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Landfill Dispute Sheds Light on Environmental Issues

Contributing Writer

Stephanie McCraw

Earth Day 2019

Earth Day is a day of action that started in April 1970 as a protest against industrial giants who were using land and resources for profit, stripping natural value from the earth and not being held accountable. Issues like smog and pollution were linked to health issues and could no longer be ignored. Another facet of Earth Day is: Trash. Waste. Refuse. In one estimate a person creates four pounds of trash per day.

The day is now a global event meant to inspire action from everyone: kids in classrooms to political leaders to local courts and community groups. One thing is certain, it's so much more than a cute day to plant a tree (although that's a great thing). Undoing damage from carbon emissions is complicated, as it's caused by our way of life for the past 150 years. The struggle between companies who see land for profit, vs the people whose quality of life is

directly correlated to the the quality of the land, hits close to home in the debate over an expanded landfill in the Town of Carroll.

Town of Carroll vs. Sealand Waste

Polly Hanson is the leader of a group dedicated to making informed decisions for their community called the Carroll Concerned Citizens. Of the ongoing dispute with the

Town of Carroll and Sealand Waste, LLC. she says, "Why don't we value our land as much as they do?"

Why aren't we doing more to preserve our land? They want to buy it and ruin it."

In 2015

The Town of Carroll won a legal battle against Sealand Waste, LLC. to prohibit the company from expanding the Jones-Carroll landfill located on Dodge

Road. Even after the issue seemed put to rest, the waste company started another campaign for the landfill in 2017. Sealand Waste is based near Rochester, NY. Their initial proposal dates to 2004. Their tactic is to try and overturn local laws that ban new waste management facilities, citing a vested interest in the land.

The landfill plans to be designated as "construction and demolition," which is big part of the problem. Hanson says this type of material is

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Area Veteran and Homestead Stables to be featured on Lifetime TV's "Military Makeover with Montel"

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Heritage Ministries

Heritage Ministries Vice-President of Marketing and Development, Lisa Haglund, has announced that Homestead Stables by Heritage, in conjunction with N.E.I.G.H. and the Constance Project, will serve as a filming location for "Military Makeover with Montel," hosted by Montel Williams in May 2019.

The show, which airs on Lifetime TV, will feature the story of Ashville, NY resident Cody Willett, who currently works as a

computer specialist with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department, and his wife Jessica. A weapons supply technician for special operations teams in the United States Air Force, Willett was four months into his second deployment when his base was attacked. He was severely injured in a rocket propelled grenade attack, leaving him with a fractured lower spine, dislocated shoulder, and a damaged ankle. Evacuated for medical treatment in Germany, Cody was eventually able to return home to New York, where he met his wife.



THE WILLETT FAMILY



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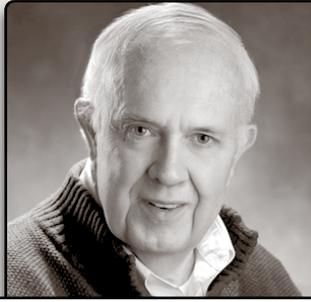
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Words of Wisdom

Contributing Editor
Walt Pickut



A Sick Friend?

Pacific Sea and weighs more than 34,000 cars. That's sick!

- NASA has discovered the whole planet has a fever, the world's ice is melting, and the sea is rising because CO2 is rising.
- The warm-weather growing seasons in the Northeast of the U.S. alone are now 10 days longer every year than they were in the 1950s. That might be good for farmers, but it shows something is changing.

But relax. It's OK. Because, according to some people, it's a "natural" cycle. So, it's not our fault. So, walk away the way you would walk away from any sick friend. Do nothing!

With that in mind, here are a few questions to consider for Earth Day:

- Find absolute, scientifically verifiable proof that the 15 trillion pounds of CO2 the U.S. – and the 76 trillion pounds worldwide – produces every year is absolutely irrelevant – just like blowing smoking in your sick friend's face doesn't matter at all.
- Even if the Earth isn't sick because of us, prove we're not responsible to fix it. Remember, blame and responsibility are opposites. Every parent knows we accept the responsibility to clean up the mess our kids are to blame for making – even though we didn't make it.
- Will our great, green and blue friend get better if we walk away and do nothing?

Please consider Earth Day as a hint to send a get-well card to Planet Earth. At least show up willing to help it get better. Be a responsible grown up and a friend.

Enjoy the day. It's called Earth Day. The Planet is about to give us the gift of Springtime. Return the favor by doing something grateful.

And enjoy the read.
Walt Pickut

If you had a sick friend, would you help that friend get better? Naturally, you would.

But, on the other hand, if your friend's sickness isn't your fault, why bother? It's best not to try at all. Anything that isn't your fault isn't your responsibility – right? Sick friends are to be left alone. After all, sickness just happens. Don't interfere.

And certainly, don't inconvenience yourself. If your friend has asthma or emphysema, or even a bad cold, don't stop smoking in front of them. It's their problem, not yours. Just keep enjoying yourself.

OK! Had enough nonsense? Nobody I know is so heartless or cruel toward a sick friend, and I'd bet you don't know anybody so cold or selfish, either. Certainly not you.

This week the Jamestown Gazette's guest contributor, Stephanie McCraw, re-introduces us to Planet Earth. Earth Day was created not long ago so we would remind ourselves that Earth is our major meal-ticket and benefactor. If Planet Earth were a person, it would be a good friend indeed. That takes back us to the question of whether or not our friend is sick. In fact, it is.

But some people deny the Earth is changing, and I understand their point. If I get a fever, or a runny nose, or an itchy, scaly allergic rash to cumquats, I'm still me. I haven't really changed. Except I am sick. And by that standard, Planet Earth is sick too, though it hasn't "changed" any more than I have when I'm sick.

Consider these arguments:

- According to The Ocean Cleanup Foundation, the great, swirling Pacific Garbage Patch of floating plastic trash now covers more than 600,000 square miles of the beautiful South

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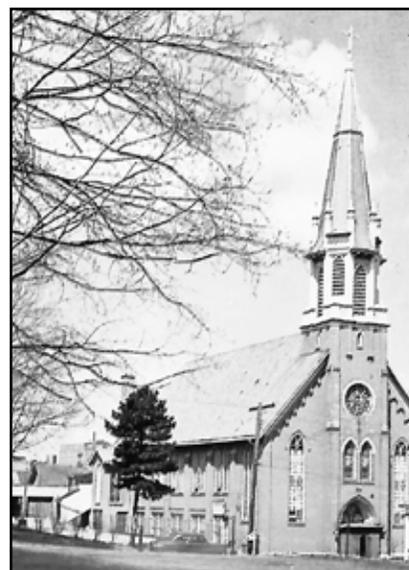
**St. James Church:
Heart of a Community**

Article Contributed by

Joan V. Cusimano Lindquist

Campanilismo: a wonderful Italian word that expresses the closeness, or better yet, the unity of parishioners who live within the sound of the same church bell. For those of us who lived in the residential areas that were part of Brooklyn Square--

Derby Street to the south, Harrison Street to the east, and those who lived in the Gifford and the Rogers Buildings in the Square itself, St. James parish on Institute Street was the heart of our spiritual community. How often we were called together by that church bell, the campana, summoning us to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, sounding out joyfully on special occasions, and tolling solemnly for the death of a parishioner. The sound of that bell was part of my childhood spent on Derby Street, just around the corner of Hanchette Place and Victoria Avenue.



Old St. James Church

Assigned by the Bishop of Buffalo to found a parish for the growing Italian American community living in neighborhoods adjacent to and beyond Brooklyn Square and what is now known as the Lost Neighborhood, Fr. James Carra established St. James Roman Catholic parish in 1910. The church itself went from a humble frame building on Victoria Avenue to a red brick church on the corner of Institute Street and Victoria Avenue, dedicated in 1915. In June of 1966, the old St. James church was demolished, and a modern, circular Romanesque church, built on the footprints of the old, was dedicated on February 11, 1968.

