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Surprising Hope for 2021

Contributing Writer
Walt Pickut

Sometimes a crisis creates remarkable solutions.

In 2020 people found new ways to do old things, and did new things nobody ever thought of doing before. In 2021, it's time to harvest some of that.

But with Chautauqua County now inching toward a total of 2,800 cases of Covid-19, Cattaraugus County topping 1,900 cases, and Warren Co, PA at nearly 1,000, with more than 60 deaths so far within the region, silver linings may seem hard to find.

Innovations prompted by the pandemic, however, are poised to change American life for the better far into the future. The year 2021 will be the start.

The Jamestown Gazette surveyed five local examples of Covid-forced innovation and resilience in the fields of Government, Law Enforcement, Medicine, Education, and Non-Profit and Charitable organizations.

Efforts like these are also springing up across the United States, and if history is a



guide, will soon come together and make 2021 better than expected.

Government

Where Needs Meet Opportunities. The Covid pandemic, some say, exposed flaws in how America manages its labor force in the same way 911 exposed flaws in the way America managed emergencies. Labor systems are now being rebuilt the way emergency systems were rebuilt 20 years ago after 911.

A local example is being developed to link Chautauqua County, Albany, and a

single, streamlined, unified job-finding, job-training, and funding system. "The challenge," according to New York State Assemblyman Andy Goodell, "is to make it easy and efficient for those seeking employment to find out about the hundreds of jobs open in Chautauqua County right now."

"Before the pandemic," Goodell told the Gazette, "we had a large number of state and local agencies, each with its own database of people looking for work,

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Audubon Having Winter Clothing Drive for JCLC

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Audubon Community Nature Center

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people spent more time than usual outside this spring and summer for both their physical and mental health.

While it is more challenging to be outside during colder winter weather, the proper gear, such as hats, gloves, boots, and jackets, make it much easier.

Audubon Community Nature Center is hosting a winter clothing drive so warm

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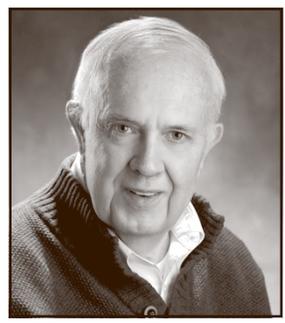
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Words of Wisdom with Walt Pickut



LOVELY EMERGENCIES?



Contributing Editor
Walt Pickut

Every procrastinator in the world knows that deadlines are emergencies.

It's true for students the day before a final exam, for you the day before that big report for your boss is due, and for me the day before Christmas and I haven't even shopped for a dollar's worth yet.

But that's what is so cool about emergencies. They motivate you like rocket fuel and you get the most amazing things done.

It's not a new idea. According to 19th century British novelist, Anthony Trollope, "A man's mind will very gradually refuse to make itself up until it is driven and compelled by emergency."

All of that, however, makes emergencies seem almost voluntary, even a great idea for us procrastinators. Just look at all the time we get off before the emergency launches us.

And there's one more great advantage to an emergency. It makes people very creative and shows up every not-totally-necessary step on the way to getting the job done. You leave out non-essentials just to finish. Consider this example:

*As I was building my new chair
I knew the bottom wasn't there
Nor legs, nor back
But I just sat
Ignoring little things like that!*

But some emergencies are different. They are real and they have real consequences. Yet even some of the worst have one important feature in common with the silly kind we could avoid if we only tried.

Real emergencies call for real solutions. And sometimes real genius arises out of a desperate need. Nothing clears the mind of irrelevant thoughts like an emergency.

That is why this week the Jamestown Gazette invites our readers to discover what few have yet asked about the Covid emergency. In the face of tragedy, a remarkable number of solutions have been found, created, and invented to solve problems nobody ever expected or even imagined.

Those things, however, do not make Covid a good thing, but they do prove that people find remarkable ways to make the most of terrible things.

In almost every field of work, 2020 forced us to create solutions that we will take into the future with us.

Twentieth century British writer and lay theologian, C. S. Lewis, once coined the word 'Eucatastrophe.' It is a peculiar word cobbled together from Greek words that mean *good and destruction*.

The notion can be that some bad things can give birth to something good. So while there is nothing good about Covid, people have created some good in their battle against it.

In fact, much that has been created has the possibility to make the New Year 2021, and the years to follow, better than we could have planned for or imagined.

Every catastrophe that people overcome creates a better future. We have created the Phoenix that will rise from the Covid fire. Resilience will turn 2020's catastrophe into 2021's eucatastrophe.

Enjoy the read and please have a Merry Christmas, a blessed holiday season, and a Happy New Year.

Walt Pickut



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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
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Dec 7

William J. Brudz, 73, of
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June I. Chapman Locke,
87, formerly of Kennedy &
Lakewood
Falconer Funeral Home
Donna M. Raybuck, 79, of
Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Dec 8

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of Warren
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Janet M. Carlson, 86, of Warren
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Dec 9

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Ellington
Falconer Funeral Home
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of Lakewood
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Dec 10

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Warren
Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home
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Jamestown
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*"When someone
you love becomes a
memory, that memory
becomes a treasure."*

Faith Matters

Christmas Carols



Contributing Writer

Pastor Shawn Hannon

Hope Lutheran Church, Arcade, NY

I do not know about you, but I have found great meaning and peace in the music of this season this year. I can confidently tell you that on a personal level I have never listened to as much Christmas music in a single season before in my entire life. I suppose I have needed the nostalgia, the comfort, and the hope as I have navigated this time of anxiousness and uncertainty. But in my listening, I noticed something I had not noticed before. Christmas music is remarkably optimistic. Of course, we think of it as joyful, but this year it wasn't just the joy that stood out, but the optimism. Christmas music is a glass half-full looking at the world through rose-colored glasses type of genre.

Consider these lyrics:

*"It's the most **wonderful** time of the year."*

*"It's the **hap-happiest** season of all."*

*"Have a holly jolly Christmas. It's the **best** time of the year."*

*"...what a **beautiful** sight, we're **happy** tonight."*

"...from now on all our troubles will be miles away."

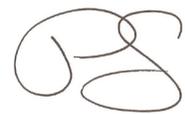
But as I listened to these lyrics, indeed as I sang along, some of them felt disingenuous to me. This Christmas, after all, may not be the most wonderful for many

people who will be celebrating it alone or differently. This Christmas may reflect more of the fear of the shepherds when the angel appeared in the sky than the haste and excitement they felt racing to see the newborn king.

I like Christmas music, but in this regard I think some of our favorite Christmas songs lead us astray. They invite us into a sort of Christmas celebration that pretends everything is fine and hopes for a holiday that is picture perfect. But is that really what Christmas is all about?

Of course not. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Christmas isn't a recognition of the beauty of the world, but of God's presence and activity in the brokenness of it. Santa comes because we are nice. Jesus was born because humanity is naughty and in need of a Savior. Christmas carols may invite us to sing about how wonderful everything is, but Christmas itself bids us to sing instead of God's decisive and redemptive activity in a hurting world.

