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CWC to Hold Snowshoe Hike & Cross-Country Ski at Cassadaga Creek Preserve

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Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy

The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy will be holding a guided, leisurely snowshoe hike & cross-county ski (weather dependent) through its scenic and forested Cassadaga Creek Wetland Preserve on Saturday, January 22nd from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Jamestown Gazette readers are cordially invited by the CWC to join them for this enjoyable and enlightening wintertime outdoor excursion.

The event is free for all CWC members. A $5 suggested donation for individual non-members, or $10 per family, will be appreciated as a contribution to the vital work of conserving and protecting one of the region's most valuable natural resources.

The preserve is located on Bloomer Road, just off County Route 380 between Harvey Road and the South Stockton-Cassadaga Road (County Route 71). For guests familiar with the popular sports of geocaching or wilderness hiking, GPS coordinates for the preserve are 42°14'37.2"N and 79°18'31.0"W. Participants should also note that the preserve is not accessible from the Sinclair Road/Route 60 side.

For personal safety and that of others enjoying this winter outing, attendees are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. RSVPs are required. Please call and introduce yourself by name, number of people attending, phone number, and email address to accept this invitation. Call 716-664-2166 or email to info@chautauquawatershed.org.

The mission of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is to preserve and enhance the water quality, scenic beauty, and ecological health of the lakes, streams, and watersheds of the Chautauqua region.

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Ring Elementary School 3rd Graders Celebrate Dr. King's Legacy

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Jamestown Public Schools

"How was it different when Martin Luther King, Jr. was alive?" asked Ring Elementary School third grade teacher,m Meagan Genco, to her class.

"Everyone was not treated equally because of their skin color," said third grader Miles Baker.

Ms. Genco was conducting a lesson on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She thought it was important that the students understood why they had a day off of school in honor of Dr. King.

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Ring Elementary School third grader, Charlee Stewart, glues a piece of her Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. project during Meagan Genco's class.

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Ring Elementary School third grader, Miles Baker, adds the words he used to describe Dr. Martin Luther KIng, Jr. to his project.

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Jenna Stockwell Awarded Scholarship from Zonta Club

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Zonta Club of Jamestown

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In April 2021, Jenna Stockwell, a senior at Jamestown High School, was awarded the Nell Newton Scholarship from Zonta Club of Jamestown. This $1,000 award is based upon merit and need and is presented to a female student who is furthering her education with the intention of making business her profession.

WHERE IS SHE NOW? Zonta's Award Committee Co-Chair, Cheryl Grey, presenting the award above, reached out to Jenna and here is her update: Jenna is a freshman at Alabama University where she is participating in a work study program with the men's basketball team. She is calculating player statistics and learning how to utilize analytics involved in basketball. Jenna would like to pursue a career in Sports Analytics at both the collegiate and professional levels. In addition to her classwork and assignment with the basketball team, Jenna is finding time to pursue another passion, dance. She joined a hip-hop dance team!

Zonta Club of Jamestown is looking forward to hearing from young women in the class of 2022 in all Chautauqua County school districts and Randolph Central School, as we award scholarships again this year. Please find the application forms for Nell Newton and Mary Bargar scholarships and Zonta International's scholarship, Young Women in Public Affairs, on our website: zontajamestown.org. Questions may be directed to Julie Dudgeon (716) 338-7127 or Cheryl Grey (585)750-2289

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Calhoun Family Scholarship Created for Sherman Students

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The Calhoun Family Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Duncan and Mary Calhoun by their children, Ginny, Duncan and Angus.

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Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

Not only was the small community of Sherman a place for Duncan and Mary Calhoun to raise their family, it was their home.

Duncan, a U.S. Navy veteran, met Mary in her native Scotland while he was stationed in Glasgow. After a whirlwind 8-day romance, the two married and Mary stayed in Scotland for a year while Duncan finished his service. Once discharged, the two returned to Duncan's hometown of Sherman where they spent 40 years building a life filled with love and compassion for others, traits that were ultimately passed down to their children and grandchildren.

"Mom and dad were both so generous and willing to help anyone in need," their son, Duncan, said.

A skilled farmer and mechanic, Duncan worked for Nickerson Farms in Clymer for nearly 20 years. With three young children at home, Mary was a stay at home mom and also helped care for her husband's grandmother who had cancer.

Once their children were out of grade school, Mary became a tutor for local students through a program at SUNY Fredonia. For several years, Mary focused on supporting others on their educational journey, stepping back once her children were in high school and became involved in athletics and band.

"My mom became an avid Wildcats fan while we played sports for Sherman," Duncan recalled. "Even after we graduated, she continued attending games and cheering for the students."

In 2018, during Sherman's varsity basketball game on senior night, the senior class pitched in to personalize a warm-up sweater for Mary and present it to her during the game. On the back it simply stated #1 Fan.

"She truly became Sherman's number one fan," Duncan said. "She attended as many games over the years as she could."

Following the passing of their parents, Duncan in 2017 and Mary in 2021, their children looked for a way to honor their parents' memory, while supporting future Sherman students.

