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## Better Together? The \$20 Million Question

Article Contributed by  
**Walt Pickut**

Few people would turn down a cool \$20 million if it dropped into their laps. Chautauqua County totally agrees. In fact, as NY Governor Andrew Cuomo recently announced, your county just won \$50,000 to complete a final plan by June 28 that can bring it all home.

The idea is really quite simple – in principle. Find the best government efficiency plan – a

better plan than the other five finalists – and it's "winner-take-all" for \$20 million.

The Regional Solutions Commission, created last year by Chautauqua County Executive Vince Horrigan, has identified 12 key projects within Chautauqua County to either merge, consolidate or share services among 23 partner governments, working in teams of 2 or more. Those 12 projects were impressive enough to earn the county top

honors and \$50,000 as a finalist in Governor Cuomo's Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition.

### Taxes or Jobs?

When each town or district operates its own services, each enjoys its own local control

and employs its own people. According to Governor Cuomo, however, that's an expensive way to run a government. It can be inefficient and uncoordinated and it tends to eat up tax money.

Many people argue, however, consolidating services across town and village lines puts some people out of work and waters down local control. People who understand local issues get replaced by "out-of-town experts" and the distance between local citizens and their government becomes much greater.

The question has simply become: "Is it worth a \$20 million prize from Albany to forge ahead with county-wide consolidations, collaborations and shared services?"



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## Seinfeld and Tonight Show Writer Pat Hazell Headlines a Saturday of Nostalgic Comedy

Article Contributed by  
**Reg Lenna Center  
for The Arts**

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts invites the community to take a fun look back a few decades with a live comedy performance on their stage and a retro art show in 3rd on 3rd Gallery. Headlining on Saturday, March 4 will be former Seinfeld and Tonight Show with Jay Leno writer, Pat Hazell performing his one-man show The Wonder Bread Years at 8pm in The Reg theater. Blurring the line between stand-up comedy and theater, Hazell's performance is a funny look back at growing up in the 1960's and 1970's. Preceding the performance at 6pm will be Retr-O: A 1960's Art Show in 3rd on 3rd Gallery. Artists Gary Peters Jr., Riko Chandra and Katherine Stuart feature their contemporary art that nods to modernists in the past, including some familiar people, places and things recognizable to many generations.

Reg Marketing Director, Len Barry says, "The Greater Jamestown community loves to look back on the past, share stories and memories and remember the way things were. These



Pat Hazell

events are a special thank-you to the public for keeping the good times alive and well."

The Wonder Bread Years, created and performed by Hazell, was written as a salute to Americana and to restore a sense of wonder that can be lost at times. The show evokes many memories for Baby Boomers including sitting at the kids table at family get-togethers, riding in the way back of the family station wagon, holiday traditions and popular commercial brands like Twister and Wonder Bread. Pat Hazell was one of the original writers of

NBC's hit comedy, Seinfeld and is a stand-up veteran of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. He is also a contributing commentator to National Public Radio.

Pat Hazell's The Wonder Bread Years is performed live on March 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$8 for children under 12 and \$18 for adults.

At 6 p.m. on March 4, artists displaying in Retr-O: A 1960's Art Show will meet the public in a free reception at 3rd on 3rd Gallery. Gary Robert Peters Jr., Riko Chandra and Katherine Stuart look back to the pop-inspired art

culture of the 1960's (and 1950's). This will be the last art show in the gallery before it is moved into a remodeled space on 3rd Street as part of major renovations at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts. The show opens to the public on February 27. 3rd on 3rd Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 116 E. 3rd St at Reg Lenna



Center for The Arts. Gallery shows are made possible by a grant from New York State Council on the Arts.

For tickets to The Wonder Bread Years, call 716.484.7070, buy online at [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com) or visit the box office at 116 E. 3rd St. Tuesday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Wonder Bread Years is sponsored by DFT Communications and Comfort Inn of Jamestown - the official hotel of Reg Lenna Center for The Arts.



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RAINBOW TRIVIA

1. The word "rainbow" comes from what Latin term?
2. What does this term mean?
3. T/F: The Greek poet Homer believed that rainbows were made of a single color, purple.
4. Who discovered that rainbows were caused by light from the sun being split into different colors by rain?
5. Where was the world's longest-lasting rainbow observed?
6. What is an easy way to remember the colors of the rainbow?
7. What are rainbows called when they show at night?
8. T/F: Two people can see the same rainbow.
9. Rainbows are not considered to be an object. What are they?
10. T/F: Rainbows actually appear as a full circle of seven colors but we can only see the arc from the ground.

ANSWERS: (1) arcus pluvius (2) "rainy arch" (3) True (4) René Descartes (5) Sheffield, England (6) Roy G. Biv (7) Moonbows (8) False (9) Optical phenomena (10) True

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Stem Wars: Bringing Students  
And Businesses Together

STEM Wars 2017 will be held on March 15 at the Jamestown Community College Physical Education Complex in Jamestown. This event has grown dramatically since it began four years ago. STEM Wars brings area middle and high school students together for a fun and educational event featuring a technology fair, a local manufacturing career fair, on-site team building, and leadership skills competitions. Last year approximately 700 students and 35 businesses took part.

STEM Wars is hosted by JCC and run by Dream It Do It WNY, NYSTEEA, the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, and the Chautauqua County Education Coalition. Additional sponsors include Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH), the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant.

Because of the enormous growth of this event and the quantity of students we are working to serve, businesses are being asked to help sponsor it this year. Sponsorship packages begin at \$75 for your business name and logo on the event T-shirt; a Bronze Package at \$100 for a display table at the event; a Gold package for \$200 for the display table and T-shirt recognition. One sponsor only will be eligible for the \$400 Elite Package, which includes the T-shirt, display table, and an exclusive sponsorship of the live Facebook broadcast by WNY News Now, which will include live interviews during the event. Video content will be shared on a variety of Facebook pages. Non-profit organizations can have a display table at no cost.

STEM Wars runs from 9am-1pm on March 15 for school students. In addition, the general public is invited to bring resumes and speak with employers during a job fair which will run from 1:30-2:30pm.

If your manufacturing or other business is interested in participating or would like more information, contact DIDI Coordinator Jehuu Caulcrick by email at [jcaulcrick@didiwny.com](mailto:jcaulcrick@didiwny.com) or by phone at (716) 484-1101.