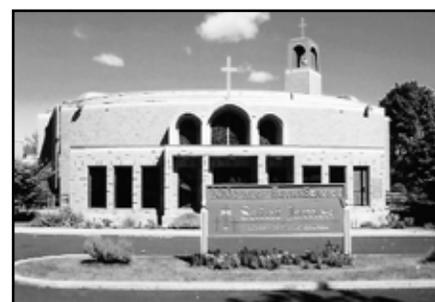
When I was growing up in the 1940s and 1950s, St. James's pastor was Fr. Pasquale Colagioia, later Monsignor, and the parish was very large with at least four to five

Masses said every Sunday. Holy Days followed suit, and church traditions were followed closely and reverently during Advent and Lent, the present liturgical season. Frances D'Angelo, whose father, John D'Angelo, was a member of the all-male, all-Italian Imperial Band, recalls the solemnity of part of the Good Friday service when the band played dirges or marched to a single drum beat in a religious procession formed at St. James Church. The statue of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Sorrowful Mother dressed in black, was carried on a *vara*, a special platform to support the figure, by men and followed by women, all dressed in black and wearing shawls, silently praying—a visual expression of the sorrow of Christ's death on the cross.

Tina Mallare recalled this procession and the overnight prayer vigil that was observed each Good Friday in the church where the statues were draped in purple cloth, only to be revealed again in the glory of Easter Sunday. She also recalled how the life-size replica of Jesus was taken down from the cross and placed in a glass casket, illuminated from the inside, and carried through the neighborhoods that surrounded Brooklyn Square by men from various Italian Catholic men's societies, in particular La Societa di San Sebastiano, founded by immigrants from Tortorici, Sicily, whose patron saint was St. Sebastian. The route they followed began at Fenton Park, proceeded to Victoria Avenue, then to Foote Avenue and Allen Street, with a return to the church—solemn communal and spiritual gathering.

The moving and memorable personal experiences from those in St. James's past will be carried with us through this Lenten season to the joy of Easter when we celebrate with all of the symbols of Rebirth and New Life that Spring brings us. *Buona Pasqua.*

To read Janet Walberg's previous genealogy columns or to delve deeper into her writings and insights for searching out and recording your own family's genealogy, please go to jamestowngazette.com and visit Janet's own web page.



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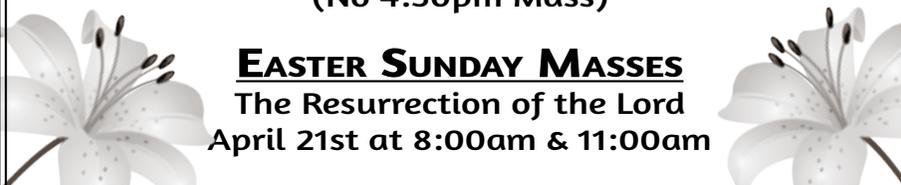
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HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Last Supper
April 18th at 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Jesus Dies for Us
April 19th at 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Baskets
April 20th at 1:00pm
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm
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10:00 am Sunday School
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April 17, 2019
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Bishop John Macholz
12:30 pm – Lenten Lunch

Maundy Thursday
April 18, 2019 – 7:00 pm Worship
Service at First Lutheran Church

Good Friday
April 19, 2019 – 7:00 pm Worship
Service at First Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019
9:00 am – Contemporary Worship
10:30 am – Special Music
11:00 am – Traditional Worship

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First Lutheran Easter Sunday Worship Services

Article Contributed by
First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church will have special music at both the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service and the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 21st. The 9 a.m. Contemporary Service will be led by the Sacred Fire Praise Team under the direction of Kimberly King, Worship Leader & Coordinator of Contemporary Worship.

There will be a half hour of prelude music beginning at 10:30 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Musical selections will include a Trumpet Duet with Dan Miceli and Glenn Utter playing “Easter Proclamation” by Stephen Decesare. The First Lutheran Good News Ringers Hand Bell Choir directed by Karen Linn, will perform “Carillon of Praise” by Carol Moklebust. Pianist, Helga Hulse, along with violinists, Aaron Meacham and Boaz Meacham, will perform “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by J. S. Bach/Arr. by Helga Hulse; Marika Koch, soprano soloist will sing “Alleluia” (from Exsultate Jubilate) by W. A. Mozart; and Brian Bogey, organist, will play Cesar Franck’s “Chorale No. 3 in A Minor” along with other festive organ selections.

The 11 a.m. Traditional Worship will include festive hymn processional “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” and recessional hymn “Thine Is the Glory” accompanied by organ and brass. The First Lutheran Choir will perform “Early In the Morning” by Clifford McCormick; Offertory Anthem: Be Joyful and Sing! (accompanied by brass & organ) by Benjamin Dunford; and the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s “Messiah”. Julie Costantini, soprano soloist will sing “Alleluia” by Ferdinand Hummel at the communion along with congregational hymns “At the Lamb’s High Feast” and Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” Mr. Bogey’s organ postlude will be Charles Marie Widor’s “Toccata” from the “Fifth Symphony.”

Worship participants at the 11 a.m. worship will include the Rev. Daniel K. Nagle, First Lutheran Pastor, Peter Larson, Liturgist; Marika Koch, Hymn Cantor; and Brenda Ecklund, Psalm Cantor. A reception at 9:30 a.m. in the parlors will be held between the two festival worship services. A cordial invitation is extended for all to attend.



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Vicki McGraw

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I'm so excited! It's almost Dyngus Day!! What? You don't know what Dyngus Day is? Well, if you have any Polish ancestors or grew up in western New York, you have surely heard of the celebration that takes place the day after Easter. The celebration is most notably remembered for the practice of swatting each other with pussy willow branches and sprinkling each other with water. Yes, you read that right, part of this celebration involves swatting each other on the backside with pussy willow branches!

If you are not familiar with this, let me give you a little background... A Polish celebration, Dyngus Day dates back to 966 A.D. and has been associated with the christening of Prince Mieszko I. Historically, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of the often restrictive observance of Lent. Tradition states that the practice of sprinkling water on one another symbolizes the spring rite of cleansing, purification and fertility, as well as thanksgiving for the bringing of Christianity to Poland. In more modern times, it continued with farm boys sprinkling water on girls they liked (this also being a sign of good luck), and then progressed the swatting them on the legs

and backside with pussy willow branches. Love and matchmaking seem to have become a pleasant addition to the tradition!

Western New York, and the Buffalo area specifically, offer huge Dyngus Day celebrations. The celebrations include what else... food and music! In addition to parades, Polka dancing is a favorite pastime, as well as feasting on traditional Polish food, such as kielbasa, ham, pierogies, fresh breads and eggs. Again, the feasting ties in with the end of the Lenten season of restrictions. The parties are huge joyous events, and I believe if you aren't already, you can become Polish simply by joining in the fun! If you have never made the trip to Buffalo's Broadway Market at Easter time, I would recommend doing so. The traditional Polish foods are readily available and pussy willow branches are there, ready for the swatting! Personally, my favorite part of the market is the heavenly scent of Easter flowers that envelopes you as soon as you walk in the door!

Whether you are Polish or not, Dyngus Day is a fun way to celebrate the joy of the Easter season, and a wonderful holiday to celebrate the Polish-American culture, heritage and traditions! You have less than a week to get your supplies ready, so grab some pussy willow branches and a squirt gun a "Dyngus-away"!!

