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Giving Gifts with Meaning

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Walt Pickut

The gift giving season now lasts all year long. It's not just Christmas any more. One popular gifting website lists 36 gift-giving holidays and special occasions throughout the year, from Christmas to Hanukkah, from weddings to birthdays and from Mother's Day to Father's Day and even Groundhog Day.

Holiday retail sales alone for 2015 are projected to top \$600 billion. That is the value to retailers and shoppers, but this year the Jamestown Gazette investigates a different metric. What will that \$600 billion mean to the gift receivers?

Well known financial advisor, national commentator and popular author, Suze Orman, this year asked fans on her Facebook page,

"Before buying gifts this year I want you to try this. Go up to people and simply ask them, 'What were you given last year for Christmas?' Watch the look on their face. I'm here to tell you, chances are they will not even remember. So they can't even remember and yet you're still paying for that gift? Really

people, do you think that's smart?"

From the Heart

The Jamestown Gazette has a special holiday gift for its readers this year. We posed that interesting question to random shoppers on downtown streets and shopping malls during a few busy shopping hours last week. Here's a sampling of responses we heard, mostly in that spirit.

"I think it should come from heart more than wallet." Nancy P. shopping for grandchildren.

"This year I want to meet a need not just a want." George K. noting money was short this year but he still wants to be generous.

"I like when my customers personalize their gifts. Some people want it to be more than a novelty." Mall merchant specializing in personalized gifts.

"I just want to get my shopping done." Mom with three small children, two crying, name withheld. But added, "It's a good idea, though. Maybe next year."

"Our family is so big we just draw names from a hat. Everybody buys only

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Every year the Zonta Club of Jamestown bring home, personal care and children's items to their Christmas Party in lieu of exchanging gifts with each other. (L to R) Zontians, Eileen Healy and Janet Lindstrom, stand among donations for the Salvation Army Anew Center and for the Jamestown Boys & Girls Club.

National Comedy Center Awarded Additional \$2.025 Million by New York State

on Jamestown during the weekend commencing construction of the first national attraction and cultural institution dedicated to comedy.

"Last year, New York State made the National Comedy Center a key part of its long range tourism and economic development strategy by investing \$1.5 million in the project", said Tom Benson, National Comedy Center chairman. "The additional \$2.025 million in grant funding that we received today is a clear indication of the state's belief in and support for the National Comedy Center and that the partnership that we established last year is strong and long lasting."

"These funds are part of the critical capstone for this \$50 million project," said Journey Gunderson, National Comedy Center executive director. "This is a true public-private partnership, and



comedy will now have the world-class celebration of artists and art form that is long overdue."

\$1.5 million of the awarded funds from Empire State Development and New York State Parks are for the construction of the

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Editorial



Wow, Thanks



Just what I always wanted! Wow, thanks. Next to Christmas carols, those might be most often repeated sounds of Christmas, though perhaps repeated with a little less sincerity on a few occasions.

Remember Uncle Harry's Bacon Flavored Toothpaste, for instance? He was sure proud of that gift. Then how about that present from your favorite auto repair shop, the Bigfoot Scented Air Freshener and Action Figure to hang from your car's rear view mirror? Or maybe you remember the handsome inflatable toupee cousin Zoe sent Grandpa to make him a hit with the girls down at the shuffleboard court.

Some gifts certainly are memorable, but is that enough? Maybe they should cost more to be really meaningful.

This year on the billionaire's Christmas list you can find the \$160 million, man-made, Seafaring Island with several helipads and boat docks. It's called Project Utopia and there is only one on the shelf. Act now.

Or for the more frugal there's Elizabeth Taylor's \$30million jewelry collection. Act fast, may already be sold.

Maybe a few low cost stocking stuffers would be more your ticket to Christmas gifting satisfaction. Try a pair of stylish \$19,000 Mr. Kennedy gold shoelaces (only 10 pair available) to lace up your Nikes while you pedal your \$4,252 Hermes bicycles with stainless steel lacquer and Taurillon Clemence leatherwork on the frame, saddle and handles.

As farfetched as some of these gift ideas may seem, isn't it all too often that novelty or money become the deciding factor in picking out a gift?

Meet Dr. Seusse's friend The Grinch. "Maybe Christmas," the Grinch thought, "doesn't come from a store."

People often say, "It's the thought that counts."

But what thoughts are they talking about?

A friend once wanted to give his son a special gift upon graduation from a long, difficult academic program, but he had little money. So he crawled through old boxes in his attic and retrieved a few of his son's childhood treasures and wrapped them up with a bow on top. Twenty five cents worth of paper, tape and ribbon did the whole job.

At the graduation party each was to be opened for everyone to see with the requirement that he tell the whole story attached to it. Those few simple gifts brought laughs, tears and treasured memories to everyone and many of those items still grace prominent places of honor in his son's home. It wasn't the money that made them memorable.

This week the Jamestown Gazette invites you to consider a few ideas like that for your own holiday and special occasion gifting for 2015 and 2016.

The best gifts come from the heart and touch people in ways neither money nor novelty can.

The other kind of gift that can make a holiday special is to give yourself, your time, your best effort to another. There are some people, and you may know just who they are, who would rather be with you, work with you, play with you or simply spend time with you and talk than to receive any proxy you can wrap up and stuff in a mailbox or cram under a tree. This year, you may be the gift that matters most to someone.

Enjoy the season with some of those special gifts this year, gifts that can cost so much less than money and yet be worth so much more. And of course, enjoy the read.

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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts will be holding its Annual Alumni and Holiday Concert at the Infinity Arts Café on Friday, December 18 at 7:00pm. The show will feature current Infinity students and a variety of Infinity alumni.

This event is free, family friendly, and open to the public. Audience members and supporters of all ages are welcome.

The Infinity Arts Café entrance is located at 300 East 3rd street, by entering through the doors to the old Post Office. Look for the signs!

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Youth Orchestras' Auditions Set for January 9-10, 2016



The Chautauqua Regional Youth Symphony will hold auditions for all three of its orchestras on January 9 and 10, 2016, in the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts. Some of the Youth Symphony's string players are shown here performing at a Scandinavian Foundation holiday dinner at Holy Trinity Church in Jamestown. Director Bryan Eckenrode is playing with them on the left.

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Chautauqua Regional Youth Symphony (CRYS)

The Chautauqua Regional Youth Symphony (CRYS) will hold auditions for all three of its orchestras on Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10, 2016.

This is CRYS's 29th season of offering classical music education and performance opportunities to serious music students from elementary school through college. Acclaimed performer and conductor Bryan Eckenrode is the Music Director and Conductor of all three orchestras.

Orchestra members are selected by teacher recommendation and audition. Both private and public school music teachers are encouraged to contact CRYS for this distinctive opportunity for their students who show special talent or interest in performing.

Rehearsals for Prelude Strings, the beginning orchestra for string musicians, start on Friday afternoon, January 15, 2016, at Christ First Methodist Church in Jamestown.

Prelude students are expected to have at least one year's experience reading music and be able to perform at a NYSSMA level I or II.

CRYS's other two orchestras begin

their Saturday rehearsals on January 16, 2016, on the stage of the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts in downtown Jamestown. The Young Artists Orchestra (YAO) is for intermediate musicians, including string, brass, wind and percussion players, able to perform at a NYSSMA level III or IV. The Youth Symphony, CRYS's premier performance group, is composed of highly talented and motivated high school and college musicians playing at NYSSMA level V or VI.

In April, Youth Symphony students will participate in a weekend of concentrated coaching, rehearsing, and fun at Chautauqua Institution.

