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Giving Tuesday and YOU!

Contributing Writer
Joni Blackman

Most of us know about Black Friday, the big busy shopping day after Thanksgiving. Black Friday is followed by Cyber Monday, one of the busiest online shopping days of the year. Then comes Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is December 1st. It is a global one-day event to support your favorite charity. It is heavily promoted on social media and takes in donations online.

Giving Tuesday started in 2012 and over the years has brought in over \$1 billion dollars worldwide. Last year the US donated \$511 million online alone! Locally the Giving Tuesday campaign is handled by our individual charities.

Linda Swanson, Executive Director of the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation clarified what Giving Tuesday has done in our locality. "Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of local not-for-profit organizations participating in Giving Tuesday, and an increase in amounts raised. Credit should be given to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for encouraging local not-for-profits to raise funds using



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online donor platforms by establishing the Big CHQ (which happens in the spring and is a local version of Giving Tuesday) and providing technical support to the not-for-profit staff. That education has proved to be invaluable, not only for the not-for-profit organizations in their own fundraising, but also to the county's two United Ways and two Community Foundations. They were able to quickly launch the Chautauqua County Crisis Response Fund during the COVID lockdown, using that very same technology and raised almost \$1

million dollars in a manner of weeks," Ms. Swanson said, adding "it will be interesting to see if more local organizations will be participating in Giving Tuesday this year as a result of their gained expertise in raising funds online."

To see who you could support, read through the paper find a local charity you like and send them a donation. It will make your holiday happier and give them a boost! They all deserve our support for the important work they do.



Giving Tuesday

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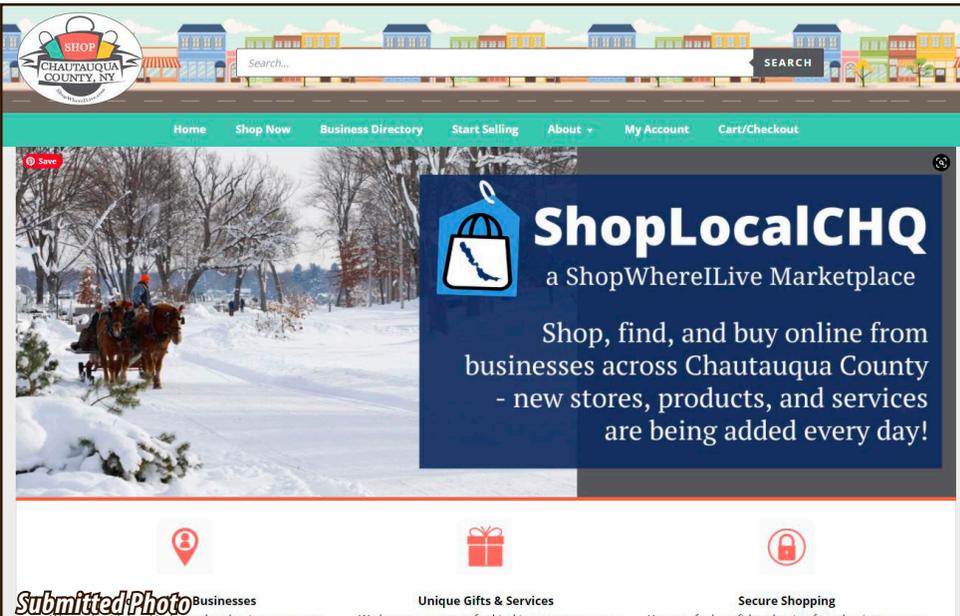
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ShopLocalCHQ Online Marketplace Launched

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The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce a new online marketplace where consumers can conveniently shop for products and services from small, locally owned businesses across Chautauqua County. ShopLocalCHQ.com features a wide variety of local businesses and their products and services, with more being added every day.



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Bush 4th Graders Use Persuasive Writing to Show Off Their Macy's Parade Balloons



Bush Elementary School fourth grader, Lucy Hockenberry, erases the background of her balloon photo to add a Macy's Thanksgiving Parade photo to include with her ELA persuasive essay.



Bush Elementary School fourth grader, Nora Bailey, photographs a mask to create her Macy's Thanksgiving Parade balloon in Keynote to persuade the parade committee to include her balloon.



Submitted Photos

Bush Elementary School fourth grader, Maddie Wilkins, gets help from JPS Integration Technology Specialist, Jason Kathman, to create her unicorn balloon in Keynote to include with her ELA persuasive essay.

Article Contributed by Jamestown Public Schools

Bush Elementary School fourth graders became Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon makers through an ELA persuasive writing assignment in Cristin Hockenberry's class. The students wrote a persuasive essay explaining why their balloon should be included in the annual parade. Mrs. Hockenberry collaborated with JPS Technology Integration Specialist, Jason Kathman, to have the kids create a photograph of their balloons, complete with a new background, using their iPads.

"The idea of writing a persuasive essay to convince the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade committee to choose a new balloon comes from a former teaching teammate, Scott Chelli, who I still collaborate with to create lessons that engage students in learning," said Mrs. Hockenberry. "Writing is one of those topics that can be challenging to get students excited about. By adding this technology component to the lesson, students were actively taking part in learning over multiple standards in one lesson over multiple days. On day two when a student asked, 'Are we going to get to work on our

writing today?' I knew they were really excited about what we were doing. They never ask to write! The students liked this writing assignment and the technology piece because it pulled everything together and made the topic seem real."

