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"May the wreaths they have won never wither Nor the star of their glory grow dim" Joseph Hopkinson

December 19, 2020

Remember, Honor, Teach: Wreaths Across America 2020



Submitted Photos

Contributing Writer Joni Blackman

2020 is the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote. In honor of women veterans, say these fallen heroes' names out loud:

Marie Curtis VanEvery (1894-1942) Marie was the first female veteran buried at Soldier's Circle. Marie served as a nurse in WWI. She was a member of the American Legion Ira Lou Spring Post #149.

Dagmar Hipps (1921-1948) First woman from Jamestown to join the WAC

(Women's Army Corp), she was in the motor pool stationed in Washington D.C. for two years. She was a member of the American Legion post in Washington, D.C.

Imogene Schwob Howell (1918-2011) Imogene was an Army Nurse dedicated to helping veterans effected by PTSD. She was the first woman American Legion Commander in Chautauqua County, handing off the gavel of the Ira Lou Spring Post #149 to her brother in 1977. She was also involved in the Jamestown Veteran's Council organizing the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Each of these local veterans are buried at Lake View Cemetery's Soldier's Circle. As women, Marie, Dagmar, and Imogene overcame many hurdles to serve their country. At their death, they each left behind a family and friends. Every December the Wreaths Across America organization holds a ceremony to remember, honor and remind us of their sacrifice. When a volunteer places a wreath on a veteran's grave, they say the veteran's name and observe a moment of silence. This simple act reminds us of their sacrifice and to take care of our active soldiers, sailors, and their loved ones.

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Winter Solstice Bonfire at Audubon on Monday, December 21

Article Contributed by Audubon Community Nature Center

The longest night of the year gives way to increasing light on the winter solstice.

Celebrate a return to light and new beginnings on Monday, December 21, by surrounding yourself with nature for an evening with friends, reflections, and a bonfire at Audubon Community Nature Center.

Choose to come to the Winter Solstice Bonfire at 4:30-6 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m.,

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You are invited to enjoy a bonfire and a reflective hike in celebration of the winter solstice on Monday, December 21, 4:30-6 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m. at Audubon Community Nature Center.

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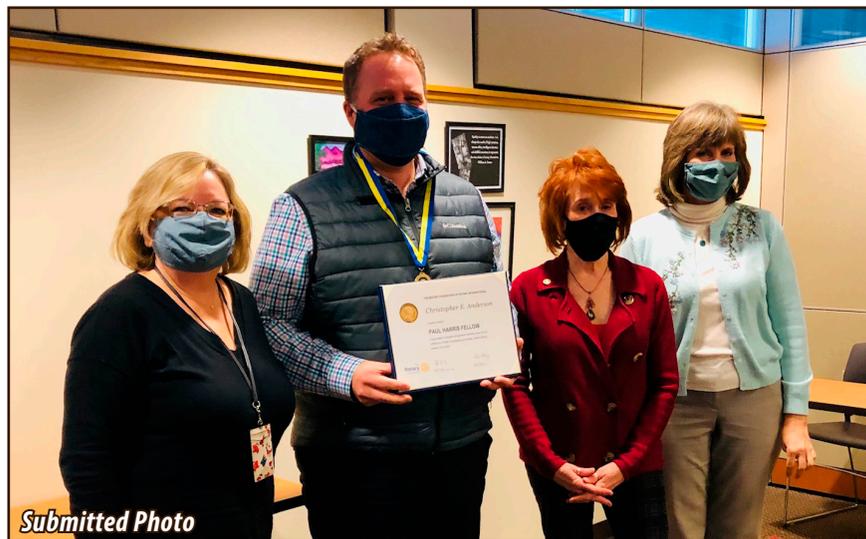


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Two Rotarians Honored with Paul Harris Awards



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Left to right: Denise Jones, Executive Director of The Resource Center, Chris Anderson, Paul Harris Award recipient; Lisa Goodell, Paul Harris Award recipient; and Joni Blackman, President of the Rotary Club of Jamestown.

Article Contributed by
Rotary Club of Jamestown

Lisa Goodell, long-time secretary of the Rotary Club of Jamestown, was presented with her third Paul Harris Award recently at a surprise ceremony at The Resource Center Administrative offices.

Lisa has her bachelor's degree in Social Work and Child Development from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and her master's degree in Public Administration from Southern California State University. She served for four years as Director of Education at Sensory Integration International in Torrance, CA directing educational programs across the world for occupational and physical therapists.

Lisa served as Assistant Director for Programs at Friends of Cazenovia Manor, Inc. in Buffalo, a drug, and alcohol rehabilitation organization.

Lisa served twelve years as executive director for the Girls Scouts of Western New York, before they merged with Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Rochester and finally serving for the past 13 years with the Chautauqua Blind Association as executive director.

Lisa presently serves on the Board and is Chair of the Personnel Committee of The Resource Center; on the finance committee for CASA; and of course, secretary of the Rotary Club of Jamestown as well as the Rotary Club of Jamestown's Community Service Foundation as well.

Though she retired recently, Lisa will be working with several not-for-profit agencies on new projects in the immediate future. Lisa has an adult son and is married to local

attorney and fellow Rotarian, who is also a New York State Assemblyman.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Recipient's of multiple Paul Harris Awards may choose to name another worthy individual to also receive the honor and Ms. Goodell named Chris Anderson, Marketing, Digital and E-Commerce Professional for The Resource Center to be named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Anderson is Co-Chairman of the Rotary Club of Jamestown's Public Relations Committee and oversees its website as well. He is the owner/marketing director of SnowCrest Digital, which provides website design and development, Facebook ads, google Adwords, search engine optimization, internet advertising and internet marketing.

Anderson attending JCC and received his bachelor's degree in sports/business management from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and his master's degree in marketing from St. Bonaventure University. He is a Board member of the Rotary Club of Jamestown.

Chris is married to Amy Anderson and they are the parents of three children.

Goodell stated that she chose to share her award with Anderson because of the kind, loving, and giving way he helps many people and organizations with their computers and websites needs. Anderson thanked Goodell for choosing him to receive this honor.





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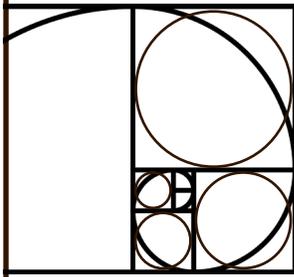
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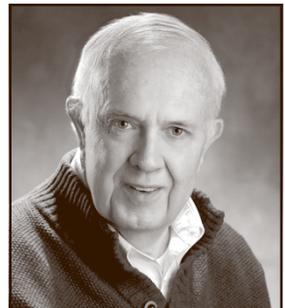


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Words of Wisdom with Walt Pickut



The meaning of circles



Contributing Editor
Walt Pickut

kind of circle – a wreath to commemorate and honor America’s military heroes.

Those wreaths, laid on the graves of veterans each December (this year, December 19) on National Wreaths Across America Day, serve a mission to “Remember, Honor and Teach us all about sacrifices made in war to save and protect American lives.”

and to commemorate the ones whom we already know, consider the prayer of General Douglas MacArthur:

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

In ordinary circumstances, organizers ask all US citizens to visit a cemetery, whether nearby or far away, and place a holiday or Christmas wreath on the grave of one or more veterans as a visible, public display of respect and gratitude. Unfortunately, this year, Covid-19 limitations on travel and gathering have made that more difficult.

These men and women immortalized in MacArthur’s prayer are young Americans who exemplify the noble traits of strength, bravery, pride, unbending, honest, humble, and gentle.

Yet the same soldiers carry those virtues while they are, like the rest of us, sometimes weak and afraid.

So, this year, more than in previous years, we invite our readers to take part in National Wreaths Across America Day in at least one of the ways that will not require travel and gatherings.

Extraordinary men and women, therefore, are merely ordinary people like us doing extraordinary work for us – that makes them heroes.