Jamestown Chamber Salute  
to the Finest is March 15

The annual Jamestown Community Chamber of Commerce Salute to the Finest awards celebration will be held Wednesday, March 15, at Moon Brook Country Club. This year's awards are being presented to a number of Jamestown area businesses and organizations who have made a difference in their fields. Award winners are: New Business of the Year is Enchanted Mountain Spirits; Young Business Leaders of the Year are Jeffrey & Alexandria James and Frank Besse, the proprietors of Brazil and Labyrinth; Retailer of the Year, Farm Fresh Foods; Restaurant of the Year, Landmark Restaurant; Jamestown Economic Development Award, Borsari Food Co.; Business of the Year, Jamestown Awning, Inc.; and Pride of Jamestown, Jamestown Community College. The celebration will begin with a cocktail hour at 5pm, followed by a dinner at 6 and the awards presentations. The cost is \$30 per person and advance registration is required by March 8. You may register online at [www.chautauquachamber.org/events](http://www.chautauquachamber.org/events) or by calling 484-1101.





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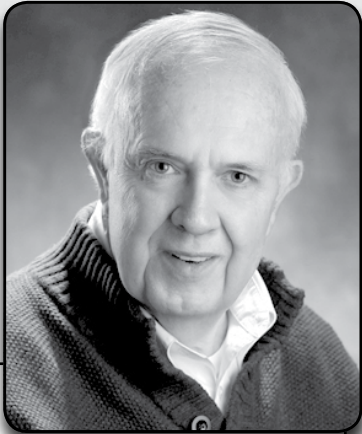
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# Words of Wisdom

Contributing Editor  
Walt Pickut



## Territory

It's something we all want, whether we think about it very much or not. We all want our space, our territory... our own place in the sun.

The famous and whacky comedy duo of Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner had a classical routine about territory. Brooks was the 2000 Year Old Man who remembered the days when all his people lived in caves.

*"Did you have a national anthem?" Reiner asked.*

*"Each cave had a national anthem."*

*"Do you remember what yours was?"*

*Brooks answers emphatically, "I certainly do. You don't forget a national anthem. The words go like this (singing terribly!) 'Let 'em all go to hell except my own Cave 76!'"*

Mel got right to the heart of the matter, didn't he? It's called locale patriotism and we all have a healthy dose of the stuff. Soccer moms and football dads know all about it, too. As the old song says, we... root, root, root for the home team, and if they don't win it's a shame.

Mel's attitude scales up, too. It gets really big when we call it Nationalism. Have you heard "USA First" lately? That's our Cave 76. And our own neighborhood, village and city are, too.

There's something deeply American about our sense of Territory. It has to do with our drive for independence and freedom from outside control. Remember Woodie Guthrie's great anthem?

*This land is your land This land is my land  
From California to the New York island;  
From the red wood forest to the Gulf  
Stream waters  
This land was made for you and Me.*

But, as always, there's more to the story, isn't there? If the United States had

remained a bunch of independent states instead of united... what would we have today? Probably something less than we've all become so proud of.

Owning your own territory is nice, but cooperating with neighbors just about always gets you more. It takes a whole state to build state roads, and a whole nation to build an interstate network of superhighways and even a whole bunch of neighborhoods deciding to get along with each other to build a town.

This week the Jamestown Gazette invites you to consider getting over Territory. Think about cooperation and collaboration instead. If every hamlet, village, town and city had to invent, build and keep up its own system of roads, water and waste, schools and services – just for the sake of local pride – imagine how much time, effort and especially money would go into everybody duplicating everything.

This week's story talks about a huge incentive we just received – I think \$20 million qualifies for that title. The State of New York has placed it within our grasp if we simply figure out how each of us can stop re-inventing the wheel our neighbor has already built. It's called consolidation, collaboration and just good old-fashioned sharing.

Regional school systems are doing it, neighboring towns are doing it, and just in case you didn't know about it already, Jamestown has been doing it for decades with dozens of services shared with county and neighboring towns alike and millions of dollars saved.

So how about just a little change in that old tune? Everybody profits. This land is Our Land, not just those of us who live in Cave 76.

Enjoy the read.  
Walt Pickut

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716-664-0991

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Call 716-569-2345  
visit: [www.jamestownaudubon.org](http://www.jamestownaudubon.org)

**MARCH:**

3rd: First Friday Lunch Bunch  
4th: Leatherworking  
9th: Photo Club  
11th: Little Explorers  
20th: Happy Hour Hike into Spring  
29th: New Trail Guide Orientation

**BINGO:**

**Kiantone Fire Dept.**  
Every Monday 6-10pm  
**Fluvanna Fire Hall**  
Every Tuesday 7-10pm  
**Sinclairville Fire Hall**  
Every Wednesday 7pm  
**Celoron Hose Company No. 1**  
Every Thursday 7:15pm  
**Jamestown Mosse Lodge 1681**  
Every Friday 7pm (Downstairs)

**CHARITY/BENEFITS**

**Spring Salute**  
March 11 • 6pm  
Webb's Captain's Table in Mayville  
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**Lunafest - Film Festival**

March 11 • 7pm  
Robert H. Jackson Center  
405 E Fourth St., Jamestown  
by Zonta Club of Jamestown

Luck of the Irish Cake Walk Fundraiser  
Fri. March 17 • 2:30pm  
Brookdale Lakewood  
220 Southwestern Dr  
Proceeds will go towards "Meals on Wheels"

**Basket Fair**

April 1st  
St. Susan Center  
31 Water St., Jamestown

**CLUBS / MEETINGS:**

Chaut. Co. Weavers Guild  
4th Sat. of the Mo. March-Nov.  
Westfield YWCA 10am-1pm  
814-520-6209

Jamestown Coin Club:  
Meeting & Auction  
Last Tuesday of each Month 7-9pm  
BOCES, Rt 394, Ashville, NY  
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Every 1st & 3rd Tues. • 7pm  
James Prendergast Library  
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716-490-3820

Joint Veterans Council of  
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Every Monday, 6pm  
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Breakfast Buffet  
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Falconer American Legion  
269-9826 [mosherpost638@gmail.com](mailto:mosherpost638@gmail.com)

**COMEDY:**

The Wonder Bread Years  
Sat., March 4, 8pm  
Reg Lenna Center for the Arts  
116 E Third St., Jamestown NY  
716-484-7070

The Q Comedy Open Mic  
Every Thursday • 7:30-9:30pm  
104 W 2nd St., Jamestown  
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March 10 • Noon-8pm  
March 11 • 9am-5pm  
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Friday, March 17 • 5:30-8:30pm  
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22nd Annual Maple Weekend  
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American Legion  
26 Jackson Ave., Jamestown  
716-665-2607