The Calhoun Family Scholarship will be awarded annually to graduating Sherman Central School seniors who were involved in Future Farmers of America, 4-H or will be pursuing a degree in the agricultural field or mechanics. Students involved in the cheerleading program will also be eligible to apply.

"My parents prioritized learning in school and valued learning skilled trades," Duncan explained. "Our goal with this scholarship in their memory is to continue that for the Sherman community for generations to come."

The scholarship is endowed at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Currently, the Foundation administers over 700 endowment funds that support emerging community needs, charitable organizations and local students pursuing higher education. At the end of 2021, the Foundation's asset level was $142.1 million.

To support The Calhoun Family Scholarship Fund, tax deductible donations can be made via credit card by visiting crcfonline.org or by mailing a check to the Foundation's office at 418 Spring Street in Jamestown.

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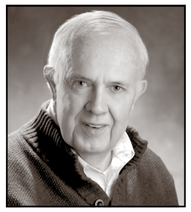

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Walt Pickut

According to a popular online dictionary, the word "Ski" is defined as:

"Each of a pair of long narrow pieces of hard flexible material, typically pointed and turned up at the front, fastened under the feet for gliding over snow."

That sounds like "long wooden shoes" to me. Except for the word "gliding." I used to ski—I've even skied on the Lake Placid slopes, host to the 1980 XII Winter Olympic Winter Games—but that was a long time ago.

Today, gliding would probably mean, at least for me, "an inelegant method of making snow angels to the general amusement of other skiers." But even that can be fun. Beyond that, though, there's really almost nothing more beautiful and thrilling than gliding over freshly-fallen snow on a bracing winter day high up on a mountain top or deep in a forested winter wonderland.

The only thing more beautiful after a day on the slopes or gliding through the woods is warming yourself among friends at a crackling, après-ski fireside.

Generally speaking, then, I recognize three kinds of skiing:

1. Downhill – fast, lithe, and powerful.
2. Cross Country – gracefully athletic, slower-paced, through scenic countryside.
3. Falling Down – The fun part of watching small children and brave adults learn how to glide along any way they can on long wooden shoes.

So, this week your Jamestown Gazette and the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy invite us all out into the scenic, snowy countryside of Chautauqua County for a Cross-Country Ski & Snowshoe Hike through the Cassadaga Creek Wetland Preserve.

This fun outing will offer skiers and snowshoers (short wooden shoers?) a very special, unique privilege rarely appreciated by skiers anywhere in the world—Enlightenment. Winter is not just another season; it is a celebration of our world.

This winter's new-fallen snow will become next spring's fresh, clear streams, next year's pure, clear springs, and all of our future's crystal clean water—if we appreciate and protect that land where the winter's deepest snow falls.

That's why the CWC is inviting us all to join in and just have some fun where the planet's most valuable, life-giving resource begins its long trek into our lives.

Join that trek on your own long (or short) wooden shoes. Austrian-born, Canadian creator of heliskiing, Hans Gmoser, says, "A person should have wings to carry them where their dreams go, but sometimes a pair of skis makes a good substitute."

Join CWC and have a fun—and enlightening—day in the snow. And, of course, as always, enjoy the read right here with your very own copy of the Jamestown Gazette.

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Anna J. Yahn, 90, formerly of Carpenter-Pringle Road, Ashville
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"When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."

Faith Matters

For We Walk by Faith

Contributing Writer

Pastor Shawn Hannon

Hope Lutheran Church, Arcade, NY

We're entering the time of resolution. Covid has hit us through the roof while time management books are flying off the shelves. People everywhere are setting goals to manage their stress, go back to school, or start another job. I myself have a resolution, but I would hardly call it new or identify it with the new year. I want to lose weight and get in shape, and I know I'm not alone.

But there is one problem. I am having a harder time than ever accomplishing my never-ending goal to get in shape. You see, my workout plan has always been quite simple: workout often and hard enough so that I can eat anything I want. I am afraid, however, that this year's supply of Christmas cookies may have something to say about that.

This reality, of course, leads to something that has always been a four-letter word in my book. It may be time to consider my *diet* too. You can get away with eating anything you want for a while, but real health means paying attention to both your diet and your exercise.

So often we look for health answers in workout programs, but return home to half-gallons of ice cream or, in my case, one dozen extra-saucy, steroid-injected, delicious chicken wings. Or, on the other hand, we focus on the South Beach or Paleo-Diets but exercise as little as (or sometimes less than) before. But true health isn't a choice between diet or exercise. **True health means both.**

I see and hear similar things from people when it comes to spirituality. There seems to be two camps of people—those of faith and those of works. The people of faith say, "I believe in a creator," and some are more specific saying, "I believe that Jesus died for me." But, often those same people say, "…but I don't feel the need to go to church to worship, or give my time and money to others." These people are faithful people to be sure, but it is hard to see how it impacts their lives. On the other side of the argument are the people of works. They are folks who long to help those in need, but neglect to see what faith in Jesus has to do with that.