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

Pierogies

- 4 ½ c flour
- 2 t salt
- 2 T butter, melted
- 2 C sour cream
- 2 eggs
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- 2 T vegetable oil
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- 1 C shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 T sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, stir together the flour and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the butter, sour cream, eggs, egg yolk and oil. Stir the wet ingredients into the flour until well blended. Cover the bowl with a towel and let rest 15-20 minutes.

Mash potatoes with cheddar cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper while still warm. Set aside to cool.

Divide dough into two balls. Roll out one piece at a time on a lightly floured surface until it is thin enough to work with but not so thin that it tears. Cut into circles. Brush edges with a little water and spoon some filling into the center. Fold the circle over into half circles and press to seal the edges. Once all are done, place on a cookie sheet and freeze.

To cook pierogies, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Drop pierogies in one at a time. They are done when they float to the top. Do not over boil or they will become very soggy! After boiling, I like to fry my pierogies in a lightly oiled saute pan until they are golden and browned on the edges.

YWCA of Jamestown Calls for 2019 Women of Achievement Awards Nominations

Article Contributed by
YWCA of Jamestown

Nominations for the YWCA of Jamestown's 22nd Annual Women of Achievement Awards are now open until May 6, 2018. To nominate someone for a Women of Achievement Award, visit www.ywcajamestown.com or the YWCA Jamestown Facebook page and use the Survey Monkey link listed.

Women of Achievement Awards are presented to women in our community who exhibit exemplary leadership skills; have been a role model/mentor to other women and girls and help them to achieve their goals; advocate for positive social change; demonstrate a commitment to the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women; have garnered respect within the community; exhibit qualities of teamwork,

integrity and dedication; and give back to the community through their time, talent, and resources.

Candidates must live and work in Chautauqua County and fit into one of the five nomination categories: Health/Wellness/Fitness, Outstanding Entrepreneur, Mentorship/Education/Training, Leader of the Future, or Unity. Full descriptions of the nomination categories can be found on the YWCA of Jamestown website or YWCA Jamestown Facebook.

Winners will be announced in late May and recognized during a dinner at Moon Brook Country Club on Tuesday, June 18 at 5:30pm. The dinner is open to the public and tickets for this event are now available for purchase on www.ywcajamestown.com. Contact the YWCA of Jamestown with any questions at 716-488-2237.

Master Gardener Help Line Now Open

Article Contributed by
**Cornell Cooperative Extension
of Chautauqua County**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County Announced the opening of the Master Gardener Help Line on April 3rd. The Help Line is a resource to answer questions on gardening from the general public and community garden groups. Master Gardener volunteers learn about how to garden and basic horticulture from Cornell University Master Gardener training program.

In the past, the help line has identified unusual garden plants and weeds, and provide the research for identification of common garden problems with a recommendation to address the problem. Also as a free public service, volunteers of the help line staff provide a basic PH test from your garden or lawn soil. Just bring into the AG Center a sample in a small clean plastic bag for an on the spot evaluation.



Peg Hite answering calls on the help line

The Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center is at 3542 Turner Road, Jamestown, New York. The Help line is staffed weekly on Wednesdays from Noon to 2PM through September. Simple questions on gardening may be phoned in at 664-9502 extension 224. Inquiries also may be sent via internet email at chautau-quang@cornell.edu.

Final Work To Begin On South Main Street Bridge in Jamestown

Article Contributed by
**The Chautauqua County
Department of Public Facilities**

South Main Street in Jamestown between Harrison Street and 1st Street will be closed for approximately two weeks beginning Monday, April 15, 2019.

The purpose of this closure is to complete the top course asphalt paving surface, install a crosswalk for the Riverwalk trail, roadway striping and remaining landscaping. Work has already started with the installation

of the cap stones on the bridge walls.

Next week the work will consist of adjusting manhole covers and utility risers along with miscellaneous milling. This work is being done in preparation for paving the following week. Sidewalks will remain open to pedestrian traffic during the road closure.

The Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities appreciates the public's patience and understanding while final construction activities are completed. Please follow the posted detours.

Chautauqua County Chamber State Legislative Breakfast Honored Departing State Senator Cathy Young

Article Contributed by

Walt Pickut

A special meeting of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club on Friday, April 12, honored the now retired NY State Senator Cathy Young for her years of service. Senator Young joined NY State Assemblyman Andy Goodell in discussing economic, agricultural, and legislative initiatives in New York State.

A Record of Accomplishments

Senator Cathy Young, capping 20 years of distinguished service, from 1998 to 2005 in the State Assembly, and from 2005 to 2019 in the New York State Senate where she represented New York State's 57th district, retired from elected public service in March of this year. Her district included all of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties, and seven towns in Livingston County.

Senator Young has received more than 250 awards and recognitions for her public service during her tenure. In January 2016, she made history by taking the reins as Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, becoming the first woman in New York to hold that powerful position.



Pete Carlo, Presented Senator Young with his 326th flag

second, delivering resources the people of my district needed, and third, providing excellent constituent services. On parting from the Senate, I made sure the constituent services would continue for the people of my district.”

I always want to be a positive influence and have a positive impact by getting things done. I believe that in agriculture we can increase yield, increase productivity, and increase profitability for our farmers, and at the same time establish more companies and more jobs in the region, in food, agriculture and in technology. I can still have a positive impact on my former district.”

Chamber President Todd Trantum presented Senator Young with a large and elaborately stocked gift basket of selected, fine Chautauqua County agricultural produce.

Peter Carlo, a Jamestown resident, Korean War veteran, and a member of the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame, has donated 325 American flags to local and regional schools, churches, civic organizations, and more, over the years. He presented Senator Young with his 326th flag and led the assembled Chamber members in a spirited singing of “God Bless America.”

“We are blessed and honored in this state, and here in Chautauqua County,” Carlo said, “to have people like Cathy Young and Assemblyman Andy Goodell, to have these fine people representing us. Especially,” Carlo added, addressing both Young and Goodell, “thank you for all you have done for the Veterans of Chautauqua County.”

The meeting concluded with a standing ovation for Cathy Young and well-wishes from many long-time constituents and friends.

Panel Discussion

The meeting also focused on a lively and informative Q&A session in which Chamber members were able to ask Cathy Young and State Assemblyman Andy Goodell their opinions and plans concerning a wide-ranging selection of key legislative and economic issues. Assemblyman Goodell and Senator Young had worked together closely and effectively for many years in Albany on behalf of their districts in general, and Chautauqua County in particular. They especially outlined many current legislative initiatives originating in Albany and the Assembly’s actions in its role of deliberation and legislation.

Special Presentations



L to R: John D; Agostino, Dunkirk Observer publisher, Andy Goodell, State Assemblyman and Cathy Young, former State Senator

“Leaving the Senate was not an easy decision for me,” Senator Young said. “I feel like I have put my heart and soul into serving the people of my district for the past 20 years. I have based my service on three principles: first, creating new policies that benefit the people in my district,

A New Challenge

Senator Young retired to accept the position of Director of the New York State Center of Excellence for Food and Agriculture at Cornell AgriTech in Geneva, New York. “I took the job at Cornell,” Young said, “because

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JHS Employees Honored by WNY Educational Service Council



Aaron Jessey



Ashley Noon

Article Contributed by Jamestown Public Schools

Jamestown High School Teacher Aaron Jessey and School Counselor Ashley Noon recently learned they will be honored at the Western New York Educational Service Council's (WNYESC) 13th Annual Awards Banquet on May 1st. Mr. Jessey will receive the Award of Excellence for Teaching and Mrs. Noon will receive the Award for Excellence for Support Staff Services.

The awards will be given out at the annual banquet honoring teachers, support staff, administrators and Board of Education members. Nominations highlight how the nominee demonstrated dedication and exemplary service to the district and the regional educational community, how the individual demonstrated leadership, how did he or she make a difference in the district, and why he or she is an outstanding member of the district.

