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Fireworks Disrupting Neighborhoods

Contributing Writer Nathan Ditonto

A classic summertime celebration of Independence Day, county fairs, athletic events, and other public events usually involve professional firework displays. These can be majestic experiences that create cherished memories among families and friends.

Set to music on a warm summer's night these colorful displays often capture awe-inspiring momentous bursts that can make young children, our senior citizens, and all ages in between smile and tear up while viewing these artistic shows.

Unfortunately, this summer many of these displays have been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic and restrictions on large gatherings. In some cases, professional displays are still scheduled, but many of the fireworks friends and families have been witnessing in the last month have been from their neighbors.

These intimidating explosions have been wreaking havoc on neighborhoods and entire communities. Whether it's impacting the sleep of infants, creating an atmosphere of chaos for beloved pets, or rattling the lives of military heroes who



suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, it seems like every day as the sun sets these unprofessional displays resume and continue well into the night.

Legal/Illegal?

Residents in the southern tier of New York State are in a unique position when it comes to the legal and illegal possession and use of fireworks. Since it is only a short drive to the Pennsylvania state line

where there is an entirely different set of laws in effect for fireworks, this leads to numerous illegal fireworks purchases that are often brought back into New York.

In Pennsylvania, the law states that consumers are allowed to purchase consumer-grade fireworks, including bottle rockets, firecrackers, roman

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\$20,000 Check Presented to the Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County from Chautauqua Harbor Hotel

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Chautauqua Harbor Hotel presented a check of \$20,000 on Wednesday, July 1st to the Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County. David Hart, President and CEO of Hart Hotels, presented the check to Lew Meckley, Board President, and Tim Smeal, Board Vice President. Several Child Advocacy Program staff members were also in attendance.



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David Hart, President and CEO of Hart Hotels, presents check to Child Advocacy Program.

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JHS Battle of the Classes Donates to Prendergast Library



Submitted Photo

Kristie Bemis (MakerSpace Librarian), Anne Greene (Prendergast Library Executive Director) and JHS graduates, Lexi Salvaggio, Alyssa Holdridge, Brittney Lobb, Courtney Graham and Student Organization Advisor Tony Dolce

Article Contributed by Jamestown Public Schools

Even with an on-going pandemic, the students of Jamestown High School came through for the community and raised \$2,400 for the Jamestown Prendergast Library through their annual Battle of the Classes. The traditional event is in its 41 st year and has raised over \$300,000 for local charities and organizations.

"I am so proud of the students this year. It was the first time in 41 years that we were not able to complete our fundraising efforts and have the Battle of the Classes, but they were still able to raise money for a worthy cause in our community," said JHS Student Organization Advisor Tony Dolce.

The annual Battle of the Classes is a competition to see which JHS class can raise the most money for a designated charity over a two-week time. The Battle normally culminates

in a school wide event with fun games, sporting competitions and dance-offs to celebrate their achievement. Due to COVID-19, the in-person Battle of the Classes was cancelled. But that did not stop JHS from coming through for their community.

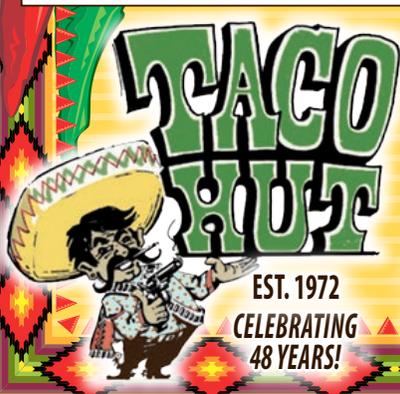
"We know the library isn't in the best financial shape and it's such a great place for our community. So many people of all ages use it," said JHS 2020 graduate and Senior Class President, Lexi Salvaggio. "We are so happy to give our donation to the library to help them continue to provide services to our community."

The library plans to use the funds for their MakerSpace area, which is laid out to encourage visitors of all ages to explore independently. Each day, library staff also plans and implement a daily focus activity that is a more formal discussion of a scientific topic. Daily activities include challenges

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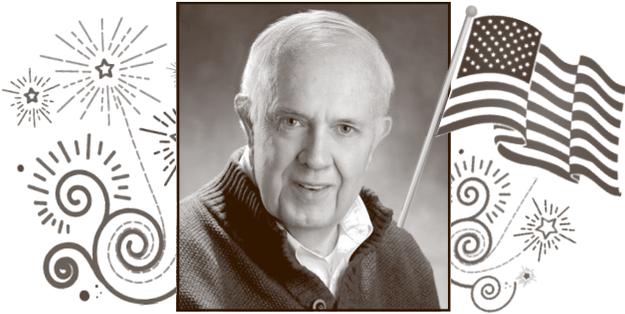
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Words of Wisdom with Walt Pickut

What you *didn't* know about fireworks...



Contributing Editor
Walt Pickut

I always thought 4th of July Fireworks were supposed to remind us of the often-sung lines of our National Anthem,

"... the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

But historians tell us that fireworks were already popular for holiday celebrations long before the American Revolutionary War. The first Independence Day in 1777 just gave Americans one more good excuse for festivities and fun with fireworks.

And fireworks are not reserved for the 4th of July alone. Walt Disney, for example, is the largest buyer of fireworks in the whole United States. Disney parks light up the sky with fireworks all year long. Patriotism not required.