So as you celebrate Christmas this year and blast your favorite holiday songs, if your reality isn't matching up to the picture painted by Bing Crosby or the Carpenters' Christmas album, remember our carols are best sung in moments of need. On the darkest day of the year, we light candles and remember that Jesus is the light of the world.



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



CHRISTMAS services

Music for Christmas Eve at First Lutheran

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First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church, 120 Chandler Street, will have two Christmas Worship Services with the Contemporary Service at 4:00 p.m. and the Traditional Service at 10:00 p.m. preceded by a 15-minute vocal and instrumental musical prelude beginning at 9:45 p.m. Pastor Daniel S. Rumfelt will preside at both worship services with a Christmas meditation. Face masks are required with the social distancing protocol. Hand sanitizers will be available.

The 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Service with members of the Sacred Fire Team will feature instrumental and vocal music utilizing video technology. The service will include carols, scripture readings, and a Christmas message by Pastor Rumfelt. The service will be an abbreviated 30-minute service due to health concerns. The service will be video recorded and available online via the Sacred Fire First Lutheran Jamestown Facebook page; First Lutheran Church Jamestown Facebook page; and on our church website www.flcjnyl.org.

The 9:45 p.m. Instrumental/Vocal Prelude will include organ music by Brian A. Bogey, Minister of Music entitled "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" arranged by Richard Purvis; a Piano/

Organ Duet "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/Good Christian Men/Theme from the 'Nutcracker Suite'" arranged by Linda McKechnie featuring Julie Livengood, pianist and Brian Bogey, organist; a vocal duet by Julie Costantini and Marika Koch entitled "Ten Thousand Joys!" by Marsh/Dean; and a piano solo "Canon de Noel" arranged by Joseph Martin and performed by pianist, Gail Espinoza.

The 10:00 p.m. Festival Worship Service will feature congregational hymns and carols accompanied by organ and choral anthems sung by the Select First Lutheran Choral Ensemble and accompanied by Julie Livengood, pianist. The choral music will include "Hosianna" (Hosanna to the Son of David), by Vogler, sung in Swedish; "O Holy Night" by Adolphe Adam; and "There'll Be Joy On That Morning" by Gordon Young. The service will not include the traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony or Holy Communion due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Traditional Service will also be recorded on the First Lutheran Church Jamestown Facebook page and the church website www.flcjnyl.org. The public is cordially welcome to attend.



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Live stream:

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JESPA Donates Locally for the Holidays



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The Jamestown Educational Support Personnel Association (JESPA) Union recently collected \$1,000 in donations from their members' dues to give to local agencies. Each agency received a \$200 donation. JESPA donated to: Chautauqua County Child Advocacy Program, Salvation Army, Jamestown Boy's & Girls Club, United Christian Advocacy

Network and St. Susan Center. JESPA makes donations twice a year to local organizations.

"We were so pleased by the response of our members. We

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Holiday Greetings from the Chautauqua County Dairy Princess!

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Agriculture Program assists and supports the efforts of the Chautauqua County Dairy Promotion and Dairy Princess Program.

According to Lisa Kempisty, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator, "The Chautauqua County Dairy Princess and her Court help educate the public about dairy farming and the nutritional benefits of milk and dairy products in one's diet. The dairy industry is one of our county's leading agricultural industries, with 159 dairy farms in Chautauqua County producing \$74,993,000 in market value of milk (Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture). Our farm owners, their families, employees and supporting agribusinesses work to produce high quality, delicious and nutritious milk for others to enjoy. Be sure to thank your local dairy farmer for their efforts!"

LynnDee Nagel, our 2020-2021 Chautauqua County Dairy Princess from Clymer, NY, along with her Alternate, Lily Woodis from Dewittville, NY and her Court would like to share information about the benefits of milk in your diet, as well as LynnDee's favorite Whole Milk Eggnog Recipe, to enjoy this holiday season.

Drinking whole milk has plenty of benefits! Did you know, research has found that a higher intake of high fat dairy is linked to less weight gain than low fat dairy? Another recent study of children ranging from 1-6 years in age found that those who drank whole milk had higher vitamin D levels and a lower body mass index than those who drank lower fat milk. Since Vitamin D is fat soluble it can be better absorbed when it is paired with the fat in whole milk. No matter what, all varieties of dairy milk have the same amount of the nine essential nutrients that milk is known for and most is fortified with Vitamin D. Also, fat free milk does not contain added sugars. Did you know that whole milk is already around 97% fat free? Milk directly from the cow can range from 3%-6% fat. Real whole milk is standardized for sale at 3.25% fat. Whole milk only has two ingredients, milk and added vitamin D.

Eggnog is my favorite holiday drink, so I am sharing an Eggnog recipe that



Submitted Photo

LynnDee Nagel, 2020-2021 Chautauqua County Dairy Princess with one of her dairy heifers she is raising that will soon produce milk on her family's dairy farm.

you can make using healthy, delicious Real Whole Milk!

Ingredients:

- 2 quarts of milk
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp nutmeg, plus more for each glass

Start the process by heating one quart of the milk over medium heat until it is hot, but not boiling. Meanwhile, crack and whisk the dozen eggs together in a separate bowl. Next, add the sugar to the hot milk. Mix it well and continue to heat, but still not to boiling. Next comes the tricky part. The eggs must be tempered before being added directly into the hot milk, so it does not end up as scrambled Eggnog. To do this, slowly add some of the hot milk from the pan in small amounts at a time, whisking the eggs as you go, to bring the eggs up to temperature. Continue this until you have added a total of about 2 cups of the hot milk to the eggs. Once the eggs have been tempered, pour the entire egg and milk mixture into the pot. Continue heating over low to medium heat for around 5 minutes, whisking to prevent scalding or sticking. You will know the mixture is ready when it passes the "spoon test", which is simply dipping a clean spoon into the pot and then running your finger over the back of the spoon. If it makes a clean line, it is ready. If not, heat a little longer. Once it passes the spoon test, remove the pot from the heat and mix in the remaining milk, vanilla, and nutmeg. Cover the pot and chill in the fridge for a few hours or overnight. After the mixture has chilled, whip the cream until just before it starts to peak. Then carefully fold the cream into the egg mixture and pour into a punch bowl or large pitcher for serving and enjoy!

The Everyday Hunter® with Steve Sorensen

4 Reasons You Should Use a Binocular



Contributing Writer
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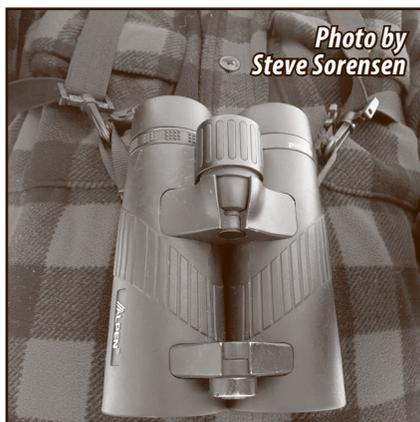


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Steve Sorensen

A shoulder harness for your binoculars keeps them from bouncing against your chest and makes them easy to carry.