The rehearsals and Chautauqua Weekend are in preparation for the three orchestras' Spring Gala Concert on Sunday, May 15, 2016, in the Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall at Chautauqua Institution.

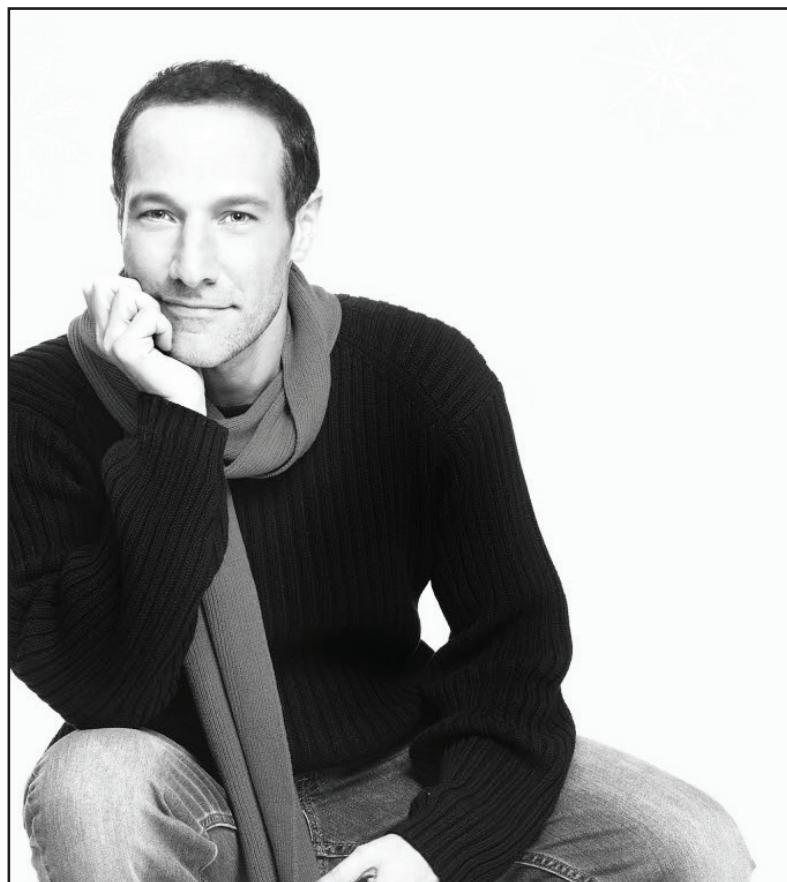
Details of expectations of CRYS students and parents can be found in the documents on the "Updates and Information for Musicians" page at the website www.CRYOUTHsymphony.com.

To learn how your child or student can participate in one of the Chautauqua Regional Youth Symphony orchestras, call (716) 664-2465, ext. 202, or email jherman12@outlook.com.



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Jim Brickman Returns to Reg Lenna Center for The Arts for Holiday Concert



Article Contributed by
The Reg Lenna Center For The Arts

Returning to Jamestown on Monday, December 21, 2015, at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Jim Brickman brings together the sounds of the season. Live for one night only, Brickman's holiday tour, Comfort & Joy, features Anne Cochran, Tracy Silverman and the Jamestown High School Choir. "I am excited to announce that the Madrigals will be joining me in concert on December 21st," Brickman says. "Nothing says Christmas more than the voices of a choir! They'll be performing during a number of pieces including one of my personal favorite "Sending You A Little Christmas." Tickets are available for the 7:30pm concert by calling 716.484.7070, reglenna.com or at the box office located at 116 East Third St. Jamestown, NY 14701. For event details, theater location and more details, visit jimbrickman.com. Celebrating the Christmas spirit from coast to coast, Brickman will showcase new music, along with holiday favorites and the hits that makes him the most charted Billboard® Adult Contemporary artist, earning him two Grammy® nods and four certified gold albums. At this stage in his career, Brickman remains one of the most popular figures in pop instrumental music. "His annual holiday tours have become so successful that he's becoming synonymous with the season," said the Richmond Times Dispatch. "I love to perform live more than anything and I think the tone of my shows is such a familial and inviting type of experience that it's really become a tradition for a lot of people, which I'm thankful for," says Brickman. Brickman's newest CD, Comfort & Joy, celebrates the wonder of the holidays with a collection of brand new originals and traditional favorites. From the Rock Hall to Broadway, Brickman brings together the best in music with featured performers including the legendary Johnny Mathis, John Oates, Tracy Silverman, Charlie Alan and the star of Broadway's hottest shows, Leslie Odom Jr.

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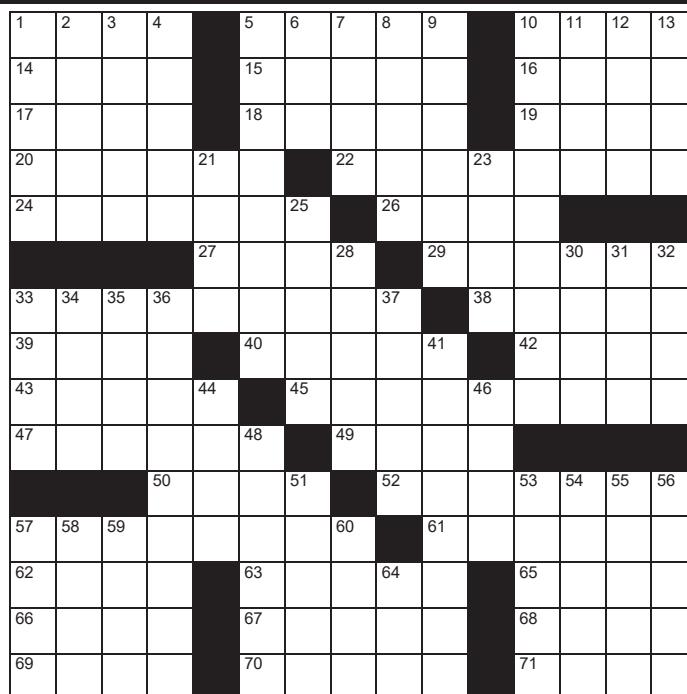


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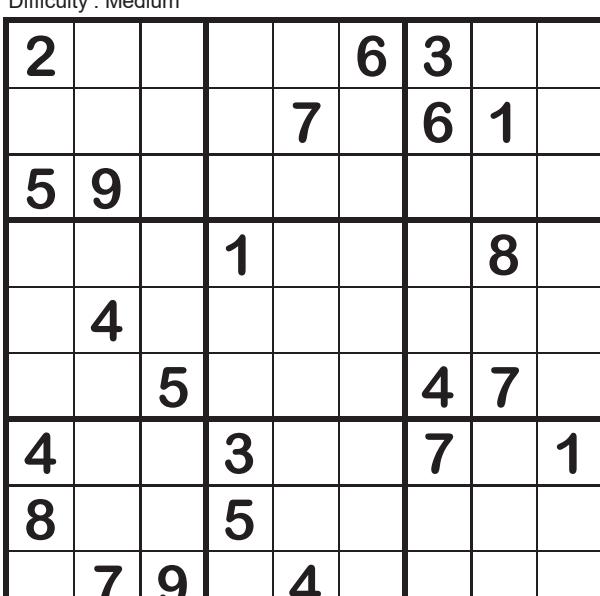


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FINDING YOUR FAMILY with Janet Wahlberg

Combing The Heather For Your Scots



Contributing Writer

Janet Wahlberg

Last month we talked about researching in Scotland. This month I will share more specific research tactics. As with all research, there are many on-line sources that can be used. A couple that I like to use are Scotland's People, Find My Past, the clearances.org, Clans, Cyndi's List and of course Family Search & Ancestry. We also have resources specific to Scotland at the Hall House.