Mr. Jessey, a ninth grade ELA teacher at Jamestown High School, has been a teacher for 11 years and at Jamestown High School since 2015. Mr. Jessey's nomination cites "his cheerful, level-headed, dedicated, creative, rigorous and compassionate personality. He works very hard to tailor his lessons to fit the learning styles and interests of his students and they recognize his deep commitment to them. He is constantly on the lookout for alternate ways to present critical, non-negotiable ELA skills to his students. His other-centered approach to other human beings is palpable, and his enthusiasm is contagious."

"Mr. Jessey is an extremely teacher who has made a positive difference in the lives of many people," said JHS Principal Mike McElrath. "He always has great ideas and puts forth a lot of time and effort into his lesson plans. He wants to be sure that his students are performing to their highest potential in the classroom he does this through great planning and having high expectations

for them. His sole purpose is to help other people's children be as successful as possible."

Mrs. Noon, a school counselor at Jamestown High School, has been with Jamestown Schools for 19 years. Mrs. Noon's nomination cites "her lovely, quiet, capable, affable cheerful personality whom parents request, teachers depend on and students adore. Her office is welcoming, her knowledge is broad; she is approachable, and the way that she makes other people feel safe, valued and comfortable is unique. Ashley is a classy, good-natured, self-deprecating, other-centered human being who deserves to be honored for her unstinting, good work that she does for so many other people."

"Mrs. Noon is an exemplary school counselor on all levels," said JHS Principal Mike McElrath. "Ashley is a problem solver. She can quickly diagnose a problem or concern and find a positive solution by working collaboratively with students, teachers, parents and administrators. In order to achieve these types of outcomes, Mrs. Noon relies on her ability to maintain excellent relationships with all stakeholders in the community."

"Being recognized by their peers as outstanding educators is well deserved by Mr. Jessey and Ms. Noon," said JPS Superintendent Bret Apthorpe. "Our entire Jamestown school family congratulates them on this well-deserved award."

WNYESC is a non-profit educational organization affiliated with SUNY at Buffalo representing 70 school districts in an eight county region. For 12 years, it has sponsored an Excellence Recognition Program for support staff, teachers, administrators, superintendents, and board of education members. Those honored for this recognition have all had a very positive impact on their schools and school districts and the students they serve.

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9th Annual Hoops For Hospice Held Special Meeting



Falconer JV and Varsity Girls Basketball team members raised over \$3,900 this year during this year's Hoops for Hospice event.

Article Contributed by Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care

The Falconer girl's basketball program continued its Hospice winning streak. The Hoops for Hospice event on February 14 raised over \$3,900 for Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care bringing the nine-year total to nearly \$24,000.

Every year the Falconer community has generously rallied around their JV and Varsity Girls Basketball program and fundraiser. This year was no different. However, this year a very special person inspired the Hoopers.

Dorotha "Kay" Patterson, an avid Falcons booster, passed away on January 19th. Kay was also the grandmother of 8th grade JV hooper, Kayla Lynn. When Kay lost her battle to cancer just weeks before the Hoops for Hospice event, she would naturally be the one memorialized by this year's event.

Kay and her husband Frank moved to Falconer in 1968 and raised their four daughters there. The couple were both very involved in various youth sporting programs during those early years and beyond, coaching teams and helping to build strong programs. Kay was even known to video tape games so that the tapes could be used as coaching tools for game planning.

"If you played Falconer summer recreational softball or Babe Ruth Girls softball, Kay was one of your coaches," says Emily Scholeno,

Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach. "She gave many years to the Falconer area sports programs and has cheered on nine grandkids in recent years. It was our honor to hold the game in her memory for all of the love and encouragement she has shown all of us throughout her life."

The event wouldn't happen without the help of volunteers. That's when Kay's four daughters, Tammy Yager, Tanya Destro, Kim Patterson and Billie Lynn stepped up. With their mother's struggle as the backdrop, they led the effort to round up donations and contributions. All of Kay's nine grandchildren helped set up and run the event.

"I felt very blessed and humbled to be a part of something to help others during a time that I needed to stay busy," said Tammy Yager.

"The Falconer community is a strong, supportive village and our family has been and is still are feeling the support. Our family is so very thankful to each and every individual for their prayers and support!"

The mission of CHPC is to provide comprehensive palliative/end-of-life care and education. CHPC provides hospice care for patients and families facing life-limiting terminal illness, palliative care for those with serious chronic illness, and bereavement support to individuals, families and organizations who have suffered the loss of a loved one. For more information, visit www.chpc.care or call (716) 338-0033.

WHINE OF THE WEEK!

I blame the Beatles...

The Beatles' British Invasion hit America in 1964 with haircuts about an inch or two longer than the customary American Standard Men's Haircut. It was shocking! Before long, everybody improved on it with shoulder length thatch, beards to the belly, and everything else counter-cultural. Liberation had arrived! It never let up. I am so tired of slovenly ripped, torn, threadbare clothes, pajamas and gym-wear as fashion, and sloppy-chic everything, even worn to work and church. Now, we look worse than the third-world peasants who actually hate looking that way.



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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Iron follower
- 5 On a trip, maybe
- 9 "Ghostbusters" goo
- 14 One of 24
- 15 Learned one
- 16 Pavarotti, e.g.
- 17 Make aware
- 19 Finish with
- 20 Visibly embarrassed
- 21 Protests
- 22 Title derived from Caesar
- 23 Gin's partner
- 24 Painful sound
- 27 "When pigs fly!"
- 29 Hang in there
- 32 Duo quadrupled
- 34 Like many stadiums
- 36 Roof stuff
- 37 Falling-out
- 38 Party staple
- 39 Without warmth
- 41 Bud holder?
- 42 Like some milk
- 44 Windchime spot, often
- 45 Break in half
- 47 Tony or Hugo
- 49 Raven's haven
- 50 Rustic abode
- 52 Camera setting
- 54 Cloth shred
- 56 Asphyxiate
- 60 Upper crust
- 61 Aristocrat
- 62 Romantic one
- 63 Yours and mine
- 64 Dead against
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- 66 Seemingly forever
- 67 Adam of "Batman" fame
- DOWN**
- 1 "Moonstruck" star
- 2 Kind of wolf
- 3 Word sung on 12/31
- 4 Floating fish catcher
- 5 Depth charge, slangily
- 6 Like some drinks
- 7 Got mellow
- 8 Asian capital?
- 9 Ale holder
- 10 Soup legume
- 11 Signifying, with "of"
- 12 Phobos, to Mars
- 13 Coastal raptors
- 18 Tank filler
- 21 Miffed
- 23 It's measured in degrees
- 24 Painting Grandma
- 25 Indian, for one
- 26 Good-looking
- 28 "Behold!"
- 30 Red tag events
- 31 Secret rendezvous
- 33 AAA service
- 35 Bite the dust
- 40 Vatican dogma
- 43 It'll grow on you
- 46 Pitter-_____
- 48 Coercion
- 51 Bar orders
- 53 Caps Lock neighbor
- 54 Come clean
- 55 Natural soother
- 56 Slimy garden pest
- 57 Auctioneer's last word
- 58 A whole bunch
- 59 Trim to fit, maybe
- 61 Feathered stole

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Landfill Dispute Sheds Light on Environmental Issues

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non-putrescible, meaning it will not rot. For members of the group and other locals there are no “benefits” from the project that outweigh the far-reaching consequences of soil, water, and air pollution.

Sealand promises about 15 full time jobs, but the facility would require trucks that would disrupt the country roads. “Truck traffic would converge at the site daily with one truck every three minutes and they’d be coming from 200 miles around” said Hanson.