Ask a hundred hunters if they own a bino and about ninety nine will say "Yes." Almost every hunter owns a pair, but does every hunter use them?

The technical stuff—power, field of view, objective diameter, exit pupil, prisms, coatings, brightness—is all aimed at the hunter who is considering a purchase. But let's set aside all the jargon because none of it matters if you don't use them. Instead, let's consider four reasons you should use a binocular every time you step into the deer woods.

1. A Binocular slows you down.

The truth is most of us move too fast when we're in the woods. That old Simon & Garfunkel tune, "Slow down, you move too fast," should be the theme song for hunters. If "feelin' groovy" means tuning in to your environment and getting into "the zone," you can do that only when you're moving slowly. Slow is how you don't miss things. Slow is one way to keep the game animal you're pursuing from being aware of your presence.

"But," you say, "binoculars are cumbersome!" I reply, "Good. That slows you down." Don't stuff it into a pocket inside your pack and forget about it. Put your bino where you're aware of it. Get a harness that shifts the weight from your neck to your shoulders. Keep it ready or you'll never use it.

2. A Binocular makes you a better observer.

Suppose you're on a stand. As the sun treks from the eastern to the western horizon, the changing

light alters the way things look. Shadows grow larger, stronger, or softer. You see a deery-looking thing you didn't see earlier and can't identify it. This UDO (Unidentified Deery Object) doesn't move, but maybe that's because it froze when it saw you first.

Very slowly lift your bino and get a good eyeful of details so you can shift into kill mode if it's the real deal, or dismiss that UDO, if it's nothing more than a stump. Then you can go back to picking apart the landscape looking for that buck. When a new detail with big brown eyes shows up, you're more likely to notice it before it puts those eyes on you.

3. A Binocular keeps temptation at bay.

I'm sure no one reading this would ever do make this mistake, but maybe it has happened to you. You notice another guy a pretty good distance away looking through his rifle scope. Is he looking at you?

You ease over behind a tree and peek around to see him. You wave your fluorescent orange hat. He puts the gun down. Yes, occasionally there's that guy who is a little too confident and a little too stupid at the same time. Don't be that guy.

4. A Binocular will get you more game.

A bino does much more than bring the world up close. It also keeps you alert. The more you



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- 7 Come to mind
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- 9 Where the action is
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- 11 Native
- 12 Atlanta-based airline
- 13 Win every game
- 18 Pipe puffer
- 22 Bone-dry
- 24 "Belling the Cat" author
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- 27 Troop group
- 28 Coffin carrier
- 29 Cloudless
- 31 Ring-tailed animal
- 33 Ind. neighbor
- 34 Texas siege site
- 36 Edit menu choice
- 37 Many a "Stranger Things" actor
- 40 More than fast
- 43 Medieval slave
- 45 In a perfect world
- 47 Salt, sometimes
- 49 Radiant
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- 52 Gawk (at)
- 53 Slight trace
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Increase in Hepatitis A Cases Seen in Chautauqua County

Vaccination Prevents Infection

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**Chautauqua County
Department of Health &
Human Services**

The Chautauqua County Health Department has been following a recent rise in Hepatitis A cases in the County. So far in 2020, 19 cases of Hepatitis A have been reported. From 2017 to 2019, Chautauqua County experienced an average of one case of Hepatitis A per year.

“When you hear about Hepatitis A, you may think about contaminated food or water but in this country, it is more commonly spread from person to person,” said Christine Schuyler, Public Health Director. “Vaccination is the best way to prevent infection and the spread of disease and in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health, we are collaborating with community partners to vaccinate close contacts of positive cases as well as people who fall into high-risk groups.”

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus (HAV). This virus is very contagious and is found in the stool and blood of people who are infected. HAV is spread when someone unknowingly ingests the virus – even in microscopic amounts – through close personal contact with an infected person or through eating contaminated food or drink. This happens when an infected person doesn't properly wash his or her hands with warm water and soap after going to the

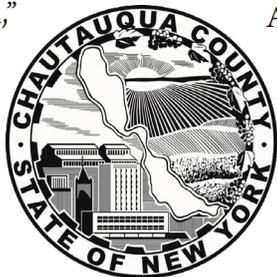
bathroom and touches objects or food that someone else then eats or drinks. Besides this, the virus also spreads through close person-to-person contact with an infected person and having sex with an infected person.

Symptoms of hepatitis A can be mild and last a few weeks to severe and last several months. They include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay-colored bowel movements, joint pain, and yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice).

Anyone can get hepatitis A, but the following groups are at highest risk for acquiring HAV infection or developing serious complications from HAV infection:

- People who use drugs (injection or non-injection);
- People experiencing unstable housing or homelessness;
- Men who have sex with men (MSM);
- People who are currently or were recently incarcerated; and
- People with chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C

Anyone experiencing symptoms of Hepatitis A should contact his/her health care provider for advice. If you do not have a health care provider and would like to receive a free Hepatitis A vaccination, please contact The County Health Department at 1-866-604-6789. For general Hepatitis A Information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/index.htm>.



Conservation District Announces Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

Article Contributed by
**Chautauqua County Soil &
Water Conservation District**

Each year Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District introduces thousands of bare root seedlings into Chautauqua County, New York. All plants that are selected for the District's annual sale are selected for their quality rating for hardiness in Chautauqua County and are made available to the public at an affordable rate to promote landowner conservation.

Landowners can practice conservation by planting seedlings and wildflowers to support pollinators and provide food and shelter to wildlife, reduce heating/cooling expenses, protect water quality with buffers, reduce air pollution and stabilize eroded land. Seedlings are an inexpensive way to replace trees that have been damaged, harvested or lost to disease.

All stock that is sold is bare root, meaning the plant is harvested with little or no soil attached to the roots. Because the stock is bare root, plants must be harvested and replanted while in a dormant state and while soil conditions are still moist.

For the upcoming 2021 sale, the District selected thirty-five species that are native to the State of New York, twenty-five of which are native to Chautauqua County.

A total of thirteen conifer varieties will be offered: including Eastern Larch and European Larch. A total of seventeen hardwood varieties will be offered: including Common Persimmon and Paw Paw. A total of sixteen shrub varieties will be offered: including Coralberry, Elderberry, and Rose of Sharon.

A total of two native fern varieties will be offered. A total of five berry varieties will be offered. New this year, Goji berries are self-pollinating plants that produce white to purple blossoms. Like Elderberries, Goji berries are prized for their immune boosting qualities and can be eaten fresh or dried, or made into tea or wine.



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Apple, Peach, Pear and Fruit Cocktail (Apricot, Cherry, Nectarine, Peach and Plum) packages will also be offered. Please note that stone fruit varieties included in the Fruit Cocktail package will have the best survival rate when introduced into Northern Chautauqua County, closest to Lake Erie.

