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# HOPE

WEEK ONE

What are you  
waiting for?



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of Warren, PA

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to companion episodes for each week's  
anchor article at: [holyshenanigans.  
buzzsprout.com](http://holyshenanigans.buzzsprout.com). For more information,  
visit: [taralamonteastman.com](http://taralamonteastman.com).

One of the most familiar aspects of Advent, is the "Advent Calendar", especially the ones that hold twenty-four pieces of chocolate. However, over the years the different kinds of Advent calendars have become available vary from coffee pods, jam and even Legos!

My experience with Advent Calendars started when I was a parent of young children when my in-laws would gift us a chocolate Advent calendar.

Each day, usually after lunch, my toddler and I would look carefully for the number of the day, open the little cardboard window, and pop out the mini chocolate and peel it out of the foil to enjoy.

One day before lunch as my toddler was happily watching their pre-lunch show on PBS, I ran upstairs to put some clothes away. A few

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Jamestown  
Winter Festival  
& Holiday Parade

Dec 07, 2024  
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Parade begins 6pm

## What is Advent?

Advent is the first season of the liturgical Christian church year and includes the four preceding Sundays leading up to Christmas, running from Dec. 1st to Dec. 24th, 2024.

Over the next four weeks of Advent, you are welcomed to a time of preparation of heart and home for the holidays through the lenses of: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.**

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# ~ DECEMBER 2024 AROUND TOWN ~

## Dec 2-8

### 1st Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Bingo & Bake Sale

Monday, December 2  
6 PM - 9 PM  
Andriaccio's Restaurant | Mayville  
For Info: 716-269-4129

### Alzheimer's Association Free Program on Understanding Alzheimer's

Wednesday, December 4 | 11 AM  
Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services | Jamestown  
For Info: 800-272-3900

### Caroling in Allen Park

Wednesday, December 4  
6 PM - 7 PM  
Allen Park | Jamestown  
For Info: facebook.com/allenparkwomensclub

### Tales of Wonder

Wednesday, December 4 -  
Sunday, December 8 | 7 PM  
The Robert Lee Scharmann Theater | Jamestown  
For Info: facebook.com/scharmanntheater

### The Jamestown Hotel 100th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, December 5 | 12 PM  
The Crystal Ballroom at The Jamestown Hotel | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-1561 ext. 206

### CHQ Professionals Group: 4th Annual Jingle at The Rocks (Toys for Tots Benefit)

Thursday, December 5  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
64 on the Rocks | Fredonia  
For Info: CHQprofessionals@gmail.com

### CHQ Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Bazaar

Friday, December 6 &  
Saturday, December 7  
9 AM - 5 PM & 9 AM - 4 PM  
CHQ Fire Department (Massey Ave.) | Chautauqua Institution  
For Info: 724-388-2068

### First Friday at Audobon

Friday, December 6  
11 AM - 12 PM  
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-569-2345

### Christmas in The Village of Lakewood

Friday, December 6 - Saturday,  
December 7  
5 PM - 8 PM & 11 AM - 4 PM  
Downtown Lakewood

### Dunkirk Holiday Parade

Friday, December 6 | 5:30 PM  
Third Street | Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-366-9886

### Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet Presents The Nutcracker

Friday, December 6 & Sunday,  
December 8 | 7 PM & 3 PM  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-7070

### The Wizard of Oz

Friday, December 6 - Sunday,  
December 8  
7 PM, 7 PM, & 2 PM  
Lucille Ball Little Theater  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-1095

### The George L. Barone Jr. Scholarship Fund's 4th Annual Holiday Fair

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 2 PM  
YW Lake Lodge | Lakewood  
For Info: George L. Barone Jr. Scholarship Fund Facebook Page

### Peterson Farm Open House

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 5 PM  
Fluvanna Ave. | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-2202

### Miracle on Main Street

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 6:30 PM  
Downtown Fredonia  
For Info: festivalsfredoniany@gmail.com

### "Let it Snow" Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 3 PM  
The Secret Garden Flower Shop  
Jamestown  
For Info: thesecretgardenflowershop.com

### Handmade Gifts Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 2 PM  
Handcrafted From The Heart  
Mayville  
For Info: 716-269-4129

### Christmas Wonderland at The Depot

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 4 PM  
Mayville Depot | Mayville

### Christmas in The Village of Findley Lake

Saturday, December 7 - Sunday,  
December 8 | 10 AM - 5 PM  
Findley Lake  
For Info: visitfindleylake.com

### Randolph Country Christmas & Randolph "Light Up The Night" Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7 &  
Sunday, December 8  
10 AM - 8 PM & 7:30 PM  
Downtown Randolph  
For Info: Randolph Country Christmas Facebook Event Page

### Christmas in Clymer

Saturday, Dec 7  
Main St. | Clymer  
For Info: Clymer Area Businesses Facebook Page

### Infinity's Holiday Art Market

Saturday, December 7  
10 AM - 4 PM  
Infinity Visual and Performing Arts AND Pearl City Clay House  
For Info: 716-664-0991

### Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 7  
2 PM - 4 PM  
Fenton History Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-664-6256

### Light Up Cassadaga

Saturday, December 7 | 3:30 PM  
Cassadaga  
For Info: Citizens for a Better Cassadaga Facebook Page

### "The Polar Express"

Saturday, December 7 | 4 PM  
The Fredonia Opera House  
Fredonia  
For Info: 716-679-0891

### The Grinch at Guppy's

Saturday, December 7 | 5:30 PM  
Guppy's Restaurant | Bemus Point  
For Info: 716-386-4422

### Chadakoin Chamber Ensemble: Holiday Harmonies

Saturday, December 7 | 7 PM  
St. Luke's Church | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-6405

### Jamestown Winter Festival & Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 7  
1 PM - 8 PM  
Downtown Jamestown  
For Info: ccsolutions716@gmail.com

### Just Desserts Open House

Sunday, December 8 | 2 PM  
McClurg Museum | Westfield  
For Info: 716-326-2977

## Dec 9-15

### Holiday Whobilation

Wednesday, December 11 | 4:30 PM - 7 PM  
Chautauqua Safety Village  
Ashville  
For Info: chautauquasafetyvillage.com

### Movies at The Reg: We Live in Time

Wednesday, December 11 | 7 PM  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-7070

### Christmas in The Village of Lakewood

Friday, December 13 &  
Saturday, December 14  
5 PM - 8 PM & 10 AM - 4 PM  
Downtown Lakewood  
For Info: lccdcny.org

### The Wizard of Oz

Friday, December 13 - Sunday,  
December 15 | 7 PM, 7 PM, & 2 PM  
Lucille Ball Little Theater  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-1095

### CHQ Chamber Annual Meeting: Awarding Amy Rohler

Friday, December 13  
12 PM - 1:30 PM  
White Inn | Fredonia  
For Info: 716-484-1101

### Jamestown's Winter Farmers Market

Saturday, December 14  
9 AM - 1 PM  
St. Luke's Undercroft | Jamestown  
For Info: jfmny.org

### Breakfast & Skate with Santa

Saturday, December 14 | 9 AM  
Northwest Arena | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-2624

### Little Explorers

Saturday, December 14  
10 AM - 11:30 AM  
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
For Info: auduboncnc.org

### Handmade Gifts Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 14  
10 AM - 2 PM  
Handcrafted From The Heart  
Mayville  
For Info: 716-269-4129

### Brunch with Santa

Saturday, December 14  
10 AM - 1 PM  
Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House | Bemus Point  
For Info: 716-386-2893

### Brunch with Santa

Saturday, December 14  
10 AM - 2 PM  
Pearl City Hops | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-488-7227

### 2nd Annual Mayville Holiday Market

Saturday December 14 & Sunday,  
December 15  
10 AM - 4 PM & 10 AM - 2 PM  
Town of Chautauqua Offices  
Mayville  
For Info: 716-269-4129

### Sensory Sensitive Santa

Saturday, December 14  
4 PM - 6 PM  
Fenton History Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-664-6256

### Sherman Lighted Tractor Parade

Saturday, December 14 | 6 PM  
Main Street | Sherman  
For Info: Sherman Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page

### Squirrel Nut Zippers: Christmas Caravan

Saturday, December 14 | 6 PM  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-7070

### Christmas Ball Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14  
7 PM - 10 PM  
Levant Church | Falconer  
For Info: 716-708-6215

### Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Sunday, December 15  
10 AM - 12 PM  
The White Inn | Fredonia  
For Info: 716-672-2103