Obviously there is goodness in both groups, but often this dichotomy ends in both sides lifting up their stance and failing to see the bigger picture. **And the bigger picture is**, like physical health needing both diet *and* exercise, **spiritual health needs both faith *and* works**. Leaning on one may work for awhile (maybe even a lifetime), but it is not until we find balance in both that we live into the *fullest measure peace and joy that God wants for our lives.*

2nd Corinthians 5:7 says, "…for we walk by faith…" Those five simple words sum it up nicely. How we live and the things we do must be informed by our faith, and, likewise, our faith is incomplete until it informs our 'walk.' For the best example of this we need only to look to Jesus whose faithfulness led him to the cross. We're saved by both God's faith and God's work, and that's how he calls us to live.

This isn't a matter of salvation. Neither faith, works, or faith and works can merit us God's grace. That's his gift. And thank goodness because, like New Year's resolutions, we will fail at our best attempts to 'walk by faith' far more often than we succeed. But unlike New Year's resolutions, we don't need to wait for January to start again. God's grace comes to us new and calls us to live faithfully every day. So as we live into the new year with our many resolutions, may we not forget this one: **to grow in our faith as we increase our work.**

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.

Chautauqua County Provides At Home COVID-19 Test Kits and KN95 Masks to Local Municipalities

Residents are Encouraged to Contact their Local Representatives to Inquire about their Distribution Efforts

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Office of the Chautauqua County Executive

Chautauqua County is distributing at home COVID-19 test kits and KN95 masks, which it received from New York State, to local municipalities. The local municipalities who requested the test kits and masks will then organize their own distribution efforts to get the items out to their residents.

This effort is part of Chautauqua County's multi-layered approach to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during this period of heightened community transmission. The goal is to get test kits and facemasks out to residents of Chautauqua County in an equitable and efficient manner.

The City of Jamestown will receive 500 test kits, the City of Dunkirk will receive 250 test kits, each town will receive 100 test kits, and each village will receive 50 test kits.

The Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services began delivering the items to local municipalities last week and all municipalities who requested the items will receive their deliveries by the end of this week.

"I thank our mayors and supervisors for stepping up to assist with distributing these masks and test kits across the County," said Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel. "Our goal is to make these items available in areas that are easily accessible to the public and our local municipalities are the perfect partner for this. Some of these supplies may also be helpful for our local municipalities to keep their employees safe and to allow them to continue providing important services to their constituents."

Chautauqua County encourages residents to contact their local municipalities to see if they are participating in this program and to find out more about the distribution planned for their community.

Chautauqua County continues to advise residents to wear masks while in indoor public locations, especially when social distancing is not possible, as part of a multi-layered COVID-19 mitigation strategy. Chautauqua County also strongly recommends frequent hand washing, social distancing, staying home when ill, and being tested for COVID-19.

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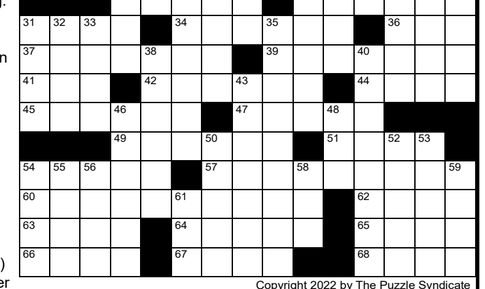

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Children's Book Author to Visit Ellington Library

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Ellington Farman Library

Aaron Measer

Aaron Measer, a local Children's book author born and raised in Western New York, will be visiting Ellington Farman Library on Saturday January 22 from 10:30-11:30am. He will reading his new book "My Day with Grandma" and have copies for sale. As the oldest of ten, Aaron has always understood the great role that stories play in the lives of children and now enjoys bringing his own stories and memories to life on the page. Aaron has a passion for all forms of storytelling and has written screenplays, short stories, and now children's books. "My Day with Grandma" is a beautiful picture book about what happens when a young child spends the day with Grandma. The sweet poem is accompanied by gorgeous, hand-painted illustrations that set this book apart from the rest. Based on the author's fond childhood memories, this book is sure to charm young and old alike. His work can be found on his website aaronmeaser.com and on Amazon. In addition to the story time there will be a simple craft for young children to make.

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Mental Health Association Receives Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation Grant

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation awarded the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County a grant to expand their services at Grace Lutheran Church, 601 Eagle Street in Dunkirk.

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Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County

The Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA) recently received an $11,000 grant from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF).

The grant is to expand and improve MHA services at their Dunkirk location at Grace Lutheran Church, 601 Eagle Street.

The MHA is a peer recovery center offering support groups and individual coaching for people looking to improve their lives, deepen wellness, thrive in recovery or support those on a recovery path.

MHA Executive Director Steven Cobb expressed his appreciation to the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation and its executive director, Diane Hannum.

"The impact of the support from the NCCF will allow the MHA to upgrade the space in Dunkirk," Cobb said. "The upgrades will enable us to provide our recovery services in a space that is welcoming and comforting, with updated technology. This award will allow the MHA to deepen our commitment and raise our presence to support recovery in Northern Chautauqua County"

MHA staff are trained individuals who are in recovery from mental health diagnosis, and most are recovering from substance use disorder. They use their personal stories to help people find recovery in their own lives in their own way.

