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Dining in the Dark Returns

Contributing Writer

Joni Blackman

Dining in the Dark is CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services' unique experience of eating without seeing. The fundraiser and awareness-building event starts with socializing and cocktails, then each guest is blindfolded and led into the dining room by sighted guides, trained by the CBA staff. The sighted guides are Jamestown Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant students and SUNY Fredonia pre-health club students. They stay with their table of guests and assist them with their meal. The event is on Thursday, April 21 at the beautiful Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, starting at 6 PM.

An eagle catches a fish at last year's Eagle Watch.

The evening is filled with recognition and both a live and silent auction. The CBA Louise Tefft award will be given to long-time supporter and friend Michael Herlong. "Michael is a long-time supporter of the agency. He is a floral designer at the Fresh & Fancy Floral Design Studio owned by his mother Charlotte Herlong. Michael has made use of our services and continues to support us by telling others about our services, advertising the Dining in the Dark event at the shop and even designating CBA for a $10,000 grant from the Small Business Revolution television production in 2020," said Executive Director Joni Blackman, "I asked him to give us his thoughts during our strategic planning session in February, and he was there to give us his perspective, even on Valentine's weekend! For a florist – that's saying something." Ms. Blackman added, "The speakers are the Stone family who has used a number of our services over the years. They are very inspirational."

The silent auction has a variety of

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Eagles in the Air

Contributing Writer

Jean Gomory

The bald eagle became our national symbol in 1782. Since ancient times it has been considered a sign of strength. As many people know, the bald eagle has gone through some rough times. In the late 1800's the United States boasted a population of 100,000 nesting bald eagles. However, the species faced extinction in later years due to hunting and habitat loss. In 1940 Congress passed the Bald Eagle Protection Act, which protected

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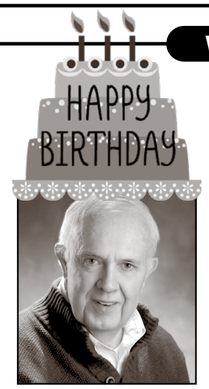

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...US!

Contributing Editor
Walt Pickut

The first issue of your Jamestown Gazette hit the newsstands exactly 11 years ago on 4/11/11. It's our 11th birthday!

That sort of makes it Stacey Hannon's birthday, too. She is, after all, our founder, owner, and publisher—a woman who knew a good idea when she had one—and she's the one who made it all happen.

That makes this my birthday, too, enjoying these last 11 years as editor and meeting hundreds of amazing people doing a thousand great things all across our region—and then introducing them to you, our readers.

And most of all, happy birthday to you, our readers who have let us know that you have enjoyed the read for the last eleven years. And thanks to our advertisers, too—our outstanding local merchants and fine businesses who have made it all possible for 561 weeks (only one holiday week off every year between Christmas and New Year, for readers who are counting).

It takes a clear vision to start a new newspaper, and another vision to keep it going. But there is also…

…Another kind of vision

This week Gazette's guest contributor, Joni Blackman, introduces our readers to Chautauqua Blind Association – Vision Rehabilitation Services, enabling people with visual impairments to be active members of their community, and sharing that vision with the rest of us.

By their work, many eyes are opened to see more of a world full of beauty and adventure. And for those unable to see, they help open their other senses for the fullest, richest experiences of life. Those without eyes need never be without vision. There is much for us to see, much to gain, even through the eyes of the blind.

…A deeper vision

Though not generally known as a theologian, the late Bob Marley once said, "Open your eyes, look within. Are you satisfied with the life you're living?"

This week your Jamestown Gazette also joins with readers who will celebrate Easter with us on Sunday, April 17. It is a day of hope for a richer experience, a vision of renewal, and for that "looking within" that Marley spoke of.

Even Mahatma Gandhi, a devout Hindu, understood the profoundly Christian celebration of Easter, inviting all, people of all faiths, to see the deepest vision when he said, "A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

…and an even farther vision

The human eye can see forever, or at least as far into forever as the stars and the most distant galaxies, especially by peering through a telescope.

Jamestown Gazette readers are invited to visit the Martz-Kohl Observatory in person at 176 Robin Hill Road in Frewsburg, NY, or right at home on a computer for a Zoom Webinar on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The night's speaker, NASA's Dr. Robin Elgart, loves the vision of a dark night sky, but she knows the dangers, too. Astronauts beware! Join in and learn about Space Radiation and the Health Risks for our Astronaut Corps. Learn more here, on page 5.

So, this week, whatever your vision dreams of, and wherever it takes you…

"…the path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get on to it, and the perseverance to follow it."

Kalpana Chawla,
NASA astronaut

Enjoy the read!

Walter W. Pickut
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Jerald Lawrence Weber, 90, of Frewsburg
Peterson Funeral Home

March 29
Robinell J. Grant, 92, of Russell
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home
Charles F. Stormer, Sr., 89, of Randolph
Lind Funeral Home
Peggy "Lynn" Cornell Straus, 64, formaly of Falconer
Falconer Funeral Home

March 30
Shaun B. Carson, Jr., 61, of Sinclairville
Lind Funeral Home
Lucille Edna Erskine, 86, of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home
Lisa L. Heilman, 50, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
Deanna E. John, 77, of Salamanca
VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home
Richard Allen Jones, formerly of South Dayton
Jordan Funeral Home
Janet M. Strong, 89, of Frewsburg
Peterson Funeral Home

March 31
Daniel J. Bauman, 89, of Gerry
Jordan Funeral Home
John F. "Jack" Hayward, 88, of Ashville
Falconer Funeral Home
Nancy Lynne McCool, 61 of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home
Angela L. Nazzaro, 75, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
Aaron Thomas Raimondo, 33, of Jamestown
Falconer Funeral Home

April 1
Cordelia "Cordy" "Babe" (Redeye) Bowen, age 68, of Westfield
Freay Funeral Home
Randy F. Burkholder, 70, of Lakewood, formerly of Clymer
Lind Funeral Home
Judith P. D'Angelo, 77, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
Susie M. Penhollow Zahm, 96, formerly of Gerry
Jordan Funeral Home
Jeanette L. Zurcher, 77, of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

April 2
Ralph T. Christy, 77, of Warren
Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home
Betty L. Przepiora, 99, of Clymer
Lind Funeral Home
Marion L. Roach (nee:Ferry), 92, of Fredonia
Riles & Woolley Funeral Home
Andrea K. Russ, 82, of Sheffield
Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

April 3
Violet E. Bova, 96, formerly of West Ellicott,
Lind Funeral Home
Robert W. Campbell, Sr. (Bob), 62 of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home
Irene S. Lynch, 84, formerly of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
Jerry Phillip Waite, 75, of Warren
Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home

April 4
Daniel T. Davies, 70, of Busti.
Lind Funeral Home

April 5
Sylvia M. Oste, 90, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home
Brian L. "Doc" Swanson, 81, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

"When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."