As a matter of fact, some people say fireworks really are "for the birds." Fireworks have been used to scare unwanted birds away from farmers' crops for decades. On the other hand, a small town in California once cancelled its July 4th fireworks display because Fish & Game said it scared the birds into abandoning their nests. That caused another kind of fireworks with the local folks who wanted their fireworks anyway.

Fireworks have been around since the Chinese invented them more than 1,000 years ago. The people who made them were revered as wizards, celebrated as artists, and well paid to amaze peasants and celebrate emperors, especially when their secret formulas created fiery rainbows crisscrossing the night sky.

Whether ancient Chinese fireworks were later turned into rocket bombs, or rocket bombs became light shows, they eventually sparked some even stranger inventions.

How would you like your mail delivered by rocket, for instance? In 1959 the U.S. Navy submarine *USS Barbero* teamed up with the U.S.

Post Office to try delivering "Missile Mail." They tried once and gave it up. But on another occasion, a mail rocket blew up like the fireworks it had descended from. That mail delivery missed a lot of mail boxes all at once.

This week your Jamestown Gazette invites everybody to find a safe way to enjoy this year's 4th of July fireworks from a safe distance.

And one of the safest ways is to let the professionals, the trained "pyrotechnicians," entertain us all. Fireworks in the hands of folks who aren't trained to use them sometimes injure the hands that try.

CNN recently said it perfectly. "Americans love to stand around and watch stuff blow up in honor of their nation's independence." Unfortunately, sometimes it is themselves they blow up. Not much patriotism in that.

Consider these facts:

- More than 9,000 people were treated in hospitals for fireworks-related injuries last year, says the US Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- About 1,000 injuries were from firecrackers, 500 from sparklers, 400 from Roman candles, and 200 from bottle rockets.
- Nearly half of the injured people were under 20 years old with 36 percent being children under 15.
- More than a quarter of the injuries were hands and fingers, about the same for legs, and the rest were eyes, head, face, and ears.

Somehow, I don't think there is much patriotism or fun in any of those. Leave it to the pros and enjoy your body parts for the 4th of July.

Twentieth century poet, pundit, and humorist Ogden Nash put it like this (he'll forgive me, I hope, for making it fit our own neck of the woods):

*There was a young man of Bemus Bay who was making some fireworks one day:
but he dropped his cigar
in the gunpowder jar.
There was a young man of Bemus Bay.*

So, even if you don't get to see one of the local fireworks displays this year, remember the words of American humorist, Josh Billings, a contemporary of Mark Twain. Josh said you've always got your own light show no matter where you go. "Laughter is the fireworks of the soul."

Enjoy the read.

Walt Pickut

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Richard "Ricky" D. Spoon, 30, of
Mayville
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Kim A. Bartholomew, 59, of
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Roger Wayne Fuller, 71 of
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Contributing Writer

Pastor Shawn Hannon

Hope Lutheran Church, Arcade, NY

The conversation around wearing a mask in these coronavirus times is a polarizing one, and this, ultimately, is not meant to be an article about wearing a mask. But I mention it at the start because what I do want to talk about is freedom. After all, we just celebrated July 4th.

Aside from the arguments about comfort and health concerns, one of the main grumbles folks have about wearing a mask is that it infringes upon their liberty. Like most of the government mandates and shutdowns, some people have resisted the orders on principles of freedom. What I hear as a pastor is "Can you believe they are telling us we can't go to church?" (Side note: stop arguing or posting things about 'going to church' during the corona-craze if you don't regularly support a community of believers with your time, talents, and presence regularly. But again, this isn't about that. It's about freedom, so back to it).

As Americans we have long held freedom to be one of our highest virtues and anything that threatens that has to go. We cherish our individual liberty. But as Christians, we must also ask, What is our freedom for? And as Americans we might presume our freedom means we

get to do whatever we want, but as Christians that couldn't be farther from the truth.

The 5th chapter of Galatians addresses freedom. It starts with Paul (the author) boldly reminding the audience that "for freedom Christ has set us free" (5:1). He goes on a few verses later saying that we are "called to freedom," but what comes next helps us understand what that freedom is for. Paul writes, "... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another" (5:13).

And the takeaway for us is the reminder that scripture talks about freedom about as oppositely as possible from many of the arguments we make when we feel like our freedom is under attack. We are not free merely to do whatever we want. We are free—Christ has made us free—so that we can be slaves to one another. We often think of slavery as the exact opposite of freedom. But the Bible teaches us that the freedom we experience is meant to be a freedom to serve others not a freedom to indulge ourselves.

As we live into the freedom we celebrated last weekend, perhaps we would all do better to remember that. That true freedom is not meant to allow us to indulge ourselves, but to serve and to love one another.

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JCC Announces Fall 2020 Course, Residence Hall Plans

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Jamestown Community
College (JCC)



Jamestown Community College will begin its 2020-21 academic year this fall with a flexible instructional format.

JCC's plan for the fall semester incorporates both mandatory and recommended COVID-19 protocols issued by New York state, focuses on the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and the larger community.

"JCC is excited about welcoming our students and community back this fall," said JCC president Daniel DeMarte. "Although we continue to adapt our policies and procedures based on state and federal guidelines, we have developed a robust plan that prepares students for a successful fall semester."

The fall 2020 course schedule is available at sunjcc.edu/courses.

JCC's reopening plan for the fall semester, which has been approved for certification by the State University of New York, was designed to minimize disruption for students while supporting the learning process and providing a reasonable degree of options and flexibility. The plan includes online, hybrid, and in-person courses. Approximately 125 online and hybrid courses are designated as flex courses which could meet as in-person classes on campus when COVID-19 measures allow.

