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## Spread The Word

**Yoga - Free**  
**Walk-ins welcome**  
Every M, W, F @ 8:45 am  
Community Center Gym  
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**Young at Heart Senior Lunch**  
Mondays @ 12noon  
Call 716-581-3426  
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**Gerry Rodeo**  
Through Aug. 3; Shows at 8 pm  
Beef BBQ every night 5 - 8  
[www.gerryrodeo.org](http://www.gerryrodeo.org)  
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**Ned Smith: The Man & the Illustrator**  
Aug. 3, 4, 6 & many more days  
Call for hours (716) 665-2473  
Roger Tory Peterson Institute of  
Natural History, Jamestown  
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**Chautauqua Institution Week 6**  
July 27–Aug. 3: What's Funny?  
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**Doug Phillips Acoustic at Alexander's**  
Fri., Aug. 2, 7 pm  
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**Sherman Day**  
Fri. - Sat., Aug. 2 -3  
Sat., 5k Walk/Run, 8:30 am  
Sat., Parade 10 am  
<https://www.shermanny.org/sherman-day>  
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**Findley Lake Triathlon Festival**  
Sat, Aug 3, 7:30 am  
Registration 914-466-9214  
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**Chautauqua Institution Week 7**  
Aug. 3–10: Grace: A Celebration  
of Extraordinary Gifts  
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**Qwister Sunday Fun at Pine Junction**  
Sun., Aug. 4, 2 pm  
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**Chautauqua Institution Sunday Entertainment**  
Free admission  
Aug 4, 11, 18 & 25  
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**Lucille Ball Comedy Festival**  
Aug. 7 - 11, National Comedy Ctr.  
[www.comedycenter.org](http://www.comedycenter.org)  
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## It's No Secret Community Connections "Makes Life Easier"



Speakers at the CC@FL event:  
Greg Olsen, Rebecca Brumagin,  
Lin Baylis, George Borrello

The community was waiting in anticipation for a secret to be revealed on Thursday, July 18 and when Dr. Lin Baylis, Executive Director of Community Connections at Findley Lake (CC@FL) disclosed the exciting news, the audience burst into applause. "Aging in Place" is the buzz phrase that is used to describe people who are able to stay in their homes as

they grow older. A community that has a large percentage of older adults who are aging in place is a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC). Greg Olsen, Director of the New York State Office for Aging, was the keynote speaker at the gazebo in Findley Lake and shared, on behalf of Governor Andrew Cuomo, that a NORC grant of almost \$500,000 was awarded to CC@FL because of the organization's history of successful community outreach services. The grant award of \$99,999 per year for five years will be used by CC@FL to expand and enhance services to local seniors. Lin declared that being awarded the NORC grant is an incredible honor for our small town as only two rural communities in New York State have been officially designated as a grant funded NORC. Chautauqua County Executive George Borrello congratulated the board of directors of Community Connections for their efforts to assist area seniors and for working collaboratively with the County Office for Aging and the Sheriff's Department. Rebecca Brumagin, Town of Mina Supervisor, spoke about the town's diverse needs, that older adults can be constrained or enabled by the culture of the community, and that aging in place helps to preserve autonomy and dignity. The grant went into effect on July 1, 2019 and an advisory council will be established. The tag line for Community Connections is "Making Life Easier" – in its 6½ years of providing services it has done just that.



CC@FL Board & Staff: Terri Gross, Christine Cheronis, Jennifer Mills, Marlene Garone, Lin Baylis, Judy Hunt, Becky Svetz, Christy Ball, Chris Cooper

## FL Watershed Foundation Annual Meeting



Above: Board of Directors - Phil Persons, Marge Freund, Ed Mulkearn, Lex Brumagin, Bill Bracken, Marci Schwab



Speakers- Karl Kimmich, Bill Boria, Alex Lictus

the new website ([findleylakewf.org](http://findleylakewf.org)); Lex Brumagin, chair of membership committee, thanked members for their support with contributions up 20%, and; Phil Persons, treasurer, provided information on funding for the new weed harvester. Ed Mulkearn, president, thanked Marty Proctor for his 18 years of service as a board member. Bill Boria, County Water Specialist, shared myths about septic systems in Findley Lake and also that a Health Dept. letter is being sent to property owners on the mandatory inspection program for septic systems. Dave McCoy, County Watershed Coordinator, spoke about the County's Sewer Agency (see related article). Alex Lictus presented information on the NYS CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program) that is a volunteer lake monitoring program managed by NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the NYS Federation of Lake Associations (FOLA). Samples in Findley Lake are taken regularly and are reported on the FLWF & DEC websites. Karl Kimmich discussed aeration systems that use solar power in ponds and lakes to bring dead water to the surface to oxygenate it. It is not an alternative to a sewer system but it does improve lake quality.