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Sat., April 1st • 11am-5pm  
Northwest Arena  
319 W 3rd St., Jamestown

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**Birds & Invasives**

by Andrea Locke, WNY PRISM  
Mon., Feb. 27th 6pm  
**Where have our bats gone?**  
by Jonathan Townsend,  
Chaut. Watershed Conservancy  
Fri., March 3 6pm  
Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Winter Tree Identification  
Sat., March 4 • 3-5pm  
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March 3, 4, 10, 11 • 8pm March 5 • 2pm  
JCC, 525 Falconer St, Jamestown  
716-338-1187

**THE ARTIST'S GARDEN:**

**American Impressionism**  
Thurs., March 30th • 7:30pm  
**LIVE AT THE MET:**  
**La Traviata** Sat., March 11th • 1pm  
**Idonmeneo** Sat., March 25th • 1pm  
1891 Fredonia Opera House  
9 Church St., Fredonia  
716-679-1891

**Rapunzel: Beginnings & Beyond**  
March 24, 25, 26, 31 & April 1, 2, 2017  
Lucille Ball Little Theatre  
18 E 2nd St., Jamestown  
716-483-1095

**WINTER FARMERS MARKET:**

Fredonia Winter Farmers Market  
Every Sat. Now thru May 13th 10-1  
Masonic Forest Lodge  
321 E. Main St., Rte 20, Fredonia

**WARREN AREA EVENTS:**

**Blue Oyster cult**  
March 4, 8pm  
Struthers Library Theater  
[strutherslibrarytheatre.com](http://strutherslibrarytheatre.com)  
302 W Third Ave, Warren Pa  
(814)723-7231

**BINGO:**

**Russell VFD**  
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Every Thurs. Night 4pm  
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## Audubon's First Friday, March 3: Can Dumpster Discards Help Animals?

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**Audubon Community  
Nature Center**

At Audubon Community Nature Center's next First Friday Lunch Bunch presenter Peter Tucker will pose the question: "Can Constructed Habitats Help?"

At the 11 a.m. event on March 3, you can learn if humans can make homes that aid threatened and/or beneficial insects and animals.

Tucker is doing research to identify the most pressing environmental needs and determine where constructed habitat support can be beneficial in Western New York. He will share his results and seek input for project implementation.

Once a species, or a few species, are identified, the project will shift focus to finding local materials that can be used to construct the habitats.

Recently Tucker built beehives primarily from dumpster discards and nest boxes from discarded furniture. A local furniture manufacturing company has offered cut-off materials for the project, and a vineyard provided black locust lumber, an excellent material for exterior use. Ironically, ash trees which are dying from infestations of Emerald Ash Borers can provide excellent dense hardwood.

Tucker finds the challenging and exciting – and perhaps most important -- part of this project is exploring opportunities for education, outreach, and community participation. He plans to create toolkits and educational materials for the community and seeks volunteers to construct and install habitat support. Build-your-own kits can become an opportunity for a Social Entrepreneurship project for a non-profit or education group.

A lively discussion will be part of the program.

Peter Tucker is an Associate Professor of Art at Fredonia State University of New York. He works within the field of Social Practice, a form of contemporary art that involves community collaboration. With an MFA from Massachusetts College of Art, he has exhibited



Can using dumpster discards actually be good for animals? Could the Flicker house pictured here help the bird that inspired Jamestown native Roger Tory Peterson to change how we see the natural world? You can find out at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday Lunch Bunch on March 3, 2017.

nationally and internationally and has work in the permanent collections of the Blanton Museum of Art and the U.S. Library of Congress.

This event is one of several Audubon programs offered in collaboration with the Green Up Jamestown Initiative. For more information on this partnership to unite community members who support conservation and sustainability and who advocate clean renewable energies, economies, and jobs, visit [www.greenupjamestown.com](http://www.greenupjamestown.com).

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

The fee for attending is \$8 or \$6 for Friends of the Nature Center. Reservations are not required.

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

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

## Grow Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show Coming Soon



The 2017 GROW Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show, presented by Mike's Nursery, takes place at the Northwest Arena on April 1. Mike Krauth (right), owner of Mike's Nursery, is shown with his staff discussing tomato seedlings at last year's event.

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**Jamestown Renaissance  
Corporation**

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation has announced the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show is coming to downtown Jamestown on Saturday April 1st from 10 am to 4 pm. Presented by Mike's Nursery, the free event will be held at the Northwest Arena, formerly the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena.

"Historically this event was focused on gardening. Over the years, we added home improvement features to make it the only true garden and home show in the area," said Mary Maxwell, neighborhood project associate for the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation. "We've combined everything the community loved about our popular garden fair with all the things you'd come to expect from a home improvement show. Community members put this on their calendar as a one stop shop to get their homes and gardens ready for the summer season," said Maxwell.

Features of the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show include landscape designers, craft vendors, home improvement experts, kid's craft activities, local nonprofit organizations, DIY demonstrations, prizes, food and retail vendors, and gardening workshops. New this year, Lowes ProServices is partnering with Sherwin Williams to offer an educational workshop for those looking to expand their knowledge of paint techniques. Painting experts will guide participants through different paint finishes and color schemes and

offer tips to get professional-looking results for DIY painting projects.

In partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program and other area professionals, the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show offers educational garden and home improvement seminars throughout the day. Topics in the past have included raised-bed gardening, home energy conservation, food preservation and canning, tips to prevent garden damage from wildlife, how to identify and remove lead-based paint, and many others.

"We are very excited to sponsor this popular community event for another year," said Mike Krauth, owner of Mike's Nursery. "This is a great opportunity for area residents to talk with indoor and outdoor home and garden professionals about projects and have their questions answered," said Krauth. Mike's Nursery will be giving away free tomato seedlings to event guests while supplies last.

Vendor spaces are still available for home improvement, gardening, or craft related businesses. For information, or to sign up to become a vendor, please call 716-664-2477 ext. 226. For general information on the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show, please visit [www.GrowJamestown.com](http://www.GrowJamestown.com) or check out the event's Facebook page.

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation supports downtown and neighborhood revitalization in Jamestown, NY by promoting reinvestment, stakeholder engagement, and innovation.