"If conditions improve and we have approval from the governor, students enrolled in flex courses will be provided the opportunity to be in class, on campus, on the synchronous days and times already scheduled," said Dr. DeMarte, emphasizing that

students would need to adhere to Centers for Disease Control and state and local health department guidelines on social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment.

JCC's student support services, which include tutoring, academic advising, library services, and more, as well as connections to local, state, and federal benefit programs, will continue to be available to students.

"JCC is working hard to ensure that students have access to the support they need to succeed in today's educational environment," said Kirk Young, vice president of student affairs.

Dr. DeMarte also noted that JCC's workforce readiness training programs for employers throughout the region have shifted delivery to both synchronous and asynchronous formats for the fall. A mix of formats, including synchronous, asynchronous, hybrid, and on-campus, will be provided.

JCC also plans to open its three residence halls to 250 students, which allows for the implementation of recommended social distancing measures.

"Although the residential experience will be different than what it has been in the past, the opportunity to be involved in a dedicated learning community continues to be one of JCC's points of pride," added Dr. Young.



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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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Chamber Corner ♦ July 6, 2020

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As Phase 4 Begins Let's Focus on Keeping Businesses Open

On Tuesday June 30th, Western New York entered the final phase of the four-stage reopening plan known as New York Forward. Significant steps have been taken in reopening the economy as businesses fight hard to navigate the impact of COVID-19. Yet, this remains a challenging time for most businesses as some remain closed and others are not running at full capacity. Some businesses have experienced a reduction in demand for their products, a result of a slowed economy. In the meantime, we are all still adjusting to a new normal. A portion of the population remains working from home and unfortunately a significant percentage of the population is out of work. So, what lies ahead?

We don't have a crystal ball, but we can be fairly certain that New York State must remain on its current track for reducing the transmission of COVID-19 in order for businesses to continue to operate. Some states are seeing a, significant increases in COVID-19 cases. This trend is slowing

down, and in some cases reversing reopening timelines. Businesses that were previously opened in these states are having to close. New York State has not had to and does not want to head in that direction. Our objective is always to work on behalf of the business community, so to assist in every way possible we will continue to urge people to behave responsibly and follow the rules. Social distancing and wearing a face covering have been demonstrated to help stop the spread of the disease. To support our local businesses and keep our economy open we hope everyone will conduct themselves accordingly.

Phase Four is the final stage of the reopening plan, but it does not include some types of businesses such as shopping malls and gyms. The Governor this week announced new criteria for malls which is centered on air handling systems that have filters with a high Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value to help reduce the presence of the virus in the air. Other specific types of businesses that are high contact or high traffic will likely face similar requirements. We expect that guidance will be issued in the weeks ahead.

This remains a challenging time for all of us. We have been asked to significantly adjust our behavior to protect our family, friends, neighbors,

businesses, and community. It is no easy task, but as Americans we have always been able to rise to the challenges before us. On this Fourth of July weekend we urge you to do two things. Support our small local businesses and celebrate safely. Enjoy our beautiful parks, beaches, waterways, and hiking trails. Here in Chautauqua County we are surrounded by scenic beauty and plentiful opportunities to enjoy nature. We wish you a safe, happy, and healthy Independence Day!

Special Note to All Businesses: Check for Updates to State Guidelines

All businesses that have reopened in New York State are required to affirm the state guidelines and maintain a printed copy of their business safety plan on their premises. As part of the state guidance for reopening, the state has reserved the right to change the requirements from time to time and it is the businesses responsibility to stay on top of those changes. There have been some updates to the guidance as language has been strengthened. Additionally, as situations have changed guidance updates have been performed. There are additional new requirements for: Indoor and Outdoor Food Service; Personal Care Services; Office-Based Work; Real Estate Services; Retail, Motor Vehicle Sales; Retail Rental, Repair and Cleaning;

Commercial Buildings; Hair Salons and Barber Shops; Dentistry; and Public Transportation. Many of these changes require additional separation policies for employees or customers and maintaining health records for employees. For Child Care and Day Camps groups have been limited to no more than 10 children or campers per staff unit and specifically bars the sharing of food and beverages. All businesses should review, again, the requirements for their respective operation and be sure to adhere to the updated guidance.

Save the Date: Chamber Golf Tournament August 27

In a summer when many things have been canceled, we are proud to be able to bring you the 2020 Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be held, once again, on the beautiful upper course at Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer on Thursday, August 27. Details are still being worked out and registration may be limited. The Chamber Golf Tournament is sponsored this year by A Automotive, AW Farrell & Son, Bush Industries, Community Bank, DFT Communications, Insurance Management Company, Koester Associates, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Lawley Insurance, and National Grid. Watch for more information to be announced soon!

JHS Battle of the Classes Donates to Prendergast Library

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that promote collaboration and critical thinking, where staff encourages children to complete a specific task that relates to a scientific concept (e.g. building a bridge that holds something heavy, identifying an image under a microscope). Any visitor who attempts a challenge receives a free science-themed book. 6-8 STEAM-themed stations change weekly, and are open for visitors to explore independently. These stations relate to different elements of STEAM – science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The space also includes a “free play” spot, where visitors can select from all available activities and explore what interests them. The MakerSpace promotes learning through open exploration, creativity and collaboration, while

also encouraging children to apply and improve their literacy skills. These skills are vital to understanding STEAM concepts and lead to success in all subjects.

