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Buckle Up Loyal Readers... Let's Ride, Together!

New Gazette Owner Outlines Plan for Future, Seeks Community Input

Article by
Jamestown Gazette Staff

Lori Cornell, new owner and publisher of the Jamestown Gazette, is proud to announce next steps in the community newspaper's plan to preserve the past and embrace the future. The newspaper welcomes business support, community news, and reader input. Cornell purchased the Gazette from the newspaper's retiring founder, Stacey Hannon, last week, publishing her first edition on Monday, Feb. 12.

"Stacey is a community legend and her paper has long been a renowned asset to the Jamestown area," stated Cornell. "I will do my best to continue its strong reputation and regional appeal."

She said she plans to resume the weekly newspaper's favorite features like "Checking in with Paul," senior scene, local history articles, tips for sportmen and culinary aficionados; while adding some new writers and bringing back a weekly business exposé and restaurant review. The newspaper

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JG Photo

Avid readers of the Jamestown Gazette enjoy the new issue by Chautauqua Lake at the 2024 Mayville Winter Festival.

JTNY Music App Provides Community Hub for Events in the Greater Jamestown Area

Article Contributed by
Marc Scapelitte

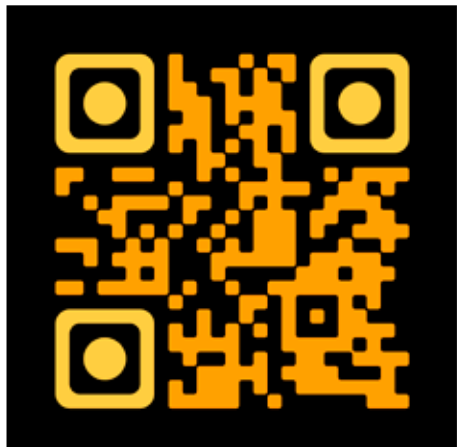
JTNY Music is a new mobile application created to showcase our scene in one digital package. Users may explore events, bands, venues, and interact with other community members. They may also post pictures from local happenings and create a profile with favorite events and artists.

The app is quickly evolving beyond music, becoming a community-driven hub for events in the greater Jamestown area. Business owners, artists, event organizers, or any music fan may share events and happenings with fellow community members. All types of events are welcome.

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"Local newspapers are basically little machines that spit out healthier democracies. And the best part is that you get to reap the benefits of all those positive outcomes even if you don't read them yourself. On behalf of newspaper readers everywhere: You're welcome."

- Joshua Benton, director, Niemen Journalism Lab

"The people behind the story are the real story in a community like Jamestown."

- Walt Pickut, local writer/historian

Editorial with Lori Cornell

Vision for the Future

Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

My favorite President's Day memory will probably always be the time when my four boys were in elementary school. I decided to rent out the Russell Roller Rink and invite all their friends to a "Birthday Party for George Washington." I also thought it would be fun to light up a homemade birthday cake with 250-plus candles to represent GW's actual age, had he been rolling with us that night. Long story short, massive flames ensued, and I nearly burned the old community gem down.

Ah yes, creative - albeit often crazy, elaborate, unique - ideas. Kind of my M.O.

I also share my dear Pastor Julie Anderson Challingsworth's passion for organization, as she so beautifully describes in this week's "Faith Matters". (Shout out First Cov!) Mashing a rash of wild energy into a neat little box is how my brain seems to roll.

That said, I find myself overflowing with a multitude of new and (hopefully!) exciting ideas for this exceptional paper's future, while at the same time methodically pulling my arms around one of the greatest organizational challenges I've ever faced. Analogists might call it: "Building the aircraft as we fly."

Although, thanks to Stacey Hannon, I did inherit a wonderful "airplane" from the outset, and I'm staunchly committed to this newspaper's cherished past. I received a welcome phone call from a loyal reader last week very concerned that we hadn't run the puzzle page in my first edition on Feb. 12. It was a good reminder. Please rest assured all friends of Greater Jamestown: I will never again cheap-out on the \$50 per week puzzle-publishing charge. (Actually, would any business like to sponsor this faithfully-followed, weekly tradition!?)

I remain incredibly grateful to Stacey for entrusting her newspaper to me, and am in awe by this strong foundation she created from scratch. Unlike most new business owners that must start from ground zero, I have essentially inherited a turn-key following and proud community asset.

I'm only slightly jealous of all my friends who are right now basking in the Florida sun on "winter break" instead of reading this print issue. I daresay this is the hardest I've worked since I had the gumption to run, and get crushed, against the phenom County Clerk Sandy Sopak back in 2005. Clearly decades older now, but I'm proud to roll up my sleeves with equal ambition for this newspaper's continued success.

For the next 12 weeks, we will embark upon a planning period to develop a business plan, including the longterm vision and mission for the Jamestown Gazette. I am establishing an Advisory Group to help hone this plan and welcome input from all readers. As Stacey forever boasted, this is, so aptly: "The People's Paper," and together, we endeavor to continue to make it our own.

In the interim, I sincerely hope you will enjoy our planned "Community Spotlight Series" for the remainder of February through May. During this period, we will feature the leaders, businesses, and exciting happenings in each of the municipal centers that proudly make up the Greater Jamestown area...beginning next week with the Village of Lakewood! We will interrupt the series for special editions on St. Patrick's Day, Easter, the Solar Eclipse, and Earth Day.

Thank you, again, my friends for your vote of confidence in this new venture together. Like the Presidents we celebrate today, we believe in our vision for the future.

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The People's Paper.

