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Stacey Hannon Sells Newspaper to Lori Cornell

Article by
Jamestown Gazette Staff

Stacey Hannon, the founder and longtime owner/publisher of the Jamestown Gazette is pleased to announce the sale of her community newspaper to fellow Chautauqua County resident, Lori Cornell. Hannon announced her retirement on December 18, 2023 on the front page of the Gazette, designating this edition as her last. She then began her search for a buyer, hoping to continue the Gazette's legacy.

"I am thrilled to have found an able successor for the Jamestown Gazette," Hannon stated. "Lori shares my passion for our community and the drive of an accomplished professional. She has the skill set and know-how necessary to handle this challenging job. I feel confident that she will carefully steward my paper long into the future."

Hannon retires as a community institution, having founded the Gazette in 2011. After working in local media sales and information technology, she

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Submitted Photo

Lori Cornell, new owner of the Jamestown Gazette, and Stacey Hannon, founder and previous owner of the Jamestown Gazette.

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Athletes to be Honored at CSHOF Banquet

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Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is proud to announce eight outstanding county athletes will be honored at its 42th annual Induction Banquet, February 19, at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club, in addition to the enshrinement of its Class of 2024 inductees.

First to be recognized will be the 3 high school football players from Clymer-Sherman-Panama, who were chosen as First Team All-New York State Class D by the New York State Sportswriters Association – Tate Catanese, Bryce Hinsdale and Grant Lictus.

Next to be honored will be Joanne Meadows, coach of the New York



State Class D Volleyball Champions from Chautauqua Lake Central, and two of her players, Brynn Engdahl and Ava Olson, who were chosen as First Team All-New York State Class D performers.

Lauren Cotter, from the Southwestern Trojans Volleyball Team, will be recognized as being a First Team All-New York State Class B Player.

Finally, Elizabeth Pucci-Schaefer from Fredonia Central, will be honored as an AAU All-American Diver.

Members of the CSHOF Class of 2024 who will be enshrined that evening will be Karen Bakewell, Daniel Bryner, Cheryl Burns, Tom D'Angelo, Doug Kaltenbach, Rod Maloy, Carlene Sluberski, Karen Tellinghuisen and Judy Young.

Tickets to the banquet are available at the CSHOF, 15 W. Third St., Jamestown; at the Jock Shop, 10 Harrison St., Jamestown; at Matt's News 93 E. 3rd St., Dunkirk; by calling banquet chairman Chip Johnson at 716-485-6991; or online at <https://www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org/>.

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Mayville Winter Festival is February 16-18



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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

The Mayville Winter Festival is back this year at Lakeside Park on Route 394 with something on tap for everyone to enjoy!

The festival will open with the lighting of the beautiful wooden castle at 6pm, Friday, February 16. This showpiece was handcrafted in Mayville and will work as a stand-in at the festival, since there has not been ice on the lake to construct an ice castle this year. The wooden castle, built by Tim Hull of Mayville, will be lit up on Friday and Saturday nights and will create a nice photo backdrop for the entire event.

Festival Chair Brian Pender noted, "This festival has a very long history in Mayville, going back to its inception in the 1980s when my grandfather, Don Hogan, brought the concept of an ice castle to Lakeside Park. For most of the years since then the festival has been running with or without a castle in place. While we always hope for some winter weather for atmosphere, we are prepared to run the annual Mayville Winter Festival in any conditions, with concessions, vendors, activities, and fun!"

The castle lighting will be followed immediately by the crowning of the Festival King and Queen. Text voting is open for the King and Queen through February 12 with information about each of the nominated couples posted on the Mayville Winter Festival Facebook page. In addition, one of our food trucks will be available from 5-8pm, as The Best of Buffalo by Byron will be open and serving from 5-8pm. DJ Carmello will also be on hand Friday night to help set the atmosphere for a terrific launch of this event.

Saturday, February 17 the Winter Festival opens at 10am. There will be 25 vendors under large heated

tents, five food trucks, a beer and wine tent by Andriaccio's, and lots of activities, games, and things to see and do for all ages. DJ Carmello will be back all day and into the evening. The Kids Zone inside the Carlson Community Building will run from 11am-4pm featuring an edible craft for kids, run by volunteers from the JCC Occupational Therapy program, M&T Bank, and sponsored by Wegmans. Chainsaw carving demonstrations will run from 10am-5pm Saturday and noon-4pm Sunday by Vince the Tree Guy. There will be Cornhole and other active games. The 9th Annual Polar Plunge by Family Health Medical Services is set for noon Saturday. The Pet Parade by CHQ Dogs and Northshore Specialties at 3pm is sponsored by The Best of Buffalo by Byron. The Chili Cookoff at the Carlson Community Building will be managed by She Sings Café and will go from 3-5pm. Horse drawn carriage rides by Magic Moments will be available from noon to 4pm both days. A live band, Midnight Growlers, will play in the beer and wine tent from 5-8pm Saturday. There will be a fun photo booth in the Carlson Community Building throughout the festival. There will be a bonfire Saturday evening at the park. A huge fireworks display will light the sky over Lakeside Park at 8pm by Skylighters of New York, sponsored by the Town of Chautauqua.

Two events that are tentative for Saturday are a snow sculpting contest to open at 10am and the snowball throwing contest from 1-2pm. Both of those events are weather dependent, and while we are hoping for some snow there is no guarantee.

On Sunday the day will begin with the Winter Festival 5K race by Trackqua at 10am. Also at 10am the Spikefest Volleyball Tournament by Glass Half Full will get underway. Sunday will also include DJ Carmello, all the food trucks, vendors in the tents, the Kids

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

More Than Just a Newspaper



Owner, Publisher & Editor
Lori Cornell

So I bought a paper!

And universally, I have heard one of two comments:

- (1) "That's great!!! I'm so glad the Gazette will continue."
- (2) "Are you crazy?! Newspapers are a dying business."

And unfailingly, the first comment has come from local friends, and the second, from well-meaning "outsiders". The dichotomy is striking, and while both comments gave me pause, I came to a quick realization.

The naysayers don't know what we know - that the Jamestown Gazette is more than a newspaper.

It's the story of our lives. It's part of the fabric of our community. It's Stacey Hannon's heart and soul, a precious gift to us all.

Stacey Hannon. One woman's courageous dream, with an iron will to tirelessly build,

became all of our fortune. And what an honor to be afforded the opportunity to carry on her legacy.

And so, I was sold on the sale. But still nervous: how do I support the publishing costs, let alone my large family, understanding that this free paper's sole revenue source is advertising support?

So then to the naysayers' question of crazy. "Am I?" Well, yes. I'm used to jumping off cliffs (ok, proverbial only, but...). I've spent most of my career with risk-inherent political ventures. I jump-started my family by having four boys in five years. I've survived family cross-country roadtrips gone awry with missing RV's.

But as adventurous as I am, I sat down to begin engaging potential advertisers for the first time last week, and I couldn't breathe. What if I couldn't raise enough funding? What if I had just bought a newspaper that I couldn't pay for...?

Instead, I picked up the phone and was met by friendly and enthusiastic voices on the other end. And then one unprompted business owner explained it. She said, "It's not like I'm getting rich with the customers I get from the Gazette. I advertise in the Gazette because I like to

support the community that I love."

And BAM. My beautiful realization. Our community's finest *are* the finest because they value this place we call home. The Gazette advertisers help make the Greater Jamestown area such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family, because they care.

So to all those businesses, nonprofits, community and government organizations out there, I want to personally invite you to be a part of something truly special and truly unique - to reserve your special place in our upcoming editions! (Call me at 716-720-1845!)