Faith Matters

Jesus is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Contributing Writer
Pastor Shawn Hannon
Hope Lutheran Church, Arcade, NY

I'm currently in Chicago to talk about faith formation with young people. As I packed my bags in preparation for this meeting one of the hosts reminded me to "bring [my] jacket along! Chicago gave up spring for Lent and it hasn't returned yet." He was right. It's cold!

So what gives? Didn't spring hear? Jesus is risen! He is risen, indeed! Lent is over! That means that 40-day fast from soda or chocolate or facebook or television is done. The time to indulge has returned. At last we can skip the Friday fish fries and return to the way things used to be. Right?

Wrong.

I had a professor in seminary who once said, "If your Lenten discipline doesn't influence your life after those 40 days, you're doing it wrong." I think he was saying we can learn from a city who gave up spring for lent and has (albeit reluctantly) not welcomed its return just yet. Maybe the piety that gets us to the cross on which Jesus died for us on Good Friday ought to follow us in Jesus' resurrection BECAUSE, let's face it, after Easter nothing can ever return to normal.

Lent is a time of repentance and turning back to God. We remember our need for God's mercy and forgiveness. We model our lives after Jesus' own sacrifice and self-giving. But who said we can only do that for 40 days a year?

Jesus is risen! He is risen, indeed! The author of Hebrews wrote, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us throw aside everything that hinders us and the sin that clings so closely. And let us run with perseverance the race that is before us fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (12:1-2). That race before us didn't end with Easter. That was just a check point. May God strengthen each of us to continue running the race each day!

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.

MARTZ-KOHL OBSERVATORY

Astronauts Beware!

Space Travel Can Be Dangerous

Contributing Writer
Walter W. Pickut
Martz-Kohl Observatory Board of Directors

"Danger, Will Robinson!" It's one of those phrases that television gave the English language—and it never went away. It came from the 1960s television series "Lost in Space." The Robinson Family's robot, a kind of mechanical Nanny-bot, says it to young Will Robinson every time the boy bungles himself, unaware, into impending danger.

But, actually, today's real astronauts have discovered that space really is dangerous. It's not the ride into space—rockets are as reliable as taxis now. And it's not meteors shooting through space, either. It's just being there, sitting around on a space station, that might be the most dangerous. It's the radiation that can kill you, give you heart disease, or even cancer years later.

Come to the Martz-Kohl Observatory Wednesday to attend in person on the evening of April 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., meet Robin virtually on our big screen, and join in our always lively Q&A after her talk. Later, if the weather cooperates, we offer tours and viewing opportunities through the big telescopes. Friends from far away are also invited to join and interact by Zoom. Simply go to our website, www.martzobservatory.org, and click on Dr. Robin Elgart's picture, scroll down to the **One Click Link**, and you've got a front row seat!
The title of her talk, a return engagement by this good friend of MKO, will be "Space Radiation: Health Risks for the Astronaut Corps."

As the daughter of two biologists, Robin grew up in an environment made for a budding scientist. "As a kid, I learned about pollination and plant biology in our veggie garden, tried to dig up dinosaur bones in the backyard, and practiced how to craft evidence-based arguments over dinner table discussions," Elgart recalled. She took this love of science to college and graduate school, earning her Ph.D. in biomedical physics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Annual Valentine's Day Scramble Word Contest Winner Announced

Kathy Burch, 2022 Scrambled Valentines Contest Winner

Contributing Writer
Linda Kent

Kathy Burch was our Scrambled Valentine's Contest winner this year. She was excited to accept her prize when the Gazette stopped by to deliver it to her. The basket was filled with special gifts from several local vendors.

Kathy enjoys doing word games, so the word scramble was just her thing. When asked about her luck in winning, she remarked that she and her son are always fairly lucky. So much so, that when entering contests, her husband usually puts her name on the forms.

She explains she likes reading the Gazette and does so every week. Kathy especially likes the recipes. She thinks the Gazette has wonderful local articles and is a great asset for around town.

Kathy lives in Frewsburg with her husband. She has two grown sons. Kyle lives in Utica and Lucas lives in Ellington Her hobbies are quilting and doing cross stitch. Best of all, she loves to spend time outdoors. A great deal of her time is spent on their acreage in Onoville, which they very much enjoy.

After graduating from Frewsburg High School, Kathy attended JCC. From there she graduated from Houghton College with a Business Administrative degree. In the past she has worked for the Chautauqua Health Network as the Health Administrator. She has also worked at the Red Cross for an amazing 26 years with her last position being the Chief Operating Officer. Kathy is currently working as the Chief Financial Officer of the Gebbie Foundation located at 215 Cherry Street, Jamestown. She is also active in her community as well. She is a Town Board member in South Valley and is active in the Jamestown Rotary.

A big thank you to all who participated in our Scrambled Valentine's Contest this year. Both to our contestants and to our local vendors who contributed to the gift basket.

The Jamestown Gazette would like to thank the following businesses for their participation in our annual

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Heritage Awarded Grant to Benefit Residents

Gayle Williams displays new shavers for residents in need made possible by a grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

Article Contributed by

Heritage Ministries

Lisa Haglund, Heritage Ministries President and CEO shared that Heritage Ministries was awarded a grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) to assist the non-profit organization with the purchase of electric shavers for residents in need in their skilled nursing communities.

"Heritage is blessed to have partners such at the CRCF who have come alongside us as we care for our greatest generation, our seniors. Their generosity assists Heritage and our mission to promote Hope, Dignity, and Purposeful Living for all those we serve. We are truly grateful for their support," she said.

Haglund shared that Gayle Williams, a COTA/CNA at Heritage, was instrumental in initiating the grant.

"We are so thankful for dedicated employees like Gayle. Her compassion for her residents, and her creativity in identifying key ways we can continue to provide life enriching opportunities in our skilled nursing communities was key in bringing this grant opportunity to the forefront."

Heritage Ministries was founded in 1886 and has grown from its original campus in Gerry, NY, to six locations in New York with additional affiliations across the United States. As a not-for-profit provider of senior care and housing, Heritage is a leader in the industry, employing approximately 1,500 team members, and serving over 2,500 individuals annually. With locations in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Washington, Heritage and its affiliates provide rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, memory care, independent retirement housing, and assisted living. For more information on Heritage Ministries, please visit www.heritage1886.org.

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Area Teacher Recognized as Historic Woman Icon for Preserving Seneca Language and Culture

Sandy Dowdy

Sandy Dowdy Mosaic

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SUNY Jamestown Community College

A co-founder of the Faithkeepers School, Sandy Dowdy is heavily involved in the day-to-day operations of the Montessori-based school. She has dedicated much of her life to keeping alive Seneca culture, language, and history by teaching young people.