## Dec 16-22

### Caroling & Pub Crawl with St. Lukes

Tuesday, December 17 | 6 PM  
The Pub | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-6405

### Elegant Wrapping Class

Wednesday, December 18  
1 PM - 3 PM  
Pearl City Clay House  
Jamestown  
For Info: info@pearlcityclayhouse.org

### Genealogy Support Group Research Night/Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18  
4 PM - 8 PM  
Hall House Research Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-664-6256

### Travel The World

Thursday, December 19 | 6 PM  
Music for Your Mouth | Mayville  
For Info: 716-224-1035

### Ice Bumper Cars

Friday, December 20  
12 PM - 3 PM  
Northwest Arena | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-2624

### Christmas in The Village of Lakewood

Friday, December 20 & Saturday,  
December 21  
5 PM - 8 PM & 10 AM - 2:30 PM  
Downtown Lakewood  
For Info: lccdcny.org

### Movies at The Reg: Love Actually

Friday, December 20 | 7 PM  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-7070

### Sacred Songs for Solstice

Friday, December 20 | 6 PM  
St. Luke's Church | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-6405

### It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Friday, December 20 (7 PM),  
Saturday, December 21  
(2 PM & 7 PM), & Sunday,  
December 22 (2 PM)  
Robert H. Jackson Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-6646

### Handmade Gifts Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 21  
10 AM - 2 PM  
Handcrafted From The Heart  
Mayville  
For Info: 716-269-4129

### Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 21 | 5 PM  
St. Luke's Church | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-6405

### Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Saturday, December 21  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
The Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House | Bemus Point  
For Info: 716-386-2893

### YMCA Camp Onyahsa Monthly Overnight Camp

Saturday, December 21 &  
Sunday, December 22  
YMCA Camp Onyahsa  
Dewittville  
For Info: 716-664-2802 ext. 238

## Dec 23-29

### 3C's Catering Christmas Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 22  
8 AM - 11 AM  
Falcon's Nest | Falconer  
For Info: 3cscatering.com

### Public Skate

Monday, December 23  
12 PM - 3 PM  
Northwest Arena | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-2624

### After Christmas With Jamie Smith

Thursday, December 26  
7 PM - 9 PM  
Busti Tap House | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-720-4026

### Christmas with the Critters

Friday, December 27 | 10 AM  
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
For Info: auduboncnc.org



Editorial with Lori Cornell

# Your Home & Heart this Holiday



Owner & Publisher  
**Lori Cornell**

As our incredibly talented editor, Katrina Fuller, knows: I drag my feet writing my weekly editorial - some editions more than others. As ironic as it seems, this one caused particular angst. What's not easier than writing about the beautiful, exciting holidays?! Why the consternation, Lori?

Well, for one thing, it's impossible to follow Pastor Tara's Christmas cover story series and the other exceptional "Faith Matters" leaders who we are featuring for the holidays this month.

But for another, that's just it. It's the pressure of Christmas. The end all be all. THE most wonderful time of the year. The "I-need-to-make-sure-it's-really-special-because-it's-CHRISTMAS" feeling. We all know it so well. Maybe moms the most.

We spend weeks and months of anticipation and planning on all that's "required" to make our families the perfect Christmas...the cards, the cookies, the tree, the lights, the gifts, the parties and all the frills...

And who knew? Apparently, Christmas editorial-writing elicits

that same sort of drive for storybook perfect.

But then it hit me. And maybe this thought can stick with you too: CHRISTMAS, in and of itself, was as simple as it gets. God did that on purpose. A poor baby born in a manger.

Now hold up. I'm not preaching "keep it simple" like some kind of unrealistic hypocrite as I race to the nearest amazing Chautauqua County small business for more shopping and make one more batch of cookies...

But maybe I am saying that, as it turns out, truly the most important message at Christmas is: simple.

So that's my editorial: Calling on us this Christmas to save some room in our insane schedules, to not just make our homes perfect, but to embark upon the simple act of making our hearts more whole as well.

We can embrace the simple, but monumentally important message, in Pastor Tara's Christmas covers and recommit ourselves to the true meaning of the season. Her weekly "Hope, Peace, Joy and Love" series can remind us to stop and smell the poinsettias - even briefly - and to remember what's truly most important. Please take time to also discover meaning in her Christmas "To Do" list and beautiful poem each edition.

Wishing you both a home and a heart filled with the most Merry Christmas ever!

*"Twas the Night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring... well, except for mom who was busting her butt to make it all happen."*

- Author Unknown

**Refrain:**

*Help us to be Open to Possibilities Emerging. HOPE.*

## Ways to Cultivate Hope

By Rev. Tara L. Eastman

1. Make a plan to attend a local holiday music event. When there, take note of how the music makes you feel. If a particular piece of music makes you feel hopeful, add it (and other songs) to a playlist to accompany holiday tasks and activities.
2. Invite a friend to have coffee and ask them what they are hoping to experience this holiday season. Share your thoughts as well. Check in with your friend throughout the Advent season to see how their hopes and experiences are coming along.
3. Read a devotional book with friends and family that will help you focus on the themes of Advent. Get together once a week over a meal to talk about it. A recommendation from Paraclete Press: "The Joy of Advent" by Rebecca Grabill and Stephen J. Grabill
4. Set up an Advent Wreath at home. Take time at the end of Hope week to reflect on where you noticed Hope showing up or how you can cultivate more Hope in the days to come.

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2024

# NUTCRACKER

*Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet*  
Monica Alch, Artistic Director

Guest Artists from Dance Theater of Harlem  
**Kamala Saara & Kouadio Davis**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 7:00 PM • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 3:00 PM • TICKETS 716.484.7070

## Christmas: A Season of the Unexpected



Here at the Chautauqua Gazette, we've celebrated the beloved holiday of Thanksgiving, the first lake-effect snowstorm of the season has hit our region, and we've supported all the local businesses for Small Business Saturday - that can only mean one thing: It's Christmastime, dear readers! It's time for all things holly and jolly as we move into the time of Yuletide

carols, roasted chestnuts, talking snowmen and a spirit of giving.

It's one of my favorite times of year - I fully agree with the sentiment that it's "the most wonderful time of the year." In the Fuller household, we put up our lights and tree early in anticipation of the season, and we started our Christmas movie marathons shortly before Thanksgiving. We're always looking to stretch that joy and wonder at Christmas just a little further - savoring it like a warm cup of hot chocolate.

Of course, these are all the expected joys of the season. Gift giving, time spent with family and friends, Christmas music, the warmth of a night cuddled on the couch while the snow paints the landscape in the most brilliant of ways. When one thinks of Christmas, these are the things that spring to mind immediately. However, there are a few things that are just as meaningful but

can be a bit more unexpected.

The unexpected gifts come in so many different packages. The joy in a child's eyes, when they come down Christmas morning to find Santa has brought them presents - thanks to the kind volunteers at Toys for Tots or the helpful citizens who help out with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Ministries. Those who find warmth, comfort and sustenance at St. Susan's Center, where the wonderful staff and volunteers work hard to give back to those who have fallen on hard times. Those who are offered shelter and hope at the UCAN mission. The joy of a local artisan or shop owner when folks purchase their goods and products for the holiday season - their hearts warm as their fellow community members support their ventures right here in town. On a smaller scale, it's the neighbor who plows your driveway without a second thought, a kind stranger who pulls your car out of a

snowbank as an answered prayer or a tray of cookies delivered to your door by a friendly face with a hearty "Merry Christmas!"

These unexpected glimmers of the Spirit of Christmas are just as important as the expected ones. In fact, one might say they are more important as they embody the beautiful message of the season that lies underneath the merrymaking and gift-giving: that we are all of us deserving of hope and love, and this season is a strong reminder of that.

Dear readers, I pray that these little glimmers of hope and love make their way into your holidays this year. I hope that you find all the expected joys and also an abundance of unexpected ones, too. May you be blessed and be a blessing yourself this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

*"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."*

— Elf (2003)



# Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet NUTCRACKER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 7:00 PM • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 3:00 PM • TICKETS 716.484.7070

## Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet's Nutcracker Announces Guest Artists



Submitted Photos



Article Contributed by

**Elizabeth Bush**

Executive Director

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet

The Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet announces their Guest Artists for the upcoming CRYB Nutcracker. Kamala Saara and Kouadio Davis from Dance Theatre of Harlem will dance the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Michael Patterson, Artistic Director of The Patterson School of Ballet will perform the role of Herr Drosselmeyer. The performances are Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 pm at the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts. There will also be a

special morning performance for area schools on Friday, December 16h at 10:00 am. Tickets are now available for all performances.