For those battling addiction, the availability of peer support can mean the difference between overcoming the addiction, relapsing, and possibly even death.

Recovery coaches work with individuals to set self-sufficient goals they wish to accomplish. Those goals may include continuing their education, obtaining and maintaining employment, securing permanent housing, and increasing visitation with or regaining custody of their children. A coach can help with a connection to rehab, treatment, and be a support for recovery.

Hours at the Dunkirk center are Wednesday 12 - 3 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A complete list and description of all Dunkirk groups can be found at MHAChautauqua.org/Dunkirk.

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To learn more about the Mental Health Association, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHAChautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHAChautauqua.

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Remembering Brooklyn Square *with Joan V. Cusimano Lindquist*

Santa Lucia

Contributing Writer

Joan V. Cusimano Lindquist

During the holiday season and well into the New Year, perhaps the more senior Jamestonians among us know of and acknowledge the traditions that were shared by the European immigrant population of the city. The Swedes of northern Europe and the Italians and Sicilians of the Mediterranean often shared culinary traditions of the same foods, but different preparations, that served to preserve the culture and traditions of the Old Country. But many may not know of the legend of Santa Lucia, or Saint Lucy, that both the northern and southern Europeans to this day acknowledge and celebrate.

It took a rereading on my part of one of Tina Mallare's articles that she graciously allowed me to use in my first book, THE LOST NEIGHBORHOOD COLLECTION, to recall that both the city's northern and southern immigrants and their descendants share the history of St. Lucy or Santa Lucia, who is venerated by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Eastern Orthodox churches. Often Tina would call me at night to ask my opinion about a piece of writing she had been working on, and as she read, I was delighted to listen as she gave so much to so many. So here in her own voice and with gratitude on my part are her words about Santa Lucia.

"The Italian Christmas season always began with La Festa di Santa Lucia, a saint that is shared by Italy and Sweden alike. The young maiden lived in Sicily about 300 years after Christ. She had refused to reject her Christian faith and would not comply with the wishes of an immoral nobleman who had been attracted to her beautiful eyes. In punishment, her eyes were plucked out. But, by a miracle they were restored. She spent the rest of her days helping the poor and the sick and bearing gifts to good children. She brought a new understanding of the love of Christ who is the true Light of the World.

The Swedes tell the story that a crew of Nordic sailors on their return trip to Sweden were shipwrecked on the coast of Sicily. While repairing their vessel, they learned of the saint who would light their way back home. The sailors, fearing weather conditions they would face because of their delay, adopted the saint as their patron saint. Saint Lucia is said to have provided them with light on the black, turbulent sea. On arriving safely in Sweden, they recounted the story of the virtuous Santa Lucia to their grateful families. Thus, patronage of Santa Lucia was established.

It is said that in Sweden, the darkness for 24 hours a day during winter months causes people to despair. With the coming of Santa Lucia, new hope in Christ restored them with joy, even in the darkness of winter. It is the Swedish tradition of old that a young girl in each family is appointed to play the part of Lucia, wearing a crown of candles, bringing light and happiness to their family as they faced the bleakness of winter and awaited the birthday of the Redeemer.

The 'Saint Lucy buns' that are baked by Swedes to commemorate her birthday are pressed with two raisins appearing as Lucy's eyes, restored to bring light to the world. Italians celebrated with a Mass in her honor and remembered Santa Lucia by partaking of a small dish of wheat or Cuccia to memorialize her dedication to the poor. The most humorous irony is that for a long time the Swedes and Italians in America celebrated the sainted Lucy on December 15 separately, never realizing, until just recently, that they were honoring the same saint."

As a footnote to Tina's account, it is said that Santa Lucia used the wreath or crown of candles to light her way as she walked to the homes of the destitute, hungry people because her hands were full of the food and drink that she shared with them.

Tina, who passed away on January 12, 2010 at the age of 83, was a prolific author of articles about her life and Italian American heritage in Jamestown, NY. Her work appeared in the Post Journal and four of her articles appeared in my first book. She was a vivacious and energetic woman who loved life and who lived it to its fullest. At the end of her long and wonderfully written article "Christmas Traditions of Italian Immigrants Were Abundant" from which these quoted passages were taken, she recalled the close of Christmas Eve when visitors were sent to sleep on made-up beds on couches and chairs while those who lived close by "trudged off on crunchy snow to their homes" only to return "for the Christmas Day dinner, another feast, the memory of which would keep them for another year."

Like the memories Tina evoked for her readers, my memory of her, sharing her thoughts and words with me, will be one that will keep me—and I hope all of you- "for another year."

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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Receives Four (4) Autographed Buffalo Bills Jersey Donations to begin 'Lexy Hughan Memorial Fund'

Infinity Development Director, Ashley Ordines, and Infinity Office Coordinator, Laura Becker, with Jackson and Moulds jerseys after donation drop offs at the Infinity Center.

Four (4) autographed Buffalo Bills jerseys will be auctioned off on January 27, 2022 to establish 'Lexy Hughan Memorial Fund' at the Infinity Center.