1. Sponsor a wreath in honor of or in memory of an American hero.
2. Decorate your own outdoor or indoor wreath at home with an American flag.

Please consider adding to your Christmas and holiday decorations this year, at least one American flag to honor those being honored on National Wreaths Across America Day, December 19, 2020.

Enjoy the read.

And just so we can all recognize the qualities that make a hero,

Walt Pickut

Circles can mean many things. They can be:

- Rings – for weddings, or on shirt collars or around bathtubs.
- Wreaths – for Christmas, for crowning champions, or for funerals.
- On highways – to replace traffic lights or 4-way stop signs.

And that’s only a start.

On the lighter side, if you ask squares and triangles for their opinion of circles, they’ll probably tell you that circles are pointless. On the other hand, a more serious ancient Greek philosopher once said, “God is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere.”

Never knew circles could be so confusing, did you? Well, this week your Jamestown Gazette’s cover story will simplify the matter when it comes to one very special

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Adrian D. Salapek, 66, of
Warren

Donald E Lewis Funeral Home

Betty K. Ward, 94, of Mayville
Mason Funeral Home

Dec 1

Norvale Martin-Gane, 91,
formerly of Sinclairville

*VanRensselaer & Son Funeral
Home*

John E. Hearn, 69, of
Jamestown

Lind Funeral Home

Michael J. Mendrick, 75,
formerly of Jamestown

Falconer Funeral Home

Daryl Ray Samuelson, 83,
formerly of Jamestown

Hubert Funeral Home

Marie A. (Slabaugh) Shetler,
72, of Conewango Valley

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Betty Mae Bliss Werner, 93, of
Russell

Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Anna Mae Wolfe, 90, of
Sherman

Mason Funeral Home

Dec 2

Kenneth C. "Ken" Johnson, 45,
of Jamestown

Falconer Funeral Home

Dimitrios (James)

Kioumourtzis, 89, of Warren

Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Andrew S. Passinger, 76,
formerly of Jamestown

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Raymond J. Schultz, 88, of
Warren

Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

Barbara E. Williams, 74 of
Jamestown

Lind Funeral Home

Raymond J. Williamson, 83, of
Lakewood

Lind Funeral Home

Dec 3

Mary Ellen "Mickey" Bell, 74, of
Scandia

Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Robert M. Conklin, 68, of
Warren

Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Geraldine "Gerrie" Natalie
Dykins Jones, 85, of Warren

Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

Kathleen A. "Kathy" Messina, 70,
of Jamestown

Lind Funeral Home

Dec 4

Donna J. Brown, 88, of Warren

Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

Chaplain Donald E. Ray, 82, of
Jamestown

Lind Funeral Home

Dec 5

James Paul Burdic, 70, of Ashville

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Dec 6

Fred J. Cross, 83, of Warren

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Jack D. Moore, 90, formerly of
Lakewood

Lind Funeral Home

Stacey E. Johnson Nichols, 54 of
Jamestown

Hubert Funeral Home

Jacqueline "Jackie" I. Schuster

Nundy, 72, of Westfield

Frey Funeral Home

Dec 7

Sharon Stewart Barrows, 72,
formerly of Clymer

Frey Funeral Home

June I. Chapman Locke,
87, formerly of Kennedy &
Lakewood

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Donna M. Raybuck, 79, of
Warren

Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Dec 8

Marilyn "Jean" Gustafson, 89, of
Warren

Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

Janet M. Carlson, 86, of Warren

Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

Rotary Welcomes Humane Society Officials

*Article Contributed by
Rotary Club of Jamestown*

Brian Papalia, Partnership Director of the Chautauqua County Humane Society and Kellie Roberts, Executive Director of the Agency spoke to the Rotary Club of Jamestown via ZOOM, at their recent Monday noon meeting. Papalia works with organizations for sponsorships and education programs. He has been at the agency for several years as the former executive. Roberts has been director for 3 years.

The CCHS works with loving care to get the animals into loving homes. The COVID Pandemic has lessened the agency's activities, but they are still considered an essential business, so the doors have remained open for care and they have even been able to start a few new programs. Everything is now done by appointment.

The agency has a new location partnership at Chautauqua Mall, across from the Bath and Body Works. Over 100 people have come through the doors at that location and adoption, especially of cats, has been quite successful.

The Society is now successfully adopting out Feline IV positive cats. The disease can only be transmitted by the positive cat biting another cat. The organization is just beginning to adopt out feline leukemia Virus cats (which is not at all like leukemia in humans and is not transmissible).

Working Cat Heroes is a new program and is primarily for cats

that prefer to be out of doors, cats with little problems and cats that are antisocial. The Agency is trying hard to fit their programs to the cats that come in.

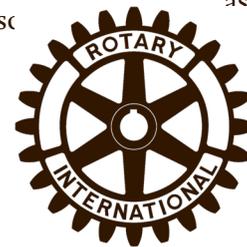
CCHS also helps pets in homes that might need a helping hand to remain in the home. They have teamed with the Salvation Army to distribute over 13,000 pounds of food donated by Purina and individuals to families who need help feeding their animals. The program is also being carried out in the North County.

Healthy Pet Clinics have been postponed until COVID quarantine is over. These clinics assist folks who do not have access to pet care otherwise. St. Luke's Church has been immensely helpful with some of these programs.

The spay/neuter clinic had to be closed for a while due to COVID restrictions but started up again and will not operate two days a week during the winter months. There is a Community Cat Fund that helps with these expenses as well.

The Humane Society maintains a holding room for dogs that may be picked up by the police or animal control officers in 30 different municipalities. If the dogs are not claimed, then the agency is free to adopt them out.

And finally, the agency offers behavior services for people who have troubled animals.



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becomes a treasure."*

Faith Matters

Give Yourself a Corona Christmas



Contributing Writer
Steve Sorensen



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We have coronas everywhere. Everyone loves them, but no one wants a particular corona — the virus that’s the cause of the 2020 pandemic.

“Corona” has a simple meaning. It’s Latin for “crown,” and the Latins got it from the Greeks. (Korōnē in the Greek, means “garland,” or “wreath.”) In this Christmas season lots of us are hanging coronas, or wreaths, on our front doors. If this were another time, maybe we’d be using some sort of wreath to mark homes as quarantined. Instead, wreaths are a festive symbol of welcome and a sign we’re ready to celebrate.

It’s a little odd then that we call this deadly virus the “Coronavirus.” It’s not the only virus that has a crown surrounding it — little spikelet protrusions that give it stickiness so the virus clings to our respiratory linings. Lots of viruses wear crowns, thus, we have a big line-up of coronaviruses. But one has a name we dread — COronaVirus Disease-19, or Covid-19.

Let’s not allow Covid-19 to transform whole idea of a corona, or a crown, into something negative, because every other corona or crown I know of is a good thing. Does Burger King still give cardboard coronas? Major League Baseball still gives the “batting corona” to the player with the highest batting average. I know we still get crowns for our teeth, because that’s another corona the year 2020 brought me. We still crown Homecoming Queens at our football games, Dairy Princesses at our county fairs, and Miss America. They all get a corona. And I wonder

how the Corona Beer brand is faring through all this. (I hope people aren’t using it to inoculate themselves.)

The center our solar system, the sun, has a corona, so it’s no wonder the whole idea of worthiness attaches to a crown. The person we celebrate at Christmas certainly is worthy, our Lord Jesus Christ. Artistic depictions often show a type of corona, around the baby Jesus. He is worthy, and was worthy, from the moment of his birth into time and outside of time. Christmas really is a reason to celebrate, and it really is a reason to remember the One we should crown with many crowns.

Christmas is a much tougher season than it should be, but we’ve made it that way. The pressure to buy gifts, the desire to decorate our homes to perfection, the temptation in 2020 to party like it’s 2019 (I had to throw that in) can make the season a time of joy, but a time of depression for some. I wonder if we could all do a little to make Christmas less depressing for all.