Scotland's People is probably my favorite. There is a cost involved. You can search the index for free and then need to buy credits in order to view the records. There are several categories to use as you search for your family; Statutory Registers (government records), Old Parish Records (records from the Church of Scotland), Catholic Registers, Census Records, Valuation Rolls and then a grouping of "free search records (soldiers' wills, wills & testaments, and Coats of Arms). By searching the Statutory Records, I was able to take my family back two generations.

These are government records that were established in 1855 to replace the old system of registration by the parishes in the Church of Scotland. From 1855 forward registration became compulsory regardless of the denomination and followed a standardized format.

Death records for 1855 and later show the date, time and place of death, deceased's name, sex, marital status, age and occupation, cause of death, duration of last illness, doctor's name and details of the informant. In addition, they show the usual residence, the deceased's place of birth, spouse's name, parents' names, occupations and whether they were deceased, names and ages of children or age and year of death if the child pre-deceased the parent. Up to 1860, the place of burial, the name of the undertaker and when the doctor last saw the deceased alive, were also included. Over time these requirements were modified somewhat.

Marriage records for 1855 and later give full name, age, marital status, occupation, usual residence, date and place of marriage, name and occupation of father, name and maiden name of mother, and names of witnesses and the officiating clergy.

They also include the birthplace and number of former marriages of each spouse (plus the number of children by those marriages).

Birth records for 1855 and later were very detailed and are a terrific resource. In addition to details about the child (date, place and time of birth, full name, sex), the parents' names (including maiden surname of mother), father's occupation, name of informant. It also included the date of the parent's marriage as well as their place of birth.

As you can see, these records can be invaluable if the person that you are researching was born, married or died after 1855 in Scotland. I was able to locate the maternal and paternal grandparents of my paternal great grandmother as well as additional details of their lives.

Find my Past has excellent resources for Immigration and Emigration records. My success story here is finally finding evidence that my paternal grandfather did indeed come to Canada twice. I simply put in his name, birth date and birth place and up popped a nice list of records with his name in them. Their site is very easy to navigate.

If you know or suspect that your family is from the Highlands, you might want to take a look at the clearances.org site. There is much general information about the clearances as well as some personal stories. I have used it primarily to learn more general information as my connection to the Highlands is a bit tenuous.

Take a look at these resources and also just type in genealogy research in Scotland to see what might come up. You might try locating the historical societies in the various counties in Scotland by typing in genealogy research in (insert name of county) as they may have additional resources.

See you next month for a look at non-population census records.

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.

JOIN ME IN THE KITCHEN with Vicki McGraw

Christmas Cookies 2015

**Contributing Writer****Vicki McGraw**

Well, friends, ready or not, Christmas is upon us! I hope you are ready and relaxed! Every year the holiday season seems to fly by quicker than the last, but I try to fit in as much fun as possible in what little time we have.

As is our tradition, my Mom and I began our holiday season this year with our annual trip to New York City. For those of you who have never tried this particular excursion, it is something to experience! We board a motor coach about 10:30 on a Friday night, sleep away the travel time while the bus rumbles down the highway and wake up just in time to see the sun rise over the sky scrapers of Manhattan. Because I could easily sleep through a sonic boom, I wake refreshed and ready to hit the city! We have about 16 hours to fit in as many of the sights and sounds of Christmas in the city as we can, and boy do we make the most of it!!

This years' trip was extra special because we were able to spend a few hours with my dear college roommate. Because she lives in New Jersey, we aren't able to see one another often, but this year the stars aligned and found us able to meet for lunch. I knew Marlene was bringing her husband and son along for the visit, so I brought them some of our homemade cookies. Her son Jeremy was enjoying them so much, I'll bet they were gone before they got back home! I believe homemade treats are always nice to

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Toffee Crack-Up

- **50 saltine crackers**
- **1 C butter**
- **1 C brown sugar**
- **2 C chocolate chips**
- **½ to 1 C M&M's, crushed peppermints or chopped nuts**

Pre-heat oven to 325*

Line a 9x13 pan with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Line pan with the saltines.

Place butter and brown sugar in a medium pot and heat to a boil for 2-3 minutes. Carefully pour hot mixture over saltines. Bake for 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over crackers. Return to oven for 5 minutes. Remove and let sit until chocolate melts, then carefully spread to cover. Top with desired toppings.

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Visiting Santa



Perry and Quinn with Santa Claus.

Contributing Writer**Pastor Shawn Hannon**

Hope Lutheran Church Arcade, NY

Spoiler Alert: Article may contain information about Santa Claus from a father's perspective. Believers beware.

Recently my family made the voyage from Arcade, NY to the north pole on the Polar Express. We dressed in our pajamas, and embarked on the journey. Unfortunately, it turns out global warming has even affected Santa's winter wonderland because when we arrived we encountered quite a green Christmas. Anyway, I digress.

My three year old daughter, Quinn, approached Santa with biblical fear and reverence. She sat in his lap with wonder, and quietly told him the two things she wanted for Christmas: a giraffe and a unicorn. "Have you been a good girl?" Santa asked. "Yes," Quinn replied. And she was right, but the most amazing thing started to happen the days after. As images of Santa Claus appeared on our television or in books or around town, Quinn (who really is a good girl) became a perfect one. For the first time in our youngest daughter's life, her big sister has willingly shared her toys with her. She sat down to dinner the other night and ate EVERY bite of food that was placed on her plate. She's even gone to bed without a making a peep. It's amazing. And I'd love to pretend it's our parenting, but I know better. It's Santa.

Quinn is behaving unbelievably well because she believes that if she is a good girl her name will end up on Santa's nice list and she will get a unicorn for Christmas. And isn't that what we teach

our children Christmas is all about? Behave. Watch out. Be nice. And get presents.

But that's not what Christmas is actually all about, is it? And it's time to face a reality. We tell ourselves that we give presents at Christmas because God gave us a present at Christmas, but if it were as simple as that, how come we give our presents for the exact opposite reason God gave his. You see, we give our presents to children who are good little girls and boys, but God had to give his present for his children not because of their good behavior, but because of their sin.

But while that's regrettable, that is the good news of great joy for us. Christmas, unlike Santa, isn't dependent on good behavior. In fact, is predicated on the opposite. Christmas comes because we are in bondage to sin. Christmas comes, showers us with grace, and frees us to live better.

As you consider how you are living out your faith this Christmas I hope you are doing so leaning boldly on the amazing grace of our new born king. And I hope that you are being good, but not because you're looking for a unicorn or any other reward, but because we've already received the reward, and now get to live in gratitude for it.

Merry Christmas.

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No Shave November Donation



(L to R) Seen presenting the check to One Ball Foundation founder and director, Ben Lindquist, are Erica Ireland, Anytime Fitness Hired 2 Inspire Manager, and CJ Ferrara, member at Anytime Fitness.

*Article Contributed by
One Ball Foundation, Inc.*

Anytime Fitness, owned by David Dix and located at 901 Fairmount Ave. in Jamestown, recently held a No Shave November campaign to raise awareness about men's health and testicular cancer. A donation was

made for each member who vowed not to shave for the month of November, as well as a pledge for every mile run during the month. Proceeds raised during the campaign were donated to the One Ball Foundation, a new local non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness about testicular cancer and support those in treatment.

