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Community Showcase: Downtown Lakewood

Downtown Lakewood Highlights Thriving Businesses, Enriching Community

Contributing Editor
Katrina Fuller

Despite being a small area, the village of Lakewood has big-time offerings for visitors and residents alike. From small businesses to summer events and family-friendly parks, the area is a draw both through activities and amenities. A gem nestled near the beautiful Chautauqua Lake, Lakewood Mayor Randy Holcomb said the Lakewood community is welcoming and inviting in any season.

“Go throughout the village - we have an excellent lakefront, we have a community park with a beach and tennis courts,” he said. “Look at some of the architecture throughout Lakewood - there are 100-year-old homes and brand new homes that all fit together to make the whole scene of Lakewood. I’ve lived here my whole 63 years in Lakewood.”

Holcomb said one of his favorite destinations in the village is Hartley Park, which has an extensive summer program

including live music via the Music in the Park series, a full beach with a lifeguard on duty, a fun celebration with fireworks on the 4th of July and the return of the Farmers Market to Chautauqua Ave. Holcomb said the market is a local favorite, featuring produce and other goods from local vendors.

“It’s very well attended and very popular,” he said.

For those who enjoy more bookish-centered activities, the Lakewood Memorial Library is another activity-packed destination, he added. From crafting activities, Harry Potter Club and Bilingual Story Time, Holcomb said there is always something interesting going on.

However, there is no limit to opportunities to support small businesses in Lakewood.

“We have an extensive shopping corridor with new shops always coming



Village of Lakewood Deputy Mayor Joe Troche & Trustee Rich Fischer.

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Lakewood: History as Beautiful as its Landscape

Helen Ebersole
Retired Lakewood Village Historian

The below is an excerpt from an original piece written by retired Lakewood Village Historian Helen Ebersole, reprinted with permission from the Village.

The area now covered by the village of Lakewood originally was divided into large farms. The owners of those large tracts of land are memorialized in local place names: Gifford, Southland, Bentley, Cowing, Winch, Stoneman, and Lowe.

The land along the lake was periodically occupied by hunters and fishermen, and ice harvesters in the winter. The first settlement of any size took place along the lakeshore, and Lakewood’s history actually began as it developed into a summer



HISTORICAL MARKERS OF LAKEWOOD, NY

This map has been prepared to display the locations of Lakewood’s fourteen historical markers. Although many of the original structures are gone, each marker includes information and photos of historical importance.

As you make your way through downtown Lakewood visiting markers, we recommend taking time to observe the beautiful old homes west of the park. Many of the homes on Lake St and Terrace Ave were present in the early days of Lakewood. We recommend walking through the downtown village and then driving to the markers located on Fairmount Ave at the top of Chautauqua Ave and near the Bemus House.

KEY

- 1 Lakeview House, Sterlingworth Hotel and Lakewood Country Club
- 2 First Kent House and Second Kent House
- 3 Packard Mansion
- 4 Lakewood Village Hall
- 5 Lakewood Station on Erie Railroad
- 6 Chautauqua Avenue, Looking North to Lake
- 7 Chautauqua Avenue, Looking South
- 8 Lakewood Schools
- 9 Paul Sorg Mansion (The Green Farm)
- 10 New Holbrook Hotel
- 11 Bemus House
- 12 Aull Cottage
- 13 World War II Memorial
- 14 Chautauqua Lake Stock Farm

Map Credit: Lakewood Historical Museum

This map was prepared by the Lakewood Historical Museum Committee

resort. In 1870 John Cowing built a hotel, the Cowing House, on that part of his farm which bordered on the lake. The Cowing House became The Lakeview House in 1873 and the

small settlement, known as Lakeview, became Lakewood in 1879.

Read Helen Ebersole’s full historical account at www.jamestowngazette.com.

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- Walt Pickut, local writer/historian

Editorial with Lori Cornell



COMMUNITY SHOWCASE — THE VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD —



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

This week, we begin our "Community Showcase" series, with a plan to feature each of the municipal centers the newspaper serves over the next two months. It is a pleasure to kick off this series with the downtown Village of

Lakewood! Perhaps best known for the beautiful lakeside Hartley Park and the quintessential Clocktower, Lakewood has so much to offer those who visit and the residents who live there.

However, the natural beauty is not the only asset of this welcoming village - the two mornings I spent chatting with Chautauqua Ave. business owners last week reminded me that downtown Lakewood is so much more.