I haven’t seen the Salvation Army bell ringers yet. Certainly fewer of them are out this year, but that can’t stop anyone from making a donation to their local Salvation Army. The SA is not only a charity, it’s a church that worships Christ. You probably can’t find a more effective charity nor a church more balanced in meeting the needs of bodies and souls in Christ’s name. The Salvation Army has installations in Jamestown, Warren, and throughout the region. Find a local address, make a

contribution, and pray for their work. What they do really is a crowning blessing in countless lives.

The Salvation Army is not the only local charity that’s doing good work, and not the only one that is doing it in the name of Jesus. The Jamestown City Mission comes to mind. It’s part of the United Christian Advocacy Network (UCAN), and is treating men with the dignity they deserve, figuratively putting a crown on each one’s head. Their slogan truly describes what they do: “Offering Hope. Transforming Lives.” Certainly this time of pandemic disease impacts their work, so make a call and ask if there’s anything you can do to help place a crown on the men the City Mission serves.

I don’t want to suggest people living in nursing homes are forgotten, but I’m keenly aware of the isolation there because my dad is a resident of one. While ways of interacting with these people are virtually non-existent, you can still do something. Call the activities department of a local nursing home and ask what you can do. One idea is to send Christmas cards that can be given to anyone. The activities people will know who can benefit most from a card sent with love to residents who don’t get much mail. You can also send donations to help finance Christmas parties for residents and pay for gifts like toiletries, calendars, lap blankets — the kinds of things anyone can use. That can take the load off employees, because at the home where my father lives I know employees contribute

a lot from their own pockets. Put a crown on the heads of local nursing home residents by letting them know they’re not forgotten. That might be especially valuable right now when families themselves are so limited in what they can do.

And let’s not forget our local merchants. Right now, some retailers are thriving while others are barely staying in business. While we’re motivated to do our Christmas shopping online and from catalogs during this time, realize what a big hurt that puts on local businesses. So make a list of some local businesses and take some time to browse them. Whatever you look at, think “Who would appreciate that?” Make a few purchases. People like pastors and others who serve in the community may not need your gift as much as they need to know your thoughtfulness. So make it a point to do some of your Christmas shopping locally, even if you spend just one afternoon browsing these stores.

Restaurants especially are suffering. Even if they work in a big national chain, wait staffs are local workers. Call a couple of your favorite places and ask what their hours and their limitations are, and make a reservation. Few people realize that restaurant workers are on the front lines. Think of the number of people a waiter has contact with and you’ll understand the need. And tip generously. If 15% is your usual, raise it to 20. If 20% is your standard, bump it up to 25. Going prepared with a small Christmas card with the money tucked inside would make a difference in your waiter’s or waitress’s life.

I started out by saying “We have coronas everywhere.” So let’s make more. Let’s transform the season from one of depression and worry to one of encouragement and uplift. Let’s put a corona on the head of everyone we meet by offering a smile and a word of thanks for their service. It costs nothing, but it will make a difference in someone else’s life and make your Christmas a little merrier and a little brighter. Let’s give ourselves a corona Christmas, in the name of the one who is the Light of the World.

Chautauqua County Humane Society Pets of the Week



Nana

Nana is a very sweet girl who loves people! Her favorite thing to do is run around sniffing things. She really does enjoy playing, but relaxing is her specialty. If you think Nana would be a good match for your family, please head over to chqhumane.org [1] to fill out an adoption application. Shelter No. RR179.



Kai

Kai is a shy guy that will need time to warm up to you, but he’ll warm up quickly once he gets home with you. He loves to talk and play. He will even be your very own lap warmer! Please head over to chqhumane.org [1] to fill out an adoption application. Shelter No. RR179.



MARTZ-KOHL OBSERVATORY

"You can almost touch the stars"

Contributing Writer

Walt Pickut

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Even if you wanted to touch a star, they're all impossibly distant. Despite these great distances, astronomers have learned an enormous amount about stars. How? The most common method to study the stars is called spectroscopy, which is the science of analyzing the colorful rainbow spectrum produced by a prism-like device.

Until recently, spectroscopy was too expensive and too complicated for all but a handful of amateurs. Today, though, new tools make spectroscopy accessible to almost all of us. You no longer need a PhD, dark skies, long exposures, enormous aperture ... or a big budget! With your current telescope and FITS camera (or a simple web cam or even a DSLR without a telescope) you can now easily study the stars yourself. Wouldn't you like to detect the atmosphere on Neptune or the red shift of a quasar right from your own backyard?!

This talk, with lots of interesting examples, will show you what it's all about and help you understand how spectroscopy is used in research. Even if you are an armchair astronomer, understanding this field will enhance your understanding of the things you read and the night sky. We'll do a live Q&A after Tom's 45-minute presentation.



Submitted Photo

Tom Field finds rainbows in the stars.

Note to meeting organizer: I would prefer to give my presentation before any lengthy meeting activities like "Observing Reports" or "What's in the sky this month" or "News" activities.

Speaker Bio: Tom Field is has been a Contributing Editor at Sky & Telescope Magazine for the past 7 years. He is the author of the RSpec software (www.rspect-astro.com) which received the S&T "Hot Product" award in 2011. Tom is a popular speaker who has spoken to hundreds of clubs via the web and in-person at many conferences, including NEAF, the NEAF Imaging Conference, the Winter Star Party, the Advanced Imaging Conference, and others.

Full Speed Ahead - The WMH Foundation Endowment: "The Little Hospital That Could" Challenge

Article Contributed by

Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation

The Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation 2020 Annual Campaign is focused on growing the Foundation's Endowment to guarantee funds for the continuation of important hospital services for years to come.

The campaign slogan, *The Little Hospital That Could*, reflects on the hospital's stellar history of providing care while at the same time recognizes the hospital's future needs.

Members of the WMH Foundation Board of Directors have had the privilege to serve at a foundation founded more than 42 years ago to support a unique community hospital that cares for both the Western New York and Eastern Pennsylvania rural community.

The WMH Foundation Board is soliciting your help. This year's donations to the endowment will not only help ensure the survival of the hospital for years to come, but will undoubtedly allow the hospital to protect the community, in an immediate and palpable way.

Previous contributions have made it possible for WMH to survive amidst recent wide-spread closures of rural community hospitals throughout the US.

Already in partnership with Allegheny Health Network (AHN), AHN-Westfield Memorial Hospital has acquired two sub-zero freezers compatible with the first available COVID-19 vaccine. Distributing the vaccine locally may literally save your family, a loved-one, your neighbor, a former teacher and others.

Still short of its 2020 campaign goal, Foundation board members are strongly urging all who have yet to give to do so by the year's end. Donors have a chance to double their contribution now that a number of loyal supporters have pledged to match dollar for dollar donations that come in between now and the end of the year up to a total of \$10,000.

Your gift will show the dedicated doctors and nurses and support staff that we deeply value the



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The Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation 2020 Annual Campaign, is focused on growing the Foundation's new endowment initiative: "The Little Hospital That Could," to guarantee funds for the continuation of important hospital services for years to come.

sacrifices they have made to save us. Sacrifices which will allow us to more safely, and with greater confidence, keep open our schools, and businesses and travel to loved ones.

"The once-every-100-years pandemic has shown just how essential our rural hospital is to the communities it serves," said WMHF Executive Director Patricia Gaughan DiPalma, noting how the long-term effects of the coronavirus outbreak will be profound for years to come.

A recent mailing to past and potential donors noted the Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation Annual Campaign had begun; all are invited to join in this worthwhile endeavor by returning their gift to the WMH Foundation located at 189 East Main Street, Westfield, NY by Dec. 31st.

"The time to help us create a sustainable future for our organization is more evident in the aftermath of the deadly virus than ever before, said WMHF President Dr. Kathryn Bronstein. "We hope the community will invest in a healthy future and give to this new endowment initiative now."

Every dollar is vital to the Foundation's Annual Campaign. "If you value having a hospital close by, please make a tax-deductible donation of any size to our campaign," said Bronstein. "Every gift is important to meet our goal. You too, can be a hero to your hospital and community by sending your gift today."