## County Sewer Agency Formed

At the annual Findley Lake Watershed Foundation meeting, Dave McCoy, County Watershed Coordinator, (at right) spoke briefly about the Chautauqua County Sewer Agency that is assessing options in regard to the possible formation of a sewer district that includes Findley Lake. The county legislature approved the shared services effort and a funding proposal to engage a firm to conduct an engineering feasibility study. The study will look at three options: 1) A Town of French Creek (Peek'n Peak) and Findley Lake Sewer District with treatment provided by Village of Sherman; 2) A Town of French Creek (PNP) and Findley Lake Sewer District with treatment provided by upgrading an existing PNP Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), or locating a new WWTP along French Creek, and; 3) A Town of French Creek (PNP) with treatment provided by upgrading the existing PNP WWTP, or locating a new WWTP along French Creek. Members of the sewer agency include county legislators Marty Proctor (chair) and Jay Gould; town supervisors Rebecca Brumagin (Mina), Mark Persons (Sherman), and Dave White (French Creek); Village of Sherman Mayor Colleen Meeder, and; At-Large Member Ed Mulkearn. More information is available at [www.co.chautauqua.ny.us/934/](http://www.co.chautauqua.ny.us/934/) Chautauqua-County-Sewer-Agency.



## Yard Sale Date Changed

The annual Around the Lake Yard Sales event has been changed this year from the first Saturday in August to the second Saturday (August 10) to avoid any traffic or congestion issues with the Triathlon that is being held in Findley Lake on Sat., Aug. 3.



**Spread the Word (Con't)****The War of 1812 - Myths & Realities - Chautauqua County History Lecture**

Aug. 8, 7 pm: JCC Professor  
Tracie Hangworthy  
Fredonia Opera House  
[www.fredopera.org](http://www.fredopera.org)

**Mina Town Board Meeting**

Thur., Aug. 8, 7 pm  
Community Center

**Book Club: Hidden Figures**

Thur. Aug., 8, 5:30 pm  
Dinner, Discussion & Movie  
Call for info (716) 769-6568

**Jesse James Weston Live at Alexander's**

Thu., Aug. 8, 7 pm

**Around the Lake Yard Sale**

Sat. Aug. 10

Cottages & homes around  
Findley Lake

**Bonfires & Brews Concert Series**

The Sticktights

Sat. Aug. 10, 6 pm

Gazebo Grill, Peek'n Peak

**An Evening with Bob Woodward - Have We Forgotten the Lessons of Watergate?**

Sun., Aug. 11, 5 pm

Reg Lenna Center for the Arts  
116 E. Third St., Jamestown

**Chautauqua Institution Week 8**

Aug. 10-17: Shifting Global Power

**Chautauqua County Antique Equipment Show, 43rd Annual**

Firemen's Grounds, Stockton, NY

Fri. Aug. 16, 9 - 6

Sat. Aug. 17, 8 - 8

Sun. Aug., 18, 9 - 4

**Dunkirk Great Lakes Offshore**

Grand Prix

Aug. 16 - 18

Dunkirk City Pier and Harbor

**Chautauqua Institution Week 9**

Aug. 17-25: Exploring Race and Culture in America

**Jaws the Movie on the Lake**

Aug. 24, 8:30 pm

Paradise Bay Campground

**Artist Ehren Knapp Created Findley Lake Murals & His Aviation Art is on Display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force**

Ehren Knapp (at left), an Erie-based freelance artist and art instructor, created three collages of Findley Lake scenes and painted them onto



the sides of two buildings. The three murals (see photos) are 8' x 68' (east wall of the fire hall), 6' x 28' and 6' x 22' (both on the west wall of Twin Docks). The murals bring the history and allure of Findley Lake to life and they brighten up the downtown area. Although he specializes in murals, teaching, and artistic concept generation, Ehren is also a pilot and an aviation artist. He recently received the distinction of being selected as one of 40 international artists to display his work at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Aerospace Art Exhibition at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. Ehren's three-panel 4' tall and 5'5" wide oil painting "B-17" depicts the iconic World War II four-engine heavy bomber also known as the Flying Fortress that was designed by the Boeing Aircraft Company. Additionally, Ehren was recently notified that he was awarded the prestigious "ForeFeathers" Enterprises' Plaque du Beaque Award for the most creative approach to telling an aviation story or depicting an aviation event. In Ehren's biography he states, "What I admire I paint." Artwork for the aviation show was judged by the American Society of Aviation Artists. The exhibit opened on May 10, 2019 and runs through Oct. 31, 2019.