In addition to domestic fruit tree packages, Apple, Cherry (Tart), Pear and mixed (Apple, Cherry, and Pear) wildlife tree packages will also be available. Please note that fruit trees that are included in wildlife tree packages may be slightly misshapen but are still hardy and suitable enough to be planted to enhance or develop a wildlife area.

Wildlife tree packages and conservation seed mixes are extremely popular with local conservationists and sportsman. The eight conservation seed mixes that will be offered in this year's catalog are ideal for food plots, thrive in a variety of soil types and support wildlife and wild game. (Conservation seed mixes are also available outside of the Districts annual sale.)

Tree protector tubes and stakes, weed control mats, tree plantation signs, fertilizer pellets, conservation seed mixes and other nonperishable items are also made available during the annual sale.

Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District's 2021 Tree & Shrub Catalog is anticipated to be mailed out by January 1st, the deadline to order fruit trees will be

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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.



Kai

Holiday Happenings at the Falconer Public Library

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Falconer Public Library

The Falconer Public Library is offering some fun holiday activities.

Thanks to generous funding from a grant from the Falconer Region Community Fund & Donald R. Swanson Memorial Fund, made available through the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the library has a Storywalk® set up in front of the library. The Storywalk® allows readers to enjoy a story while walking from page to page outside. This month Library Clerk Sandy Thies donated a cute story for our walk called A Coronavirus Christmas by Shannon Jett. It reminds us that even though the holidays are far different this year, we can still think about and remember those we love. Readers get a package of hot chocolate and have an opportunity to write who they are thinking of on a paper ornament to add to our tree. We have a holiday book sale that offers Christmas books as well as new and gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, a great selection of cookbooks puzzles and DVD's.



Stop by and see the amazing paper cutting display by Rhonda Hedlund. Come in and take a guess on how many ornaments are in our guessing jar for a chance to win a gift card! We are also working hard on a December book paper chain. After you read a book, record the title on one of the links and add it to our chain! The Falconer Public Library Board and Staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year! Thank you for your continued support.

Audubon Having Winter Clothing Drive for JCLC

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clothing is not a hurdle for people to enjoy the outdoors this winter safely and comfortably.

Now through the end of the year, you are invited to drop off any size new or gently-used jackets, snow pants, boots, gloves, hats, and scarves during Audubon's regular building hours, Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Audubon will collect the items and donate them to Jamestown Community Learning Council (JCLC), which will make the items available to kids and families who need them.

JCLC's mission is to strengthen the capacity of families to nurture, support, and provide for their children's academic development, emotional growth, and physical well-being by establishing effective relationships between home and school. You can learn more about JCLC at JCLCPrograms.org.

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 features the Blue Heron Gift Shop, live animals, and the 2020 Nature Photography Contest winning photographs. Because not all of the building is accessible, admission is by donation only. Face coverings are required for ages 3 and up inside the building.

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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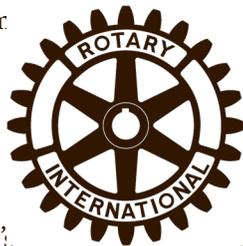
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**Rotary Club of Jamestown
Receives County Economic
Development Update**

Article Contributed by

Rotary Club of Jamestown

At a recent weekly ZOOM meeting, the Rotary Club of Jamestown heard from Nathan Aldrich, Special Projects Coordinator with the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development, who also manages the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth under the umbrella of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). In his capacity as Special Projects Coordinator, Aldrich assists in the development and management of several economic development projects and initiatives; manages several County agency allocation contracts with a variety of community organizations; administers the Occupancy Tax for Tourism Development Program; and coordinates the Department's capital projects.



Chautauqua County's Economic Development Strategic Planning process concluded earlier this year under the leadership of Aldrich and the office is now working with a multitude of partners to prioritize, develop, secure resources, and implement priority projects in alignment with the plan.

Aldrich also reported on Phase II of the Economic Development Strategic Plan (under development since 2018). Jobs in Chautauqua County have dropped 13% for the period from 2001 to 2019, compared to a 1% drop in jobs for the western New York region and a 4% increase in the entire state of New York.

The Strategic Plan has five main points:

1. Enhance the inventory of appropriate sites for advance

manufacturing, science and technology and other uses

2. Initiate and maintain a talent retention and attraction campaign
 3. Construct 500 housing units by 2030
 4. Increase tax revenues by 10% from core communities over 7 years
 5. Increase the number of visitors to Chautauqua County by 50% within 5 years
- Aldrich reported the County has applied for EPA grants to complete Phase I and II assessments to remediate two Brownfield sites and will be working with both the cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown. He reported that the County works to attract business primarily through the Industrial Development Agency and Invest Buffalo, which was successful in attracting Athenex to Dunkirk.

Aldrich told the audience a company would choose to move to Chautauqua County because of tax incentives through the IDA such as mortgage tax abatement and PILOTs), the location of the county and its proximity to Buffalo, Rochester, Erie, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, its tools to train the workforce such as JCC, PTEch, BOCES and MTI, and of course, because of the quality of life with five lakes, ski resorts, hiking, and the low cost of living.

Aldrich holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Design and Urban and Regional Analysis and a Master of Urban Planning degree with a specialization in Economic Development, both from the University at Buffalo. He previously served as a Planner for Chautauqua County and as a planning development consultant.

**Audubon Morning Nature Walks
on Saturdays, January 2 and 23**



Submitted Photo

In 2021, Audubon Community Nature Center will be offering outdoor nature walks every month, usually on the first and third Saturdays. This could be the scene awaiting you on the January 2 or 23 walk led by an Audubon nature educator.

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**Audubon Community
Nature Center**

Discover what is happening in the natural world in January.

Audubon Community Nature Center invites you to take a hike with an Audubon educator on Saturday, January 2 or 23, 9-10 a.m.

The natural world changes constantly throughout the year.

During 2020, people flocked to both new and familiar outdoor environments. Audubon has been thrilled to see the increasing number of people safely enjoying the outside world and wants to encourage the appreciation of nature to continue in the new year.

In 2021, you can walk with an Audubon educator to discover some of the seasonal changes in the plants, animals, and landscape. At monthly nature walks, usually on the first and third Saturdays, you can learn more about the world around you through the lens of wonder and curiosity and be inspired to continue learning in your own outdoor adventures.

Be sure to dress according to the weather for this outdoor activity that will be canceled if the weather is too severe.

Face coverings are required for all participants ages 3 and up for outdoor programs during which participants cannot maintain 6

feet of distance between family groups. Please have a face covering available.

Participation is \$4 for adults or \$3 for Nature Center members and children ages 3 to 15.

Space is limited and paid reservations are required by two days before each walk. To register, call the Nature Center during open hours at (716) 569-2345 or go to AudubonCNC.org and click on "Register for a Program."