It really is a microcosm of small business ingenuity with a genuine hometown feel and small business professionals that make all the difference.

I can think of few other places in our great region where one may

walk just a three-block area and experience so much diversity packed into such quaint density. The community "under the Clocktower," no doubt, has it all: special boutiques and shops; throwback books; fine dining; a hopping indoor/outdoor bar scene; massage, yoga and holistic wellness practitioners; bakeries, coffee, wine and liquor; dog grooming; beauty services; and so much more!

Lakewood has all the best in artisans, services, and dining, but as I experienced in my Gazette engagement efforts this past week, Lakewood's top asset is truly it's exceptionally creative and hardworking business people.



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"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

- John Steinbeck

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Faith Matters

Perpetua and Felicity



Contributing Writer
Pastor Laura A. Csellak,
Chaplain
Lutheran-Jamestown

First, blessings in retirement to you, Stacey, with gratitude for having founded the Gazette. And blessing to you too, Lori, in the bold and exciting venture of now owning this great asset for our community.

Do you have any friends named Perpetua or Felicity? Probably not -- although you would be more likely to know someone named Felicity. That name ranks #441 out of the top 1,000 baby girl names in the United States, while only 17 girls in a million are given the name Perpetua. Why do I ask? Because March 7 is the day the Church remembers Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs from Carthage, Africa in the 3rd century. Perpetua was a newlywed noblewoman, about 22 years of age, who was breastfeeding an infant son. Felicity was a slave woman imprisoned with Perpetua and pregnant at the time. Both were catechumenates, that is, converts to the Christian faith who were undergoing training before baptism.

Persecution of Christians was inconsistent and sporadic at that time. Some Christians were left alone, while others, like Perpetua and Felicity and their companions, were harshly imprisoned and then martyred for not denouncing their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The authorities delayed the executions until Felicity gave birth. It was unlawful to execute a pregnant woman -- but obviously alright to kill young mothers.

Perpetua and Felicity were executed, along with others, on the birthday of the emperor. Apparently, feeding Christians to wild animals was a suitable way to celebrate a milestone in a ruler's life.

Before her death, Perpetua had fought with her father who, understandably to many parents, wanted his daughter to recant her belief. Perpetua refused, and was then baptized before being moved to prison. There she suffered from heat, rough prison guards, and the discomfort of cessation of regular breastfeeding.

The early African church was strong and vigorous. This is clear from the fact that Perpetua, Felicity and three men of their congregation were willing to die for their faith. Contemporaries of their time, together with Christians in the Middle Ages and since, have been inspired in faith and service because of Perpetua and Felicity.

What could Perpetua and Felicity mean to our lives? We may be distracted by the barbaric laws of that time and the deranged entertainment interests of an emperor. We may see little in common with those people and their culture. But I invite us to look past all that, and to see the courage of those young women of faith. Perpetua was willing to forego the life of ease of a noblewoman. Felicity had strength to hand her newborn over to a congregant. Who might we need to stand up to who distracts us from our faith? When we are treated unfairly, can we remain faithful to our Lord Jesus? Finally, whom might we and our faith community inspire in faith like those in that early African Church?

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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Jamestown Salute to the Finest is March 4

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Chautauqua County
Chamber of Commerce

Each year the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Committee in Jamestown presents Salute to the Finest -- an annual recognition of some of the local businesses, individuals, and organizations that make a difference in the community. This year, Salute to the Finest will be held March 4, with a wide variety of awards to be presented.

Awards will be presented to the following:

- Rising Business of the Year -- Chautauqua Soap Co.
- Restaurant of the Year -- Ryan's Phil & Cindy's Lunch
- Retailer of the Year -- Lafayette Corners Furniture
- Service to Humanity Award -- Michael Roberts
- Legacy Award -- Chautauqua Patron's Insurance
- Pride of Jamestown Award -- The Pub
- Business of the Year -- JMI Inc.

Chamber Coordinator Carrie Swanson noted, "Our committee

looks at the many people, businesses, and organizations that make up the fabric of our community. This year, all of these outstanding award selections bubbled to the top of the list because of their efforts to make the Jamestown area a better place to live and work."

Salute to the Finest will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton, 150 West Fourth Street, from 5-8pm, Monday, March 4. The evening will include appetizers and a cash bar. It will begin with a cocktail hour, followed by the award presentations beginning at 6pm. The cost is \$25 per person for Chamber members and \$27 for non-members. Advance registration is requested by February 26. Attendees can sign up through the Chamber web calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org.

