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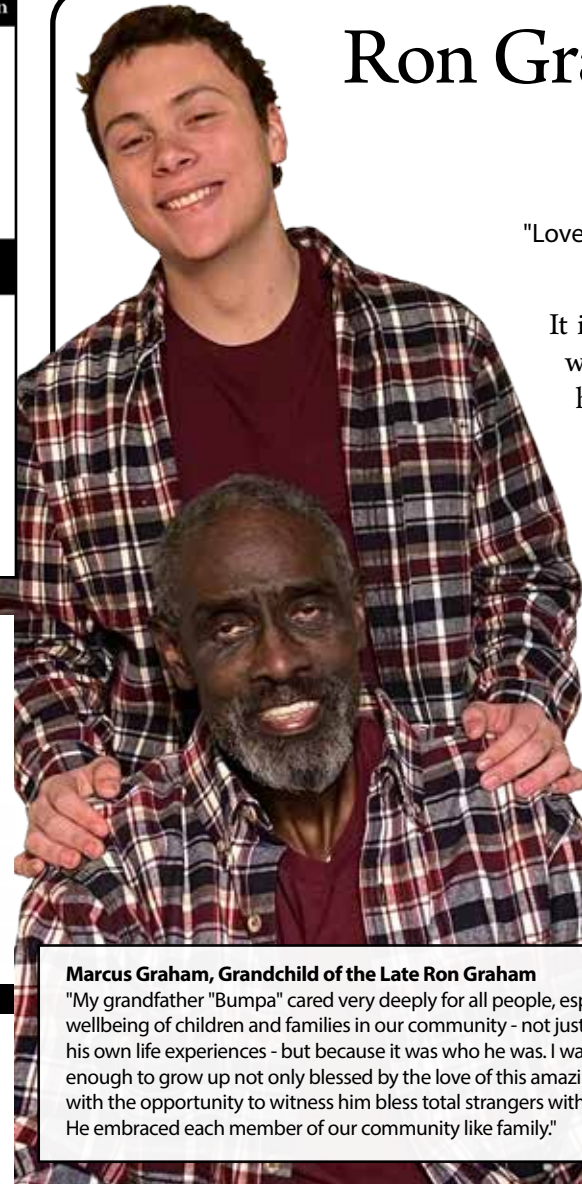


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## Ron Graham: Exemplifying the King



*Featured Writer*

**Edward Vos**

"Love Mercy, Do Justice" Ministry Team,  
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It is obvious that our brother, Ron, was in the business of changing hearts, minds, and lives - including those of a white, "privileged" man like me. During the 74 years that he graced this earth, he touched a countless number of us in the Jamestown area - exemplifying the sort of servant-leader that we recall in Dr. Martin Luther King. Just as Dr. King changed the world through the advancement of civil rights, God changed so many of our lives through Ron.

funeral a pit in my stomach that I wished wasn't there. But Ron taught me years ago that the African American community has had a pit in their stomach since birth. Ron also taught me that such pits can make us stronger if we work together and learn to change and love one another like Jesus loved. If truth be told, we all want to be rid of the pits in our proverbial stomachs, to be in the presence of pure love with God and one other.

Ron lived a life where actions spoke louder than words. Action, born out of empathy and love, has eternal consequences. It changes humanity, even the pits in our stomachs. Many admired Ron for his passion for public engagement. This was the side that made Ron and I brothers in a common cause.

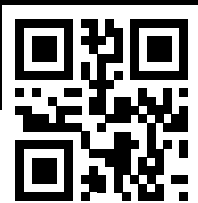
Not a day goes by that I am not still saddened by the loss of my friend, now two years ago this February. I recall at his

When George Floyd died, Ron had had enough. He was tired of dialogue, he wanted action. He wanted change. He taught me that we "white people" needed to step up for change. For about three

**Marcus Graham, Grandchild of the Late Ron Graham**  
"My grandfather "Bumpa" cared very deeply for all people, especially the wellbeing of children and families in our community - not just because of his own life experiences - but because it was who he was. I was fortunate enough to grow up not only blessed by the love of this amazing man, but with the opportunity to witness him bless total strangers with equal care. He embraced each member of our community like family."

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Free at last. Thank  
God almighty, we are  
free at last."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

## Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement



*Featured Writer*

**Hannah Jaroszynski**

Trustee, Fenton Historical Society

throughout our education surrounding the Civil Rights Movement and Black History. The Montgomery Bus Boycott, the March from Selma to Montgomery, and the March on Washington are just the surface of the many events that surrounded these movements. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister, activist, and leader in the American Civil Rights Movement. He is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in the fight against racial segregation and inequality in the United States.

arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. This event led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, where King was chosen to lead the protest. The boycott lasted over a year, and it eventually resulted in a Supreme Court ruling that segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

King's philosophy of nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by Gandhi, became a cornerstone of his activism. He believed that peaceful resistance could challenge racial injustice without resorting to violence. His speeches,

**M**alcolm X, John Lewis, Thurgood Marshall, and Rosa Parks are only a few of the many names we have all heard of

King's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement began in earnest in the mid-1950s. In 1955, Rosa Parks, an African American woman, was

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**January Camp at Audubon**  
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## Wednesday, January 22

**Monthly Chautauqua**

**Community Dinner:**

**Presentation by Kent**

**Mathewson | 5:30 PM**

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**Movies at The Reg: Anora**  
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## Thursday, January 23

**Learn to Sew With 4-H!**

**6:30pm**

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Bemus Point Golf Course & Tap House  
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**4 PM - 5:45 PM**

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**Live Music at Wicked**

**Warren's | 6 PM - 9 PM**

Wicked Warren's | Jamestown

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**Aspire of WNY on Ice**  
**6 PM - 9 PM**

Northwest Arena | Jamestown

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**Saturday, January 25 &**  
**Sunday, January 26**

**Sleigh Rides at Chautauqua**

**1 PM - 3 PM**

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Chautauqua Institution

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## Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement

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writings, and actions highlighted the moral imperative of racial equality, justice, and the need for societal change.

On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, while supporting a sanitation workers' strike. His death sparked riots across the United States, but it also cemented his legacy as one of the most impactful figures in American history.

These individuals and events garnered world-wide attention and space in history lessons and textbooks for decades to come. However, it is also important to note the influence these factors had on local civil rights movements, including here in Chautauqua County, New York. The civil rights movement in Jamestown, while not as widely recognized as those in major urban centers like Atlanta or Birmingham, still played a significant role in the local African American community's struggle for equality and justice. Jamestown had a sizable African American population, particularly during the mid-20th century, and local activism was key to combating racial segregation, discrimination, and inequality.

Jamestown, like many cities in the United States, was affected by the pervasive racial discrimination that existed throughout much of the 20th century. The African American community in Jamestown, which was particularly concentrated in certain neighborhoods, faced barriers in housing, employment, and education. There were also issues related to segregation in schools, public facilities, and other areas of daily life, similar to those faced by Black Americans across the country.

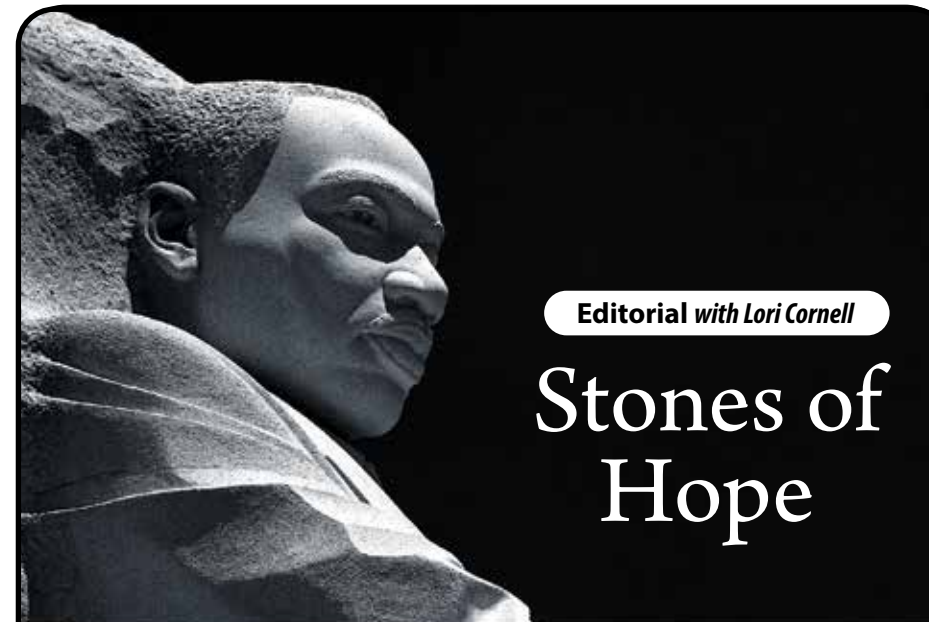
The civil rights movement in Jamestown was part of the broader national struggle, with local activists working to address these issues. The

city's history of industrial growth, particularly in the furniture and manufacturing industries, had drawn people of African descent to the area, but they often faced discriminatory practices in both the workplace and in the larger community.

There were many figures in the Jamestown civil rights movement. Local ministers, teachers, and labor leaders were important in pushing for social change.

Even though the Civil Rights Movement was occurring at a national and global level, many leaders found time to visit Chautauqua County to give differing lectures and seminars. Some of the most notable guests of Chautauqua focusing on the Civil Rights Movement and Black History include: Thurgood Marshall (first Black Supreme Court Justice of the United States), W.E.B. Du Bois (renowned scholar, civil rights activist, and co-founder of the NAACP), Maya Angelou (celebrated poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist), and Toni Morrison (Nobel Prize-winning author and one of the most important voices in American literature).

Though Jamestown and Chautauqua County's role in the Civil Rights Movement might not always have been as visible or as widely recognized as in larger cities, the efforts of individuals and groups in this community highlight the importance of grassroots activism in bringing about change. The ongoing work in preserving local history and fostering conversations about race and justice serves as a reminder that the fight for equality was—and remains—a collective effort, one that continues to evolve as the country works to address the legacies of racism and inequality.



Editorial with Lori Cornell

## Stones of Hope



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My favorite memorial in Washington, D.C. is dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. It's slightly off the beaten path of the National Mall and arguably understated compared to the marble grandeur of the historic giants like the Lincoln, Jefferson and Washington monuments. But I think that's the point and why I love it so much.

It's the newest monument on the National Mall, finally completed in 2011 to honor our nation's cherished civil rights hero who died more than 40 years prior, and the only one not honoring a war, president or white man. It stands curiously plain as a massive, 30-foot-tall block of stone with Dr. King's image chiseled subtly off the front.

But the simplicity of the monument becomes overwhelmingly meaningful when one pauses to take in the metaphorical quotation

inscribed below: "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope." These were words spoken by Dr. King as part of his "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, DC on August 28, 1963. They became the driver for the monument's entire design.

And truly, like his unglamorous yet exemplary life, this monument may perhaps serve as a calling to us all - whether in terms of our own global impact or simply within our local community. We can all be "stones of hope".

We chose to feature the late and long-regarded Ron Graham in this week's cover story particularly for that reason. Ron came to Jamestown as a young boy with his family in the 1950s, seeking better opportunities than they had found in the Jim Crow South. He turned his experience and perspective as an African American coming-of-age during the Civil Rights Era into a "stone of hope" in the many lives he touched and positive change he helped lead in Jamestown and beyond.

As we forge ahead with our busy and snow-laden lives in Chautauqua County, may we pause this week to remember and honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King. And may we, like Ron Graham, find ways to emulate his example as "stones of hope" in our community.



"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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## A Tribute to Dr. King

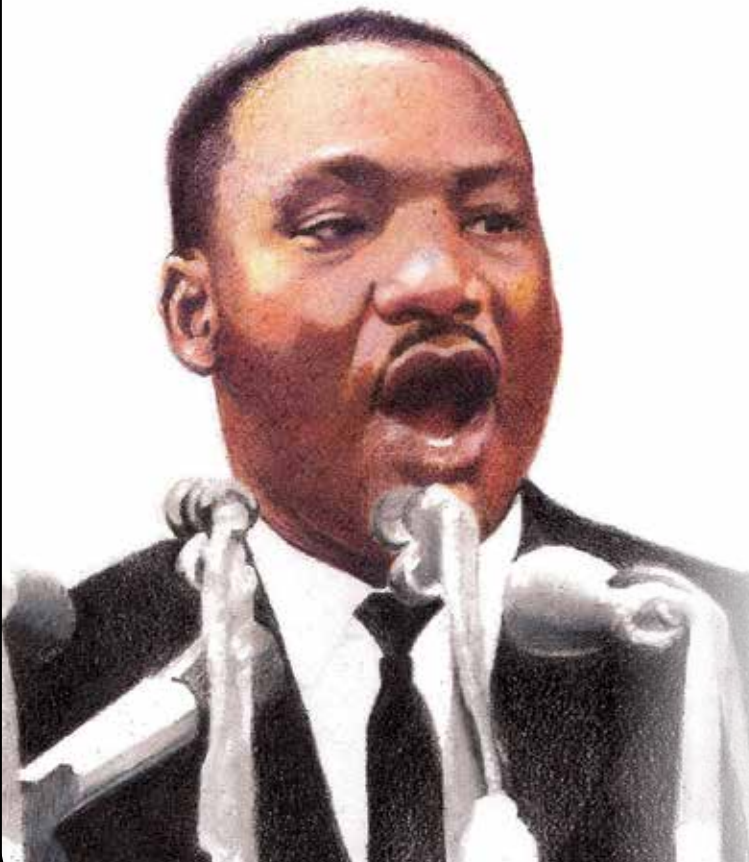
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., born in Atlanta Georgia in 1929, Was a noble man, A great leader, a friend to mankind. His childhood days were pleasant, filled with love, understanding and joy. He'd been taught right from the beginning, that he was as good as any other boy. At a very young age, Dr. King had a great thirst for knowledge, So at the age of fifteen, he left high school and entered college. Doctor King was also quite young when he first began to dream, That one day somehow he would Help our Nation to heal itself of its selfishness and pride, Of its hatred and its segregation. So in 1955, the brave and tired Rosa Parks unknowingly sparked the fire That burned deep within his heart. Rosa had been jailed in Alabama while riding on a segregated bus, And it was then that Dr. King first began to fight for us. It was then that he fought his very first freedom fight. As he fought for equality and for Rosa civil rights. He marched in the wind, he marched in the rain, he marched in the heat of the sun, And it wasn't just for the negro. He marched for everyone. Dr. King was assassinated in 1968. We lost this Nobel leader to an evil and terrible fate. Yes, Dr. King died, but it was not in vain, for the memory of this man will always remain. We must try to let go but not forget our past, so that one day we can say, "We're free at last." Thank God Almighty, We're Free At Last!!!