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of Jamestown
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Charles (Chuck) William
Sylvester, 78, of Sinclairville
Hubert Funeral Home

February 7

Elinor M Sturges, 95, of Panama
Lind Funeral Home

Maureen A. Card, 78,
of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Ladd L. Cordner, "Papa", 75,
formerly of Ashville
Lind Funeral Home

February 8

Jackie L. Saboski "Papa Jack",
91, of Jamestown
Hubert Funeral Home

Justin David Wilcox, 37,
of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

February 9

Susan E. Whitney, 80, formerly
of Sugar Grove
Lind Funeral Home

Joseph L. Robinson, 80,
formerly Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

February 10

Constance L. Basile, 101,
of Lakewood
Lind Funeral Home

Dorothy Mae Wenzel, 95,
formerly of Russell
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

February 11

William D. Olson, 93,
formerly of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Sandra J. Furlow, 81,
of Falconer
Falconer Funeral Home

Elizabeth Mae (Sundell)
Swanson (Betty, Sunny)
of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

February 12

Bonnie M. Buvoltz, 74,
of Randolph
Lind Funeral Home

Raymond G. "Ray" Mesler Sr.,
76, of Gerry
Falconer Funeral Home

February 13

Ralph Eugene Sandquist, 92,
of Chautauqua County
Lind Funeral Home

Priscilla M. Watters, 74,
of Brocton
Lind Funeral Home

Billy Joe Paul Jones, 31,
formerly of Warren
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

February 14

Wayne Edward Johnson, 68,
of Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Loretta Farr, 88, of Youngsville
Peterson-Blick Funeral Home

February 15

Phyllis M. Bjork, 99,
formerly of Lakewood
Lind Funeral Home

Faith Matters

A Lenten Reflection



Contributing Writer
Pastor Julie Anderson
Challingsworth
First Covenant Church

I am a person who loves schedules. I like knowing the order of things. I am not a great improviser because I feel most at ease when I know what to expect. Youth Ministry has made me better on my feet, but if I had my way, a schedule or a lesson plan would go just as I had planned. The Church, as you may or may not know, has a schedule. It has a calendar it follows, not by the months, but by the seasons of the church year. It starts at Advent, moves into Christmas, Epiphany, and then into the season of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and we journey through Lent until Holy Week which of course ends in the most holy of days in the church calendar- Easter Sunday.

I have always loved Lent, but I must admit, I have not always loved it for the right reasons. For a long time, I used it to bring a little more order to my life. I would take the tradition of giving something up for Lent, as a way for me to bring some more discipline and rules into my already pretty ordered life. I would give up chocolate, coffee, TV, or several other vices to make myself feel like God was teaching me something. But really, if I

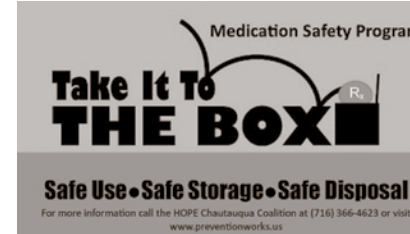
am being totally honest, giving up these things in the name of a "Lenten discipline" I was just Julie teaching Julie more rules. I would say it was a spiritual matter for me, but it was all about the rules. God was waving at me from the walls I built around myself- begging to be let into this season in my life.

Recently, I believe God has been working on me to help me rediscover the beauty of Lent. Lent is about being honest. Being honest with yourself about your own mortality, your sins, your weaknesses, and your deep need for a Savior. It is about being honest with the people in your life who you conflict with, who you dislike or have a problem with, and trying to rediscover what being a part of one Body of Christ looks like. It means being honest with the Lord, about your need for his love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace in your life. It is about stripping away the things that get in the way between you and him. So, if that means giving something up to do that, then do it. It may also mean adding something rather than subtracting, such as praying daily, reading a Psalm a day, journaling, or creating something. I pray we would not let Lent and its traditions of rules distract us from its purpose, which is to bring us closer to the arms of the God who loves us.

For more inspiration and insights from past columns, please visit www.jamestowngazette.com and click on the Faith Matters page. The Jamestown Gazette is proud to present our county's most creative and original writers for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

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HOPE Chautauqua Coalition Receives FORx Grant



Article Contributed by
HOPE Chautauqua

The HOPE Chautauqua Coalition (an initiative of Prevention Works, Inc.) has announced that they have received a state grant, awarding them a total of \$800,000 over 4 years towards community-based opioid prevention services. This new grant titled the Fentanyl, Opioid, Rx (FORx) Grant is funded through the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and is designed for Community Prevention Coalitions throughout the state.

FORx will allow HOPE to continue their efforts with reducing access and availability of opioids and other prescription medication, with an added focus on bringing awareness to the dangers of fentanyl within the community. HOPE will also be able to continue providing outreach and medication safety resources such as Prescription Drug Lock Bags and Drug Deactivation Kits FREE to Chautauqua County residents.

One of HOPE's goals through FORx will be to get as many community members, families, and individuals trained in the administration of the overdose reversal medication Naloxone (Narcan) and how to utilize fentanyl test strips through harm reduction informational sessions.

"With the increasing number of overdoses and overdose deaths that include fentanyl here in Chautauqua County, HOPE has a duty now more than ever to increase our outreach

and prevention efforts. The more rural areas tend to be forgotten about, but through the FORx Grant we will be able to lease a new van (a Prevention Mobile Unit) to reach those communities and meet our people where they're at." - Kelley Potter, Coalition Director.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Days in April and October and the Prescription Drug Drop Boxes that are set up in various places throughout Chautauqua County will continue to remain a staple in HOPE's efforts to reduce the availability of prescription medication in the home.