5-year-old Donates to New Leash on Life

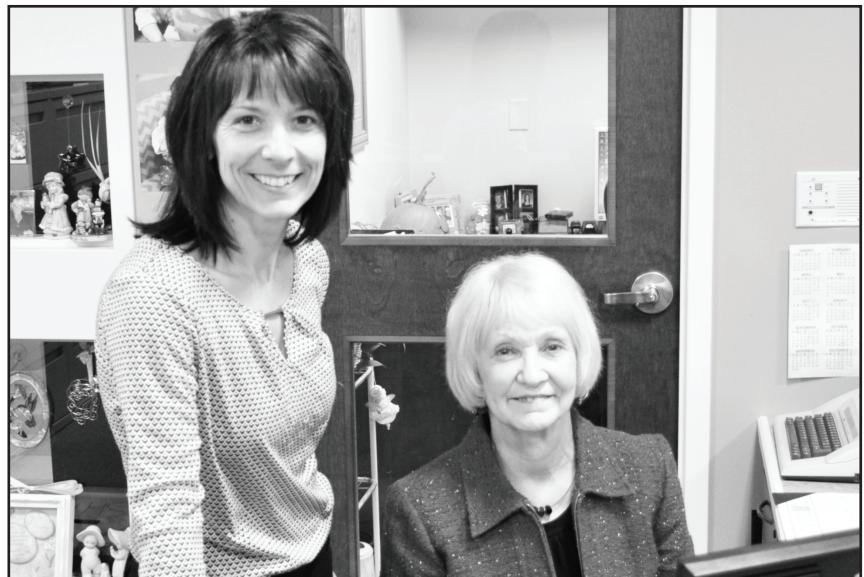
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Off the Beaten Path

Instead of expecting birthday gifts for his 5th birthday party, Oliver Burgeson asked for donations to the dogs and cats who have been rescued by New Leash on Life. Oliver donated the many items he collected at Off the Beaten Path Bookstore in Lakewood, which is continuing to accept donations throughout the holiday season. Oliver's kindness represents what the season is all about. Good job, Oliver!



Lutheran Expands Admissions Office



(L to R) Cindy Steele, RN, Director of Admissions for Lutheran and Jan Basile, Admissions Support Assistant gave tours of their new office space specifically designed and conveniently located to ease the admission process for the Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center and Hultquist Place.

*Article Contributed by
Lutheran*

The questions are unlimited when it comes to a short stay in a rehabilitation program, and a move to a skilled nursing facility or assisted living program. There are questions about insurance coverage and what to expect. To ease that process and create one point of entry, Lutheran recently designed an Admissions Office that is located in the main entrance of the Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center.

"A few years ago we created an admission's director position to help our residents and families with the process of choosing the best level of care based on their needs," said Tom Holt, President and CEO. "Now we are pleased to offer an admissions suite that is conveniently located and staffed with experts to help answer questions and to assist with the admission process."

The Lutheran Rehabilitation Program experienced more than 200 admissions in the last year. There are numerous details that go into the admission's process. "Our goal is to make the admissions process as convenient and

seamless as possible," said Cindy Steele, Director of Admissions at Lutheran. "We are part of an entire team here at Lutheran and we work closely with area physicians and hospitals to coordinate a person's care even before they transfer here." Lutheran team members include physician, social work, physical/occupational/speech therapy, nursing, and dietary.

The Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center is located on Falconer Street in Jamestown. The 148-bed program includes skilled nursing and a full complement of rehab therapies including physical, occupational and speech therapies, in a warm and caring environment.

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- What is another name for reindeer?
- T/F: Only male reindeer grow antlers.
- Reindeer are native to what type of region?
- What do reindeer like to eat?
- What part of a reindeer's face helps them to survive in such cold, harsh climates?
- What poem first gave names to Santa's reindeer?
- T/F: The lifespan of a reindeer is about 15 years.
- What is the scientific name for reindeer?
- What is a baby reindeer called?
- T/F: Like a human's fingerprint no two reindeer antlers are exactly the same.

(6) 'Twas the Night Before Christmas (7) True (8) Rangifer Tarandus (9) Fawn (10) True

ANSWERS: (1) Caribou (2) False (3) Arctic (4) Moss (5) Their nose

Washington After School Program Holds Unique Career Night*Article Contributed by**Jamestown Public Schools*

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Ms. Tuzzo posted on Facebook that she was doing a Career Night and got an overwhelming response.

Washington Middle School Advantage After School Program students and their families had an opportunity to learn more about diverse careers through a fun and informative Career Night. Site Coordinator Britt Tuzzo developed the idea to bring students and their families into the school to enjoy a night of learning.

"It is my first year running the after school program at Washington I wanted to do a family night that would be interesting for both the students and their parents," said Ms. Tuzzo. "I also wanted to do something where they could learn information that might be helpful to them in their lives. I thought it would be really cool if I could get people to come and talk to the students about their jobs, which became the Career Night. I thought having diverse careers represented was important. I wanted to offer different ways students could work and make a good living."

Over 65 people visited Career Night to learn more about diverse careers with local community members: Jamie Haight, field biologist, James Christian, tattoo artist, Ashley Calla, Fletcher Elementary School teacher, Doug Weaver, Jamestown police officer, Rick Tuzzo, telecommunications coordinator, Shannon Bessette, JCC anthropology professor, and Vince Liuzzo and Justin Miller, business

"I wanted to make sure that I could get enough people to come in and talk, and to my surprise, I got an overwhelming response from friends and other people I've met throughout my life saying that they would come in. The community really supported us," said Ms. Tuzzo. "I received so many amazing comments from parents saying it was so fun and one of the favorite family nights that they have attended!"

Ms. Tuzzo thanks all of the volunteers and Washington Advantage After School Program staff that helped make the night a success.



Tattoo Artist, James Christian, discusses his job with Washington Middle School students Gabe Mastrosimone, Deryck Gullett, Ayrianna Brady, Ruben Riley, Nate Torres, Cierra Taber, and Madeline DeJoy.

Flag Donation to American Legion 1286

(L to R) Front row. Past Sergeant Peter Carlo, Korean Veteran donator; Peter Ochocki, Post 1286 Commander; Don Keefe, board member; Richard Anderson, treasurer of Legion 1286; Dave Lange, 1st Vice Commander; Gary Carrella, Chautauqua County Legion commander. Back row. Don Frantz, Legionnaire; Jack Daelhausen, Asst. Scartmaster of troop 131; Dick Thayer, board member.

*Article Contributed by**Peter Carlo*

A flag was donated to Lakewood American Legion 1286 on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 by Korean War Veteran Sgt. Peter Carlo on behalf of all veterans who served the United States in their time of need many times in the past, starting with World

War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, etc. and they are still on alert to protect our freedom. It is the 23x11s nylon flag that has been donated by Mr. Carlo through the past 3 years. It is his mission to support all veterans, schools, churches, police departments, fire departments, as well as Chambers of Commerce in the area.

Local Churches to Hold Downtown Jamestown Caroling Event*Article Contributed by*
Squirrel Hill Consulting

Parishioners from Jamestown's First Covenant, First Presbyterian, Zion Covenant and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches will gather to sing Traditional Christmas Carols in non-traditional places next Tuesday evening December 15. The group will meet at 7pm at The Pub Restaurant on North Main Street and travel on foot throughout the downtown area stopping at The Cherry Lounge, Forte and Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge.