She added that with the continued nod from the community, the

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Girl Scout Cookie Season Kicks Off Early with a New Cookie, Just in Time for the Holiday Season

The Iconic Girl-Led Entrepreneurship Program Develops the Next Generation of Female Business Leaders

Article Contributed by
Girl Scouts of WNY



French toast-inspired cookie dipped in delicious icing and full of flavor in every bite.

The early launch and pre-sale of the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program® is making the winter season a little brighter, just in time for the holidays. This includes the debut of the NEW – Toast-Yay!™ cookie alongside other favorites. The special pre-sale will allow Girl Scout Cookie lovers across Western New York to be able to purchase their favorite cookies online through direct shipping throughout the sale December 5, 2020 to March 28, 2021. To support girls with an online cookie purchase the public can go to www.gswny.org or call 1-888-837-6410 to be sent a purchase link via e-mail from a local Girl Scout selling in their area. Also, when customers order 6+ packages, shipping is 1/2 off!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program® is the largest entrepreneurial program for girls in the world, where girls get hands-on practice with a variety of skills, including goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics as they learn to think like entrepreneurs. Through the Cookie Program, girls not only discover their inner leadership potential, but also use their earnings to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troop, including community service, travel, outdoor adventure, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming.

The change in the programs' start date accommodates the overwhelming amount of requests received by girls and their customers to have Girl Scout cookies available during the holiday season. Western New Yorkers will get to enjoy favorites like Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, and the new Toast-Yay!™, a

Amid challenging world events and a global pandemic this year, Girl Scouts in Western New York will again embrace their entrepreneurial spirit by selling cookies through online platforms and innovative "virtual cookie booths" on social media (with parental supervision). The safety of the girls and the public is key and Girl Scouts' virtual options help to ensure that the public is able to support girls in a safe way. Many girls will offer socially distant or contactless sales and delivery options. If local guidelines allow, in-person sales directly at cookie booths during March 7 to March 28, 2021 may also be available in certain areas once direct sales begin while keeping girls' safety top priority. A cookie purchase is an investment in girl leadership directly in the Western New York community.

With every sale, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls to think like entrepreneurs as they run their own small businesses and learn skills like goal setting, people skills, and decision making—which are imperative for any leadership role. And girls

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 12 Read a bar code
- 13 Drought-ridden
- 18 Funeral song
- 22 Under the weather
- 24 Tuscan dish
- 26 Spills the beans
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- 28 Drunk
- 30 Seasoned sailor
- 31 Made cattle sounds
- 32 Tickle pink
- 34 Elite soldier
- 39 Bite the dust
- 40 Inactivity
- 42 Set free
- 44 Stage presence?
- 46 Trim
- 47 Showy spring flowers
- 51 Wild callas, e.g.
- 52 Makes like
- 53 Carry on
- 54 Delhi bread
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- 57 Smelting waste
- 58 Novice
- 61 Ship's pronoun

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Remembering Brooklyn Square with Joan V. Cusimano Lindquist

Home for the Holidays



Contributing Writer

Joan V. Cusimano Lindquist



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Joan on a snow bank.

If some of you remember Perry Como, you know that he was a mainstay in the pioneer medium of TV in the 1950s and early 1960s when he hosted “The Perry Como Show.” During a 1962 holiday special, Perry’s opening number, which I always associate with him, was “There’s No Place Like Home for the Holidays.” This year that lyric will undoubtedly resonate with many of us in more ways than it has in the past because, in most instances, home is literally the safest place to be in this extraordinary year of the Covid-19 pandemic. We may not attend a company Christmas party or a New Year’s Eve party, and we may not be with extended family and friends for the holidays; nevertheless, our memories and recollections of years gone by can warm us and keep us together, as one of America’s songwriters reminds us, in “stories from long, long ago.”

Some of my recollections of Christmases past begin in my early years on Derby Street. As native Jamestonians, we all know the city is located in the “Snowbelt” of western New York, and lake effect snow, bearing down from Lake Erie, usually provided a White Christmas. Living almost directly across from Fenton Park, I remember that winter brought a whole new scene to what had been a summer playground and fall excursions when we gathered bags of hickory nuts that were so abundant. With deep snow sparkling on the hills in front of the mansion, the sledding was spectacular, especially when each drop from one terrace to the other put a little air under your sled as you smacked your way to the bottom. And if that wasn’t your style, then creating mountains of snow and sliding down in snow pants made an afternoon exhilarating and tiring for a six year old who had just lost her two front teeth! Snow softened the sounds of the city, but in my memory I do recall the “click-click-click” of tires with chains on them as cars from Allen Street made their way along South Main to Brooklyn Square. And who could ever forget the muffled sound

of bells being rung by the Salvation Army as shoppers in the Square and throughout the city paused in their hurry to complete errands to drop some change into those Red Kettles, reminding us that it was the giving season.

That was the outdoors that led to Christmas, but indoors it was the sight and smells of food and pine that meant that long awaited holiday was on its way. My father would usually buy a tree at Bill Morse’s Sunoco service station at the corner of Derby and South Main, one of the many gas stations that were in or near the Square. A few bucks could get you a decent balsam. If any lower branches needed to be sawed off, my mother would make a swag to hang on our front door. One year I decorated it with a Styrofoam snowman face that I had seen in a “make-your-own decorations” section of Good Housekeeping magazine! And during some grade school years when I attended R.R. Rogers School that was not far from Water Street where Jamestown’s woolen mills were located, we made holiday decorations from cone-shaped cardboard “spindles” used for winding yarn. We painted them green, slathered them with glue and glitter, fastened small handmade decorations on them, used wooden spools from the mills as a tree stand, and proudly brought home a mini-Christmas tree to find a place on a table or desk.

The City Market and the myriad Mom and Pop grocery stores that peppered the Square and environs supplied us with all of the traditional foods for the holidays. Each year my mother would buy dried lupini beans at Ciancio’s Grocery on the corner of Derby and Hanchette Place. She would rinse them and then cook the large, flat pale yellow lupini beans until they were tender.

After they cooled, she would keep them in fresh salted water in a large covered kettle. We would dip them out by the handful and munch on them or serve them to adults with a glass of wine. My mother always told the story about the lupini plant, which she had probably heard from her childhood as a Southern Italian folk tale. When Jesus was making his way from his captors, he walked through a field of dry lupini plants that rustled and gave away his escape. It was said that he cursed the plant that the beans they bore would never satisfy hunger.

Other seasonal foods that Ciancio Bros. stocked were all kinds of nuts sold in bulk as well as Italian chestnuts, prickly pears, kumquats, torrone (a nougat candy studded with almonds) and Red Delicious apples. One year my mother used a stack of beautiful, shiny Red Delicious to make a table decoration that captivated my Uncle John because my mother had made it! She cut out a small opening at the top of each apple and set a small white candle in each hole. It was festive when lit and in the end, we could eat the centerpiece!

Sweets made up much of our holiday table. My mother was an excellent baker, and each year she would buy enough sugar and flour from the corner grocery to make Scandinavian thumbprint cookies, Mexican wedding cakes, Italian fig bars, and fruit cake (a recipe that I’ve used for over 50 years!) with candied fruit that she would buy at Murphy’s Five and Dime. Another seasonal favorite was anise pizzelle that she made on her mother’s old hand-held pizzelle iron that made one crispy little cookie at a time held over the open flame of our stove burners. Christmas Eve usually found us at my paternal grandmother’s house on Allen Street. It was a tradition that

brought the whole family together. I think what I remember most, besides getting presents, was my Aunt Anna frying sfinges at the stove. Sfinges are a light, airy fried dough that can be savory, stuffed with anchovies because the Vigil of Christmas was a meatless meal, or sweet, rolled in sugar. The bowl they were served in seemed bottomless!