“It's amazing what the JHS students did for us, even with schools buildings being closed,” said Anne Greene, Jamestown Prendergast Library Executive Director. “We are so proud and pleased that the students did this for us. It is so impressive to see students care so much about their community and we are thrilled to use the funds for our MakerSpace.”

For more information on the Prendergast Library's MakerSpace, go to www.prendergastlibrary.org/makerspace.

City Hall Reopening

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City of Jamestown, NY

Mayor Sundquist announced that Jamestown City Hall would be reopening on Wednesday, July 1st.

All City offices will be open to the public and will accept permits, applications, payments, etc. The public is still encouraged to continue to use the City payment drop boxes and other methods of payment to reduce contact with other members of the public and staff. City officials asks that everyone coming into City Hall please wear a mask for the safety of their fellow citizens.



City parks and playgrounds continue to remain open, except for park restrooms, which will remain closed until further notice. In an effort to prevent spread of COVID-19 to children, the City Parks Department has started sanitizing playground equipment daily.



Irwin

Chautauqua County Humane Society Pets of the Week

Meet Irwin. He is a pretty active guy who loves just about everyone. He is not a fan of cats. You know, tired. Irwin would love to meet you. Visit chqhumane.org [1] right now and fill out an adoption application for me! Shelter No. RR179.

Meet Coco. She loves attention and will come when you call her name. Coco is good with most other cats, thought she would prefer a home with children over 8 years old. You can meet me at Petsmart in Lakewood. So spot in today so we can connect! Learn more about me at Chqhumane.org. Shelter No. RR179.



Coco

Audubon Little Explorers Learn About Butterflies at the Nature Center, Saturday, July 11

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**Audubon Community
Nature Center**



Submitted Photo

Audubon Community Nature Center's Little Explorers will learn about butterflies on Saturday morning, July 11. This photograph of an Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly by Panama, N.Y., photographer Suzette Paduano was a finalist in an Audubon Nature Photography Contest. (For information about this year's photo contest visit ACNCPhotoContest.com)

You and the three to eight-year-old child(ren) in your life can learn about butterflies on Saturday, July 11, 10-11:30 a.m. at Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC).

Previously held online due to COVID-19 restrictions, ACNC's Little Explorers program returns to in-person starting in July.

Butterflies float by in a rainbow of colors as they flutter on the breeze from flower to flower. However, they are more than just a pretty, fleeting sight on a sunny day.

Join Audubon to learn more about their life cycles, habitats, importance in the food chain, and how they can help humans, along with some ways to help the butterflies in return.

After an in-person lesson with Audubon Nature Educator Chelsea Jandreau, head out for a short hike to look for butterfly habitats where you could find and identify some butterflies as you search.

This program will be held in the Stephanie Frucella Education Pavilion located in Audubon's back yard, but will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Participants should bring face coverings in case the program is moved indoors.

The fee for the program is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children and Nature Center members.

Make reservations by Thursday, July 9, 2020, by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12-4 p.m. Saturdays) or by going to AudubonCNC.org/Programs and clicking on "Current Schedule."

Be sure to join Audubon for the re-imagining of their annual Monarch Butterfly Festival on Saturday, August 29. The festival will be revised to meet current CDC and New York State guidelines related to COVID-19, but the festival will still take place. Go to: AudubonCNC.org/MonarchFestival for more information.

The 2020 Little Explorers series is sponsored by Univera Healthcare.

Little Explorers is presented on the second Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, just east of Route 62 between Warren, Pa., and Jamestown, N.Y. While the Nature Center building is closed due to COVID-19 per New York State restrictions, visitors are welcome to enjoy the native tree arboretum, gardens, picnic area, and natural play space, walk the six miles of trails, and view Liberty, Audubon's non-releasable Bald Eagle, from dawn to dusk daily while practicing safe social distancing measures.

The Blue Heron Gift Shop is also open for drive-thru sales; visit AudubonCNC.org/Shop for more information.

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

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



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Contributing Writer

Joni Blackman

From "Stilettos on Steel" to "Women on Wheels", women-based motorcycle groups are active across the nation. They promote safe riding, a positive female rider image, and bringing likeminded riders together. By the way, they also welcome the men that ride with them.

A Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) 2018 survey says that among all age groups, 19 percent of motorcycle owners are women – nearly doubling since 2009. This equates to one in every five motorcycle owners being female, up from one in every 10 back in 2009. The MIC polled 2,472 adults nationwide for the 2018 Motorcycle/ATV Owner Survey. For decades, the MIC says its surveys have served as the census of motorcycling and have tracked a steady growth in the percentage of women who own bikes. The ownership trend is strong among younger riders, 22 percent among Generation X (those born from 1965 – 1984) and 26 percent among Generation Y (those born from 1985 – 2004).

Many women have moved from the back seat to their own motorcycles. According to the survey, in recent decades motorcycling has grown in popularity and acceptance in American culture. It found that 66 percent of women motorcycle owners say their family and friends would have a positive attitude toward motorcycles and scooters. They are also spending more, on average, for aftermarket



Rider Glori Taylor at Bear Tooth Pass, near Cook City, Montana. *Submitted Photo*

products and maintenance than men. Manufacturers of motorcycles and gear are designing their products with women in mind. It is a growth area for the riding sector.