Mrs. Hockenberry's class has been doing a lot of writing this year. They have been writing to entertain with creative writing, writing to inform with explanatory pieces, writing to respond to text they have read, and even writing poetry to connect to the main character in Love That Dog. Having students

switch to a persuasive writing piece allowed them the opportunity to work on the voice of their writing while continuing to build on their basic knowledge of language skills. Students were engaged in the project because they had a connection to the balloon they wanted to see in the parade. This connection made it much easier for them to find reasons to be able to persuade the "committee." Having the opportunity to actually create the balloon using technology allowed students the chance to see their balloon to connect it to their

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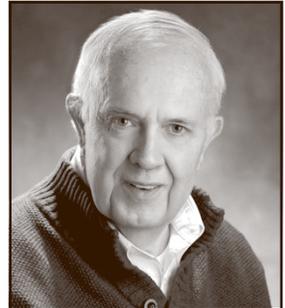


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Words of Wisdom with Walt Pickut



*Sharing:
A better kind of giving*



*Contributing Editor
Walt Pickut*

That's why this week the Jamestown Gazette invites readers to join with millions of other people around the world on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in the global day of generosity called GivingTuesday.

GivingTuesday is designed to inspire civic participation – contributions of time, money, goods and services – to support community organizations that serve the public.

The event is celebrated every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. To date, it has raised more than \$1 billion in the U.S. alone since its creation in 2012. And that doesn't count the acts of kindness and the gifts of caring for someone else in ways that can't be counted in dollars at all.

And sometimes people share in service to a greater good without asking for recognition. Getting an ego-boost, bragging rights, or an "atta-boy" aren't even looked for in repayment. Consider these (not necessarily given on GivingTuesday, but in the same sharing spirit):

- In 2007, the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) received a single anonymous gift of \$150 million for its cancer center.

- In 2016, Yale received a single anonymous gift of \$50 million to create an endowment for its humanities program.
- In 2019, however, hundreds of thousands of small, anonymous gifts, some no bigger than pennies, added up to \$142.7 million for the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Drive.

I believe those gifts were all given in the spirit of sharing because they were clearly meant to draw the givers closer to the people and causes they cared about. They became richer, not poorer, for their giving.

GivingTuesday was created in that spirit. Residents are invited to identify the non-profit causes, organizations, and civic groups whose work and service most closely matches their own interests and passions.

The late evangelist, Billy Graham, once said, "God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not made for hoarding; we are made for sharing."

So, for GivingTuesday this year, especially in these difficult days, remember that in sharing you will be giving a hand up, not a hand out.

Enjoy the read.

Walt Pickut

When you and a neighbor kid got yourselves into a hair-pulling tussle over who was going to play with the coolest toy ever – your toy – your mother probably said, "Don't fight! Share."

And that's where the fun stopped. Sharing usually meant "Let the other kid play with it." Sharing came to mean losing something. You ended up with less because you had to give something away.

But sharing is really quite different. Sharing is using something together. In sharing, things get better for everybody. In sharing, you get more than you give – you get closer to person you give it to. In that kind of giving there is never a loss. Anne Frank wrote in her famous diary, "No one has ever become poor by giving."

So, next time you give a gift, why not make it something that will bring you closer to the person you give it to? Giving is best when it is most like sharing.

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Kelly Thomas Niles, 54 of
Warren
Donald E Lewis Funeral Home

Nov 16

Deborah J. Anderson, 68,
formerly of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home
John Bernard, 65 of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home
Donald J. Chapman, 96, of
Conewango Valley
VanRensselaer Funeral Home
Helen Joan Gurzinski, 88, of
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Ellington
Falconer Funeral Home
Perry L. Ruland, Jr., 75 of
Houtzdale
McKinney Funeral Home
Chad Michael Whittington, 40,
of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home

Nov 18

James V. Ruhlman, 78, of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home
Philip George Schneider, 79,
formerly of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
Elaine Grace Smith Hall, 90, of
Westfield
Frey Funeral Home
Clifford J. Speck, 88, of
Chautauqua County
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Cherry Creek
Lind Funeral Home
Herbert E. Stenander, Sr., 85,
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95, of Warren
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Conewango Valley
Lind Funeral Home
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Jamestown
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Grove
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Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

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79, of Dewittville
Frey Funeral Home
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Jamestown
McKinney Funeral Home
Mildred Evelyn Thompson
Saxton (Middie), 96, of
Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
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Jamestown
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Faith Matters

Worry



Contributing Writer

Rev. Dr. Scott D. Hannon

St. John Lutheran Church,
Amherst, NY

I had dreams last night. Zombies had taken over the world and I was on the run with my family. I woke up nervous and sweaty. I know it was only a dream. I know there are no zombies (...yet). I still couldn't fall back asleep.

I wish this were an isolated incident, but the truth is I worry sometimes. I didn't use to, but somewhere between caring for my family and life the part of my brain that worries was awakened. I worry about health, the economy, and work. I fret over the state of the world and the state of my life. And sometimes, like last night, it keeps me up.