Ehren is an Erie native, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, studied at the Laguna College of Art and Design in California, the Studio Art Centers International in Florence, Italy and earned a BFA from Edinboro University. In regard to his mural creations, he credits his parents with allowing him to draw on the walls at home when he was growing up! The three artistic murals in Findley Lake were made possible through the generosity of 30 individual, family, and corporate donors.

**Vegas Won the Hearts of the Summer Recreation Children**

Mary DeMastes and her therapy dog Vegas, an 11-year-old Golden Retriever, were the headliners for the Summer Rec. program on Wed., July 17. Mary provided nuggets of information about Vegas' pre-performance routine that includes bathing,



cleaning his ears, brushing his teeth and buffing his toe nails. Mary and Vegas are registered through Pet Partners, a national nonprofit that has more than 13,000 animal-assisted volunteer teams and makes more than 3 million visits annually. Mary is an instructor and evaluator for Pet

Partners and she has more than 4500 volunteer hours. Mary and Vegas volunteer their time in the Wag Time dog visitation program at Summa Health



System in Akron, OH and the University of Akron.

In Findley Lake, Vegas put on a show for the children including strumming his acoustic guitar (photo bottom left). A video is on YouTube of Vegas accompanying "Elvis" and hospital staff as they sing "Let's Wash" (to the tune of "Jailhouse Rock"). To watch the 2½ minute video, go online to YouTube and type in Summa Health Hand Hygiene Music Video. It's adorable!

Mary and her husband, Rich, own a cottage at 2669 Sunnyside that was a boathouse when it was purchased by her parents, Jack & Elma Castor, in the early 1960's. In 1877, Mary's great great-grandfather, F.L. Bliss, was one of the founders of Ajax Iron Works in Corry and he patented a steam engine reversing mechanism. Mary has an eight-month old dog named Ajax who is in training to become a therapy dog (at right). He is a Kooikerhondje and is learning the basics of grooming and socialization. Vegas began his therapy dog career at 1½ years old and, if Ajax is a quick understudy, he may be ready for the big time and neon lights in just a few months.

**ExpERIENCE Children's Museum - It's Always Playtime**

Left: Murphy Mulkearn & Ed Mulkearn next to the donated billboard. Below: Museum workers Maggie Nee & Breanne Dougherty @ Kid's Day 2019

ExpERIENCE Children's Museum staff travelled to Findley Lake for Kid's Day on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 54 kids in the Summer Recreation Program travelled to Erie to the Children's Museum on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Regardless

of the location, the Children's Museum is all about creating, exploring, imaging and playing! Last fall, Ed Mulkearn donated space on his billboard at Rte 426 & I-86 to the Children's Museum. It reminds everyone that the museum is a short drive away.

**Free Tick Book Available**

NYS Dept. of Health has printed a free booklet for kids and parents, "All About Ticks". The booklet provides information on what ticks look like, how to check yourself for ticks, how to remove a tick, and how to prevent tick bites. The website [health.ny.gov/tickfree](http://health.ny.gov/tickfree) has information on how ticks spread disease. Besides Lyme disease, there are other serious diseases spread by ticks. The free workbook is available at the Mina Town Clerk's office during regular hours (call 769-7204) at the Mina-Findley Lake Community Center.

**Towns Study Justice Courts Merger**

French Creek's justice of the peace recently retired and because of the small volume of cases in French Creek, a study is being conducted that preposes one elected justice for the Towns of French Creek & Mina. Court would be held in Mina and the Towns would share a justice, justice clerk and many operating costs resulting in savings to both towns. Members of the study group are David White, French Creek Supervisor, Paul Carey, French Creek Councilman, Rebecca Brumagin, Mina Supervisor and Denis Cooper Mina Town Justice. Public hearings on the study are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5 at the French Creek Town Building and Thursday, Aug. 8 at the Mina-Findley Lake Community Center.