

# VFW To Host Benefit In Cherry Creek



SHAWN R. HINTZ

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CHERRY CREEK — Pine Valley VFW Post 2522 on Route 83 in Cherry Creek will be the site of a benefit for Shawn R. Hintz, a victim of Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma, from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Just one year ago, Hintz married his bride, Tracey Davis, and they looked forward to beginning their life together. Hintz left college and went

to work full-time.

In September, he began vomiting and running a fever. A short time later came the diagnosis of Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and the aftermath of that diagnosis. At a time when a 22-year-old newlywed should be having fun and enjoying a new stage of adulthood, Hintz is dealing with a different stage: Stage 3 cancer.

"Shawn's insurance is handling a lot, but there are still co-pays and other expenses to meet, plus now, his

college loans are coming due. There is one loan that cannot be deferred," said Linda Davis, Hintz' mother-in-law.

She and other family members and friends are hosting the benefit, which will include Lake Effect as the host band. There will be a \$5 admission donation.

"We'll have lots of music, food, 50/50 giveaways, and a Chinese Auction. Please come and support Shawn," Mrs. Davis said.

Items included in the Chinese auction include: Lucy-Desi Museum passes, Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena passes, free pizzas, bird seed, bird feeder, wine, hammer, utility knife, hats, T-shirts, purses, jewelry, hair supplies, rotary tool, 89-piece socket set, and gift certificates from the Comfort Inn, Clarion Hotel, area hair salons, Subway, Farm Fresh Foods, Hectors, Red Lobster, free car washes, free oil changes and a certificate from Family Video.

## BRIEFLY

### Legion To Host Dinner Sunday

LAKEWOOD — Lakewood Legion Post 1286 will host a Sunday Fun Day chicken and biscuit dinner from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday. The cost is \$5.95. Music will be provided by Barefoot Sarah from 3 to 6 p.m.

### After-Prom Meeting Set

FALCONER — The Falconer After-Prom will be having a meeting at 6:30 p.m., today in the eighth-grade project room. All parents are welcome. Any questions call Rosie Digirolamo at 665-2108.

### Brunch Planned In Lily Dale

LILY DALE — A "mediums brunch" will be held at noon Sunday in the Lily Dale Volunteer Fire Department. The cost is \$5 for adults; children, readings, \$7; and the meal and reading, \$10. Mini readings are at 1 p.m. in the Church of the Living Spirit Assembly Hall, Cleveland Drive.

### BPU Work To Close Road

Sections of Newland Avenue between Myrtle Avenue and Barrett Avenue in Jamestown will be closed to traffic to accommodate Jamestown Board of Public Utilities electric upgrades through Friday. Utility pole and electric line replacement are part of the project. Safety cones and signage will indicate closed sections of Newland Avenue.

### Historical Society To Meet

FREWSBURG — The Carroll Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, for its monthly meeting at the museum, located behind the Carroll Town Hall, Main Street, Frewsburg.



From left are Jack Munella Jr., Italian-American Charity Golf Association chairman; Joe Paterniti, association special events coordinator; Betsy Wright, WCA Hospital president and chief executive officer; Sebby Baggiano, Italian-American Charity Golf Association treasurer, and Pete Pillitteri, Italian-American Charity Golf Association golf chairman.

## Golfing For A Cause

### Italian-American Association Makes Donation To WCA Hospital

The Italian-American Charity Golf Association recently completed its three-year, \$150,000 pledge to support cancer care at WCA Hospital.

The amount included proceeds from the 39th Italian-American Golf Tournament and enabled WCA Hospital to purchase endoscopy equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of colon cancer. Since its inception in 1971, the Italian-American Charity Golf Association has contributed more than \$900,000 to cancer research and care.

"I can assure you the entire Italian-American committee is well aware that without our community's support, this would certainly not be possible," said Jack Munella Jr., chair of the Italian-American. "Even during these difficult economic times people are still willing to find a way to help support this cause, because they know our families and friends will be better served. Working with WCA Hospital to ensure high-quality cancer care and treatment is provided here locally is very satisfying."

This year's event, scheduled for June 10-12 at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, will mark the tournament's 40th anniversary and begins another three-year commitment to WCA Hospital to raise money for the purchase of a minimally invasive lung navigation system, called electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy, which will result in earlier diagnosis and treatment options for lung cancer patients.

"We are so grateful to the extraordinary commitment the Italian-American has to WCA Hos-

pital and to the improvement of the cancer prevention, treatment, and services we can provide," said Betsy T. Wright, WCA Hospital president and chief executive officer. "We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of these dedicated individuals which results in improved outcomes and lives saved. Together, we continue our fight against cancer."