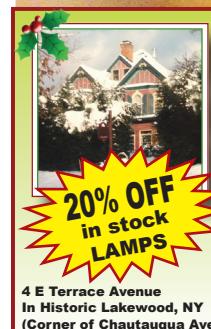
The ecumenical event has become an annual holiday occurrence downtown, and has grown in numbers since its inception by the Rev. Adam Rohler, Pastor at First

Covenant. Local establishments have come to expect the carolers, sometimes even providing a few snacks and refreshments, and patrons often join in as the group makes its way from place to place.

"It is a great way for us to all get together and celebrate the season," says Rohler, who first organized the activity about four years ago after participating in a similar event at his previous church. "It is always a fun evening and also very nice to spend some time in fellowship with our neighbors, which is one of the things that Christmas is all about."

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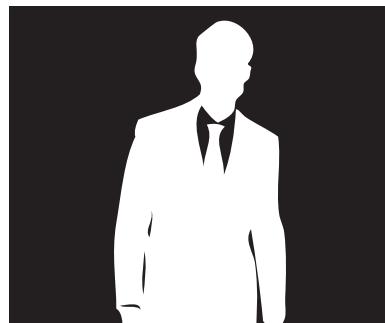
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Designed by Fredonia's Department of English, the new graduate-level courses meet once a week and are geared to working professionals and non-traditional students, as well as current graduate students, who want to gain new writing skills, brush up on current skills and consider the varied dimensions of professional writing.

Approval of the advanced study certificate program consisting of four graduate-level writing seminars, a 3-credit internship (ENG 694) and E-portfolio (ENG 501) for a total of 16 credits is pending in Albany. The department offered the first of the new

courses in the fall semester: Ethics of Writing (ENGL 521) and Art of Grammar (ENGL 524).

Two courses –Writing for Digital Media (ENGL 522) and Grantwriting (ENGL 523) – will be offered in the Spring 2016 term. ENG 522, taught by Dr. Heather McEntarfer, will meet Thursdays, 5 to 7:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 21. ENG 523, taught by Dr. Christina Jarvis, will meet Tuesdays, 5 to 7:20 p.m., starting Jan. 26.

Tentative plans are to offer two courses, and the opportunity to complete an internship, each semester. Courses can also be applied towards the Master of Arts degree in English, or other graduate programs, at Fredonia.

Area residents interested in the courses can obtain more information by meeting with English faculty at the December open house. Information is also available and open house reservations can be placed at <https://home.fredonia.edu/gradstudies/openhouse>. Please contact Dr. Jeanette McVicker at Jeanette.McVicker@fredonia.edu or 673-3861 with any questions.

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Chautauqua Alcoholism &
Substance Abuse Council
(CASAC)*

For Spanish and English speaking parents, the Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC) is offering free parenting classes, Active Parenting Now, Fourth Edition starting January 12. The classes are being held at Southern Tier Environments for Living (STEL), 715 Central Ave, Dunkirk, NY. This program is offered at no charge through a grant from Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.

Active Parenting Now is for parents of children 5- 12 years of age. This program is scheduled on January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, & 16, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

The developers of this recently released fourth edition have expanded upon concepts/strategies/methods of parenting. Examples of this include explaining the workings of the developing child/adolescent brain; handling anger; what parents can do to help their children succeed in school (7 Smart Strategies) and the importance of contributing to the family via chores.

This is a six, 2-hour session program. The program helps teach parents how to raise responsible, cooperative

children who are prepared to meet the challenges of the teen years, resist negative peer pressure and thrive in the 21st century. This program considers child development and parenting in terms of the age/stage of the child within the perspective of varied nuclear families and vignettes representative of diverse cultures. Through this program, we provide parents with skills that will help them develop cooperation, responsibility and self-esteem in their children. They'll also learn positive, non-violent discipline techniques so they can avoid power struggles.

To take advantage of this opportunity, contact Kathleen Colby at 664-3608. Everyone can benefit from enhanced parental skills to be effective parents in today's world.

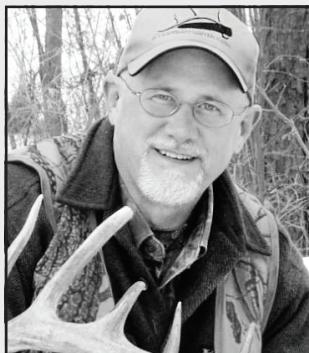
Since 1974, Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC), a United Way partner agency, has been providing prevention education and community awareness on alcohol, other drugs and compulsive gambling. CASAC is the only New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) approved and supported alcohol and other drug prevention agency in Chautauqua County. For further information about CASAC services, call the Jamestown office at 664-3608, or the Dunkirk office at 366-4623 or visit our Web Site: www.casacweb.org.



THE EVERYDAY HUNTER

with Steve Sorensen

A Post-Deer Season Debriefing



Contributing Writer

Steve Sorensen

Now that firearms deer season has ended, serious hunters are already beginning to think about next year's deer season and planning to make some adjustments. To all who brought home some venison, congratulations. But even if you filled a tag or two, your season probably could have been better. To make it so, here are a few questions to ask yourself.

1. Did you scout enough?

I paid for my lack of scouting this year. I saw one buck in the New York season, but didn't get it. (A gear problem — more about that later.) And I never saw another deer while hunting until I killed a Pennsylvania buck. I proved you don't have to see a lot of deer to get a buck. If things had gone right with that New York buck, I would have had seen only two deer and got them both. I relied on scouting from previous years, but should have done more.

2. Did you scout the right places?

I didn't run trail cameras this year. That has to change next year. I didn't scout food sources. Through no fault of my own I lost permission to hunt a nice property. As access to land changes, as terrain changes through logging and drilling, and as food sources change, year-to-year conditions can change dramatically. The days of going to the same old stand and producing a buck by noon on opening day are for the most part over. Hunting is harder than it used to be.

3. Did you see many deer?

My Pennsylvania buck, the only deer I saw, was my biggest bodied buck ever (190 pounds field-dressed). But more deer are there and the deer sign I saw

will change my strategy next year. My trail cameras will come out early, and I'm going to scout that property more thoroughly.

4. Was your hunting method right for the weather?

In the 2014 season, lots of fluffy snow on New York's opening day inhibited deer movement. It was an opportunity to still-hunt, but I stood frustrated at a stand where snow on the tree limbs blocked my vision. This year, bare ground and frozen leaves on Pennsylvania's opening day made silent walking impossible, so I found a place with good visibility and stayed put. I never saw a deer until 11:15 AM, but he was big. Patience paid off.

5. Did you have any gear problems?

On New York's opening day I watched an 8-point buck close the distance from 150 yards to 50 yards and offer me one of the easiest shots I've ever had. I settled the crosshairs on his shoulder and squeezed the trigger. Nothing happened. As I pulled my eye away from the scope to see if the safety was on, the gun fired. I never lube my trigger, but some barrel solvent found its way down into the trigger and gunked it up, causing a hang-fire. Off to the gunsmith.

You'd think that after decades of hunting I'd have all my gear problems sorted out, but they keep showing up. I wear fleece pants for still-hunting, but this year noticed the brush making noise when it scraped against my boots. Better to wear my pantlegs outside my boots when still-hunting. And this year I discovered I'm getting too old to drag deer up steep, log-strewn hillsides. Next year I'll have a wheeled cart ready for the job.

Reflect on your season while it's fresh in your memory. Even if you were successful, you can make some adjustments that will make your deer season better next year.

When "The Everyday Hunter" isn't hunting, he's thinking about hunting, talking about hunting, dreaming about hunting, writing about hunting, or wishing he were hunting. To read more of Steve Sorensen's thoughts about hunting, please visit www.jamestowngazette.com.