And one of the lasting memories I have of a Christmas Eve when I was sick in bed with bronchitis and we could not go to my grandmother’s was the time my Aunt Sarah, my father’s older sister, brought me one of the foods I loved best as a kid: Sicilian rice balls. I was tucked into bed full of medicine and undoubtedly had my chest rubbed with Vicks Vaporub and was drowsing off when I heard some foot steps on our back porch, stamping to clear the snow, and then someone coming up the back steps. It was my Aunt Sarah, and after the usual Christmas greetings, she came into my bedroom and stood very close to me, smiling as only she could, with a gleam in her eye. She was a rather jolly person, and she teased me a little bit: “What do you think I have for you?” With that, I’ll never forget my aunt pulling her hand out of the pocket of her winter coat and handing me a warm rice ball wrapped in waxed paper that she had brought to her niece on the long, cold walk from her home on Allen Street to Derby Street. I can still recall how warm and plump it was in my hand, how the waxed paper was slightly damp and crumpled from the dense heat of the rice being kept warm by my aunt’s hand, how I unwrapped it, and how the fragrance came to me. My Aunt Sarah was a good person, motherly and kind, and the goodness of her heart was reflected in the goodness of that food.

These are memories from my Christmases past, and I take comfort in them. They nourish me. We must all have a recollection or memory of a Christmas that we can hold dear to us from our own childhoods or from a holiday not so far in the past as the one I recall. And even if we can’t all be together this year, chances are we can next year. Keep well, stay safe, and do what you always do because there is a contentment in keeping traditions. (And you can even google “Home for the Holidays” and listen to Perry on YouTube! or, if you’re lucky, on vinyl!) Do have yourself “A Merry Little Christmas”!

Lily's Hope Celebrated 10th Anniversary

Article Contributed by
Lily's Hope

November of 2020 marked the ten-year anniversary of the founding of Lily's Hope. In November 2010, Lily Olson, a retired registered nurse and member of the Zonta Club of Jamestown saw a need in the area to support women who were being treated for cancer, and she made her vision a reality. Lily's Hope is a local agency that serves women of Chautauqua County and the surrounding area who are having treatment for cancer and other illnesses. Lily's Hope provides wigs, head coverings, scarves, camisoles, tote bags and other items to improve the lives of these area women.

Pat Carr of the Cancer Support Group of Jamestown offered these well wishes in honor of the tenth anniversary: "We are wishing Lily's Hope another successful 10 years for all of the wonderful things they do for cancer patients and survivors and others in need of supportive equipment." The Cancer Support Group has made regular monetary donations over the years to supply items needed by those going through difficult physical problems.

MaryAnne Genco, cancer survivor, shared her thoughts: "Lily's Hope was extremely helpful during my cancer journey. They shared valuable information and ordered items I needed during chemotherapy and surgery. The support I received was uplifting and led to a treasured friendship with Lily. Her guidance helped create a group designed to help females dealing with cancer, Shades of Pink. (We are currently on COVID pause, but the group



Submitted Photo
Lily Olson, the founder and namesake of Lily's Hope, and Sherry Rogers, UPMC Chautauqua WCA receptionist for Lily's Hope.

meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Legends room, 6:00 pm, at the Northwest Ice Arena.) Congratulations to Lily Olson for inspiring Lily's Hope! Many thanks to the Zonta Club members who continue to support Lily's success."

Lily's Hope is one of many service projects provided for women and girls in our area by the Zonta Club of Jamestown. The club also supports the Anew Center for domestic violence survivors, provides clothing to the Emergency Departments in Chautauqua County hospitals for women who have suffered sexual assault, supports the Princess Club and the Boys and Girls Club, and funds scholarships for young women who are continuing their educations.

Westfield "Shop Local" Sweepstakes Announced

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Westfield, NY

It goes without saying that the 2020 pandemic has changed life for each and every person around the world. Here in Westfield, each of us has been doing our part to keep our community bright and vital so we come back quicker and stronger than ever!

As we enter the holiday season, and the new year, now more than ever, it is important for us to stand together and support each other – which means that each of us has to do our part to keep local businesses open, and our neighbors safe and employed. Our local businesses are owned and operated by your neighbors. They care about, and are invested in, the future of our community, and it's our job to support them in return.

The Patterson Library, Westfield Development Corporation (WDC) and the Westfield-Barcelona Chamber of Commerce have worked together with local businesses to bring a little "local" magic to this Christmas Season by creating a "Shop Local" sweepstakes. A drawing for three gift baskets of local items, valued at over \$100 dollars each, will occur on December 18th at the Patterson Library. In order to have a chance to win one of these Westfield gift baskets, which are on display at the Library, simply shop in the Westfield-Barcelona local area and take your receipts to the Patterson Library.



Submitted Photos



Sue Poster, Community Coordinator for the Westfield-Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, said, "We are extremely grateful to the businesses and individuals who donated and made this sweepstakes possible. It truly was a collaborative effort between the Patterson Library, the Chamber and WDC to support our small businesses."

As you look for those unique gifts this holiday season, remember, this is our community and these are our neighbors, so put your money where your heart is and shop local!

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Remember, Honor, Teach: Wreaths Across America 2020

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What is different this year

Usually thousands of volunteers across the nation decorate over 2,100 cemeteries and memorial sites with wreaths donated by Worcester Wreath of Harrington, Maine. This year, due to the pandemic, the number of volunteers is drastically reduced. Todd Hanson the Jamestown Wreaths Across America Coordinator said, “we have fewer wreaths this year because we couldn’t advertise as usual. In a normal year we visit different group’s meetings and hang flyers in businesses. That did not happen this year. I also cut back on advertising because we did not know if we could even have a ceremony. Luckily, we can have a remembrance ceremony on December 19 at Lake View Cemetery, but unfortunately we can’t have the usual number of supporters coming out.” He added, “instead of coming on December 19, families can visit on another day to honor their veteran and the other fallen heroes.”

How It All Started

In 1992, found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Owner, Morrill Worcester, was a 12 year old paper boy for the Bangor Daily News when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation’s capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made a lasting impression on him. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, he realized he could honor our country’s veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, the donation of a local trucking

company, and volunteers from the American Legion and VFW Posts, he made arrangements for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year. The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. The rest is history. Now thousands of cemeteries across the country lay thousands of wreaths on the same day at the same time to “REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans. HONOR those who serve. TEACH your children the value of freedom.”

How you can help - from a distance

Another way we can all help is to assist local deployed families during the holiday season. They are missing their active service member or lost family member. Your help could make a big difference in this difficult time. If you have a deployed service member family in your neighborhood, leave them a gift, food, or a gas card to show your support. While we are restricted this year, you can show your concern and support in many hands-off ways.

Make some time this holiday season to remember those who have served and are serving our country. As they say, freedom isn’t free. It’s time for each of us to support our service members.

Eye ON BUSINESS

Small Business Startup Offers Peace in Troubled Times

Contributing Writer
Walt Pickut

Lakewood's new Pea Pod & Juniper is more than a new florist shop in the heart of the village.

According to owner, Kim Carlson, "There is a feeling and a healing that just comes naturally from being in a flower shop, from being around flowers." Then she adds while welcoming new customers, "I want this to be the place where people can go and enjoy and maybe get away from some of the news, the hectic pace of everyday life, and spend some time to enjoy the moment."

And Pea Pod & Juniper is also more than flowers. The bright and sunny, artistically arranged 1,700 square foot shop, just off the sidewalk at 141 Chautauqua Avenue in Lakewood, also treats customers to original artwork while browsing for fine chocolates, high-end gifts, leisure clothing, and much more.

Startup Savvy

While some people advise extreme caution in starting up as a new small



Kim Carlson, owner of Pea Pod & Juniper.

business owner in difficult times, Kim disagrees. First, she is a veteran of many successful years in the retail convenience business. She knows how to run a store. She also knows the floral business after many years or experience and study on the creative side of florist shops.

Kim's adds a winning attitude to her advantage. "I love all of it, the people,

the flowers, everything. And I have a passion for it."

