

Letter to the Editor, July 1, 2024

Dear Chautauquans,

The Chautauqua Women's Club is so grateful for your support. Donating items and shopping with us makes the CWC Flea Boutique such a success each season. Its earnings are a critical part of our yearly budget.

This season we are facing an issue of overabundance. Items are being left outside of the Flea Boutique which we can't sell because they are too large for our small space, or they are in unusable condition. Our volunteers are transporting your donations to other non-profit thrift stores in the area to avoid putting them in the trash. Please do not leave items outside the Flea Boutique. When we're able to accept more, we'll let you know via the Grapevine.

We are thankful for your donations of clean, wearable clothing, shoes, purses, and jewelry. Household items, decorative accessories, lamps, kitchenware, art and antiques, craft supplies, books, puzzles and games are favorites for shoppers.

Due to our limited space, we cannot accept furniture, golf carts and clubs, large baby items, items that need to be installed like used light fixtures and blinds, dog crates, (and don't laugh) small boats, rafts, and plumbing fixtures. Searching "thrift stores in the area" will list many options for you to donate to those wanting and needing these items.

The West County Transfer Station in Sherman will accept TVs, electronics, old phones, answering machines, and more. Visit their website for details: <https://www.shermanny.org/transfer-station>

Sincerely,

Chautauqua Women's Club