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Premier Precision Machining, LLC (Rand Machine Products, Inc.) Al Tech Loan Approved by CCIDA for Major Expansion



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**County of Chautauqua
Industrial Development
Agency (CCIDA)**

For over 70 years, Rand Machine has been a leading precision machining and component manufacturer, producing quality manufactured CNC components and assemblies for a variety of industries and companies worldwide at their facility on Allen Street in Falconer. In October 2017, Premier Precision Machining, LLC acquired Rand Machine Products, Inc., and since that time have been growing steadily. In order to accomplish their vision of continued expansion, they have improved and reconfigured their current facility, to the extent possible, to increase both capacity and efficiency; however, they have run out of space and need to expand if they are to continue on their growth trajectory.

Since purchasing Rand's assets in 2017 with assistance from the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), the Precision Machining team has transformed the operations to a state-of-the-art facility, while vastly improving the company's culture. Over this same time period, employment at the company has increased from 45 to 126 full time workers, and millions of dollars have been invested in new equipment. Ownership of the company resides with Kurt Grimm (President), Gregory Wales (Vice-President), Harry Greenhouse (Partner), and Peter Tur (Partner).

At their December 15, 2020 Board Meeting, the CCIDA approved a \$382,000 AL Tech Loan to assist Premier Precision Machining, LLC (aka KGPHJ, LLC) in a \$953,837 project to expand their footprint and operations. The

company will expand and improve the facility where it currently operates by constructing a 7,000 sq. ft. building, which will bridge the main manufacturing facility and a 5,000 sq. ft. outbuilding on their property. No other CCIDA incentives were requested or afforded for the project.

Kurt Grimm, President of Premier Precision Inc., stated "I want to personally thank the CCIDA for its continuing support of our efforts at Rand Machine. In particular, Mark Geise and Rich Dixon whom, from our first days in the Jamestown-Falconer area, have made us feel at home and have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their support and concern for our employees, their job security, and have acted in full support of their success."

Rand has a talented, well-seasoned team with decades of experience and a practical approach to difficult problems in CNC (and conventional) machining, CAD/CAM, Mechanical Design/Engineering, Automated Systems Design, Failure Analysis for both Tool & Die, as well as Manufacturing Process Engineering & Development. A majority of their business is related to military applications.

"Rand Machine Products is pleased to be able to grow our operations by investing in our Chautauqua County facility," stated Kurt Grimm, Vice President at Premier Precision, Inc. "Over the past three years we have experienced exponential growth, in no small part due to the unwavering support of the CCIDA. We believe in Chautauqua County and the spirit of the community. All of our employees, from the Director level down, are top notch talent that would be tough to beat in any

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6. What do they call Santa Claus in Italy?
7. What do Swedish children leave for Santa Claus?
7. Which U.S. state has a town called Santa Claus?
8. On what street did Santa's miracle take place?
9. Where was Mommy when she kissed Santa Claus?
10. Where is the wreaths across America Museum located?



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Surprising Hope for 2021

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needing work, needing training, and needing funding for it. We also had open jobs that need workers. So how do we tie all these programs and databases together?"

Goodell and a dedicated team of state and local legislators and agency leaders plan to link Chautauqua County and Albany in their mission to streamline what already exists. They will link all the pieces together into a single system that is fast, easy, and direct. "As we come out of the pandemic, we will maximize the ability of people in Chautauqua County to get jobs and maximize the ability of companies in Chautauqua County to find qualified and well-trained workers."

"The side benefit," Goodell says, "is that the more people are working, the stronger our local economy, and the lower the tax burden to everyone else. A win-win."

"As we emerge from the pandemic in the next few months," Goodell said, "I anticipate the Chautauqua County economy to rebounding as the vaccine becomes more widely available and as federal stimulus checks end. So, we want to meet that higher need by maximizing the opportunity."

In this way, the pandemic has transformed a system that might have evolved slowly into an immediate priority.

Law Enforcement

Public and Police Rebuild. The pandemic has paradoxically reawakened citizens to work that local police have always taken great pride in. Local citizens are rediscovering that community police can be compassionate partners, according to Jamestown's Mayor Eddie Sundquist. Police calls are categorized as they come in. During the pandemic, "Check on wellbeing" requests are now among the most common.

"Neighbors around here care about their neighbors," Sundquist told the Gazette, "and local police perform a vital role in that." As the police work more closely with the public in meeting compassionate needs, that new appreciation is expected to strengthen the partnership and help meet the challenges yet to come in 2021.

"Police are forging more robust community support networks," Sundquist added. They are more active than ever with mobile crisis units, mental health services, missions, shelters, and healthcare. They always cooperated, but the worldwide health crisis has spurred new levels of cooperation and networking sure to last far longer than Covid.

Medicine

The Doctor Is In. The technology has been available for a long time for a quantum leap forward in medicine. According to Kelly McDonald, Division Administrator at Great Lakes Physician Practice, however, Covid forced doctors and insurance companies to collaborate—almost overnight—and use that technology to create new ways to deliver healthcare.

"All of our primary care physicians are offering tele-visits now," McDonald said. "and on some days more than ten percent of our visits are via video. It's been that way since April. Few physicians and patients say video-visits are ideal. Face-to-face is better when it is possible," she added, "but patients with disabilities, some too sick and confined to bed, or too far away to travel safely or affordably, can now see their doctor whenever they need to."

Telemedicine has almost resurrected the "doctor's house call." It's a case of doing old things in new ways, surprisingly brought back by the pandemic.

Telemedicine is also especially positive for people who are symptomatic and shouldn't travel at all. The future in which medical care anywhere and any time has apparently arrived much sooner than expected.

Patients and physicians are now also much more comfortable using a patient portal system online. Answers to important questions without an office visit, and pharmacy renewals with fewer med errors are also helping patients become more comfortable with technology.

In medicine, the pandemic may have brought the future to 2021.

Education

Innovation Beyond the Classroom. Kevin Whitaker, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools in Jamestown, told the Gazette, "I think that one of the things that has developed out of the tremendous work that the teaching staff has done has been the ability to think about different ways to teach the curriculum."

"Developing opportunities for students to explore on their own has in some ways changed what 'class' looks like, offering creative and unique ways to learn and to demonstrate new knowledge and skills."

"Another thing that I think has developed as a result of COVID," Whitaker added, "is our ability to serve the members of our community who struggle with procuring food, and in some cases, supplies and clothing as well. We are still developing new ways to support families in need, including a recent project to put together supplies and groceries for the holiday break time so that families will not go without during this season."

Because of the pandemic future classrooms will probably expand beyond their four walls more than ever before, and will continue to reach beyond academics to address a student's entire wellbeing.

The future of education has been changed. Resilience and creativity are poised to make important advances.

Non-Profits

Reaching the World. A wide variety of important civic organizations, from churches to non-profit associations, and community service groups have suffered drastic losses in attendance, outreach, and contributions.