Together, with your support, I am so proud to lead this strong asset into a long and prosperous future.

But for today, we pause to look back and to thank Stacey Hannon for her vision to start a community newspaper, her drive to build it from the ground up, and her commitment to ensure its lasting power. With a deep passion for the Greater Jamestown area, she MADE the Jamestown Gazette the treasure that it is today. How fitting that, this Valentine's week, we resume publishing to honor her deepest labor of love.

Thank You!

I would like to thank my family - especially my sons Ben, Nate, Zach and Nick. You're going to love this next adventure, boys. Did I tell you about the 10,000 papers we now deliver on Mondays?!

To Stacey and Mark Hannon for this incredibly generous opportunity.

To Graphic Designers, April Colburn and Nick Trussalo: I could not have bought

the Gazette, opened a new business, and produced this first edition all in the same week without your guiding leadership!

To my brilliant Attorney Eddie Sundquist and business advisors Jill Jaquith and Brian Rovegno (shout out SBDC!), as well several other key community friend-experts, thank you all for your time, patience and invaluable advice in getting us up and rolling.

To the impressive cadre of continuing community writers: Wow! No wonder this paper is so beloved!

And last, but certainly not least, to all the current and prospective supporters via advertising: You literally are everything, and we are so grateful. I cannot wait to work with you all!!!

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- The Everyday Hunterby Steve Sorensen
- Reliving Our Local Historyby Joan Linquist
- Join Me in the Kitchenby Vicki McGraw
- Senior Sceneby Dr. Mary Ann Spanos

And some exciting new additions!!!





January 31 (continued)

Pamela S. Pierce, 67, of Warren
VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home

February 1

Francis E. Goodrich, 78, of South
Hill Road, Cherry Creek
Riles & Woolley Funeral Home

Ruben Alicea Santiago,
84, of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home

Bridgette F. Stenstrom,
64, of Falconer
Falconer Funeral Home

Elizabeth Ann (Mott) Wares,
84, of Randolph
VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home

February 2

Roxanne M. Bigelow, 64, of Gerry
Falconer Funeral Home

Rev. Robert D. "Bob" Lewis,
80, of Frewsburg
Falconer Funeral Home

Lucinda (Cindy) Jill Maione
formerly of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Barry N. Simon Sr., 78, of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

February 3

Beverly Charlene (Baker)
Babbage, 90, of Bemus Point
Hubert Funeral Home

Anna M. Hosier, 86, of Lakewood,
Lind Funeral Home

Joann Laurie 75, of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home

February 4

Douglas Edward Adams,
58, Randolph
VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home

Russell Harris Berkhus,
66, of Russell
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Retha F. McNally,
83, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

February 6

Kathleen A. (nee Staszak) Urban
(81) of Lockport
DiStasio Funeral Home

Pauline M. Whited, 52, of
Cattaraugus
DiStasio Funeral Home

January 28

John W. Marsh, 79,
of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Norman D. Merrill, 87,
formerly of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

William R. "Bill" Swanson,
68, of Kennedy
Falconer Funeral Home

Lester Stroup Sr, 76, of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

January 29

Rosemary (Rosi) Cali,
75, of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Gloria J Muntz, 73 of Falconer
Hubert Funeral Home

Gloria F. Smith, 75, Jamestown
DiStasio Funeral Home

Thomas D. Zofchak,
83, of Kennedy
Falconer Funeral Home

January 30

Rosemary Giambra Carlson,
78, of Northeast
Falconer Funeral Home

Kimberly Knab Morris,
61, of Lakewood
Lind Funeral Home

Pamela S. Pierce, 67, of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

Arley W. Spencer, 64,
of Sinclairville
DiStasio Funeral Home

Mary L. Waechter, 65, of Gerry
Peterson Funeral Home

January 31

Paul S. Calannio, Jr.,
of Jamestown
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of Bear Lake
Lind Funeral Home

Nancy L. Graham, 87,
of Bemus Point
Mason Funeral Home

Gloria J Muntz, 73 of 4259
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Hubert Funeral Home

Faith Matters

The Anatomy of Love



Contributing Writer
Rev. Luke F. Fodor
Saint Luke's Church

It is interesting how ideas pass down through history and shape our understanding and experience of the world. And sometimes while our knowledge grows and adapts—our practices don't. For instance, the ancient Romans believed that there was a vein extending from the fourth finger of the left hand directly to the heart called the vena amoris. Even though this idea was based upon faulty knowledge of the human anatomy, it has persisted. In medieval England, the church added a ceremony to the marriage liturgy, instructing the groom to place a ring on the bride's fourth finger because of it.

Humans have always pondered where emotions come from and reside in the body. In the earliest civilizations in that emerged from the Mesopotamia valley, they believed the liver to be the emotional center. In the Hebrews Scriptures, the words for compassion and sympathetic emotions find their linguistic roots in the stomach or womb.

As far back as the 7th Century BCE, the Ancient Greeks imaged the heart to be physical home of our emotions. With its ubiquitous cartoon renderings of the heart, Valentine's Day is proof of this enduring prevalence of this notion even though modern science has long

shown it is primarily the brain that turns the sense data into emotions. Of course, these notions are begin complicated by newer scientific research the calls attention to the role of the vagal nerve, which is the main component of the parasympathetic nervous system that snakes through the body from the brain to the gut and oversees a vast array of crucial bodily functions, including control of mood, immune response, digestion, and heart rate.

While we may never be able to detail precisely where love emerges from in our bodies, it is important to note the love is an embodied practice and requires all of us. Love is born in the body and while Valentine's Day invites us to think about romance, child rearing might be the loves first expression.

For the Hebrew Psalms declare this again and again, especially Psalm 103, as a parent has compassion for a child, so God has compassion toward us (Psalm 103:13), "For God knows how we were made; God remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 10:13-14). As a mother cares for the new life growing in her womb, so, too, God reaches out with compassion toward us.

This year with the synchronicity of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, you are invited to experience a love the moves the whole body to an abundant gratitude and compassionate care of our neighbors.

For more inspiration and insights from 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.

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The Prendergast Library Seeks Artisan Vendors for Block Party Saturday, June 29, 2024



Submitted Photo
Community Members gather on the new patio at the Prendergast Library during the 2023 Community Block Party

Article Contributed by
James Prendergast Library

The Prendergast Library is seeking Artisan Vendors for its 3rd Annual Community Block Party, which will be held on Saturday, June 29th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Artisan Vendor Market is a new component of the Block Party in 2024. Last year, the Library welcomed over 1000 people to the Block Party, and anticipates even higher attendance this year.

The Artisan Vendor Market will showcase the talents of area artists and creators and offer attendees the opportunity to shop at a curated marketplace. Vendors are selected based on the uniqueness, vision, and quality of their work. Vendor applications are available online at www.prendergastlibrary.org/artisanmarket or the Library's Circulation Desk. Submission of an application does not guarantee a vendor spot.

The Artisan Market will be located on the Library's first floor. Currently, there are twenty vendor spots available. Each vendor selected will receive an 8ft x 10ft space with one 8ft table and two chairs. A vendor spot costs \$25.00, payable after the application is approved. No application fee is required. Once selected as a vendor, a \$25.00 payment is necessary to secure your spot. The payment qualifies as a tax-deductible donation to the Library.

The Library provides free public Wi-Fi, and vendors may request an additional 6ft table for \$10.00. Electrical outlets are also available on a first-come, first served basis. The deadline for applications is April 5, 2024, and if chosen as a vendor, applicants will be notified by phone on or before April 15, 2024. Once accepted, payment is due by May 15, 2024.