CRYB's Nutcracker has become a holiday tradition for many families and this year's production promises magic, excitement, and inspiring performances for everyone. *The Nutcracker* tells the classic story of Clara who falls into a deep, dreamy sleep after an exciting holiday party at which Herr Drosselmeyer presents her with a gift of a nutcracker. As she dreams, Clara embarks on a fantasy journey with her nutcracker prince beginning with an exciting battle with the Rat King and his army of mice followed by a visit to the magical Kingdom of Sweets. There, they meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and her court of sweets who perform their favorite dances in Clara's honor. It's a wonderful celebration that ends with the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier performing a beautiful and exciting pas-de-deux.

Artistic Director Monika Alch notes that in addition to the treat of seeing Ms. Saara and Mr. Davis dance, the audience will also be impressed by the caliber of performance presented by CRYB ballet students. The Dew Drop Fairy will be performed by Arehlyn Pattison and the Snow Queen by Gracie Watkins. The role of Clara will be performed by CRYB dancer Charley Marshall and the Nutcracker Prince by

Yahir McFaline. Other solos will be performed by Isabella Wilder, Paisley Wilson and Freya Holland.

Special guest performers include Mike Cerwinski as Mother Ginger and Samantha Britton as the Grandma. Almost 70 other cast members including CRYB students, Patterson School of Ballet students, The Studio students and community members will round out the cast.

Public performances are scheduled for Friday, December 6th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 pm. Tickets may be reserved online at [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com) or by calling the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts Box Office at 716-484-7070

On Friday, December 6th, a special morning performance will be held for area schools at 10:00 AM. Ms. Saara from the Dance Theatre of Harlem will dance the Sugar Plum solo on this performance. Interested schools, teachers, administrators, and senior living communities may call the Reg Lenna to reserve seats for this performance at 716-484-7070.

CRYB programming is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts. Additional support for CRYB classical ballet live performances is provided by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Oliver G. & Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts.



Nutcracker Prince: Yahir McFaline dancer with Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet.



Guest artist Kamala Saara from the Dance Theatre of Harlem, NYC who will dance the Sugar Plum Fairy.

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# Faith Matters

## Buddhism and Christmas



Contributing Writer

Jo Hyatt

and cultures of India. Their spiritual goal is to alleviate their own unhappiness or misfortune by breaking/ending the repeated cycles of birth, suffering, and death. The followers of Mahayana Buddhism believe they choose willingly to come back to repeat those cycles to help others alleviate their suffering as well. The process of helping others achieve spiritual enlightenment is believed to raise the Mahayana's Buddhist vibrations/life condition, creating joy and peace within themselves and their communities.

The particular International Buddhist Organization of which I have been a part for over two decades is called Soka Gakkai International (SGI). This sect of Buddhism is from the Mahayana school and was founded on the teachings of Nichiren Diashonin who lived in Japan 1222-1282. The Diashonin took profound, complex theory written by the original Buddha and turned it into a simple practice which enabled all people to attain enlightenment while congruently expediting negative karma. Today the SGI has a global community of more than 11 million members spread over 192 countries and territories.

The original Buddha, a Hindu Prince from India, was alive about 2600 years ago. His name was Siddhartha Gautam or Shakyamuni Buddha, he was born into royalty, but left a life of privilege to pursue a noble religious and spiritual quest. He traveled along the Silk Trail and wrote many sutras, teaching others what he had learned through intensive study and deep contemplation.

Today there are two main branches of Buddhism: Hinayana/Theravada and Mahayana. What's the difference? Hinayana/Theravada Buddhism came first and is very much ingrained in old traditions

I am a local group leader in Jamestown and facilitate Buddhist meetings several times a month, along with other members in the area. Faith, Practice and Study is the basis of our Buddhist Practice. Faith is obtained through defeating our obstacles and accomplishing our personal goals also called our "Human Revolution". Practice for ourselves and others is when we chant "Nam Myoho Renge Kyo," repeatedly and recite two significant chapters of the Lotus Sutra twice a day, every day. This practice of prayer brings forth our Buddha nature or enlightened self - comparable to what Christians might call a Christ-like nature. These daily ceremonies are done in front of the Gohonzons in our homes and are called Morning and Evening Gongyo. One way we practice love for others is through developing deep compassion for them by chanting/praying for their unshakable happiness. SGI Buddhist are lifelong students and are encouraged to study with one another. In addition to our study meetings, there are many resources including countless books, a website: [www.sgi-usa.org](http://www.sgi-usa.org), in addition to monthly and bi-monthly publications that keep our large organization connected.

The SGI views Christmas as an opportunity to practice Buddhist values like hope, appreciation and renewal. There is a Buddhist concept of "zuiho bini" that allows people to adapt Buddhist formalities to the customs of their local area and time. Buddhist use the holidays as a time to focus on our similarities as a whole rather than our differences. I myself will do Morning and Evening Gongyo on Christmas Eve and Christmas and also attend an open an affirming Christian church with my friends and family to reflect on peace, generosity, kindness, community, etc. Experiencing other cultures and religions doesn't take away from our Buddhist practice, in fact, just the contrary, it adds to it by allowing us to understand one another better, which leads to worldwide peace. SGI

members refer to worldwide peace as "Kosen Rufu."

As one of your local Buddhist Leaders, I wish Chautauqua County a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Peace on Earth! Goodwill towards... Everyone!

Jo Hyatt was born and raised in Erie, PA, but has traveled and lived extensively throughout the United States. She has been a member of the Soka Gakkai International since 2002 and was asked to be a group leader when she moved to Jamestown several years ago. She became a Buddhist in her early twenties when she was living in New Jersey, in the midst of her Stand-up Comedy Career. In 2006, Jo went back to college as a nontraditional student and graduated Magna Cum Laude as a member of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Since College, she has had numerous leadership roles for a multitude of companies and organizations throughout different industries and forums. Jo moved to Jamestown from Denver, Colorado to be closer to her family. She currently works as a Specialist/Designer at our local Home Depot.

The "Faith Matters" component to this paper is something founder Stacey Hannon brilliantly began, and something that we are proud to continue. We work hard to include religious leaders of all faiths to present as many perspectives as possible. This December, in addition to Pastor Tara's series, we will feature a diversity of faiths in our "Faith Matters" columns, including: Buddhism (Dec. 2), Islam (Dec. 9), Greek Orthodox (Dec. 16) and Judaism (Dec. 23). If you are a religious leader in our community and would like to be a part of our 2025 schedule, please contact us!

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## Exemplifying Hope in our Community

### Community Helping Hands



Featured Writer

**Carol Hay**

Retired Superintendent  
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youth opportunities to learn skills and develop relationships, affordable shopping brings a sense of normalcy to a chaotic life, and most of all, caring people listen and offer a helping hand.

This is the time of year when nonprofits solicit donations with great marketing materials that tell their stories. Their media appeals pull the heart strings and urge us to donate. CHH is *still* here and *still* meeting the needs of an expanding population and still doing it without enough workers, without essential staff, and without adequate funding. We continue to exist because we know that without CHH, our community's vulnerable population would not have their basic needs met.

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Community Helping Hands is *still* here in Jamestown in the Gateway Center on Water Street. We are still providing clothes, household items and furniture to clients referred to us from churches, agencies, organizations and the county government. We are *still* taking your donations of these items so we can meet clients' needs. We also help those in poverty shop for what they need and buy items inexpensively and we sell to those bargain shoppers who know where to find a good deal. And we are *still* struggling with only one man overseeing the building and operations and dedicated part time staff and volunteers.

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The list of reasons why CHH must exist is also long – clients depend on CHH for needs unmet by any other resource in the area, simple work offers struggling adults and

## Week 1: Hope - What are you waiting for?

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minutes passed and I heard my toddler giggling. I came downstairs to see my toddler sitting on the floor surrounded by a pile of foil wrappers and an empty cardboard calendar frame.

They smiled wide, with chocolate all over their face and exclaimed with great glee, "Mama, candy gone! Now it's Christmas!"

In all the waiting for Christmas, my toddler ate all the Advent chocolates. They wanted Christmas to be here NOW! To their disappointment, they learned that Christmas can't be hurried. Not even if we eat all the Advent chocolates.

