Summer Fun in the Sun

Wild America Nature Festival

Allen Park Concert Series

Dragon Boat Race

Ellington Town Picnic

Gerry Rodeo

Scandinavian Festival

Jamestown Public Market

National Comedy Center Opening

Babe Ruth World Series
During a reception on July 9 at St. Mary of Lourdes Parish, Ann Walsh of Mayville was presented the 2018 Axel W. Carlson "Unsung Hero" Award.

For over 40 years, Ann has dedicated her time to helping others throughout the Mayville community.

“My volunteering began from a church group that was started from St. Mary’s,” she explained. “Every week we were given three names of people that we could visit in the nursing home. It was wonderful to see how happy the people were when they realized we came just to see them.”

Today, as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ann spends her time volunteering with St. Paul’s Church Thrift Shop, Mayville Food Pantry, St. Vincent Society and St. Mary of Lourdes Parish.

According to Judy Parker, who nominated Ann for this award, she is the embodiment of community service in action.

“(Ann) has built a legacy of faith in loving and caring for others, through her example of selfless community service that will live on for generations to come,” Judy said.
Gifts were made in memory of the following individuals between January 1 and June 30, 2018.

H. James Abdella
Roe Adams
Margaret Alessi
Alice, Beloved Cat
Cheryl Anderson

Priscilla "Pree" A. DuBois
Greg Duncanson
Terry Dunn
Reuben Edgecombe
Elgin
Emma, Beloved Dog
William G. "Gus" Erickson
Robert Eustis
Dick and Josephine Fiorello
Robert E. Ford
Alex George Gregory Foulk
Donald W. Giddy
US Senator Charles Goodell
Janet Gordon
Gracie
Gucci, Beloved Cat
Marian Guiffreda
Robert Guiffreda
Ralph Larry Haglin
Sheridan and Dorothy Hardenburg

Linda Knight
Tom Kralovics
L.V.C.S. Alumni - Deceased Members
Donald E. Larkin's Birthday
Alice Elaine Larson
Elaine Larson
Miles and Gloria Lasser
William H. Lesch
George W. Lewis
Charles J. Lindros
Thomas Lobb
Bruce Lundquist
Nelson M. Lynde III
Maggie, Beloved Cat
S. Ralph and Frances Marra
Linda McCray
Chuck McGowan
Lewis McIntyre
Janet Michaels Miller
Felix J. Mira
Thomas Mruk
Sheila Brady Nair
Jessie L. Nelson
Lawrence and Jessie Nelson
Norman Nelson
Alison Ney
Sandra K. O'Brien
Suzanne Shearman Osmer
Donald and Rosalie Pembridge
Gladys E. Peterson
Carolyn Magnuson Pillsbury
Lawrence W. Pillsbury
Phyllis Postle
Charles H. Price
Anthony "Tony" Rainier
William Rettberg
William F. Rietter
Rocky
James S. Roselle

David R. Anderson
Gary H. Anderson
George Anderson II
Willis N. Archer
Carolyn R. (Mitchell) Barone
Orlo W. Bartholomew
Robert H. Benson
Alan M. Bentley
Rosemary "Rosie" Billquist
Gordon W. Black
Patricia Bova
Rose G. Bower
Dale James Boyd
Joan L. Brigiotta
Denise Elaine Tryon Brown
Sherwood Staples Cadwell
Frances Calanni
Eric J. Carlson
Robert V. Carlson
Sally P. Carlson
Sheila Carlson
Fred D. Carter Jr.
Hildreh Haug Cash
Donald Caswell
Charley, Beloved Dog
Chin Chin
Elizabeth Coan
R. Richard Corbin
Ronald B. Cotten
Kathryn J. Crossley
Norman R. Davis, MD
Phillip DeMarco
Rocco R. Doino
Morgan and Mary Doolittle

George and Agnes Hausenbauer
Claire Hewitt's Mother
Zira and Dee James
Gwyneth Jaquish
JHS Class of 1969 - Deceased Members
Arnold R. Johnson
Joyce Johnson (Class of '48)
Charles W. Jordan
Paul Kanitz
Robert Karbacka
Jeffery D. Kearney
Eugene Klar

Memorials
As the first African American woman to hold a county legislative seat in New York state, Lula Taylor set an incredible example for those around her with her courage, determination and intelligence. Her passing in March was a loss for the entire community.

A member of Blackwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, she served as a trustee, Youth Fellowship director and sang in the choir. Since the 1980s, Lula had a passion for AIDS awareness and in 1996, she hosted the first AIDS Awareness public forum in Chautauqua County, with the community’s full support.

Lula and her husband, Vivian, were also instrumental in the completion of the Underground Railroad project and co-founded the Chautauqua Black History Committee. In 2007, they were presented the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award.