Scripture is filled with stories of worry. While roaming the wilderness the Israelites worried about having enough food to eat. The disciples worried that they wouldn't have enough food to feed the crowds following Jesus. Peter was worried about Jesus walking towards the cross. While in a boat in the middle of a storm, the disciples wake Jesus up in a panic because they're worried.

There are countless other stories. Stories of parents worried for their children and people worried for their own health. There are worries over government and worries of money. It's almost as though there's something inherently human about worry. Maybe that's why Jesus said:

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Matthew 6:25

and...

Do not worry about tomorrow. Matthew 6:34

and...

Come to me all who labor and are heavy burdened, I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

and...

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27

God knows we worry – about family and health and money and sometimes even a pandemic. In the midst of our worry God calls to us with a word of comfort. Jesus himself invites us to lay aside our frets and fears and pick up the promise and peace which only God can provide.

One of my biggest hopes for churches is that the space and time be a place of non-anxious peace for all those who attend. A place where we are reminded of God's words through the Psalmist... "Be still, therefore, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10 And so, be still, my friends. Be at peace. Do not let the tomorrows dictate your life today.

Let us pray. *Dear God, lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust, from hate to love, from worry to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

In the Way,
Rev. Pastor Scott

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Heritage Ministries to Take Part in Nationwide Day of Giving

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Heritage Ministries

This Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Heritage Ministries, a not-for-profit provider of senior care and services, is joining in a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities, and organizations to encourage giving and celebrate generosity worldwide.

Every year on Giving Tuesday, millions of people across the globe mobilize to show up, give back, and change their communities by supporting their local not-for-profit organizations. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day, and touches every person on the planet. Founded in 2012, Giving Tuesday has inspired millions of people to give back and support the causes they believe in.

"We are so blessed by the outpouring of love, prayers, and support from our communities," Lisa Haglund, Heritage President and CEO shared, "Like all of our holiday plans for this year, Giving Tuesday is all about bringing the joy and magic of the holidays to our residents."

She added, "The seniors that we serve deserve the very best from us during this difficult time, and our teams have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to provide for our residents as we continue to promote the Heritage mission of promoting Hope, Dignity, and Purposeful Living to all those entrusted to our care. With the approach of the holidays, they are developing new and innovative ways for our residents to partake in some of the traditional activities they enjoy during what has been a very unprecedented and untraditional year. By donating on Giving Tuesday, friends of our Heritage communities,

nationwide, will enable Heritage to provide additional resources that help our residents thrive in a loving and caring environment this holiday season."

Giving Tuesday donations will benefit all of Heritage's residents nationwide, including The Green, (Greenhurst, NY), The Park, (Jamestown, NY), The Village, (Gerry, NY), The Homestead, (Gerry, NY), Orchard Grove and The Woodlands, (West Ellicott, NY), Vincroft Retirement Community (Clarence Center, NY), Ives Hill Retirement Community, (Watertown, NY), Rolling Fields Elder Care Community (Conneautville, PA), Hearthstone Communities (Woodstock, IL), and The Kenney (West Seattle, WA).

Those who are interested in joining Heritage's Giving Tuesday initiative can visit their website at <https://www.heritage1886.org/giving-tuesday/> to learn more.

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



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“This platform makes it easy for local consumers to shop local for products and services,” stated Todd Trantum President/CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce. “This is our communities’ local response to other on-line platforms that are taking sales opportunities away from our local economy. We have to empower our local businesses and our consumers to fight back against the large on-line corporations and that is just what we are doing with SHOPLOCALCHQ. This new platform makes it easy and affordable for small businesses to sell online and allows consumers to aggregate their purchases across the marketplace for a convenient shopping experience.”

Americans are expected to spend more on eCommerce this holiday season than ever before. Barron’s predicts an 80% increase in eCommerce sales over 2019. That makes it more important than ever for small businesses to be able to sell online and to reach existing customers, while also expanding their customer reach.

“A core focus of the Chamber has always been to drive traffic to local businesses,” Trantum added. “Now we have another tool to drive sales to our Chamber members online. It is especially important this holiday season as we encourage consumers to Shop Safe. Shop Small. Shop Local. Consumers can shop and support small local businesses either in person or online. It’s the best of both worlds for both our small businesses and the consumer.”

Chamber Board Chair Fred Johnson of Johnson Estate Winery added, “This is a tremendous way for the Chamber to support our local businesses at a time when they need help the most. It’s no secret that 2020 has been a challenging year for our economy, and small locally

owned businesses have been hit the hardest.”

Johnson added, “We are grateful to the businesses and several organizational partners that worked with us to review and analyze our options. Several organizations that work with the business community helped inform our decision to proceed with this platform, and they include the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, Small Business Development Center, the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation and the Gebbie Foundation. We are also pleased to have the support of numerous local elected officials who joined us online for a live demonstration of the platform during our virtual news conference.”

New businesses and products are being added to the ShopLocalCHQ marketplace daily. Any Chamber member business is welcome to participate. The service is included as part of your Chamber investment. Businesses that would like to be added may contact Jonathan Weston, Director of Member Marketing at jweston@chautauquachamber.org visit the Chamber website at www.chautauquachamber.org/shoplocalchq or visit www.ShopLocalCHQ.com and click “Start Selling” to get registered.