HOPE Chautauqua's mission is to create an environment where all youth can develop into healthy and productive adults through the promotion and implementation of healthy lifestyle choices, and the use of evidence-based, community-level substance use interventions. HOPE envisions a healthy, drug-free community where all residents have an equitable opportunity to reach their full potential.

Since 1974, Prevention Works, a United Way partner agency, has been providing prevention education and community awareness on social emotional learning and substance use. Prevention Works is the only New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approved and supported alcohol and other drug prevention agency in Chautauqua County. For further information about Prevention Works services, call the Jamestown office at 664-3608 or the Dunkirk office at 366-4623 or visit our website: www.preventionworks.us

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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

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. ___ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the bacon
- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breezed through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Snake-like fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft
- 34. When you hope to get somewhat
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
- 54. Long, narrow strap
- 58. Male parent

"When someone you love becomes a memory,
that memory becomes a treasure."

Chamber Corner

◆ February 19, 2024 ◆

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President and CEO of the Chautauqua County
Chamber of Commerce

Volunteers Make Good Things Happen

businesses in Chautauqua County. They set policy and provide high-level oversight for the Chamber as we meet our mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County.

We mentioned the Chamber's Mayville-Chautauqua Committee, and we also have volunteer-led committees throughout Chautauqua County in Dunkirk, Fredonia, Hanover, Jamestown, and Westfield-Barcelona. These dedicated individuals organize projects and events that help to promote small businesses, tailored to fit each community in a meaningful way. These volunteers are community-minded and committed to making a difference.

As a non-profit business association, the Chamber of Commerce relies on volunteer support year-round. Many other community organizations also depend upon volunteers including civic groups like Rotary and Lions Club, and other organizations such as United Way and Community Foundations. Please reach out to any community group or non-profit if you're interested in volunteering. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Business Builder Workshop: Last Call for Eclipse Opportunities

Back by popular demand, the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce is doing a second Business Builder Workshop on the upcoming total solar eclipse. This session will focus on information your business needs to know to be prepared for this once-in-a-lifetime event coming up April 8.

The Workshop will be held Friday, March 8 at the Marvin Community House, 2 West 5th Street, Jamestown from 9-10:30am. Our guests will be Tom Traub, Chair of the Martz-Kohl Observatory Solar Eclipse Committee and NASA Eclipse Ambassador member; Noel Guttman, Chautauqua County Director of Emergency Services; and Andrew Nixon, President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau.

With an estimated 100,000 extra people expected to visit Chautauqua County for the

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With the annual Mayville Winter Festival underway this weekend it's important that we take a moment to say thank you to all the volunteers who have worked for months to bring this enormous event to life.

What visitors to the festival see is a lot of activity in Lakeside Park, some of it outdoors, some in tents, some in the Carlson Center. They see food trucks and vendors and games, and a massive fireworks display on Saturday night. What they don't see is all the work that happened before the wooden castle was illuminated and the tents were erected, and the concessions rolled in. A group of community volunteers in the Mayville area has been meeting for months to organize all of this. They solicited sponsors and vendors, decided how and where things would be managed, and put all the pieces in place to provide a fun and safe event for all. This weekend, volunteers are overseeing parking and activities at the festival. It is a true community effort, and we hope all will turn out to enjoy what is a long-standing tradition and one of the largest winter festivals in the region.

Special thanks go to Brian Pender, Chair of the Winter Festival Committee, and the Chamber's Mayville-Chautauqua Community Committee working alongside our Community Coordinator Shannon Biekarck. He has not only been the quarterback for this big game, but also the media specialist, color commentator, and coach of the whole team. Brian has overseen details, managed logistics, and been the boots on the ground when a windstorm swept through the park after the tents were already up. Thankfully there was no damage. We are grateful to Brian for his leadership and the example he sets for community volunteerism.

But the Winter Festival is just one place where volunteers can play a role in the Chamber of Commerce. Our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who are passionate about making a difference for

Senior Scene with Dr. Mary Ann Spanos

"You've Got This"



Contributing Writer

Dr. Mary Ann Spanos
Director of Office for Aging Services

We all know that fall, winter, and even springtime in our areas can be fraught with upper respiratory illness! The CDC notes, "Fall and winter are a time when viruses that cause respiratory disease usually circulate more heavily in the community. Before COVID-19, two viruses, flu, and RSV, were the main causes of severe respiratory disease during this time of year... Along with the seasonal influenza and the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), COVID-19 has become a part of the respiratory virus season." Chautauqua County Office for Aging Service and NY Connects has joined the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative, led by USAging, to launch its "You've Got This" initiative here in our County. We are working to remove common barriers like transportation needs, location, and time that make it tough for older adults, working adults, people with disabilities, and vulnerable populations from getting vaccinated. We will be coming to many communities near you.

Should I Get Vaccinated?

Getting vaccinated is the best way to reduce your risk of getting very sick if you do get these diseases. The people most at risk for getting very sick from these diseases are older adults, people with disabilities, and people who have compromised immune systems or health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease. The CDC stresses, "Making sure that you are up to date on the vaccines recommended for you is an important strategy to prevent severe disease and protect yourself and others around you. Higher levels of vaccination across the population will also help reduce the number of hospitalizations and risk of hospital strain." Talk with your doctor or medical provider about what is right for you. We are working all over

the County to offer vaccine clinics in your areas: Churches, Schools, housing, and at various community events.