The 2023 Salute to the Finest is proudly sponsored by Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company, Elegant Edibles Catering, Northwest Bank, and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union. Congratulations to all the award recipients this year! We encourage the community to attend in support of this outstanding group of people and organizations.

Busti Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary to Host Swiss Steak Dinner for Veterans

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Busti Fire Dept.
Ladies' Auxiliary

The Busti Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting a Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday, March 9 from 4 pm - 6 pm.

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Obituary
Paul E. "Ratz" Desnerck (1937-2024)
Paul E. "Ratz" Desnerck, 86 of Jamestown passed away after battling cancer on Feb. 15, 2024, in UPMC Chautauqua. He was born July 23, 1937, in Jamestown, NY and was the son of the late Arthur P. "Frenchy" and Marian (Ewing) Desnerck. He was very active following his retirement from Lilly Industries. He loved and donated a lot of his time and held office at the Jamestown Moose Lodge 1681 for many years. He played flag football, softball, bowling, golf, and pool. He is smvived by his children, Deanna (Shawn) Mowrey of North Charleston, SC. Paul (Tina) Desnerck, Desiree (Matthew) Emmerling both of Jamestown, NY, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His brother Arthur (Marilyn) Desnerck and his children. Regarding dad's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral arrangements. However, we will have a celebration of life in July. Memorials can be made to cancer in his name.

SUDOKU
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!
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- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Home of Iowa State University
 - 5. ___-fi (slang)
 - 8. Mottled green and yellow fruit
 - 12. Capable of thinking and expressing oneself clearly
 - 14. Sports broadcaster Eagle
 - 15. Middy
 - 16. Kinsmen
 - 18. Cable network
 - 19. Simpleton
 - 20. Brunch beverage
 - 21. Fed
 - 22. European capital
 - 23. Native inhabitants
 - 26. Mechanical device
 - 30. Rare geese native to Hawaii
 - 31. Bedroom furnishing
 - 32. The products of human creativity
 - 33. Mass transit option
 - 34. Made a mistake
 - 39. Sacred sound symbol
 - 42. Large N. American reindeer
 - 44. Dull and flat
 - 46. Partner to huffing
 - 47. Written works
 - 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
 - 50. Midway between east and southeast
 - 51. Peninsula of southwestern Asia
 - 56. Widely used multiuser OS
 - 57. Aggressive dog
 - 58. Varnished
 - 59. Hindu queen
 - 60. Time units, abbr.
 - 61. Farm animals
 - 62. Capital of Latvia
 - 63. Where golfers begin
 - 64. Takes to civil court

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. One who graduated
 - 2. An inspired holy person
 - 3. Electronic counter-countermeasures
 - 4. A place to store things
 - 5. Indian instrument
 - 6. Spanish saloon
 - 7. Whole number
 - 8. Not fastened
 - 9. Gives a boost
 - 10. Lounges about
 - 11. Interested in
 - 13. Remove salt
 - 17. Type of sword
 - 24. Naturally occurring solid material
 - 25. Gets involved without being invited
 - 26. Feline
 - 27. Bobby __, NHL champ
 - 28. "Kill Bill" actress Thurman
 - 29. Hawaiian dish
 - 35. Moroccan coastal region
 - 36. Baseball statistic
 - 37. Long period of time
 - 38. Moved earth
 - 40. Central Netherlands city
 - 41. Take stock of
 - 42. Central processing unit
 - 43. Distinctive qualities one generates
 - 44. Getting stuck
 - 45. Loss of bodily movements
 - 47. Veranda
 - 48. Abrupt
 - 49. What cats do
 - 52. Expresses pleasure
 - 53. Type of cheese
 - 54. Professional STEM organization
 - 55. Automatic data processing systems

Checking In with Paul Leone

Leap Year



Contributing Writer
Paul Leone

Having listened attentively to Neil deGrasse Tyson, in his inimitable way, explaining on video what exactly is a Leap Year and why, I remain somewhat less confused over the physics of the matter but no less beguiled by Neil deGrasse Tyson's extraordinary ability to distill in layman terms the far reaches of an astrophysicist's conception. Neil deGrasse Tyson is the beloved American astrophysicist who delivers his cosmic interpretations of the workings of the universe with such joy and wonder, and complicated simplicity, that his audience elevates with him to the stars. I would suggest to those who might like to see Tyson in action to dial up the Steven Kolbert report for episodes upon which Tyson appears. You will share with Kolbert the joy and wonder Tyson communicates.