The Library accepts and supports emerging artists who are new to the market scene, as well as experienced vendors. The following is a compilation of categories and media accepted;

- **Fine Art**
 - o Painting, Drawing, Printmaking and Letterpress, Fiber Art (Weaving, Natural Dyeing, Tufting/Punch Needle, Embroidery, Needle Craft, Sewing/Quilting, Knitting and Crochet, Macramé), Ceramics and Pottery, Resin Art
- **Crafted Products**
 - o Woodworking, Basketry, Leatherwork, Furniture, Bookmaking, Bath and Beauty Products (Soaps, Skincare, Makeup), Jewelry, Glass/Stained Glass, Metalwork, Candle Making, Paper Making, Sculpture, Home Goods + Decor, Pet and Pet-Themed Products
- **Original Design**
 - o Lettering/Calligraphy, Paper Goods (Prints, Stationary, Cards, Calendars), Laser Cutting, Original Designs on Stickers, Pins, and T-Shirts
- **Apparel**
 - o Designed and Artisan-Made Apparel and Accessories, Original Designs (printed or embellished) on Clothing Items
- **Curated Vintage Resale + Upcycled Items** (limited spots are available for this type of vendor)
- **Specialty and Gourmet Food Items** (Must be sealed!)
 - o Confectioneries, Jams and Jellies, Chocolates, Unique Bakery Items, Dog Treats
- **Plants + Flowers**
 - o Cut Flowers, Dried Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Wreaths, Cacti and Plants, Plant and Garden Accessories

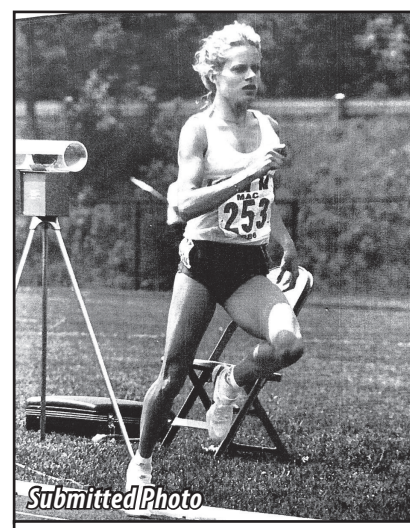
This list is designed to give guidance, but is not comprehensive of products the Library may accept. The Library encourages artists to apply. For more information contact Jennifer Champ, Special Projects and Facility Manager, at 716-484-7135, ext. 258 or email jchamp@prendergastlibrary.org.

2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Karen Bakewell

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Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

The only athlete in Chautauqua County history to win an individual NCAA Division 1 track and field championship, and to set a meet record in doing so, has become a 2024 inductee of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame.



Submitted Photo
Karen Bakewell

Karen Bakewell, running for Miami (OH) University, broke the tape first in the 800 meters sprint, with a meet record of 2:00.85, at the 1986 NCAA Division 1 Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bakewell's talent for running fast became evident at Washington Middle School and blossomed at Jamestown High School and with the Chautauqua Striders under the direction of CSHOF inductee Ron Graham. In 1983, she broke the JHS 200m mark and was a member of teams that set new JHS records in the 4 X 200m and 4 X 400m relays.

While running for the Striders, she won a bronze medal at the T.A.C. Age Group Nationals at Dayton, OH and a silver medal in the 200m at the Region 1 Junior Olympics in Providence, RI, in 1983. Her silver medal performances in the 200 and 400 at the 1983 Empire State Games in Syracuse, drew the attention of Richard Ceronie, who would later become her coach at Miami (OH) University. He recalled, "She had a beautiful stride pattern, long and flowing, and I thought she would make an ideal 800 meter runner."

Following her graduation from Jamestown High in 1983, Karen found immediate success at a freshman at Miami. She set Miami University Indoor Track records for 200, 300, 400 and 500 meter races and Miami University Outdoor track records in 100, 200 and 400 meter races. She was the 1984 Mid-American Conference Indoor 400 meter Champion and the 1984 Mid-American Conference Outdoor Champ for 400 meters. She ran a 53.4, 400 meters, at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, OR.

After a red-shirt year in 1985, Bakewell picked up right where she left off. She was the 1986 Mid-American Conference Indoor Track Champ for 500 meters and the Mid-American Conference Outdoor Track Champ in both 400 and 800 meter sprints. For her remarkable season, she was named 1986 MAC Female Track Athlete of the Year

Then came the previously mentioned 1986 NCAA Division 1 National Champion 800 meter sprint, in a new meet record of 2:00.85. She was the first USA female collegiate runner to break 2:01 and was ranked 10th in the world. She was selected as a 1986 NCAA D-1 Track & Field All-American.

The next season Karen set a new Miami record in the indoor 600 meters and during the early outdoor season recorded the fastest 400 and 800 times in the MAC. But she sustained an injury that halted her career.

Coach Ceronie summarized his thoughts about Karen Bakewell with these words: "She was the finest track and field athlete in Miami University's track and field program. She excelled at the NCAA Championship level and was world-ranked. I have helped coach 6 Olympians, 9 NCAA individual champions and over 100 conference champions. In my opinion, Karen Bakewell is the very best athlete I ever coached and if not for her injury would have been an Olympian and world record holder."

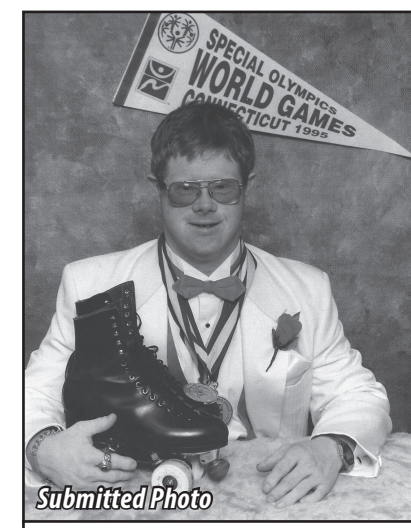
Bakewell is retired and resides in Fairport, NY.

2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Daniel Bryner

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Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

Daniel Bryner, a 2024 inductee, has the distinction of being the first Special Olympic athlete to be enshrined into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. In a career that spanned over three decades, Bryner's pinnacle achievement was winning one gold and two silver medals in roller skating at the 1995 Special Olympics World Games at New Haven, Conn.



Submitted Photo
Daniel Bryner

Beginning in 1971 and for 29 years, Dan trained and competed in nearly every sport Special Olympics offered including nordic skiing, alpine skiing, weight lifting, track and field, aquatics, volleyball, basketball, poly hockey, roller skating, softball, bowling, and golf. He earned medals in most of them at all levels including bronze and silver in 1983 and 1987 in softball and aquatics, respectively, at Special Olympics International Games.

During his most active years, 1988-1995, Bryner won 35 gold, 64 silver and 32 bronze medals at the state level and 7 at the national level.

Overall, he earned over 200 medals in his career in Special Olympics competition at the local, sectional, regional, state, national, international and world levels. Each medal was a testament to his drive to excel, his persistence in training for weeks, months and years to be his best at whatever sport he chose. Each medal was also a testament to the dedication of his parents, coaches and the community of Special Olympics supporters who made his participation possible.

Daniel, born in 1959, was the third son of Charles and Helen Bryner. He was born with Down Syndrome. The family lived in West Ellicott and Dan attended Southwestern Central and BOCES. In his early years, through the efforts of his family, teachers, medical personnel and specialists, he worked to overcome a severe speech handicap, coordination and vision difficulties, hernia surgery and bouts of pneumonia. This formative period developed his physical abilities and

his love for sports.

Dan and his parents were named New York State Special Olympics Family of the Year in 1989 for their contributions in building the program in Western New York. Dan was a sought after spokesman and dedicated fundraiser for Special Olympics.