Waiting for cookies, Christmas Trees and gift exchanges is hard! Like little children, the anticipation of the holiday can be overwhelming. Sometimes we try to trade our Advent hopes to demand the things of Christmas - NOW!

**We all can have established holiday traditions and expectations. Each holiday season we wonder and worry. Are the cards sent, cookies baked, gifts bought and wrapped, tree trimmed?**

Too easily, the holiday season becomes a time of rushing and packing our days with more and more things; until we feel

overwhelmed and perhaps a little queasy. **If we rush, we can miss the gifts of Advent.**

Recently, when walking through the grocery store, I overheard a fellow shopper say: "I'm all set for the holidays. Lights are up, and gifts are packed up to go!"

I looked at the frozen turkey in my cart and felt overwhelmed. There was so much undone. How would I ever catch up?

*"I hope I can be ready for the holidays... I hope that (fill in the blank) is perfect this year... I hope... I hope..."*

**I hope for HOPE. Hope like the kind the Psalmist sings of. "... Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my HOPE is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Psalm 25**

While part of me longs to be as prepared for Christmas as my fellow shopper, these words from Psalm 25 help me to clarify what I truly am hoping for this Advent: **HOPE.**

This first week of HOPE invites me to slow down and consider how God is at work in the unfinished spaces of life - full of unfrozen turkeys and not-yet-shopped-for-gifts. This week calls me to a different kind of practice by being on the lookout for what is most needed: **HOPE.**

### Questions of Hope

- What do you hope for this Advent season?
- How will you celebrate Hope this week?
- Where can you find some time to slow down?

## A Poem for Advent - Week One: Hope

By Rev. Tara L. Eastman

Hope seems as light as a feather, but sparks all good, deep things that are yet to come.

Hope is a glimmer of light, in the darkest night.

Even in the midst of chaos, hope is the new growth of a fig leaf or bud of the cactus plant;

growing - slowly to remind us that Jesus is nearby.

As the Solstice draws near, days grow darker and colder and a single candle of hope shines.

A single candle to wake us up to the promise given.

A single candle to stoke the cooling embers of the heart.

A single candle to give, "**confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**"

(Hebrews 11:1)

A single candle to do the heavy-lifting and give us...HOPE.





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December 7, 2024

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### Dine

### Celebrate

Starting at 6pm children can visit with Santa at Clymer School's Student Performance Center. Immediately following there will be a gift drawing for kids and adults. Fireworks will be set off at 8:30pm behind Clymer School.

Please see coordinating flyer at local businesses for a full list of events. Sponsored and Supported by the Clymer Business Association.



# Christmas in Clymer

December 7, 2024

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## Schedule of Events

**8:00AM** Shop and dine at local businesses, enjoying holiday music, specials and more!

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**11:00AM** French Creek Christian Homeschool Craft Show  
Edwards Chapel: 9227 Cherry Hill Road  
Admission is a Donation  
4:30 Puppet Show

**6:00PM** Children can visit with Santa at Clymer Central School Student Performance Center  
Light Up Clymer - enjoy Christmas lights around town, maps are available at local businesses.

**7:00PM** Christmas Drawing at Clymer Central School Student Performance Center. Get a ticket at the door for a Christmas gift drawing. Children will be drawn first, adults following. Make sure to be present to win one of 5 \$100 gift cards to be used at any Clymer Area Business!

**8:30PM** Fireworks will be set off (weather permitting) behind Clymer Central School to celebrate the season!



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## Empty Bowls Feeds Empty Stomachs



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### St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The holidays are the most "giving time of the year." We spend many hours pondering and procuring the perfect gifts to give to our loved ones. As while we are in the giving mood, we also remember those who are in need and unlikely to receive life's basic necessities. Rarely do these holiday prerogatives coalesce in one opportunity—but Empty Bowls Project provides both. It is a unique occasion to purchase handmade, artisanal pottery for someone special while also caring for those in need.

St. Luke's Church and the Jamestown Public and Mobile Market are teaming up with the Chautauqua County Empty Bowls to host the 3rd Annual Empty Bowl Project in Jamestown on Saturday, December 7th from 11am to 2pm.

Locally, this event is sponsored by Chautauqua County Empty Bowls, a loosely organized assembly of the area's amateur and professional potters. Many of these individuals work together at Mudslingers, the pottery studio owned and operated by Ron Nasca in downtown Fredonia. Others in the group work in their own studios and some from Pearl City Clay House. Over the years the fund drive has met with growing success in Fredonia and it made its debut Jamestown in 2022.

While numerous individuals have created the hundreds of beautiful,

one-of-a-kind bowls, none are signed by the maker. Instead, they are imprinted with the "Empty Bowls" logo thus continuing to remind the user that there are hungry persons in the world. The bowls come in sizes designed to acknowledge contributions of \$10, \$20, and \$30.

During the Season of Advent when many are preparing for the holiday season and looking for the perfect Christmas gift, this event will allow you to come get in the holiday season with bowl of soup, the opportunity to walk away with a one-of-a-kind gift AND to help address food insecurity in our own community. The soup is donated by the Labyrinth Press Company, Ashville General Store and numerous community members.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jamestown Mobile Market, which takes food to the food desert areas of Jamestown to ensure that local residents have access to fresh produce and as well as provide emergency food assist via St. Susan's Soup Kitchen. Last year we raised nearly \$16,000.

This is your opportunity to buy an empty bowl and fill your own stomach and someone else in need. If you would like to volunteer to help serve soup or wrap the bowls, call the St. Luke's Church office (716.483.6405).

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## Wells Enterprises Receives CCIDA Support for Phase III Redevelopment of Dunkirk Facility

*Assistance will Help Company with Effort to Build a New, State-of-the-Art Complex to Produce Ice Cream and Frozen Novelty Products; will Create Approximately 270 New Jobs*

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**County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency**



County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors recently approved incentives to Wells Enterprises, Inc. The incentives, which include a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement and Sales Tax Exemption, will assist the company with the construction of its new, state-of-the-art facility in Dunkirk. This latest round of CCIDA incentives (Phase III) for the company follows two previous rounds of incentives (Phase I in 2019 and Phase II in 2023). When combined, all three phases result in Wells adding 270 new jobs and retaining approximately 380 full-time jobs.

In August 2023, Wells Enterprises, owned by The Ferrero Group, announced plans for the full redevelopment of its existing Dunkirk manufacturing facility, located at 1 Ice Cream Drive. The facility plays an important role in the company's expansion plans for its national manufacturing network of Blue Bunny, Halo Top, Bomb Pop, and Blue Ribbon Classics brands. This Phase II project was anticipated to more than double the facility's current production output and help support their continued plans for growth in novelty and packaged ice cream, while enabling future innovation. The estimated total cost of the Phase II project was \$250 million and will create an estimated 250 new jobs by 2028.

Earlier this year, Wells announced that in addition to the previously announced redevelopment effort, it would also build a new state-of-the-art, 133,000 square-foot Segregated Compound Facility ("SCF") which will serve as a new chocolate plant and increased production space. The SCF would be the first of its kind in ice cream in the US, with the ability to run a 15-line plant by 2028. This Phase III project is estimated to cost \$175 million and will create 20 new jobs by 2030. An estimated 150 temporary construction jobs would also be created by the project.

To help ensure Phase III can move forward, the CCIDA on Tuesday

provided a 10-year PILOT for the project and will result in payments to the affected taxing jurisdictions (City of Dunkirk, Dunkirk School District, and Chautauqua County) totaling \$2,241,980.

In July, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul was in Dunkirk to announce the state is also supporting the project with up to \$12 million in Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits and a \$6 million grant from Empire State Development in exchange for job creation and capital investment commitments.

The new facility increases the total project cost to \$425 million between Phase II and Phase III. The Phase I portion of the project, announced in 2019, involved \$87 million in capital investments to the existing Wells facility, which included the addition of new property to accommodate a \$7 million power substation.

Both The Ferrero Group and Wells have a strong history of success. Ferrero, which was founded in 1946, has grown to become a global leader in sweet-packaged foods, including confectionary, ice cream, biscuits, and snacks. Wells has become the world's largest family owned and managed ice cream company since it was founded in 1913 as a dairy delivery business.