Local rider, Glori Taylor had her first ride at age 4 and she has been riding ever since. Her family was a mini-bike and motorcycle family. In fact, her father's high school graduation gift to her was a Honda road bike. Years later after riding on the back of her husband's machine, she inherited her father's Suzuki 650. She then went on to take classes so she could be better prepared. She said, "they teach you the fundamentals, and how to maneuver, feather the throttle, things that make it safer for everyone." From there she moved up to a Harley Davidson Dyna Low Rider. She now has a Full Dresser Street Glide because she and

her husband have taken some big trips on the motorcycles. When asked the farthest they have ridden, Ms. Taylor said, "we have been to Sturgis, SD twice, and Yellowstone National Park. We drove through a herd of Buffalo that were on the road. It was kind of scary." She added, "we've met so many nice people. It's neat that other riders wave as they pass you. It's a friendly group."

Kayla Wefing, marketing manager at the Harley Davidson of Jamestown says the pandemic has really changed the sales and marketing numbers. "Last year we saw an increase in women riders purchasing bikes. Many were taking the rider safety course taught by New York State at JCC. We give all the riders a t-shirt after they pass the course. There is also a women's riding group that meets here, Babes Ride

Out. Last year they took an overnight trip. There were about twenty women riders," she said.

Charlene Benson, sales manager at the dealership, has been riding for over twenty years. It all started for her when her family gave her a motorcycle when she graduated from high school. "It was an older bike that I could learn on," she said. Her longest trip was from Cattaraugus, N.Y. to Alamogordo, NM with her father. She added, "it was fast, two weeks, and so much fun. We went out to see my brother when he was serving in the Air Force." When asked about the growing trend of women riders she said, "I think over the years we've seen it grow because of the opportunity women have to take the rider safety course. Let's face it, it is hard for many husbands and boyfriends to teach us how to ride. Women get discouraged and they stop trying, but the course is taught by a woman and there are about

20 women learning together. It builds not only their skills but explains why you should do what the instructor is teaching. It also does so much to build their confidence. When women riders see other women riders, they know they had to put in a lot of effort to get on the road. I know I'm always happy to see other women riders. My advice is if you have the drive and want to ride, give it a try."

As rider Glori Taylor says, "remember, keep the shiny side up and pay attention to the other drivers. Ride Safe."

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Fireworks Disrupting Neighborhoods

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candles, and others. Larger display fireworks are still only permitted to be launched by professional services.

NY State Law

New York State Law allows for the sale and use of only one specific category of consumer fireworks known as “Sparkling Devices.” The law defines these as “ground based or handheld devices that produce a shower of colored sparks and or a colored flame, audible crackling or whistling noise and smoke... these devices must be hand held or mounted on a base or spike and be limited in sizes that range from 1 to 500 grams [just under 18 oz.] of pyrotechnic composition.”

All other types of consumer fireworks remain illegal statewide, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, spinners and aerial devices.

To understand the seriousness of these laws, readers should know they are listed under Homeland Security, New York Penal codes 270.00 and 405.00.

No Confusion

These laws are not at all confusing. They are very clear. In recent days police forces across the state have been cracking down due to the many disturbances and complaints about illegal fireworks being launched across many communities.

The “law of common sense” may also apply. Nationally, fireworks have led to nearly 20,000 fires and more than 9,000 injuries annually.

Sparklers, some kinds of which are legal in New York, accounted for more than a quarter of those injuries. Although these may appear harmless many hands, eyes, fingers, and legs are often in jeopardy when using these devices as they burn at an extremely high temperature.

Family:

As the temperatures keep rising and many families have to keep their windows open in order to have a breeze move through their homes to keep cool, it is difficult to block out the loud explosions that ring out nightly with these illegal firework launches.

When speaking with community members about these recurring fireworks displays, one story was notable. With a young infant in the home, as many can relate, it is often difficult to get them down to sleep soundly. As loud eruptions nearby continually go off into the wee hours of the morning, this bedtime challenge can become frustrating.

One community member said this about their neighborhood experience. “After about 10 minutes of firecrackers we assumed that they were done. Then out of nowhere there was a loud bang and the windows started to shake.”

As the narrative unfolded this community member reported that it was a nearby neighbor who was launching large fireworks that were “similar to those that you would see at a fair.”

“The neighbors continued this display for another 15 minutes. During the neighbor’s fireworks show the baby woke up and needed almost an hour to be put back to sleep.”

These disruptions can lead to a loss of sleep for many, even jolting one awake in the early hours of the morning, including vulnerable young members of our communities.

Pets:

Another group in our neighborhoods that are affected by the constant bursts of illegal fireworks are family pets.

“Repeated evenings of fireworks that have been happening recently have created an ongoing stress-response in our animals with raised levels of adrenaline and cortisol which can be detrimental to their physical health,” said Chautauqua Humane Society Executive Director Kellie Roberts.

As some of these blasts are loud to human ears, Ms. Roberts added, “animals have a heightened sense of hearing when compared to humans and that makes the impact of those booms even greater.”

Roberts said, “A lack of understanding about what is happening when fireworks go off can cause fear, pain, and panic in animals of all species. Panicked animals may injure themselves or others when their fight-or-flight response is triggered by fireworks.” stated Ms. Roberts. She also mentioned that “While many suffer in silence by hiding under the bed or in the bathtub, other animals become distraught enough to jump through windows or escape from fenced yards, resulting in lacerations or becoming lost or hit by cars.”

Many pet owners understand and have experienced these harmful circumstances.