It’s not only New York that would be affected; the location also borders Pennsylvania. Supervisor Doug Smith of Pine Grove Township, PA recently expressed his concerns. “We are in the process of Posting and Bonding our Township roadways that could be used as possible egress and regress routes to and from the proposed landfill site...in an effort to keep the area in question free from the harsh and potentially devastating impact that this landfill would have on our area.”

Sealand Waste is interested in the site for some obvious reasons. According to Hanson, “It was already a small landfill. There isn’t much population. It’s the corner of town, the corner of the county, and the corner of the state.” That makes prime real estate for the multi-million-dollar company. Russell Payne is a member of the Carroll Concerned Citizens group. He said, “I assume the company is interested because the land is so far out, and a lot of landfill developers pick a spot out of sight, out of mind, for them.”

All About Location

What makes the seemingly perfect

location for a waste management facility also makes the perfect location for agricultural land, the Storehouse Run trout spawning stream, other wildlife and vegetation, and the beloved Martz Observatory. These are the very treasures that initiatives like Earth Day hope to protect.

Located about a mile from the proposed site, the Observatory is a non-profit dedicated to amateur astronomers. Walt Pickut, Editor for the Jamestown Gazette and enthusiast for Martz Observatory, said “We can always find a different location for a landfill. But not so for the Observatory.” He listed the detrimental effects of dust and debris from the truck traffic. The dust would make it difficult to see the starry skies and would settle on the telescope mirrors. The Observatory is located downwind from the landfill site. “The materials brought in will have been pulverized into small debris, and not always in covered trucks.” Said Hanson.

Anatomy of a Landfill

According to their website, what SW offers is a “premier solid waste management facility, complete with composting, recycling, energy recovery and land disposal services.” What they don’t mention are all the environmental factors that need to be considered when placing a landfill. The reason people are upset, especially those living in the beautiful countryside near or on Dodge Road, is because the plan is more for profit than necessity. Says Hanson, “The county already has a designated landfill and it’s not filled to capacity.”

Even if an area seems suitable,

“Factors that should be considered are topographic relief or characteristics, location of the water table, amount of precipitation, type of rock and/or soil” said Russell Payne. The area on Dodge Road is about 33% gravel soil according to a recent soil survey.

Newer landfills typically contain a thick, durable liner to keep trash from touching the soil. Inevitably, degradations to the material happen over time and cause leakage. Modern systems attempt to keep as much liquid as possible out to avoid a potentially toxic byproduct of waste and water called “leachate.” Leachate is an acidic substance formed when water trickles through the cells in a landfill and mixes with the various compounds found in the trash cells. Collection systems are put in place to help divert the leachate to an area near the landfill where it can be tested and then treated like wastewater. Even with improvements, it’s impossible to stop leachate from forming, and groundwater is continually checked for rising acidity which would indicate leakage. How and where to treat the specific wastewater is also a problem.

The three-acre Jones-Carroll Landfill already had leakage into the water table, so it can be assumed that leakage would occur to a greater extent if the landfill expands to over 40 acres.

“All Landfills Leak”- The Rallying Cry of Carroll Concerned Citizens Leachate finds its way, even if slowly, into water systems. There are different types of leachate, but it’s still a problem.

“There’s simply no such thing as a safe landfill. No matter how many

barriers, liners, and pipes we install to try to mitigate the risk, landfills will always leak toxic chemicals into the soil and water.” This is a summary from the Conservation Law Foundation (www.clf.org) about the challenge of modern waste facilities to create a perfectly “safe” landfill. It simply isn’t possible. It’s not to say that landfills are unregulated dump sites, but the system of dealing with waste by forcing it into concentrated areas in the ground is not going to be sustainable. It’s at least not going to be without environmental consequences, especially if the location is not considered suitable. The Town of Carroll has found legal favor in the past and has good reasons to keep a landfill expansion project out. The Municipal Home Rule Law also gives them the right to self-determine. “We still don’t want them here” Said Hanson.

Small Groups Count

Even though Earth Day has become a global effort, it is often the small and persistent group of citizens leading the fight for lasting change in our communities. Polly Hanson knows this very well, and her tagline is “Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.” ~Margaret Mead

Readers are encouraged to research landfills and their effects, as well as Zero Waste initiatives that cut down the amount of refuse that ends up in a waste management facility. When Sealand started the dispute again in 2017 Polly Hanson quickly constructed a new website to keep residents informed. <http://carrollconcerned.org>

Celebrate Earth Day with Audubon at Southern Tier Brewing

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Audubon Community
Nature Center

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than by supporting Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) while enjoying some food, beverages, and fun at the Empty Pint Taproom at Southern Tier Brewing Company.

Twenty percent of all food and beverage sales between 4 and 10 p.m. on Monday, April 22, will be donated to ACNC.

This is an Audubon Exclusive FUNdraiser event, so be sure to bring some cash to participate in the 50/50 drawings and raffle that will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Raffle prizes are:

- A Southern Tier Brewing Company Gift Basket that includes a \$100 gift card in addition to some great STBC gear.
- A Gardener's Essentials Gift

Basket that includes a two-hour garden consultation for your home provided by ACNC Director Leigh Rovegno and vouchers for ACNC's upcoming Plant Exchange, in addition to must-have garden tools that Rovegno personally recommends for successful gardening.

Raffle tickets for both items go on sale at the Nature Center Monday, April 15. Winners will be announced at Southern Tier at 8 p.m. on April 22. Winners do not need to be present, but it is hoped that you will be.

Proceeds from this event will go toward providing materials and care for Audubon's native tree arboretum and gardens. The Ted Grisez Arboretum is home to over 60 native trees, and the gardens feature native plants that are pollinator friendly.

Southern Tier Brewing Company is located at 2072 Stoneman Circle, Lakewood, N.Y. Check out The Empty Pint's menu at stbbeer.com/taprooms/lakewood.

Reservations are not required, and all are welcome. For more information, visit auduboncnc.org/exclusives.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours, visit AudubonCNC.org or find [Audubon Community](https://www.facebook.com/AudubonCommunity) on Facebook.

Audubon President Leigh Rovegno is pictured outside Nature Center on Southern Tier holding a poster designed to promote this special event. (Photo by Charlie Rovegno)

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. Visit at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa., or online at auduboncnc.org.





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JCC Earth Day Festival to be Held April 24

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Jamestown Community College's annual Earthfest celebrating Earth Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 24.

The event, sponsored by JCC's Earth Awareness Club and the college program committee of the JCC Faculty Student Association, is free and open to the public.

Weather permitting, Earthfest will be held outside the Hamilton Collegiate Center near the pond. Otherwise, the program is held in the Student Union.

Earthfest features music by acoustic

guitarist Jamie Haight, beginning at 11. At noon, Jeff Musial, who has appeared on the "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon," will present a program with animals from Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics.

Ecofriendly products, nature photography, handcrafted items, plants, and educational displays by local environmental organizations are also featured.

JCC's Earth Awareness Club promotes an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural world and its creatures, wise environmental stewardship, enhanced knowledge of important environmental issues, compassionate living, and local awareness and action.



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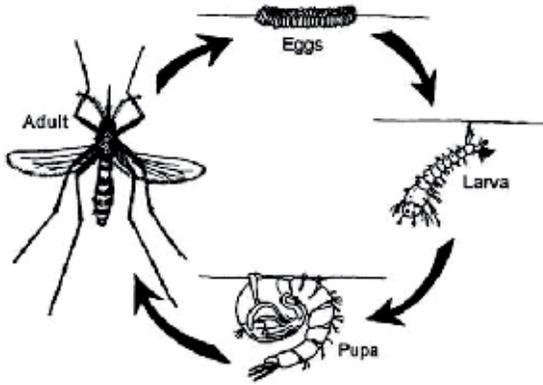


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Mud Camp at Audubon Community Nature Center



At Mud Camp children come to Audubon Community Nature Center and experience the arrival of spring in the natural world. The Monday, April 22, event is for 4-12 year olds. Bringing the natural world "up close" with binoculars could be a highlight of your child's participation in Mud Camp.