### Artone Receives Loan for Equipment Purchase

In other action during the November CCIDA board meeting, a low interest loan of \$240,000 was approved for Artone LLC, located at 1089 Allen St., Jamestown, NY. The loan will be used to assist the company with the purchase of new equipment, with a total cost of \$600,000. The rate and term for the loan was 4% for six years. Artone manufactures furniture for the hospitality industry and earlier this year the company celebrated 50 years in business.



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# CHQ Professionals Group and Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club Host Jingle at the Rocks 2024

*Event will Again Focus on Raising Funds and Collecting Toys for Toys for Tots Initiative*



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The CHQ Professionals Group, in partnership with the Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club, will host the 2024 Jingle at the Rocks, an even to benefit The Marine Corps Toys for Tots initiative on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 at 64 on the Rocks in Fredonia.

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## CHQ Professionals Group

The CHQ Professionals Group, in partnership with the Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club, is thrilled to announce its 4th annual Jingle at the Rocks event, taking place on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 64 on the Rocks (64 W. Main St., Fredonia, NY).

This festive holiday gathering will feature raffles, appetizers, an ugly sweater competition, music by DJ Gould, and networking opportunities for young professionals and all other community members. All attendees must be 21 or older. Admission is \$10 with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy, or \$20 without a donation.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, helping spread holiday cheer to children and families in need throughout the community. In 2023, over 100 community members attended to help raise \$2,200, while also collecting over 150 toys.

Event sponsors are still needed to help offset costs. Sponsorship levels of \$500, \$250, and \$100 are available. To become a sponsor, contact Monica Simpson, CHQ Professionals co-chair, at CHQprofessionals@gmail.com or call (716) 363-3770 by Dec. 1, 2024.

"This is one of our signature events and we are so grateful to all organizations and businesses that collaborate with us to help make this a success," Simpson said, adding, "All proceeds from this event directly support Toys for Tots. Our sincere appreciation goes to our generous sponsors, enabling us to make even more significant contributions this year. We take pride in our ability to

positively impact our community."

"Jingle at the Rocks has grown every year, showcasing our community's generosity and spirit. It's always a fun event, but more importantly, it supports children in our community and highlights the power of collaboration between the CHQ Professionals Group and Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club to make a meaningful impact during the holiday season," said Leslie Wille, CHQ Professionals Group Co-Chair and Secretary of the Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary Club.

"Jingle at the Rocks is more than just a celebration; it's a chance to come together and make a real difference for children of Chautauqua County. As the need continues to grow, every donation and every effort matters more than ever. By sharing the joy of the season, we're helping to ensure that every child experiences the magic of the holidays. Supporting Chautauqua County Toys for Tots through this event means so much to me and our community," said Lauren Boyle, Toys for Tots Representative.

The CHQ Professionals Group, previously known as the Northern Chautauqua County Young Professionals Group, is an initiative under the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth and is dedicated to providing networking and community engagement opportunities for all professionals working or living in Chautauqua County, regardless of age or location. The group also publishes a monthly newsletter, shares local job opportunities, and actively seeks volunteer opportunities related to workforce and career development.

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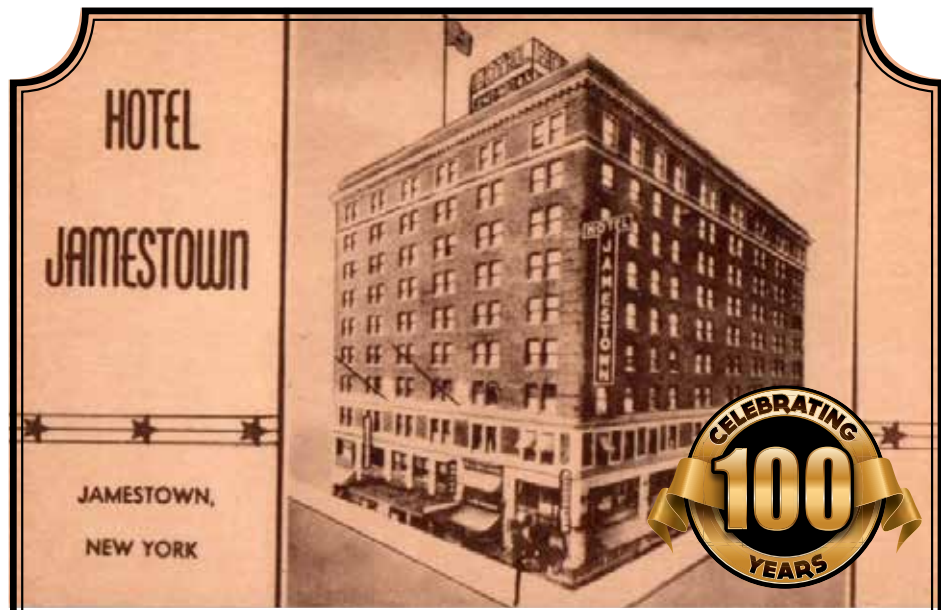
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## The Jamestown Hotel Celebrates 100th Anniversary with Special Event

*Join Us for a Memorable Lunch and Panel Discussion,  
and Share Your Own Memories of the Iconic Hotel*

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The historic Jamestown Hotel is thrilled to announce its 100th anniversary celebration on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. The event, held in the elegant Crystal Ballroom, will feature a lunch and a panel discussion led by renowned local historian and interviewer, Greg Peterson. The panel will involve members of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, including Randy Anderson, Scott Kindberg, Mike Goldman and Bruce Battler. This milestone occasion is an invitation for the public to come together and celebrate a century of the hotel's rich history and its place in the community.

Jamestown Housing Authority. "The Jamestown Hotel has been a cornerstone of downtown Jamestown for 100 years, and we look forward to hearing from those who have shared in its history, whether through personal memories or simply enjoying the hotel as a part of their lives."

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their own stories and memories of the Jamestown Hotel. The event will also feature a special commemorative display of photographs from the hotel's century-long legacy.

**Event Details:**

- **Date:** Thursday, December 5, 2024
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** The Crystal Ballroom, Jamestown Hotel, 110 W 3rd St. Jamestown, NY
- **Admission:** \$15 per person (Includes lunch and participation in the panel discussion). Free to residents of the Jamestown Housing Authority.

The event will highlight the Jamestown Hotel's storied past, from its grand opening on December 31, 1924 to its role as a gathering place for locals, visitors and famed celebrities, including sports figures and Lucille Ball. Greg Peterson, a well-known documenter of local history, will lead a lively conversation about the famed sports banquets and figures who graced the hotel. A brief history of the hotel and the shared 100th anniversary of WJTN, which began in the hotel, will be shared by Dennis Webster.

Join us in celebrating 100 years of history, community, and hospitality at the Jamestown Hotel. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the memories of this iconic landmark.

"We are incredibly excited to mark this milestone and invite our community to be a part of the celebration," said Joe Gerace, executive director of the

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## "Destressing Our Lives" is Subject of Unitarian Service this Sunday, December 8



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Former Lutheran pastor Ruby Wiles, the founder/director of Warren's Free Books for Kids Town, speaks at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown's 10:30 a.m. hybrid service this Sunday, December 8. "Destressing Our Lives" will include tips on how to enjoy our lives as they are and work to improve them. All are welcome to the service and the 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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At my young age, I carry myself with a maturity that surprises many. You might find me quietly observing the world from my favorite sunny window perch, where I can feel the warmth of the sun and keep an eye on all the outdoor happenings. I'm a big fan of uninterrupted naps, especially when snuggled up in the fluffiest blankets—there's truly nothing better!  
Though I'm generally quite open to sharing my space, I'll admit that I can be a little particular about my furry friends. Other cats? Sure, we can be pals! But dogs? Let's just say they're not exactly my favorite. I value my peace and prefer the company of those who understand my need for a calm, serene environment.  
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Pat's Christmas Pen with Pat Locke

# Elf on the Shelf



Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

Elves love Christmastime and one of their favorite things about the holiday season are the festive decorations. A perfect location for your elf is in your festive holiday wreath. Elves also like to sit in Christmas trees among the ornaments, on a kitchen counter next to the hot chocolate mugs, on a window sill, by a plate of cookies for Santa or even on a festive fireplace mantel with garland and lights. Any Elf on the Shelf likes to hide candy canes so plan a Candy Cane Hunt throughout the holiday season or on Christmas morning.