Veterans:

Our heroes who have served in the military and live among us are

to be cherished and celebrated. The unprecedented launching of fireworks without any warning can negatively affect those veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Veterans in our communities may have PTSD with no outward signs except when triggered by certain events or sounds. When professional firework displays are on a set schedule it is easier for these veterans to prepare for the explosions.

According to the University of Michigan Medicine and Health News, people with PTSD are highly alert to any environmental changes that could signal danger, like unplanned explosions caused by fireworks. This could lead to nightmares, insomnia, intrusive thoughts of past trauma, negative changes in their mood, and more. The Michigan Medicine study also claims that what is so debilitating is the unpredictability of these explosions.

Nightly neighborhood illegal fireworks shows continue to rattle lives, cause heightened tensions, and negative impacts on family and friends who have served in the military. These heroes have given so much for our freedom and there should be proper ways of thanking them

without putting their mental health in jeopardy.

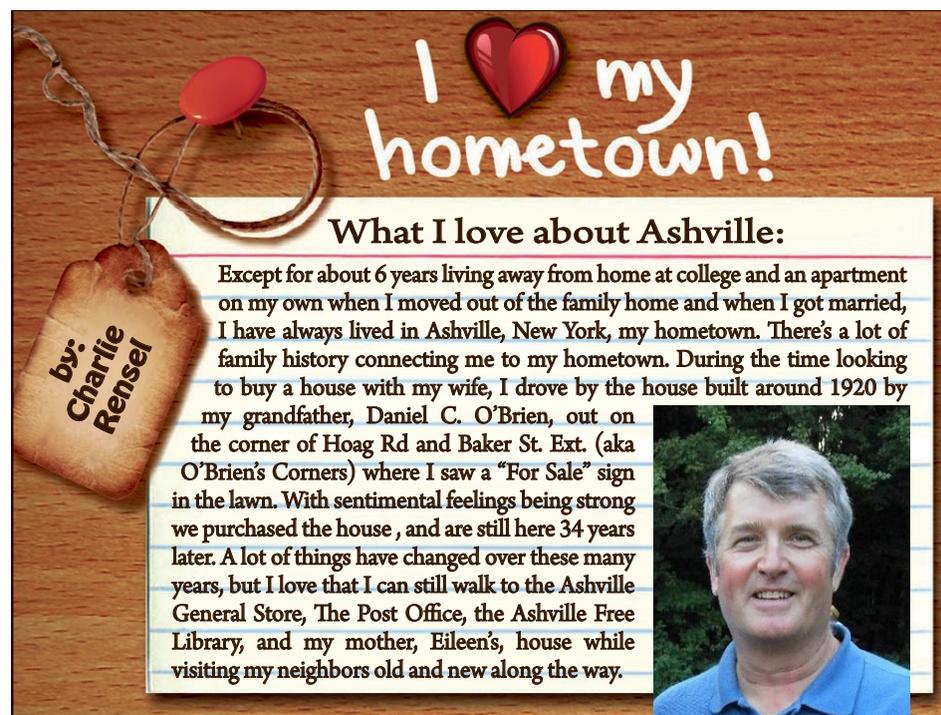
Stay Safe and Neighborly:

Many people in our communities do follow the laws by purchasing these legal sparklers to celebrate holidays, birthdays, graduations, and other summer fun.

Some neighbors choose to disrupt lives with illegal bursts of fireworks that only licensed professionals should use. These noisy displays have a negative impact on many.

Everyone wants to have a safe and fun summer, but pyrotechnics should be reserved for professionals only at larger public viewing events.

All forms of fireworks and pyrotechnics come with some form of risk to the users. These risks include burns, death, property damage, fire hazards, and many others. First responders are already spread thin due to their increased workload from the pandemic. Irresponsible use of fireworks can only make matters more difficult.



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Chautauqua Lake Association Harvests over 3 Million Pounds

It's Been a Busy Month, and the Work is Just Getting Started



Submitted Photos

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Chautauqua Lake Association

The past two months have been productive for the Chautauqua Lake Association, and the work is just getting started. July is expected to be even more productive with the expansion to a third site to efficiently maintain Chautauqua Lake's ecology.

"We're going to be running from three sites in a very ordered and efficient process," said Douglas Conroe, CLA executive director. "Right now we're working from two sites. We're going to expand to a third site and run to the maximum extent that funding will allow."

To date this season, the Lakewood and Long Point crews have removed 183 truck loads of aquatic vegetation

from Chautauqua Lake, totaling more than 3 million pounds. Last week alone the CLA crews removed 500,00 pounds of vegetation from the lake. Starting their summer season two weeks early this year, the Long Point crew worked from the Village Casino along Lakeside Drive, moving south towards the Phillips Mills/Colburn area, and the Lakewood crew completed the area from Greenhurst to Fluvanna, then moved on towards Celoron. Other areas harvested throughout June by the CLA include Ashville Bay, Stow, Shore Acres, Burtis Bay, and the southern basin.

In addition to weed management, the CLA shoreline crews have assisted lakefront owners with the burden of cleaning their properties and offering

weed disposal services. The shoreline crews started off June clearing woody debris from Chautauqua Lake and worked their way up the east side of the lake through Ashville Bay and Lakewood.



"The May and June work has been extremely productive," Conroe said. "We have been able to open areas for people which have not been able to be opened before (such as canals) because we started earlier this year, but July is going to be a major operation."

This year, CLA crews operating out of Mayville, Long Point and Lakewood will work in a circular route within the north and south basins throughout the duration of the summer. Implementing this new strategy will increase the

efficiency and overall impact of the CLA lake maintenance program.