As I understand it, then, the earth's rotation around the sun takes slightly more than 365 earth days. Like 365 and 1/4 earth days. To make up for that extra partial earth day, every four years (4x1/4=1) one day is added to the Gregorian calendar. That day is then added to February, the month deficient among the rest in the number of days.

Easy enough, but it turns out that extra 1/4 day is not totally accurate. The earth's travel time is actually a mite less than 1/4 day. In the area of, perhaps, a second.

Here is where my understanding gets fuzzy. Since the calendar overcompensates for the earth's travel time, it is required the calendar be readjusted every so often. Like every 100 years. Neil deGrasse Tyson explains the mathematics of it on *Star Talk*, which may be accessed at *msn.com*. Suffice it to say there is something designated a *Leap Second*.

The few I have known born on February 29 have seemed to me, as a child, unfortunate in their accident of birth. After all, a birthday only once every four years? Worse than having been born on December 25. On the other hand, I remember a vague envy. I remember a certain pride in them for the distinction. How they stood apart. Like being left handed or having eyes of different colors. The world held promise for them.

I do like the folk tradition allowing women to be aggressive in pursuit during leap years. In Finland and Ireland the tradition holds that women may propose marriage in those years. A play from the seventeenth century, *The Maydes Metamorphosis*, notes that on *leape year women wear breeches*. Centuries later women seeking an opportunity were expected to wear red petticoats. This was a warning to men, you understand.

Seems the tradition has been lost or at least woefully understated today. As a young man I always looked forward with expectation to a *Ladies' Choice*.

Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024 Inductees



Submitted Photo
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Chautauqua Sports
Hall of Fame

Above are the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024 inductees who were enshrined Monday night at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club. Seated,

from the left, are Judy Young, Cheryl Burns, Karen Bakewell, Carlene Sluberski and Karen Tellinghuisen. Standing are Tim D'Angelo, son of the late Tom D'Angelo; Rod Maloy; Doug Kaltenbach; and Michael and Jim Bryner, brothers of the late Daniel Bryner.

16th Annual Come to the Table



Submitted Photo
"Cows in the Garden" a beautiful 2023 Come to the Table tablescape, designed by Shari Jamieson of So Very Shari Creations.

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CASA of Chautauqua
County

Join CASA of Chautauqua County at its 16th Annual Come to the Table 2024 fundraising event to support abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes. The event will be held in-person at The Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, New York on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with the live table auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Local artisans and CASA supporters come together to design beautiful tablescapes that guests can bid on.

These themed tables may include everything from gift certificates and sports memorabilia to vacations and local experiences. Guests will also be treated to live musical entertainment by the Jamestown High School Chamber Orchestra, hors d'oeuvres, a basket raffle and so much more. Please join us for an exceptional evening while supporting CASA of Chautauqua County. Tickets are \$20 and available presale by emailing Kelly Fiorella at *kfiorellacasa@gmail.com*, from any CASA board or staff member, or at the door. The public is invited!

SUNY JCC Explores Transit Options for Students Through CHQ Transport



Submitted Photo
Pictured from left are Steve Riczker, executive director of the JCC Faculty Student Association; Brenda Swan, project coordinator for CHQ Transit; Michele Westphal, senior project coordinator for CHQ Transit; Kerri Brown, director for JCC Global Learning; Kayla Crosby, director of Campus Life; Tyler Silagyi, director of Residence Life; and Kirk Young, vice president of Student Affairs.

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SUNY Jamestown
Community College

A \$10,000 grant from the State University of New York has created a vehicle with which SUNY Jamestown Community College can pursue improving transportation options for students at its locations.

The move is in response to information gathered from a student intake survey about transportation issues. The college has met with CHQ Transport and is exploring options to assist students with transit to and from the Jamestown Campus and North County Center to and from campus to their homes and nearby grocery stores, with intent to extend the service to the Cattaraugus County Campus using similar transit services.

"Though the details are still being worked out, we anticipate passes will be available through our Counseling Centers," said Kirk Young, vice president of Student Affairs for SUNY JCC. "We're thankful for the opportunity this seed money creates, and are hopeful we can improve transportation options for our students."

Further research is planned to explore using some of the funds to improve service for students who need transportation to Buffalo Niagara International Airport. The funds may also be used to improve transportation for student-athletes to practices and events.