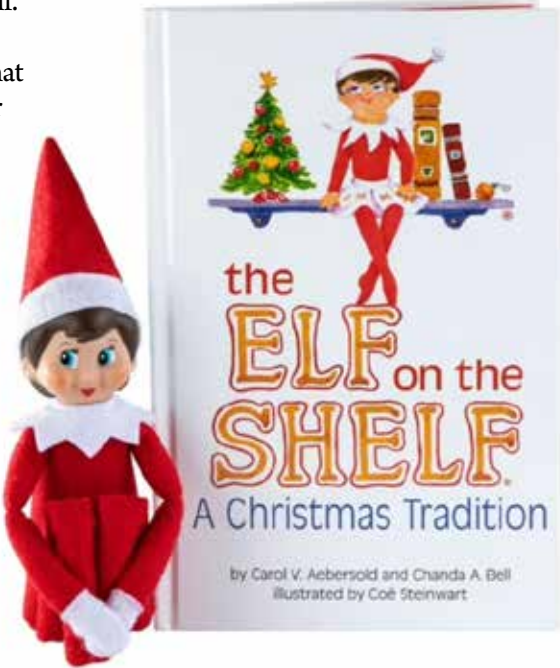
Two elf quotes .. Treat every day like it's Christmas! .. There's room for everyone on the nice list!

Merry Christmas

The Elf on the Shelf is a fairly new Christmas 'tradition'. The Elf first made its appearance in the book "The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition" in 2005. The book was written by Carol Aebersold and her daughter Chanda Bell. It is based on a family tradition that Chanda and her sister, Christa had when they were growing up. The book comes with an elf.

Carol had an elf doll that would 'magically' appear in a different part of the house every morning leading up to Christmas. Chanda and Christa were told the Elf was watching them and it would tell Santa if they'd been naughty.

If you own an Elf on the Shelf then you know there are many cute ideas to display your elf around the house during the holidays.



## Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary's Annual Christmas Bazaar

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Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

The Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the firehall located on Massey Ave. on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution. Entrance to the Chautauqua grounds and parking are both free.

The annual bazaar includes donated household goods, games, decorative items, crafts, clothes, books, treasures and unique finds! It is full of nice, quality items that patrons have enjoyed for many years.

We encourage shoppers to stop by for interesting finds. There will be fire blankets available for purchase. These important safety items, used to extinguish small household fires, have been very popular purchases at the summer chicken bar-b-ques held on Sundays during the season. Consider gifting these fire blankets this holiday season!

There will also be a basket raffle. Baskets are stuffed with items for Buffalo Bills fans, pets, Italian food lovers, cooks and those who enjoy arts and craft projects!

All proceeds benefit the Chautauqua Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary which supports the fire department with equipment purchases, supplies and other necessary items.

### SUDOKU

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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: Beginner

### CROSSWORD

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#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bar bills
- 5. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 8. Swiss river
- 11. Czech Republic capital
- 13. "Officially known as"
- 14. A French abbot
- 15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 16. Local area network
- 17. Data transmission speed measure
- 18. Embarrass
- 20. When you hope to get there
- 21. This (Spanish)
- 22. Gives up
- 25. Churchgoer
- 30. Current
- 31. Slang for gun
- 32. Small drum
- 33. Vanished union bigwig
- 38. Rocker's tool of the trade
- 41. Dearth
- 43. 2024 Olympics host
- 45. Excess blood in the vessels
- 48. Afrikaans
- 49. Agreement between provider and customer
- 50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 55. Ancient Syrian city
- 56. Witch
- 57. Celebrations
- 59. Long period of time
- 60. A team's best pitcher
- 61. Current unit
- 62. One-time aerospace company
- 63. French/Belgian river
- 64. Swedish rock group

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 2. Genus of clams
- 3. Remark
- 4. Actor LaBeouf
- 5. Ohio town
- 6. Olympic sport
- 7. Cure
- 8. Behave in a way that belittles
- 9. Shares a boundary with
- 10. Give advice
- 12. Promotional materials
- 14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
- 19. "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
- 23. Small piece
- 24. King of Camelot
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. Small Milky Way constellation
- 27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)
- 28. Equal (prefix)
- 29. Shawl
- 34. S. American wood sorrel relative
- 35. The end
- 36. Supervises interstate commerce
- 37. Yes vote
- 39. Officer of high rank
- 40. Church office
- 41. Tire pressure measurement
- 42. From a distance
- 44. Photographs
- 45. Industrial process
- 46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- 47. Map out
- 48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
- 51. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- 53. Speak incessantly
- 54. Poetry term
- 58. Relaxing space



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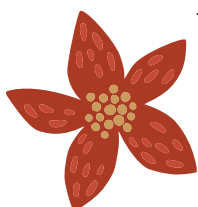
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# December Music Events at St. Luke's Announced



Submitted Photos

## Article Contributed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church

From caroling to candlelight services, St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 410 N. Main St. in Jamestown is offering festive opportunities this season to get involved and stay connected with others. "It's an important time of year to find beauty and delight in the company of others," reflects Karen Hewes Suber, Director of Music and Community Arts Integration, "and St. Luke's celebrates in so many ways to honor the season."

The Chadakoin Chamber Ensemble will be performing their Holiday Harmonies event in the church on Sat. 12/7, encouraging attendees to wear festive ugly sweaters to this family-friendly concert. Joyful sounds will continue with the Caroling & Pub Crawl on Tues. 12/17 starting at The Pub on Main St., Jamestown: Those who enjoy caroling are invited to join in the group which will travel to four local pubs to sing and make merry!

The darkest time of the year will be marked by the Sacred Songs for Solstice celebration the evening of Fri. 12/20 in the Chapel with easy, fun sing-a-longs from diverse traditions celebrating the solstice and the return of light. For people who find the holidays challenging, the Blue Christmas Service on Sat. 12/21 offers a supportive space at the church.

Finally, the traditional Christmas Pageant (4 p.m.) and Christmas

Eve Service (11 p.m.) will be held on Tues. 12/24. The Christmas Eve Service will feature the music of soloists Gavin Card, Victoria McIlvain, and Aaron & Boaz Mecham. These traditional services will include favorite Christmas hymns and recreate the magic of the holidays amongst family and friends in our community.

- Chadakoin Chamber Ensemble, Sat. 12/7 @ 7 pm
- Caroling & Pub Crawl (The Pub), Tues. 12/17 @ 6 pm
- Sacred Songs for Solstice, Fri. 12/20 @ 6 pm
- Blue Christmas Service, Sat. 12/21 @ 5 pm
- Christmas Pageant, Tues. 12/24 @ 4 pm
- Christmas Eve Service, Tues. 12/24 @ 11 p.m.

St. Luke's invites all to participate and enjoy the musical offerings in and around the church in December! Visit the St. Luke's Episcopal Church Facebook page or call 716-483-6405 for more information.



## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Check-in, Vote, and Earn Points in the CHQ Chamber Holiday Window Decorating Contest

Article Contributed by CHQ Chamber



The CHQ Chamber Holiday Window Decorating Contest for local businesses is now live online! You can visit your favorite participating businesses, check-in and earn points to be entered into a prize drawing, and vote for your top three favorite windows!

Here's how the contest works: from your phone browser, go to go.chqchamber.org. You'll see the Holiday Window Decorating pass and should click Sign Up. On the pop-up window click Check Out to input your contact information and then click Complete Order. Now you can vote and start check-ins at local businesses to be entered into our prize drawing! For each check-in you'll get 5 points. Once you have earned 20 points (4 check-ins) you can redeem them for an entry into the drawing for one of two \$100 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards. If you earn 40 points (8 check-ins) you can redeem them for an entry into a drawing for a \$300 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card. If you earn 50 points (10 check-ins) you can redeem them for an entry for a \$500 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card!

There is no purchase required at any time to participate in this contest, but we do hope you'll

check out our local businesses and see all the terrific holiday merchandise they have to offer. In addition to checking in, we hope you'll vote for your top three favorite windows! You'll see the Vote Now button on the page. You can check in and vote once every 24 hours.

You will also have the option to adjust your votes after you have viewed more windows and check-in at a variety of locations, so your votes will not be tallied until the close of the contest at midnight December 15. The top three vote-getting businesses will earn advertising packages with a total value of \$2000 from the CHQ Chamber.

We hope you enjoy our new experiences page through the CHQ Chamber! You'll find additional games and passes throughout the year on the site with more opportunities to win prizes.