Each week a new work plan is published on the CLA website which includes a map outlining the anticipated route and location for each of the crews. To preview the weekly work plan, maps and updated work reports, please visit ChautauquaLakeAssociation.org or [@ChautauquaLakeAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ChautauquaLakeAssociation) on Facebook.

For more information about the Chautauqua Lake Association lake maintenance program, please contact Heather Nolan-Caskey at 716-763-8602 or email heather@ChautauquaLakeAssociation.org

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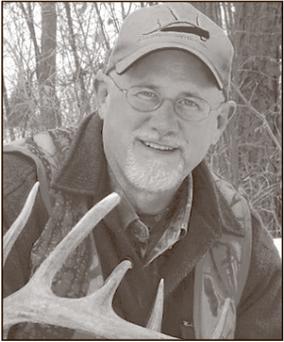
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The Everyday Hunter with Steve Sorensen

The Benefits of 30 Million Dead Deer



Contributing Writer
Steve Sorensen



Photo by Steve Sorensen

The Deer Hunter's Almanac has tons of information about whitetails in North America, on newsstands by the end of the summer.

In the last five years, American hunters have killed almost 30 million whitetail deer. That's a lot of venison.

How do I know this? I've just completed an annual project for Deer & Deer Hunting magazine. I've handled this project since 2014. I collect data from all 44 states with whitetail deer (plus all the Canadian provinces). I find what a license to hunt deer costs, where the top harvest areas are, where Chronic Wasting Disease is spreading, and more. The biggest piece of the job is assembling the most recent deer harvest statistics.

This project puts me in touch with deer biologists and wildlife managers in every state. It's how I spend the month of June, and I learn a lot from it.

The last five years are probably the most productive deer hunting years in history. Most states are near their all-time high in deer harvested. Texas hunters, for example, killed over 883,000 whitetails in the 2018 season. Only one season was higher. That same year Pennsylvanians harvested more than 374,000 and New York hunters took over 227,000. That's a million and a half deer in just three states in a single year.

So how many meals do 30 million deer provide? A conservative estimate is

about 50 meals per deer. Do the math: 30 million deer times 50 meals equals one and a half BILLION servings of venison. Here's that number with all the zeros: 1,500,000,000. That's a huge benefit of hunting.

Another benefit is that 30 million dead deer mean hunters are doing an important service to our society. Deer populations continue to be high in most states. If we went one or two seasons without hunters killing deer, the population would increase to the point where the costs to society would be intolerable. Costs would include crop damage, forest regeneration, and automotive insurance claims. And it's not just about fender benders. Those insurance losses amount to over a billion dollars per year, but that's just money. Deer collisions cost human life — more than 200 lives lost every year. How many more people would

die if hunters hadn't killed 30 million deer?

Non-hunters might think that with hunters killing 30 million deer in five years, we'll soon run out of deer. Nothing could be further from the truth. If left to live, those deer would have made more deer, lots more.

Those 30 million would be 60 million or 100 million deer by now, probably more, ravaging the landscape for food. As it is, thanks to the principle of "the birds and the bees," the ones we hunters didn't kill replaced the ones we did kill. Yes, hunters play an important role in the balance of nature.

How many deer hunters does it take to kill 30 million deer? Only about 10 million people in the United States are deer hunters. That sounds like a lot, but hunters are a minority — a small minority. Those 10 million hunters represent just one hunter for

every 33 citizens. If you removed all the people from New York City and replaced them with all 10 million deer hunters, you'd cut the population of the city in half, and there would be no deer hunters anywhere else.

Here's another benefit of 30 million dead deer. Those 10 million deer hunters generated a lot of money for wildlife management through one of the most successful programs the federal government ever created. The Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 includes an 11% tax built into the price of every gun we buy, every box of ammunition, and much of the gear we purchase.

The federal government distributes that money to the states annually, based on the number of hunting licenses sold. The money goes for law enforcement, education, research, habitat renewal, support of non-game species, and more. Thank hunters for the birds at your feeder.

30 million dead deer have raised billions of dollars for wildlife, but as hunting declines that money will disappear. What happens then? No one has a plan to replace hunters as the most effective component in wildlife management.

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. If you want to tell Steve exactly where your favorite hunting spot is, contact him through his website, www.EverydayHunter.com. He writes for top outdoor magazines, and won the 2015 and 2018 national "Pinnacle Award" for outdoor writing.



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Proceeds were generated from the hotel's annual Ice Bar event that took place from February 13 - 15, 2020. Each year, Chautauqua Harbor Hotel donates a percentage of funds from this event to a local non-profit organization.

Based in Jamestown, NY, the Child Advocacy Program is a safe, child-friendly center that supports a multi-disciplinary investigative approach

to child physical and sexual abuse allegations. Their mission is to create a safe and engaged community to bring healing, hope, and justice to the children and families.

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Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is open and welcoming guests. The hotel

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Using Newspapers



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A wonderful resource to add to add context to our ancestor's lives is newspapers. We are all familiar with searching for obituaries that can add so many clues to our research. However, this is just the tip of the iceberg of what you can find.