All usage will be tracked and the initiative will be refined based on the data gathered.

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Prevention Works Holding 23rd Annual Alcohol Awareness Month Poster Contest

The 2024 Theme is "I Am Not Alone in Saying No"

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Contest Rules:

- All Chautauqua County students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. This includes public, private, and homeschooled students
- Limit one poster per student
- 11" x 17" (ledger size) paper or poster board ONLY—all other sizes will be disqualified
- Color or black & white posters are accepted
- Computer-generated posters are NOT accepted
- 3-D posters are NOT accepted
- The theme: "I Am Not Alone in Saying No" must be noted somewhere on the FRONT of the poster
- No trademark or publicly-known figures accepted
- Original artwork only
- Posters should contain a clean, no-use message/depiction
- Please check spelling, as misspelled words will result in contest disqualification

To qualify for judging, posters must contain the following information (printed or typed on the BACK):

- Student's name, home phone number, home address, school name, school grade, teacher's name, school phone number

Posters must be received by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 1, 2024 at the following locations:

- Darwin Barker Library, Fredonia;
- James Prendergast Library, Jamestown
- Prevention Works, 186 Lake Shore Dr. W, Dunkirk
- Prevention Works, 509 N. Main St., Jamestown

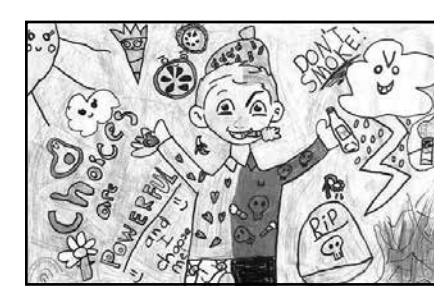
Categories & Prizes:

Category A: Grades 3-5; Category B: Grades 6-8; Category C: Grades 9-12

Prizes:

- (1) Grand prize: \$100; a billboard featuring your poster; professional, custom framing of your poster
- (3) 1st Prizes (one from each category): \$75
- (3) 2nd Prizes (one from each category): \$50
- (3) 3rd Prizes (one from each category): \$25
- (2) Honorary Mentions \$15

At Prevention Works, we understand that you are faced with many challenges. Very few challenges have the potential to affect your life in a more significant way than the decisions you make regarding alcohol and other drugs. These choices will influence your health, your grades, your relationships, your job or career,



your freedom, and your future. As lonely as it may seem, YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN SAYING NO. There are others, like you, who have held strong in the face of stress, peer pressure, and curiosity—they have made the brave decision to say NO!

Ideas to get you started:

Think of ways that your art can inspire others to feel supported in making better decisions—to encourage them to make healthier choices for their body, mind, and future. Imagine how it would feel to have someone make you feel as though you belong for NOT using alcohol or other substances. How can you be a leader, a friend, and a messenger in the eyes of others to let them know that they are not alone in saying no? You've got this! You are seen. You are heard. You are not alone.

Please note that all winners will maintain ownership of their original poster artwork. All other entries will become property of Prevention Works. Prevention Works reserves publication rights for all submissions.

Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals to Host Business Networking Luncheon

Article Contributed by
Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals



Submitted Photo
Ken Morris

The Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals (NCYP) are excited to announce the return of our networking luncheons. NCYP will host Ken Morris of Brooks-TLC Hospital at our upcoming Networking Luncheon on March 6, from 12-1 PM at the JCC North County Center, Located at 10807 Bennett Rd, Dunkirk, NY. Morris joined Brooks -TLC in 2018 and serves as President and CEO. His presentation will focus on 'Keeping Care Close to Home,' and also feature updates on the new hospital project.

This event is free and open to all young professionals. We encourage those who seek opportunities to connect with other professionals, learn more about the local workforce's future, or seek to learn more about Chautauqua County to attend. Please sign up by February 28, 2024. You may register online at <https://bit.ly/NCYPLuncheonBrooks> (link is case-sensitive). NCYP plans to host many more events this year, providing opportunities for professionals to connect and grow.

The mission of Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals (NCYP) is to network and advocate for young professionals, promoting awareness of local opportunities and entrepreneurship endeavors. They

strategically engage in social and civic practices, enhancing the overall quality of life for young professionals and, by extension, our communities. NCYP continues to expand its efforts in sharing professional and educational opportunities with the public and hosting networking events throughout the year.