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Chautauqua Lake Central School Makes Suicide Prevention a Priority

*Article Contributed by
Office of the Chautauqua County Executive*

Suicide is a tough topic for anyone. Thanks to the efforts of school districts and administrations that are willing to address tough topics such as suicide, schools remain a safe haven where students are cared for and safe. A local school district, Chautauqua Lake Central School (CLCS), has been working on efforts to prevent suicide and to have a plan in place in case an unexpected tragedy occurs.

CLCS started the process of training staff in suicide prevention and creating a crisis plan in May 2014 with a one-day workshop, Creating Suicide Safety in Schools, through Suicide Prevention Center of NY. This workshop for school-based interdisciplinary teams empowers them to establish realistic short-term plans for effective suicide prevention and response planning. During this training, faculty and administration assessed the current crisis plan and made a schedule of necessary trainings. Participants spent time planning and problem solving for specific actions needed for suicide-safer schools.

The Lifelines training, a whole school program made up of three unique components - prevention, intervention, and postvention - is ongoing at CLCS. The complete Lifelines Trilogy is based on over 20 years of suicide-in-youth research that indicates an informed community can help to prevent vulnerable teens from ending their lives. CLCS staff completed the suicide prevention training in September 2014, and the crisis team was trained in Lifelines Postvention. In the late fall of 2014 the team completed Lifelines Intervention training. This fall, the Lifelines Prevention training was completed so the student curriculum could be implemented in the district.

"We are extremely thankful that our district was able to participate in the Lifelines curriculum," said Benjamin Spitzer, Chautauqua Lake Superintendent. "The process resulted in a comprehensive response plan addressing the critical issue of suicide prevention, intervention, and response. In addition, the training has helped to empower members of the school community to continue to focus on a safe and supportive educational environment."

These efforts were possible due to a partnership formed between Chautauqua Lake and Gowanda Schools. Beth Westerheide, Guidance Director at Gowanda High School, is a trainer from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, part of the NYS Office of Mental Health.

"Our crisis team and protocol at Gowanda Schools are identified as best practices and these have been established for four years. Being closer to CLCS, it made sense as we all share many of the same community resources," said Westerheide. "As a trainer for Office Mental Health, I was able to take CLCS staff through the entire model from Creating through Prevention. These community partnerships help ensure the highest quality intervention for all of our children."

CLCS has also been supported in their efforts by a local group dedicated to suicide prevention, the Community Alliance for Suicide Prevention. The Alliance is a group of dedicated professionals and community members who have come together to recognize the call to action for suicide prevention work in Chautauqua County. For the past four years, the Alliance has had the privilege of working with local school districts to help staff recognize warning signs of suicide and what should be done if a student or coworker is thinking of taking their own life.

"It is so important that we talk about these concerns and don't brush them aside and hope they go away," said Victoria Patti, Co-Coordinator of the Alliance. "We need to create a community culture in which we feel comfortable in talking about mental health openly and honestly in order to receive the support and resources necessary to work towards wellness. We hope that this partnership with Chautauqua Lake Central School District serves as a way to reach those we might not have had the opportunity to reach in the past, including other school districts that believe in the cause and would like to contribute to a suicide safer community. Not only is the Alliance applauding the work that CLCS has done, but we hope to use their plan as a model to help other school districts develop crisis plans and offer training to staff and students."

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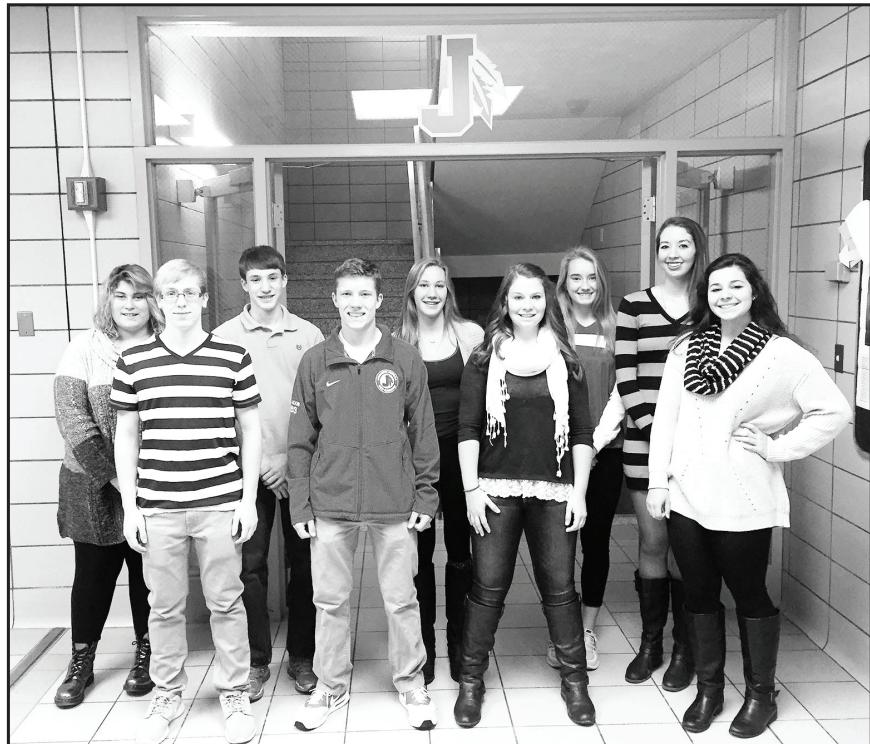
Love New York campaign.

The National Comedy Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and embodies Lucille Ball's vision for her hometown of Jamestown, New York. Creative design has been provided by Jack Rouse Associates with input from Local Projects, interactive specialist on the new 9/11 memorial museum experience, and economic feasibility

analysis has been provided by AECOM. In the spring of this year, the organization also announced its partnership with Hologram USA to create a hologram comedy club theater as part of the National Comedy Center experience, projected to open in 2017.

For additional information, visit www.NationalComedyCenter.org

12 JHS Athletes Named All-WNY Scholar Athletes



*Article Contributed by
Jamestown Public Schools*

Jamestown High School is proud to announce that 12 students on the school's fall varsity sports teams qualified as New York State Public High School Athletic Association's (NYSPHSAA) Section VI Scholar Athlete Individual Awards. To qualify, each senior's overall grade point must be an average of 90 or above for six semesters and be a starter or important reserve.

JHS' All-WNY Scholar Athletes (L to R) were:

Megan Marsh - Girls Swimming
Matthew Elia - Boys Cross Country
Joshua Osgood - Boys Cross Country
Jacob Samuelson - Boys Cross Country

Abigail Todaro - Volleyball
Allison Boskat - Volleyball
Jack Breen - Football

Jacob Dietzel - Football

Aaron Watson - Football

Ally Monfort - Girls Tennis

Alyssa Russo - Girls Tennis

Kate Tucker - Girls Tennis

"Being named to the All-Western New York Academic Team is a special honor," said JPS Athletic Director, Ben Drake. "These young men and women truly epitomize what the term, student-athlete, means. Not only are they great athletes, but these seniors also maintained an overall grade point average of 90% or higher during their four years at JHS. They are great role models for our younger athletes and we are all very proud of them."



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Superheroes of the Future: 4-H Youth



Sarah Osborne received the Kris TeWinkle Spirit of 4-H Award as well as the Chautauqua County Fair Association and Paul Bridges Memorial scholarships at the Chautauqua County Fair in July.