The Chautauqua Gazette is proud to feature different faith leaders from throughout the Greater Jamestown area each week, in an effort to connect and inspire. We endeavor to provide a variety of religious and faith perspectives well-aligned with our diverse community and values. If you are a faith leader and wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at [cornell@CHQgazette.com](mailto:cornell@CHQgazette.com).



## Celebrating John Marcellus: A Maestro of Music, Community, and Joy



Submitted Photos



Tribute by  
**Pat Locke**

John "Doc" Marcellus was a man of extraordinary talent, boundless humor, and a deep love for the arts and community. His legacy resonates far beyond Chautauqua Lake, New York, where he made an indelible mark with the Bemus Bay Pops, to the international music world where his accomplishments as a performer and mentor earned him enduring respect and admiration.

John was a man of immense talent and determination. Whether he was pursuing a project, lending a hand to someone in need or simply enjoying a quiet moment of reflection, John approached life with passion and intention. His ability to find beauty in the world, even in its simplest form, was a testament of his remarkable spirit.

John's vision and leadership shone brightly as the driving force behind the Bemus Bay Pops where he transformed the shores of Chautauqua Lake into a hub of artistic celebration. Under John's orchestral guidance, along with Bruce Morton Wright and Steve Swanson, the Pops became a beloved institution offering unforgettable performances that united the community and celebrated the joy of music. John's love for the arts extended beyond the concert hall. He envisioned music as a unifying force, a belief that inspired him to join Dan Dalpra/Founder in the creation of the Bemus Bay Pops. This floating stage program became a summer tradition hosting performances that drew audiences together under the open sky and on the waters of Chautauqua Lake. The Pops reflected John's passion for making music accessible, meaningful and enjoyable for all. John's life was truly a symphony of dedication, talent, service and love. A masterpiece composed over decades!

As a trombonist John achieved global acclaim performing with some of the most prestigious ensembles and earning recognition as one of the finest brass musicians of his generation. Marcellus was the conductor of the Eastman Trombone Choir, Eastman Bionic Bones (jazz trombone ensemble) and the trombonist with the Eastman Brass. While at the Eastman

School of Music, John was named the Kilbourn Professor for 1982 and 1983. He succeeded the trombonist teacher, Emory Remington, who served as Professor of Trombone at Eastman close to 50 years. John retired in 2014 after 36 years at the Eastman School of Music. John also served as the Associate Principal Trombonist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and was the Principal Tuba with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra at the young age of 16.

His tenure at the Eastman School of Music, where he served as Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Trombone and Chair of the Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion Department solidified his place as a luminary in the field of music education. Over many decades John mentored countless students from around the world, many of whom went on to become performers and educators perpetuating his influence in the art of music. Some of the universities included Yale, UCLA, Penn State, Texas A&M, Boston and Manhattan School of Music. Many of John's former students can be found playing in the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Cleveland Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Miami Philharmonic, Toledo Symphony, Tulsa Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Naples Philharmonic, San Antonio Symphony, U.S. Marine Band, U.S. Air Force Band, U.S. Naval Academy Band, U.S. Army Field Band, the Glen Miller Orchestra and many others.

John's dedication to his family was unparalleled. To his loved ones, he was more than a presence, he was a pillar. His words were a source of comfort, his laughter a reminder of life's joy and his guidance a steady light in times of uncertainty. John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a source of wisdom, strength and unconditional love. His family was his greatest joy and he cherished every moment spent with them creating memories treasured forever.

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*"My dear friend John Marcellus was a rare soul—his music moved hearts, his humor lifted spirits, and his passion for life inspired everyone around him. He was a maestro not just in music, but in the art of living fully and generously. Rest easy my friend. You can now play your trombone for all eternity to enjoy forever!"*

- Dan Dalpra, Founder & CEO - Bemus Bay Pops

a musician and educator in April 1997 by the New York Brass Conference for Scholarships at their Silver Jubilee Brass Conference in New York City. In 1997 John was given the Mu Phi Epsilon Musician of the Year Award.

John Marcellus was much more than a musician; he was a vibrant personality who brought joy and laughter to all who knew him. His sharp wit and lighthearted spirit made him not only a beloved teacher but also a cherished member of the world-renowned Chautauqua Institution community. Whether sharing a humorous anecdote during a rehearsal, steering his boat across Chautauqua Lake, or engaging with friends and neighbors, his zest for life was infectious.

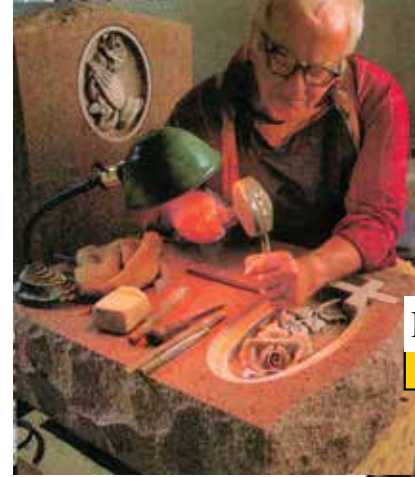
His contributions weren't confined to Chautauqua or even the United States and Canada. Through his teachings, performances and outreach, John Marcellus left a worldwide legacy, influencing many lives and enriching the global music community. John's contributions to the community extended far beyond the stage. He was deeply involved in local initiatives, offering his time and talents to causes enriching the lives of others. Whether mentoring young musicians, organizing events or simply offering a helping hand, John's generosity knew no bounds.

As we honor John Marcellus we celebrate a man who was not only a master musician but also a dedicated educator, a cherished community member and a joyful soul. His life reminds us of the power of music to connect and uplift, the importance of humor in our daily lives and the enduring impact one person can have on the world. His legacy will continue to resonate through the notes of his students, the laughter of his friends. John's life was a testament of passion, perseverance and service. He taught us true greatness is not measured by accolades or in the milestones achieved, but by the lives we touch and the legacy we leave behind. He taught us the importance of kindness, resilience and the courage to follow our dreams. John was a maestro not only of music, but of life. Your legacy will resonate in our hearts forever. May you rest in peace, knowing your life's work has enriched the world in ways words can scarcely capture.

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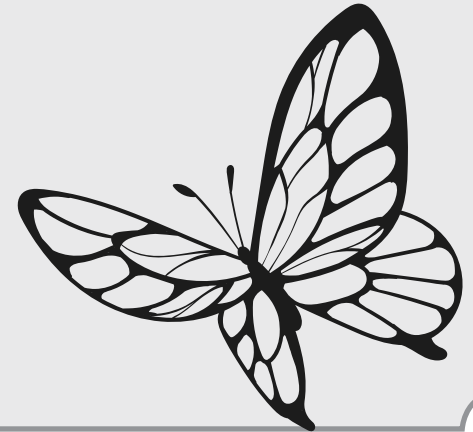


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| <p>Carson B. Hiller, 20<br/>Jamestown<br/>Lind Funeral Home</p>   |   |
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*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

- Martin Luther King Jr.



# NY State of the State 2025

Governor Kathy Hochul delivered her 2025 State of the State address on January 14, including more than 200 initiatives that will put money back in people's pockets, keep New Yorkers safe and ensure the future of New York is a place where all families can thrive.

*York safer, healthier, cleaner, more affordable for you and your family — and that is what we're doing with the initiatives announced as part of my 2025 State of the State."*

*"Your family is my fight — and I will never stop fighting for the people of New York," Governor Hochul said. "New Yorkers expect results and that's why I fight day in and day out to make New*

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## Senator George Borrello's Reaction



*safety at risk and leaves us at odds with federal law.*

*Even worse was the lack of any proposal to fix dangerous bail reform laws. The governor didn't propose repealing them or adding a dangerousness standard, which 49 other states use to keep violent offenders off the streets. Every day, more New Yorkers are hurt or killed because of this reckless law. It's infuriating to see headlines about repeat offenders with dozens of arrests still walking free. This failure to act emboldens criminals and puts innocent lives in danger.*

*It was disappointing that there was no mention of a new gaming compact with the Seneca Nation. This issue has been unresolved for over a year. The Seneca Nation is a vital partner in Western New York, and it's frustrating that the state hasn't negotiated in good faith. The Nation has been ready to work collaboratively but has faced unnecessary delays from the state.*

*An area on which I agree with the Governor is mental health. Expanding criteria for involuntary commitment and strengthening Kendra's Law are steps I've supported through legislation since 2022. These changes could save lives and make communities safer. However, it will take real political courage to push these proposals past the radical advocates and their legislative allies who are staunchly opposed to such changes.*

*In the coming days, we'll take a closer look at the governor's proposals which will take real shape when the Executive Budget is released. That's where we'll see if these ideas are more than just talk. New Yorkers need strong leadership and real solutions. I'll keep fighting for policies that make our state safer, more affordable, and a better place to live. It is time to get to work."*

*Today, Governor Hochul delivered her State of the State address, outlining her vision for New York. While she touched on some important topics like affordability and mental health, her proposals raise more questions than answers, and there are glaring omissions that can't be ignored.*

*It's encouraging to see some focus on affordability, but these proposals fall flat without addressing rising costs in other areas. Middle-class tax cuts, inflation refund checks, and an expanded Child Tax Credit may sound promising, but they will mean little to families already burdened by skyrocketing expenses. The Climate Act mandates could cost New York taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars and raise utility bills by as much as 64 percent. Small businesses in New York are being crushed by costly regulations which are ultimately passed onto consumers. Without tackling these significant cost drivers, these proposals risk being little more than temporary fixes that fail to deliver meaningful relief for New Yorkers.*

*The Governor didn't address ending New York's reckless sanctuary status or cooperating with federal authorities to deport those accused or convicted of crimes. Most New Yorkers support these changes and ignoring them puts public*

## Assemblyman Andrew Molitor's Reaction



*mandates on our local municipalities and having a real plan to bring high-quality jobs to New York, the future of our families is being compromised.*

*The governor's plan also failed to address the recurring problem with our pro-criminal laws, including a bail law that encourages recidivism. We need to change the law so we can reverse a dangerous trend in our state, a year-after-year increase in crime.*

*While some initiatives showed potential, the overall lack of urgency to secure a safe and fiscally responsible future is disappointing. New Yorkers need bold leadership and real action, not handouts and giveaways. Today's address missed the mark."*

*"When will New York's leaders lower the costs they impose upon us? Today's State of the State address sounded like business as usual: spend, spend and then spend some more.*

*With an economic plan that anticipates increasing the largest state budget in our nation, we can expect costs will continue to rise even though the cost of living currently remains unbearable. By failing to cut state spending, cut unfunded*

Assemblyman Molitor represents the 150th Assembly District, encompassing all of Chautauqua County. For more information on Assemblyman Molitor, please follow him on Facebook.

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# Young Marines Launches in Jamestown

### Learn More Monday, January 27 at First Covenant Church

Article Contributed by  
*Young Marines*

The Young Marines program, a prestigious national organization known for its positive impact on youth, is launching a unit in Jamestown. Since its humble beginnings in 1959 with a single unit, the program has grown exponentially to include more than 230 units across 40 states and internationally in Japan and other countries. Currently, it supports over 6,100 young members and 2,100 dedicated adult volunteers.

Designed to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, the Young Marines aim to instill discipline, teamwork, leadership, and a sense of community service in its participants. Open to youth aged 8 through 18, the program offers a structured and empowering environment where young people can develop personal responsibility and essential leadership skills.

New recruits undergo a foundational training program, during which they are introduced to the organization's core values and rank structure. Upon graduation, participants are welcomed into opportunities that include community service projects, team-building activities, educational field trips, encampments, and other events.