Over time researching for others and my own personal research, I have made some interesting discoveries in newspapers. I discovered the story behind my great uncle's death at 16 from Tetanus. One family from Chautauqua County had a female member who moved to Rochester and won many awards for her household hints and recipes. Then there are the social columns that note who visited from out of town or held a bridal shower, etc. churches and organization. I found an article of a young man who was listed with others as being physically unfit to serve in WWI. You may find stories of family members who belonged to local organizations and churches. These stories give you a broader picture of the lives of those who came before us. If your family owned a business, try looking for advertisements in the local paper for that particular time period.

If there was not a paper in the town that your family lived in, look in the surrounding towns, particularly in the county seat. Look specifically for columns dedicated to the town or township where your family lived.

To do this research you will need to know where to look. The Prendergast Library has drawers full of microfilm of the old newspapers. These are especially useful when

you know the date or approximate date of an event. Beware, as you will find yourself sidetracked with fascinating articles that have nothing to do with your family. We have a few books at the Hall House that contain extractions of new articles. The internet provides boundless resources that are both free and pay sites that can be used. Locally many of us use Old Fulton <https://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>. Look for Newspapers.com or Chronicing America. Find My Past has a newspaper archive as does Ancestry. If you go to the Family Search Wiki and type in United States Newspapers, you will find an incredible list of resources. Of course, you can simply Google Newspapers for genealogical research. And finally try searching <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2014/10/22/genealogical-research-using-newspapers>.

You will discover that there are specific techniques that help you obtain the results that you are looking for. Try putting a name in several different ways, such as first and last, just the last name, first initial and last name, or perhaps a nickname. You may also want to try alternate spellings. On many of the sites, you can filter results by adding locations, dates, and other information. Again, I would encourage you to read any descriptive material that the sites provide for you.

Starting today, try using newspapers as another source of stories and information on your ancestors or just for fun, put your own name in to see what pops up.

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

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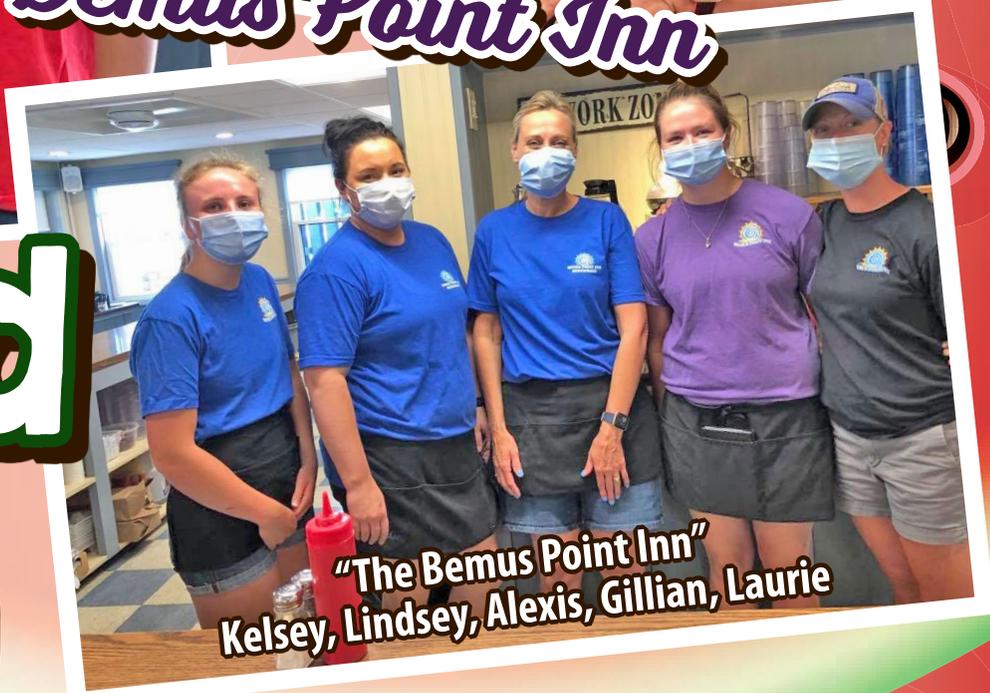


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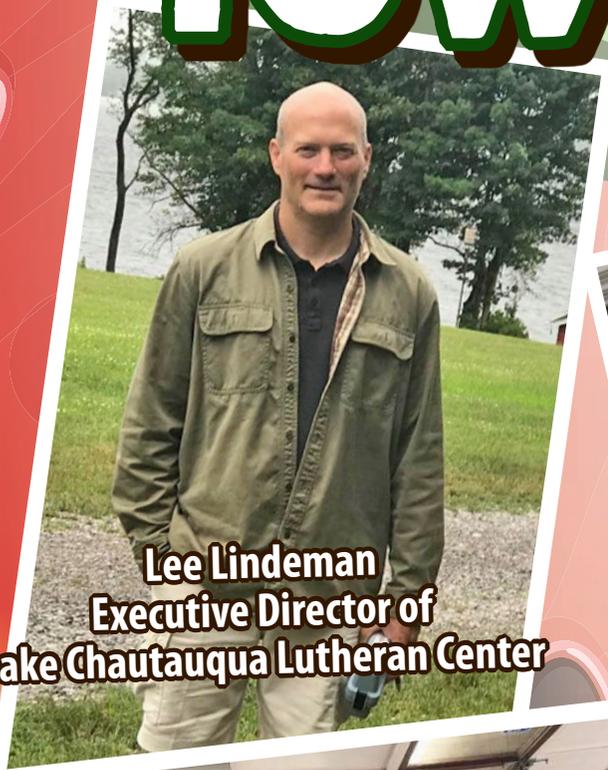
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