No matter what your age, protect yourself and your loved ones. Add the COVID-19 and flu vaccines to your to-do list and we'll help you check it off. The Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative, powered by USAging, has partnered with Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services NY Connects to make getting your annual shots for COVID-19 and flu shots easy. Some locations for February-March 2024 include:

- Ripley food pantry/school Tuesday, 2/6/24 2 PM
- Community Connections Findley Lake: Wednesday 2/7/24 1 PM
- Dunkirk Boys & Girls Club: Tuesday 2/13/24 3PM
- Blackwell church: Jamestown Saturday 2/17/24 12 PM
- Friendship Missionary Baptist Church: Dunkirk Saturday 2/17/24 3 PM
- Brookdale Lakewood Tuesday, 2/20/24 10 AM
- Dunkirk Senior Center: Wednesday 2/21/24 10:30 AM
- Assembly of Christian Churches: Jamestown Wednesday 2/21/24 2:30 PM
- Emmanuel Temple Apostolic Church: Jamestown Saturday 2/24/24 2 PM
- Brocton Central School Friday 3/15/24 3 PM

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Find Signs of Spring at Audubon on Saturday, February 24



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You are invited to join Audubon Community Nature Center Educator Emma Roth to look for Signs of Spring, Saturday morning, February 24.

Article Contributed by Audubon Community Nature Center

Spring is just around the corner, and nature is already showing signs of the changing season.

If you're ready to look for Signs of Spring, you'll want to join Audubon Community Nature Center Educator Emma Roth on Saturday, February 24, 10-11:30 a.m.

Budding flowers, tree buds, animal activity, and even a bird song or two are all sure signs that winter is moving out and spring is moving in.

This is an opportunity to explore the grounds to look for these early signs of the changing seasons and look forward to warmer days.

As this program takes place outdoors, be sure to dress for the weather and be prepared to walk on potentially snowy trails.

The fee is \$8 for adults, \$6 for Nature Center members and children ages 9-15

Reservations are appreciated by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking through Programs and Events. Walk-ins are welcome.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, and hike, snowshoe or cross country ski over five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1-4:30 p.m. Nature Center members and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org.

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Shannon Donovan, director at the Bemus Point Library, enjoying her community newspaper.

also looks forward to continuing "Faith Matters," by including a variety of local pastors from diverse religious backgrounds. Cornell will continue to publish the cherished obituaries from nearby funeral homes; "pets of the week" from local shelters; and the beloved puzzles, trivia, and "Around Town" photo collage.

Cornell explained her intention to bring to the paper some new ideas with a special events calendar, highlights from local schools and sports, a health and fitness component, and more. She also aims to bolster the newspaper's online and social media presence. Impressed with local entrepreneur Marc Scapelitte's below-described music application, she plans to partner with him to create a "Jamestown Gazette" cell phone "app" for user-friendly, remote access to the newspaper.

"We are fortunate to live in a community that values local news," Cornell continued, "I think Walt Pickut, longtime Gazette editor, said it best: 'Daily news tells us what happened, community news tells us what we can look forward to.' Our goal isn't to replace your daily news source. Don't stop reading your Jamestown Post Journal, NY Times, or Washington Post, but DO read the Gazette to fully appreciate and participate in your community."

"I am confident, that with the community's continued support, the Jamestown Gazette may have a long and prosperous future," concluded Cornell.

Open House at ILS Veterans Club

Article Contributed by ILS Veterans Club

Veteran's memberships, there are VFW memberships and AMVETS Veterans, Sons and Auxiliary available to join. The club also offers social memberships.

Members of each organization will be present to discuss the benefits of joining a veteran's organization should you be eligible. Thank you for your assistance.

The ILS Veterans Club welcomes all to an Open House on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Post, 364 Fluvanna Avenue next to Arby's. There will be food and karaoke. Come and see what this club has to offer. In addition to American Legion

Robert H. Jackson Center's Jackson Day in Warren Speaker Announced

Article Contributed by Robert H. Jackson Center

Submitted Photo
Elizabeth Hirz

The Robert H. Jackson Center's Jackson Day in Warren celebration takes place Wednesday, February 21 with keynote speaker Elizabeth Hirz, the first woman to serve as District Attorney in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

A meet-and-greet will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Crary Art Gallery with drinks and light fare. The main program begins at 7:00 p.m. at the nearby Warren County Courthouse when District Attorney Hirz will speak on the importance of civic engagement in enhancing our communities.

legal education outreach to young students.

Although both events are free and open to the public, RSVPs are kindly requested for those attending the meet-and-greet. Please call (716) 483-6646 or emailing info@roberthjackson.org by Feb.16.

District Attorney Hirz is a native of Falconer, New York, was admitted to the New York State bar in 1998 and the Pennsylvania bar in 1999. She began her career in the District Attorney's Office in 2002 and became the District Attorney in January 2022.

Throughout her 20 years in the District Attorney's Office, Hirz has prosecuted a wide array of criminal cases, including homicides, crimes against children, and other major felonies. As District Attorney, she now oversees an office of 16 Assistant District Attorneys, 9 County Detectives, and 10 legal secretaries and support personnel.

Hirz serves on the many civic and advocacy boards in Erie County, PA and volunteers her time for

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Senior Sweetheart Crowned



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Brookdale Senior Living in Lakewood proudly crowned Rita Meleen as its esteemed Senior Sweetheart for the year on Wednesday. Rita, nominated by her colleagues, exemplifies the spirit of compassion and dedication. As the receptionist at the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services in Mayville, Rita consistently extends a helping hand to seniors across our county, embodying the essence of service and care. Beyond her professional role, Rita actively engages with her church community and cherishes her family bonds. For further details about Brookdale or insights into the Senior Sweetheart award, please call (716) 665-2414.