Dowdy's determination to preserve her heritage was recognized during the Women's Empowerment Draft in which SUNY Jamestown Community College participated in March. Of the 31 historic female icons honored in the New York statewide Women's History Month tribute, Dowdy is one of two still living.

Dowdy's drive can be traced back to her first day of kindergarten at the Thomas Indian School in Irving, N.Y. in Erie County. In an interview with the Buffalo News in 2001, she said it was "the first worst day of my life," adding: "You had to speak English, which I didn't know coming from a home where we spoke only Seneca, or you faced punishment along with ridicule."

Over a more than a 100-year stretch that started with the introduction of Indian boarding schools in the 1850s, federal and local policies discouraged or did away with Indian languages in Native schools throughout the United States.

Dowdy and her late husband, Lehman "Dar" Dowdy, fought back in 1998 by creating the Faithkeepers School in Steamburg, N.Y. on the Allegany Reservation. At the time fewer than 200 of 7,000 registered Senecas could speak their language.

Dowdy, a Salamanca native who grew up on the Cattaraugus Reservation and later attended JCC, left her full-time teaching job at Salamanca High School for one that paid nothing. The Dowdys began the school in their home and later moved to the community center in Steamburg. By 2001, they had settled into their current building, a new cedar structure modeled after a longhouse. They raised funds to construct it on land granted by the Seneca Nation Tribal Council.

At the school, children learn to speak their native Seneca language, engage in Longhouse ceremonies, and carry on community traditions.

"She is an educator for one thing, but above all she has devoted her life to preserving the language," said Rachael Wolfe, Dowdy's granddaughter. "She developed the school with the idea that young children learn language the fastest, and with the hopes to build lifelong language learners."

As one of 26 New York colleges that partnered with primary and secondary schools for the Women's Empowerment project, students from JCC worked with peers from Salamanca City Central School District to create a mosaic painting of Dowdy on March 9 in the college's Cattaraugus County Campus Student Union.

A dozen from Salamanca participated, including Wolfe, the high school's Seneca language teacher.

Additionally, Dowdy's great-granddaughters and Salamanca

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BPU Yard Waste Site to Open Saturdays for the Season on April 9

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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Yard Waste Site for residential Solid Waste customers opens Saturday, April 9, for the 2022 season.

Hours of the Yard Waste Site this year are as follows: 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturdays, April 9, through November 12; and 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesdays, effective May 4 through September 28. The Site is located at 1001 Monroe Street at the dead end of Monroe Street, off Eighth Street.

The Yard Waste Site is restricted to use by BPU Solid Waste residential customers only, as it is their garbage/recycling rate that pays for Site operations.

BPU Solid Waste customers who want to enter the Site must display a mint green-colored 2021-22 BPU Yard Waste Site sticker on the rear driver side window of the vehicle. The window stickers are free-of-charge to BPU Solid Waste residential customers; however, only one sticker is provided for each customer account. Stickers from last season are to be used again in 2022.

The window stickers are available at BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, open from 9 a.m – 4 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays. Contractors will not be permitted to use the site.

Use of the window stickers allows BPU employees who staff the Site to identify BPU Solid Waste residential customers and assures that non-BPU Solid Waste customers do not use the Site.

At the Site, customers may discard leaves, grass clippings, mulch, plants/shrubs/bushes; tree parts and brush up to eight inches in diameter.

Metals, sod, concrete, rocks, dirt, lumber/wood, tires, drywall and other construction materials are not accepted.

For more information, BPU customers may call the Garbage Hotline at 716-661-1651.

County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to Meet

Article Contributed by

Office of the Chautauqua County Executive

The Chautauqua County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will be holding a meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The meeting will be held in Room 331 at the Gerace Office Building, 3 North Erie Street, Mayville, N.Y.

If you should have questions regarding this meeting, please contact Lauren Sharp at the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development at sharpl@chqgov.com .

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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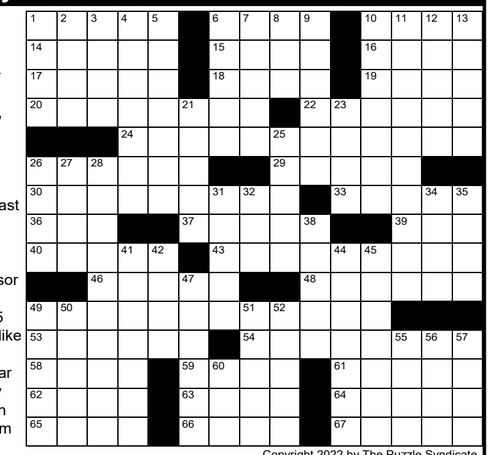
The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke



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ACROSS

1 "Under the weather", e.g.
6 Get ready, for short
10 Company car, maybe
14 Hitchcock's Mrs. Bates
15 Contact, e.g.
16 Place for a roast
17 Mr. Eastwood
18 Capp of the comics
19 CD predecessor
20 Be indecisive
22 Famous No. 5
24 Unsportsmanlike
26 Laughable
29 Fancy footwear
30 French eatery
33 Model stick-on
36 "One" anagram
37 Quarters
39 WNW's opposite
40 Cocktail garnish
43 Pulmonary problem
46 Brownish-gray
48 Catch some rays
49 Cathedral window art
53 Like nobles
54 Nitwit
58 Spicy stew
59 Astronaut Bean
61 Roping venue
62 Nostril wrinkler
63 Minnelli of "Cabaret"
64 Specialized slang
65 Farm enclosures
66 Fortune teller
67 Ferris Bueller's peers

DOWN

1 Short distance
2 Parcel (out)
3 Eye part
4 Collected works
5 90's sitcom, "Family ____"
6 "The Republic" writer
7 Avoid cancellation
8 Conclusion
9 Freud topic
10 Fit to drink
11 Fleeting
12 Ward off
13 Posed to propose
21 Birch relative
23 Consideration
25 Kind of park
26 Look out for, say
27 Sweat site
28 Hygienic disposal of waste
31 Snared, as a steer
32 Charged bit
34 Atlas section
35 Like Sprat's cuisine
38 Black-eyed ____
41 Popeye and Bluto
42 Fiddle with a fiddle
44 Aquatic rodent
45 Like some breezes
47 Bicycle pair
49 Sitting spot
50 Squiggle over an "n"
51 Pottery finish
52 Type of eclipse
55 Border
56 2005 film, "____ Flux"
57 Polka followers
60 Deception