We encourage those interested to reach out for more information about how to support NYCP or become a member of our growing team of innovators by contacting Co-Chairs Monica Simpson, (716) 363-3770 or Leslie Wille, (716) 366-4892, or email: nchqypro@gmail.com. Please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernChautauquaYoungProfessionals> for more information and registration for upcoming events.

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~ Jacqueline Phelps
- Outdoor music in the summer!!!*
~ Michelle Turner
- Call me crazy. Simply walking. It's a wonderful place to walk your dog!*
~ Amy Pike
- Lakewood Beach!*
~ Susan Haggmark O'Connor
- Eight Limbs Wellness Studio! Best massages!!*
~ Laura Hayes
- The Good Neighbor Bookstore and the annual 10K race!*
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~ Lisa Haglund
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- Quilters' Haven & Yarn Shop, a great Lakewood business!*
~ Jan Shoup
- Walkable, community engagement. Small village connections and relationships.*
~ Danielle Marra
- Can't believe nobody has said Bag & Strings!*
~ Ben Webb
- What I love most about Lakewood is Pea Pod & Juniper. I'm also happy to see the return of the Farmers' Market this summer.*
~ Martha Danielson

Hazeltine Public Library Partners with Martz Kohl Observatory to Present Solar Eclipse Program on March 14

Article Contributed by
Hazeltine Public Library

Hazeltine Public Library is pleased to announce they have partnered with the Martz Kohl Observatory to present a Solar Eclipse Program.

The event, Free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 PM at the library. While not required, reservations are appreciated to allow for planning.

Walt Pickut and Tom Traub from the observatory will be on hand to talk about the historical significance of eclipses, the science behind them and the proper procedures for viewing this once in a life time opportunity.

"The library is very excited to have two of the most knowledgeable people in

our area join us for this presentation," said Katie Smith, director of the Hazeltine Public Library "in addition to offering this program, the library will have solar glasses available for distribution beginning the end of Feb. and the library will be open from 1 - 7 PM and our grounds provide great opportunity for viewing on Monday, April 8."

The Hazeltine Public Library, a member of the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System, is located at 891 Busti Sugargrove Rd., Jamestown, NY and maybe reached by calling 716.487.1281.

Library events are posted on their Facebook page, individuals are encouraged to check there for updates.

Community Showcase: Downtown Lakewood Highlights Thriving Businesses, Enriching Community

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

in," he said, noting his cousin, Kim Carlson, owns the blossom-based and ever-popular Pea Pod and Juniper on Chautauqua Avenue.

Another charming addition to the Chautauqua Ave. corridor will be a new bridal boutique under the ownership of Ashley Whippo called Marquise Bridal Boutique. The boutique, which will open in early April, will focus on bridal gowns, accessories, bridal-focused apparel by Southern Tier Arts and Graphics, Wild Card clay earrings, rental tuxedos, and more. Whippo has also worked to gather various community resources together in a Local Vendor Guide.

"It's much needed for this community because we haven't had one in a while," she said. "Everybody that I've talked to - all the brides-to-be - are excited ... they're just excited to actually have a shop in town.

For Whippo, the bridal industry is second nature as she spent time in her aunt's bridal boutique growing up. She said she chose Lakewood as her location due to the welcoming community.

The boutique will be located at 117 Chautauqua Ave. and available by appointment only, with a few options for appointments, including New Bride appointments, Bride Tribe appointments, Say Yes to the Dress appointments, and more. For more information on appointments, to view the Local Vendor Guide or other services, visit www.marquisebridalboutique.com.

Another community gem will also soon be relocated to the Lakewood area: the Shabby Shrub, an eclectic shop filled with vintage wares, new home accessories and specialty paints. The shop focuses on rustic farmhouse, cottage, French country

and industrial aesthetics. Owned by Amy Pike, is currently located in Ashville, however, she is renovating a building in Lakewood to bring her shop to the area.

"We are restoring a building in Lakewood - it is getting quite a bit of attention because the building was such an eyesore," Pike said. "Hoping to open this summer with a cafe and Airbnb as well but ... we still have a lot of work to do."

To follow along with the renovations and see what they have to offer, find them on Facebook under "The Shabby Shrub."