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Infinity Visual & Performing Arts

Longtime Infinity student, Alexis 'Lexy/Lex' Hughan was taken tragically from our community on New Year's Eve in a hit and run incident. Since then, the Jamestown community has come together in a number of ways to support Lexy's family and honor her memory.

A new memorial fund has been created at the Infinity Center to help keep her spirit and love of the arts alive by providing new group classes at the Infinity Center.

If Infinity offered it, Lexy participated. She was actively involved in music, theater, acting, dance, and art. She performed numerous times on Infinity's stage and in the community on piano, ukulele, vocals, and also participated in dance groups, bands, and musical theater opportunities

Infinity was first approached by local community member, Missy Paterniti, to help begin Lexy's Memorial fund. Missy said; "After learning of the tragedy in my hometown and knowing both of Lexy's parents, I wanted to do something special. I reached out to a buddy (owner of Ballgame Heroes in Jamestown, NY) and he didn't hesitate to donate a Josh Allen Jersey. I thought this was perfect since learning how much of a passion this young girl (at the age of 15!) had for Infinity Visual and Performing Arts and what they offer to area students. Her passions were that of an adult. I'm glad this fundraiser was created and I'm glad it's going to help a lot of area students."

Ballgame Heroes, donors of the Josh Allen jersey, added, "Sometimes it unfortunately takes a tragedy to show how tight-knit a small town really can be. When we collectively come together, we can do a lot of good. Ballgame Heroes' thoughts are with Lexy's family."

What began as a Josh Allen autographed jersey raffle, soon turned into a much larger footprint than Infinity expected, with three (3) additional autographed jerseys being donated by community members; Gib Taylor, Exceptional Stars Athletes, and one donor who wished to remain anonymous.

The lineup of Buffalo Bills jerseys now available for Infinity's Lexy Hughan Memorial Fund raffle include; Josh Allen, Zack Moss, Eric Moulds, and Fred Jackson. Each jersey is autographed.

Exceptional Stars Athletes director, Rich Bianco shared, "On behalf of the kids of Exceptional Stars Athletics, we are honored to help support Lexy's Memorial Fund. We feel that music and theater are incredibly valuable to our youth in today's society. It is apparent that music and theater were a huge part of Lexy's life, so we at ESA feel it is important that we support that."

Infinity's Grants and Marketing Coordinator, Stephanie Rogers says, "Lexy was always one to help others; whether it was a new or younger student who needed encouragement or a peer that needed a friend. She made everyone feel welcome. That's really what this memorial fund will be for; creating more classes at the Infinity Center that Lexy would have enjoyed or wanted to see happen at Infinity. And of course, we'll instill those same values of kindness, friendship, encouragement, and confidence building that Lexy embodied into the classes as well."

Infinity's Executive Director Shane Hawkins added, "Lexy's mom Sara is an instructor at Infinity and is also our Site Coordinator, and she will help in the development of classes to ensure they capture Lexy's interests and the spirit behind her personality. We are honored to have been a small piece of her life during her time here with us. Our hearts continue to go out to Sara, Jeff, and Lexy's family and friends at this time."

Raffle tickets are $20 each and are available through January 26, 2022 at Ballgame Heroes in Jamestown, NY, Sneakers Bar in Jamestown, NY, the Infinity Center in Jamestown, NY or online at www.infinityperformingarts.org/shop. Winner need not be present to win.

Winners will be drawn at Sneaker's Bar on January 27, 2022; which would have been Alexis's 16th birthday.

For more information about Infinity, Lexy's Memorial Fund, or to register for lessons and classes with any of the instructor mentors at Infinity, please visit www.infinityperformingarts.org/register or contact Infinity at 716-664-0991 or info@infinityperformingarts.org. Infinity is currently offering both in-person and virtual learning options.

About Infinity

Infinity is a music and arts education and performing arts center that offers private lessons, group classes, and an array of arts experiences and performance opportunities within five pillars of the arts: music, art, dance, theater, and performance. Infinity offers something for all ages and experience levels. Join us, and Explore, Experience, and Excel in the arts! For more information, call 716-664-0991 or visit www.infinityperformingarts.org.

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Audubon Needs Volunteers for February 5 Snowflake Festival

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Audubon Community Nature Center

Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) is looking for a lot of dedicated volunteers for their 40th annual Snowflake Festival on Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ACNC Public Engagement Specialist Jeff Tome said, "Volunteers are needed for everything from helping with crafts to tending a fire to assisting with outdoor games. There are both indoor and outdoor jobs we need help with to make this long-running tradition a success."

The festival will offer nature hikes, a bonfire with s'mores, demonstrations and activities that might include knitting and weaving, snowshoeing and a mini "skating" rink (if the weather cooperates), making fairy creature friends from natural objects, crafting a walking stick, building nest boxes in the maintenance shop, getting up close and personal with live animals, and more. Food and hot drinks will be served outdoors by 3 C's Catering.

Many of these opportunities to beat the winter doldrums require volunteer assistance. Help is also needed in the kitchen and operating the elevator.

Volunteers will be scheduled in two shifts: 9:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1 – 4 p.m. All receive access to the hospitality room and free admission to the Festival before or after their shifts. COVID-19 preventative measures will be taken, including required face covering while indoors for both event participants and volunteers.