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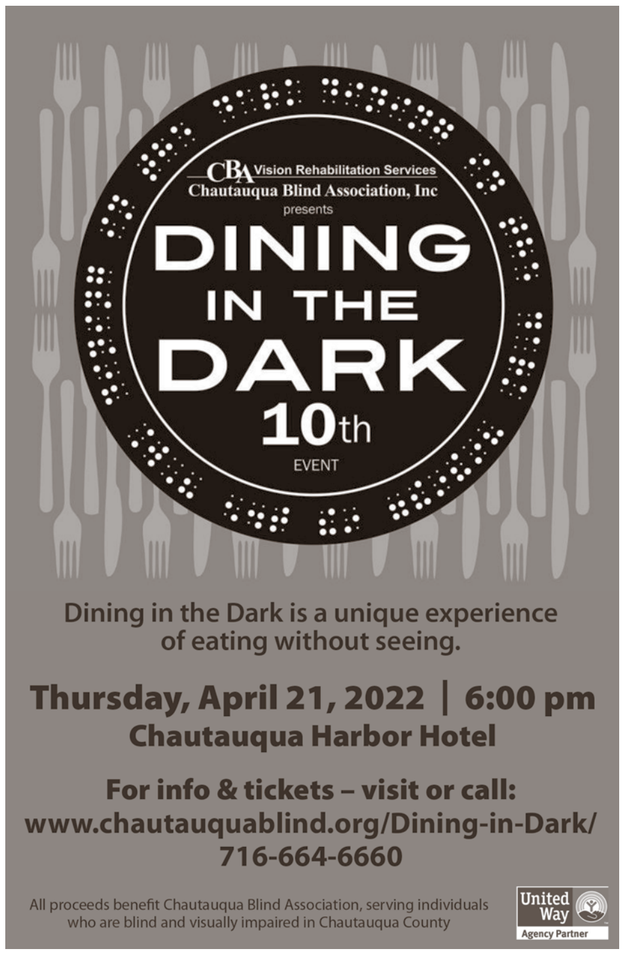

Chautauqua Blind Association presents Dining in the Dark

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themed baskets for guests to bid on: from local wine and brewery baskets to yard games, books & tea, dog and cat baskets, handmade furniture and local artworks. "We are accepting donations up through April 18th", said Blackman.

The live auction has a group of Buffalo Bills memorabilia; signed helmets, a signed jersey and a signed football. There is also a beautiful handmade live edge wood bench, wine rack, wall hanger and end table. There will also be a large painting by a local artist who is vision impaired.

The event's sponsors are UPMC Chautauqua, Wegmans, Stone Audiology, Stone Plumbing, ICYY INK, Ahlstrom Schaeffer Electric Corporation, Weber-Knapp, Chautauqua Eye Care, Fresh & Fancy Floral Design, Chautauqua Chemical, The Resource Center, Spectrum Eye Care, David Snow State Farm, Hansen Financial Group, STEL, Lind Funeral Home, Allied Alarm, Lawley/Rhoe B. Henderson Insurance, and Cattaraugus County Bank.

Guests can enjoy a delicious 3-course meal of their choosing by making their reservations at www.chautauquablind.org/Dining-in-the-Dark/ or by calling 716-664-6660. Tickets are $65 each and reservations are due by April 11. All proceeds support the Youth Vision Screening Program which screens over 4,000 children, aged 3-6 years old, every year for early childhood eye disorders. CBA's mission is to enable visually impaired people to be active members of their community and to provide education and services to prevent vision loss. YOU can help us fulfill our mission.

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CCDMH Attends Mental Health Conversations Week at Westfield Academy and Central School

Carri Raynor Project Coordinator, Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County.

Article Contributed by

Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene

Normalizing mental health conversations is a top priority for the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene (CCDMH). Working in partnership with the Chautauqua Tapestry Resilience Initiative and the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County, Carri Raynor, Christina Breen and Rachel Ludwig presented mental health, suicide prevention, and self-care information to over 100 students in grades 6 through 12 at Westfield Academy and Central School.

Jake Hitchcock, Dean of Students and Health Education teacher at Westfield Academy and Central School approached CCDMH. Through Hitchcock's role in the school he said, "I have noticed an increased need for a more in-depth discussion on mental health in general. I had reached out to CCDMH to come into my classes to share their knowledge on this topic in hopes of providing additional resources and opening some additional doors for my students to access if needed, and I believe this was accomplished."

The programming provided by CCDMH focused on normalizing mental health challenges, stress management, providing strategies on stress management, and exploring ways, we can better navigate big emotions such as depression, anxiety, and anger. Christina Breen, Mental Health Trainer and Coordinator said, "It is vital to tell stories and share experiences. For young people, they tend to feel things in big ways, and those experiences when we are younger are valid; they ARE big. We want to shift the conversation to exploring ways to get through those big things. We also want young people to know that they are not alone. To know that many of us of have gone through similar experiences and have made it through. We have to provide practical solutions along with hope."

According the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death in young people ages 10 - 34. There are many reasons young people find it difficult to reach out; social stigma and lack of knowledge around resources are often the biggest barriers.

Carri Raynor, Mental Health Trainer and Coordinator of the Suicide Prevention Alliance said, "We should talk about the stigma behind mental health and suicide because it prevents many of us from reaching out for help. When we talk about suicide, we recognize this could be the result of a mental health crisis. Mental health matters and seeking help should be encouraged. There are many national and local resources for young people. We were so glad to be invited to Westfield, to talk about hope and to share resources."

Also providing support throughout the conversations were Amy Brinkley, Middle School Counselor and Scott Cooper, High School Counselor.

Brinkley said, "It's vital for us to continue our efforts to destigmatize mental health issues by talking to youth, and the logical place to start

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Eagles in the Air

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Chapman State Park Environmental Educator Specialist Jennifer Moore (Center) speaks to a group of people during an Eagle Watch.

our national symbol from being owned, hunted, or sold. The population took another hit after WWII when DDT became a popular pesticide. Eagles would eat prey contaminated with the chemical and, as a result, the eggs they laid were fragile due to a lack of calcium. This cause to the bald eagle to be placed on the Endangered Species List in 1960 because there were only 400 breeding pairs in the wild. Federal protection and regulations of DDT allowed the population to recover enough by 1995 for the bird to be moved from the Endangered Species List to the Threatened Species List, from which it was removed in 2007.

Jennifer Moore, the Environmental Education Specialist at Chapman State Park, has been holding an Eagle Watch since 2015. "I started this program because we had an active eagle's nest that you could see from the park," said Moore. Sadly, the male eagle died of lead poisoning, so that nest is no longer active. However, this unhappy occurrence led Jen to teach the public about lead poisoning and how harmful it can be to local wildlife. She also started teaching about eagle watching etiquette; such as not getting too close to the nest and not making loud noises. These actions can cause the adults to leave the nest for too long which would allow the eggs to get cold and not hatch.

Jen's favorite part of the program is watching the eagles on the nest and being able to see the chicks. She also likes seeing other people enjoying the program and asking to take a picture of the nest through the spotting scope they use to get a better look at the nest, from a safe distance, of course. It is her hope that, because of this program, people develop a new-found appreciation for the bald eagle and respect their habitat.