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Audubon Community Nature Center

Mud Camp is a spring, one-day version of Summer Day Camp at Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC).

On Monday, April 22, children ages 4 to 12 come to Audubon for the day to explore the grounds, play, discover, and learn. Normal camp games and traditions are intertwined with child-chosen activities, supervised by an educator, to offer the most rewarding experience to the children.

Campers are divided into groups based on grade level and engage in a variety of activities that are fun and educational. Each group is led by a naturalist and sometimes the groups come together for activities.

In addition to games and crafts indoors, campers will explore the grounds, looking for birds, snakes, salamanders, tadpoles, and more. For those who have never been to camp before, this is a good way to see what it is all about.

Activities take place indoors and out, so children need to dress accordingly. Cost for the day is \$30; \$25 for Nature Center members. There is a \$5 discount for participating siblings.

With a limited number of openings, paid reservations are required by Thursday, April 18: Call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org/Programs and click "Current Schedule."

Audubon education programs are funded with support from the Carnahan Jackson Foundation, Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, Holmberg Foundation, Hultquist Foundation, and Lenna Foundation.

Located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa., Audubon Community Nature Center has over five miles of beautifully maintained trails on a 600-acre wetland preserve. Its three-story building contains the Blue Heron Gift Shop and a collection of live fish, reptiles, and amphibians. One of the most visited exhibits is Liberty, a non-releasable bald eagle.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours, visit AudubonCNC.org, or find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook. 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.

RTPI Presents Albatross Film & Plastic Pollution Forum April 23



Albatross Mandala Midway Island 2010 - Photo Credit Chris Jordan

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Roger Tory Peterson Institute

RTPI will host a special event featuring the film *Albatross*, along with a plastic pollution discussion on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm. Bird and nature-lovers alike are invited to learn about one of the largest flying seabirds in our oceans during the screening of *Albatross*, by artist Chris Jordan. In creating the film, Jordan documented beautiful images of these majestic birds and their habitats. *Albatross* also elucidates these birds' remarkable way of life and the negative impact that human activities are having on these magnificent birds.

Prior to the film screening, Kara Bemis will give a talk on the topic of plastic pollution. Her presentation is sponsored by 5 Gyres, a national non-profit organization focused on the issue of plastic pollution in the world's oceans. Kara will share current data on this ubiquitous modern-day pollutant - including information specific to the Jamestown area - and will conclude by suggesting simple changes that each of us can make every day to reduce plastic pollution. More information about Kara Bemis can be found on her website at www.karabemisyoga.com. This event will take place during Earth Week, a time to celebrate nature and to recommit to making healthier choices for ourselves and for the planet.

Film Synopsis: ALBATROSS is a

powerful visual journey into the heart of an astonishingly symbolic environmental tragedy. On one of the remotest islands on our planet, tens of thousands of baby albatrosses lie dead on the ground, their bodies filled with plastic. Returning to the island over several years, our team witnessed the cycles of life and death of these birds as a multi-layered metaphor for our times. This story is framed in the vividly gorgeous language of state-of-the-art high-definition digital cinematography, surrounded by millions of live birds in one of the world's most beautiful natural sanctuaries.

The viewer will experience stunning juxtapositions of beauty and horror, destruction and renewal, grief and joy, birth and death, coming out the other side with their heart broken open and their worldview shifted. Stepping outside the stylistic templates of traditional environmental or documentary films, ALBATROSS takes viewers on a guided tour into the depths of their own spirits, delivering a profound message of reverence and love that is already reaching an audience of millions of people around the world.

For more information about the film visit www.albatrossthefilm.com. More information about other events at RTPI can be found at www.rtpi.org or by calling 716-665-2473. The Roger Tory Peterson Institute is located at 311 Curtis Street in Jamestown.

Plants Are Vulnerable to Ozone, Too

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Metro Creative Connections

Human beings are not the only living organisms vulnerable to ground level ozone. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, ground level ozone occurs as a result of chemical reactions between pollutants, such as those produced by cars, power plants and refineries, and sunlight.

Humans exposed to ground level ozone may be vulnerable to respiratory problems, such as shortness of breath and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD. But plants are vulnerable to ground level ozone, too. When

sufficient ozone enters the leaves of a sensitive plant, it can slow the plant's growth and increase its risk of disease and damage resulting from insects and make it more vulnerable to injury caused by severe weather.

Ground level ozone also can reduce photosynthesis, the process in which plants convert sunlight to energy so they can survive and grow. Black cherry, quaking aspen, tulip poplar, and white pine are just some of the trees that are sensitive and potentially vulnerable to ozone exposure. When plants suffer because of ozone exposure, the result produces a ripple effect that impacts the entire ecosystem, adversely affecting species diversity, habitat quality and water and nutrient cycles.

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Joy and Disbelief



Contributing Writer

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St. John Lutheran Church, Amherst, NY

If you were to encounter the resurrected Lord, how would you respond?

Would you fall to your knees in worship? Would you throw your hands in the air in praise? Would you bow your head in reverence or cry out in joy? What would you do?

In the gospel of Luke, when Jesus appears to his disciples, they do none of those things. There are no prayers lifted up. There are no shouts of praise. No one falls to their knees in adoration. They don't seem overwhelmed. Rather, when Jesus appears to his disciples scripture simply says,

"While in their joy, they were disbelieving..." Luke 24:41

There seems to be a desire to believe, and yet, a reluctance to jump on board. There is joy, but it is filled with uncertainty. They see, they touch, they hear, but it all still seems too good to be true. In the midst of their joy, they are reluctant, hesitant and confused.

"While in their joy, they were disbelieving..." Luke 24:41

Their reaction reminds me of how I felt on my wedding day. I was filled with joy, but I also kept wondering... "Am I really married? Are we finally here?" I felt the same way on both occasions my wife told me she was pregnant. It was immediate joy, mixed with fear about hopping on board until I was absolutely certain. I experienced that same joy and disbelief when my kids were born and when, after eight years of college and grad school, I was hired at St. John.

The thing about that feeling of joy and disbelief is it doesn't last very long. Disbelief is always vanquished by reality. In my case, I came to realize that I was married, my wife was pregnant, and I was

a dad. In the disciples case, they came to realize that their Lord who was crucified, dead and buried, had been raised to new life.

You may never see the resurrected Lord (unless you burn your toast just right), but you will encounter his presence and grace. In the waters of baptism, at the table of love, in times of prayer and scripture reading, and in moments of fellowship with God's people and creation we are told that God is there - that God is with us. At times, our response is bound to be like those first disciples... joy and disbelief.

We are told we are forgiven, yet we find it hard to believe.

We know we are fed, yet we wonder about this life-giving food.

We hear about God's love, but still feel unlovable.

We know there is something special about worship and church, yet struggle to fully understand what it is.

While in our joy, we are sometimes disbelieving...

But remember, disbelief is always vanquished by reality. The disciples joy and disbelief eventually simply became joy. And in the same way, our disbelief will give way to complete joy.

You are forgiven.

You are fed.

You belong.

You are precious.

You are cherished.

You are not alone.

You are loved.

And so, if you find yourself like those first disciples staring at Jesus from arm's distance wanting to believe, yet reluctant to jump on board, fear not; He is Risen and You are Loved.

This news, as you will come to discover, is not too good to be true.