One of the program's cornerstone missions is drug prevention education. The Young Marines equip participants with knowledge and strategies to resist peer pressure and avoid the pitfalls of substance abuse. This education, combined with its leadership training, ensures that members are not only prepared to make positive choices but also to influence their peers and communities.

The arrival of the Young Marines program in Jamestown has been met with enthusiasm. Among the first participants is Lance Corporal Ethan Whitney, who brings firsthand experience from his time with the Brass City Young Marines in Waterbury, Connecticut. The Brass City Young Marines was the very first unit established in 1959. During his time with the program, Lance Corporal Whitney

participated in numerous community service activities, including parades, veteran recognition ceremonies, and the annual Toys for Tots fundraiser in collaboration with the U.S. Marines.

Reflecting on his experiences, Lance Corporal Whitney shared, "One of the most rewarding parts of being a Young Marine is serving our veterans and hearing their stories. I consider it a great honor to be able to give back to those who have given so much for our country. The Young Marines program has given me so many opportunities to serve my community and grow as an individual. I'm excited to see more youth in Jamestown benefit from the program and become leaders who give back to their community. This program is not just designed for those who are interested in joining the military, it also for anyone who interested in developing leadership skills and being an active member of their community."

By focusing on character development and leadership, the Young Marines program is more than just an extracurricular activity it's a pathway to becoming responsible, engaged citizens. Through hands-on experiences and mentorship, participants learn valuable life skills that will benefit them in school, careers, and beyond.

As the Jamestown unit begins its journey, it looks forward to being a transformative addition to the community, offering local youth opportunities to grow, give back, and thrive in a supportive environment.

To introduce the program and its mission to the community, the Jamestown unit will host an informational meeting on Monday, January 27, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place at First Covenant Church, located at 520 Spring Street.

This event is open to all who are interested in learning more about the Young Marines, whether they are potential participants, parents, or supporters. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the program's impact, and ask questions about joining or volunteering.



Lance Corporal Ethan Whitney

For additional information, please contact Post Commander Dan Whitney at 203-298-8559 or email him at [jamestownyoungmarines@gmail.com](mailto:jamestownyoungmarines@gmail.com).

Don't miss this chance to learn how the Young Marines program is shaping the next generation of leaders in Jamestown and beyond. Come see how your family or community can get involved in this impactful organization!

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- Martin Luther King Jr.





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COMMUNITY SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED

**Local Organization 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry Fights Childhood Hunger**



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**Article Contributed by**  
**5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry**

In the heart of Chautauqua County, an inspiring grassroots effort is addressing one of the most vulnerable populations in our community: hungry children. 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry, a fully volunteer-driven organization, provides critical food support to over 600 school-aged children each week across local schools, including Clymer, Sherman, Bemus Point, Panama, Hewes Center, Maple Avenue Academy, CHQ BOCES, and Randolph Academy Union Free School District.

Each week, these children take home a bag of food to help sustain them through the weekend—when school meals are unavailable. However, without increased community support, this vital service is at risk of falling short.

Unlike many programs, 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry operates solely through the generosity of local individuals, businesses, and organizations to provide the 26,000 bags they pack each school year. Every penny raised stays in the community, directly funding meals for local children. The program receives no government funding and relies entirely on donations and volunteer support.

“Our mission is simple but critical: ensure that no child goes hungry,” said Jen Heiser, president of the ministry. “These are children who live in our communities, attend our schools, and rely on us to provide the nourishment they need. Without additional donations, we face a shortfall this year and may not be able to begin the next school year with the resources required.”

Inspired by the biblical story of generosity and abundance, 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting childhood hunger in Chautauqua County. Since its inception, the ministry has provided thousands of meals to local children in need, thanks to the generosity of the community it serves.

With rising costs and increasing demand, 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry needs the community's help more than ever. A recurring donation—

- no matter the amount—can create a lasting impact.
- \$10 provides a weekend's worth of food for a child.
  - \$100 supports a child for 10 weeks.
  - Recurring gifts provide stability, ensuring children don't go without food in future months.

The ministry also welcomes new volunteers to join their efforts at any of their pack sites.

“Volunteers are the backbone of our work,” said Heiser. “From packing bags to organizing logistics, there's a role for everyone who wants to help.”

**How You Can Help**

Local residents and businesses are encouraged to make a difference:

1. **Donate:** Visit [www.Sand2ministry.com/](http://www.Sand2ministry.com/) volunteer or [www.facebook.com/Sand2ministry](http://www.facebook.com/Sand2ministry) to make a one-time or recurring donation.
2. **Volunteer:** Sign up to help at a local pack site.
3. **Spread the Word:** Share this story with others who may want to get involved.

**About 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry**

**7 Ways to Celebrate MLK Day**



Article by  
**Metro Creative Connection**

The first month of the year is special for a number of reasons, including the opportunity for a fresh start, as millions of people make New Year's resolutions in an effort to turn the page on the previous year.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is nestled in the middle of January and is another day of contemplation and celebration. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist minister, activist, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and one of the most prominent leaders of the civil rights movement. His leadership was fundamental throughout the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King promoted nonviolent tactics that included the March on Washington in 1963.

The third Monday of January is widely celebrated as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (or MLK Day), and is a federal holiday to honor the life and legacy of this great man. The day presents an opportunity to celebrate and honor Dr. King in notable ways. Here are some of the many ways to celebrate Dr. King and serve in his name.

- **Give what you can.** Donate money or goods to a nearby charitable organization. This can include donating to a food pantry or dropping off clothing at a homeless shelter.
- **Donate time.** Dr. King's legacy is a testament to cooperation. When people work together and support one another, the world becomes a better place for future generations. Volunteering time at a local nonprofit organization is a start.
- **Watch the "I Have a Dream" speech.** Dr. King was a skilled orator, and this speech is about 17 minutes long. Many people know

of this speech but may not have listened to it in its entirety, nor have fully absorbed its message. MLK Day is an ideal time to listen to the speech from start to finish.

- **Promote equality initiatives.** Racism, segregation and inequality remain a problem even today. Use MLK Day as a catalyst for change aimed at promoting equality among all people.

- **Spearhead mixers and other friendly socials.** Dr. King espoused a message of kindness and respect for others. By bringing people together from different backgrounds, individuals can learn that they likely have more in common than they realize. Host special social gatherings that can take place on or around MLK Day.

- **Plant a tree or another enduring symbol.** A Greek proverb says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit." It means that planting trees represents actions that will benefit future generations, even if the person planting them will not live long enough to reap the benefits. Dr. King facilitated greater racial harmony and peace even though he was not able to enjoy it more fully. Planting a tree in his name will benefit future generations.

- **Learn more about Dr. King.** Visit a cultural center that is offering a special MLK Day exhibit; otherwise, read biographies or watch a movie about Dr. King's life and work.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a celebration of a man who did great things that continue to benefit generations of people who came after him.

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**Here's How It Works:**  
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Intermediate

**CROSSWORD**

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Hand (Spanish)
  5. Siskel and \_\_, critics
  10. Seaman
  12. Chemical weapon
  14. One who eliminates
  16. They precede C
  18. Baseball stat
  19. Americans' "uncle"
  20. Cassia tree
  22. Surround
  23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
  25. A sudden very loud sound
  26. Affirmative
  27. Disadvantage
  28. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
  30. OJ trial judge
  31. New York art district
  33. Become more bleak
  35. Upstate NY city
  37. Clarified butters
  38. One who witnesses
  40. Condemn
  41. \_\_ juris
  42. Natural
  44. Prohibit
  45. Swiss river
  48. Greek war god
  50. 5 iron
  52. New Zealand mountain parrot
  53. Scandinavian surname
  55. Follows sigma
  56. Doctor of Education
  57. Spanish be
  58. One that feeds on bugs
  63. Tooth issue
  65. Get into
  66. Lumps of clay
  67. Overly studious student

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Variety of Chinese
  2. Boxing's GOAT
  3. Japanese classical theater
  4. Prayer
  5. Inspire with love
  6. Ballplayers' accessory
  7. Retailer payment system
  8. More raw
  9. Atomic #81
  10. Fencing sword
  11. Hostilities
  13. Sea dweller
  15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
  17. Businessmen
  18. Rest here please (abbr.)
  21. Loud devices
  23. Make a soft murmuring sound
  24. One point west of due south
  27. Trout
  29. Type of grass
  32. South American plant
  34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
  35. Not secure
  36. Traveler
  39. Sweet potato
  40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
  43. Some are choppy
  44. Asian country
  46. Genus of mosquitoes
  47. Cool!
  49. Shrill, wailing sound
  51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
  54. Within
  59. Unhappy
  60. Decorate a cake with frosting
  61. Videocassette recorder
  62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
  64. It cools a home



# CCS-TV Announces 2025 Fundraising Campaign

## Expanding Opportunities and Inspiring the Next Generation of Media Professionals

Article Contributed by Collaborative Children's Solutions

Building on the success of our inaugural year, CCS-TV is excited to announce its 2025 fundraising campaign. This initiative aims to expand opportunities for local youth in all aspects of television broadcasting.

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 through community donations and sponsorships to fund program enhancements, equipment upgrades, and increased opportunities for young broadcasters.

"At CCS-TV, we believe in the power of storytelling and the potential of young minds. This campaign is about more than raising funds—it's about investing in our community, our youth, and their future," said Collaborative Children's Solutions Owner Patrick Smeraldo. "By supporting CCS-TV, you're helping to create opportunities for creativity, growth, and connection that will shape the next generation of broadcasters right here in Jamestown. Together, we can make a lasting impact."



Submitted Photos

This year, students and viewers alike can look forward to a new partnership with the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, featuring the broadcast of all 22 home games for the Jamestown Tarp Skunks Baseball team.

CCS-TV also plans to enhance its programming lineup, including: community event broadcasts featuring Jamestown's St. Patrick's Day "Turn the River Green" celebration, Memorial Day observances, the Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Dinner, Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, and the Jamestown Holiday Parade.

Additionally, 2025 will see the return of several feature programs, including

CHQ In-View, a topical news magazine show highlighting local stories from the perspective of today's youth. Other shows like CCS Community Conversations, features, and new programs created by local students will also be part of the lineup.

Whether in the studio or the field, CCS-TV mentors provide middle and high school students with hands-on experience in the broadcasting industry. The CCS-TV Community Club welcomed dozens of young broadcasters in 2024, and the organization looks forward to expanding its free programming to even more students in 2025. Participants gain practical experience

in production, storytelling, and communication while fostering creativity and teamwork in a supportive environment. To learn more about CCS-TV's Community Club, or to sign up a student broadcaster, visit [ccs-tv.com/join](http://ccs-tv.com/join).

Community members can support CCS-TV's mission and help shape the future of broadcasting by donating online at [ccs-tv.com/donate](http://ccs-tv.com/donate) or contact Patrick Smeraldo via email at [ccsolutions716@gmail.com](mailto:ccsolutions716@gmail.com) or call (716) 739-2279.

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Since launching in December 2023, the reach of CCS-TV's platform continues to grow, with 2024's programming drawing over 90,000 viewers across Roku, YouTube, Facebook, the CCS-TV mobile apps, and CCS-TV.com. Supporting CCS-TV broadcasts is not only a smart marketing investment, but also, an investment in today's youth and tomorrow's broadcasters.

# The Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates Distribute their 2024 Donations to Three Local Charities



The Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates President Chris Sorenson and Vice President Craig Merchant present the first donation to Co-Founder and President of the Kidney Connection Jeanette Caprino.



The Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates President Chris Sorenson and Vice President Craig Merchant present the second donation to St Susan Center Executive Director Cherie Rowland.



The Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates President Chris Sorenson and Vice President Craig Merchant present the third donation to Frank Lamarca and Chuck Overturf of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Jamestown to help in their fundraising efforts to assist Dennis Bittinger, a Vietnam Veteran.

Article Contributed by Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates

The Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates recently distributed their 2024 donations to local charities. The Club Associates is an organization made up of 18 social, veteran and fraternal clubs in Chautauqua County who meet monthly to help network and improve communications between clubs, promoting activities and advance fellowship among the clubs. Throughout the year the Club Associates also holds several events to help raise money for local charities. Since 2015 the Club Associates has raised over \$20,000 for Charity. In 2024, they raised a record breaking \$6000 by holding a Don't Know Your Destination Bus trip, 2 Putt-Putt Club Crawls and their Annual Charity Golf Tournament. President Chris Sorenson and Vice President Craig Merchant recently presented a donation of \$2000 to three different charities on behalf of the Club Associates.

The first donation was presented to the Kidney Connection. The Kidney Connection is an organization that assists local patients in need of a kidney transplant in searching for local willing donors and to assist them financially with the transplant process. Co-Founder and President of the Kidney Connection Jeanette Caprino said "I can't tell you how grateful I am for this most generous donation. The Kidney Connection is a completely free site and this will go a long way to help those in need of a kidney transplant to hopefully

find their living donor. Thank you so much, it is much appreciated". For more information or to donate to the Kidney Connection [www.kidneyconnection.org](http://www.kidneyconnection.org)

Another donation was presented to St Susan Center Executive Director Cherie Rowland, to assist in their Capital Campaign and their efforts to educate and assist those in our community. This donation will help them with the transition to their new building, the prior Jamestown Business Collage, and help them with their goal of a teaching kitchen for the community. Anyone who would like help the St Susan Center can find information at [www.stsusancenter.org](http://www.stsusancenter.org)

The last donation was presented to Frank Lamarca and Chuck Overturf of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Jamestown to help in their fundraising efforts to assist Dennis Bittinger, a Vietnam Veteran, who lost his home to a fire at the beginning of December. Dennis remains in the hospital to this day, recovering from injuries he received during the fire. The Bittinger Fund, a charitable fund, has been established at the Community Bank in Clymer NY.

