some tastes of different varieties. While it is designed for those just thinking of starting an orchard for personal use, you can expect some

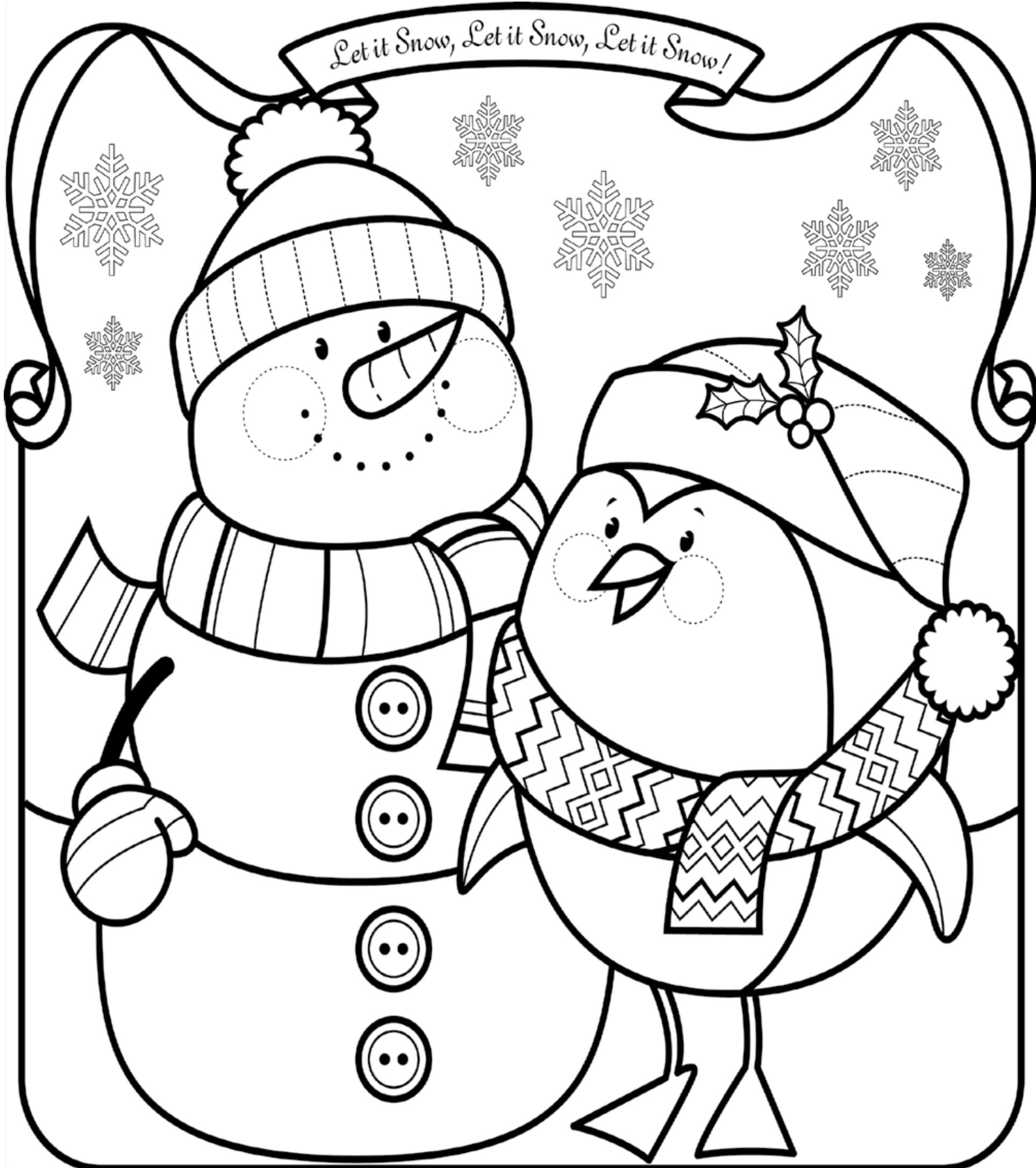
good tidbits for even the experienced orchardist.