Watch the video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/RafmP2WpQdA>

SUNY JCC Health Centers Working to Raise Heart Health Awareness



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SUNY Jamestown Community College

Ranea Bird, first-year Nursing student and student assistant at the SUNY Jamestown Community College Health Center, was out on the Jamestown Campus this week to bring awareness Heart Health Month in February by doing blood pressure checks for members of the college community.

Celebrate Presidents' Day

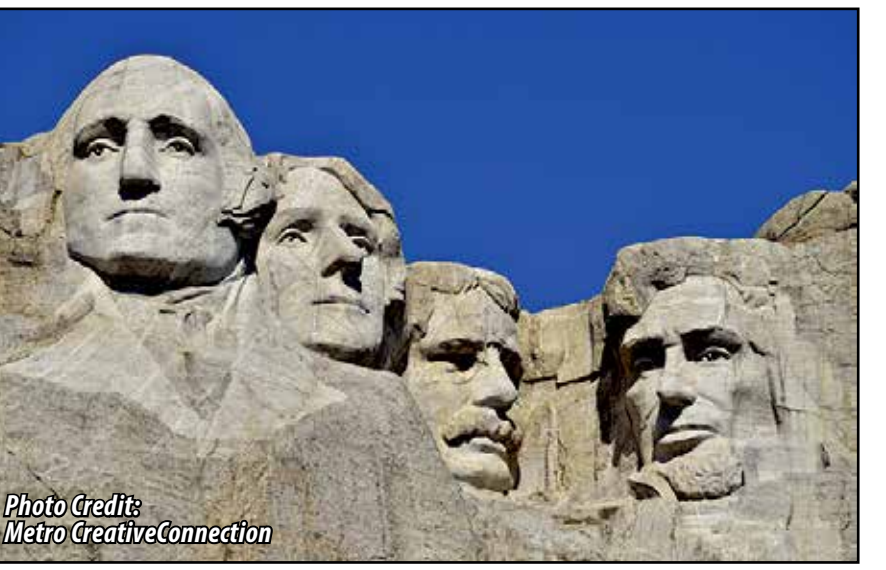


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Americans celebrate Presidents' Day each year on the third Monday in February. The holiday is known as Washington's Birthday within the federal government. While it has honored George Washington since it was first established as a holiday in 1879, the day now honors all who served as United States presidents.

The widened scope of Presidents' Day affords a great opportunity for Americans to learn some interesting facts about the individuals who have taken office since George Washington first did so in 1789.

- So long as they're eligible to run for reelection, sitting presidents typically seek a second term. But that's not always the case. James K. Polk, who served as the nation's eleventh president, was the first to retire after one term. Though Polk did not necessarily set a trend, subsequent presidents James Buchanan, Rutherford B. Hayes, Calvin Coolidge, and Harry S. Truman also did not seek a second term. And while Teddy Roosevelt did not seek a second term in 1908, he did in 1912.
- Many U.S. presidents came from humble beginnings. Millard Fillmore, who served as the thirteenth president between 1850 and 1853, was born into poverty in upstate New York. Fillmore became president upon the sudden death of President Zachary Taylor, who died suddenly on July 9. Perhaps his humble origins and unexpected ascendancy to the presidency is why Fillmore memorably refused an honorary degree from Oxford University.
- One of the more notably named U.S. presidents was not actually given his memorable moniker at birth. According to the National Constitution Center, President Ulysses S. Grant, who was the eighteenth individual to take the office of the president, was actually named Hiram Ulysses Grant. He only became Ulysses S. Grant, a name that clearly stuck, after Congressman Thomas Hamer mistakenly listed his name as "Ulysses S. Grant" upon nominating the young man to attend West Point.

- Anecdotes abound in regard to George Washington, and his famed wooden teeth is among them. However, that story is an enduring myth and not reflective of reality. Various historians and groups, including the National Constitution Center, note that George Washington's dentures were not made of wood, but rather a combination of ivory, gold and human and animal teeth, among other materials.
- Two former presidents and founding fathers passed away within hours of each other. John Adams, who succeeded Washington as the nation's second president in 1797, and Thomas Jefferson, who served as the third president of the United States between 1801 and 1809, each died on July 4, 1826. The two one-time friends and then foes ultimately reconciled prior to their deaths.
- John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams, who served as the sixth president of the United States from 1825 to 1829, are the only presidents among the first twelve to have never owned slaves.
- Though outdoor inaugurations are now the standard, they were not always. The nation's fifth president, James Monroe, was the first to be inaugurated in the elements.
- President John F. Kennedy, who served as the thirty-fifth U.S. president until his assassination in November 1963, was the first American president born in the twentieth century. It will likely be awhile before the first U.S. president born in the twenty-first century takes office, as the nation's current president, Joe Biden, was born just 25 years after JFK.

SUNY JCC's Prison Education Program Sees Success, Growth

Article Contributed by
SUNY Jamestown Community College

The spring semester at SUNY Jamestown Community College is underway on the college's physical campuses, and at Collins Correctional Facility.



Submitted Photo
Reid Helford

Now in its third semester, the program has seen growth in the number of incarcerated individuals participating, courses being offered, and instructors ready to provide them.