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Why Social Security Retirement is Important to Women

Article Contributed by
Office for the Aging

Social Security plays an especially important role in providing economic security for women. In the 21st century, more women work, pay Social Security taxes, and earn credit toward monthly retirement income than at any other time in our nation's history. But, women face greater economic challenges in retirement. Women:

- tend to live longer than men. A woman who is 65 years old today can expect to live, on average, until about 87, while a 65-year-old man can expect to live, on average, until about 84;
- often have lower lifetime earnings than men; and
- may reach retirement with smaller pensions and other assets than men.

Social Security offers a basic level of protection to all women. When you work, you pay taxes into the Social Security system, providing for your own benefits. In addition, your spouse's earnings can give you Social Security coverage as well. Women who don't work are often covered through their spouses' work. When their spouses retire, become disabled, or die, women can receive benefits.

If you're a worker age 18 or older, you can get a Social Security Statement online. Your Statement is a valuable tool to help you plan a secure financial future, and we recommend that you look at it each year. Your Statement provides a record of your earnings. To create an account online and review your Statement, visit our website.

If your spouse dies, you can get widow's benefits if you're age 60 or older. If you have a disability, you can get widow's benefits as early as age 50. Your benefit amount will depend on your age and on the amount your deceased spouse was entitled to at the time of death. If your spouse was receiving reduced benefits, your survivor benefit will be based on that amount.

You may be eligible for widow's benefits and Medicare before age 65 if you have a disability and are entitled to benefits. You also may be eligible for benefits if you are caring for a child who is younger than 16.

Our "People Like Me" website for women has valuable resources for people of all ages.

To read more about how we can help you, read and share the publication "What Every Woman Should Know" found on ssa.gov website.

YWCA of Jamestown To Kick Off Social Justice Committee with "Stand Against Racism" event and Pledge Signing

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YWCA of Jamestown

The YWCA of Jamestown is proud to kick off the re-start of their Social Justice Committee with a "Stand Against Racism" event and pledge signing on Thursday, April 25th at 12:15pm. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

The event will be one of many held by YWCAs across the country to Stand Against Racism from April 25-28. Those who attend will have the opportunity to sign the YWCA USA pledge and take a stand to show Jamestown, and the greater community, is committed to promoting unity and inclusion.

We are accepting of all, and we will work together to eliminate racism and empower others.

The Social Justice Committee works to advocate for women, children, and families and educates others to understand the importance of racial and gender equality. The members of the committee will plan events and ways to promote inclusion in our community.

The event and Committee are open to the public. If you want to sign the pledge to Stand Up Against Racism or are interested in serving on the Committee, please RSVP to executivedirector@ywcaofjamestown.com. The YWCA is located at 401 N. Main Street in Jamestown. Contact the YWCA at 488-2237 with any questions.

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Area Veteran and Homestead Stables to be featured on Lifetime TV's "Military Makeover with Montel"

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CODY WILLETT WITH AIR FORCE

Upon his return, Willett began working with Cindy Reidy of the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer to Peer Program. The program's goal is to link veterans together for socialization and friendship and utilizes peer support from those who can relate to the struggles of transitioning into civilian life.

It was at this point that Homestead Stables and equine assisted therapy specialist, Dawn Samuelson, founder of The Constance Project, entered the picture. Named after Dawn's late sister, Constance Marie Davenport, a U.S. Air Force veteran that took her own life at the age of 25. The program is designed to aid in the prevention of suicide and work with veterans that experience PTSD, bereavement, anxiety, depression, and anger issues.

confidence, respect, and goal setting. Workshops allow humans to interact and connect with horses and each other in a non-threatening, non-judgmental atmosphere. In addition to the Constance Project, the N.E.I.G.H. program also includes a component known as "Beyond the Reins" which focuses on experiences for at-risk youth, battered women, and communication workshops for corporations, as well as Horse and Handler and N.E.I.G.H. University, which offers certification, apprenticeships, and practitioner training.

Samuelson shared, "I am both honored and blessed to have Heritage work with me to present N.E.I.G.H. at Homestead Stables. They truly believe in giving back to our veterans, and their mission of serving others mirrors my desire to work with active military members, veterans, and their families to help prevent suicide and aid them in the many struggles they face - both physical and emotional."

Shortly after the birth of their second child, Cody learned of "Military Makeover With Montel," a home improvement show on Lifetime that, according to the series, "aims to respect

When selecting a site to film scenes for the show outside of the makeover site, executives agreed that Homestead Stable's commitment to working with veterans made them a perfect fit.

"Homestead Stables by Heritage, is extremely proud to be selected as not only the filming site, but as a

and guests. Movable fences can also make the riding area smaller or bigger to accommodate different events. Bleachers on the first floor and balcony seating are available for those who want to view horses outside of the viewing area.



community partner, who for over 130 years has served seniors and veterans, and with our programming at the stables, we are privileged to serve all ages. As a local not-for-profit, it's our responsibility to live our mission, and serve those within our community, and remain a trusted industry leader in offering human services. Being able to come alongside the show with N.E.I.G.H. and the Constance Project is an absolute blessing to us and fits within our mission to promote HOPE,

Heather Payne, owner of Payne Show Horses and a graduate of the University of Findlay in Ohio with a degree in equine science, oversees operations at Homestead Stables as the Stable Manager and Head Trainer.

The show will film in May, with an air date to be announced by Lifetime and other national syndicates.

Heritage Ministries, the parent company of Homestead Stables, was founded as the Orphanage and Homes of the Free Methodist Church in 1886 and has grown from its original campus in Gerry, NY, to six locations in New York with additional affiliations in the states of Washington, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. As a not-for-profit provider of senior care and housing, Heritage is a leader in the industry, employing approximately 1,500 team members, and serving over 2,500 individuals annually. With locations in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Washington, Heritage and its affiliates provide rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, independent retirement housing, and assisted living. The Homestead Stables provides intergenerational equestrian opportunities as well as boarding, training, and lessons. In addition, childcare is provided at two campuses, allowing for intergenerational programs. For more information on Heritage Ministries, please visit www.heritage1886.org



Homestead Stables Arena

The Constance Project not only works with veterans, but active military and their families as well. Samuelson recently joined forces with Homestead Stables by Heritage to provide equine assisted therapy to many people, including veterans, who face unique challenges as they return home. The N.E.I.G.H. (National Educational Institute of Growth through Horses) program empowers individuals by equipping them with the tools necessary to improve communication,

those who have served our country, rebuild the homes — and even the lives — of these brave service men and women, and repay veterans for the service and sacrifice they've made for us." He applied to the show, believing that a home makeover would be a wonderful gift for his wife and children as a thank you for being "his rock" as he navigates the physical and mental struggles of PTSD from his time in the military.

DIGNITY and PURPOSEFUL LIVING," said Lisa Haglund, Heritage Vice-President of Marketing and Development.

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Healthcare Studies Certificate Approved For JCC

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Jamestown Community College

The New York State Education Department and the State University of New York have approved a new certificate program in healthcare studies for Jamestown Community College.

The certificate provides foundational knowledge about human health and disease and delivers critical training in soft skills that prepare students to function professionally in a healthcare environment.

The healthcare studies program will help students identify appropriate certifications for entry-level jobs. The program can also serve as a ladder into associate's degree programs such as nursing, occupational therapy assistant, dental hygiene, radiologic technology, and medical assisting.

"A big advantage of this certificate program is its flexible design, allowing students to explore healthcare career options, and then, select specific courses to prepare them for their career preferences," said Ellen Lehning, professor of biology.

Dr. Lehning, who is also coordinating the certificate program, added, "Entry-level healthcare jobs represent some of the fastest growing occupations in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. For those who want to help provide care to persons facing illness, this is a great opportunity to receive a college credential and get to work quickly."

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EYE ON BUSINESS



Calvin & Cindy Wu With Their Daughter

Good Times at Tokyo Beijing

*Article Contributed by
Carly Gould*

Cindy and Calvin Wu are some of the friendliest people you could ever meet, and they happily run the local Asian cuisine restaurant, Tokyo Beijing, together. They opened the restaurant back in April of 2017, and they have been going strong ever since. Calvin and Cindy came up with the name to show their customers that they have a mix of Chinese, Japanese and Thai food.