The Good Neighbor Bookstore, located at 124 Lakewood Avenue, has long been a part of the neighborhood, even before it's name-change. The shop, previously known as Off The Beaten Path, is a full-service bookstore that offers book signings, events, an online shop, and more books than a bibliophile would know what to do with. For more information, visit www.goodneighborbooks.com

It might seem that folks looking for a day of fun might have to travel a far distance to do so - however, Lakewood has more than enough to fill a day with activity. A visitor to the area some bright Saturday morning could stop at Group Therapy for brunch, take a yoga class at Eight Limbs Yoga Studio, pick up their natural-healing needs at Lakewood Vitality, check out custom-built home services at Stone Hill Homes, take their dog to Doggy Stylez for grooming (even as a walk in), get their favorite watch repaired at The Watch Shop and grab a bite for supper at Stella: A Kitchen and Bar. Whatever needs a customer might have, the Village of Lakewood has plenty to offer - and it's only a stone's throw away.

How well do you know downtown Lakewood?

1. Where can you go for a custom-built home by Brandon Maggio?
2. What fabulous dog-grooming salon takes "walk ins"?
3. Where can you bring your diamond ring or antique clock to be fixed, among other watchful treasures?
4. Which historic location offers "casual fine dining"?
5. What floral and specialty shop is named for the owner's grandchildren?
6. How many limbs does it take for Lakewood's best wellness studio?
7. Your therapy here might include a gigantic green chair and live music?
8. What rustic and refined gift shop is moving from Ashville to Lakewood via renovating a downtown building?
9. Like a good neighbor, refers to what beloved well-read shop, and not Allstate Insurance in this case?
10. Formally Lakewood Apothecary, this holistic epicenter is under now under new ownership and called....?

1. Stone Hill Homes 2. Doggy Stylez 3. The Watch Shop 4. Stella: A Kitchen and Bar 5. Pea Pod and Juniper
6. Eight Limbs 7. Track & Field 8. Shabby Shrub 9. Good Neighbor Bookstore 10. Vitality Health and Wellness Center

Rare Disease Day

Article Contributed by
Joan Eppheimer

Once every four years we have a rare day, February 29. In 2009, The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) chose and designated February 29 as Rare Disease Day, to help raise awareness for the approximately 30 million Americans affected by a rare disease. In years when there is no 29th day, it is celebrated on February 28.

Today, Rare Disease Day is observed around the world. In addition to many activities that will commemorate the day, landmarks and buildings all over the world will be illuminated in support of those affected by rare diseases. This incredible network to shine a light on rare disease is called Light Up for Rare.

Light Up for Rare began in 2019 when the Empire State Building was striped in pink, green, blue, and purple, the colors of Rare Disease Day. This year, Jamestown City Hall and the Washington Street bridge will join these landmarks around the world and shine a light on rare diseases by donning the Rare Disease Day colors.

Stripes are used for Light Up for Rare because the Zebra is the official mascot for rare disease patients. Traditionally, medical professionals were taught, "When you hear hoofbeats, think of horses, not zebras." This maxim coined by Dr Theodore Woodward in the 1940s was a reminder to those in the medical field that they should diagnose the common causes rather than search, at exorbitant length (and cost), for low probability causes. Today, one in ten Americans is a "zebra," but by and

large the medical field still looks for common factors (horses) rather than rare ones when trying to diagnose.

A rare disease is defined as one that fewer than 200,000 people in the United States have. Cumulatively, there are over 10,000 known rare diseases. The least rare of the rare diseases in America is Multiple Sclerosis (MS). While the estimated numbers of those affected with MS in America range from 200,000 to 1,000,000, it is still on the list of rare diseases, perhaps because there are many variations of the disease. Other rare diseases that the public may recognize are cystic fibrosis, sickle cell disease, hemophilia A and B, and muscular dystrophy. All childhood cancers are classified as rare.

Fewer than 5% of the over 10,000 rare diseases have an FDA-approved treatment. In addition, it can take years to get an accurate rare disease diagnosis, which can take a significant toll on an individual's physical and mental health. NORD, the US partner for Rare Disease Day, exists to help fight for causes like these, as well as give support to families experiencing rare diseases.

NORD's slogan, "Alone we are rare. Together we are strong." epitomizes the idea behind Rare Disease Day and Light Up for Rare. These events are a global initiative to raise awareness and generate support for everyone who is on a rare medical journey. It takes place on the last day of February, which this year is February 29th, the rarest day of the year. For more information, go to rare diseases.org.

Good News Announced at MHA Luncheon



Joey Monn is pictured with Mental Health Association (MHA) Project Manager Shannon Fisk and the many bags and boxes of food and hygiene products Monn donated to share with MHA participants.