Many churches, for example, immediately transitioned to video presentations of services and events. This is not new technology, but few except mega-churches ever used it. Facing instant closure without a congregation, however, even the smallest churches quickly developed high tech, TV production capabilities and started streaming to their congregations.

But a remarkable surprise was in store. Pastor Mark Hinman at Jamestown's Hillcrest Church, for instance, found his congregation expanded to hundreds more than had ever filled its sanctuary. Many were members who moved away years or decades ago and some were strangers quarantined alone and surfing the web for company or solace. Online donations have in some cases also exceeded previous norms.

A similar surprise was also in store for the Martz-Kohl Observatory in Frewsburg, New York, and its president, Gary Nelson. Members and guests were suddenly unable to attend events, hear guest speakers, or even look at stars through the observatory's telescopes. That also limited visitor contributions.

Transition to interactive Zoom meetings and events quickly returned

attendance, participation, and contributions back toward normal, but with a similar advantage experienced by churches. Attendance soon expanded to include online guests from across the United States.

The Prendergast Library in Jamestown was also quick to adapt to the Covid mandates, according to board of trustees president, Joni Blackman. Virtual Programs online in the fall of 2020 furthered the library's plan to move new services beyond its walls. Other programs, like Facebook Live Storytimes are recorded in the library's children's room to help young readers stay in touch with Prendergast.

Blackman also told the Gazette about a novel way they now support Jamestown school system's remote learning programs. After noticing students sitting on the library lawns, librarians discovered that students without Wi-Fi service at home were using the library's signal as it extended beyond the building. As a result, hours were changed to accommodate those students.

The pandemic increased student use of the city's outstanding library and increased the library's service to the community.

The Hybrid Advantage

As the pandemic recedes, in-person attendance and participation will come back, but distant guests will be lost unless tele-conferencing continues.

So, many churches, civic organizations, and others are planning to continue building their outreach with "Hybrid" attendance—in-person and by video with two-way communication. It's almost like being there when being there is too far away.

These remarkable new ways to operate were beyond imagination less than a year ago. Technology now makes outreach a worldwide adventure into an expanding universe.

Silver Linings in a Dark Cloud

None of the innovations of 2020 can make up for the tragic losses to Covid-19 in local communities, across the United States, or around the world. Any such suggestion would be wrong.

But the resilience and genius prompted by the crisis may offer the best chance we will have for some silver linings to take into 2021.

The Jamestown Gazette wishes all of our readers a blessed 2020 holiday season and a safe and prosperous 2021, and all the years beyond.



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Hultquist Place Recognizes Hummel as Employee of the Year



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From left: Executive Chef David Bollman, Matt Hummel, and Dietary Supervisor Kayla McCandless, all of Hultquist Place Assisted Living Program at Lutheran.

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Hultquist Place

Employees and residents at the Hultquist Place Assisted Living Program on the Lutheran Campus in Jamestown celebrated National Assisted Living Week in September. The festivities usually include various events for staff and residents, but some modifications needed to be made to keep everyone safe from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). One important part of the week-long event is to award the assisted living program's Employee of the Year.

"We have such a compassionate and dedicated group of people working with our residents every day. This has been an unusual year to say the least, but our staff have moved mountains to help our residents feel safe. One in particular stood out during this difficult and emotional time we've been in," said Kathy Lynch, Administrator of Hultquist Place. "Our Employee of the Year is chosen by our residents and this year they selected Matt Hummel from our Dietary Department," said Lynch.

Hummel has worked at Lutheran for over six years, most of that time working directly with the residents at Lutheran's assisted living program. During the socially distant presentation, Hummel was described as being a caring employee who takes the time to get to know residents personally and steps in when his fellow coworkers need a hand, always delivering a personalized experience to whoever he is with.

During a typical year, the Dietary Department at Hultquist Place serves chef-inspired meals in the dining room (or room-to-room when needed), hosts various meal-time events and activities, and the dietary staff will often jump in and socialize with the residents. This year, the team had to adapt to many new challenges brought on by COVID-19. Hummel was very surprised but excited to win the award given all that has happened and changed this year.

"It makes me feel really good to win this award and be recognized for my work, but this year has been a challenge for all of us," said Hummel. "I look at this as a team award rather than an individual award. Our dietary team works together and we win this together," he said.

To learn more about career opportunities at Lutheran, visit www.lutherancareers.org. To learn more about Hultquist Place Assisted Living Program for yourself or a loved one, visit www.lutheran-jamestown.org or call 716-720-9610.

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Area Business Recognized Through Hospitality Business Recognition Program

Webb's Captain's Table Recognized for Demonstrating Exemplary Customer Service and Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Webb's Captain's Table in Mayville, N.Y. was recently recognized for demonstrating exemplary customer service and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This restaurant was recognized during the Chautauqua County Legislature's December 16, 2020 meeting for its proactive efforts to adhere to social distancing, face covering and cleaning requirements to keep its customers safe.

The business received a certificate of recognition from Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel and Legislature Chairman Pierre Chagnon.



"Webb's Captain's Table was selected for its outstanding customer service and dedication to making its customers' safety a top priority," said Andrew Nixon, President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau. "It is wonderful to see this restaurant continuing to provide a safe dining in and takeout experience for customers, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic."

"This restaurant has gone above and beyond to keep its employees and customers safe," said Bill Ward, Legislator, R-Mayville. "It

has established rigorous safety protocols to ensure cleanliness, proper social distancing, and adherence to mask-wearing requirements."

Webb's Captain's Table was recognized through the Chautauqua County Hospitality Business Recognition Program, which allows the public to nominate tourism or hospitality businesses in Chautauqua County who they believe have done a great job of balancing their customer service and product delivery with customer and employee safety. The program is made possible through the collaboration of Chautauqua County, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, and Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau.

"I congratulate Webb's Captain's Table and its dedicated staff for all of their hard work and exemplary service," said Wendel. "In a time of crisis, this awardee has found ways to persevere by implementing safety protocols that make county residents and visitors feel safe while dining."

The Chautauqua County Hospitality Business Recognition Program will also honor other businesses with this monthly offering. To nominate a tourism or hospitality business in Chautauqua County, please visit <https://www.tourchautauqua.com/about/tourism-resources>.

Southwestern Central Meets the Challenge of Raising Money for UWAYSCC Annual Campaign



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Members of the SWCS Student Council with Amy Rohler, Executive Director of the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

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United Way of Chautauqua County

There is something to be said about "Trojan Tough" and these members of Southwestern Central School's Student Council, along with the faculty and staff, embody this statement in the midst of a pandemic—and in spite of it. Southwestern Central School students and faculty got creative in this challenging year, holding contests, "hat days," "jeans days," – all in service to fundraising for United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's 2020 Campaign. In the end, they raised more than \$5000.

"Our kids are resilient, and our faculty and staff showed up to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in our local community," said Maureen Donahue, Superintendent of SWCS District, "We typically raise most of our donations at football games and we just couldn't do it this year. Our

trojans chose to Rise Up and it really humbles me to know that we were able to make a bigger impact because of the dedication and drive of our team."