So, her advice to someone planning a new start-up is, "Start it! Just start it. Know what you are doing. Know what the challenges are going to be to the best of your knowledge, then do it. There's always going to be something that can get in your way, so you can either make excuses or you can just do

it. I opened November 16 because it was just time to!"

Concerning finances, she adds, "Live within your means so that you, not your finances, are in charge of where you are going. Run your circumstances, don't let your circumstances run you."

But the reality is that a sole owner may have to do the parts of the business that aren't quite as enjoyable as the others. You make all the decisions but the buck stops with you for problems, too.

As a result, Kim adds, "It's not necessarily everybody's cup of tea. But you'll know if you have the passion and the drive. Be willing to go home only when the work is done. No clock can tell you that. Only your heart can."

Business and Creativity

"Being a small business owner in Lakewood is more than I could have hoped for," Kim said with obvious enthusiasm for the local business community. "It is enlightening, encouraging, and every day is different."

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Jim Brickman Supports Reg Lenna Center for the Arts with Comfort & Joy at Home Live! Virtually



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**Reg Lenna Center
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Grammy Nominated Songwriter and piano sensation Jim Brickman will be taking the nation by storm this holiday season with the "Comfort & Joy at Home 2020" Virtual Tour. A portion of each ticket purchased to this LIVE event will benefit the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts. Fans and their families can enjoy this unique virtual concert experience from the comfort of home, while supporting the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts during this challenging time.

Brickman will bring the LIVE concert experience up close and personal by blending yuletide memories and holiday carols with his own hit songs such as, "The Gift," "Sending You A Little Christmas," "Angel Eyes" and "If You Believe." Brickman will warm the hearts of all as sweet sounds of faith and love make spirits bright, bringing family and friends together for anything but a silent night.

The live-streamed video concert will be performed Friday, December 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at reglenna.com. Brickman previously performed at The Reg in 2014 and 2015 with Valentine's and Christmas tours.

Robert H. Jackson Center Co-Founder Gregory L. Peterson to Retire from Board



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Left to right: Denise Jones, Executive Director of The Resource Center, Chris Anderson, Paul Harris Award recipient; Lisa Goodell, Paul Harris Award recipient; and Joni Blackman, President of the Rotary Club of Jamestown.

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Robert H. Jackson Center

Following 20 years of leadership and service, Robert H. Jackson Center co-founder Gregory L. Peterson is retiring from the Robert H. Jackson Center Board of Directors, effective December 14, 2020.

Mr. Peterson co-founded the Robert H. Jackson Center in 2001, along with Elizabeth S. Lenna and Carl Cappa. He has served on the Board since the Center's inception.

"We are grateful for Greg's leadership and legacy of outstanding community service," said Jackson Center President Kristan McMahon. "I want to publicly thank Greg for his Board service and for his dedication to Robert H. Jackson and his legacy. We would not be where we are today without his commitment to the dream of what the Jackson Center could be, his drive and enormous heart to make that a reality, and his heroically-scaled video documentation of everything we have ever done."

"It has been an amazing 20 years of serving at the Robert H. Jackson Center," Mr. Peterson reflected. "I look forward to watching the Center's growth under its current leadership."

In addition to Mr. Peterson's service as a Jackson Center Board member, he serves on numerous

boards and committees, including The Resource Center Foundation, Jamestown Professional Baseball Executive Committee (of which he is Chairman) and the Business Council of New York State. Greg has also served as a member and former President of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, former member and Past President of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and former Board member of the Fredonia College Foundation. A lifelong resident of Jamestown, Mr. Peterson received his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College and his J.D. from The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Currently, he is a partner at Phillips Lytle LLP.

"The Jackson Center Board and staff look forward to celebrating Greg and his service over the course of the next year," said McMahon. "Although December 14th mark his official retirement from our Board, we know he is not going far and that we and our community will continue to benefit from his leadership."

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Roger Tory Peterson Institute Suffers Fire

Building Closed for Repairs

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Roger Tory Peterson Institute

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute experienced a fire on December 3, at approximately 10:25 a.m.

The fire occurred in the attic, likely due to a faulty light fixture. There were no visitors in the museum at the time. All staff and maintenance personnel exited safely. The sprinkler system extinguished the fire quickly, resulting in minimal fire and smoke damage. Jamestown Fire Department arrived promptly to assist.

Indications are there is no structural damage to the building envelope. However, there was extensive water damage throughout much of the interior of the building. The museum store and its contents are a near total loss.

The Peterson Collection – the largest assemblage of Roger Tory Peterson’s artwork, films, books and related items – is safe and secure, thanks to quick action by Jamestown Community College staff, RTPI staff, the emergency response crew and volunteers from the Rotary Club of Jamestown. The collection is stored in alternative, temporary spaces within the building

pending the restoration of the areas where the collection had been stored.

Nearing the end of the emergency response phase of the restoration – removing all water-damaged ceilings, walls, flooring and contents – RTPI will work closely with JCC to restore the building. Early indications are that the restoration may take several months to complete.

RTPI will be closed to the public until further notice. RTPI’s trails, however, will remain open to the public.

The fire and its aftermath will not deter RTPI from continuing with strategic planning. “We are making tremendous progress,” said Arthur Pearson, CEO, “toward the goal of relaunching RTPI with a bold vision in early 2021.”

Doug Schutte, RTPI’s board chair, added, “Like the proverbial phoenix, RTPI is going to emerge from this fire stronger than ever.”

Join Me in the HOLIDAY Kitchen with Vicki McGraw

Toffee Crack-Up



Contributing Writer

Vicki McGraw

Elegant Edibles Catering

Well, friends, ready or not, Christmas is upon us! I hope you are ready and relaxed! Every year the holiday season seems to fly by quicker than the last, and given the “unusual circumstances” we have been coping with this year, it seems as though it has gone even quicker.

While much of what we normally expect of the holiday season has been abbreviated, if not cancelled all together, one thing that (hopefully) has remained is that delicious platter of homemade Christmas cookies sitting on your kitchen table! I believe homemade treats are always nice to give (and especially nice to receive!) because they have been made with love sprinkled on top, this year seems more appropriate than ever to pass along a little extra love!

When baking cookies to give as gifts, you will want to keep in mind how they will be delivered to the recipient. If you will be hand delivering them, simply placing them on a pretty tray and wrapping with plastic wrap will work. If, however you plan to ship them out of town, here are a few tricks to keep in mind:

Shape is important! Small, round or flat cookies will pack most easily.

Texture of the cookies makes a big difference, so try to avoid very tender cookies...go for the firmer ones (such as chocolate chip, peanut butter, or shortbread varieties), as they will be less likely to crumble. Careful packaging of the cookies will keep them fresher and keep the flavors from mingling! Whenever possible, separate each variety by packing in separate zipper bags. Flat cookies can be stacked and round cookies should be laid flat.

When boxing the cookies, plan to use lots of bubble wrap! Place a layer of bubble wrap in box

first, then fit bagged cookies in box, layering alternately with more bubble wrap and packing as closely as possible as you fill your box (thus the importance of choosing firmer cookies!). Remember, you don’t want them to have any “wiggle-room”, so while you don’t want to crush them, do pack them snugly.

Finally, while it may be pricey, expedited shipping methods work best when shipping cookies. You don’t want the recipient getting stale, weeks old treats!

While the season is flying by, I recommend finding a few minutes for yourself when you can to sit back, grab a Gazette, a cup of coffee and a few cookies and savor the season! My wish for you all is a very, Merry Christmas and a most HEALTHY New Year!

Toffee Crack-Up

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

Pre-heat oven to 325*

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

Place butter and brown sugar in a medium pot and heat to a boil for 2-3 minutes.

Carefully pour hot mixture over saltines. Bake for 10 minutes.

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

Once cool, break apart to serve. Store in air-tight container.

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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foundation will undoubtedly be able to provide revenue in perpetuity, which is critical to support our rural hospital.