Reid Helford, prison education coordinator, is in his first year with JCC and his second decade of working and teaching within corrections systems. His work in Washington State corrections began with going from cell-to-cell with a whiteboard and teaching through a small window, to leading programs and teaching in one of the first classrooms in the nation for incarcerated individuals in solitary confinement.

"I have a really strong investment and understanding of reentry and desistance from crime," Helford said. "The classroom is a sacred place where we learn from each other and where we feel safe to learn together."

Collins has been an active and receptive partner in creating a safe learning space that has seen growth in student interest. The program began with 10 incarcerated individuals enrolled in the first semester, and has grown to 30 for this spring.

"The average in the state is about 45," Helford said. "I think we'll hit that next fall. Relationships move at the speed of trust, and that's what we've been building. The incarcerated individuals have to trust that there's value in the program, build trust that they are able to complete the program, and do well in class."

Instructors teaching in the program have increased too – from three in the first semester to six this spring. In all, 11 have taught courses at Collins. John Brantingham teaches English at the facility for JCC. He says that in his career he has taught students dealing with circumstances such as homelessness and food insecurity. While incarcerated students have experienced similar trauma, there are some differences.

"Students at Collins are exceptionally literate," Brantingham said. "They read whatever is in front of them, and their writing is really good."

They're also incredibly dedicated because this is something they had to work hard to get to do."

In order to be accepted into the program, incarcerated individuals must show initiative and consistency in modeling nonviolence and respect in the jail. Brantingham was the director of the honors program at his previous college, and said that he finds incarcerated students similar to honors students in that they are consistently prepared for class and excited to learn.

"All of these students have a great deal of life experience so when they start to write something, it's fascinating," Brantingham said. "They're the best students, you know, and I think that defies the expectations of some people."

Helford explained that transparency in teaching and classroom expectations is key in creating a learning environment in which students will continue to defy expectations. He works to set professors up for success before they begin their classes, and the results have been favorable for all.

"I think it's an experience that has been really positive for just about every professor," Helford said. "I prepare most professors with at least a short discussion and some reading to do about trauma-informed classroom practices. The men often come in with significant amounts of trauma. We want the classroom to be a place that recognizes that."

Helford says this semester offers the widest range of courses so far, including English, business marketing, sociology and environmental science.

"It's enough that our students have some choice," Helford said. "It's not always easy to provide, but I think it's important for them to feel like they have some control in their educational choices."

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Hop on the Bus – We're Headed East Cornell Cooperative Extension Hosts Value Added Dairy Tour March 13th & 14



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Cornell Cooperative Extension is inviting dairy producers who are interested in value added production or on-farm processing to an overnight bus tour of several agribusinesses in Eastern New York.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension

Registration is due by February 26th, 2024.

Are you a dairy producer interested in on-farm dairy processing? Looking to diversify your operation with direct to consumer sales? Interested in value-added production? Well, hop on the bus – we're headed East!

Tour stops, subject to change, include: Trinity Valley Dairy (Cortland), Byebrook Farm (Bloomville), Don's Dairy Supply (South Kortright), SUNY Cobleskill's Dairy Processing Center (Cobleskill), King Brother's Dairy (Schuylerville), and Argyle Cheese (Hudson Falls). There will be ample time at each tour location to hear about the farm business history and goals, identify challenges and opportunities of value added production, ask questions, and browse their farm stands and stores. Following the tour, we will provide an opportunity for participants to come back together for discussion groups and educational opportunities.

On March 13th and 14th, Katelyn Walley and Margaret Quaassdorff from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hosting a tour of value added dairy processing facilities in Eastern New York. The tour will include at least 6 stops and will depart from CCE-Genesee in Batavia, NY on Wednesday, March 13th at 8:30am. The tour will conclude on Thursday, March 14th at 9pm.

The cost to register is \$100 and can be done online by visiting tinyurl.com/CceDairyTour. Final stop locations, times, accommodation information, and additional details will be shared directly with the participants after registering (or by request).

If you are interested in attending, or are in need of accommodations, and would like additional information, please contact Katelyn Walley at 716-640-0522 or kaw249@cornell.edu or Margaret Quaassdorff at 585-405-2567 or maq27@cornell.edu.

President Trivia

1. T/F: George Washington was the only American president to be unanimously elected.
2. What was Chester A. Arthur's nickname?
3. Who was the first president to hold a press conference on television?
4. What president was wounded during the American Revolution?
5. Who was the only President to serve more than two terms?
6. When is President's Day?
7. What college has produced the most presidents?
8. How many presidents have not had children?
9. Who was the first president to call his residence in Washington, D.C. the "White House"?
10. T/F: Franklin Pierce gave his 3,319-word inaugural address from memory, without the aid of notes.

ANSWERS: (1) True (2) Elegant Arthur (3) John F. Kennedy (4) James Monroe (5) Franklin D. Roosevelt (6) February 20 (7) Harvard (8) Six (9) Theodore Roosevelt (10) True

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Students in a class held previously had the opportunity to investigate, ask questions, and learn more about various equipment.

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• Highway transportation

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's 4-H Youth Development Program will conduct a Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety Certification Course for area youth ages 14 and older. Sessions include both classroom-style lessons and hands-on opportunities for all participants. Experiences learned in this course will help prevent injury and save lives.