Locations of past Eagle Watches include Kinzua Dam and Akeley Swamp. These are great locations for spotting eagles and other interesting birds. The first year of the program, the group saw a sandhill crane at Akeley Swamp. Jen suggests that "March and April are good times to watch for eagles as they are feeding their young. The adults are more active flying to and from the nest to find food."

This year's event is slated to take place April 15th. Unfortunately, registration is required and both days are full and have waiting lists. The good news is that you can head up to Chapman State Park, Kinzua Dam, or Akeley Swamp anytime to look for these majestic creatures. After all, they don't know what day it is.

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1pm - Blessing of the Easter Baskets
8pm - Mass at St. James

EASTER SUNDAY MASS - APRIL 17TH
The Resurrection of the Lord
8am & 11am - Mass at St. James

The parish office will close at noon on Holy Thursday and will re-open on April 18th

City to hold 74th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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City of Jamestown

The City of Jamestown is excited to announce the return of the traditional Easter Egg hunt at Allen Park on Saturday, April 16, 2022, starting at 11 AM. Age groups will be split up, with 4 & under by the big pavilion & kitchen, 5-8 by the basketball court, 9-12 by the little pavilion. There will be over 300 Prize eggs and plenty of candy for all. The Easter Bunny and Whiffy the Tarp Skunk will make special appearances.

The event will be free of charge to the public.

Jamestown City Parks Manager Dan Stone said, "We are extremely excited to be able to hold of our traditional Easter Egg Hunt this year. After a few years of having to alter the event due to COVID, and we are happy that we are able to do this for the kids of Jamestown."

The event is being sponsored by City of Jamestown, Pro Hardware, Allen Park Women's Club, Jamestown Fire Department, AFSCME local 418 – DPW & Parks Employees, JURA JCAA – Jamestown City Administrative Association, Jamestown Police Department, Jamestown Babe Ruth League, Jamestown Area Midget Football League, The Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County and The Frewsburg Soccer Club.

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Easter Sunday Music at First Lutheran Church

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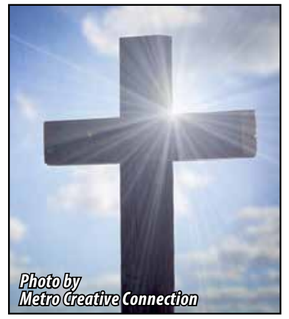

The First Lutheran Church will have special music at both the 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service and the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 17th. The 9 a.m. service will feature instrumental and vocal music both live and on video. The congregational songs will be led by the Sacred Fire Praise Team including "Christ is Risen" by M. Maher & M. Fields and "I Will Rise" by Giglio, Tomlin, Maher & Reeves. The service will include Easter music, Children's time, scripture readings, Holy Communion and an Easter message by Pastor Daniel S. Rumfelt.

Child care is provided at both worship services. The Contemporary service will be video recorded and available on-line at Sacred Fire First Lutheran Jamestown Facebook page; First Lutheran Church Facebook page, and our church website www.flcjny.org. Kimberly King is the Worship Leader & Coordinator of Contemporary Worship with Sacred Fire Praise Team Members Kimberly King, Les King, Andrea Magnuson, Doug Anthony, Elaine Rissel, and Brenda Ecklund.

There will be a half hour of prelude music beginning at 10:30 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Musical selections will include an organ selection "Piece Heroique" by Cesar Franck performed by Brian A. Bogey; a piano solo "Majesty" Arr. by Jerry Ray and played by Gail Espinoza; a vocal solo "The Holy City" by Stephen Adams sung by soprano soloist, Marika Koch; a piano/organ duet "Thine is the Glory" by George Handel/ Arr. by Lani Smith with pianist Julie Livengood & organist Brian Bogey; The Good News Bell Choir performing "Carillon of Praise" by Cathy Moklebust and directed by Karen Linn; and a vocal solo entitled "Calvary's Love" by Phil McHugh and sung by soprano soloist, Julie Costantini.

The 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion will include festive Easter hymns, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia," and "Thine Is the Glory" accompanied by organ and brass. The First Lutheran Choir will sing two anthems "Christ the Lord is Ris'n Again" by Patricia Hurlbutt accompanied by organ and brass, and "What Joy! He Lives!" by Robert Wetzler. The Rev. Daniel S. Rumfelt will deliver the Easter Message. The organ postlude will be "Toccata" (from the "Fifth Symphony") by Charles Marie Widor.

Worship participants at the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service will include the Rev. Daniel S. Rumfelt, Pastor; Brian A. Bogey, Minister of Music and Organist; Al Johnson and Glenn Utter, Guest Trumpeters; Peter Larson, Liturgist; Fred Larson, Lector; Marika Koch, Hymn Cantor; and Jane Young, Videographer. This service will also be on our First Lutheran Church Jamestown, Facebook page, and on our church website www.flcjny.org. The public is cordially welcome to attend.

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2. In the Bible, how many days passed between Jesus' death and resurrection?
3. Before 1953, it took how many hours to produce a single marshmallow Peep?
4. In the Bible, what did Jesus and his apostles eat at the Last Supper?
5. What state held the largest Easter egg hunt ever in the United States?
6. How Many Chocolate Easter Bunnies are Made Every Year?
7. What's the most popular Easter candy in America?
8. When was the first White House Easter Egg Roll?
9. The first Easter eggs were dyed what color?
10. Easter Island is part of which country?

1. Passover 2. Three 3. 27 hours 4. Wine and bread 5. Florida 6. 90 million 7. Marshmallow peeps 8. 1878 9. Red 10. Chile

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RTPI Offers Bird Walks for Beginners

Submitted Photos

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Roger Tory Peterson Institute

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute will host a series of outdoor bird walks for beginning birders from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings starting April 13.

Spring migration is underway and the dawn chorus is beginning in our area. Many bird species are busy proclaiming that spring has sprung, which means that it is time for weekly bird walks at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. The spring series of bird walks kicks off at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 and continues on successive Wednesdays throughout the spring. Each one-hour Wednesday bird walk is designed for beginning birders and led by Craig Thompson, former Vice Chair of the Audubon Council of New York State.

"These outdoor forays will show participants how to identify common local birds by sight and sound using the acclaimed Peterson system," Thompson stated. "Each program will feature a timely theme, beginning with "The First Sounds of Spring"."

All of the bird walks at RTPI are open to the public and free of charge. Registration is required by 5:00 p.m. the day before each bird walk and spaces are limited. To register, or for more information, please visit RTPI's website (https://rtpi.org/programs/weekly-bird-walks/) or call 716-665-2473. Participants are urged to dress for a short hike along the sanctuary's gentle trails. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bird guides or binoculars are not required but will be helpful. In case of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled.