The donations were presented at the Club Associates January meeting held at the Jamestown Eagles Club #2145. After the presentation Eagles Club Trustee Chris Allenson announced that Chautauqua Eagles #2145 will match both \$2000 donations to the Kidney Connection and the St. Susan Center. Association President Chris Sorenson thanked the Eagles Club for the generous matching donations

and all the clubs involved for helping make such large gifts possible. The Club Associates meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the

month and are open to any member of the association clubs. For more information go to Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates on Facebook or email [clubassociateschris@gmail.com](mailto:clubassociateschris@gmail.com)

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

### Trivia

1. What was Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth name?
2. In what year did Martin Luther King Jr. win the Nobel Peace Prize?
3. What was the name of the famous letter Martin Luther King Jr. wrote while imprisoned in 1963?
4. In what year did the March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, take place?
5. What organization did Martin Luther King Jr. co-found in 1957 to coordinate civil rights efforts?
6. How many times was Martin Luther King Jr. arrested during his civil rights activism?
7. What was the title of Martin Luther King Jr.'s final speech, delivered the night before his assassination?
8. Where was Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated on April 4, 1968?
9. Which U.S. President signed the legislation creating Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday?
10. What posthumous honor was awarded to Martin Luther King Jr. in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter?

## Unitarians Learn About the Art of Helping and Being Helped this Sunday, January 26



Submitted Photo

At the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown's 10:30 a.m. hybrid service this Sunday, member and community activist Janet Forbes will share her experiences participating in the New York State Convention of Universalists 198th Annual Meeting. She will reflect on how the local church might implement some of what was covered at the event, whose theme was "The Art of Helping and Being Helped." Julie Anderson is pianist. All are welcome to the service and coffee hour that follows at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar).



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### Ron Graham: Exemplifying the King

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Chautauqua Striders Archives Circa 1980

years, Ron gathered a group of us to plan a racial justice educational forum to lead us in doing just that. This effort developed into the present "Love Mercy, Do Justice" ministry team at Jamestown's Zion Covenant Church. Its mission is to sensitize the community to racial and economic injustices and to provide opportunities to extend mercy to the marginalized. I sometimes feel like in America, we forget the tragic chapters in our history of racial injustice and slavery. But Ron was a steady reminder to me and our entire community that we should not close our eyes to racism that still sadly rears its ugly head even today. Ron's solemn fortitude and political wisdom strengthened our resolve and gave others the courage to act.

me that we are all, in our own way, on a long march out of Egypt. We are all slaves to masters from which we struggle to be free. We all want to be free of sorrow and free of the of burdens of life. We yearn to experience justice restored and to see God's will be done on our earth as it is in heaven.

While many in our community will most remember Ron as the founder and longtime leader of Chautauqua Striders, to me, Ron showed me the face of God. He coached with the empathy of Jesus - whether on the track, in the classroom or at his kitchen table over coffee with me. He shared our struggles and joy and showed us the way to change. The path to progress was "the closer we got to the goal," as he would aptly



What Ron poured into athleticism, academics, and music in his early life, he poured even more feverishly into injustice and political awareness in his later years - the time in which I had the great privilege of knowing him most. I learned that when the rivers of justice start rolling down the mountain, with Ron's coaching and God's nudging, real change may begin in people's lives and hearts. Metaphorically, Ron taught



allegorize. Ron assured everyone that our value centered around God's acceptance and the constant reminder that we are all His worthy children.

It has been said that the measure of a successful person is learning how to improve the world, to make it just a little better than you found it. My weekly two-hour coffee breaks with Ron always focused on "fixing the world" somehow, and we'd laughed, understanding the loftiness of our aspirations. But here is the secret and mystery that I learned from Ron: we actually can change the world one person at a time. We can achieve this by paying it forward, by coaching and by pouring ourselves into the needs of one another. Ron was my

greatest teacher, and slowly, I now fully grasp that.

Ron used to say: "You can't fix everything in the world, but everyone can at least fix something!" I have to wonder if this could have rightly been Dr. King's mantra too. Like Ron and Dr. King, we can all stand for change and make a difference here and now - no matter how big or small. Let us take to heart what Ron taught us and spread that quest for empathy. Let us run the race, let us play the blues and let us dance to great music. Let us persevere, let us coach, and let us seek justice and mercy to change one another's lives. How will we do



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### Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

## Caregiving – Do I Do That?



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**Dana Corwin**  
Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services Director

This year has gone by so fast! We did not get a chance to recognize all the work involved in providing a loved one care and assistance. National Family Caregivers Month is celebrated each November and it is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers (also known as care partners) across the country. The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services is charged with not only assisting older adults but also helping caregivers of any age. However, our biggest challenge is getting people to realize they are a caregiver. You can be considered a caregiver if you regularly provide assistance to someone that needs help with aspects of living like managing medical needs, household tasks, managing mail/bills, emotional supports, or transportation- so many things!

Past themes for National Caregiver month have been: "Caregiving Happens" to reflect that most people do not sign up to be a caregiver, the reality is that caregiving just happens. The 2024 Caregiver Action Network (CAN) theme was "I care... to highlight the importance of self-recognition and self-identity — key factors in caregivers' access to essential support." So, are you a caregiver? Yes, no, maybe, or not sure? Read on.

Caregiving happens when you're running errands or in a meeting. Caregiving happens when you're trying to get out the door to go to work. It happens when you least expect it. It may make you miss meetings or other appointments. The people around you need may not realize that you may be running late because you're picking up your loved one from chemo or your friend needs to understand that you're not avoiding them, you're caring for your mom with Alzheimer's. When #CaregivingHappens, it's not always convenient or expected. The National Caregiver Action Network started a campaign in honor of National caregiving month called #CaregivingHappens to raise awareness of the role as a friend/family caregiving. You can benefit from knowing that there is a network of people who understand and are here to support you in your caregiving journey. There are many resources that can help along the way.

The New York State Office for Aging started a campaign with an

organization called ARCHANGELS. They have a short questionnaire that can illuminate your caregiving intensity scale. We may not recognize the caregiving we do or we may understand and be in need of support along the way. ARCHANGELS give s a quick assessment of where you stand. Their tag line is "Any care counts -New York!" It is important to identify the role and understand the stresses and resources available to you as a caregiver in order to do the best you can for your loved one and for yourself! The process is simple, visit their website at <https://www.archangels.me> Take the short survey and understand how you may be dealing with caregiving-even identifying as a caregiver!

Caregiver Action Network (the National Family Caregivers Association) began promoting national recognition of family caregivers in 1994 to help elevate the importance of the work being done by caregivers. It also seeks to connect caregivers to resources locally. You can visit CAN at [www.caregiveraction.org](http://www.caregiveraction.org) for resources and tools to support family caregivers. Local Caregivers can call our NY Connects helpline at 716-753-4582 to be connected to local programs and services that can assist you with caregiving. We also have trained The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services has a Caregiver Support program. We can meet with you to discuss options and provide training, support, and respite when you need a break. In addition, we have specific services for people caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Caregiving is not easy. What starts out as occasional help for a friend or family member can turn into a daily commitment. Most caregivers have young children and/or are working full time making life more difficult. That is why Office for Aging Services works with many community partners to provide respite care, in home care aids, Adult Day programs, emergency response services, safety items, training/support groups and on-line resources for busy caregivers. We want to help busy caregivers get connected to the services but also keep you healthy and strong so you can continue caregiving.

In this new year, 2025 do some research on in-home care options to help with tasks like housekeeping, grocery shopping or bathing. Locally, you can NY Connects (716-753-4582) is the place to call for everything on community-based care options and supports for caregivers. If your loved one lives in another state, you can research similar services on the Eldercare Locator website at [www.eldercare.acl.gov](http://www.eldercare.acl.gov) by inserting their zip code or call 1-800-677-1116 to speak with a resource specialist.

The key to caregiving is to remember to take care of yourself so that you can continue to take care of the one's you love. Thank you to all the caregivers for all you do every day to help older adults live their best life. Stay well.

### Anora and Moana 2 to Show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



A scene from Moana 2

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**Reg Lenna Center for the Arts**

Anora (Wed., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.) is an audacious, thrilling, and comedic variation on a modern day Cinderella story. Mikey Madison (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood) captivates as Ani, a young sex worker from Brooklyn whose life takes an unexpected turn when she meets and impulsively marries Vanya, the impetuous son of a Russian billionaire. However, when Vanya's parents catch wind of the union, they send their henchmen to annul the marriage, setting off a wild chase through the streets of New York. Anora is rated R and is 139 minutes long.

Moana 2 (Sat., Jan. 25 at 4 p.m. & Wed., Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.) reunites Moana and Maui three years later for an expansive new voyage alongside a crew of unlikely seafarers. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and

into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced. Moana 2 is rated PG and is 100 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Nicole Kidman in the thriller *Babygirl* (Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.), Timothée Chalamet as *Bob Dylan in A Complete Unknown* (Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.), Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande in the movie musical *Wicked* (Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.) and two showings of Disney's *Mufasa: The Lion King* (Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. & Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.)

Tickets for most Movies at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online ([reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)) & by phone - 716.484.7070. Family showings are \$7 in-person at the box office and \$9 online & by phone. Special engagements are priced differently. The theater and box office at The Reg are located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY. The box office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12 - 5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events.



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A scene from Anora

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## Acme Lends a Hand to Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame



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Acme - The Appliance Store, 1286 E. Second St., Jamestown, has donated a refrigerator to the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame to conduct a raffle to benefit the organization. A raffle ticket for the 18-cubic-foot Frigidaire refrigerator, valued at \$850, can be purchased at the CSHOF, 15 W. 3rd St., Jamestown, for \$5 or 3 chances for \$10. The drawing will be held Feb. 17, at the CSHOF's 43rd annual induction banquet. From the left are CSHOF's Chip Johnson and Acme's Dan Hocking.

## Untangling Land Rental Rates, Ag Districts and Leasing Considerations

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Offers FREE Webinar for Information on Land Rentals and Other Considerations**

Article Contributed by  
**Katelyn Walley**

Farm Business Management Specialist with the SWNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

"Untangling Land Rental Rates, Ag Districts, and Leasing Considerations" will be held on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30pm. This is a free webinar hosted by CCE-Broome and presented by SWNYDLFC's Team Leader and Farm Business Management Specialist, Katelyn Walley. Information that will be covered includes:

- negotiating, designing, and delivering a land lease
- determining fair land rental prices
- considering Ag Value Assessment and Ag Districting implications
- addressing questions and concerns from participants

The presenter, Katelyn Walley, has over 10 years of experience working with both farmers and land owners on these complicated topics and will share best management practices that can be implemented for successful rental situations. "Every week I receive multiple phone calls asking about land rental rates, how to lease land, and how to apply for the ag value assessment," says Walley. "This webinar will cover a lot of information in a plain language, easy to understand way that'll be less overwhelming than your typical internet search."

For more information, or to register, visit SWNYDLFC's event page on their website: [swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu](http://swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu) or contact CCE-Broome's Ag & Food Systems Program Coordinator, Jaime Welch by emailing [jjw288@cornell.edu](mailto:jjw288@cornell.edu) or calling 607-584-5023.



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On Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hosting a free webinar for farmland owners and farmland users covering topics related to land leases, rental rates, and ag districting.

## Dr. Zachary Ecklum Earns Braw Caddie Clan Excellence Award

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**Braw Caddie Clan**

The Stanley A. Weeks Braw Caddie Clan Excellence Award committee is pleased to announce that Zachary Ecklum, MD, is our newest scholarship juror. He recently opened a family practice as part of Great Lakes Physician Practice in Jamestown, NY. Dr. Ecklum received his medical training at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY, and completed his residency in Family Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital, also in Syracuse, NY.



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Dr. Zachary Ecklum, MD

A graduate of Jamestown High School, Dr. Ecklum was a recipient of the Weeks BCC Excellence Award in 2013. He will join past scholarship recipients Stephen Carlson, Benjamin Cecchini, Jonathan Healy, Luke Kindberg, Jacob Smeraldo, and Andrew Pumford as part of the scholarship selection committee.

Awardees are evaluated based on their academic performance, athletic achievements, leadership in clubs, and community service. Teacher recommendations support these attributes and highlight how recipients have served as role models at Jamestown High School and beyond.

The scholarship will reach a milestone in 2025, awarding \$2,000. What kept the Braw

Caddie Clan alive for generations? Weeks cataloged and sequenced 627 members across three generations, saved histories and memorabilia, corresponded with many brothers, and organized reunions. He initiated the scholar-athlete award and ceremony to foster camaraderie and further excellence for future generations. The Braw Caddie Clan is always happy to add new members to our mailing list and accept contributions from anyone. For questions or inquiries, please contact Gary Yager at [garywyager@gmail.com](mailto:garywyager@gmail.com), Randy Anderson at [randy28b@netsync.net](mailto:randy28b@netsync.net), or James D. Colby at [james422clby@gmail.com](mailto:james422clby@gmail.com).