The HOOA (Hazardous Occupations Order in Agriculture) law states, in summation, that all 14-15-year-old youth who are seeking employment in the agricultural industry must receive the training as required by the U.S. Department of Labor. The only exemption for youth working on their own farm. The HOOA was originally promulgated in January 1968. When youth become 16 years of age, this law no longer applies to their employment; however, certification provides valuable knowledge and safety tips for all ages. You can learn more about state regulations by visiting the U.S. Department of Labor's Youth and Labor: Agricultural employment webpage: www.dol.gov/dol/topic/youthlabor/agricultureemployment

Class sessions will be held March 4th, 11th, and 18th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Jamestown Community College Carnahan Center. A hands-on learning course will be March 23rd at 10:00 am at Land Pro in Falconer and the final driving evaluation will be April 6th at Larry Romance in Sheridan at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required prior to March 1st, \$30 per youth, \$25 per 4-H youth. Please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program Educator Lindsey Crisanti Meeder to register or obtain more details, lc832@cornell.edu or (716) 664-9502 Ext. 212.

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Senator George Borrello Announces Scholarship Opportunity for Students in 57th District A Total of Four \$3,000 Scholarships to be Awarded in Academic and Athletic Categories

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Senator George Borrello

New York State Senator George Borrello announced that the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators is accepting applications for four \$3,000 college scholarships, two academic and two athletic.



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Scholarships are available to residents of the 57th Senate District who are current college students or high school seniors entering college. Students can access and complete the application by visiting: <https://www.nyiacsl.org/apply-for-scholarship-form>.

The application deadline is Friday, March 15.

"This is an excellent scholarship opportunity for high school seniors and college students in the 57th Senate District who have worked hard, distinguished themselves from their peers and intend to pursue higher education," said Senator Borrello. "With college costs continually rising, these scholarships give young individuals and their families the opportunity to lessen the financial burden associated with higher education. I encourage eligible students in my district to apply."

Applicants should have a grade point average of 85 or higher; be active in community service and extracurricular activities and demonstrate financial need. In addition to these qualifications, students applying for an athletic scholarship must also be involved in an organized sport(s).

Applicants need not be of Italian American heritage to apply.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in April, and the winners will be honored at a ceremony in Albany.

The New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators is a bipartisan organization of state Assembly and Senate members who actively promote and celebrate the state's Italian American community.

SUNY JCC's Prison Education Program Sees Success, Growth

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Choice helps to build student retention, as does creating a path for students to continue their education or pursuit of a career. Incarcerated individuals whose terms don't allow for them to earn a degree still benefit from having completed classes and having built an identity other than "criminal" to carry with them back to society. Being able to continue their education online or through another SUNY school allows for a gentle transition out of prison.

"We offer them a chance to be an intellectual, the chance to be a student... someone who's smart," Helford said. "These are things they probably haven't thought about themselves before."

Helford says there's more in the

works for the program. Bringing JCC Career Services offerings into the prison and tracking student progress once they are released are ways to further ensure recidivism rates decline.

"This program really is exciting and Reid has done such a fantastic job," said Crystal Rose-Williams, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs at JCC. "We're seeing our ability to change lives, which is why we got involved in the program to begin with. It's great to see educational programs like IGNITE coming to the Chautauqua County Jail, as we continue to explore opportunities to diversify our offerings."

Chamber Corner: February 19, 2024

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eclipse we want to be sure local businesses know what to expect and how to plan for the day and the weekend prior. This workshop is free for all local businesspeople. You do not need to be a member of the Chamber to attend. We appreciate advance registration for planning purposes. You can sign up online now through the Chamber's web calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org.

Business After Hours at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts March 21

Join us for the first Business After Hours of 2024 as we visit the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown. This networking opportunity will be held upstairs in the Media Arts room above the theater - a great space you will want to see!

Business After hours is a chance for local businesspeople to come together in a casual and inviting way. It runs from 5-6:30pm, featuring appetizers, a cash bar, and a brief program that lets you

know who's who in the room. Remember to bring business cards for networking and our door prize drawing.

The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts is at 116 East Third Street, Jamestown. Use the elevator to the right of the lobby entrance to head up to the Media Arts room.

Chamber member businesses can send two people at no charge. For non-members or anyone above the two-person limit, the price is \$10. Advance registration is not required but is appreciated for our planning purposes and will get your name and business included in our Who's Who in the Room list. Sign up online now through our web calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org.

This Business After Hours is sponsored by the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, OBSERVER, and The Post-Journal.

Northwest Bank Named Among America's Best Midsize Employers for 2024

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Northwest Bank, a full-service financial institution offering a complete line of business and personal banking solutions, has been recognized on the Forbes list of America's Best Midsize Employers for 2024. The annual ranking lists the top 400 midsize employers that received the most recommendations from a survey of more than 170,000 U.S.-based workers at American companies. Northwest Bank is 340th on the list.

The prestigious award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The awards list was announced on February 13, 2024 and can currently be viewed on the Forbes website.

"It is truly an honor to be among those named as a Forbes Best Midsize Employer for 2024," said Louis J. Torchio, president and CEO, Northwest Bank. "At Northwest Bank, we understand that that our success is driven by the passion and commitment of our employees and we strive to continue creating

a workplace that fosters a culture of innovation, collaboration and personal growth. We thank our employees for their dedication and everything they do to make Northwest a great place to work."

Forbes and Statista selected the America's Best Employers 2024 through an independent survey applied to a vast sample of approximately 170,000 American employees working for companies between 1,000 and 5,000 employees in the U.S. Across various industry sectors, 1,000 employers have been awarded, 600 large employers and 400 midsize employers. The evaluation was based on direct and indirect recommendations from current and former employees that were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family. New to the methodology this year was the inclusion of data from the past three years—with more recent data weighted more heavily—to better identify companies that have been rated well consistently over time.