For those who would like to learn more about the hospital foundation or how to give to the 2020 Annual Campaign, contact Ms. DiPalma at patricia.dipalma@ahn.org; call: 716-793-2338 or visit the foundation's website at: www.westfieldhospitalfoundation.org. In addition to emergency care, the hospital provides an array of services, including ambulatory and short stay surgery, outpatient diagnostic services, physical therapy: post-

op; general; lymphedema, pain management; pelvic floor health, back care – McKenzie method and health fitness; cardiac rehab, imaging, women's diagnostic services, digital mammography, laboratory, diabetes education, nuclear stress testing, wound and infusion clinics, inpatient care, and a specialty services suite that includes OB-GYN services, General Surgery, Telehealth - Endocrinology, Gastrointestinal (GI), Orthopedics, Cardiology and Diversified Hearing Services. WMH also provides primary care services at the Chautauqua Institution during its nine week summer season.

JCC Returns To Remote Operations

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Jamestown Community College

To maintain low levels of COVID-19 at Jamestown Community College, all operations will move to a remote format from December 9 through December 23.

"As has been predicted by healthcare officials, a significant increase in COVID-19 cases is occurring in our region," said JCC president Daniel DeMarte in announcing the decision to suspend on-campus operations and move to a full remote delivery mode for all courses and services.

JCC has taken extensive steps to protect students, their families, and the public in response to the COVID-19 health crisis, added DeMarte. Those measures have included shifting all in-person courses to a virtual delivery mode at Thanksgiving break for the remainder of the semester, pool testing among students and staff, and limiting public access to campus facilities.

JCC maintains a regularly updated COVID-19 web page as the primary mode of communication to students, faculty, staff, and the public.

Essential personnel will continue to work on campus. Courses

scheduled through Cornell Cooperative Extension and Workforce Readiness will continue and be completed by December 18. Pool testing will continue as scheduled. To date, JCC has administered over 1,000 tests with two positive results and will continue to adhere to all current protocols in order to reduce the risk of transmission.

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

"The decision was made to help ensure the health and safety of our students and employees during this second, and in many cases, more severe wave of the COVID-19 pandemic," said DeMarte. "Since cases of COVID-19 are predicted to continue to climb during the holidays, we are doing all we can to protect students and employees."



Chamber Corner ◆ December 14, 2020 ◆

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Todd J. Trantum

President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce & Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier

Save the Date for the Chamber & MAST Annual Meeting

The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier will hold a joint Annual Meeting on Friday, January 22, 2021, featuring Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul as keynote speaker.

This event marks some milestones for both organizations. The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce will wrap up its 20th anniversary at the end of 2020, while the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier celebrates the completion of its 120th year of service! In the year 2000, a countywide Chamber was formed, merging the North Chautauqua Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce. Today this merged structure includes six community Chambers in Dunkirk, Fredonia, Hanover, Jamestown, Mayville-Chautauqua, and Westfield-Barcelona that focus on local events that drive traffic to local businesses in their communities. The alignment of the County Chamber with the Community Chambers provides a streamlined business operating model that supports the needs of our main street business communities and enables the development of programs and services for the broader county-wide business community. While local community chambers can focus on unique qualities and opportunities of their communities, the County Chamber has been able to strengthen a broad base of services for all investing businesses. Examples include human resources support and compliance products, health and ancillary insurance products, and the new ShopLocalCHQ website that provides a crucial platform for small local businesses to sell products and services online. The Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST), originally formed as the Manufacturers Association of the Jamestown Area has grown into a regional organization with a focus on supporting

manufacturers. MAST offers a variety of manufacturing focused programs and services. MAST has worked methodically on the issue of workforce, working with JCC to create the Manufacturing Technology Institute in the early 2000's and then creating a regional campaign called Dream It Do It that encourages students to explore career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math in preparation for jobs in advanced manufacturing. Since 2008 the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Association have operated under a single operational structure, sharing resources and expanding programming to support businesses.

This joint Annual Meeting will celebrate these important milestones. The Lieutenant Governor, a proud Western New Yorker herself and long-time cheerleader for our region, will join us in the celebration.

The Chamber will also present its Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award, named in memory of the first President of the County Chamber of Commerce who worked diligently to bring multiple organizations together. Representatives for both Boards of Directors will also be elected. More details will be announced in the weeks ahead.

This joint Annual Meeting will be held online via Zoom at 12:00 noon, January 22. You may register any time at www.chamberrsvp.org.

Shop Safe, Small, and Local with ShopLocalCHQ

Now you can buy online and still support small locally owned businesses! The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce recently launched ShopLocalCHQ – a new online marketplace that features more than 55 local businesses offering a wide variety of over 300 products and services. This new tool provides a safe and convenient way for shoppers to purchase unique and special gifts directly from small businesses.

New businesses and products are being added to the marketplace often, so we encourage shoppers to check for changes.

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Beautician Intuition with Tammy Wilcox

Good Haircut, Bad Haircut



Contributing Writer
Tammy Wilcox

it can be just plain hard to accept emotionally. A new hairdo can actually shake up your daily routine to the point of needing new tools, new products, and suddenly a renewed attitude of self-acceptance.

My beautician intuition tells me that it feels as if 2020 has given us all a brand new haircut that we did not ask for.

Uncharted territory can be intimidating. I don't know about you, but my first trip to the grocery store in a face-covering felt as strange and unusual as a wild new hairstyle. I was not sure whether anyone would recognize me. I felt awkward. I wondered whether people could hear my voice clearly and understand me.

In our quest for safety, security and sanity, we find ourselves making it work. In new situations, sometimes the only choice is to accept the things that we do not have control over, to focus on our response, and to develop the skills we need to enhance our future.

When you look back on this year, and forward to the next, I hope you find peace in the simple truth that lies inside the old beauty shop joke.

Trust in our amazing ability as humans to adapt, to learn, and to see the difference between a good haircut and a bad one.

There is an old beauty shop joke that goes something like this:

Question: What is the difference between a good haircut and a bad haircut?

Answer: Two weeks.

The joke pokes fun at an undeniable truth about human nature – that we are adaptable.

I tell this joke often in the salon because sometimes people have a hard time with change, even when they ask for it. New looks are usually greeted in the mirror by fascinated wide eyes and delight, but the final moments of realization can also be laced with anxiety and awkwardness.

You see, the joke makes good use of an interesting point: a haircut doesn't really change that much in two weeks - but the person wearing it does.

As the joke suggests, humans are flexible. When we are faced with something unfamiliar, even if it is challenging at first, we seem to naturally find ways to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Not only is a new haircut a challenge to handle in a practical sense, but

Chautauqua County Humane Society to Hold Drive-Through Pet Food Giveaway

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Chautauqua County Humane Society

In the spirit of the season, the Chautauqua County Humane Society will be holding a special holiday pet food distribution to ease the strain on pet households that are facing financial difficulties. The drive-through giveaway will be on Saturday, December 19th, from 11am to 1pm, or while supplies last, at the former Sears Auto Center at the Chautauqua Mall.

This food distribution is made possible with the assistance of grants from the Mabel Anderson Fund and the Edwin L. Danielson Community Service Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation in combination with donations from the community. CCHS Executive Director Kellie Roberts said, "At CCHS, we work hard to help pets that are looking for homes as well as to do what we can for pets who

are in loving homes but may need a hand due to the economic impact the coronavirus has had on their families. The grant monies provided through CRCE, food donations from Purina, and the generosity of our community have made it possible for us to provide over 22,000 pounds of kibble and more than 700 cans of food so far in 2020 through the CCHS Pet Pantry, Project Outpour in Dunkirk, and for clients at the Salvation Army



in Jamestown." Roberts also said, "We don't want people to have to choose between feeding themselves or feeding their pets. We hope this distribution will make the holidays a little bit brighter for families who are in a financial pinch right now."

Dry dog and cat food will be available at this event. Supplies are limited. All COVID guidelines will be followed and masks will be required. For more information visit Chqhumane.org or follow the Chautauqua County Humane Society on Facebook.