If you are able to help, please contact Audubon Volunteer Coordinator Tina Preston at (716) 569-2345 or tpreston@audubooncnc.org.

For their part in making the Snowflake Festival possible, ACNC thanks this year's event sponsors: Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. and Courier Capital, LLC.

In addition to business sponsors, Audubon Community Partners provide essential support by contributing $2,000 or more. Current Audubon Community Partners include: Curt and Susie Westrom, Bob Frucella's Tax Service, Carnahan-Jackson Foundation, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Holmberg Foundation, Hultquist Foundation, Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, Lenna Foundation, Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Hal and Mary Conarro, Univera Healthcare, and Whirley-Drinkworks!

Submitted Photo

Audubon Community Nature Center's Snowflake Festival on Saturday, February 5, has a variety of fun opportunities both indoors and out. Volunteers, like these overseeing nest box building, are essential to make all these activities possible.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, New York, and Warren, Pennsylvania. Dawn to dusk daily you can hike, snowshoe and cross country ski the six miles of trails, view Liberty, Audubon's non-releasable Bald Eagle, and enjoy the outdoor Nature Play Area, all for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, the 2021 Nature Photography Contest winners, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Nature Center members enjoy free building admission daily, and building admission is free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members as well.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org. All visitors, volunteers, and staff are required to wear face coverings while inside the building; any updates to these requirements can be found at the COVID-19 Notice on that webpage.

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.

Interesting Facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Article by

Metro Creative Connection

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Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the most influential figures of the 21st century. King's tireless activism during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s improved the lives of millions of people, and his tragic assassination on April 4, 1968, marked one of the darkest days in American history.

King's oratory prowess is well-documented. Individuals across the globe are familiar with his "I Have a Dream" speech, which King delivered during the March on Washington less than a year before his death. Less familiar are some other notable facts about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

- If he were alive today, Martin Luther King, Jr. would still be years away from his 100th birthday. King was assassinated in 1968, when he was not yet 40 years old. Born in Atlanta in 1929, King could very much still be alive today and would have celebrated his 93rd birthday on January 15, 2022.
- King was an extraordinarily gifted student. At an age when many students were preparing to enter their sophomore or junior year of high school, King began his freshman year of college at Morehouse College. King enrolled at Morehouse when he was 15 after the school opened enrollment to junior high students in an effort to overcome a dip in enrollment related to World War II. King passed the entrance exam and enrolled in the fall of 1944.
- King was ordained as a minister prior to graduating from Morehouse. The Baptist ministry was something of a family business for the Kings, as Martin Luther King Jr.'s father, grandfather and great grandfather were all Baptist ministers. However, King did not initially intend to follow that path. He ultimately changed course and entered the ministry at age 18, graduating from Morehouse with a degree in sociology a year later.
- King survived a knife attack years before his assassination. King was stabbed in the chest with a letter opener during a book signing event in Harlem in 1958. His assailant, Izola Curry, was ultimately deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial. Though the attack did not kill him, King had to undergo intensive emergency surgery and was hospitalized for several weeks.
- Conspiracy theories surround King's assassination. King's assassin, James Earl Ray, was found guilty and sentenced to 99 years in prison. Authorities, including the United States Department of Justice, concluded Ray, a career criminal, acted alone. However, some, including surviving members of King's family, believed his assassination was part of a conspiracy.

Despite his tragic assassination in 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. left his mark on the world. That legacy is even more remarkable when considering the unique twists and turns King's life took prior to his death.

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6. The Empire State Building is named after the nickname of which state in which it is located?
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8. Monument Valley borders two states; in which two states can one find this spectacular valley?
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Art Show Raises $2,300 for Urban Forestry Fund

Dan Stone, City of Jamestown parks manager and arborist; Leslie Calimeri, Chautauqua Art Gallery owner and artist; Tory Irgang, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation executive director; and Doug Hoisington, retired City of Jamestown arborist and Urban Forestry Fund founder, pose with Calimeri's artwork that inspired an art show dedicated to the Third Street Oak trees.

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Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

Nearly a dozen artists inspired by the Cathedral Oaks that once lined Third Street in the City of Jamestown have donated proceeds from their sold artwork to support Jamestown's urban forest.

Organizers of the Third Street Oak Trees Art Show donated $2,341 to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for its Urban Forestry Fund to be used for the planning and caring of trees throughout the city.

The art show was sponsored by the Community Foundation and Chautauqua Art Gallery. Artists who sold pieces to support the fund include,

According to Leslie Calimeri, Chautauqua Art Gallery owner and artist, of the 40 original pieces of artwork, half were sold during the online exhibit that ran through Jan. 1.

"This art show was a great opportunity to talk to people about the trees," Calimeri said. "The oaks were a really unifying part of our community and it was incredible to see how people came together to support the future of our city's trees."

Artists who sold pieces to support the fund include, Calimeri, Cathy Panebianco, Cynthia Norton, Deb Eck, Kate Caswell, Missy Paterniti, Molly Strong, Susan Simmons and Wendy Bale.