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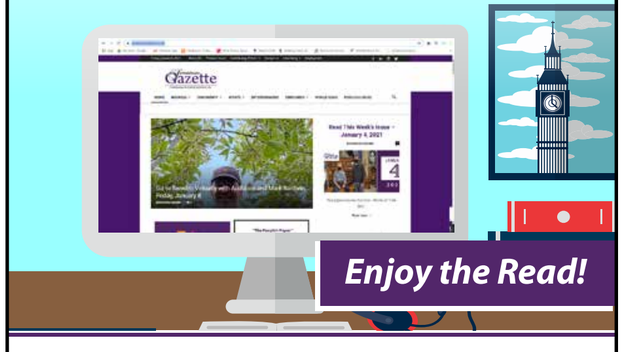

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Solution to Sudoku:

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Area Teacher Recognized as Historic Woman Icon for Preserving Seneca Language and Culture

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students Bella Wolfe, Karina Crouse and Makenize Crouse, along with Salamanca High School graduate and JCC nursing student Stephanie Benjamin, played parts in a video honoring Dowdy and her fellow female icons.

Upon being introduced as the new Seneca language teacher at Salamanca Middle and High School in 1993, the former Sandy Jimerson said: "I have been afraid for a long time that our young people would not know their own language."

Of policies to banish the Seneca language culture, Dowdy said in a 2018 interview that "we've got to get over that, we have to forge forward and keep on."

Forge on, she has.

While the Faithkeepers School receives funding from the Seneca Nation for basic operations, Dowdy and her supporters have executed fundraisers, raffles, pancake breakfasts, and more over the years to provide opportunities that connect students to their Seneca culture. Wolfe said money has been raised to build a wind tunnel for year-round planting, a barn to house animals on the campus, and a $60,000 bus to transport students.

Wolfe, who has taught Seneca language and culture at Salamanca for 17 years, has witnessed positive changes brought on by the Faithkeepers School in her own classroom. While Salamanca High School has offered regents programming in Seneca language for several years, many more students are choosing to take Wolfe's classes.

"Our classes and schedules are getting full, which is a good problem to have," she said.

Wolfe has noticed that former Faithkeeper students come to her classes with "a strong sense of pride in being indigenous."

"The students who don't have that strong cultural basis I have to really make sure that I'm focusing on building the connection with the language and culture," she added. "But with peers that have gone through the Faithkeepers School I tend to lean on them a little bit to contribute to the class discussions and contribute to what we're teaching and learning at the time. They've really become peer tutors and peer teachers."

When Dowdy was a child, she translated Seneca conversations for her peers. In starting the Faithkeepers School, her vision was for graduates to share their own knowledge of the culture and language with the next generation, and so on.

Wolfe, for one, has taken the torch from her grandmother.

"She inspired me in a way that I built a really strong connection to not just Seneca language," Wolfe said, "but Seneca history and all the things that she introduced me to as a student here in school that inspired my quest for knowledge further about American Indian history in general and more focused on the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy) history and the Seneca history.

"I feel like I truly am doing what I'm supposed to do," she added, "and I got that inspiration from her."

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Jennifer Herron named NYS Direct Support Professional of the Year

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Jennifer Herron

A Resource Center employee has received national recognition for the supports she provides to people with disabling conditions.

Jennifer Herron has been named a Direct Support Professional of the Year by ANCOR (the American Network of Community Options and Resources). ANCOR selected Herron as New York State's DSP of the Year. She and other honorees from across the country will be recognized April 13 in Miami during ANCOR's Annual Conference.

Herron, a Sinclairville resident, has worked for The Resource Center for 20 years. In her role as a life coach, she supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, most of whom live independently with assistance from staff. Herron helps people navigate the challenges of living on their own and supports them so they have the opportunity to enjoy positive, self-directed lives. When people face important decisions, Herron helps them understand the available options and the likely outcomes of each. When people subsequently make decisions that have undesirable results, Herron works with them in a respectful way to assess what went wrong and determine how to move forward.

ANCOR chose Herron as a DSP of the Year because of her commitment to the people she supports.

"Whether assisting with money management to fulfill a dream of purchasing a home or supporting the dream of motherhood, Jennifer works to ensure the people she supports achieve their biggest dreams and live their best, most meaningful lives," ANCOR noted. "Jennifer builds trust with the people she supports to discover what's most important to them. Her calm, judgment-free approach gives her the information she needs to present various scenarios in which they can accomplish their goals. No matter the choices they make, Jennifer commits to identifying the pathways, resources and supports required to transform the dreams of the people she supports into reality."

Resource Center officials were pleased with Herron's selection as DSP of the Year.

"Jen is such an asset to our team and the people she supports," said Terri Johnson, director of employment and community-based services. "As a life coach, Jen wears many hats for the people she supports. Jen has faced so many scenarios when supporting people that many would have given up, but Jen always sticks with people and never stops trying to help them find a better option. We are so proud to have her on our team and couldn't be more excited that she is being recognized on a national platform."

This marks Herron's second major honor. She was The Resource Center's Employee of the Year for 2019.

ANCOR advocates for more than 1,800 service providers nationwide that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Since 2007, ANCOR's annual awards have recognized direct support professionals who provide long-term supports and services to people with disabilities.

"This year's honorees were chosen from more than 300 nominations that truly represent the indelible impact our direct support workforce has, both in the lives of the people they support and in the communities where they serve," ANCOR said in announcing the ar's award recipients. "These extraordinary professionals work tirelessly to solve problems, engineer solutions, adapt, innovate, listen, and support, all in service of ensuring that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can

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GROW Jamestown Garden Fair Returns in Person April 23

The Biodome Project; one of over 30 vendors set to attend the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair April 23.

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GROW Jamestown

The Jamestown Public Market is thrilled to announce the return of the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair, set for April 23 in downtown Jamestown.

The GROW Jamestown Garden Fair, previously known as the GROW Jamestown Garden Fair and Home Show, has not held an in-person event since 2019. Due to response required from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Jamestown Public Market took helm of the event from its previous organizers, the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, in 2021.

"This was a natural fit for our organization" says JPM Director Linnea Carlson. "Our mission is to 'build Jamestown's food system' and providing space to share education and connection around growing, gardening and support for our environment supports that inherently. We are excited to announce some new partners and present an event that, while new and exciting, still honors the values of the traditional GROW Fair."

The GROW Jamestown Garden Fair: Earth Day Celebration will be held April 23 from 10 am to 3 pm in downtown Jamestown. A street vendor fair will be held along Third Street between N. Main and Cherry Streets, with indoor vendor/ retail space within the community space at Covenant Manor, on the corner of Third and Cherry Streets. Raffles throughout the day will be offered, including the chance to win springtime 1 wreaths designed by the GROW Fair committee.