To help launch this new program, the Chamber of Commerce is giving away \$500 in Chamber gift cards that can be used either on the online marketplace or in more than 150 physical businesses right here in Chautauqua County. Visit the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to enter the contest. No purchase is required.

National Comedy Center Launches “The Comedy Shop” as New National Hub for Comedy-Themed Gifts

Lewis Black to Host “Lewis Black Friday” Online Store Celebration



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National Comedy Center

The National Comedy Center, the nation’s official cultural institution and museum dedicated to the art of comedy, today launched a new national hub for comedy-themed products and gifts called The Comedy Shop (ComedyShop.com). The Comedy Shop, which exists both online and at its physical brick-and-mortar location in Jamestown, NY, celebrates the legacies of comedy’s most iconic brands with a broad array of gifts and exclusive products that will bring smiles and laughter to anyone who loves to laugh. All proceeds from sales at The Comedy Shop support the non-profit mission and operations of the National Comedy Center and its museums.

The Comedy Shop offers a one-stop-shopping online venue for comedy fans worldwide, featuring products from TV and movie comedy favorites, including “I Love Lucy,” “Seinfeld,” “The Office,” “Friends,” “Golden Girls,” “Big Bang Theory,” “Parks and Recreation,” “Bob’s Burgers,” “The Three Stooges,” “Ghostbusters” and “National Lampoon’s Vacation,” plus items that celebrate legendary comedians including George Carlin, Lenny Bruce and Ernie Kovacs and many more.

With a broad range of funny and entertaining apparel, home and office products, The Comedy Shop offers unique and affordable gifts that spark laughter for anyone on the holiday shopping list -- from young children to grandparents and everyone in between.

As part of the kick-off celebration, comedian Lewis Black will be the virtual host for The Comedy Shop’s “Lewis Black Friday” – a four-day weekend online celebration starting Friday, November 27, featuring promotional offers storewide at The Comedy Shop, posted on its social media platforms.

To celebrate the new online store launch, The Comedy Shop will be

offering 25% off storewide on nearly all products, plus free domestic shipping on orders over \$75 – today through Monday, November 30, 2020 – both online and in the gift shop in Jamestown.

“In these challenging times, laughter truly is more important than ever,” stated National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. “We decided to launch The Comedy Shop to help bring joy and laughter to loved ones this holiday season, while giving people another way to support our non-profit cultural institution and its mission of presenting the vital story of comedy in America and preserving its heritage for future generations.”

In addition to the new online store, the on-site gift shop within the National Comedy Center museum in Jamestown, NY is now The Comedy Shop – offering a broad range of comedy gifts and merchandise for visitors to the National Comedy Center and anyone within driving distance who wants to shop in person for unique and exclusive holiday gifts. Admission to the museum is not required for in-person shopping at The Comedy Shop in Jamestown, located in the historic grand concourse of the Erie Lackawanna Train Station building at 203 W. 2 nd Street.

The Comedy Shop offers its top ten comedy holiday gift recommendations for women, men, kids and more at ComedyShop.com.

Shop now at ComedyShop.com. Comedy Shop gift cards are also available at ComedyShop.com/giftcard. All proceeds benefit the non-profit National Comedy Center.

The Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum Official Shop is also offering 25% off storewide on nearly all products, plus free domestic shipping on orders over \$75 at Shop.Lucy-Desi.com and at the Lucy Desi Museum gift shops in Jamestown at 2 W.

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Learn About Pennsylvania Elk at Audubon's December 4 First Friday



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Conservation education staff from the Keystone Elk Country Alliance will present "Pennsylvania Elk" virtually at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday on December 4.

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Nature Center

You can learn the amazing history and natural history of the largest wild elk herd in the Northeast with conservation educators from the Keystone Elk Country Alliance.

The program will be presented virtually from Benezette, Pa., at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday, December 4, 11 a.m.

The presenters will share elk history and ecology, as well as information about the Pennsylvania elk herd. They will send related items such as elk hide, antler, skull, and more for hands-on exploration.

The Keystone Elk Country Alliance is a non-profit wildlife conservation organization that focuses their resources on Pennsylvania's elk herd and the Elk Country Visitor Center located in Benezette. Their mission "to conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's elk country for future generations" has three priorities: conservation education, habitat stewardship, and permanent land protection.

Audubon has made a number of field trips to the Elk Country Visitor Center. To learn more about the Keystone Elk Country Alliance and the Visitor Center, visit ExperienceElkCountry.com.

Audubon's COVID-19 safety precautions require face coverings for all visitors ages 3 and up for indoor programs. Participants will be required to sanitize their hands before touching the hands-on materials.

The fee for attending First Friday is \$8 or \$6 for Nature Center members.

Paid reservations are required by Thursday, December 3. They can be made by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or going to

AudubonCNC.org and clicking on "Register for a Program."

Walk-ins may be accepted if there is room.