If you haven't yet made a gift to United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, now is the time to do it. The goal is \$1.2 million and United Way is 83% to goal, with \$202,717 to raise. Programs include helping students achieve academic success or programs that provide critical mental health services when many are struggling. Help is needed now more than ever. United We Rise.

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The program improves the economic viability, productivity, and competitiveness of small and medium-sized businesses. Matching consulting funds are provided to companies undertaking workforce training, productivity enhancement, lean manufacturing techniques, advanced marketing assistance, certification initiatives, or other consulting services enhancing their administrative or operational capacity.

The program is in partnership with Southern Tier West and the industrial development agencies of Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties.

To qualify for the program a company must employ fewer than 250 workers, agree to the maximum project reimbursement of \$12,500, not use funds for OSHA mandated or other required

safety training, front all costs for later reimbursement, and provide proof of payment to JCC.

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JCC's workforce readiness department offers customized technical, supervisory, lean, and other training and can assist with training proposals.

For more information, contact JCC at WRJamestown@mail.sunyjcc.edu or 716.338.1005 or Jason Eastman at Southern Tier West at 716.945.5301, ext. 2206, jeastman@southerntierwest.org, or visit southerntierwest.org.

COVID-19 Continues to Spread in Community

Looking Forward to the Vaccine

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the federal and state plans evolve.

The County's plan follows the state established phases of priority populations listed here:

Chautauqua County, like most of the state and nation, continues to see more cases of COVID-19 than ever before.

"Long gone are the days when only a handful of cases were reported to us," said Christine Schuyler, County Public Health Director. "The emergency approval of a COVID-19 vaccine has instilled hope in many who desperately need to see a light at the end of this pandemic tunnel."

The vaccination program in the U.S. is being led by the federal government in close conjunction with state governments. The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible and the CDC has new tools in place to increase its ability to rapidly detect any safety issues with the COVID-19 vaccines. To increase the public's confidence in the safety of the vaccine, New York State had a separate panel of experts who also reviewed the scientific data and approved the vaccine's use in NYS.

Because the current supply of COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. is limited, the CDC has recommended, and NYS has concurred, that healthcare personnel working in hospitals and long term care facilities and the residents of long-term care facilities receive vaccinations first. Without healthy staff, hospitals cannot function. Long-term care residents have proven to be the most vulnerable to COVID-19 infection and complications, including death. The federal government has contracted with the pharmacy chains CVS and Walgreens and they are beginning to bring vaccines to long-term care facility staff and residents. Hospitals are receiving vaccine shipments directly and will vaccinate their staff working in patient care settings.

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) is designing and managing all aspects of the vaccine administration program in NYS. The Chautauqua County Health Department has submitted a vaccine plan to the state as is required of all local health departments. The plan continues to be in draft format as the situation is continually changing as

- Phase 1:**
- Healthcare workers and Emergency Medical Services personnel in patient care settings
 - Long-term care facility workers and patients

- Phase 2:**
- First responders (fire, police, National Guard)
 - Teachers/school staff
 - Child care providers
 - Public health workers
 - Essential frontline workers who regularly interact with the public (pharmacists, grocery store workers, transit employees, etc.) or maintain critical infrastructure
 - Other long-term care facility patients and those living in congregate settings
 - Individuals at high risk due to comorbidities and health conditions

- Phase 3:**
- Individuals over 65
 - Individuals under 65 with high-risk comorbidities and health conditions

- Phase 4:**
- All other essential workers

- Phase 5:**
- Healthy adults and children

To reach each priority population, community vaccination efforts will include "PODS" (point of dispensing) clinics located at multiple areas throughout the County. The PODS would be conducted in collaboration with other local healthcare providers. Persons in each phase will be notified through press releases, social media, and community-based organizations who work with them. More information will be released as it becomes available.

"My understanding from state health officials is that the vaccine will be distributed through state designated regional hubs with a large health system in the lead," said Schuyler. "We have not been notified of a specific timeline for when we, as a local health department, will receive any vaccine but expect that it could



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Two Audubon Holiday Kids Camps, Tuesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 31

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Audubon Community Nature Center's Holiday Camp is a great break for kids as well as their families. On Tuesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 31, children ages 4 to 12 can spend most of the day outdoors, having a day of both fun and learning.

Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to take a break from the holiday busyness and come to Audubon Community Nature Center for a day or exploration, fun, and learning.

Audubon is offering two Holiday Camp opportunities, on Tuesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Kids can explore winter habitats, play in the snow, perhaps find a "skating" pond, and visit with their friends. They will learn about nature and all the cool activity that occurs during the snowier months of the year.

Children will be in age groups for all activities, including lunch.

The program is primarily outdoors. Parents are asked to pack extra clothes, mittens, shoes, and outdoor gear, as well as a snack, lunch, water bottle, and a face covering.

Cost for the day is \$40 for ages 4-12 or \$30 for Nature Center member children. Additional siblings receive a \$5 discount.

Audubon requests that children have face coverings with them, but they are not required outdoors or when children are spaced out.

Enrollment is limited. Paid reservations are required by noon the day before each camp. For more information and to register, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org and click on "Register for a Program."

Audubon's Nature Play Care is another opportunity for 4- to 6-year-olds to spend Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday mornings, 8-11:30 a.m., playing outdoors, engaging with nature, and learning about the natural world. Dates still open this month are Wednesday-Friday, December 16-18, and Wednesday-Thursday, December 30-31. For all the details, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org and click on "Register for a Program."

For 6- to 10-year-olds, Audubon also offers The Outdoor Classroom. These morning and/or afternoon sessions on Thursdays OR Fridays have outdoor formal lessons in the morning and free-choice activities in the afternoon. Learn more by going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking on "Register for a Program."

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Make Your Own String Art at Audubon Saturday, January 2, or Wednesday, January 6

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Audubon Community Nature Center

You can create a unique wall decoration using only string, nails and a board.

Audubon Community Nature Center is offering five String Art Make-and-Take opportunities.

The hour-long Make-and-Take times are on Saturday, January 2, 2021, at 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 1:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

For your own string art creation, you can choose from a nature-inspired pattern, doable for beginners. Directions, examples, string, wood, nails and some hammers are provided to complete this retro craft.

You are encouraged to bring a hammer if possible to ensure enough are available. If you have a particular board you want for the base, you may also bring that.

All ages are welcome, though small children will need assistance.

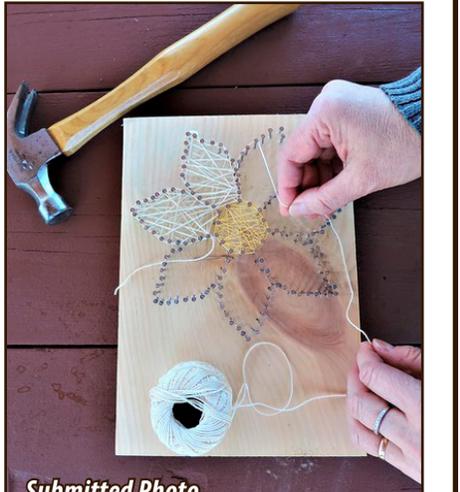
Audubon's COVID-19 safety precautions require face coverings for all visitors ages 3 and up for indoor programs.