Snoopy

## Chautauqua County Humane Society Pets of the Week

Sit? Down? Shake? That's for puppies! Teach me how to dance or roll over! I'm always up for a new challenge and learning new things! I've heard my loyal subjects call me a genius, and I try to live up to that. I may not have golden locks like a retriever, or big floppy ears like a cocker spaniel, but I make up for it by having much more personality than your average lab. I promise I'll always let you know if there's someone at the door, and at the end of a long day you can tell me all about it over a belly rub or a walk around the block. Being this smart is hard work, so I would really love a quieter home with a fence and no cats, but maybe an older dog to keep me company. I can't wait to meet you, so call or visit the shelter and let me prove it!

Hi there, my name is Midnight! I came into the shelter a little broken as I must have been hit by a car, so I have some mechanical difficulties. My one leg doesn't move as well as it should but that only adds to list of many positive characteristics that I have. I am happy, loving, and very friendly. Come find me at CCHS, I'll show you what love is made of.



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Don't sell me sexy...

I needed a car and the ad tried to sell me Zoom. I looked online for boots and got a picture of stylish legs, but nothing about being waterproof. Then I looked for a TV and the ad showed me sexy models at a party. Doesn't anybody sell stuff anymore for what it actually does?

Products used to have "features and benefits", now irrelevant glitz and fluff are supposed to sell it. Sorry, I'm not buying that. If you want to sell me something just convince me it really works and the price is right. Ch-ching! I'll buy that.

Submitted by: Selma D. Goods  
& Don B. Sylli



The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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11 Unbreakable  
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33 Haberdashery item  
35 Bratty talk  
36 Tranquil state  
37 Swimmer's bane  
39 Exodus leader  
42 Set up  
46 For one  
47 Auteur's art  
48 One-in-a-million  
50 Hermit, e.g.  
51 Nameless device  
54 Yesteryear  
56 Way to the top  
57 \_\_\_ de deux  
58 "Dear old" guy

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Crèche Compassionate Giving to UPMC Chautauqua WCA's Children



Mackenzie Samonia, RN, UPMC Chautauqua WCA demonstrates the new thermometer on Garrett Neel. It was purchased by Creche for the UPMC Chautauqua WCA Emergency Room. While from (L to R): Elizabeth Ciano, senior physical therapist, UPMC Chautauqua WCA and Creche committee member, Valerie Scarpino, Creche committee chair, Marissa Carmello, speech-language pathologist, UPMC Chautauqua WCA and Megan Barone, director of development UPMC Chautauqua WCA look on.

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UPMC Chautauqua WCA

For more than a century, Crèche has raised significant funding in order to provide for the needs of children in Chautauqua County. Each year, the Crèche Hospital Committee helps fulfill wishes from child-related departments at UPMC Chautauqua WCA. Crèche recently made a \$2,200 donation to UPMC Chautauqua WCA which enabled the non-profit organization to make several purchases from their "Wish List" that will directly benefit children and their families served by UPMC Chautauqua WCA.

Eight departments at UPMC Chautauqua WCA which directly serve children benefited from this gift, including, Emergency Department (thermometers), Maternity Care (gel warmers), Nutrition Services (healthy eating educational materials), Inpatient Mental Health (games and crayons), Cancer Treatment Center (Books for Children and Parents with cancer), Physical Therapy (Plyometric Rebounder), and Speech & Hearing (Hear Builder Auditory CD-ROM and games).

"It is so rewarding to see the hard work and dedication of the Crèche volunteers resulting in tangible expressions of

compassionate care," said Elizabeth Ciano, senior Physical Therapist, UPMC Chautauqua WCA and Crèche Hospital Committee Member. "We are so privileged and honored that they supported our needs for a Plyometric Rebounder for Physical Therapy patients at UPMC Chautauqua WCA. This will enhance the care provided to the children of our community."

"The purchase of the toys for our pediatric patients is a tremendous asset and the perfect example of Crèche's generosity," said Marissa Carmello, speech language pathologist, UPMC Chautauqua WCA. "We are always in need of different ways in which we can provide our pediatric patients more enhanced care."

To learn more about opportunities to volunteer for or support Crèche, visit [www.crecheforkids.org](http://www.crecheforkids.org), or mail your gift to: The Crèche, Inc., PO Box 601, Jamestown, NY 14702-0601.

To make a tax-deductible gift to support the care and treatment of children at UPMC Chautauqua WCA, please contact Megan Barone, director of development UPMC Chautauqua WCA, at 716-664-8423, view the Wish List at [www.upmchautauquawca.org](http://www.upmchautauquawca.org), or mail your gift to: UPMC Chautauqua WCA Office of Development, PO Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.

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# Faith Matters

## Mountains and Valleys



Contributing Writer  
**Pastor Scott Hannon**  
St. John Lutheran Church Amherst, NY

We all have mountaintop moments in life - times when we feel like we're on top of the world. There are times when life is good, blessed and calm.

There are times when everything seems clear. There are times of peace and triumph and joy.

The birth of my daughter, Delaney, was one of those times for me. It wasn't easy getting there. Like all mountaintop experiences, it was not easy getting there. There were nine months of worry, exhaustion, and fear. There were midnight runs to the grocery store and frequent bouts of sickness. But when we arrived - when Delaney arrived - it was a profound moment of peace, joy, life and love.

Unfortunately, that's about all it was... a moment. And while we went home with this awesome gift of new life, the peace and joy of that day has since then been replaced with exhaustion and burnout. There has been renewed worry, fear and doubt, not to mention stress and anxiety unlike any we have ever had before.

But that's kind of how life goes... mountains and valleys. Mountaintop moments of pure peace and joy, surrounded by days/weeks/months of journeying up and down to get there.

In our gospel lesson for last Sunday a few of the disciples have a mountaintop moment. Peter, James and John are with Jesus on a peak when he is transfigured before them. His clothes shine - his face glows - Moses and Elijah show up. Things are radiant and bright and good. And Peter loves it... he wants to make it last. So, he says to Jesus, "This is great! We should stay here awhile. Let's live in this moment. Set up some tents..."

Unfortunately for Peter, God interrupts. And before they can set up camp they're on their way back down the mountain.

Back down to everyday life with all of its complexities and emotions and drama and heartbreak.

It would be awesome if life could just be one mountaintop moment after the next or if we could just stay on the peak for 100 years at a time. But that's not the case. In fact, mountains are only mountains because of the valleys. And there's no way for us to have a mountaintop moments without journeying up and down the hill.