Family-friendly versions of this program will be offered later in the day at 3-4 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. The fee is \$8 for adults, \$6 for Nature Center members and children 3-15, and free for those two and under. Paid reservations are also required by Thursday, December 3, and can be made as above.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. The first floor of the Nature Center building, including the Blue Heron Gift Shop, live animals, and the 2020 Nature Photography Contest winning photographs, is open Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Because not all of the building is accessible, admission is by donation only.

You are welcome to visit the 600-acre nature preserve from dawn to dusk daily. While practicing safe social distancing measures, you can enjoy the grounds and six miles of trails, and view Liberty, Audubon's non-releasable Bald Eagle.

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Literacy and Laundromats

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Rotary Club of Jamestown

Most of us take for granted the opportunity to pick up a book or a newspaper and read it. Literacy also means the ability to fill out an employment application or read an airline time table or book a hotel on line. All of these things seem second nature to most of us and that's because we learned to read when we were children.

One of the focuses of the Literacy Committee of the Rotary Club of Jamestown has been identifying and working with young children who have had difficulty in developing this skill. This means that many of them will never catch up with reading skills and will likely be at a disadvantage in the job market and social media. One way to intervene and help promote reading skills among youngsters is to make sure they have interesting books to pick up and look through and take home. Rotary would like to make sure children can have a book or books they can keep and read as often as they like.

The Rotary Club identified two local laundromats as a place where parents might read with their children.



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These laundromats are located on South Main at Robo Wash and the other is located on North Main Street attached to Keystone Gas Station. Both are owned and run by Kim Carlson who enthusiastically supported the club's project to install book shelves filled with books for children and adults. The members of the Club monitor these two bookshelves and replenish them as the books go out to children and their parents. The books are of course free of charge. Anyone with an interest in reading and particularly those with children are welcome to take a book. While Robo Laundromats always provide clean and inviting services, feel free to stop by just to pick up a good read!

Match Your Audubon Gift on Giving Tuesday, December 1



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As Audubon Community Nature Center plans winter activities that teach, lift spirits, and connect all ages with nature, your Giving Tuesday donation on December 1 will be matched by generous supporters up to a total of \$3,650.

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Audubon Community
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In the many months since the coronavirus turned everyone's world upside down, Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) has worked particularly hard to meet the community's needs for learning, connection, and stress relief.

Safe summer day camps allowed hundreds of kids to experience the outdoors. Staff and volunteers have maintained the trails for strolling, hiking, and now snowshoeing. Festivals, workshops, and presentations have been reimaged. New opportunities have been created for kids who are learning at home.

You can support this work by making a contribution to Audubon on Giving Tuesday, the December 1, 2020, online day of giving.

Begun in 2012 as a day that encourages people to do good, Giving Tuesday has become a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. On this day, community members give thanks to the organizations that they love and support throughout the year.

Thanks to generous friends and supporters of Audubon, your donation to ACNC's Annual Fund at any time on Giving Tuesday will be matched, up to a total of \$3,650.

If you are someone who looks for a worthy cause to support during the holidays, this is an opportunity for your money to go twice as far.

Should you choose to make your donation in honor or memory of someone important to you, you can indicate who you would like to receive a card recognizing your gift.

To have your donation matched, on Tuesday, December 1, go online to AudubonCNC.org/donate and "Donate to the Annual Fund," or send a check to ACNC, 1600 Riverside Road, Jamestown, NY 14701 and indicate in the memo line that it is to be used towards Audubon's Giving Tuesday match challenge.

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Mental Health Association Among St. Luke's Thrift Shop Recipients



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The Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA) was fortunate to be among several organizations and the Jamestown Public Schools to receive generous donations from St. Luke's Thrift Shop. Fr. Luke Fodor, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown (pictured on the right) stopped by the MHA to present a check in person to MHA Executive Director Steven Cobb.

Article Contributed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop

At the end of the year, St. Luke's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop in Jamestown likes to spread cheer among populations that may struggle during the holidays.

This year they made gifts totalling \$10,500 to UCAN (United Christian Advocacy Network), Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA), Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Jamestown Community Learning Council, and – via the PTA – to the discretionary fund of every school principal in the Jamestown Public Schools.

Recently the Rev. Luke Fodor, rector of St. Luke's, stopped by the MHA to present a \$1,000 check in person to Executive Director Steven Cobb.

"The hard work and dedication of our thrift shop volunteers is amazing," says Fodor. "These women and men work tirelessly to keep the operations running smoothly and efficiently, even in the midst of a pandemic. Even with several months of being shut down and during difficult working conditions, our volunteers find a way to take donated items and make a profit they can give back to the community."

The Thrift Shop and the MHA have a great working partnership. St. Luke's generously provides clothes and household items to peer coaches as they work with participants in recovery and life transitions and can sometimes provide professional attire for those reentering the workforce.

St. Luke's Thrift shop is located at 409 Pine Street and is open

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Off-street parking is available in St. Luke's parking lot off East Fifth Street. For more information about the Thrift Shop, call (716) 664-1887 during the shop's normal business hours or visit its Facebook page.

The Mental Health Association is a peer recovery center offering support groups and individual coaching for people looking to improve their lives, deepen wellness, thrive in recovery or support those on a recovery path. Peers use their personal stories to help people find recovery in their own lives in their own way.