Article Contributed by
Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County

Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA) Executive Director Steven Cobb announced the official opening of

the "warming center". With help from Recovery Options Made Easy (RecoveryOptionsNY.org), the center will now be available to the community. Hours are 5:30 p.m.-7:30 a.m. daily through April 30. Like the MHA's Jamestown program, the warming center is housed in the Gateway Center, 31 Water Street.

First Covenant Church Welcomes Pastor Elizabeth Whitney

Article Contributed by
First Covenant Church

First Covenant Church proudly welcomes Pastor Elizabeth Whitney into the congregation. She will have her first Sunday on March 3rd at 10am. A time of fellowship will follow the service to meet Pastor Whitney and her family over coffee and doughnuts. Please join in welcoming the Whitney family to First Covenant Church.



Submitted Photo
Pastor Elizabeth Whitney

About Pastor Whitney

Pastor Elizabeth Whitney and her husband Dan live in Connecticut with their children Caleb, Ethan and Ainsley. She currently serves as Pastor of Christian Education and Discipleship at a Presbyterian church in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Her past experience includes work in several churches as Minister of Outreach and Discipleship, Discipleship Pastor, Women's Ministry Co-Director, Children's Church Teacher, Deacon, Nursery Program Coordinator and Youth Co-Director. She holds an Associate

of Arts in Biblical Studies from Liberty University and a Masters of Divinity from Sioux Falls Seminary.

Pastor Whitney is ordained by the Evangelical Covenant Church. In addition, Pastor Liz possesses training in CPE, (Clinical Pastoral Education), from Griffin Hospital in Derby Connecticut. This training combines professional education with hands-on experience, providing spiritual care to patients, families and staff in a multi-faith clinical setting.

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Chamber of Commerce

Eclipse Opportunities for Businesses

Is your business ready for the total solar eclipse April 8? Let the Chamber of Commerce help you get prepared. We have an upcoming workshop just for you, and an opportunity to help all small local businesses market themselves for eclipse weekend.

On March 8, just one month away from the total solar eclipse, we are bringing back our panel of experts for a special Business Builder Workshop. These folks presented to a group of businesspeople back in November in Dunkirk and will be back, this time in Jamestown, to help you understand what you can expect and why it's important to be prepared. Our guests will be Tom Traub, Chair of the Martz-Kohl Observatory Solar Eclipse Committee and NASA Eclipse Ambassador member; Noel Guttman, Chautauqua County Director of Emergency Services; and Andrew Nixon, President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau.

With an estimated 100,000 extra people expected to visit Chautauqua County for the eclipse next spring, the Business Builder Workshop is aimed at giving you the information you'll need to promote your business and to gear up for the day.

The upcoming eclipse is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our region, and for your business to seize the moment. We hope you can join us for this free and valuable workshop. It will be held Friday, March 8, from 9-10:30am at the Marvin Community House, 2 West Fifth Street, Jamestown. Pre-registration is requested so we can adequately prepare. This workshop is sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Jamestown Community College, the Marvin Community House, Media One

Radio Group, Observer, and The Post-Journal.

If your business or organization is hosting an eclipse watch party on April 8 we hope you'll list it with the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau. Their website at www.tourchautauqua.com includes some great resources and a comprehensive list of watch parties planned for all over Chautauqua County. CCVB also has posters and rack cards available at its office at the Chautauqua Institution Main Gate Welcome Center, and through the Chamber office in Jamestown.

The Chamber of Commerce is also compiling lists of local businesses in the shopping, dining, and attraction categories to help market all available assets when we have a glut of guests in the county. As one of the largest business associations in Western New York, the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce understands that many businesses are not traditionally open on Sundays and Mondays but may choose to vary their hours to serve a substantial influx of visitor traffic April 6-8. Providing business information for consumers directly meets our mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. This opportunity is free to all small local businesses through our Shop Local initiatives supported by the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth. We will list businesses in three categories: Shopping, Dining, and Attractions. Please select your category during registration and fill in all of the information requested so we can list you properly, including notes about your special hours. We ask that businesses sign up by March 18 so we have time to compile our lists.

Registration is open online now for both the workshop and the marketing list opportunity. Visit the Chamber's online events calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org.

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Chautauqua County Humane Society Pets of the Week



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Hemingway is a sweet and courtly gentleman who is distinguished and calm. He is mellow and affectionate and so very dear! Seniors should be home in a warm toasty bed in a sunny window, surrounded by a loving family. Come to CCHS and bring this darling boy home right this minute!

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