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Kate Ewer, 4-H Community Educator

In recognition of 4-H youth accomplishments, each month Cornell Cooperative Extension Chautauqua County names a SuperYouth. This month 4-H celebrates Panama resident and 10 year 4-H member, Sarah Osborne.

Sarah began her 4-H journey in the rabbit project and quickly joined the Steer project at age 9. Sarah has also participated in the 4-H Heifer project, market lamb and market goat programs. She has taken an active role as a member and officer of the Little Brokenstraws 4-H club serving as secretary, vice president and president, taking part in many community service activities as well as the sewing, crafts, foods, and cake decorating life skills projects.

Sarah's skills also include animal presentation in shows. Sarah has won Grand Champion Heifer Showman, Grand Champion Steer Showman, Reserve Grand Champion Market steer,(twice!), Reserve Champion Supreme Female, and was named the 2014-2015 Steer and Heifer Project Champion. In the Market Lamb project, Sarah raised a winning pair of market lambs and placed at the top of her showmanship class. Sarah also won both the Kris TeWinkle Spirit of 4-H Award and the Best All Around 4-H'er Award in memory of Kazan Mosher. This year she received the Paul Bridges, Chautauqua County Fair Association, and Stanley Weeks scholarships based on her commitment to a degree in

agriculture.

Sarah's food projects have received multiple special judges' awards and selection of craft projects selected for the New York State Fair.

Leadership skills earned Sarah a teen representative seat on the 4-H Beef Program Advisory Committee, a junior superintendent at the Chautauqua County fair and leadership roles in her club, earning a County Medal in Leadership.

Sarah is also active on her family farm, Shady Maple Farm. Her parents Joe and Kelly keep 10-12 breeding age cows and one bull, Maine Anjou and Shorthorn breeds, on their farm. Sarah and her family have shown cattle and other livestock at many regional shows in New York and Pennsylvania.

At Panama Central School, Sarah participated in chorus, five school musicals, and the senior play. She earned varsity letters in swimming and softball and was captain of both teams her senior year.

Sarah is now a freshman in the Delaware Valley University Animal Science program. She is a member of the Delaware Valley Block and Bridle Club and the Dairy Society. Sarah hopes to become a large animal veterinarian.

Congratulations to Sarah Osborne, 4-H SuperYouth!

For more information about the 4-H Youth Development Program or the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County, call 716-664-9502 or visit www.cce.cornell.edu/chautauqua.

COMMUNITY

St Luke's to Host 'Blue Christmas' Service

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's Episcopal Church will again be offering a 'Blue Christmas' service for individuals who have difficulties with the holiday season. Anyone who is struggling to find solace and peace as the darkness of the Winter Solstice approaches is invited to attend the evening service on Saturday, December 19th at 5pm.

The Rev Luke Fodor, Rector at St. Luke's notes that Christmas is not easy for many people.

"The Christmas that confronts us at the store and on the radio may be a marketing success, but it fails us in the ways that matter," he explains. "Whose family really looks like those greeting cards we receive in the mail—with only smiling faces gathered around a glittering tree? Most homes cannot measure up to the media's stylized version of a holiday celebration. On December 19th, we'll honor those 'blue' feelings that all of us feel during these dark winter nights. This service is for individuals' who need something more honest, some place more inviting, and someone courageous enough to walk us through the dark nights and our struggles, instead of only trying to distract us from them."

Intended to give an opportunity for those from any faith tradition (or none) to gather in a safe and quiet space to seek healing, the simple, contemplative service will consist of meditative music, candle lighting, communion, scripture, healing prayers and anointing.

Fodor illustrates the intention of the Blue Christmas service through the example of a popular modern Christmas story:

"Most of never stop to think about why the cartoon A Charlie Brown Christmas works, we just know it seems to fit our mood," he explains. "Something about those sad, little characters trying so hard to get Christmas right conveys exactly what this season can feel like. They rush to prepare for the Christmas pageant,

with never enough time or people to play the parts. In spite of themselves and their hopes, they always end up arguing with each other as they put up the decorations, untangle strings of lights, and look for the never-to-be-found perfect tree. They don't have the right presents. They don't seem to have enough money. When they gather around Charlie Brown's disappointing tree, their spirits threaten to break along with its branches.



But then one of them remembers a story—that a baby is born in unsettling circumstances, to an unwed mother in an occupied country, where rooms and food and peace are in short supply, and yet where God is palpably present. "Fear not" says the angel Gabriel (by the way of Linus van Pelt), "for unto you on this day in the city of David, a Savior is born," to a family as poor and as lost and as scared as yours—and suddenly nothing is as cold or as sad as it once was, at least for a moment. Christmas comes, God's light shines where it is most dark, and through the most broken family, something holy, bright and beautiful can be born."

St Luke's Episcopal Church is located at 410 North Main Street, Jamestown (Corner of Fourth and North Main). For more information about the Blue Christmas service or any other program offered by St. Luke's please contact the church office at 716-483-6405.

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JCC Students, Staff Donate to Salvation Army



(L to R) Presenting the donation were, in front: Kim Irland, JCC campus life director, and Rita Freeborough, JCC employment development specialist and member of the AAUW Women's Issues Advisory Board; middle: Janet Forbes, AAUW program vice president; Eileen Goodling, JCC vice president of student development; Diana Butcher, shelter manager for the Salvation Army; Stacey Tanner, ANEW Center director; Connor Aitcheson, JCC Student Senate president, and Shantia Chavis-Smith, JCC student senator; back: Ellen Ditonto, JCC Faculty Student Association executive director, and Kayla Crosby, JCC residence hall director and AAUW Advisory Board member.

New Directions Launches “Save a Christmas” Program

*Article Contributed by
New Directions Youth and
Family Services*

New Directions Youth and Family Services has launched its 2015 “Save a Christmas” program, an annual drive providing holiday gifts to low-income or single-parent families served by New Directions’ community-based programs through individual gift donations or family sponsorships.



The program, originally referred to as the “Angel Tree Program,” was first started in 2013 by Ashleigh MacLachlan, wrap-around care coordinator at New Directions.

“Save a Christmas” was inspired by MacLachlan’s personal experience of dealing with domestic violence and leaving home with her mother and brother when she was nine years old. As a child, she received a gift from an angel tree program which, according to Ashleigh, essentially “saved her Christmas”.

“That first Christmas we were involved with a program similar to the ‘Save a Christmas’ program,” said MacLachlan. “I specifically remember the gifts I received that

year, and it meant so much to me that someone I didn’t know had gotten these things for me.”

Because of her own experience, MacLachlan decided to start an annual holiday donation program at New Directions to make Christmas a happier day for those with a similar background.

“Our annual program gives people in our community the opportunity to sponsor a family or donate a special gift on a child’s wish list

*Article Contributed by
Jamestown Community
College*

In honor of National Giving Day on December 2, members of Jamestown Community College’s student government, administration, and staff presented a donation to the Salvation Army ANEW Center to aid the center’s domestic violence shelter operations.

The donation came from sales of “It’s On Us; kNOW MORE” T-shirts in the JCC’s campus store. The It’s On Us slogan is part of JCC’s educational campaign on sexual violence and bystander awareness.

An It’s On Us campaign against sexual assault on college campuses was initiated by the White House in September 2014 and seeks to reframe the conversation surrounding sexual assault in a way that inspires everyone to see it as their responsibility to do something, big or small, to prevent it.

JCC has partnered with community organizations to provide a series of events around the “kNOW MORE” theme. The Jamestown chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsored “The Clothesline Project” in September and the group will host a screening of *The Hunting Ground* in February at JCC.

that he or she probably would not have received otherwise,” said MacLachlan.