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- Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop  
(fee: \$18, \$23, \$28) 11am-3pm
- Ornament Sale by Church Youth Group
- Photo Booth Jermaine James Photography

#### **Fredonia American Legion Memorial Post 59**

156 E. Main St. • 10am -4pm

- Donut Decorating by Tim Horton's Fredonia
- Holiday Craft Show Vendors
- Basket Raffle
- Kids Craft Workshop
- Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus

#### **Next Chapter Bookstore**

12 Park Place • 12 -2:30pm

Storytime with Mrs. Claus

#### **Darwin R. Barker Library**

7 Day St. • 12:30am -1pm

Storytime with Santa

#### **Fredonia Presbyterian Church**

219 Central Ave

Nativity Display & Alternate Market

#### **Domus Fare**

41 West Main Street

Reindeer Pancake Breakfast all day

### **Santa's Workshops**

#### **Darwin R. Barker Library**

7 Day St. • 11am-1pm

Holiday Cardmaking Workshop

#### **Darwin R. Barker Museum**

7 Day St. • 1-2:30pm

Angel Necklace & Tree Decorating

### **Barker Common & American Legion**

- Paul's Rocket Stoves - Hot Cocoa
- Mystic Smoke BBQ
- Arly & Izzy's Spanish Food
- Best of Buffalo by Byron
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### **1891 Fredonia Opera House**

9 Church St. • 4pm

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### **The Miracle of the HOLIDAY**

#### **Barker Common**

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- 5:30pm • Fredonia School Carolers
- 6:00pm • Arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus
- **Official Tree Lighting**

### **The Miracle of GIVING**

Festivals Fredonia "Give Back" Program presentation to Literacy Volunteers of Chautauqua County

### **The Miracle of LIFE**

Please consider supporting your Local Blood Drive

### **The Miracle of SHARING**

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

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# MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

December 7, 2024 • Fredonia, NY

## Festivals Fredonia, Inc. Presents Miracle on Main Street

*A Fun Week of Shopping and a Day of Miracles, Family Fun and Shopping throughout the Village of Fredonia*

*Article Contributed by*

**Festivals Fredonia, Inc.**

Festivals Fredonia's annual "Miracle on Main Street" festival is set for Saturday, December 7 from 9 AM to 7 PM! End a great Small Business Week with the "Miracle on Main Street" festival. After the FREE movie (must be accompanied by an adult), generously sponsored by Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, in the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center featuring the 20th anniversary of "The Polar Express"; join us for the official lighting of the tree by Santa Claus at the gazebo in Barker Common!

Come celebrate all of the MIRACLES of the holiday season in downtown Fredonia. Santa and Mrs. Claus come to town on this special day with activities and fun times for kids and the whole family including caroling, the official Village holiday tree lighting with refreshments, food vendors, craft vendors and donut decorating provided by Tim Horton's starting at 10AM at the Fredonia Memorial Post 59 American Legion (156 E. Main St), wineries, breakfast with Santa at 9AM and gingerbread decorating starting at 11AM, sponsored by The Cakery (fee), at the Fredonia First Methodist Church, basket raffle, shopping and much more. A fun, family festival!

**The MIRACLES throughout the day include:**



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Festivals Fredonia Facebook Page

- The Miracle of SHARING (Salvation Army "Red Kettle" campaign)
- The Miracle of THE HOLIDAY (Santa lighting the tree; 6:00PM)
- The Miracle of GIVING (Festivals Fredonia annual "Community Give Back" recipient – Literacy Volunteers of CHQ)
- The Miracle of GENEROSITY (All of those who generously support Festivals Fredonia throughout the year and during this special festival)
- The Miracle of LIFE (supporting your local blood drive)

The festival and events kick off at 10 AM with activities throughout the

village, Fredonia Memorial Post 59 American Legion, Fredonia First Methodist Church, Next Chapter Bookstore, The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center, Darwin R. Barker Library and Museum and Domus Fare. There will be story time with Santa for youngsters at Barker Library, story time with Mrs. Claus at the Next Chapter Bookstore (12 Park Place).

Craft vendors and kid's craft time will be set up in the Fredonia Memorial Post 59 American Legion starting at 10 AM; visits with Santa will take place 2 PM – 4 PM. Festivals Fredonia is hosting a basket raffle in Fredonia Memorial Post 59 American Legion as

well; proceeds to go towards the annual "Community Give Back" program.

There will also be food vendors, wineries, as well as family friendly menus at Domus Fare. Santa will also be visiting Domus Fare from 10 AM to noon. Attend the free movie at 4 PM, followed by the tree lighting by Santa at the Darwin R. Barker Museum at 6:00 PM.

Santa ends his visit at 4:00 PM at the Fredonia Memorial Post 59 American Legion, but returns at 6:00 PM, to light the official holiday tree in Barker Common. Immediately following the lighting of the tree, Festivals Fredonia's annual give back donation will be presented to Literacy Volunteers of CHQ at the museum. Come on out and kick off the holiday season!

Special thanks to all our sponsors and donors. Donations for this event have been provided by Tim Hortons, WeatherHill Farm, Southern Chautauqua FCU, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Harvest Chapel Free Methodist Church, The Barn 3521 and Fredonia Memorial Post 59 American Legion. Many thanks to the SUNY Fredonia women's soccer team for their help and support. For more festival information and the list of events and times, please go to [www.festivalsfredonian.org](http://www.festivalsfredonian.org).

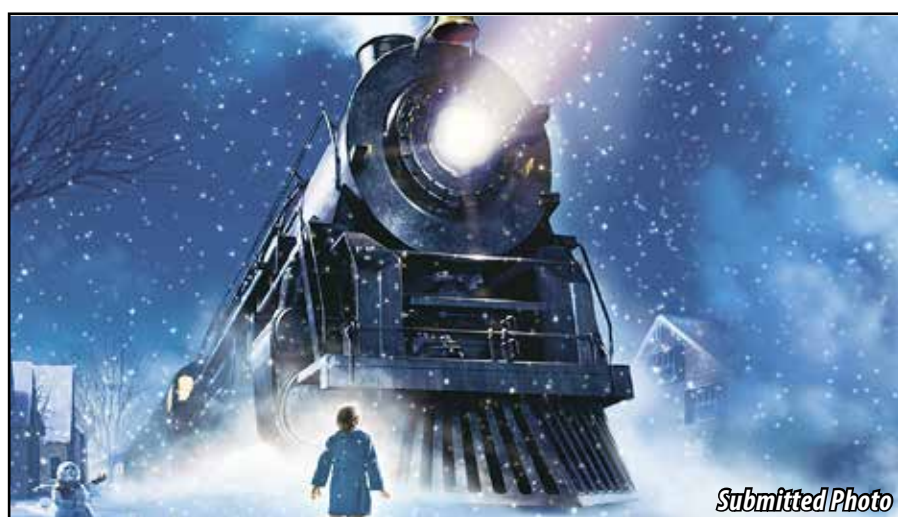
## "The Polar Express" Presented FREE as Part of Miracle on Main Street

*Article Contributed by*

**1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center & Festivals Fredonia, Inc.**

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center and Festivals Fredonia will present the animated feature film "The Polar Express" on Sat., Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. Sponsored by Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union as part of the Miracle on Main Street celebration in Fredonia, admission to the film is FREE.

In "The Polar Express," the Academy Award-winning team of Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump," "Cast Away") reunite for an inspiring adventure about a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary magical train ride to the North Pole. In doing so, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life



Submitted Photo

never fades for those who believe.

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the film's release this year, "The Polar Express" is based on the beloved Caldecott Medal children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. The film combines classic storytelling with a highly advanced version of motion capture technology developed and tailored

to meet Zemeckis' uncompromising vision. It was the first feature film ever to be shot entirely in this format. Rated PG for fantasy adventure action, "The Polar Express" runs 99 minutes.

Free admission tickets are available only at the door on the afternoon of the show. Seating is limited to 400; and patrons are reminded that there is

no food or drink allowed in the Opera House, and that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Opera House is equipped with assistive listening headsets for the hearing-impaired. Simply request one from any usher or Opera House staff member.

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House is a member-supported not-for-profit performing arts center located in Village Hall in downtown Fredonia. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.fredopera.org](http://www.fredopera.org).

Festivals Fredonia is comprised of a group of committed volunteers who aim to contribute to a high quality of life in Fredonia and surrounding communities by presenting lively, varied recreation and cultural opportunities to Village and area residents. For the full schedule of Festivals events, visit [www.FestivalsFredonia.org](http://www.FestivalsFredonia.org).