In addition to connecting with local artists and admirers of the oaks, Calimeri had the unique opportunity to work with the City of Jamestown Parks Recreation and Conservation Department to better understand the work being done throughout the city.

"The impact of the show has just been incredible," said Dan Stone, City of Jamestown parks manager and arborist. "The dollars that were raised through the art show will ultimately help the city's tree program and our continued efforts in being recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation."

For 40 years, the City of Jamestown has been named a Tree City USA, a program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Stone says the city is currently going through the process of applying for a Growth Award from the Foundation which recognizes major milestones, high levels of tree care and community engagement that build sustainable community forest programs over the long term.

"Our longstanding partnership with the Community Foundation has been an instrumental piece of our program's success," Stone said. "Both through its Fund for the Region and Urban Forestry Fund."

About the Urban Forestry Fund

The Urban Forestry Fund was established in 1992 by then city arborist Doug Hoisington to ensure there were dollars available each year to plant and maintain trees throughout the City of Jamestown's streets and parks.

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SUNY Fredonia English Students Create Stefan Zweig Digital Humanities Projects

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SUNY Fredonia

Stefan Zweig

Two new digital humanities projects created by State University of New York at Fredonia students were launched recently on the Reed Library website to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the birth of author Stefan Zweig.

The projects were produced for the ENGL 399 Digital Humanities: Stefan Zweig course and utilized physical and digitized primary source materials from SUNY Fredonia's own Stefan Zweig Collection, as well as materials from the Stefan Zweig Digital Project, in their creation.

The first project, "Stefan Zweig and the Legacy of Letter from an Unknown Woman," was created by Olivia Frazer, a junior English major from Franklin, Ind., and focused on Mr. Zweig's relationship with the film industry, the licensing of his works for film adaptation and the success of his most-adapted work, "Letter from an Unknown Woman."

The second project, "Zweig in America: The 1939 Lecture Tour," was created by Ashley Halm, a junior majoring in Theatre Arts and English from Painted Post, and Devin White, a sophomore English Education major from Fillmore, and used video narration with an enriched digital map to trace the lecture tour that Zweig traveled during his 1939 visit to the United States to present his lectures, "The History of Tomorrow" and "The Secret of Artistic Creation."

The projects, placed on the Virtual Exhibits page of the Reed Library Special Collections & Archives Division website, will remain available for public viewing permanently as a fixture of the Student-Created Projects section of the Virtual Exhibits page at https://fredonia.libguides.com/c.php?g=968870&p=7921708

More information about the Stefan Zweig Digital Project can be found online at https://www.stefanzweig.digital/archive/objects/context:szd/methods/sdef:Context/get?locale=en&mode=

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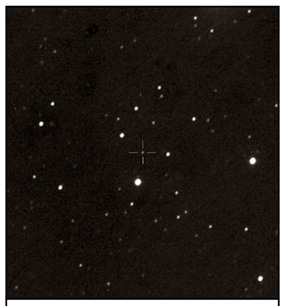

Asteroid Martz-Kohl taken through Martz 24" Cassegrain Telescope on 12-12-2021

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Martz-Kohl Observatory Board of Directors

A minor planet previously known as 1995 SX48 IAU has been renamed Asteroid (69406) Martz-Kohl. It was first imaged on September 29, 1995 by Carl Hergenrother at Steward Observatory Catalina Station Arizona. The name honors the founders and volunteers at the Martz-Kohl Observatory whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire the general public and supports teaching of astronomy. In 1958, Marshal Martz hand-built one of the largest-ever amateur telescopes and dome, later expanded by Dr. Ronald Kohl's gift of his telescope and dome.

The first image of Asteroid Martz-Kohl by the observatory was taken on the morning of September 30th, 2021, 26 years after the official discovery.

Duck!

In a related story just released by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, a huge asteroid known as 7482 (1994 PC1) will give Planet Earth a near miss this week, safely whizzing by on Tuesday, January 18 at 4:51 p.m. EST. The 3,400-foot asteroid will zoom by at five lunar distances, its closest approach for the next 200 years, at a top speed of nearly 12 miles per second. Fortunately, Planet Earth is a very small target in a very large solar system.

Discoverer to Speak

On Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m., the discoverer of Asteroid Martz-Kohl will make a return engagement to the observatory to speak on Observing Comets. Comets live in the deepest reaches of outer space. Some of them visit Earth's neighborhood only once in one's lifetime, or even only once in a thousand years or more. Hunting them makes the proverbial needle in a haystack seem easier to find. Yet, Carl Hergenrother has discovered four never-before-seen comets and a more than a dozen asteroids. Some of the more interesting comets discovered in recent years will be presented as well as the science contributed by observers with modest backyard equipment.

Carl is the Coordinator of the Comets Section of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers, ALPO, and has just begun a term as Executive Director. Earth, unfortunately, is not entirely safe from bombardment from outer space, but professional astronomers like Carl along with amateur sky watchers around the world, have mounted a deep sky search for potentially deadly invaders on a collision course with Earth.

This Zoom webinar is only available online as the observatory is closed through the month of January. More info: https://martzobservatory.org/zoom. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. It's only through generous public support that MKO can "keep our lights on."