In 1997, Bryner was chosen as New York State's Special Olympics Male Athlete of the Year. The award goes to the athlete who best exemplifies the spirit of Special Olympics by training and competing at various levels, maximizing athletic potential and demonstrating good sportsmanship.

Dan had a zest for life and a willingness to try new things. If you asked him "Are you ready, Dan?" His immediate answer was, "Always!" He was unconcerned about failure. Success for him was participation and medals were his reward for improvement. He was the consummate sportsman. Competing was fun for him, but he was also concerned that his competitors were having fun as well. He took pride in helping other athletes to achieve. Win or lose, he would always congratulate his opponents with a cheerful, "good game champions."

Special Olympics provided the platform for Dan to reach more of his potential than most could achieve: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

He succumbed to Down Syndrome related dementia in 2016. He is interred in Holy Cross Cemetery in Jamestown.

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Cheryl Burns

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“Compete in any sport you can imagine... and go for it as long as you can.”

This quote by Cheryl (Miller) Burns perfectly describes the journey that led to her 2024 induction into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame.

Cheryl, born in 1961, in the Town of Sheridan, NY, was 6th in the lineup of a family of 9 children. Having four older brothers, it was very competitive and challenging to get into their baseball, basketball or other games. She had to get really good, really fast, to get a chance to play. This spilled into a life passion for playing just about any sport.

At an early age she found a craving for physical work. She worked on area cash crop farms many hours to pay her way through college.

A 1979 graduate of Forestville Central School, she excelled at basketball. In three years of varsity play, she became the girls' basketball program's record holder for most points in a career, most points in a single game, best foul shooter and most steals in a season. She was team Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior and was a league and county all-star. Her #11 jersey was retired.

Miller played four years of softball for the Lady Hornets that included a .500 batting average as a freshman and all-star selections in 1978 and 1979.

Cheryl played two years of basketball at SUNY Fredonia, earning the Coach's Award both seasons.

After college, first at SUNY Fredonia and then Slippery Rock, Cheryl became a serious runner, a very serious runner. The *Buffalo News* named her Western New York Runner of the Year in 1994 and three years later was again the *Buffalo News* Runner of the Year for females age 35-39. Burns won overall races in the 5K and 10K categories, setting records in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York. She was the first to win the Bemus Point Triple Crown (5K, 10K, 15K, in one year).

A few of her many notable wins include the Linda Yalem 5K, Lancaster Firecracker 10K, Wagon Hill Cross Country (NH) 5K and Seacoast (MA) 10K.



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Cheryl Burns

Cheryl wanted to add bike racing to her competitive edge and decided to enter the Mountain Stage Race in Ellicottville, NY. This 3 day event began with a 14 mile time trial, a 35 mile road race on day 2, and an 11 mile criterium race in the City of Olean on day 3 where Burns captured first overall. The Citizens Road race encompassed 35 miles where Burns took the Queen of the Mountain jersey 2 years in a row. This competitive biking era ended rather short in her 3rd year with a serious crash in a draft legal event and was another push to move toward the world of triathlon.

A triathlon is a challenging combination event consisting of a 750-meter open water swim, a 20.7-kilometer bicycle race and then a 5.7-kilometer run. It's a sport that attracts only the most highly driven and motivated. It requires relentless commitment, hard work and discipline. In other words, it was made for Cheryl Burns.

She is a 6-time qualifier for USA National Triathlon and a 4-time qualifier for World Triathlon. She has earned podium spots in four USA Age Group National Championships. Burns was a fourth place finisher at the 2018 World Triathlon Championships held in Australia and a sixth place finisher at the 2022 World Triathlon Championships in Montreal. Most recently, Burns earned a 2023 National Senior Olympic Games Silver Medal in triathlon relay.

Other notable accomplishments in her sports career were WNBA tryouts with the Washington Mystics and Detroit Shock, a Top Court win at a Gus Macker tournament in Buffalo and winning the Grand Island Formula 1 Triathlon, a pair of sprint triathlons run back-to-back. She received the 1994 Chautauqua County Gold Medal Fitness Award for completing a 50K cross country ski run, 100-mile bike ride and a full

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Tom D'Angelo

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Tom D'Angelo was a man of many talents who worked tirelessly in the sports scene in Chautauqua County for over four decades. From bowling, to officiating, to coaching and to spectating, the 2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductee left an indelible imprint on every organization and every person that came into Tom's sphere of influence.

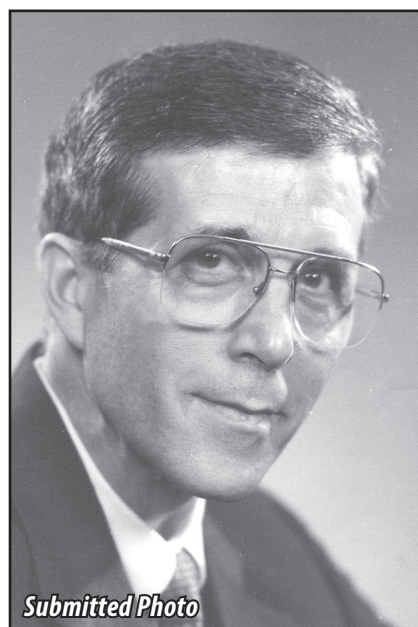
D'Angelo was born 1943 and was a graduate of Jamestown High School and Jamestown Community College.

He fell in love with bowling as a teen and was involved in the sport in a variety of capacities over the next 35 years. He was a classic-level bowler for three decades. He served as team captain and league president. He participated in 10 state tournaments and 15 American Bowling Congress tournaments.

He provided the Jamestown Area Bowling Association with effective leadership for 20 years as lane representative, board director and board president. He was the recipient of the JABA Outstanding Service Award in 2001 and was inducted into the JABA Hall of Fame in 2003.

Tom was a noted sports official in three sports. He worked as a football referee for 13 years. In addition he served on various football officials' committees and officiated at numerous playoff games. Former Jamestown High School football coach and CSHOF inductee Wally Huckno called Tom, "a complete professional who was able to relate to the athletes and gain their respect."

D'Angelo was a baseball umpire for 27 years and a softball umpire for 32 years. He served as president and board member of both umpire organizations. He umpired American Softball Association National Championships in 1984 (Garland, Texas) and in 1986 (Albany, Georgia). Noted umpire and CSHOF inductee Larry Rodgers stated, "Tom was a 'take charge' kind of official and a gentleman on the field. He had great rapport with coaches, players, spectators and fellow umpires. He was cool under



Submitted Photo
Tom D'Angelo

pressure and had a wonderful personality. It was evident that Tom had a love for the game and I enjoyed working with him."

D'Angelo was inducted into the Chautauqua County Umpires Hall of Fame in 1987.

Tom also coached Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball for 12 years and was very active in the Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament.

What made all of these accomplishments even more noteworthy is that Tom did them despite being diagnosed with stage three Hodgkin's disease in 1970 at the age of 27. He endured four months of radiation treatments followed by chemotherapy. He had his spleen removed and lost 44 pounds. But two years after the initial diagnosis, Tom was back officiating and bowling.

In the mid 2000s D'Angelo dealt another health setback - Parkinson's disease. Despite the physical limitations imposed by Parkinson's, he continued to attend and support the women's basketball team at his alma mater, JCC. When he became too sick to attend games in person, he faithfully called JCC coach Keith Martin to offer encouragement to the team. Upon Tom's passing in January of 2007, Martin and assistant coach Jim Rissel established the Jamestown Community College's Tom D'Angelo Memorial Lady Jayhawk Classic Basketball Tournament and Tom D'Angelo Spirit Award.