Workshops, which are free to the public, will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church undercroft area, entrance along the corner of N. Main and 4th Street. Workshops include Plastics Pollution with Kara Bemis, an ambassador for 5 Gyres, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM; Compost 101 with Sarah Moller of Clearwater Creek Compost from noon to 1 PM; and Honeybee Awareness with Robbie and Sam Radicella of Sunshine Honey from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.

3 C's Catering will be offering various food options with their food truck, alongside various retail vendors such as The Herb Mill; the Biodome Project; LadySong Farms; Lifted; Opal Bee Soaps; Barbara's Special Teas; Green Heron Growers; Paula Coats; The Mobile Garden; Macrame by Liz Gifford; Stillwater Valley Farms; and Crafts by Wanda Gifford and Sandy Nelson.

Educational and community organizations present will include: the Chautauqua County Bee Keepers' Association; Clearwater Creek Compost; Cattaraugus Community Bank; James Prendergast Library; Office of the Aging; and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The Persell Produce Patch, Persell Middle School's school garden club, will also be present with free kid's crafts and activities.

The Jamestown Public Market is grateful to sponsors of this event, particularly presenting sponsors The Resource Center and Brigiotta's Farmland Produce and Garden Center. Brigiotta's will feature information on their business, offer sales of springtime flower

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CCDMH Attends Mental Health Conversations Week at Westfield Academy and Central School

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these discussions is in schools. Empowering students to ask for help when they are struggling, and delivering the message that asking for assistance is BRAVE, is so important today."

Counselors were encouraged to participate in the conversations, normalizing that adults struggle too. This helps strengthen trust and connection between teachers and students, making it easier for young people to reach out.

Cooper said, "Students were given tips, tools, and tricks to help improve their mental health, and outreach, if needed. It was an outstanding program and I highly recommend the program for all schools."

Prioritizing the mental health of students in our County starts with these important conversations. There are many trainings and resources that CCDMH can provide to local school districts in Chautauqua County, in addition to school-based behavioral health clinics in Jamestown and Dunkirk schools. CCDMH employees have an unstoppable passion for shifting the mental health culture in the community.

Brinkley emphasized the impact from the programming by saying, "CCDMH provides a valuable resource for schools when it comes to leading talks on what can be some sensitive topics for young people regarding mental health."

CCDMH can tailor programming to a school district's needs for students and staff. For a full list of no-cost resources, available programming, and training opportunities visit chqgov.com/mental-hygiene and preventsuicidechq.com For immediate inquiries, email Breenc@chqgov.com and Raynorc@chqgov.com.

If you are experiencing a crisis, contact the 24/7 Chautauqua County Crisis Hotline at 1-800-724-0461, the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741. You are not alone.

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Sport Hunting Is Conservation Hunting (Part 5)

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Every state has crafted meticulous regulations that govern every aspect of hunting. Regulations change because habitat constantly changes, population dynamics are continually in flux, and science improves. Regulations are not simple, and require hunters to study carefully.

In recent weeks we've looked at the three main types of hunting history has given us in North America. They came one after the other, and all three are clearly different.

Subsistence hunting was need-based. For our remote ancestors, hunting was a matter of survival, a reaction to basic human hunger. Market hunting was profit-based. Our forerunners who were market hunters reacted to an economic opportunity, providing food not just for themselves but for others willing to buy it. Subsistence hunting and market hunting are easy terms to understand.

It's not as easy to understand why modern hunting is called "sport" hunting, so it's time to answer that question. In the nineteenth century a sport was someone who participated in a diversion, a pastime, a recreational activity not integral to survival. Card playing and golf were common pursuits, and a "sport" was a person who engaged in them. Although we seldom call people "sports" today, this older meaning is preserved in certain phrases such as, "a poor sport."

As the nineteenth century was about to give way to the twentieth, hunting had no rules and wildlife science was in its infancy. Clear-eyed American hunter-conservationists (President Theodore Roosevelt among them) recognized that market hunting would destroy wildlife. They saw that hunters could no longer be reactive, focused on their own immediate needs. It was time for hunters to become proactive, to find a way to conserve wildlife for future generations.

We can thank these early conservationists for rejecting Europe's model of wildlife management where wildlife was the property of wealthy landowners and hunting was only for aristocrats. America was different. In a democratic society, wildlife was not just for the upper classes. To restore American wildlife and to insure its survival, wildlife had to be valuable to everyone.

Sport hunting is what made that happen as the states took on the mission to regulate wildlife through managed hunting. Now that we are well into our second century of scientific wildlife management combined with sport hunting (the two go hand-in-hand), hunting clearly has some things in common with other sports.

Consider parallels between baseball (or any other sport) and hunting. Both have seasons. Both have playing fields. In baseball, the bat, the ball, the glove, the bases, the boundaries, and even the clothing players wear meet well-established regulations. In hunting, regulations govern firearms and ammunition, archery equipment, clothing, places to hunt, and much more. Regulations also call for bag limits, hunting hours, and accountability through reporting. They make hunting an egalitarian pursuit, promoting fairness and equity among participants and insuring that wildlife survives and reproduces. Regulations limit hunters and benefit the species.

Yet today, some people say hunters "make sport" of animals, trivializing them, but hunters don't trivialize wildlife just as the Braves don't trivialize the Yankees or the game they're privileged to play. Some think sport hunters kill out of raw bloodlust, but most hunters honor the animals they kill. Sport hunters are important agents of scientific wildlife management who enjoy hunting and obey the rules.

Some people may still object. "But I hate those photos where hunters gloat and act like they're heroes because they killed something." That's a totally subjective viewpoint. We don't accuse a baseball player of self-promotion because his picture is on a baseball card. We don't vilify him for pumping his fist after hitting a home run. Success is celebrated in every area of life, and no one can judge how another's goals should be applauded.

Hunters have created a unique system that makes sport hunting objectively positive. It finances the management of wildlife. It insures the abundance and accessibility of wildlife. It places limits on hunters, who take only what can be annually replaced. Modern hunting is conservation.

If you enjoy wildlife, but don't like "sport" hunting, call it what it really is — "conservation" hunting, and it will take on an entirely new perspective. No alternative to modern conservation hunting will keep wildlife abundant, well fed, renewable, in balance with its habitat, and pay all the costs of making that happen.

Conservation hunting is irreplaceable. Conservation hunting saves wildlife for everyone, including future generations, and makes hunters the most important conservationists in history.

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 is a field contributor to Deer and Deer Hunting magazine, and won the 2015 and 2018 national "Pinnacle Award" for outdoor writing.

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baskets and host various raffles. The Resource Center will once again feature garden accessories crafted by their program participants as well as decorated paper bags that attendees can utilize for their purchased items.

Additional sponsors include: Audubon Community Nature Center; Chautauqua County Master Gardeners; Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy; Equitable Advisors Adam Phillips; Millennia Housing Management LTD; Mike's Nursery; and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Director Carlson wishes to thank the GROW Fair Committee for their generous time and work. "Without our planning committee, composed of community volunteers, this event would not happen."