Anyone with questions or in need of services for themselves or a family member or wanting to obtain free Narcan – the nasal spray medication that can save the life of someone experiencing an opioid overdose – can call or text (716) 661-9044 Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MHA services in Jamestown are provided in the Gateway Center, Door 14, 31 Water Street. The North County center is at Grace Lutheran Church, 601 Eagle Street in Dunkirk.

All Mental Health Association services are free. Wearing face coverings and safe distancing are part of all in-person experiences at the MHA.

To learn more about the Mental Health Association, visit MHACHautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHACHautauqua, or see the most recent newsletter at MHACHautauqua.org/newsletters.

Giving a Little More this Holiday Season

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The holiday season is a time of giving. The generosity on display during the holiday season may not have an official start date, but the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving Day may be the unofficial beginning of the giving season.

The first Tuesday following American Thanksgiving has been referred to as "Giving Tuesday" since 2012. The event was started by the 92nd Street Y in New York City, the United Nations Foundation and the technology website Mashable as a response to the commercialization of the holiday season and the rampant consumerism that seems to start as soon as the last bite of turkey is digested. Today, Giving Tuesday harnesses the generosity of millions of people around the world and helps millions of dollars to find its way into the coffers of organizations that need it most. Giving Tuesday inspires people to volunteer or give back to causes that are near and dear to their hearts.

Thanks to technology, giving has the capacity to go viral and inspire others to engage in their own charitable efforts. Since its inception, Giving Tuesday has evolved. The event now underscores how communities can harness the power of people working together to elicit great change.

Even though Giving Tuesday may be the catalyst for charitable efforts, it doesn't need to end there. People are urged to be generous all year long, including throughout the holiday season.



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Here are some seasonally specific ways to give back a little more.

- Pay it forward by treating someone behind you in the checkout line to coffee, fast food, a candy bar, or whatever else suits you at the time. Perhaps he or she will do the same and keep the generosity going.
- Keep extra dollars in your pocket and be generous to charities seeking donations outside of stores. A cup of coffee or hot chocolate goes a long way toward warming up the people manning the collection pots as well.
- Adopt a family who is less fortunate and purchase some gifts on their wish list. Many community centers and churches have contacts for needy families who could use some support this season.

Giving can be the focus of the holiday season, and in ways that are meaningful to the people on the receiving end of the generosity.



1. When is Giving Tuesday each year?
2. When was the first Giving Tuesday?
3. What is the mission of Giving Tuesday?
4. True or False. Giving Tuesday is only celebrated in the U.S.
5. How much was raised on Giving Tuesday last year?
6. What percentage of their income does the average American give?
7. True or False. Giving makes people feel better than spending it on themselves.
8. True or False. People who earn less are less likely to donate.
9. True or False. Research has found that giving creates a ripple effect of doing good.
10. What country is the most generous in the world?

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Robert H. Jackson Center Launches #GivingTuesdayNow Campaign

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Robert H. Jackson Center

#GivingTuesdayNow is a global day of giving and unity, set to take place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day is designed to drive an influx of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and nonprofits around the world.

The Robert H. Jackson Center is seeking to advance its mission and sustainability by adding at least 25 new members to its Bench Circle during Giving Tuesday Now. Members of the Bench Circle make a weekly, monthly or quarterly gift to sustain their impact on the Jackson Center's work throughout the year and help the Center maintain consistent funding.

"We've always been fortunate to have a deep bench of supporters

behind the Jackson Center – our volunteers, visitors, donors, sponsors and Board," said Kristan McMahon, president of the Jackson Center. "We are highlighting the Bench Circle for Giving Tuesday Now because we want to bring that bench deeper into our mission and work. The members of this Circle provide consistent, sustaining, and reliable support. This enables the Jackson Center to focus on and expand its work educating, promoting civic engagement, and championing the universal principles of justice, fairness, and equality."

Those interested in donating to the Jackson Center's #GivingTuesdayNow efforts can visit roberthjackson.org to donate securely online and follow the Center's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for updates on the campaign's progress on May 5.



United Way Reaches 50% of 2020 Campaign Goal

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United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County has been busy since their virtual campaign kickoff this past September, and recently announced that they have reached the 54% mark in their \$1.2 million campaign goal. According to Executive Director Amy Rohler, fundraising during a pandemic has not been operations as usual. It has involved campaign presentations via Zoom, "virtual toolkits" that are accessible through their website and featured video stories from their community partners. Critical to their fundraising success so far has been the participation of their twenty-eight campaign chairs—many of whom have put in volunteer time making phone calls, emailing personal connections and even thanking customers at Wegmans when they donated at the register.

Our theme this year is "United We Rise," said Rohler, "and we've definitely seen the collective efforts of our incredible team of volunteers over the last few months. If you haven't yet made a gift to United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, now is definitely the time to do it." Although Rohler is confident in the community's ability to meet the goal, she is honest about the challenges of fundraising in a year when so many have seen the economic impact of COVID. "Programs that help students achieve academic success or programs that provide critical mental health services when many are struggling... they are needed now more than ever," she added. According to Cynde Johnson, UWAYS CC Director of Marketing, this message really hits home when they do campaign presentations—whether in person or virtually.