A former salesman at his family's shoe store, Arcade Shoes, and later an insurance agent at the Pfeiffer Agency, Tom D'Angelo is interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Jamestown.

Checking In with Paul Leone

San Valentino



Contributing Writer
Paul Leone

Ah, yes! Valentine's Day. A day to affirm one's sacred devotion to one's only true love. A day to look into one's lover's eyes, to sigh. A day to celebrate passion. A day to reflect on the inordinate number of babies born in November. Among them myself and my sister born on the same day two years apart. A family story tells of my mother hosting a two year old birthday party for me when, undeniably, her time had come. And so, immediately, she had to be whisked off to the hospital for Sandra's arrival. Leaving my poor father in charge.

A day for chocolate and passionate red.

Valentinus (the Latin) was a third century Roman priest or bishop martyred on February 14 along the Via Flaminia outside Rome. He was notorious in Rome for ministering to persecuted Christians. According to a common hagiography, while under house arrest in Rome, he couldn't help but, as was his wont,

repeatedly discussing before Judge Asterius the fervor of his faith and the deification of Jesus. So the judge put him to the test. The judge had a daughter who was blind. The judge promised to do whatever Valentinus asked if Valentinus could restore his daughter's sight. Brought before the girl, Valentinus prayed, placed his fingers on the girl's eyes, and, presto, all could see.

Sometime after Valentinus was again arrested for continuing to evangelize. He wound up before the emperor Claudius (Claudius II). Claudius demanded he renounce his faith or submit to hideous torture and execution. O Claudius! It goes without saying Valentinus chose the latter. He was executed in 269 AD. A later chronicler to the hagiography added a heartwarming touch. Apparently, before the execution, Valentinus sent a missive to Asterius' daughter signed *Your Valentine*. The rest, as they say, is history.

The Catholic Church's official list of recognized saints, the *Roman Martyrology*, names a single Valentine as having been martyred on February 14. Valentine, from the Latin valens meaning strong or powerful, was a common name in antiquity. At least eleven other saints by the name of Valentine are remembered in the Catholic Church. Valentine's Day, then, is a time to remember not one but all of our dear valentines.

Happy Valentine's Day. Keep passion alive.

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Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, Stacey! It's been a privilege working with you on the Jamestown Gazette for almost a decade. Best wishes to you in your next chapter!
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Doug Kaltenbach

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Doug Kaltenbach

Persistent-continuing steadfastly or firmly in some purpose or course of action, especially in spite of opposition or difficulty- describes 2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductee Douglas Kaltenbach to a tee. And not just a batting tee.

For 30 years, 1987-2017, Doug was the head coach of the highly successful Westfield

Wolverines Varsity Baseball Team. His 476 wins is the third most victories in Chautauqua County baseball history. With only 154 losses, his winning percentage was over 75%.

His teams won 14 Chautauqua County Athletic Association division titles, with 6 of those titles being in a row from 2011-2017. During the period of 2014-2017, Westfield strung together a record setting 55 league victories in a row.

He skippered the Wolverines to 8 Section VI final game appearances and won Section VI titles in 2015 and 2016. The 2015 squad was NYSPPHSAA Far West Regional Champions and competed in the New York State finals, where they finished second in New York state.

Kaltenbach was named a Chautauqua County Athletic Association division Coach of the Year 13 times and was chosen as the Post-Journal Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2015. He was recognized in 2014 by the Chautauqua County Baseball Showcase. Persistence describes Doug off the baseball diamond, too.

In February 2011, Doug sustained a

serious, life changing injury. While using a miter saw, he severely cut his arm. Despite the many daily challenges that came along with the injury, including five surgeries and intensive occupational therapy for a year and a half, Doug continued teaching high school art and coaching. His longtime assistant coaches, Don Mansfield and Dan Martin, stepped in to help Doug with running the physical aspects of coaching baseball, while Doug remained instructing and leading the team. Together, they led Westfield to an undefeated CCAC league championship and Section VI final.

Throughout this experience, Doug taught his players and students the value of having a positive outlook and being persistent. It was these attributes that made Doug successful in the classroom and on the baseball field.

Doug is a 1978 graduate of Brocton Central School. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degree from SUNY Fredonia. Now retired from teaching and baseball, Doug resides in Fredonia with his wife, Jane, and daughter, Olivia.

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Rod Maloy



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Rod Maloy

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For Rod Maloy, machinery and mechanics were a way of life for the boy born in 1958 to a dairy farm family in Watts Flats, NY. As a youngster, he learned the 24/7 commitment to the hard work that was required on a farm: up early, milk the cows, go to school, followed by wrestling practice, back home to milk again, and then homework.

Young Rod was driving a tractor when his feet could barely reach the pedals and operating the big farm truck when he could hardly see over the dashboard. And there was always some piece of farm machinery that needed maintenance or repair. For fun, Rod and his brothers raced junk cars through the fields emulating their heroes at nearby Stateline Speedway such as CSHOF inductees Bob Schanrs, Skip Furlow, Ron Blackmer and Sammy LaMancuso.

The knowledge, skills and work ethic that Rod learned as a youth translated to later success as a championship

stock car racer for 35 years and led to his enshrinement into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame in 2024.

Following his graduation from Panana Central School in 1976, Maloy started his racing journey in the spectator class at Stateline and Eriez Speedways and he found immediate success garnering 3 wins in his #78 machine during his rookie year. Why #78? The first car Rod bought had #13 on the doors. Not wanting to continue with the "unlucky 13," a couple of strokes with a paint brush changed a 1 into a 7 and a 3 into an 8. #78 was born and was used the duration of his 3 1/2 decades career.

For the next 2 1/2 years, Rod jumped up to the cadet division. Halfway through 1979, he moved up to the sportsman class and raced in that division through 1984.

For 1985 the sportsman division was eliminated, so Maloy converted his sportsman racer to a limited late

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Carlene Sluberski

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Carlene Sluberski

The sport of girls' wrestling has received a lot of well-deserved attention in the past few years as more girls get involved and more schools field teams. 2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductee Carlene Sluberski was a trail blazing pioneer in the sport of women's wrestling in this county.

Sluberski, born in 1991, first took up the sport as a fifth grader. She wrestled in middle school and then four years at the varsity level for Fredonia Central School under the mentorship of CSHOF inductee Alex Conti.

Her record as a freshman was 6-4; as a sophomore 24-17; as a junior 36-10; and as a senior 50-5. Her overall career high school wrestling record was 116-36, with 44 pins, against male competition.

Sluberski was the Section VI Champion at 96 pounds in 2008. She achieved fame when she became the first girl in NYSPPHSAA boys wrestling to reach the state finals in 2009. She finished second after suffering a broken finger in the final match at 96 pounds.

After graduating from Fredonia Central in 2009, Sluberski attended Northern Michigan in Marquette, MI, where there was an Olympic Education Center. After three years at Northern Michigan, she transferred to Brock College in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada where she had a stellar 4 year career.

She was a four-time Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Champion, a 3-time First Team All-Canadian and Brock University's Female Athlete of the Year (2014-15). She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology in May 2016.

She was also a two-time U.S. Senior National Team Member and served as a training partner for the 2013 and 2014 World Championships, as well as the 2016 Olympic Games; and was a member of the Junior World Team in 2011.

Following Brock, she was a graduate assistant at the University of the Cumberlands at Williamsburg, Kentucky in 2017-18. During her time at UC, she coached five All-Americans in the WCWA, in addition to two All-Americans in the U23 World Team Trials. She received

her Master of Arts degree in Teaching from UC in December 2018.