Recently, her family created the **Lula and Vivian Taylor Historical Fund** to inspire future generations. This scholarship will provide financial support to students majoring in courses of study that explore diverse peoples, issues and ideas such as, history, theology, public policy, humanities or law.

**Remembering Lula**

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**Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Josephson, who passed away in July at the age of 86.**

For 20 years, Barbara was an incredible volunteer at the Foundation working diligently with our scholarships and students. We were fortunate to have known her as both a volunteer and friend.

In 2003, she and her husband, Robert established the **Robert G. and Barbara Josephson First Presbyterian Scholarship** to assist students who are active members of the church and in their community.

**Thank You, Barb!**
In June, the community celebrated the retirement of Ruth Lundin, Audubon Community Nature Center president.

For 19 years, Ruth, her staff and volunteers have worked to build and nurture connections between people of all ages and our natural world.

Each year, more than 2,000 students from throughout Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties travel to the Audubon for educational field trips. The Audubon staff also travels to local schools to bring environmental lessons to students. Under Ruth’s leadership, the Audubon’s school programs have expanded into Warren County, Pa.

In 2015, in honor of her dedication and service, The Ruth Lundin Environmental Internship Endowment Fund was established at the Community Foundation to provide a stipend to student interns gaining real-world experience in environmental fields at the Audubon.

“Interns provide (the Audubon) with new ideas and energy every year and we work to provide them with a solid foundation for continuing their careers in natural history, biology or environmental education,” Ruth said.
On July 28, the Christian Carlson Memorial Concert and Street Festival took over the small village of South Dayton.

All proceeds from the event benefit a scholarship created by friends and family in memory of Christian.

The Christian Carlson Memorial Scholarship Fund will assist students graduating from Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County high schools attending SUNY Fredonia and majoring in a music related field.

A 2006 Pine Valley Central School graduate, Christian received his Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Fredonia in music business.

According to his family, music was his passion and saving grace.

From birth, Christian struggled with severe asthma and, as a child, developed Tourette’s Syndrome. He faced whatever life threw at him with confidence, grace and, more often than not, a joke. However, when he played guitar, his Tourette’s symptoms lessoned and his personality and smile became infectious.

“Christian was all about the music,” his parents said. “He purchased his first guitar in fourth grade and never looked back.”

For Diana Swanson, finding a purpose after the death of her five-year-old son, Marley, has led her, and her family, to create With All Your Heart, The Marley V. Swanson Memorial Foundation to support other local families going through the same, unimaginable horror of having a sick child.

“I want to pay it forward,” she said. “Any little things to make (these kids) smile would make me happy, would make Marley happy.”

A student at Jefferson De Frees Center in Warren, Pa., one day Marley lost his balance going into school. After a visit to his pediatrician, it was recommended Marley be taken to Buffalo where he underwent a series of MRI’s, bone marrow exams and other medical tests.

In November 2016, Marley was diagnosed with a brain tumor in the Pons area of the brain. Over the next seven weeks, Marley completed chemotherapy and radiation treatments. He rang the Victory Bell at the end of his treatments.

In May, Diana noticed Marley’s face was drooping and took him to the doctor where they found the tumor had started to grow again. Marley passed away in his mother’s arms in July.

“Every night before bed I would tell him, ‘I love you with all my heart,” Diana said. “And Marley would always reply, ‘I love you with all your heart, Mom.”’
On June 14, the Community Foundation hosted the region’s first 24 hour online fundraising event, Give Big CHQ. Throughout the day, CRCF checked in with many of our nonprofit friends to see how they were celebrating!

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who supported our inaugural event!

The Jamestown YMCA Cycle Class was pumped for Give Big CHQ!

Tory Irgang with Andrew and Jackie from Express Employment Professionals at our Coffee Hour Kickoff celebration at Crown Street Roasting

Jay-Vontay and his parents participated in the Makerspace at the James Prendergast Library during Give Big CHQ.

The Mental Health Association held a BIG BBQ to celebrate Give Big CHQ!

The Audubon Community Nature Center raised money for new tables during Give Big CHQ!

Our friends from the YWCA also stopped by our kickoff event!

Save the Date—June 13, 2019
Welcome Harold!

In July, Harold Brunacini was elected to the Foundation’s Board of Directors. A general member of the Foundation since 2016, Harold has served on various committees, including the community service grants committee.

In addition to his work at the Foundation, Harold serves as past president and current treasurer of the Rotary Club of Falconer, as well as, treasurer on the Board of Directors at Infinity Visual and Performing Arts.

A Certified Public Accountant and Partner at James W. Vanstrom and Company, CPA, Harold lives in the Kennedy area with his wife, Sharon, and two adult children.

We are happy to have Harold’s expertise on our Board!