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As part of the launch of ShopLocalCHQ, the Chamber of Commerce is giving away \$500 in Chamber gift cards that can be used on the marketplace. Visit the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to enter the contest. No purchase is required.

Shop Safe. Shop Small. Shop Local. Visit ShopLocalCHQ.com. Please support our locally owned small businesses during the holiday gifting season and all year round.

Keep Local Businesses Open by Practicing Safe Routines

Chautauqua County continues to see an increase in Coronavirus cases, and as residents become more active indoors it is more important than ever that everyone follows health and safety guidelines in order to keep our local businesses functioning.

We have reminded all businesses, and will continue to remind the

general public, that the increase in COVID spread could mean additional restrictions. No one wants that. New York State is monitoring data daily, identifying the areas of concern, and are now implementing a cluster zone approach in an effort to control the virus.

A strong economy requires a healthy workforce and healthy customers. We can easily take steps to help stop the spread of the virus by wearing a face covering in public to cover nose and mouth, stay socially distant from those who are not in your immediate household, and wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer. The science is guiding us towards these simple steps.

Only by working together can we get through this challenging time and keep our families, schools, and businesses intact. A healthy economy requires a healthy workforce and healthy customers. Thank you for doing your part.



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Girl Scout Cookie Season Kicks Off Early with a New Cookie, Just in Time for the Holiday Season

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decide how to use their portion of the proceeds for unforgettable leadership experiences and community projects, while GSWNY depends on the funds to deliver life-changing Girl Scout programming to 13,000 girls in Western New York.

“Girls need our support more than ever, and we are committed to positioning girls for success both now and in the future through our comprehensive, year-round program experience for girls,” said Alison Wilcox, CEO of Girl Scouts of Western New York. “As the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world, the Girl Scout Cookie Program® provides girls with an unparalleled experience to refine their entrepreneurial skills and build



a lifetime of leadership. We also welcome adult volunteers and girls to join Girl Scouts.”

The Girl Scout Cookie Program runs December 5, 2020 to March 28, 2021 and cookies are \$5 per box. To learn more about supporting a girl with a purchase, girl membership, and adult volunteerism visit www.gswny.org or call 1-888-837-6410. Girl Scouts at Home is the #1 Rated Afterschool Program by Parents Magazine.

Eye on Business: Small Business Startup Offers Peace in Troubled Times

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The business environment has been encouraging. People seem to be happy that Lakewood has a new florist shop.

A flower is unlike ordinary retail. “It is a slower paced business,” Kim said. “I’m free to watch something grow that is my very own, and flowers make a perfect setting. I can be here for people during their happy times, their sadder times, their more peaceful times, and their busier times.

The Personal Side

Kim Carlson loves meeting people in her new shop and sharing life experiences. She is also a community crusader in the battle against substance abuse, having lost her son, Alex, to an opioid overdose four years ago.

“Life experiences have allowed me to be helpful to others,” Kim added. She is a certified Recovery Coach and completed a year of formal study in order to qualify as a certified practitioner in Emotional Freedom Therapy. She speaks freely about her own experience of sobriety for more than a decade.

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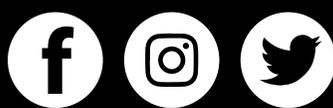
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Winter Solstice Bonfire at Audubon on Monday, December 21

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and drop in anytime during your scheduled time slot to participate in one of the activities.

Participants will gather in the pavilion on the west side of the property and are reminded to dress for the weather and bring a face covering.

Use this evening's celebration of light as a time to reflect and reset.

Winter is often thought of as a time of increased dark and stagnancy, but the winter solstice gives you the space and time to contemplate a new beginning. The winter solstice marks a time of hope and rebirth, when nature invites us to be still and listen. Winter offers a clean slate and an unobstructed view into personal passions, allowing for quiet contemplation of your intentions for the coming year and gratitude for the year prior.

Participate in a release ceremony by creating a manifestation or representation of something you would like to let go into the world — it can be a hope or wish for others or a weight or burden you wish to be free of. Then toss it into the fire to release it.

There will also be short, reflective hikes at 5:15 p.m. and 6:30 led by Karen Hansen of Samara Yoga Center. Face coverings are required for the hike.

Karen Hansen is co-owner of Samsara Yoga Center. Trained in the Sri Vidya Yoga Tradition, she completed her formal studies at the Himalayan Institute of Yoga Science & Philosophy, earning her 200, 500 Hour & Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist Certification (AYS). A yoga practitioner since 2001, Hansen began teaching in 2010. In addition to private clients, classes, and volunteer work, she teaches at Chautauqua Institution during the summer season.

You will want to wear appropriate footwear for a short walk on snowy or muddy trails to get to the bonfire. You are encouraged to bring your own hot cocoa or warm

drink and snacks to eat around the fire.

The fee for participating is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 3-15, and free for ages two and under.

Paid reservations are required by 2 p.m. on December 21. They can be made by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking on "Register for a Program." Please note that due to COVID-19 related precautions walk-ins are not permitted. All participants must be pre-registered to participate in the event.

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.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, 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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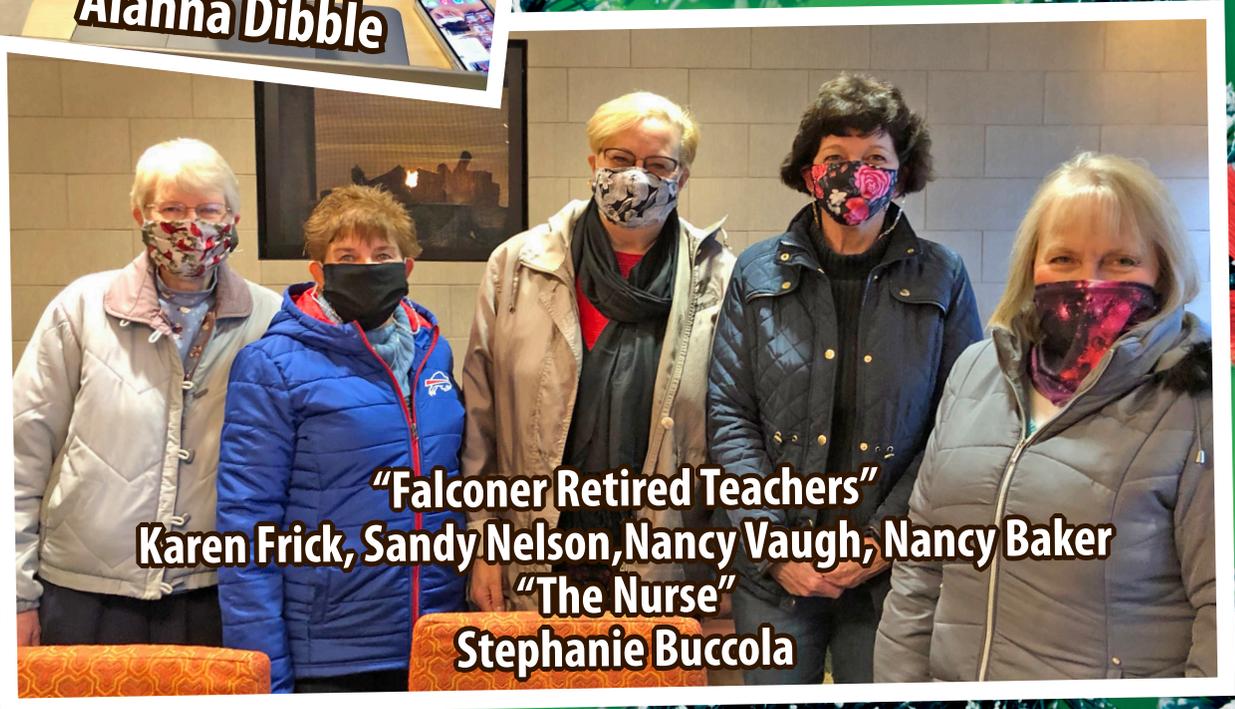


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