Please visit Braw Caddie Clan / Jamestown High School on Facebook for news and updates.

# Doors Open Jamestown is January 25

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**CHQ Chamber**

Now in its 21st year, Doors Open Jamestown is coming up Saturday, January 25, with twenty-one attractions and an additional nine local businesses participating in this year's event!

The CHQ Chamber has pulled together these attractions and local businesses in the Jamestown area to take part in this wintertime scavenger hunt. It's an opportunity for people who live in the region to experience what tourists see in the Jamestown area, featuring a wide variety of outstanding local museums and cultural institutions, and some of our great hospitality businesses, that normally draw tourists to our area. The attractions open their doors for free during what would otherwise be a slow time of year.

### Participating attractions in Doors Open for 2025 are:

- Audubon Community Nature Center, 1600 Riverside Road
- Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, 15 West 3rd Street
- Chautauqua Youth Symphony, 106 East 2nd Street
- CHQ Chamber and Visitor Information Center, 300 North Main Street
- Fenton History Center, 67 Washington Street
- Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, 301 East 2nd Street, Suite 101
- James Prendergast Library, 509 Cherry Street
- Jamestown Jackals #IntegrityFirst, at the CHQ Chamber, 300 North Main Street
- Lucile M. Wright Air Museum, 110 West 3rd Street, Suite 101
- \*Lucille Ball Desi Amaz Museum, 2 West 3rd Street
- Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, 18 East 2nd Street
- Martz-Kohl Observatory, 176 Robbin Hill Road
- Marvin Community House, 2 West 5th Street
- \*National Comedy Center, 203 West 2nd Street
- Northwest Arena, 319 West 3rd Street
- Partridge-Sheldon House by Jamestown DAR, 70 Prospect Street
- Pearl City Clay House, 220 East 2nd Street
- Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, 116 East 3rd Street
- Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 East 4th Street
- Roger Tory Peterson Institute, 311 Curtis Street
- Sukanya Burman Dance, 106 East 2nd Street, Studio 3A

### Businesses Participating are:

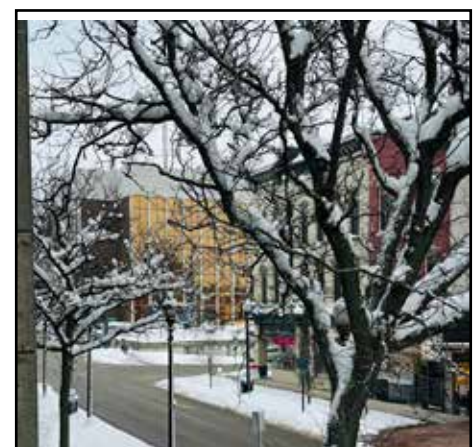
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- Art Cloth & Craft, 108 East 3rd Street
- BioDome Project, 207 Pine Street
- Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge, 10 East 4th Street
- Brigiotta's Farmland Produce, 414 Fairmount Avenue
- Chautauqua Art Gallery, 318 North Main Street
- HotSpot Café, 101 East 3rd Street
- Labyrinth Press Company, 12 East 4th Street
- Wicked Warren's, 119 West 3rd Street

The hours for Doors Open are 10am-4pm. The attractions with an asterisk (\*) will require advance registration. Please see their websites for details.

Participating attractions are donating merchandise to be aggregated into four prize baskets. All individuals attending Doors Open are encouraged to play along with the online scavenger hunt quiz to be entered into the drawing for those prize baskets.

To play, simply go to your first stop of the day, find the answer to that venue's question, and use the QR code (or visit [go.chqchamber.org](http://go.chqchamber.org)) to launch the game pass on your mobile device. There is no app to download. You will input basic contact information and then will get a text featuring a direct link to the pass. Then, at each subsequent location, you just need to open the pass and answer the next quiz questions. Once you have at least 25 points you can click the "rewards" icon in the pass and click Claim Now to complete your drawing entry. Prize winners will be randomly drawn from these entries and winners will be notified Monday, January 27. If you have questions about the pass or how it works, visit the CHQ Chamber on Doors Open day.

CHQ Chamber President and CEO Daniel Heitzenrater said, "Chautauqua County is a treasure trove of places to explore and things to do. These attractions are just a start, with numerous other art galleries, historic sites, nature centers, and entertainment and sports venues. We hope you will take the time to visit these and the many other exceptional places in our county. Once you've visited for Doors Open Jamestown, please return, and bring more family, friends, or out of town guests in the years ahead."







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Use the QR code for a quick start to the online Doors Open game pass. Input some basic contact info, and then answer questions at each venue to enter the prize drawing. Thanks for playing!

\*pre-registration required. See their website for info.

**CHQ Chamber to Convene the State of Business January 31**

The CHQ Chamber is proud to host the first ever State of Business panel discussion, to be held Friday, January 31 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 150 West Fourth Street, Jamestown. As a way to launch the new year with a look at the successes and opportunities for local businesses, we will feature presentations from Mark Geise, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency; Andrew Nixon, Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau; Katie Geise, Chautauqua Works; Todd Trantum, Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier; and Courtney Curatolo, Small Business Development Center at JCC. Each panelist will provide a brief overview, and there will be time for questions and answers. We hope you will join us for this informative look at the State of Business in Chautauqua County.

The State of Business breakfast is sponsored by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, the Observer, and The Post-Journal. Your \$27 registration includes breakfast for the event as well as support for the year-round activities of the CHQ Chamber as we focus on building vital connections, providing professional resources, and championing our local businesses in Chautauqua County. Sign up now through our web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

We strongly encourage local businesspeople to attend this breakfast event, and come with questions for our panelists. Pre-registration is required. Check-in will open at 7:30, with a buffet breakfast planned. The program will begin shortly after 8am.



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President and CEO

## Year in Review: 2024

The work we do day in and day out at the CHQ Chamber is focused on our mission: to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. We also keep a close eye on our vision: to be a critical partner in achieving consistent economic growth, resiliency, and prosperity to increase the collective opportunity for local businesses and organizations in Chautauqua County. As we look back at our efforts throughout 2024 we see plenty of examples of working on mission to achieve our vision. At the same time, we wanted to look at the actual numbers to support that, so here's a quick review.

Having recently completed a strategic plan, we knew our next step had to be a rebranding process. The plan clearly pointed out some issues that had to be addressed; noting the array of committees and names by which the Chamber was known, despite having formed as a countywide entity in 2000. We engaged Mr. Smith Agency in Buffalo to work with our board and staff on a new brand, beginning with a discovery session that offered up insights about our values and goals, and included several follow-ups, finally resulting in a new name and new visual representation of our brand. The new CHQ Chamber logo incorporates our name in a way that is dynamic, connective, and structured. We were proud to unveil the logomark and brand materials during a special launch party at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in July.

Also in 2024, the CHQ Chamber was noted as the third largest business advocacy group in Western New York. Each year Business First of Buffalo surveys regional business associations on a variety of issues including budget and membership. The fact that we are in the top three is worthy of note, since we are in the mix with the more urban areas in the immediate Buffalo vicinity.

2024 was another outstanding year for business openings countywide. The CHQ Chamber helped to plan, assist, and attend 67 ribbon cuttings for new businesses. That includes service businesses, retailers, restaurants and other hospitality businesses that opened in every corner of the county from Silver Creek to Frewsburg to Westfield and all points in between.

We saw 87 new members join the Chamber in 2024. Membership remains the backbone of our business, as those annual investments help to cover the costs of services for businesses that would be impossible for smaller organizations to provide. Those services include our popular

ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card and human resources compliance programs which are substantial benefits for Chamber member organizations.

Attendance at CHQ Chamber functions had another strong showing in 2024. 1,643 people turned out for Chamber events including our Business After Hours networking events, Business Builder Workshops, legislative events, and annual Golf Tournament, Awards Banquet, and Annual Meeting. That number does not include the thousands who showed up for community-wide events offered by the Chamber including the popular First Fridays in Westfield, the brand new Made in Falconer day, the Mayville Winter Festival, and others. If you attended a Chamber of Commerce function in the past year, we hope you made some new business contacts and will come again in the future and bring a friend or colleague. Participation remains one of the best ways to get the most out of your Chamber membership.

The ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card program closed out 2024 with a strong showing. The last six weeks of the year continues to be the heaviest sales period for these popular gift cards. 1,657 cards were sold when we completed the count just before Christmas. Over 165 businesses countywide now accept the ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card. The purchaser buys the card for its face value, with no add-on fees or taxes, and the card holder can redeem it for any purchase through a participating merchant. Those gift card purchases create a direct impact on our local economy and help boost sales at small locally owned businesses. Because of the costs associated with this program, we require only that merchants be Chamber members to participate.

The Chamber of Commerce has once again stepped up its social media game in the past year. With an emphasis on Facebook activity and live-streaming grand opening celebrations, we saw a 59% increase in Facebook reach to 127,580. That's above the 75% increase we had in 2023. The CHQ Chamber uses its social media pages to help promote local businesses and events, keep people informed, and to manage community-based promotions that help to drive traffic into local businesses.

We like to spend just enough time looking back to help us move forward. These numbers create some guidelines for us as we move into the new year, helping to evaluate our successes and to see where we can improve. The Chamber of Commerce staff is already putting together a calendar of events and opportunities to serve local businesspeople in 2025. We hope you'll join us in the months ahead. We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

## New Year, New Events

Out of the starting gate this year we are trying something new with our

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Business After Hours networking events. We have traditionally held these events at venues where food and beverages are readily available. At the same time, we have had several requests from other types of businesses interested in hosting these experiences, so we're giving it a go, beginning this month with a Business After Hours at Ballgame Heroes in Jamestown January 16. Ballgame Heroes is a locally owned business specializing in sports trading cards and your go-to destination for sports cards and memorabilia! They also feature Pokémon cards. The timing of this event lends itself to the theme: a football playoff party! Ballgame Heroes will offer complimentary pizza, wings, and beverages, and you are invited to wear your Bills or other NFL jerseys or other gear.

Some additional new Business After Hours events will be announced soon, and we hope you'll join us for some outstanding networking opportunities at a variety of locations in the year ahead. Our members often make great business contacts during these events, and it's those connections that help you get the most from your Chamber membership.

The CHQ Chamber is also restructuring its advocacy events this year. In the past we have held panel discussions with elected officials from the county, state, and federal level. As we have seen changing attendance at many of these events, we thought it was a perfect time to try something new that may be more meaningful for our membership. We will implement three new advocacy-style events, beginning this month with our first ever State of Business panel discussion scheduled for 8am, Friday, January 31 at the DoubleTree in Jamestown.

The State of Business breakfast will feature a quick round of updates from some of the top business development organizations countywide including the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, Chautauqua County Workforce Investment Board, Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, and Small Business Development Center. This event will also allow for questions and answers directly from the local business community.

We are also excited to announce a new event we are calling Official Introductions. This networking-style event will bring together local businesspeople with a variety of elected officials from across all levels of government for an informal get together that allows for mingling and direct access with town, village, city, county, and state officials. We have booked the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel for June 3 for this late afternoon session.

In August we will combine our more traditional elected officials panel discussions into a single event featuring our representatives from the county, state, and federal levels for

a luncheon event. This will provide opportunities for vetting of policy issues that may cut across levels of government and will still allow for questions from the audience. The We firmly believe in the adage that you don't get new results when you do the same old thing. A couple of weeks ago we noted how we are innovating with software as we deploy some of our community-wide events, and now we are innovating with restructured events as we seek participation from our members in new ways. Please join us in 2025 as we roll out some of these newer and, we hope, more engaging events. Please check our online calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org) to register for upcoming events and sign up for email notification when we are unveiling new events. Anyone can get our emails by signing up at [www.chqchamber.org/stay-up-to-date](http://www.chqchamber.org/stay-up-to-date).

## Why Join the Chamber of Commerce? Networking, for One!

Networking Boosts Your Business. It means creating connections. It may sound simple on the surface, but it often requires being in the right place at the right time with the right people. Those connections can help your business by building referrals, gaining exposure for your products or services, and raising your overall business profile. On a personal level, networking can improve your professional skills and confidence.

As a countywide business association, the CHQ Chamber has been in the business of organizing networking opportunities for decades. This year we are trying a few new ways to entice businesspeople to participate, including some non-traditional venues. And while we look to keep it all fresh, the fact remains that we are still putting people in the same space together, which is just plain good for business and for career-building.

We also understand that networking is not a one-size-fits-all type of event. Sometimes people may be looking to grow their circle in a different way or seek more localized networking. We are fortunate to have additional events in this area hosted by CHQ Professionals and Jamestown Young Professionals to help meet a variety of needs.

The fact remains that dedicated networking events focused on building business connections are vital for your business and your career. We hope you'll take some time to investigate these opportunities countywide this year and make some valuable contacts in the local business community. We are closing in on a full calendar for 2025 which includes a variety of Business After Hours events throughout the county from Jamestown to Irving and points in between. You can learn more by watching our online calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org) and signing up for our regular emails at [www.chqchamber.org/stay-up-to-date](http://www.chqchamber.org/stay-up-to-date).