In 2018, Sluberski served as a volunteer coach in Fargo for Team New York, in addition to coaching at the Junior Pan-Ams in Fortaleza, Brazil, in which the Team USA women placed first overall.

Sluberski's impressive resume includes work with USA Wrestling in multiple capacities. In November 2019, she worked with USA Wrestling for the Berlin Open. She traveled with cadet and juniors to Berlin for international competition and training camp. In February 2019, she worked with USAW for Klippan Lady Open in Klippan, Sweden. Sluberski also served as Team Montana's women's coach in 2019 for High School Marine Corps Freestyle Nationals in Fargo, N.D. Team Montana had two female All-Americans in 2019.

She then acquired her first head coach job at University of Providence in Montana. In her first season working with the Argos, Sluberski guided Providence to a trio of All-American honors in 2018-19. The Argos had two Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association All-Americans and one NAIA All-American. In 2019-20, Sluberski led her grapplers to a top-10 team ranking (9th) and a third-place finish at the inaugural Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NAIA National Invite was canceled and her squad, like many others, was unable to compete. Along with a top-10 ranking in the final regular season poll, Sluberski's squad had 11 wrestlers ranked individually that were set to compete at the NAIA Invite.

Sluberski was named the Eastern Oregon Head Women's Wrestling Coach in November 2020. In 2020-21, Sluberski and the EOU Mountaineers were limited to just one

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Karen Tellinghuisen

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Karen Tellinghuisen

"Falconer Girl Wins Javelin In World Games" read the headline in the Jamestown Post-Journal of July 22, 1977. "Karen Wins Gold Medal" was the headline in the Buffalo Evening News article.

The subject of these two stories, and others like them that were picked up in various newspapers across the country affiliated with United Press International (UPI) news agency, was a strawberry-blond, 18-year-old from Falconer, NY, who won a Gold Medal in the javelin at the World Olympics Games for the Deaf in Bucharest, Romania. Karen Tellinghuisen's throw of 127 feet, 3 inches was 2 feet farther than Monika Laux of West Germany.

Karen's accomplishments began at birth. The daughter of Rachel and Edward Tellinghuisen, she was born August 26, 1958, three months premature, along with a stillborn twin, and only weighed 2 pounds, 14 ounces. She spent the first 67 days of her life in WCA Hospital.

The "miracle" baby was healthy and strong, but at 18 months her parents discerned that their daughter could not hear. She initially received instruction at SUNY Fredonia and by age 3 she began formal schooling at St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo.

At St. Mary's, Karen displayed an affinity for and a talent at athletics. She played volleyball, basketball, softball and track and field. She was the Most Valuable Player on the volleyball, basketball and track & field teams in high school and she received the Outstanding Athlete Award at St. Mary's School. She was named a 1977 Deaf Girls Basketball All-American. She was inducted into St. Mary's School for the Deaf Hall of Fame in 1998.

Tellinghuisen's coach at St. Mary's, Lou Pennella, noticed that she had a very powerful arm playing softball, suggested she try throwing

the javelin and with considerable practice she became quite proficient. He took Karen to the 1977 USA tryouts for the World Deaf Olympic Games at Gallaudet University (Washington, D. C.) and she earned a spot on the track and field team.

The village of Falconer and the surrounding communities rallied to raise funds for Karen and her mother to go to Bucharest, Romania for the World Games. After winning the previously mentioned gold medal, Karen was welcomed back to Falconer with a huge homecoming party. She was feted at a Jamestown Expos baseball game by local dignitaries and a street in Falconer was named "Karen Lane" in her honor.

Following her graduation from St. Mary's in 1978, she attended the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology. She continued training with the javelin and in 1981 competed in the Deaf World Olympic Games, this time in Cologne, Germany. Again she returned home with a medal, this time a bronze.

Karen's positive attitude and strong work ethic were keys for the accomplishments she had as an athlete. Those same attributes led her to have a successful 30-year career as a Calculations Clerk for New York State. She never let her inability to hear to be a handicap for her goals. Tellinghuisen retired in 2017 and is now living in Murfreesboro, TN.

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Judy Young



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Judy Young is used to breaking records. Add one more to her list. At the age of 97, she is the oldest person to ever be chosen for induction into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame as a member of its Class of 2024.

Born in 1926, Young grew up in Queens County, New York, swimming in the tidal bay and ocean. Her husband's job moved her to Jamestown in 1960. With two young sons, she became active at the YMCA, first as a volunteer and later as the secretary to the executive director. She recognized the importance of physical fitness and found many opportunities to stay fit at the Y.

After Judy retired in 1987, she heard about the Allegheny Mountain YMCA/YWCA Masters Swimming Association (AMYMSA) and brought it to the attention of the Jamestown Y's aquatics director. A local team was formed and Young began competitive swimming at the age of 61.

Over the next 36 years, Young has literally rewritten the record book for age group swimming. She holds age group national records in 50, 100, 200 & 500 freestyle and 50, 100 & 200 backstroke.

In 2016 she entered 8 events in 90-94 age group at the YMCA Masters National Swimming Championships in Sarasota, Florida. She won gold medals in all 8 events and set new national records in the 200 and 500 freestyle, 100 and 200 backstroke. Those records still stand.

In 2022, she swam in 7 events in the 95-99 age group at the YMCA Masters National Swimming Championships at Orlando, Florida.

She won gold medals in all 7 events and set new national records in the 50 free, 100 free, 500 free, 50 back, 100 back and 200 back. And those records still stand, too.

She is a 15-time age group champion at YMCA Masters Nationals since age 90. Representing the Jamestown masters team, Judy, since age 75, is also an 18-time age group champion in the AMYMSA regional league which covers four states.

She won 6 Gold Medals at the 2023 National Senior Games in the age 95-99 division and set new times in all events. She lowered the record in the 50 free from 1:24.3 to 1:17.1; in the 100 free from 3:22.9 to 2:44.2; in the 200 free from 6:52.9 to 6:28.4; in the 50 back from 1:34.1 to 1:28.1; in the 100 back from 3:28.9 to 3:02.3; and in the 200 back from 6:53.8 to 6:22.37.

Young has been nationally recognized as a Humana Game Changer for being an outstanding athlete who exemplifies active aging and provides encouragement, motivation and inspiration for people of all ages to pursue lifelong health.

Judy Mascari, the Medicare president at Humana in New York said, "Judy's passion for swimming is proof that age isn't an obstacle to engaging in activities that bring joy and promote well-being. While not everyone has a desire to compete, I think Judy can inspire us all to change the game for active aging and challenge society's expectations of what it means to be a senior."

Judy resides in Jamestown. Her son, Jim, is a 2013 CSHOF inductee in the sport of basketball. The Youngs are the first mother and son enshrinees. Add another one to the Judy Young record book.

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marathon in the same calendar year. path. "Training and nutrition are my addictions," she stated.

Burns is the founder and director of Kick Cabin Fever Indoor Triathlon to combat cabin fever and seasonal affective disorder from 2010 to the present. In a 2010 newspaper article, she revealed that she came from a background in which depression, alcoholism and even drug use existed, but that she chose a healthier

The competitiveness that fueled Cheryl since she was a child still "burns" white hot.

Cheryl resides in Jamestown, NY, is an Agricultural Science teacher at Cassadaga Valley Central School and is a personal trainer.

2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Inductee: Rod Maloy

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model. He competed in limited lates through 1989 securing 15 victories. Among his thrills was having NASCAR drivers Davey Allison and Sterlin Marlin pilot his car in exhibition races at the Busti oval in 1987 and 1988.