The Jamestown Public Market also encourages community members to keep their eye on additional events happening downtown Earth Day weekend including a Gong Bath event with Jen Gatenbein of Lotus Fire Healing Arts set for April 22 at 7 PM, held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church; family friendly Earth Day activities at ART Cloth + Craft April 23; and a GROW Jamestown After Dark educational workshop regarding the city's op-in on cannabis dispensaries in partnership with the City of Jamestown's Department of Development set for 6 PM at The Beer Snob April 23.

For more information visit www.jtownpublicmarket.org

Jennifer Herron named NYS Direct Support Professional of the Year

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live and thrive in the community."

"From helping people with activities of daily living to supporting them to connect with long-lost family members and so much more, direct support professionals like Jennifer are proof-positive of the crucial roles this workforce plays in communities across the country," said Heidi Mansir, the president of ANCOR's board of directors. "ANCOR is proud to celebrate Jennifer and the 50 other professionals who comprise the 2022 class of outstanding honorees."

Barbara Merrill, ANCOR's chief executive officer, referenced the current shortage of direct support professionals nationwide and its negative impacts on the ability of service providers to meet the needs and desires of people with disabilities and their families.

"This is the 16th consecutive year ANCOR has presented the Direct Support Professional of the Year Awards, and the third class to have been honored since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic," Merrill said. "The challenges presented by the pandemic have collided with a recruitment and retention crisis in our workforce to wreak previously unthinkable havoc on our system of home- and community-based supports. For that reason, there's never been a more poignant time to celebrate people like Jennifer and the more than four dozen other DSPs who exemplify excellence in our field."

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Audubon Animals of the Earth Day, Saturday, April 16

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At Audubon Community Nature Center's Animals of the Earth Day, Saturday, April 16, you can meet and learn more about the feathered, furred, and scaled residents who share the earth with you. This youngster is getting up close and personal with Lincoln, one of Audubon's resident turtles.

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Audubon Community Nature Center

Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) is celebrating Earth Day early this year with a celebration of the planet on which we live and those with whom we share it.

Animals of the Earth Day is Saturday, April 16, at the Nature Center. It is an opportunity to meet some live animals and learn more about the feathered, furred, and scaled residents who share planet Earth with us.

Stop in at your convenience between noon and 4 p.m. to enjoy demonstrations that may include live birds of prey, exotic insects, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

You can also enjoy all the offerings in the three-story Nature Center building: interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, the 2021 Nature Photography Contest winners, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop.

Admission is $8 for adults, $6 Nature Center members and children ages 3 - 15, free for 2 and under.

Reservations are appreciated by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or by going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking on "Upcoming Programs." Walk-ins are welcome.

Face coverings are optional while inside the Nature Center building. If you have been recently exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or are currently experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms, wearing a face covering is highly encouraged.

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

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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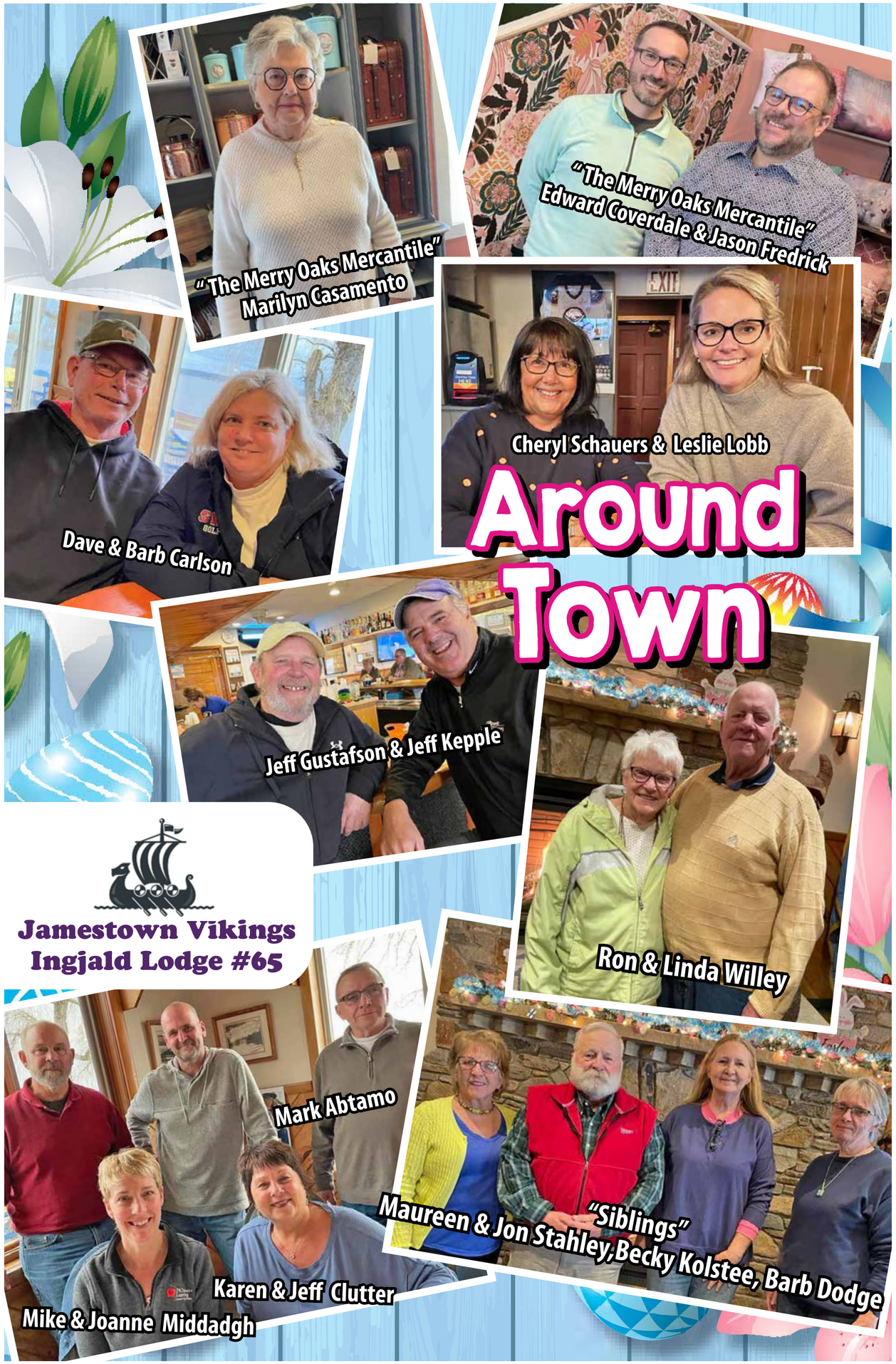

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