# Congressman Nick Langworthy Joins the Make America Healthy Again Caucus as Founding Member

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**Congressman Nick Langworthy**



Today, Congressman Nick Langworthy announced that he is a founding member of the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Caucus, a new initiative focused on improving access to affordable, high-quality foods and primary care to help Americans lead healthier, longer lives.

"Healthy food and access to quality medical care are essential for the long-term health of our communities," said Congressman Langworthy. "In Western New York and the Southern Tier, we take pride in the hard work of our farmers and food producers who help put healthy, nutritious food on dinner tables across America. This Caucus will not only help ensure every community has better access to healthy food options but also affordable, quality healthcare so families can focus on living well and building strong futures. I'm proud to join this effort to work with the Trump Administration to make

health a priority for all Americans."

The MAHA Caucus will address rising rates of chronic diseases and obesity by promoting access to preventive care and affordable, high-quality food. It will also work to support underserved and rural communities, ensuring that no family is left behind when it comes to achieving better health outcomes.

The caucus is led by Congressman John Joyce, M.D. (PA-13), and Congressman Lloyd Smucker (PA-11) in the House, as well as Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-KS) in the Senate.

Congressman Nick Langworthy represents the 23rd Congressional District of New York, including Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben County, as well as parts of Erie County. Visit [langworthy.house.gov](http://langworthy.house.gov).

# Grants Available for Youth Sports Organizations

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The Luca S. Calanni Foundation is currently accepting applications for the first quarter of the Live Like Luca Youth Sports Grants Program. Sports organizations that are registered 501c3 and directly serve youth between the ages of 3 and 18 in Western New York are invited to apply for funding to subsidize costs that may prevent youth from fully participating.

The Luca S. Calanni Foundation celebrates Luca Calanni's life and legacy, spreading his kindness and compassion throughout the community. The foundation's quarterly Live Like Luca Grants Program reflects its mission to provide children with the opportunity to experience the joys of sports, camps,

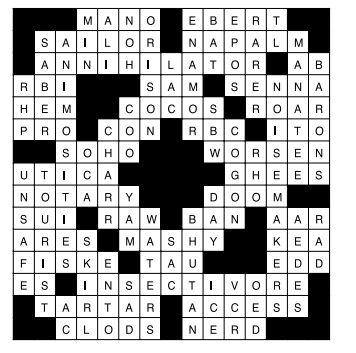
arts, and other enriching activities that made Luca's light shine bright.

First-quarter grant applications should be turned in by 5 pm on February 15, 2025. Organizations seeking funding to support youth-centric initiatives can apply at [www.livelikeluca.com/grants](http://www.livelikeluca.com/grants). To contribute to the Luca S. Calanni Foundation, visit [www.LiveLikeLuca.com](http://www.LiveLikeLuca.com).

The Live Like Luca Grants Program is administered by the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF). To explore this and other grant programs offered by NCCF, please visit [www.nccffoundation.org/grants-programs](http://www.nccffoundation.org/grants-programs).

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Richard D. Telford Remembered in Fund to Support Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy Graduates



Submitted Photo  
Undersheriff Richard D. Telford

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**Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**

The family of Richard D. Telford recently established the Undersheriff Richard D. Telford Memorial Award Fund in memory of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department's Undersheriff who passed away September 23rd of 2024. In his 30 years working with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department, he also served as Deputy, Sergeant Communications Division, Lieutenant Patrol, Lieutenant Courts, and Captain, as well as a member and Team Leader of the Fire Investigation team.

Telford spent many years teaching the DARE Program in public schools, volunteering with the Jamestown Community Learning Council (JCLC), providing tours of the Sheriff's office and county jail to local scouting organizations and high schools, and served as ethics


instructor at the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy. His character and commitment to public safety paved the way toward the creation of the endowment fund in Telford's name, which will support a graduate of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy.

Donations to grow the Captain Undersheriff Richard D. Telford Memorial Award Fund can be made online at [crf.me/telford](http://crf.me/telford) or by mailing a check to Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, 418 Spring St., Jamestown, NY 14701.


The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation administers over 700 endowments in support of emerging community needs, charitable organizations and local students pursuing higher education. For more information visit [www.crfonline.org](http://www.crfonline.org) or contact Lisa Lynde, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or [llynde@crfonline.org](mailto:llynde@crfonline.org)

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## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK



**Matilda**  
Matilda loves CrossFit and cosplaying as scrappy-doo! She is a high energy girl who would love a human that will go for long walks, hikes and runs with her. She loves to play and will be great for sports dog fun. Matilda knows how to sit, lay down and come. She is working on stay, walk nice and easy for treats along with hurdles and weave poles. Meet her soon at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.



**Hazel**  
Hazel is a curious, friendly, and silly cat. If you're looking for a cat with a knack for mischief and a heart full of love, this is your girl. Stop by to visit Hazel, and she will be sure to show you how comfy she is by offering you a head nudge. Shelter No. RR179.



# Bemus Point Winter Festival 2025

## Celebrating Winter Together

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**Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House**

Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual Bemus Point WinterFest Festival on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House! After a decade of raising over \$50,000 to support our local snowmobile clubs, we're changing things up for this year's event. While we won't be hosting a full fundraising event with activities like the Chinese Auction or 50/50 raffles, we're excited to still come together to celebrate winter in a big way!

Join us from 12PM to 6PM for a fun-filled winter party, where visitors can ride in on snowmobiles or drive in to enjoy the festivities. From live music by Buffalo's #1 rock band, Black Widow, to the warmth of the iconic Christmas tree bonfire in the early afternoon, there's something for everyone.

While this year's WinterFest Festival won't focus on fundraising, we're happy to announce that the Ellery Sno-Cruisers will have a tent set up for their own fundraising efforts. We fully support their continued work to maintain and promote the trails that

make our area such a special place for snowmobiling enthusiasts.

"While we're stepping back from the full fundraising event, we're still committed to bringing the community together to enjoy the winter season," says Rachael Wiley-Steffen, co-owner of the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House. "We hope this WinterFest Festival continues to be a wonderful tradition where people of all ages can enjoy the beauty of winter while celebrating with friends and neighbors."

In addition to the festivities, the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House will be offering great beer, cocktail, and food specials throughout the event, making it the perfect place to relax, unwind, and enjoy the snowy winter vibes.

WinterFest will feature lively music, a beautiful outdoor atmosphere, and great company. Bring the whole family to join the fun!

For more details, call 716-386-2893 or follow the Winter Festival at the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House event page on Facebook. We can't wait to celebrate winter with you!

# Jacob Johnson Finishes 4<sup>th</sup> in WNY Stock Market Challenge

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**Jamestown Public Schools**

Jamestown High School sophomore Jacob Johnson finished fourth in the Junior Achievement Virtual Stock Market Challenge in November.

The Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge introduces learners to the stock market. Participants are introduced to the fundamentals of stocks, the impact of world events on the stock market, long-term investing, and how investors make decisions to diversify portfolios. Students applied their learning in a simulated stock market environment and are tasked in making decisions about a set of fictional stocks and interpret current events and trends in the market.

Johnson finished in fourth place with a "net worth" of net worth \$857,779.45 and a "Return on Investment" of +71.6% moving up the ranks during the intense competition from 27th to fourth during the duration of the competition. Five hundred students from 13 schools in the Western New York region participated. Johnson participated as a student in Amy Schultze's JCC College Connections Personal Finance course.

"In this course, students investigate stock market concepts before they begin the Stock Market Challenge, such as: earnings per share, price earnings ratio, average rate of returns, and other investment fundamentals," Schultze said. "Providing students with a solid foundation in personal finance and business development will enable them to focus on long term financial



Submitted Photo  
 Jacob Johnson

planning and investment strategies."

"While participating in the Junior Achievement of WNY Stock Market Challenge I learned and took advantage of these three strategies: cutting my losses short; paying attention to the news; and keeping my portfolio diverse when needed," Johnson said. "Cutting small losses before they became much larger losses helped me maintain my money so I could invest in the better and more important stocks. The news was what carried me to victory because it let me know what I should or should not invest in and it also let me know what to get rid of/sell. Finally, when the news had nothing great to mention, I diversified my portfolio of stocks and that would almost guarantee no loss of money and maybe even a gain. It was a pleasure participating in the stock market challenge and I had fun throughout the event."

Johnson now will move on and compete in a live stock market challenge in Buffalo in the spring.



# Jamestown Board of Public Utilities & Blackstone Advanced Technologies Extends Flex Rate Agreement

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**Jamestown Board of Public Utilities**

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and local manufacturer Blackstone Advanced Technologies (BAT) have signed a "Flex Rate Agreement." This contract is focused on providing a lower electric rate to high-usage industrial customers. The company is located on Blackstone Avenue in the City.

The Flex Rate plan, also known as a Service Class (SC)-6 agreement, is an extension of a one-year pact executed originally for the 2024 calendar year. The company met all of the metrics required to maintain this flexible industrial rate, so the Jamestown BPU Board approved a three-year contract extension at its November meeting. The new three-year contract took effect on January 1, 2025, and expires on December 31, 2027.

The BPU's Flex Rate Program is an economic development tool used by the utility to assist local industrial companies. The program offers slightly reduced electric costs in exchange for a manufacturer's pledge to invest in its local facility and workforce.

Blackstone Advanced Technologies has demonstrated a strong record of annual capital investments.

"This year, Blackstone Advanced Technologies has made significant capital investments totaling more than \$2.9 million to enhance our manufacturing capabilities and sustainability initiatives," stated President Heather Turner.

According to Turner, these investments include the installation of a state-of-the-art Trumpf Laser, new ovens, a paint rack system, upgrades to the compressor system, and a Cincinnati Press Brake.

"We also upgraded our Sciaky Spot Welder and added a Faro Arm/Probe to improve precision and efficiency," continued Turner. "These upgrades, along with our commitment to sustainability demonstrated through the installation of EV chargers, better position us to serve our clients and deliver on agreements like the SC-6, driving success for both our company

and our partners."

In addition, Turner mentioned that the company continues expanding its workforce and increasing the number of employees on the second shift.

Blackstone Advanced Technologies is a sheet metal fabricator that makes components for military, transportation and industrial customers. Some of their largest customers are Wabtec, Mitsubishi, Vapor Stone Rail, General Dynamic and Saft Battery.

"We are thrilled to extend the SC-6 agreement with BPU through 2027," remarked Turner. "This collaboration underscores our commitment to innovation, sustainability and mutual growth. We value the role BPU plays in helping us achieve operational excellence while meeting the needs of our community."

"Blackstone Advanced Technologies first became eligible in 2023 for the SC-6 flexible electric rate for industrial customers," added BPU General Manager David L. Leathers. "The company has more than met the metrics required to remain in the program. We are pleased to include Blackstone Advanced Technologies in this flex rate program for the next three years."

"As Mayor and BPU Board President, I am proud of the continued partnership between the BPU and Blackstone Advanced Technologies," affirmed Jamestown City Mayor Kim Ecklund. "This renewed agreement reflects our shared commitment to fostering economic growth and supporting local industry. Blackstone's significant investments in technology, sustainability and workforce development underscore their vital role in strengthening Jamestown's economy and community."

"The flex rate allows companies such as Blackstone Advanced Technologies to continue manufacturing in our area while competing in a global marketplace," concluded BPU Board Chair Gregory Anderson. "The program helps sustain the economic well-being of this industrial employer, whose meaningful dedication to enhancing efficiency and growing the workforce is a model to be admired."



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 Blackstone Advanced Technologies President Heather Turner and BPU General Manager David Leathers sign a renewed SC-6 agreement with BPU Business Development Coordinator Ellen Ditonto, right. Blackstone Director of Finance Sarah Drake and Blackstone Director of Engineering Tim Wissman look on.

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## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

**Mason**  
 Mason can't hear you but he can see you and is ever watchful and caring. He loves to play and snuggle and despite his deafness he can and is happy to learn. Mason knows how to sit, come, stay and lay down with hand signals and he is working on walk and easy. Right now he just doesn't understand the need for the leash if it isn't for play. Meet him at CCHS! Shelter No. RR179.

**Vick**  
 Vick may be a bit shy at first, but given a moment, his sweet and friendly nature will shine through. Vick is smart too. He has figured out all the puzzles we have at CCHS, but his favorite activity? That's easy - eating! Treats are his absolute favorite. Vick is quite independent, so while he loves a good play session, he is just as happy to entertain himself. Meet Vick soon at CCHS! Shelter No. RR179.



# "I Have a Dream" by Martin Luther King Jr.

— Delivered on August 28, 1963, on the Steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. —

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.



But 100 years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check.

When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men — yes, Black men as well as white men — would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt.

We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment.

This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny.

And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, when will you be satisfied? We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating: for whites only.

We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our Northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering

with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: **Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last.**

## Peace, Hope and Joy with Linda Kent

# Losing Memories



Featured Writer  
Linda Kent

Crash! I looked over as I was moving things off my dining room table in time to see the tray that held my collection of gifted coffee mugs tip and fall to the floor. The crash was the shattering of those precious items. Heart sinking, I looked to see if any were intact or salvageable. These were cups given to me over the years from special people or for special occasions. All were important to me, including a crystal vase from my late aunt.