"Our campaign this year can be considered 'new-fashioned,'" said Johnson, "we have done a lot of innovation so that we're able to briefly present virtually, with a few different options for our local businesses. Many people even seem to like this way better."

UWAYS CC campaign leaders at UPMC Chautauqua, Randi Brumbaugh and Diane Franklin, were the first to use the new virtual tool and are seeing great results. "UPMC has dealt with our fair share of challenges due to COVID 19 and honestly we weren't sure how it was going to go this year,"



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Pictured left to right is 1 of 28 campaign chairs, Kathy Grace and Amy Rohler, Executive Director of United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

said Brumbaugh, "we were excited to jump in and try United Way's new virtual campaign option and we chose our campaign to span over 8 weeks. Our employees are adapting well and engaging more and more. Employees feel good when they are able to give back and having this option available for them is truly impactful for everyone. We anticipate exceeding our goal this year, and our employees have resonated with the message of United We Rise."

United Way has presented and educated employees, virtually or in person, at Fancher Chair, The Resource Center, M & T Bank, many local schools, UPMC Chautauqua, many City of Jamestown departments including the Jamestown Fire & Police Departments, and several departments at Chautauqua County government.

"I'm so impressed with our community's generosity—we really do know how to roll up our sleeves and come together," said Rohler, "I can't tell you the number of people who have said to me that they feel compelled to really give back this year because they've been fortunate enough to be working during this time. I'm really proud of this community, and I know we can make it to 100% of our goal."

For more information about United Way of Southern Chautauqua County or to schedule a campaign presentation, call 716-483-1561 or email cjohnson@uwayscc.org. To donate text WERISE to 91999 or donate online visiting www.uwayscc.org.

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JHS 10-12th Grades Returning to In-Person Instruction on 12/7/20

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Jamestown Public Schools

Jamestown High School students in grades 10 through 12 will return to in-person instruction in two cohorts beginning Monday, December 7th, subject to guidance from New York State and the Chautauqua County Health Department.

“We know how important it is to our students and families to return to in-person instruction,” said JHS Principal Dana Williams. “We feel confident that our health and safety protocols are ready for our students to return. We know our students need the school community not only academically, but also for social and emotional reasons too. By bringing these grade levels back from Thanksgiving to the Winter Recess, we will watch how everything progresses and adjust accordingly if we need to refine our safety and health protocols and procedures. Please remember, our plans must remain flexible as they are based on guidance from New York State and the Chautauqua County Department of Health.”

The week of December 7th, the Red cohort will attend Monday morning only, and the Green cohort will attend Tuesday morning only. Wednesday, December 9 through Friday, December 11 will be virtual only for all returning grades 10-12 students. Starting the week of December 14th, the Red cohort will attend in the mornings on

Monday and Wednesday, and the Green cohort will attend on Tuesday and Thursday. All afternoons and Fridays will continue as scheduled for remote learning for all 10th through 12th graders. Ninth graders will continue with their normal weekly schedule. Students who chose full-time distance learning in September will continue learning at home.

“Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our students and our community, we have been taking a very conservative approach in our process for building back to regular, full-time in-person instruction,” said JPS Superintendent Dr. Kevin Whitaker. “\This is the latest step in that process, and I am overjoyed that we have been able to address the logistics and protocols involved in order to begin the process of bringing back our 10th through 12th grade students.”

JHS families and students will receive more detailed information, including cohorts, directly from the school. For more information, visit www.jpsny.org/JHS. If you have any questions, please contact JHS at (716) 483-3470.

As a reminder, the week of November 30th through December 4th will be a fully remote learning week for all students in the district, including JHS. In-person instruction will resume district wide on Monday, December 7th.



County Health Department Issues Clarification on Enforcement of State’s COVID-19 Related Rules and Regulations

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Chautauqua County Department of Health & Human Services

Christine Schuyler, County Public Health Director, issued the following to help educate the community as to how enforcement of New York State’s COVID-19 related rules and guidelines works at the local level:

The Chautauqua County Board of Health has the responsibility to enforce Public Health Law and the Sanitary Code of the County of Chautauqua. Public Health Sanitarians inspect and respond to complaints against establishments permitted by the Health Department as well as complaints that businesses are not following NY Reopening Guidelines; this does not typically include private homes because of constitutional protections and resource limitations. The Board of



Health and the Chautauqua County Health Department are encouraging residents to be extra careful this holiday season and keep their social and family gatherings small. The larger your circle and the more your circles overlap other people’s circles, the higher the risk of spreading the SARS-Cov-2 virus. Sheriff Quattrone and I talk almost daily, our staffs work collaboratively on complaints, and we share the same philosophy of appealing to people’s sense of well-being for one another during this difficult time.

Chautauqua County Sheriff James Quattrone echoed this sentiment:

We need to respect every individual’s constitutional rights, yet at the same time make sure that people in our County recognize that with every right we enjoy, we have a responsibility to respect other people’s rights. Now is not the time to be reckless and disregard any COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

Bush 4th Graders Use Persuasive Writing to Show Off Their Macy’s Parade Balloons

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writing Students really loved this project.