But there is good news. The good news is that God didn't just send the disciples back into the valley. Rather, Jesus lifts the disciples up, instructs them not to be afraid, and then leads them down.

So often we think of our faith life in terms of meeting God on the mountain. We remember and hold onto those precious mountaintop moments when life is blessed and joyful. But the true joy of following Jesus is in realizing that Jesus walks with us through all our moments of life. Jesus is with us at the peak and Jesus walks with us through the valley.

And so, if you find yourself caught up in the grind, working too hard, fighting too hard, or struggling too much rejoice in the presence of Jesus with you NOW. God is not waiting for you at the peak. Rather, Jesus is at your side in the valley with the same words he offered his disciples long ago, "Get up. Be not afraid. It's time to walk through the valley. ... And behold, I am with you to the end of the age."

In the Way,  
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For more inspiration and insights from Pastor Scott's past columns, please visit [www.jamestowngazette.com](http://www.jamestowngazette.com) and click on the Faith Matters page. The Jamestown Gazette is proud to present our county's most creative and original writers for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

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## Adult Learners Gain Work Experience Via Community Project



Work Experience Supervisor Justin Olmstead of the Adult Education and Workforce Development division of the Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES stands with his student crew that is working to refurbish the Jamestown Union Gospel Mission. (L to R): Deborah Lopez Febo, Carlos Castro Mojica, Justin Olmstead, Sarah Williams, Katherine Burgos Leon, Jacqueline Monge, and Natacha Rivera Rosario.

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Upon the retirement of Rev. John Steinhäuser, the Jamestown Union Gospel Mission closed in 2015. The United Christian Advocacy Network has acquired the building and a student crew has been working hard with UCAN leaders and Work Experience Supervisor

Justin Olmstead of E2CCB to prepare for the future opening of the homeless shelter.

Refurbishing the kitchen is only one of the many projects on which the student team is working. They are also cleaning and maintaining floors, walls, and cabinets as they gain valuable jobsite skills.

The students are not only working on this worthwhile project but they are also preparing for their High School Equivalency Diploma and some are studying to improve their English skills.

Olmstead and Literacy Coordinator Tami Berg of the Family Learning Zone at the Gateway Center are looking forward to continuing to develop E2CCB's partnership with UCAN.

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# How to Get More Out of Your Tax Refund

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Income tax season is a happy time for many people. Those who anticipate a considerable refund on their taxes look forward to having extra money; some individuals even plan to finance big-ticket purchases entirely with their tax refunds.

Smart money management can turn a refund check into a nice nest egg or stretch dollars to make the most of this windfall of cash. The following money-management tips can help anyone develop strong saving and spending habits that can pay dividends for years to come.

## Get organized

When looking to make the most of your tax refund, start by organizing your financial documents and getting a grasp on your spending and saving behaviors. Examine your income-to-expenditures ratio to see where the majority of your money is going. It can be difficult to make significant changes with regard to your finances if you don't have ready access to your financial records and a strong appreciation of how your money is being spent.

## Pay off high-interest loans

When addressing your finances, take inventory of any high-interest loans, including credit card bills. It will save you more money in the long run to pay off this type of debt as soon as possible. The earlier such debts are eradicated, the less you will ultimately pay in interest. What's more, paying off debt helps establish a better credit record and score, which can make you eligible for lower interest rates in the future. Using a refund to eliminate debt is more beneficial than simply letting the refund sit in the bank, where it's likely to accrue less interest each month than the interest that accrues on your credit accounts with outstanding balances.

## Investigate savings programs

It is estimated that customers who don't have an account at a bank or credit union spend, on average, more than \$800 at check-cashing businesses each year. Opening up an account with a credit union or bank will immediately save you money on check-cashing fees. Speaking with a banking representative can also provide information about various programs that will enable you to save your tax refund and earn money on it through interest accumulation. In the National Retail Federation's annual Tax Returns Study, 40.2 percent of respondents said they planned to stash some of their refund in savings in 2013. While traditional savings or checking accounts may offer nominal interest rates, longer-term certificate of deposits or money market accounts may yield more interest.

## Talk to an investment specialist

Your income tax refund may be just what you need to start investing. A 2012 study by TD Ameritrade indicated 63 percent of respondents said they plan to save or invest at least part of the money they get back on their taxes. A financial planner or stock broker can guide you through potential investments that carry the right portfolio and level of risk for your needs. If you prefer to do the work yourself, many investment companies have user-friendly websites where account holders can manage their own investments and monitor the daily performance of those investments. With the right investment, you can turn your refund into a substantial amount of money over the course of several years.

Stretching tax refund dollars means making smart choices regarding money management. Rather than splurging tax returns on big-ticket items, use your refund to grow your savings, begin an investment portfolio or pay down debt.



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## Newly Elected Congregation Council of the First Lutheran Church

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**First Lutheran Church**

The newly elected First Lutheran Congregation Council was voted in at the annual meeting that was held on Sunday, January 29th. Members in the front row include (L to R): Jane Young, Brenda Ecklund, secretary; Sue Keppel, Pam Marchincin.

Back row (L to R): Glenn Utter, vice president; Frank Gozdalski, president; Pastor Dan Nagle, Sharon Hamilton, Terry Horner, treasurer; Stacey Hannon, Jim Wahlberg, and Nate Ditonto. Missing from the photo is Ned Lindstrom.





# St. Luke's to Host Community Shower for Alex House



(L to R): Rev. Luke Fodor, Dorothy Carlson, Kim Carlson

## Article Contributed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church

A community shower for the Alex House, a supported recovery house that will be opening in the city of Jamestown, is being planned for Saturday, March 4th from 4 to 6pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Community members are asked to bring donations of basic household items to help resource the house. Celebratory food will be served, and information from other community agencies that deal with addiction and recovery will be available. There will be a special presentation at 4:15pm.

The Alex House is an Oxford house - a democratically run, self-supporting drug and alcohol free home. First established in 1975, the Oxford House concept has proven to be a "remarkably effective and low cost method of preventing relapse." Oxford Houses provide a time-tested, solid foundation for all aspects of recovery.

The Jamestown house is named in memory of Alex Foulk, a young community member who died last year of a heroin overdose. The opening of the first Oxford House in Jamestown is the work of Alex's mother and recovery advocate, Kim Carlson and 'A Fresh Start', a local nonprofit organization designed to promote awareness and encouragement based on personal experiences. Working directly with UPMC Chautauqua, the Mental Health Association, CASAC and other organizations, the group's goal is to help people get comfortable with conversations about addiction and alcoholism so that they can get the help they need. A Fresh Start is also open to assist family members who have lost loved ones to addiction or who currently

suffer with the disease.