Only two cups survived, a stainless steel and a stoneware mug, both from New Zealand. Thank goodness for that. The vase had one large piece broken and one other mug was

handleless. I could glue those pieces back together.

All others were broken beyond repair. The cup my now deceased friend from high school gave me. The one my son gave me as a Christmas gift a few years past. The one given as a gift to lift my spirits as I moved into my new apartment after my divorce. All others were broken and had to be thrown out. As I swept up the pieces, I allowed a few tears to fall. I loved those cups and the memories they represented. That's why I kept them out on display.

And now I'm throwing them away. Broken and no longer good for their intended purpose or for my delight. It saddened me to think I'm no longer going to have these physical reminders of those people, but things change, and we move on. I have other things my friend gave me to remind me of her. The same with my son. I no longer need cheering up when I come in my apartment. It was nice to have those cups as reminders of my memories, but in the long run, I really don't need them. I cherish the memories, not the mugs and that's what's important.



"With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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# New York State's New Mental Health Initiative Available to Chautauqua County Residents

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Chautauqua County's  
Department of Mental  
Hygiene



Carmelo Hernandez, the Director of Community Mental Hygiene Services and the Commissioner of Social Services for Chautauqua County, NY, is excited to encourage the community to check out New York State's recent mental health initiative, Be Well NY (bewell.ny.gov), designed to enhance access to mental health care and resources for residents across the state.

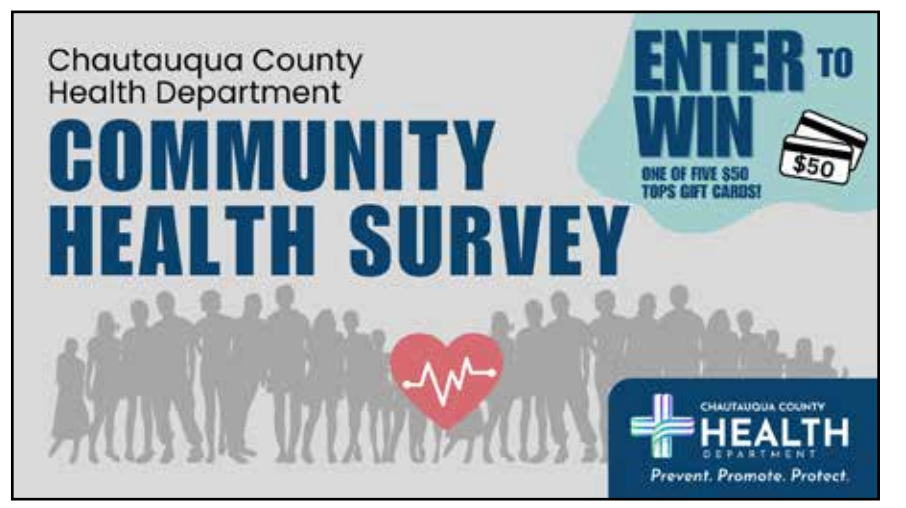
with the tools they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives."

The Be Well NY website provides an easy-to-use platform where individuals can find information aimed at managing stress and addressing trauma. The site also highlights access to 24/7 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988. For more information about the Be Well NY initiative and how to access these services, visit <https://bewell.ny.gov>.

For more information about Chautauqua County's Department of Mental Hygiene, visit [chqgov.com/mental-hygiene](http://chqgov.com/mental-hygiene), or explore their social media platforms @mentalhygienechq.

"I am pleased to share that Chautauqua County residents now have another layer of mental health support available to them through the Be Well NY initiative," said Carmelo. "This program will offer critical resources that help remove the barriers to care, providing people

# Health Partners Request Participation in Community Health Survey



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Chautauqua County  
Health Department

The Chautauqua County Health Department is conducting a Community Health Assessment to gather information about our County's current health status, needs, and challenges. The information provided will help to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan that drives how and where resources could and should be used.

contact information (not linked to survey answers) to be entered to win one of five \$50 Tops Gift Cards that will be given away by random drawing.

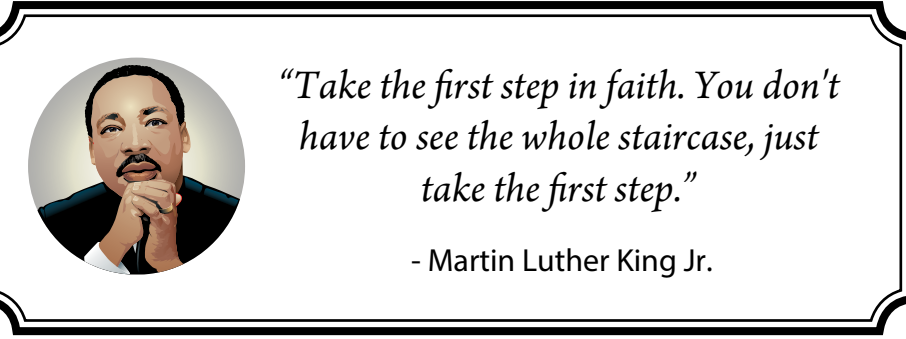
Take the survey online at [HealthyCHQ.com](http://HealthyCHQ.com). Several community and medical sites throughout the county have paper copies. If you would like paper copies for your neighborhood or community agency or need other assistance submitting the survey, please contact the county Health Department at 716-753-4491.

All county residents are encouraged to participate in this process by taking the Chautauqua County Community Health Survey. Taking part in this survey is a great way to participate in and help improve the health of your community. As a local resident, you know the needs and strengths of our area; your opinion and thoughts matter!

Our valued partners in this effort include Brooks - TLC Hospital System, UPMC Chautauqua, Westfield Memorial Hospital, Chautauqua County Health Department and many other community partner agencies.

The survey will be available through March 31, 2025, it takes 5-10 minutes to complete, and responses to the health survey questions are kept confidential. Survey respondents have the opportunity to provide

For more information about the Community Health Survey or the Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan process, please visit [HealthyCHQ.com](http://HealthyCHQ.com).




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# SUNY Fredonia to Host Week-Long Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Life, Legacy

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SUNY Fredonia

A full week of impactful initiatives at the State University of New York at Fredonia will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A keynote address by the superintendent of Buffalo Public Schools, a tribute to Dr. King's vision presented by students through music, dance, poetry and performance, four alumni spotlight/fireside chats, a community day of service and high school student creativity awards will commemorate the week the campus will observe Monday, Jan. 27, through Saturday, Feb. 1.

"The 2024 inaugural calendar of events was a tremendous success," Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vicki T. Sapp said of last year's programming. "The Martin Luther King Jr. Presidential Commission is excited to bring forth a powerful and meaningful week of events," added Dr. Sapp, who co-chairs the commission with Vice President for Student Affairs Tracy Stenger.

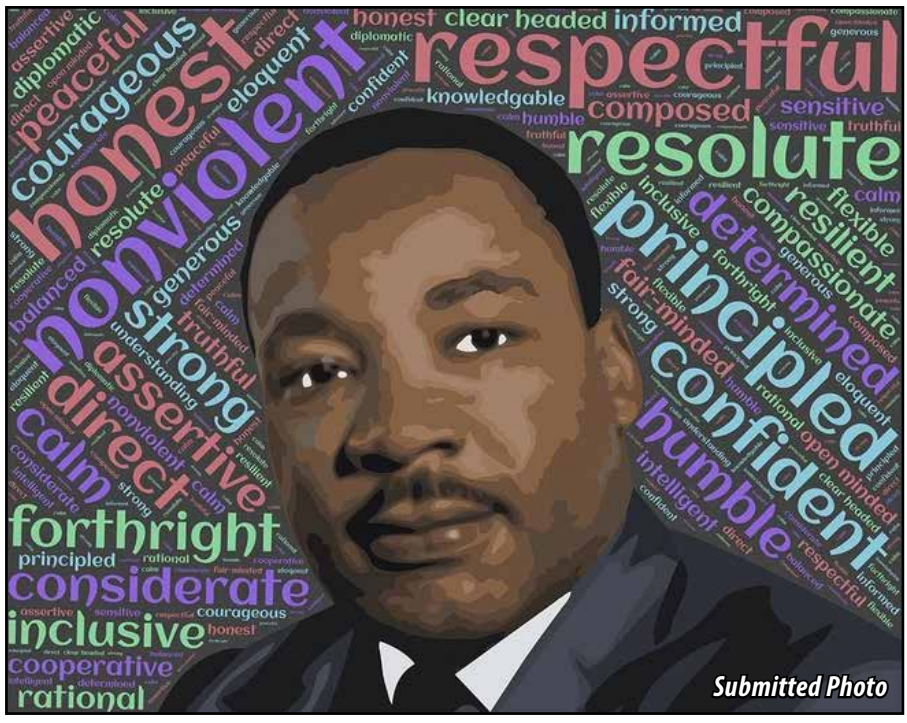
Events are free and open to students, faculty, staff and community members.

Buffalo Public Schools Superintendent Tonja Williams Knight, a leading voice in education, will deliver the keynote in the Juliet J. Rosch Recital Hall on Friday at 4:30 p.m. "What would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. say in 2025?" is the theme of her address.

"This question is resounding, and it is multilayered because in some ways we have come far over these 61 years and in some ways, we know that the dream for equity and equality for all continues to be, just that... still just a dream," Dr. Knight commented. King would be proud of these moments in which messages promoting active engagement are shared, she added. Knight has professional and administrative certifications as well as degrees in executive leadership and business administration. Over a 32-year career in Buffalo Public Schools, Knight has served as a director of guidance and counseling, school principal, assistant superintendent, associate superintendent, interim superintendent and, since 2022, superintendent. She is a recipient of a Harvard University School Leader Turnaround Certificate. Her doctoral dissertation work on African American students and the college application process was chosen as the "Most Scholarly Dissertation" by her graduating doctoral cohort.

SUNY Fredonia's African Drumming Ensemble will also perform. "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Black national anthem, will be sung by Esther Duclair, a senior Music Performance major with a concentration in Voice, of West Babylon, NY. She will be accompanied by School of Music Assistant Professor Jiyong Kim Mai.

The Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Chamber Choir will sing "Song for Justice," conducted



Submitted Photo

by Jennie Billera, a music educator in Buffalo Public Schools. Joining the choir in a second selection will be students enrolled in MUED 391: Elementary School Choral Rehearsal Techniques in singing "The Dream Keeper," dedicated to the memory of King. School of Music Visiting Instructor Travis Gratteau-Zinnel will conduct, and Assistant Professor Mai will accompany on the piano.

The top three area high school students who are recipients of cash prizes in the Days of Education Creativity Contest will also be recognized.

A reception in Mason Hall Room 1080 will follow the program.

"Raising Our Voices to Share His Dream," a student celebration of King's vision through music, dance, poetry and performance, will be presented on Tuesday, 4 p.m. in the Williams Center Multipurpose Room. Featured student performing clubs include a cappella group Premium Blend, singing "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," Rince: Fredonia Irish Dance, presenting "Countless Cathleen," and Orchesis dance with, "Treat People with Kindness." SUNY Fredonia's African Drumming Ensemble will also perform.

Nyles Emile, president of the Black Student Union and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair of the Performing Arts Company, will read "Color Stride Along Side Me," a poem he wrote. He is a senior majoring in Acting from Springfield Gardens, NY.

Recipients of the 2025 Keeper of Dream Scholarships will be announced and invited to offer their own reflections. Rosa Parks Scholarship information will also be presented.

Student Association President Dakota Richter, a senior Biology major with a minor in Communication, from Silver Creek, NY, will issue a serve and learn challenge.

A large-group photo of attendees with a banner featuring King with his famous quote "I have a dream that..." will also be taken on the stage.

"The concept aligned with the banner

is to provoke attendees to reflect on their lives and the contributions that they made or plan to make to positively impact or influence the world today," Sapp explained. "They are invited to write down what would be their dream to complete the famous Dr. M.L.K. Jr. 'I have a Dream' speech."

Four alumni will reflect on their SUNY Fredonia experiences and how the life and legacy of King impacted them in their personal life and throughout their careers in separate fireside chats. Additionally, each will offer three takeaways/nuggets they have learned if they had known, as students at SUNY Fredonia, what they know now in their adult life what they would do differently.

All four alumni fireside chats will be held in the Williams Center Blue Lounge.

Michael Tuccio, a social studies teacher in the Jamestown City School System, will lead the inaugural fireside chat session on Monday, Jan. 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m. "Michael believes every student deserves the opportunities to persevere and that we need to take care of a student's mental health as well as their physical health," Sapp noted. Tuccio received a B.A. in Adolescence Education: Social Studies in 2000 and a M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2005.

Jillian Hanesworth, founder/owner of Literacy Freedom, will give the second fireside chat on Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. An Emmy-winning spoken word artist, poet laureate emeritus of Buffalo, NY, and community activist, Ms. Hanesworth travels the world to perform poetry and speaks on topics that include art for activism, the impacts of storytelling and the importance of honest and critical social and political conversations. Hanesworth oversees Buffalo Books, a nationally recognized program whose goal is to help increase literacy rates in communities of color on the east side of Buffalo by improving access to culturally relevant books. Hanesworth received a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice in 2014.

