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Quick Gift: DIY Necklaces for the Christmas Season

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The holiday season usually ends with happy friends and family, yet empty pockets. What if I told you there is a way to make both your loved ones and your wallet happy?

Making your own gifts is not only cheap, but a great way to show people you put thought into it. This holiday season we will be making homemade jewelry necklaces. This present is perfect for anyone you have in mind.

If you make this craft for a friend or family member, please share a picture to lhsinformer@gmail.com

What you need for the project:

- Sea glass or any stone of choice (any size)
- A necklace chain (any size)
- 20 Gauge Wire (sold at any craft or jewelry store)
- Pliers

How to make it:

1. Choose wire, sea glass or stone, and cut the circled wire with pliers.
2. Take your circle wire and find the center of the wire. Loop a small circle in the middle using the tip of a pencil, and twist the wire in a spiral under the circle you have just created.
3. Put your stone or sea glass under the spiral and start wrapping it with both pieces of wire.
4. Once you begin to use up the wire, take the ends and bring them back up to the spiral.
5. Wrap the loose ends around the spiral. Be sure to use pliers to tighten the loose wires to the spiral.
6. If the wire is a little loose on the stone or sea glass, simply bend some of the wire, which creates a pattern, and fasten your necklace.



Photo by Daisy Wilson

Laingsburg Choir Heading to the Big Apple

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Reporter

The local Laingsburg Community Singers (LCS) choir is heading to the Big Apple over President's Day Weekend to perform at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall.

Conductor Steven Easterling, who has been involved with music his whole life, is over the moon about this once in a lifetime opportunity.

"Music was part of daily life for my family. My parents did not have the opportunity to study music when they were young, but were self taught amateur musicians, so they wanted all of their children to experience music," Easterling said.

Easterling currently teaches music at Laingsburg Elementary school and is approaching his twentieth anniversary of being the Laingsburg Community Singers' conductor.

"When you work with great people in a wonderful community like Laingsburg, the time really flies by!" Easterling said.

There is a very unique story behind the exclusive and

unexpected invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall.

"A recruiter from Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY), a concert promoter in New York City, saw a Youtube video of a concert LCS performed with the Shiawassee Chamber Orchestra of G. F. Handel's "Messiah" and issued an invitation to participate in one of their concerts that they produce in Carnegie Hall," Easterling said.

Easterling and the singers are ecstatic to be performing on February 17, 2020.

"Carnegie Hall is an amazing venue and, of course, New York is a great place to visit," Easterling said.

The choir will be performing "Chichester Psalms" by Leonard Bernstein and "Song of Democracy" by Howard Hanson.

"They are a great group of people, from all walks of life, and they enjoy singing and working to make great music. We also include people from the surrounding communities as well," Easterling said.

Congratulations to the Singers for this momentous event!



Lakeside Gardens Cafe Closes After 26 Years

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In a small town like

Laingsburg, every local business matters. After 26 years of being Laingsburg's only cafe and flower shop, Lakeside Gardens closed its doors over Thanksgiving weekend.

"When I rented the building, I didn't sign a lease because I was informed there was black mold," Lakeside Gardens owner Kathy Butler said. "The landlord rented it out from under me."

Many of the local residents were very upset to find out that the popular gathering place, known and very much loved for its cosy decor, flavorful coffee and delicious breakfast and lunch menu was no longer in business.

"Because we live in such a small community, I think when any business is taken away, a major sense of loss is felt," teacher Kris Moberg said. "I've been such close friends with the Butler family that I feel for them in the

loss of their business." Moberg was Lakeside Gardens loyal customer for the last 22 years.

Offering a large selection of food and drinks, Lakeside Gardens was a popular place frequented by many Laingsburg students who stopped by to enjoy an after school snack or eat lunch on a half-day.

"Their quesadillas were the best, the chicken was so succulent and juicy, and the cheese.. it was so scrumptious," freshman Evelyn Wright said.

Twenty six years of successfully running the Lakeside Gardens created many joyful memories for Butler.

"One of my favorite memories was probably getting to know the community and see the bonding that took place in the building," Butler said.

Going out of business as Lakeside Gardens, does not mean that Butler will stop doing what she truly loves. With over 30 years of experience in flower business, Butler hopes to continue to run her flowershop out of her family home.

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