"Our goal is to help people open up to and talk about substance abuse disorders, addiction and alcoholism. So many people don't get the help they need because of stigma and not knowing where to go." Ms. Carlson says. "Alex had a zest for life. He was hard working, well mannered, physically fit, and by all accounts a happy and healthy 26-year-old man. I knew that if this could happen to my son, our family, that it could happen to anyone. I had to take a stand to find a way to bring light to this situation. Losing a child is the most horrific pain a parent will ever feel. I say that I talk about my child so people can talk to their children. Through our experience, communication, knowledge, open minds and open hearts we can bring change so that others might not feel our pain."

St. Luke's has collaborated with A Fresh Start to serve as an operational base by offering meeting spaces at its 410 North Main Street location. The shower and presentations are the first of many expected to be held there. The purpose of the shower is not only to help resource the home to be ready to support the daily needs of the residents, it is also to help educate the community about the Oxford House program and how it can help the area.

"We are thrilled to assist the work of recovery. We are a non-judgmental community that welcomes and supports people in recovery, helping them to grow into their best selves." says the Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector of St. Luke's. "Kim's work is a manifestation of resurrection in action—she has turned death into life. We are honored to assist with the establishment of the Alex House; a timely celebration of new birth almost one year after his death."

# Endangered Earth Film Series Selections Announced

## Article Contributed by Jamestown Community College

Three films will be shown during Jamestown Community College's Endangered Earth film series this winter. The series, sponsored by JCC's sustainability program, college

program committee, Earth Awareness Club, and Hultquist Library, is free and open to the public. Films begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Carnahan Center Theatre.

The films include *Flow* on February 28, *The Anthropologist* on March 29, and *The 11th Hour* on April 25.

For additional information, contact JCC's office of sustainability, 716.338.1194.

# Better Together?



Legislator Borrello speaking with municipal leaders at the initial Regional Solutions Commission meeting, joined by speakers from NYDOS, Center for Governmental Research and Southern Tier West.

## Continued from Front Local History – Recent Votes

Apparently, citizens in the Villages of Forestville and Cherry Creek judged consolidation to be their best option as they recently voted to dissolve themselves into the Towns of Hanover and Cherry Creek, respectively. By a slim margin, however, the Village of Sherman rejected the option to merge with the Town of Sherman.

"I am delighted to cite Jamestown's list [of consolidated services] wherever I go," Peter Baynes, executive director of NYCOM, the New York Council of Mayors, told the Jamestown Gazette last week.

According to Baynes the City of Jamestown has become NYCOM's shining model for consolidation of services across the state. Over the last two to three decades, 28 separate city services, from E-911 Emergency Dispatching and City Bridge management, to Jamestown Community College sponsorship and City Wastewater Treatment, plus 24 others, have been consolidated, shared and collaborated with Chautauqua County and its neighboring communities to achieve significant savings and efficiency.

Objections and complications have been rare and minor over the years, according to Mayor Teresi's office in Jamestown. Few local residents may appreciate the enormous savings that resulted from these consolidations. If the city resumed sole control, the new tax burden may be large and immediate.

### Top Down or Bottom Up?

In County Executive Horrigan's State of the County address for 2016 he chartered the Regional Solutions Commission chaired by County Legislator George Borrello (R-Irving). It was their work that won the \$50,000 award this year to submit a final plan to Albany by June 28. The winning partnership will be announced later this summer.

In his State of the County address in Mayville on Wednesday evening, February 22, Horrigan publically commended Borrello and Horrigan's Executive Assistant, Dan Heitzenrater, for successfully shepherding Chautauqua County's winning entry through Phase-1 of the Governor's competition. "Winning the \$20 million...will give the local governments the right tools and funding...the key ingredients they currently don't have," Horrigan said.

"That is a great example of local initiative," Baynes said, "selecting those 12 specific

home-grown opportunities for savings and efficiencies in your local economy." It is a "bottom-up" approach to local problem solving. "Governor Cuomo's creation of this Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition supports the local control which NYCOM always favors."

Horrigan has called it an opportunity to "...right-size government services so we can be as efficient as possible."

Cuomo has repeatedly pointed out that "...the most burdensome tax in New York remains the property tax." This Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition," Cuomo said when he announced it, "...is designed to help local governments work together to cut costs, share services and streamline inefficiencies in order to reduce burdens on property taxpayers."

New York State does run a Local Government Efficiency (LGe) program and a Municipal Restructuring Fund (MRF) program which foster local efficiencies. If local governments cannot create their own cooperative plans, however, the Governor has hinted that "top-down" imposition of a mandate from Albany would require every county in the state – what Baynes labels "an ill-conceived mandate" – to force consolidations. This may also force reductions in New York State Aid & Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding, amounting to an annual \$715 million lost to local governments. "A new mandate," Baynes said, "will only make matters worse."

### The Competition

The other finalists in the competition span the entire state of New York, including Madison, Montgomery, Otsego, and Ulster counties and the town of Brookhaven on Long Island.

Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, Distinguished Lecturer in Latin American/Latina/o Studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice/NYU, has been appointed to select a panel to award the winning plan. This competition is seen by many as a dry run with a huge reward for promoting more collaboration and consolidation across the state and avoiding the burdensome task of imposing top-down economies from Albany.

For more information on other technical and financial assistance which the New York Department of State provides to local governments for projects that increase community competitiveness through taxpayer savings and improved service delivery efficiency, Jamestown Gazette readers can call (800)367-8488 or visit: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/LG>.



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## Lakers Sled and Special Hockey with Rod Kolstee



Lakers' Sled Hockey Team



*Contributing Writer*  
**Cortney Linnecke**

Sled hockey was first introduced to the Lakers hockey program in 2003, when Rod Kolstee and Chuck DeAngelo wanted to provide physically disabled athletes the chance to play their favorite sport. The team they created allowed athletes to take the ice free of charge, armed with aluminum sleds instead of skates and special, shortened hockey sticks. The team was a success, and several years later, the men recognized the growing need for another version of the sport: special hockey. They launched the first Lakers special hockey team in 2012, a stand-up version of hockey designed to accommodate developmentally disabled athletes. Today, both programs are going strong, not only offering handicapped athletes the chance to play team sports, but also providing them with a supportive environment to grow self-esteem, create friendships, and have fun. Program director Rod Kolstee sat down with the Jamestown Gazette to discuss this year's teams and their upcoming special hockey tournament the weekend of March 17-19.