The electromagnetic lung navigation system provides a minimally invasive pathway to peripheral lung lesions, even for patients with procedure-restricting conditions. It will enable WCA Hospital physicians to locate, gain access to, test, and plan treatment for lung lesions and lymph nodes that are often difficult to access safely or precisely with traditional procedures. Pulmonologists can take tissue samples and place radiosurgical markers in and around lung tumors. This enables thoracic surgeons to perform appropriate surgical procedures and radiation oncologists better plan and treat patients with external beam radiation at the WCA Cancer Center.

The Italian American Charity Golf Association event was the brainchild of a small group of community-minded men who wanted to raise money for a local charity. Their dream was to create a golf tournament where one member of each two-man team was of Italian descent and the partner was of another nationality. For more information, call 664-7354 or visit www.IACharityGolf.com. Charitable gifts to the Italian American can now be accepted on-line through PayPal at the association's Web site.

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## PVCS Expects Budget Increase

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SOUTH DAYTON — Pine Valley Central School's budget planning continues, with recent focus on the foundation of instruction.

According to Marlene Przybycien, district business executive, the instruction portion of the 2010-11 school year budget is expected to increase 4.95 percent, or \$343,498, with all of the proposed increase falling under salary obligations.

Among the rises in instruction include a 3.5 percent increase in regular instruction and a 4 percent increase in special instruction. The occupational education section is also expected to increase nearly \$30,000 because of an increase in the number of students attending occupational programs.

Other parts of the instruction portion of the budget remain frozen but not removed, including supplies, materials, equipment and driver education. Ms. Przybycien said driver education is always removable if need be, but the district has never felt the need to resort to such an action.

Peter Morgante, district superintendent, said the freeze in equipment spending is not something that should be seen as a concern, as the district currently possesses ample supplies of many materials. Morgante said what spending is performed must be more strategic.

"If you walk into our classrooms, you can see our students do not want for anything," he said. "I think we use our grants efficiently to buy extra supplies and materials. We're investing in technology, which I think is very important. If you've noticed, we're continually investing in technology because once we stop, we're going to fall significantly behind. You can fall behind in two years and then you'll see your budget really expand."

What can and cannot be performed with the budget still depends heavily on the ever-present talks of gap-closing measures in Albany.

"You don't want to decimate your budget until you know what you're dealing with and so much depends what those cuts actually end up being," Przybycien said. "We don't really know."

## Chautauqua's Got Talent Auditions Are Monday

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Whether you're good at singing, music, dancing, comedy, ventriloquism or just about anything else, The Crown Theater wants you to show off your talent for the chance to win great prizes.

Auditions for the Chautauqua's Got Talent competition will be held at the theater beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Angelo Guiffre, executive director of The Crown Theater, said that individuals and groups with any ability under the sun are welcome to stand before the judges and attempt to qualify for the main event, a four-week elimination competition that will kick off Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

"After being in the theater business in Jamestown and Chautauqua County for the last eight years now, I've seen that we have a whole lot of local talent," Guiffre said. "I watch these talent shows on TV and I think that we have just as much talent right here in our area, and I thought it would be great to showcase that."

Guiffre is inviting people or

groups of people with any sort of talent they would like to demonstrate to preregister for an audition by contacting The Crown Theater by e-mail at the-crowntheater@gmail.com.

Based upon the concept of the hit television show "America's Got Talent," acts that pass through the auditions will be voted on by the public beginning with the April 12 performance. Though judges will be present to provide constructive criticism to acts throughout the four weeks of the competition, acts will be voted through to subsequent rounds by audience vote.

The Post-Journal will be a partner in the production, and results of each week's competition will be released in Tuesday editions of the paper, Guiffre said.

"That gives us time to make sure the votes are tallied properly, and everyone will have the excitement of going to the newsstand and finding out who's going on to the next round," he said.

The judges have not yet been announced, but the host has been — Stephanie Fisher, a local performer who recently gained national notoriety when she

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appeared on an episode of "American Idol" and met the wrath of judge Simon Cowell.

"Putting her vocal talents aside, she is a very talented character actress and she is quite funny," Guiffre said of Ms. Fisher. "She'll make a really good host, and I'm sure she'll take some opportunities to make fun of herself a little bit on stage."

May 3 will be the culminating night of the competition. Prizes that will be distributed to the winning act afterward will include a free car rental from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, a free stay at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Salamanca, and a paid show as the headliner to kick off the next season at The Crown Theater.

Guiffre said the prize setup is similar to that on "America's Got Talent," which offers winners prizes that include a headlining act in Las Vegas.

"We can't do Vegas, but we can do Salamanca, and we can get you there in a car and give you your own professional performance here in the theater," Guiffre said.

If you would rather just be in the audience for Chautauqua's Got Talent shows, which will be each Monday from April 12 to May 3, tickets will be available at the Labyrinth Press Company Cafe at 12 E. Fourth St. for \$5 presale. They will also be available for \$6 at the door of The Crown Theater each night. Passes to all four shows will be available for \$15.