Fourteen years after first climbing behind the wheel of a race car. Rod was able to achieve his goal of racing in the top class in 1990. With valuable sponsorship dollars from Quality Markets, Maloy rolled out a #78 super late model. The highlight of his rookie season racing with the "big dogs" was a surprise win in a 40-lap race at Stateline on September 1, using an engine he had cobbled together from used parts the night before.

"Hot Rod" Maloy continued to race super late models at Stateline, Eriez, Raceway 7 and Little Valley Speedways until his retirement from the sport in 2012. The highlight among his 23 Stateline victories was a 100-lap feature win at Stateline in 1992. He earned 8 checkered flags at Eriez and was a consistent threat to win on any given night no matter

where he unloaded.

Consistency wins championships as evidenced by his 2001 and 2007 Stateline Super Late Model Championships and the 2001 and 2002 Stateline-Eriez Circuit Super Late Model Championships. He was chosen as Stateline Speedway's Driver of the Year in 2001 and 2007.

Anyone involved in sports knows that there are "highs and lows." Two notable lows for Rod were a devastating fire at his garage in 1999 that resulted in the loss of all his racing equipment. Another major low was a severe wreck at Little Valley Speedway that resulted in serious injuries and many months of recuperation. With grit and determination, Maloy bounced back both times to return to the sport he loved.

Often working with fewer resources and lesser equipment than many of his competitors, Rod Maloy took the skills and work ethic he learned as a boy to achieve stock car racing success and to prove the old adage: "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

2024 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Inductee: Carlene Sluberski

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regular season event in the Nampa Collegiate Invite prior to competing at the NAIA National Invite. Two Mountaineers earned All-American status. As a team, EOU placed 17th at Nationals and had a total of nine athletes qualify. Sluberski was named the CCC Coach of the Year, as voted on by the league's coaches. EOU finished the season ranked No. 17 in the final NAIA coaches' poll.

The following season, 2021-22, EOU finished 10th as a team at the NAIA Invite with 4 All-Americans, one of whom was a National Finalist.

Sluberski returned to Western New York in 2022 when she was named the head coach of the recently created D'Youville University Women's Wrestling Team. She resides in the greater Buffalo area with her husband, Max, and son, Miles.

Audubon Camp for Ages 4-12 is Wednesday, February 21

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**Audubon Community
Nature Center**

Children ages 4-12 are invited to spend a day of learning and adventure at Audubon Community Nature Center's February Camp, Monday, February 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Late winter brings an awakening of the natural world that's sometimes hard to see. Especially for plants, the changes in temperature trigger changes that harken to the soon-arriving spring.

This winter day camp is an opportunity for kids to learn what is happening in the earth, even when it may look like it is asleep.

Campers are outside for as much of the day as possible, so they need to be dressed to be comfortable being out in the forecasted weather.

Kids need to bring water, snacks, a lunch that does not need refrigeration, and extras of anything that might get wet (so extras of everything!).

Cost for the day is \$48 for ages 4-12 or \$36 for Nature Center member children. Additional siblings receive a \$5 discount.

Enrollment is limited. Paid reservations are required by Monday, February 19.

For more information and to register, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org and click through "Programs and Events."

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, enjoy the natural play space, and hike, snowshoe or



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Audubon Community Nature Center's February Camp on Wednesday, February 21 is a great time for kids ages 4-12 to learn about the awakening of the natural world in late winter. The youngster pictured is drilling a maple tap.

cross country ski over five miles of trails down until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, 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 and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.

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.

SUNY Fredonia Alumni among 2024 GRAMMY Winners

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SUNY Fredonia

State University of New York at Fredonia School of Music alumni Randy Merrill, '97, won a GRAMMY as mastering engineer for Taylor Swift for Album of the Year, and Charlie Post, '98, won with David Frost in the category of the Best Engineered Album, Classical, for "Contemporary American Composers," by Riccardo Muti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

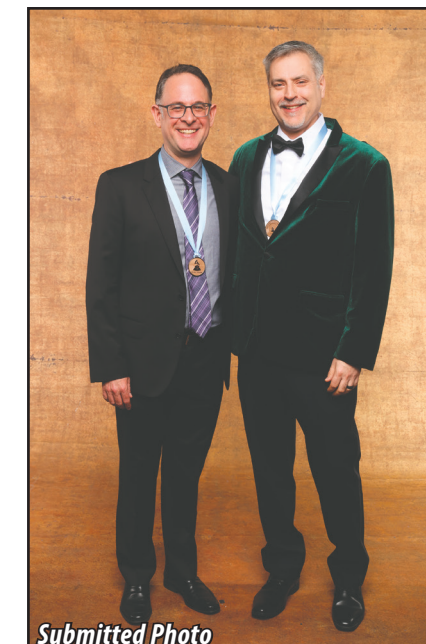
Mr. Merrill received a second nomination for Album of the Year as mastering engineer for "GUTS," by Olivia Rodrigo.

In the category of Record of the Year, Merrill was nominated as mastering engineer for "What Was I Made For?" [From The Motion Picture "Barbie"] by Billie Eilish, "Vampire" by Rodrigo and for Swift's "Anti-Hero."

Merrill graduated from Falconer Central High School in 1992, went on to study at Jamestown Community College and graduated from Fredonia's Sound Recording Technology program in 1997. To date, he has 26 GRAMMY nominations and nine wins.

Post, who majored in Sound Recording Technology and in Music-Applied while at SUNY Fredonia, has had three GRAMMY nominations and three wins.

Dean of the School of Music David Stringham lauded the newest GRAMMY winners, "Every day, Fredonia School of Music alumni make remarkable contributions to their communities, within and beyond classrooms, concert halls,



Submitted Photo

Alumni Randy Merrill (left) and Charlie Post at the 2024 GRAMMYS (Photo by Getty Images for the Recording Academy®)

and recording studios. Whether you gravitate toward Taylor Swift or Chicago Symphony Orchestra — or both! — I hope you'll join me in congratulating Randy Merrill and Charlie Post on the GRAMMY awards that their collaborations garnered. We are honored to count Charlie and Randy among our alumni, and wish them continued success."

There was another great connection to SUNY Fredonia among the winners. Nicole Zuraitis, who recently was a guest artist for the Fredonia Jazz Festival in October 2023 and performed with the Fredonia Jazz Orchestra in Rosch Recital Hall during her visit, won a GRAMMY in the category of Best Jazz Vocal Album for "How Love Begins."

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Food for the Journey



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McKenzie Pickett (Jamestown High School junior) and Abrielle Monaghan (Jamestown High School senior) at a recent fundraiser for St. Luke's youth trip to Italy.

Contributing Writer

Rev. Luke F. Fodor
Saint Luke's Church

Eight local youth from three school districts are preparing to embark on an adventure. From February 17th to February 23rd, Grace Anderson, Aidan Fodor, Cyrus Jones, Allison MacCallum, Abrielle Monaghan, Jazmyn Norrod, James Nowling, and McKenzie Pickett will walk with adult chaperones along 120 kilometers (75 miles) along an ancient pilgrimage route known as the Via Francigena, connecting Canterbury to Rome. These youth will walk from the city of Viterbo (known as the "City of the Popes") to St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The trip is organized by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, for youth who are currently enrolled in or have completed the church's confirmation class.

"The pace of our modern life makes it easy to lose track of ourselves," says the Rev. Jessica Frederick, St. Luke's Minister for Children, Youth, and Families. "By walking a portion of the ancient pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Rome, we are inviting our youth to slow down and wander off the beaten path - inviting them into a space of self-discovery and adventure along the way."

The students embarking on the journey are eager for the opportunities this adventure holds. "I am truly grateful to be able to experience the trip of a lifetime! I'm looking forward to seeing the beautiful nature that Italy holds. I am also eager to be traveling out of the country for the first time and being able to experience Italy's culture," says Falconer high school junior Cyrus Jones. "I am excited to experience something that connects me to other people that have done the same pilgrimage, as well as seeing historical landmarks," adds Jamestown high school sophomore Aidan Fodor.