**Cortney:** How did you originally get involved with sled and special hockey?

**Kolstee:** Well, I was coaching a travel team and we got this USA Hockey magazine that was featuring an article about sled hockey. I thought it would be a great program to get going. So I approached the [Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association] and Chuck DeAngelo, and we all got things going, we raised money, and we've been going ever since. The special hockey team has been going about four or five years now. We had some kids that had developmental disabilities and they were in sleds because we didn't have any other teams for them. They wanted to do stand-up hockey, so we decided to get that going too.

**Cortney:** You offer sled and special

hockey programs at no cost to the players and their families. Why do you think it is so important to have these opportunities for special needs athletes?

**Kolstee:** Well, many of them have physical handicaps, and they're spending a lot of money going into Shriners [Hospitals] and having various surgeries and treatments. That's why we thought it would be good to offer it at no cost. These programs have changed the lives of a lot of kids. They're always on the sidelines watching other people, their brothers and sisters, score goals and make touchdowns. Now they get to do the same thing.

**Cortney:** How does your training differ from other ice hockey teams? What kind of conditioning and drills do you run?

**Kolstee:** Basically we do the same things. In sled hockey, they have to learn how to get in their sleds and propel themselves. And in special, they're maybe not as fast and can't turn around as well. But outside those few minor things, the skating drills that I run are almost the same as your drills for stand-up hockey.

**Cortney:** What kind of athletes comprise your team this year?

**Kolstee:** For special hockey, we get kids out there that are in their high teens, early twenties, and a couple of younger kids. They just love it. We mostly have boys, but we don't turn anybody away. We actually had a girl that went to play on the USA women's team for a season and right now we have a guy who was just picked for the National Developmental Team, which is only a step underneath the world team.

**Cortney:** How has your season been this year?

**Kolstee:** Oh, it's just been great. We actually have a special hockey tournament coming up on March 17, 18, and 19. During the tournament, we have a fundraiser where the sheriff's office gets in sleds and plays hockey against our team. March 17 and 18 we'll also have a big Chinese auction and 50/50 raffles. So we'd like people to come on out for that and show their support.

For more information on sled hockey, special hockey, or the upcoming tournament, visit JamestownLakers.com or the CCYHA Facebook page.

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## Sports Fishery Advisory Board Announces 25th Annual Fishing Essay Contest

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**Chautauqua County Sports Fishery Advisory Board**

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The Chautauqua County Sports Fishery Advisory Board has announced its 25th Annual Fishing Essay Contest for students in Chautauqua County. The contest officially opens on February 27 and all entries must be submitted by April 13, 2017.

Last year 318 students from 13 different schools participated in the contest and the Sports Fishery Advisory Board is eager to see how many students will participate this year.

The contest is open to all Chautauqua County students in third through sixth grade who attend public, private or home schools. Essays must follow this year's topic, "What is Your Favorite Fishing Spot in Chautauqua County and with Whom Do You Like to Go Fishing with?"

Entries must be 250 words or less and can be submitted singly or together by class. Each entry must include the student's name, grade, teacher, and school. Teachers are also encouraged to submit their email addresses with their students' essays to allow for quick and easy communication during the school day about contest results. Entries will be judged on originality and teachers are encouraged to work with students by incorporating the essay into a teaching activity.

"In the past we have received some very creative entries such as essays with drawings and pictures, and one year we even received an essay inside of a shoebox," said Zen Olow, Chairman of the Sports Fishery Advisory Board. "It is great to see kids excited about fishing and the outdoors."

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All participants will receive a certificate and at least eight winners from each grade will receive a spin cast fishing pole kit. Among the winners, two grand prize winners will be selected to go on a fishing trip with Chautauqua County Executive Vince Horrigan this summer. Winners will be announced in early May and the two grand prize winners will be recognized at the May 24, 2017 Chautauqua County Legislature Meeting. All teachers and principals whose students submit essays will also receive a gift made by "Kids on the Fly."

"Fishing is an important recreational activity for our county," said Horrigan. "It draws visitors from across the nation and allows families and friends to create fond memories together. The essay contest has been valuable to the teachers and students who have participated in the past and I encourage all schools to participate in this year's contest."

The Sports Fishery Advisory Board hopes the essay contest can be an interesting educational experience for students and helpful to teachers. It is intended to promote an awareness of Chautauqua County's ecology, the factors that affect it, and the role each student plays in maintaining its quality in the future.

The contest is sponsored by the County Executive's Office, County Legislature, and a majority of the prizes are funded through donations from the community and sportsmen's clubs.

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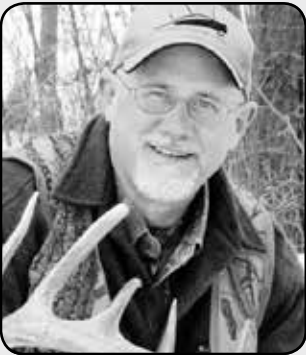
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## My Favorite Deer Cartridge—the 7mm-08



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The first buck I shot with my stainless Model Seven in 7mm-08, and the first I shot in my life with a factory load, was chasing a doe in a cornfield. Since then I've returned to handloads.



Contributing Writer  
Steve Sorensen

### My favorite cartridge has changed over the years

At the age of 12 I started hunting with a low-budget rifle, the Savage Model 340. It was chambered in .222 Remington. Today few rifles of that caliber are found in the deer woods, but back then it was a popular choice in the woodchuck fields and for many young hunters just starting out. I killed a couple of bucks with it, but the second one took a marginal hit and my dad, my uncle and I spent some time recovering the deer. I decided the rifle the grownups carried would do a better job, so I graduated to a .30-06.

Countless gun writers have used the word “venerable” to describe the .30-06, and the word fits no cartridge better. It has everyone’s respect, it has been around for well over 100 years, and it has seen plenty of action from military to target shooting to hunting. When it comes to any North American game animal, it can do anything you ask of it. Virtually no one criticizes the .30-06. It’s probably the all-time favorite of most hunters, and if you run into a hunter who is a one-gun guy, odds are good that his one gun is a .30-06.

Mine is a Winchester Model 70 Featherweight—pre-’64 for those who are interested in its lineage. It served me very well in the deer woods but I got tired of the beating the lightweight rifle gave me when testing handloads. I still have it, but I haven’t shot it in more than 20 years.