Al Yelvington is a fairly recent transplant to the area after retiring from 33 years in the Coast Guard. He started his cider orchard, Happy Dog Farm outside Russell, Pa., to provide juice specifically for hard cider makers. Yelvington is in his second year in the Virginia Tech Online Masters in Agriculture and Life Sciences (OMALS), focusing on pest and weed management. Happy Dog Farm includes a community cider mill that is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The fee for the program is \$16 or \$12 for Nature Center members. Paid reservations are required by Tuesday, January 2, 2018, and can be made by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or online through the Programs page at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org).

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. To learn more, call (716) 569-2345 or visit the Programs page at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org).

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## Audubon Community Nature Center President Ruth Lundin Retiring

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**Audubon Community  
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One of the bright lights in the region's community leadership is ready to pass her professional torch to a successor.

Ruth Lundin, President of Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) for almost two decades, has told Audubon's Board of Directors that she will retire as soon as they secure her replacement.

Coming from the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm near Dayton, Ohio, Lundin was selected from among 68 applicants. She assumed her responsibilities at ACNC in March, 1999, and in the years since, Audubon has flourished under her leadership.

A few of the highlights over these years include: the welcoming of Liberty, a non-releasable Bald Eagle, to the Nature Center; the expansion of the education staff and thousands of hours logged annually by volunteers; the development of the Education Master Plan and expanding education programs throughout Chautauqua and Warren Counties; growth to more than 35,000 individual contacts each year, including over 1000 programs for nearly 17,000 student contacts; and the formal adoption of the Audubon Community Nature Center name, with its accompanying new mission, vision, and belief statements, slogan, graphics, and website.



After almost two decades as President of Audubon Community Nature Center, Ruth Lundin will be retiring when Audubon's board hires her successor.

Lundin also served on the Board of Directors of the national Association of Nature Center Administrators, including a term as president.

Of her decision, Lundin said, "I am excited with the direction and the strength of Audubon Community Nature Center. We have excellent people at all levels of the organization – members, volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors. With the many opportunities that exist, I am confident that the organization is well positioned to flourish. Taking a leap forward requires energetic, creative and insightful leadership, dedicated to the long-term vision for the organization. It is a perfect time for a new person to begin the

transition to the next phase."

The ACNC Chairman's Award is presented annually to a person or organization that has demonstrated exemplary service in nature education. At the 2013 Annual Dinner and Volunteer Recognition, Lundin received this award for her unflagging support of all things Audubon.

Lundin concluded, "I have always said that Jamestown was the first place I have ever lived where I had the strong feeling that 'This is home. I want to retire here.' It is now time for me to exercise that opportunity."

Audubon Board Chair Pierre Chagnon said, "The Board of Directors has formed a Search Committee composed of

board members, staff, and key Audubon volunteers. We are charged with the responsibility of finding an extraordinary person to carry on Ruth's legacy of leadership to the organization and in the community. It is our honor to help celebrate Ruth's upcoming retirement!"

Chagnon said the Search Committee's goal is to have the job posting complete and distributed by mid-January, when it can be found on Audubon's website, auduboncnc.org.

With more than five miles of beautifully maintained trails, Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. Its three-story building contains interactive displays, a collection of live animals, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop.

Year-round hours for the Nature Center are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. The building will be closed December 24 and 25 and January 1. Bald Eagle viewing and trails to walk, snowshoe or cross country ski are open dawn to dusk daily.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or visit auduboncnc.org.

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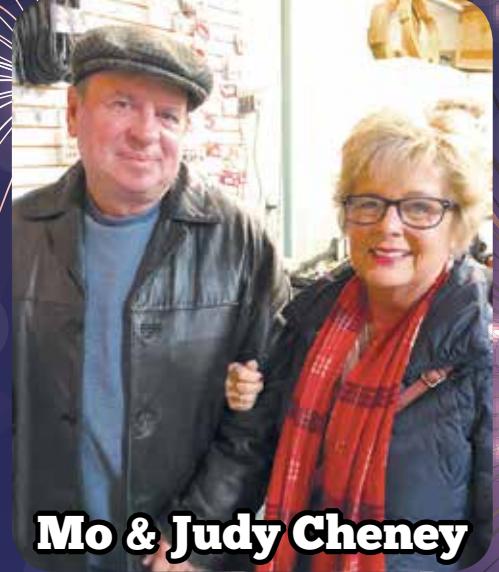
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