The program fee is \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for Nature Center members and children 3-15, and free for those two and under.

Paid reservations are required by Thursday, December 31, for the Saturday sessions and by Monday, December 4, for the Wednesday sessions. You can register by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking on "Register for Upcoming Programs."

Walk-ins may be accepted if there is room; call for availability after the deadlines.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside



Submitted Photo
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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.

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The Everyday Hunter®: 4 Reasons You Should Use a Binocular

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use it, the more attention you'll pay to your surroundings. That's guaranteed to get you more deer. Now do I have your attention?

A pro photographer once told me, "The secret to taking good pictures is this: force yourself to take lots of pictures — the odds are that a few of them will be pretty good." Something similar is true about binos. The secret to binos working for you is to force yourself to use them — a lot.

None of this is meant to imply that the technical details are unimportant. If you're thinking of buying a good bino and want to make an intelligent buying decision, you should definitely bone up on the technical stuff. But

if you already have a binocular, don't wait until you get a better pair. Just start glassing.

When "The Everyday Hunter" isn't hunting, he's thinking about hunting, talking about hunting, dreaming about hunting, writing about hunting, or wishing he were hunting. If you want to tell Steve exactly where your favorite hunting spot is, contact him through his website, www.EverydayHunter.com. He writes for top outdoor magazines, and won the 2015 and 2018 national "Pinnacle Award" for outdoor writing.

COVID-19 Continues to Spread in Community

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be before the year's end to start with vaccination of emergency medical personnel as the priority after hospitals and nursing homes."

On December 14, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order expanding the professions that can vaccinate New Yorkers against COVID-19 to include pharmacists, paramedics, EMTs, and dentists. Per Schuyler, this expansion is essential to having enough staff to vaccinate the broader population, which could be late winter or early spring. The Pfizer vaccine comes with unique storage and distribution challenges as it must be kept at minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit. The vaccine is shipped in dry ice and then must be kept in super cold freezers. The Pfizer vaccine is two doses, given 21 days apart. The Moderna vaccine, once

approved, does not have extreme temperature requirements for storage and has a 30 day shelf life. It also requires two doses, given 28 days apart.

Health officials are eager to get started. People are sick and health care systems and public health workers are overwhelmed.

"While we can see a light at the end of the tunnel, we still have a long way to go," stressed Schuyler. "It's critically important for people to continue to protect themselves and each other. Please wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands, and avoid groups."

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Conservation District Announces Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

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March 12th and the deadline for the remainder of the catalog will be April 1st.

Visit SoilWater.org to download a catalog and order form after January 1st or feel free to call 716-664-2351 Ext. 5 or to email Chaut-Co@soilwater.org to make sure that you are on the District's tree and shrub mailing list. Be sure to specify if you would like to receive a paper catalog in the mail or if you prefer to receive a digital copy by email.

Please be advised that our office located on Fluvanna Avenue is currently closed to the public and that Tree & Shrub orders will be distributed via curb-side pick-up with COVID-19 safety measures in place at our Storage Barn located at 3542 Turner Road in Jamestown, New York on a specified date at the end of April. The exact date will be announced as soon as it is determined.

The District would also like to inform pond owners that Barely Straw Pond Kits that are used to control algae can be purchase prior

to the annual sale, as the kits should be added to the pond as soon as the ice leaves the pond in the spring for optimal results.

Those interested should contact Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District Monday through Friday to schedule a time to pick up their kit. Please be advised that our office is closed to the public and special arrangements will need to be made in advance.

Like and follow Chautauqua County Conservation District on Facebook to receive sale updates and learn more about the District.

Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District is focused on the conservation of soil, water and the natural resources within Chautauqua County. The District upholds this responsibility by synchronizing the efforts of a number of cooperating agencies, concerned businesses, landowners and units of Government in order to implement best management practices that support and promote environmental responsibility.

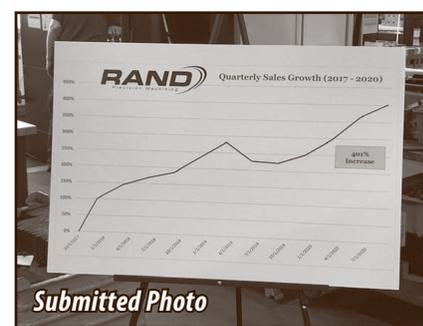
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Other plans underway at the facility include several long term maintenance and operational security projects. In order to be complaint with the operational security requirements as a defense contractor to the U.S. Government, they need to upgrade their security systems, including a new perimeter fence, video and audio surveillance, and reinforced doors.

"I am thrilled that the CCIDA can continue to be part of Rand/Precision Machining's exponential growth cycle, resulting in the creation of a significant number of well-paying jobs," said Mark Geise, CEO of the CCIDA and Deputy County Executive for Economic Development. "They could be the poster child for how to run a company."



Currently, the company is at maximum capacity, and these improvements will facilitate the growth of their company revenues, as well as the creation of at least 50 new jobs over the next two years.

County Executive PJ Wendel said, "Kudos to Rand/Precision Machining, and the CCIDA for assisting them. I recently visited the facility with the CCIDA team and was duly impressed with their operations. I'm glad we could assist them so they can continue to grow and expand, while retaining and creating jobs."for our businesses. For more information, visit www.ccida.com.

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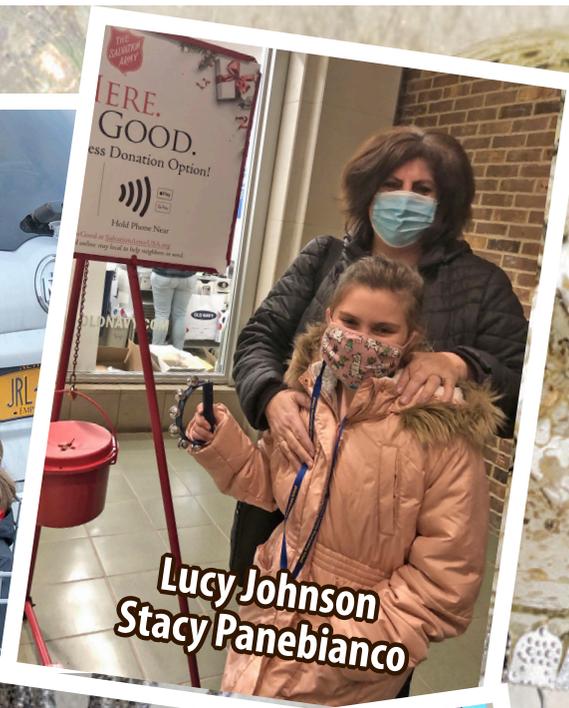
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