Next I discovered the .243 Winchester. It has remained popular since its birth in the 1950s. It’s equally at home in the woodchuck fields as it is in the deer woods, and equally comfortable in the hands of a seasoned hunter or a rookie. It has only one drawback—the bullets it shoots are relatively light. Yes, 100 grains is heavy enough to kill a deer, and the Nosler Partition bullets I handloaded for it

seemed to dump all their energy inside the deer. But a new cartridge caught my eye—the 7mm-08 Remington.

Both the .243 and the 7mm-08 are children of the .308 Winchester, a cartridge with a similar history to the .30-06, but in a shorter package. The 7mm-08 (a .308 necked down to 7mm, or .284 caliber) is the same size case as the .243 and the .308, with a neck size at a happy medium between the two. Its advantage over the .243 is that it shoots heavier bullets. Its advantage over the .308 is that when bullets are a similar weight, the 7mm bullets are longer and slenderer—carrying their velocity and therefore their energy a little farther down range than the .308.

My first 7mm-08 was a Remington Model Seven with an 18½-inch barrel and a walnut stock—the same exact package my .243 had come in. I loved the weight, the accuracy and the styling. After a few years I “upgraded,” trading it away for another Model Seven, this one in stainless steel with a 20-inch barrel and a synthetic stock, and that’s where I am today.

I’ve shot a variety of Federal, Winchester and Remington factory cartridges, as well as handloads that print on the target tightly inside a 1-inch diameter group. My favorite homebrew is a 139 grain Hornady flat base pushed by 48 grains of W760 powder.

Is the 7mm-08 the best deer cartridge? Is the Model Seven the best rifle? That’s not important. What matters is it’s the best combination for most of the hunting I do. I like carrying a light rifle because I hunt a lot on the ground. I like a short rifle because it handles well when you’re elbow-to-elbow in trees. I like a short action because it cycles more quickly for a follow-up shot. And I like a rifle I can shoot well, and that kills quickly, which always comes down to bullet placement. No matter what rifle and cartridge you think is best, bullet placement is all-important.

Now we have some newcomers, and they’re eye-catching—the 6.5 Creedmoor, the .260 Remington, some of the so-called short magnums—but I still favor the 7mm-08. It has made some terrific shots for me, and every deer I’ve hit with it died quickly. If your deer rifle does that, stick with it.

When “The Everyday Hunter” isn’t hunting, he’s thinking about hunting, writing about hunting, talking about hunting, dreaming about hunting, or wishing he were hunting. Contact him at [EverydayHunter@gmail.com](mailto:EverydayHunter@gmail.com), and read more of his thoughts about hunting at [www.jamestowngazette.com](http://www.jamestowngazette.com).



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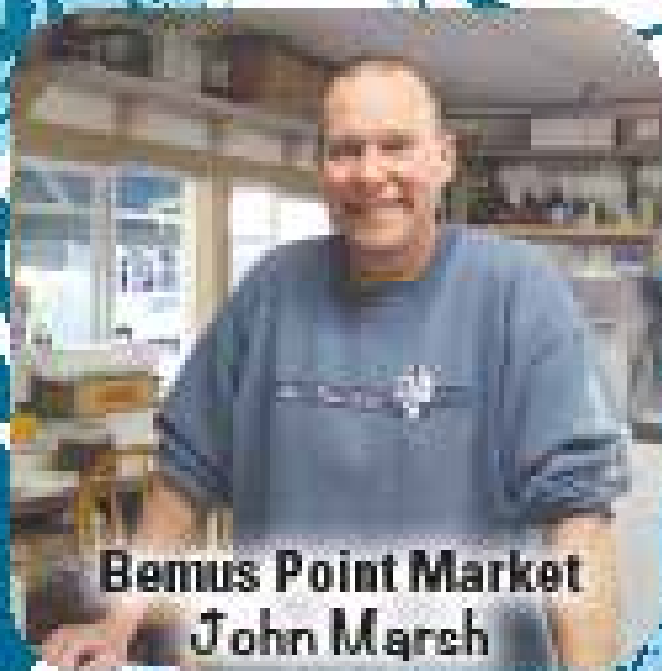




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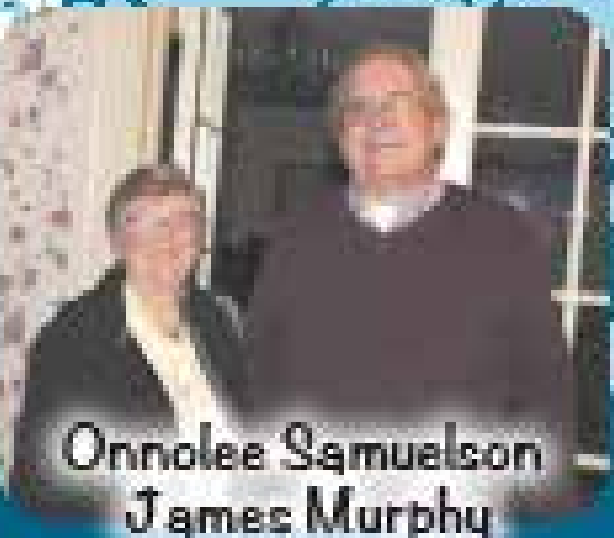
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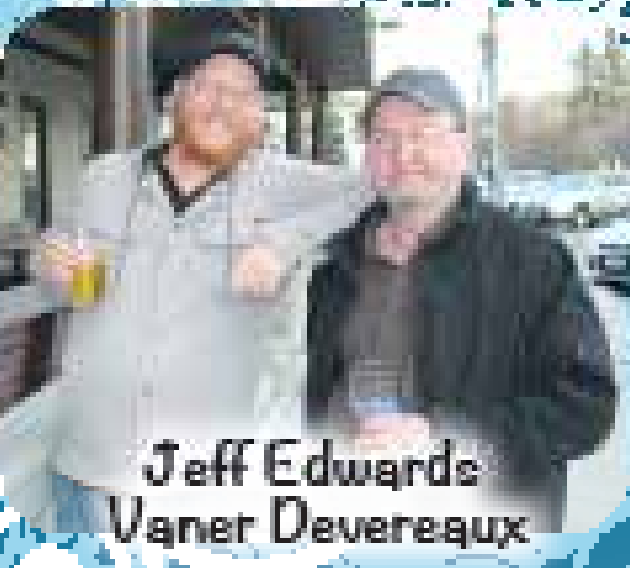
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