The community is invited to support this unique opportunity with a fundraiser hosted at St. Luke's Church on 410 North Main Street in Jamestown. On Tuesday, February 13th, St. Luke's is hosting a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner costs \$7; all proceeds will support the youth pilgrimage to Italy. St. Luke's youth will serve as volunteers at the pancake supper.

"I can't wait to learn lots of new and exciting things during this trip," says Southwestern high school senior, Grace Anderson. "I am most looking forward to the amazing views and learning about how the local culture is different from ours."

SUNY JCC Building Team to Help Prospective Students Complete FAFSA Application



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Shannon Rinow, JCC FAFSA Completion Corps project coordinator, far left, and three student members of the team.

Article Contributed by SUNY Jamestown Community College

The new and improved Free Application for Federal Student Aid is here. SUNY Jamestown Community College is building a team to help prospective students and their families navigate the FAFSA form, which helps determine a student's eligibility for financial aid.

JCC recently hired a project coordinator and a small group of students to serve as part of the State University of New York FAFSA Completion Corps. Thanks to a \$300,000 grant from AmeriCorps, as many as 48 students across six SUNY campuses are being trained to provide FAFSA assistance to high school students, adult learners, and enrolled college students in their region through financial aid nights, working with community organizations, and interacting on campuses.

The team at JCC, led by Project Coordinator Shannon Rinow, is planning office hours, campus events, and visits to regional high schools. The college has hired three students to assist Rinow and as many as four more could be added to the group.

FAFSA is the starting point for most federal and state financial aid. The updated 2024-25 form, which launched on Dec. 31, expands eligibility for federal student aid, including Pell Grants, and provides a streamlined user experience with fewer questions.

Approximately 610,000 new students from low-income backgrounds will be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants due to updates to student aid calculations. Plus, applicants will be able to skip as many as

26 questions, depending on their individual circumstances. Some applicants may be required to answer as few as 18 questions, which could take less than 10 minutes.

To get started on applying for aid to pay for college attendance for the 2024-25 academic year, students and prospective parent contributors must apply for a Federal Student AID ID at StudentAid.gov at least three to five days before completing the FAFSA. The FAFSA form can be accessed at StudentAid.gov/FAFSA.

There may be pauses on the FAFSA site for maintenance and technical updates to provide a better experience.

Contact JCC's FAFSA completion team at 716.338.1000 or shannonrinow@mail.sunyjcc.edu for help completing the application.

Students at the University at Albany, Buffalo State University, SUNY Canton, Genesee Community College, and SUNY Old Westbury are also participating in the FAFSA Completion Corps.

"SUNY is an extraordinary value proposition, and more than half of SUNY undergraduates are able to attend tuition-free thanks to state and federal financial aid," said John B. King, SUNY chancellor. "We are excited to launch the FAFSA Completion Corps so more New Yorkers can receive the financial aid they deserve."

Visit sunyjcc.edu/FinancialAid for more information on JCC financial aid, the FAFSA, and scholarships.

Mayville Winter Festival is February 16-18

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Stacey Hannon Sells Newspaper to Lori Cornell

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took the leap to go into business for herself, naming the paper for the beloved city she has called her lifelong home. She and her husband, Mark, have three grown children and ten grandchildren, with whom she now looks forward to spending more time and traveling.

Cornell said she is "honored" that Hannon has entrusted her with the newspaper business. "I am truly grateful for this opportunity to continue the long and proud tradition of the Jamestown Gazette. Stacey created a timeless masterpiece and true community treasure. I have huge shoes to fill and will work hard to follow her lead."

Cornell brings over twenty-five year's experience in public service, marketing, and communications to

become the Gazette's new owner/publisher and editor-in-chief. She holds her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame and Master's in strategic leadership from St. Bonaventure's School of Business. She grew up in Dunkirk and spent her early career in Washington, DC and Jamestown. She now lives in Bemus Point with her husband, Chuck, and four sons, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Zachary and Nicholas.

She plans to work closely with Hannon to ensure a seamless transition for readers and supporters alike. She hopes to retain the newspaper's favorite features, look and feel, while at the same time expanding its reach and online presence. She will operate the Gazette under her new business, L. Cornell and Company, LLC.

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6. Which inductee was a "miracle" baby, born at only 2 lbs, 14 oz?
7. On which holiday does the CSHOF induction banquet take place?
8. Which common first name do two of this year's inductees share?
9. Which local varsity team did Doug Kaltenbach coach for 30 years?
10. Who is the oldest person to be inducted into the CSHOF at 97?

1. Lightweight Women's Wrestling Champion 2. Rod Maloy 3. Bowling & Baseball 4. SUNY Fredonia
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Chautauqua County Prepares for Anticipated Influx of Visitors during April's Solar Eclipse

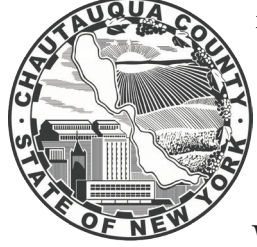
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In preparation for the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse, Chautauqua County is learning from past events, focusing on being well-equipped for an influx of visitors to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

While the eclipse itself poses no threat, lessons learned from past events with an influx of visitors emphasize the importance of being well-prepared to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for all.

During previous eclipses, the surge in visitors strained local services and resources. Increased traffic, overwhelmed accommodations, and unexpected demands on emergency services highlighted the potential challenges associated with hosting such significant celestial events.

Director of Emergency Services, Noel Guttman, underscores the critical need for proactive planning, emphasizing, "Though the eclipse itself is not a threat, inadequate preparation can present substantial challenges. Drawing from past experiences, we are steadfast in our commitment to ensuring Chautauqua County is thoroughly equipped to manage the surge of visitors, ensuring a secure and enjoyable environment for everyone. I'd prefer to be abundantly prepared and pleasantly surprised by this event, rather than underprepared and facing challenges on April 9th."



The Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services, in collaboration with local partners, is intensifying efforts to educate residents and businesses about the potential impacts of the eclipse.

We encourage everyone to prepare for this surge in a manner akin to preparing for a winter storm. The focus is on:

- **Community Preparedness:** Encouraging residents to prepare

by ensuring essential items such as food, water, gas, and prescription medications are readily available. This proactive approach aims to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone during the 2024 Solar Eclipse.

- **Accommodation and Services:** Working closely with local accommodations, restaurants, and businesses to ensure they are prepared for increased demand and can provide optimal services.

- **Traffic Management:** Coordinating with law enforcement and transportation authorities to implement traffic control measures and alternative routes to avoid congestion.

- **Emergency Response:** Enhancing emergency response capabilities to manage potential incidents and ensuring swift and effective assistance for residents and visitors.

"Our commitment to safety and preparedness is unwavering," County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. stressed. "We want everyone, from our local residents to our cherished visitors, to have a positive and memorable experience during the 2024 Solar Eclipse. While the county is thrilled about anticipated positive impacts of tourism during the eclipse, we want to ensure a seamless experience for both residents and guests alike. By proactively preparing, we can all contribute to making the 2024 Solar Eclipse a memorable and enjoyable event for everyone in Chautauqua County."

Chautauqua County encourages residents to actively participate in the preparedness efforts and stay informed about the upcoming eclipse. Regular updates and educational resources can be found at CHQGov.com/eclipse.

Additionally, explore the full array of eclipse-themed events across Chautauqua County by visiting tourchautauqua.com and make the most of this celestial celebration.

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