The program donated gifts to 67 children in 2013, and 250 children in 2014. The goal of this year’s program is to benefit at least 300 children in Erie, Niagara and Allegany counties.

Donation drop-off locations include New Directions’ Wellsville, Randolph, Amherst and Lockport offices.

To save ‘Save a Christmas’ for a child this holiday season, please visit SaveAChristmas.org or contact Jeff Mendola, Director of Mission Advancement at New Directions, at (716) 839-9500 or jmendola@ndyfs.org.

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Ecklof Bakery

Elegant Edibles Catering

Farm Fresh Foods 3rd St.

Fishers Family Restaurant

Fresh Cut Meats and More

Fresco Pizza & Wings

Friendly's Restaurant

Gokey Mini Mart

Hall & Laury Optical

Hampton Inn

Hartley Buick

Harvest Cafe

Heritage Park

Hometown Grill

Holiday Inn Express

Honest John's

Honeycomb Salon

Ichiban

Infinity

Jamestown Bowling Company

Jamestown Business College

Jamestown Convenient Care

Jamestown Savings Bank Arena

Johnnys Lunch

Jones Bakery

Jones Hill Rehab

John David Salon

Kwik Fill N. Main

Landmark Restaurant

Lena's Pizza 2nd St.

Line-X

Lisciandro's Restaurant

Lutheran

Mariners Pier Express

Maureen's Hair Salon

McDonald's

Meals on Wheels

Mia Bella Salon

Miley's Old Inn

Morreale's Collision

Novel Destinations

Pal Joey's

Peterson Farms

Phil-N- Cindys Lunch

Prendergast Library

Quik Lube

R&K Motors

Red Cross

Reg Lenna

Richard's Hair Salon

Robert H. Jackson Center

ROBO

Marion St.

North Main St.

Salon 1 - Foote Ave.

Sandee's - E. 2nd St.

Sandee's Café Riverwalk

Save-A-Lot

Seneca Eye

Southern Auto Exchange

South Side Plaza Barber Shop

Southside Redemption Center

Southern Tier Supply

Spectrum Eyecare

The Eatery

The Pub

Tim Horton's

Brooklyn Square

2nd St.

Main St.

Foote Ave.

Tops Market

US News

3rd St.2nd St.

Southside Plaza

WCA Hospital

Wings & Things

YMCA

Kennedy Super Market

The Office

Roberts Nursery

Alfies Restaurant

Boland's Goodyear

Burger King

Davidson's Restaurant

Dons Car Wash

Dunn Tire

Family Health Services

Keybank

Lakewood Arrow Mart

Lakewood Mobile Mart

Larry Spacc

McDonald's

Inkley Pharmacy

Mikes Nursery

Mindy's Place

Mirage Salon

Panera Bread

Rider Cup

Sakura Buffet

SHERMAN

Cooler Café

Franklin's Pizza Shop

Mack Hometown Market

Main St. Diner

Murdochs Family Restaurant

Sherman Hardware

Texs Quick Stop

SINCLAIRVILLE

Sinclairville Superette

STEAMBURG

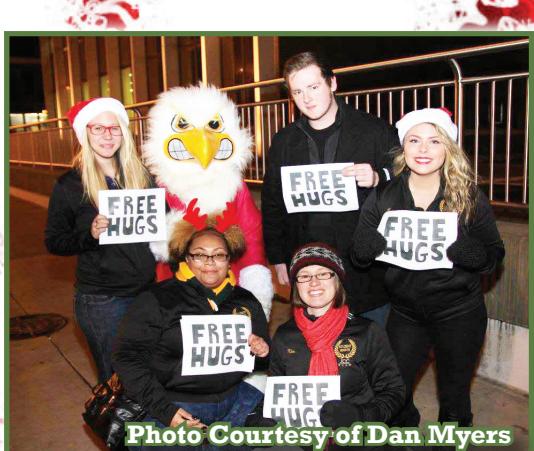


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Tinseltown CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



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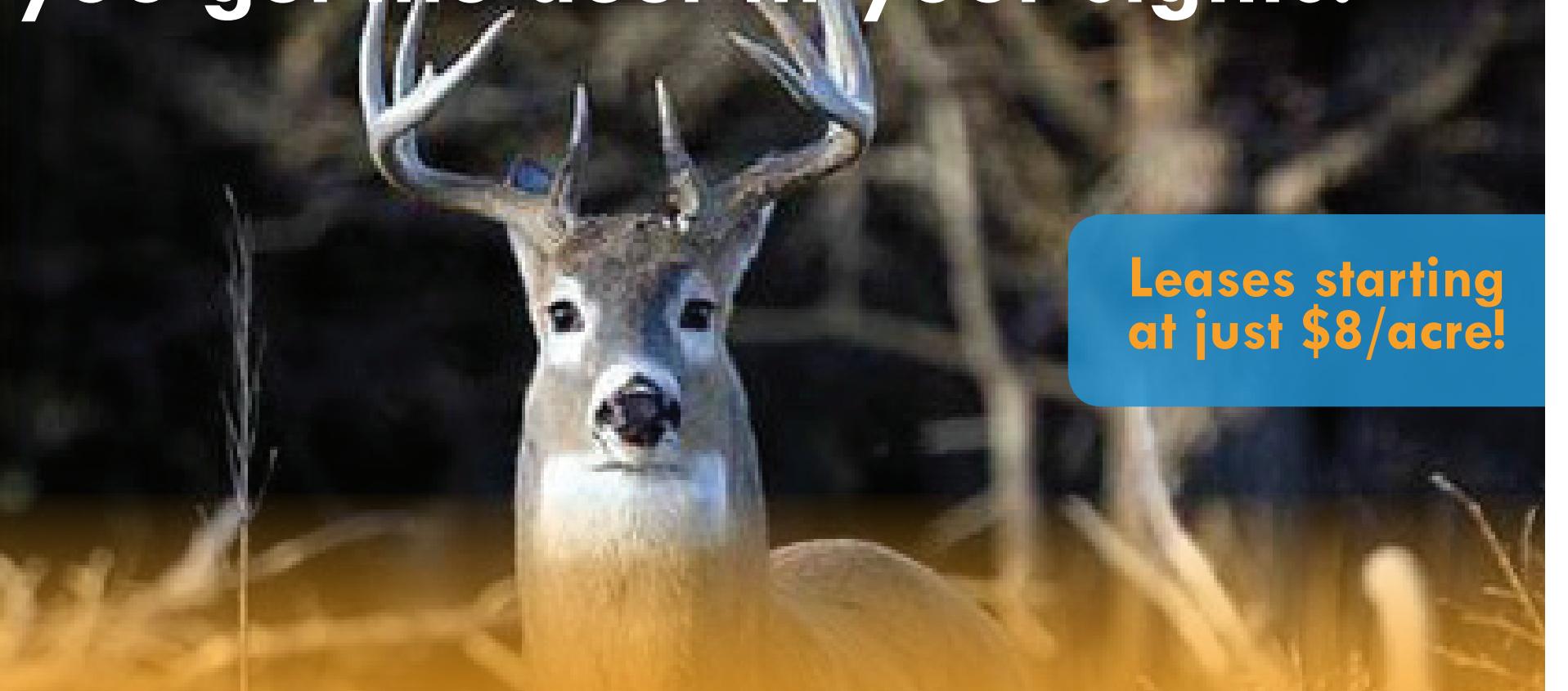
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