Jennie Billera, a music educator in Buffalo Public Schools, will give the

third fireside chat on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Ms. Billera prides herself on being an advocate of urban education and a strong proponent for the inclusion and education of all students, and she consistently works to ensure that her students have equitable learning experiences and opportunities in her classroom. Billera received a Mus.B. in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia in 2016, a M.S. in Inclusive Childhood Education from Nazareth College and a post-master's certificate in Global and International Education from Northcentral University. She is currently enrolled in SUNY Fredonia's online Advanced Certificate in Educational Leadership program and is also a doctoral candidate in the Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts program at the State University at Buffalo.

Nikkie Herman, director of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice education department at the University of Rochester, will give the final fireside chat on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Ms. Herman, whose career in student affairs in higher education spans more than 20 years, teaches the ACUE course on fostering a culture of belonging and co-facilitates her department's White Affinity Group that encourages critical self-reflection on race, identity and systematic issues, fostering a supportive environment for growth and dialogue. Herman received a B.A. degree in Secondary Education: English in 1998.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, students, faculty and staff will be invited to join local non-profit organizations - the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Lakeshore Humane Society, Salvation Army and Prevention Works - to facilitate volunteerism.

"We are dedicated to supporting local organizations and SUNY Fredonia to come together to celebrate this remarkable event through giving back to the campus and local community. We hope this will be a start of forever friendships," Director of Campus Life Mark Suida said.

More information on the week's programs is available on SUNY Fredonia's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Presidential Commission webpage at <https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/president/dr-mlk-presidential-commission>

For more information about the Day of Service email Mark Suida at [Mark.Suida@fredonia.edu](mailto:Mark.Suida@fredonia.edu).

The week's events were organized by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Presidential Commission with sponsorship by the Carnahan Jackson Fund for the Humanities and the Collingwood Endowment Funds, both through the Fredonia College Foundation, and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.



**STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
OFFICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
COMBINED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS,  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING,  
AND COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUES DETERMINATION PROCEDURE**

**Applicant:** York Run Solar, LLC  
2045 Lincoln Highway  
Edison, New Jersey 08817  
ATTN: Mitch Quine

**Facility Location:** Towns of Busti and Kiantone, Chautauqua County, New York

**Applicant's Attorney:** James Muscato II, Esq.  
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Five Palisades Drive  
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**ORES Permit Application No.:** 23-00049

**Facility Description:** Applicant applied to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (Office or ORES) for a permit pursuant to Public Service Law Article VIII to construct and operate a 90-megawatt (MW) solar energy facility located in the Towns of Busti and Kiantone, Chautauqua County.

Applicant filed the application with the Office on January 22, 2024. A notice of complete application was issued on October 9, 2024 (see <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00049).

ORES staff published draft permit conditions on December 6, 2024. The draft permit conditions may be accessed at <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00049.

**ORES Staff Position:** On issuing the draft permit conditions, ORES staff takes the position that the proposed facility, together with the uniform and site-specific standards and conditions contained in the draft permit, would comply with applicable laws and regulations. ORES staff recommends that the Office elect not to apply, in whole or in part, any local law or ordinance that as applied to the facility is unreasonably burdensome in view of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act targets and the environmental benefits of the proposed facility.

**Public Comment Hearing:** A public comment hearing pursuant to 16 NYCRR part 1100 to hear and receive unsworn comments from the public will be held at the Kiantone Fire Department, 2318 Foote Avenue Ext.,

Jamestown, NY 14701 on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies who may be affected by the facility are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the application and the draft permit conditions. Lengthy comments will not be accepted and instead should be submitted in writing. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. To ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak, the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) may limit the time available for oral comments to three (3) minutes per person. The public comment hearing will be transcribed for inclusion in the administrative record.

The hearing location is reasonably accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Interpreter services shall be made available to deaf persons, and English language translator services shall also be made available, at no charge for either service, upon written request to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds, Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 473-4590, [ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov](mailto:ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov). All requests must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 22, 2025.

In the event that the in-person public comment hearing needs to be canceled, rescheduled, postponed, or conducted virtually, notification of any change will be available at the ORES website at <https://dps.ny.gov/ores>.

Written Public Comments: Written comments concerning the application and the draft permit conditions must be filed with ORES by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025. Persons filing written comments are strongly encouraged

to post their comments on the ORES Permit Application Portal (ORES Portal). To post a comment, go to <https://dps.ny.gov/ores>, click on "Permit Applications," click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00049 and click on "Post Comments" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

Written comments may also be emailed to ORES at [ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov](mailto:ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov) or mailed to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242. Written comments will be considered equally with oral statements delivered at the public comment hearing, provided they are postmarked by Friday, February 7, 2025, or e-mailed or posted on the ORES Portal by 5:00 p.m. on that date.

Please take notice that written public comments will be publicly posted on the ORES Portal. ORES reserves the right not to post duplicate or repeat comments. In addition, ORES reserves the right to remove, without notice, comments containing any defamatory, infringing, obscene, indecent, discriminatory, confidential, or unlawful material or information of any kind.

**Issues Determination Procedure:** Pursuant to 16 NYCRR 1100-8.3(b), a pre-adjudicatory issues determination procedure will be conducted by the assigned ALJs. The procedure will be conducted solely on papers and briefing unless the ALJs, in the judges' sole discretion, determine that oral argument is necessary. The purpose of the issues conference is to determine party status for any person or organization that has properly filed a petition (as indicated below), and to narrow and define those issues, if any, that will require adjudication in this matter. Participation in the issues determination procedure is limited to ORES staff,

applicant, and those persons or organizations requesting party status.

**Filing for Party Status and Proposed Issues:** Persons seeking to participate in the issues determination procedure and any subsequent adjudicatory hearing must register on the ORES Portal and file a written petition explaining whether their request is for full party status or amicus status. For the required contents of petitions for full party status, see 16 NYCRR 1100-8.4(c)(1) and (2). To determine whether an issue is substantive and significant, see 16 NYCRR 1100-8.3(c)(2) and (3). For the required contents of a petition seeking amicus status, see 16 NYCRR 1100-8.4(c)(1) and (3). Petitioners may also file written briefs making arguments in support of their petitions.

All petitions requesting party status and briefs in support must be E-Filed on the ORES Portal no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025**. Instructions for registering on the ORES Portal and E-Filing documents may be found at: <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-application-portal-registration-user-guide>.

Address all petitions to John L. Favreau, Administrative Law Judge, New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Department of Public Service, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, telephone: (518) 473-4590, email:

[john.favreau@dps.ny.gov](mailto:john.favreau@dps.ny.gov); and Christopher McEneny Chan, Administrative Law Judge, New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Department of Public Service, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, telephone: (518) 473-4590, email: [christopher.mceneneychan@dps.ny.gov](mailto:christopher.mceneneychan@dps.ny.gov).

At the same time petitions and briefs are E-Filed on the ORES Portal, a copy of all papers must be emailed to the ALJs at the email address above, and

furnished to applicant York Run Solar, LLC's attorney, James Muscato II, Esq., Young / Sommer LLC, Executive Woods, Five Palisades Drive, Albany, NY 12205, (518) 438-9907, [jmuscato@youngsommer.com](mailto:jmuscato@youngsommer.com); and to ORES at the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 473-4590, [ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov](mailto:ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov). Service of petitions and briefs by email is authorized provided they are received by all of the above parties and the ALJs by the 4:00 p.m. deadline.

Any questions about filing requirements or other hearing procedures may be addressed to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds by telephone at (518) 473-4583. ORES's regulations may be found at <https://dps.ny.gov/about-ores#ores-regulations>.

**Statement of Compliance with Local Laws and Regulations:** Any municipality, political subdivision or an agency thereof that received notice of the filing of the application pursuant to 19 NYCRR former 900-1.6(a) (now 16 NYCRR 1100-1.6[a]) must file a statement indicating whether the proposed facility is designed to be sited, constructed and operated in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations in effect as of October 9, 2024, if any, concerning the environment, or public health and safety. The statement must be filed and served by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025, in the same manner as petitions for party status. Any municipality, political subdivision, or an agency thereof that proposes to adjudicate any issues related to a facility's compliance with local laws and regulations must file a petition for party status as provided for in 16 NYCRR 1100-8.4(c) and include the statement of compliance with local laws and regulations.**

**Applicant Statement of Issues:** No

later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025**, applicant shall file and serve on ORES staff and the ALJs a statement of issues applicant intends to raise with respect to any determination of the Office, and briefing in support. Applicant shall serve the statement of issues and brief on persons filing petitions for party status within five (5) days of such filing. For the required contents of an applicant's statement of issues, see 16 NYCRR 1100-8.4(b)(1).

**Responsive Briefing and Response to Comments:** No later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025**, ORES staff may file and serve a response to any petitions for party status, any statement of issues by applicant, and the statement of compliance with local laws and regulations. By the same deadline, applicant may file and serve a response to any petition for party status or statement of compliance with local laws and regulations. In addition, the applicant shall file and serve on ORES staff a response to public comments received during the public comment period, including any supplemental information.

**Document Availability:** Copies of all application materials and draft permit conditions are available for inspection at the Office's Albany office during normal business hours: Contact the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, W.A. Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12227, (518) 473-4590,

[ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov](mailto:ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov). Electronic copies are available at <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00049.

**Copies of all application materials are also available at:**

Busti Town Hall  
ATTN: Darlene H. Nygren, Town Clerk  
125 Chautauqua Avenue  
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Kiantone Town Hall  
ATTN: Gail Davis, Town Clerk  
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Frewsburg, NY 14738

**Statutory and Regulatory Provisions:**

The application is being processed and this proceeding is being conducted according to New York Public Service Law article VIII and 16 NYCRR part 1100.

James T. McClymonds  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
December 6, 2024  
Albany, New York



# Jamestown Young Professionals to Host "Elevate 2025," an Exclusive Upscale Networking Event

Article Contributed by  
**Jamestown Young Professionals**

Kick off the new year with Jamestown Young Professionals at "Elevate 2025" – a limited-ticket, upscale networking experience for local individuals looking to take their community connections to the next level.

The impetus behind Elevate 2025 is to bring together Chautauqua County's business-minded entrepreneurs and professionals for an evening of meaningful connections, professional growth and inspiration.

The event is also a fundraiser for JYP, with proceeds going to support the nonprofit's ongoing efforts to connect, build and transform the next generation of professionals in Chautauqua County.

"We're excited to provide an event that not only brings professionals together but also helps them expand their networks in impactful ways," said Katie Castro, Director of Advancement for the United Ways of Chautauqua County. "It's an opportunity to build relationships that can spark personal, professional and community growth."

Co-hosted by CHQ Date Night and Rose & Grace Studio, Elevate will combine the energy of free-flowing conversation with structured activities to foster introductions and deeper connections. Guests can look forward to light fare from Julie Lampard of



The Planning Committee of the Jamestown Young Professionals. From left, back row, Daniel Siracuse, Graham Soffel and Katie Castro. From left, front row, Emma Steele, Catherine Baglia, Lindsey Goold and Erica Rose.

Taste Buds: Learn To Cook, flavorful sips by Nick Dean and an elevated atmosphere which will encourage networking in style.

Elevate 2025 is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:30pm. Its hosts are working hard to ensure every attendee leaves with meaningful new connections. Only 60 tickets are available for this event – with almost half already sold in a December pre-sale. JYP encourages anyone interested to act now to guarantee themselves a spot.

Owned by Erica Rose, the Rose & Grace Studio is a 2,500 square foot, naturally-lit event space in downtown Jamestown created with professionals, creators and photographers in mind. The studio is located at 316 Cherry Street, Suite 105 and can be found on Facebook at Facebook.com/RoseAndGraceStudio.

Run by Oksana Miller, CHQ Date Night is a popular Instagram influencer account highlighting the best of the best in Chautauqua County and

beyond. For more, visit Instagram.com/CHQDateNight.

Guests are encouraged to dress in cocktail attire, bring business cards or digital contact information, and prepare to meet new faces while strengthening existing relationships.

"This isn't just an event; it's an investment in yourself and the future of our community," Castro said. "We hope to see you there."

To purchase tickets for this event text "Elevate2025" to 41444 or use the link: <https://igfn.us/form/DENU6w>

JYP is a network of the United Ways of Chautauqua County that is designed to attract, grow & mobilize the next generation of leaders in our community. Together, United Way and JYP are cultivating the next generation of leaders for whom giving back to the community is a core value.

In order to help cultivate the next generation of leaders, JYP welcomes established professionals of all ages to attend events and leverage their networks for the betterment of the community at large.

The Jamestown Young Professionals can be found online at Facebook.com/JamestownYoungProfessionals and Instagram.com/JamestownNYYoungProfessionals. For more information, email JYP: JamestownYoungProfessionals@GMail.com.

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# Cannabis in the Workplace



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Rotary program chairwoman Becky Robbins introduced the club's recent guest speaker, Nellie Brown, who delivered a presentation about Cannabis in the Workplace.

Ms. Brown is the Workplace Health and Safety Program Director of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. She is a certified industrial hygienist and provides expertise for the Cannabis Workforce Initiative.

From left: Rotary Program Chairwoman, Becky Robbins; Nellie Brown, Workplace Health and Safety Program Director of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations; Carrie Weider, licensed social worker on staff with the Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine at ECMC/WNY, a clinic funded by the NYS Department of Health, and Marion Beckerink, President of the Rotary Club of Jamestown.

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