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New Date for Doors Open Jamestown is March 5

Unfortunately, the surge in COVID cases this month has made it impossible for many local attractions to participate in Doors Open Jamestown. As a result, the Jamestown Community Chamber of Commerce is postponing the event until March 5. The six-week delay is expected to provide the time needed for some of the smaller venues to more safely invite groups of guests. Some of the attractions will require pre-registration. A full list of participating attractions will be announced shortly.

Doors Open Jamestown is an opportunity for local residents to be a tourist right here in our hometown as it offers a free day at local museums and attractions. After moving the event to an online only video montage last year, we have determined to hold it in-person this year. Please save the new date: March 5, 2022 from 10am-4pm, and watch for details to be announced for our new text-to-win Doors Open Jamestown contest for that day.

Mayville Winter Festival Seeks Volunteers, Sponsors

The Mayville-Chautauqua Community Chamber of Commerce is busily working on the 2022 Mayville Winter Festival, scheduled for President's Day Weekend, February 18-20 at Lakeside Park. There are still spots available for potential sponsors, vendors, and volunteers.

If you would like to assist in any way with this outstanding local event, please contact Mayville-Chautauqua Community Chamber Coordinator Shannon Biekarck at sbiekarck@chautauquachamber.org.

To stay up to date on the Mayville Winter Festival, watch their page on Facebook or keep an eye on the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce calendar online at www.chautauquachamber.org.

Meteors, Meteorites, Meteoroids, Oh My!

On Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Alexandra Yep will explore the origins, appearances, and compositions of "shooting stars," the brilliant phenomena that have awed and fascinated us for millennia. Learn more about this fascinating presentation and more events at MKO by visiting https://martzobservatory.org/zoom.

Dr. Alexandra Yep

Ring Elementary School 3rd Graders Celebrate Dr. King's Legacy

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"I asked my class if they knew why they had the day off and told them that it was in honor of Dr. King. I was amazed to find out the students did not know who Dr. King was and decided that we needed to do a project to learn more about his influential work. I also wanted the students to understand all that the civil rights movement did to change how we do things today, and that it was not that long ago. Many of their grandparents knew of, or were part of, the movement."

Ms. Genco had her class research information about Dr. King and the civil rights movement by reading different articles including: how he grew up, what segregation looked like in that time period, and how Dr. King and the other civil rights leaders effected change through boycotts and peaceful protests. To make learning "come to life," Ms. Genco's students created flip books that included information the students learned. Students included: words that describe Dr. King, three ways the world was different long ago, three ways our world is different today because of Dr. King, and write their own dreams for the world.

"My words to describe Dr. King are: determined, courageous, diligent, inspiring, responsible, and enthusiastic," said third grader Ryan Rivera Jr. "I think he was amazing because he did the right thing."

The students loved working on the visual project and learned so much about Dr. King's legacy.

"One way it is different today is that we have all different skin colors together in our school," said third grader, Aryana Rodriguez. "Dr. King showed the world that we should love everyone equally."

Art Show Raises $2,300 for Urban Forestry Fund

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Since its initial gifts of $1,190 that first year the fund is currently valued at $97,000.

"Field of Interest funds, like the Urban Forestry Fund, are a great way to bring donors right to the issues that move them," said Tory Irgang, Community Foundation executive director. "We are grateful to those charitably minded individuals, like Doug, who are passionate about specific areas of community life and want to make a lasting impact."

The Foundation administers many Field of Interest funds that also focus on animal welfare, education, youth and healthcare.

"It makes me feel good to see what has been happening," said Hoisington. "Dan has an incredible privilege of planting the trees that will make a lasting impact on future generations."

For those still looking to own a piece of the Third Street Oak trees, various art prints and notecards are available through Calimeri's gallery.

To support The Urban Forestry Fund, tax deductible donations can be made via credit card by visiting crcfonline.org or by mailing a check to the Foundation's office at 418 Spring Street in Jamestown.

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Alzheimer's Association of Western New York

Tens of thousands of individuals are impacted by dementia every day across Western New York, including those living with a diagnosis, their care partners, and their families and friends. The WNY Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association® offers dozens of free education programs focusing on research, healthy living and social activities for those living with the disease as well as support groups to provide opportunities for care partners to support and lean-on others in the same situation. The chapter also offers a number of social programs aimed at eliminating the isolation of those living with dementia. All of these programs are free but rely on crucial support from volunteers.

Adult volunteers from all backgrounds and abilities are encouraged to learn more about the fulfilling volunteer positions offered with the Alzheimer's Association WNY. Among the roles is Advocate. Mary Kruszynski of Clarence Center, who was named the New York State Advocate of the Month in December 2021, joined the chapter as an ambassador one year ago. "I felt it was important to advocate after losing my mom to Alzheimer's disease in 2020. Please consider joining me, so we can celebrate the first survivor of Alzheimer's. I can't do it alone."

Volunteers also help spread awareness of the Chapter and its resources in every community in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties. For additional information, visit volunteer.alz.org or contact Courtney Sipes at CLSipes@alz.org or 716.271.9255.

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