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## Infinity's Annual Holiday Art Market Returns

Save the Date for Local Shopping, Family Fun, and Holiday Cheer!

Article Contributed by  
**Infinity Visual and Performing Arts**

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is excited to announce its Annual Holiday Art Market! This year's market promises an incredible array of local art, hand-crafted goods, and fun activities for the whole family. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th from 10am-4pm and join us for a memorable day of holiday shopping and community celebration at The Infinity Center and Pearl City Clay House.

Infinity's Annual Holiday Art Market is the perfect chance to discover unique, locally made gifts just in time for the holiday season. Shoppers can browse a variety of handmade items and fine art crafted by local artists and artisans. From ceramics and jewelry to paintings, textiles, and holiday decor, you're sure to find something for everyone on your list while supporting the creativity and talent of our local artists.

This festive event offers free admission for shopping and includes

options for \$5 hands-on, make-and-take activities for kids, along with other holiday fun for all ages. 100% of proceeds from vendor registrations, free-will donations, and make and take experiences received during the Art Market will directly support Infinity's youth arts programming, making it a great way to give back while finding one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, December 7, 2024
- **Time:** 10am-4pm
- **Locations:** Infinity Center (301 East 2nd St, Jamestown, NY) & Pearl City Clay House (located nearby)
- **Admission:** Free and open to the public

Save the date and join us for a day of holiday shopping, local art, and community fun! Keep an eye out for our upcoming release with exciting details on participating vendors and sponsors. For more information, visit our website at [www.infinityperformingarts.org](http://www.infinityperformingarts.org) or contact us at [artmarket@infinityperformingarts.org](mailto:artmarket@infinityperformingarts.org).



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# 2ND ANNUAL Dunkirk Holiday Parade

Friday, December 6 • 6:30 pm

## 2nd Annual Dunkirk Holiday Parade this Friday, December 6

Article Contributed by  
**City of Dunkirk**

Mayor Kate Wdowiasz and the City of Dunkirk Festivals and Specials Events Department are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Dunkirk Holiday Parade on Friday, December 6 in downtown Dunkirk at 6:30 p.m.

The parade is sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and Refresco along with the support from Dunkirk Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, VanDette Law PLLC, North County Landscaping, Putnam Record Agency, The Botox Barn, Jamestown Community College - North County Extension Center, JF Grant Consulting Services, Lil Ginger's Deli and Access to the Arts, Inc.

This year's theme is "Gingerbread Avenue and Candy Cane Lane," which encourages participating entries to decorate their vehicles, floats, and people with some type of gingerbread and candy cane design. Floats are encouraged to play their favorite Christmas music.

Bob Patterson of will be the parade marshal. As a former Dunkirk athlete, coach, official, city staff member and community volunteer, Mr. Patterson is a true representative and supporter of his hometown.

He lives in Dunkirk with his wife, Pat, and has three children - Trevor, Shawn and Lisa.

Parade line up will begin at 5:00 pm on Third Street, between Robin Street and Central Avenue. All parade entries must check in on the corner of Robin and Third Street by tunnel before going to their designated spot.

The event will feature pre-parade entertainment with a DJ Dance Party with Rudolph from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, traveling south toward City Hall and end at the corner of Central Avenue and Fifth Street. Andy Bohn and E.J. Hayes will be the parade announcers.

Trophies will be award to the top three best-decorated entries.

Interested groups and companies that would like to participate are asked to complete a parade application available at [www.cityofdunkirk.com](http://www.cityofdunkirk.com) under the Residents/Festivals tabs or pick up form in the Development Office in the Stearns Building. The no-cost registration is due December 3.

The Gingerbread City of Dunkirk will also be on display for public viewing in the Stearns Building window located next to City Hall.

Spectators are reminded to dress warm to enjoy the holiday event. Central Station Restaurant will be open until 7:30 p.m. with food and refreshments for purchase.

Corporate parade sponsors are available at the following levels: \$1,000 - Overall Sponsor, \$500 - Gingerbread Level, \$250 - Candy Cane Level and \$100 - Sugar Plum Level. Interested parties can also sponsor a trophy for \$25.

The city events staff are also looking for photos from any past Dunkirk winter holiday events that can be shared with them.

For more information, contact Scott Mekus, event specialist, at City of Dunkirk at (716) 366-9848 or [smekus@cityofdunkirk.com](mailto:smekus@cityofdunkirk.com).



Submitted Photos

Girl Scout Troop #20237 at the 2023 Dunkirk Holiday Parade.



The Special Metals Float at the 2023 Dunkirk Holiday Parade.



The Refresco Float at the 2023 Dunkirk Holiday Parade.

### CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK



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Pepsi



## Santa, Music and Fun at the Fenton History Center



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The community is invited to the Fenton's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 7, from 2-4 PM. The exhibit, "Christmas on the Homefront", Open House will feature a visit with Santa, live music, carol singing, refreshments and of course, the elegant Gov. Reuben E. Fenton Mansion all decorated for the upcoming holiday season. The Open House is free. Admission prior to the Open House during regular hours is \$10 for adults, children under 18 are free.

Running concurrently is the "On the Homefront" exhibit that tells the story of life in Jamestown during the long four years of WW II. The holiday exhibit adds 1940s era toys, music and artifacts along with many decorated trees. The Holiday exhibit will also feature Kwanzaa, Los Posadas, Hanukah and Swedish and Italian traditions of the holiday.

## Fenton History Center Welcomes New Executive

Article Contributed by  
Fenton History Center

The Board of Trustees at the Fenton History Center is excited to announce Joni Blackman as the new Executive Director. Board President Janet Wahlberg said, "Joni's name sounds familiar to many at the Fenton and in Chautauqua County. Ms. Blackman served as the Executive Director at the Fenton from 2004 to 2017. She also has served as a board member on other non-profit organizations in the area and as an employee. This experience will be invaluable to us at the Fenton."



Submitted Photo

Joni Blackman

Ms. Wahlberg added, "we look forward to working with her to continue growing the Fenton presence in the area. Her superb skills with capital programs, grant writing and creating fundraising events will facilitate this process. Joni also brings her vast network of community contacts and her ability to create working relationships between public and private entities. Joni's work ethic is impressive. While serving as our Interim Director, she jumped right in to assist the staff in continuing the projects that were already in progress. Her vision going forward is comprehensive and creative and we look forward to helping her bring these ideas and projects to completion."

at the Fenton," said Ms. Blackman, "I appreciate the good work done by the previous Directors. Ms. Babinsky has set the Fenton on a good path."

During Ms. Blackman's previous leadership she expanded the Fenton History Center Property from a city park which was the home of Governor Reuben Fenton to a two-building history campus. Collaborating with community and State contacts she created a 7,000 sq. ft. research library and collections storage on the adjoining property now known as the Hall House Research Library.

For more information about the Fenton History Center and Hall House Research Center, visit [www.fentonhistorycenter.org](http://www.fentonhistorycenter.org) or call 716-664-6256.

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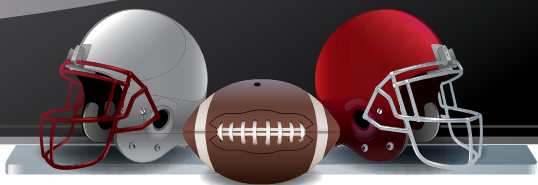
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- Falcons @ Vikings..... 1:00 PM**
- Panthers @ Eagles..... 1:00 PM**
- Raiders @ Buccaneers..... 1:00 PM**

- Seahawks @ Cardinals..... 4:05 PM**
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- Chargers @ Chiefs..... 8:20 PM**

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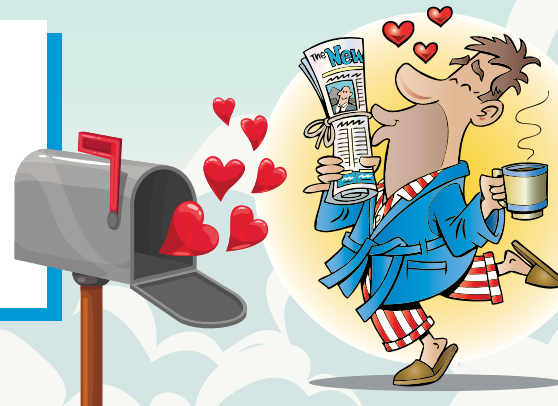


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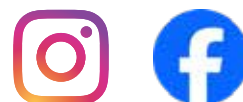
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