“I chose a unicorn for my balloon,” said Bush Elementary School fourth grader, Maddie Wilkins, who brought in a stuffed unicorn to photograph. “The reason I gave why I chose the unicorn is because kids like unicorns because they have magical powers, including the ability to fly. So that makes sense for them to be in the Macy’s parade as a balloon. I think it’s fun because we aren’t just writing, we are learning things about technology and I think that is kind of cool.”

Mr. Kathman helped the kids take the photos, download them into Keynote and take out the “green screen” to replace with a fun, new

background photograph such as an old Macy’s Day Parade or sky.

“Jason had a significant role in making this project happen,” said Mrs. Hockenberry. “He has been a blessing with all areas of technology every single time I email or call about a lesson. I told him what I wanted to do and that I wanted to move beyond having students draw a picture of their balloon or print something from the Internet. He threw this idea out, created videos to teach the students how to use the different technology pieces needed so students could work at their own pace, and even took the time to help in the classroom. It was a great collaboration between ELA and technology.”

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Evee is a very sweet girl who loves to be active. She would be an awesome running partner. She would do best with kids over the age of eight. Evee likes cats, but also likes to chase them. So if you have cats we should definitely discuss them. They will need to be dog savvy. Fill out an application at chqhumane.org [1] to meet me soon! Shelter No. RR179.



Evee

National Comedy Center Launches "The Comedy Shop" as New National Hub for Comedy-Themed Gifts

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Democrats Seek 176 Candidates for 2021

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Democratic Committee*

Chautauqua County Democratic Committee Chair Norman P. Green announces that his party is currently seeking candidates to nominate for 176 elective offices for the 2021 election cycle.

"New York's election calendar forces political parties to step up its candidate search process, as the first day to sign a designating petition will be mid-February and the filing of candidate petitions will happen in late March," said Green. He added that no dates are truly official though, until the state Legislature meets in January to officially set the election calendar.

Candidate search is being conducted for county executive, county clerk, county legislature, Jamestown and Dunkirk city council and Dunkirk City Assessor. Also all 27 county towns and 13 villages will have offices up for election.

Green said that only the Democrats, Republicans, Conservative and Working Families parties are considered official political parties this year, as all other political parties failed to reach the threshold this past election to continue major status with automatic access to the ballot.

Interested candidates seeking the Democratic endorsement should contact Green at chqdem@gmail.com or by mail at PO BX 279, Mayville NY 14757.

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Join Me in the Kitchen with Vicki McGraw

Chai Tea



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Elegant Edibles Catering

Greetings, friends! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the recent Thanksgiving holiday! We enjoyed our usual feast this year, but following COVID rules, we were not surrounded by family and friends this year. While it truly is a blessing it is to live close enough to get together, this year we opted to stay safe and socially distanced, and made use of technology to come together. Face Time and Zoom are our good friends these days!

As I did with everyone over the weekend, I invite you to grab a cup of coffee and virtually join me in the kitchen, be it with the actual (paper) Jamestown Gazette in your hand or on your electronic device! While technology frequently confounds me, it has become a regular part of my life these days. From face-timing my precious grand-daughter (who lives in Florida), to connecting with my fellow Rotarians on our weekly Zoom meeting, we have all seemingly (albeit forcefully at times) embraced technology to stay connected. These days technology has worked its way into my kitchen, as well...

While my old stand-bys, my favorite cook books, still sit within arms-reach on my shelf, I have found a few new friends online! There are so many great cooking apps available, I sometimes feel like I am cheating on my beloved cook books.

While I can flip through the pages of my dog-eared cook books and usually find a single recipe or two, I can scroll through literally hundreds of recipes for the same dish and choose one that will exactly suit my needs (or use the specific ingredients I have on hand). I will be the first to admit that I struggle with fitting technology into my way of life, but I promise you, I am trying, and you should too!

While one of my secret passions and guilty pleasures has always been

buying cooking magazines, I find myself buying fewer these days. I might see a recipe idea on the cover of a magazine at the supermarket checkout, and rather than spend the money to buy the magazine, I will go home and scroll through a couple of my favorite recipe sites and see what I can come up with that resembles what I saw. Now believe me, as a small business owner, I respect the need for people to actually BUY goods and products, rather than simply "googling it." These days however, I really appreciate the extra money in my pocket when I don't have to buy an entire magazine to get one recipe (which I have done on far too many occasions!).

This week I invite you to give a thought to looking up a recipe online. You may need to do it a few times before you are completely comfortable with the process, but I guarantee, with a little practice you will share my amazement in how easy it is to find what you want in the blink of an eye. In the meantime, why not whip up a batch of chai tea (a recipe I found online) and ask someone to join you in the kitchen!

Chai Tea

Bring to just a boil in a medium sauce pan:

- 3 c water
- 1 ½ c milk
- ¾ c sugar (or to taste)
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 16 cardamom pods, crushed (can be found in gourmet spice section of most larger supermarkets)
- 1 t whole cloves
- ½ inch piece of fresh ginger, thinly sliced
- ½ t whole white or black peppercorns

Remove from heat, cover and let stand for 20 minutes. Return to a simmer. Remove from heat and stir in:

- 2 T black tea leaves

Cover and let stand two minutes. Strain and serve at once, or let cool and serve over ice.

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

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