“We came to Jamestown because we have family in the area,” Calvin said. “We wanted to be close to our family. It’s the most important thing to us.”

Calvin had been cooking for years, and had been working in the restaurant business for just as long. He loves his work, his friends, his family, and his customers. “We try to cook up some new flavors and combine them, and people love it,” Calvin said. “We decided to go with all sorts of Asian cooking because most places only have Chinese or Japanese. They only focus on one culture.”

People who come to Tokyo Beijing end up being regulars for life. They love the different types of Asian food offered, and they love

the warm hospitality they receive when they first enter the building. The couple work hard to make sure their customers are happy.

“A lot of other Asian restaurants are buffets,” Calvin said. “We didn’t want to do that because we wanted all our food to be fresh. It tastes better and people love it.” The customers who come back often go to Tokyo Beijing so much that they can simply say, “I’ll have the usual.”

With tasty dishes from hibachi, to sushi, to Thai basil chicken, it’s no wonder that anyone who comes here become a regular. And they offer fair prices. For example, you can enjoy the taste of a hibachi grill without the expensive show. As the saying goes, we come for the food and stay for the hospitality.

Tokyo Beijing can be found at 816 Foote Avenue in Jamestown. The restaurant is open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., except on Fridays and Saturdays, when they’re open until 10:30 p.m. Take out meals are also a specialty. Call 716-708-6801.

Cindy and Calvin will be waiting with open arms and big smiles on their faces.

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YMCA’s Deep Freeze Tournament Sends Support to Hospital’s Mammography Program



L to R: Thomas Anderson, director Lakewood YMCA, Jim Roach, owner Falconer Printing, Megan Barone, director of development UPMC Chautauqua and Kenneth Warren, Hope’s Windows stand in front of UPMC Chautauqua mammography equipment while giving their donation

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UPMC Chautauqua
WCA Foundation*

Be Strong. These two words have become the foundation for many cancer fighting patients and are especially important to those who organize the Deep Freeze Raquetball tournament. These words have resonated with the committee members and are an integral part of what the tournament is about and for who. The tournament is held at the Lakewood YMCA each year in February and offers those interested in a game of racquetball to come out and have fun for the day.

Hope’s Windows, Jim Roach at Falconer Printing and Fessenden, Laumer & DeAngelo have been sponsoring this tournament for years, and the committee is grateful for their continuous support. In addition, participants from Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New York have joined the cause to Be

Strong and fight breast cancer in the Chautauqua Region to help the men and women stricken by the disease. This year, they were able to give a generous check in the amount of \$750, which will help with direct support for women and men’s cancer care.

Next year, the committee is hoping to raise more awareness and funds towards UPMC Chautauqua’s mammography department. It is their goal to assist with providing mammograms for underserved individuals for early detection.

For more information about how you can help fight cancer locally, please contact Megan Barone, director of development, 716-664-8423, Baronema3@upmc.edu. Or search tax-exempt.givingopportunitiesatwww.wcafoundationjamestown.org. There are several endowed funds that have been created to fight cancer and support those being treated for the disease at UPMC Chautauqua listed on WCA Foundation’s website.

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Ekanger Named To Workforce Readiness Post

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Jamestown Community College

Holger Ekanger has been named vice president of workforce readiness at Jamestown Community College.

Ekanger, who is currently the director of Macomb Community College's workforce and continuing education efforts in engineering and advanced technology, will join JCC's administration in mid-May.

"I am thrilled to have such a knowledgeable and experienced professional in this new role," noted JCC president Daniel T. DeMarte. "I am confident that with Mr. Ekanger's leadership, JCC's workforce readiness department will become the preferred training provider among employers and economic development agencies in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties."

Dr. DeMarte emphasized that the new position is key to restructuring JCC's former Center for Continuing Education with a stronger focus on workforce readiness.

In his new role at JCC, Ekanger will provide leadership and oversight for workforce readiness programs and the Manufacturing Technology Institutes located on JCC's Jamestown and Olean campuses. He is also expected to develop and implement a system awarding college credit -- through work or military experience, industry certifications and licensures, company training, and standardized exams -- toward certificate and degree completion.

Ekanger attended Bellevue Community College and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in administration - leadership from Central Michigan University.

He served in the Norwegian Army and as a United Nations volunteer for peacekeeping operations in Lebanon.

Prior to joining Macomb's Workforce Development Institute as a training administrator in 2001, Ekanger managed apprenticeship enrollment and business and industry training components at Ivy Tech State College.

Since in 2009, Ekanger has overseen and managed programs at Macomb's Michigan Technical Education Center, focusing on advanced manufacturing, automated systems, and robotics. He has also led a regional economic and workforce development collaborative focused on employer attraction, retention, and expansion.

"I look forward to joining the team at Jamestown Community College and engaging our



Holger Ekanger

employers, industry partners, and economic development agencies," said Ekanger. "Only through collaboration with key stakeholders can we best align our academic and workforce programs to meet and exceed the requirements for in-demand jobs."

Chautauqua County Humane Society Pets of the Week

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Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Signs MOA for Chautauqua Lake Weed Management Consensus Strategy

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**Chautauqua Watershed
Conservancy**

The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy has signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the Chautauqua Lake Weed Management Consensus Strategy.

The CWC recognizes that the MOA serves as a positive step in creating a comprehensive plan of action for the lake. The CWC also commends the MOA as way to bring about a collaborative, science-based approach to improving the health of the lake and to ensure that any herbicide treatments carried out within the lake are performed in a targeted manner that reduces the adverse impacts of herbicides on the lake's ecology.

The CWC looks forward to

continuing to work with other stakeholders to effectively improve the quality and usability of Chautauqua Lake. As the consensus strategy moves ahead, the CWC hopes to see a more formal recognition of the important role the watershed plays in the health of the lake as well as the understanding that most aquatic plants are beneficial and should not necessarily be considered "weeds."

CWC will continue to work towards its mission of preserving and enhancing the water quality, scenic beauty and ecological health of the lakes, streams and watersheds of Chautauqua County by focusing on conserving lands within the watersheds that play a critical role in water quality, by encouraging best land management practices and by educating the public on the steps they can take in their own yards to improve the health of Chautauqua County's waterways.

BPU Announces Easter Holiday Schedule

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While Jamestown Board of Public Utilities offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 19, garbage and recycling will be collected on Friday as usual. The recyclables to be collected during the week of April 15-19 are paper, cardboard and box board.

BPU Customer Service and other BPU offices will be closed on Friday, April 19, with regular office hours resuming at 9 a.m. Monday, April 22.

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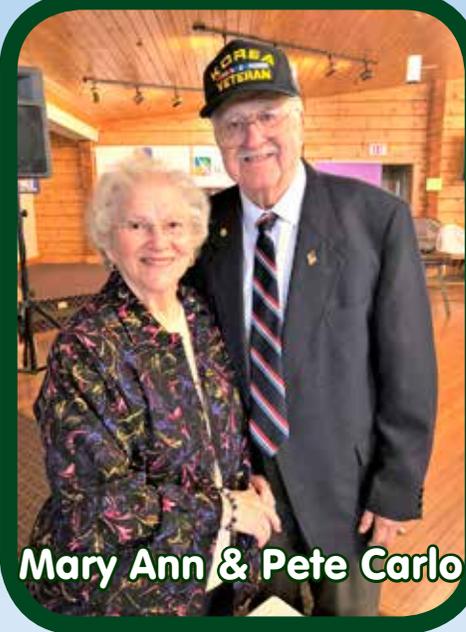


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