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Revolutionary Firearm Safety Training Announced for Suicide Prevention

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Suicide Prevention Alliance
OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

In an innovative initiative aimed at enhancing community safety and mental health awareness, a new training session, Firearm Safety Through the Lens of Suicide Prevention, will take place next month.

This engaging and proactive workshop is designed to equip participants with crucial skills and knowledge to initiate vital conversations about firearm safety in the context of mental health, pairing suicide and firearm experts together to present this material.

Scheduled for Monday, March 4, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Christ First United Methodist Church, located at 663 Lakeview Avenue, Jamestown, NY, this session is a collaborative effort led by suicide prevention specialist Carri Raynor, and Sheriff James B. Quattrone. Together, they bring an unparalleled depth of expertise to the forefront of this pressing issue.

The training session promises an interactive and hands-on learning experience, focusing on the development of proactive mental health discussions among firearm owners and their families. This discussion is initiated proactively, addressing firearm safe storage with an individual who is dealing with mental health challenges before the potential onset of a mental health crisis.

"By engaging in dialogue before a crisis occurs, we can save lives. This training is about empowering individuals to take that step," said Carri Raynor, the session's facilitator and Project Coordinator for the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County (Alliance), who is stressing the importance of early conversations about firearm safety.

Through immersive role-playing exercises, participants will be encouraged to actively engage in creating strategies for the safe handling and storage of firearms, aiming to address potential mental health crises preemptively.

"This groundbreaking training is a critical step towards building a safer community," Sheriff Quattrone expressed. "It's about equipping our citizens with the knowledge and skills to make a real difference."

This workshop was developed as part of the Lethal Means Safety workgroup, a part of the Governor's Challenge to prevent suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and Families (SMVF), and this session is made possible through the generous support of the New York Health Foundation highlighting the community's commitment to tackling this vital issue head-on.

Participants will also enjoy pizza and refreshments provided by the NY Health Foundation, creating an inviting atmosphere for learning and discussion.

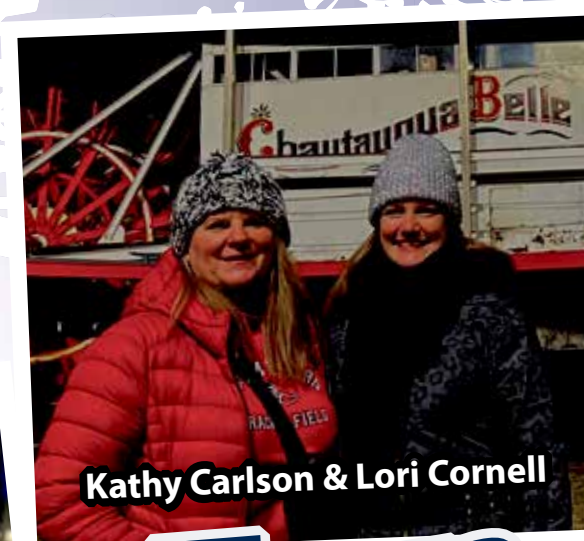
The organizers urge the community to spread the word and encourage attendance to maximize the impact of this vital training. This is an opportunity for all community members to contribute to a safer, more informed Chautauqua County by understanding the importance of mental health discussions related to firearm safety. There will be more training throughout the year.

Visit the event calendar on the Alliance's website, PreventSuicideCHQ.com, for more training opportunities. It is updated frequently.

Event Details:

- Date: Monday, March 4
- Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Location: Christ First United Methodist Church, 663 Lakeview Avenue, Jamestown, NY
- Registration: Online Here

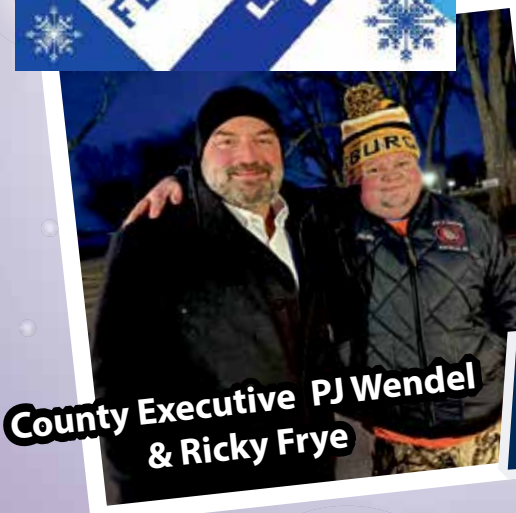
For further information, please contact Carri Raynor by email at RaynorC@chqgov.com or call 716-753-4522. Together, let's take a step forward in creating a safer community for everyone.



Kathy Carlson & Lori Cornell



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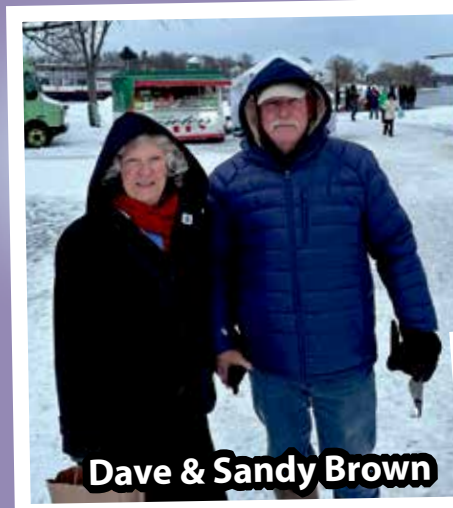
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Al & Karen Simmons
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