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## Once in a Lifetime is Here: Solar Eclipse 2024



Contributing Writer

**Pat Locke**

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On Monday April 8, 2024 Western New York State will be one of the top spots in the world for those who wish to witness the full effects of the eclipse at approximately 3:18 p.m. in the scenic and beautiful Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region. The width of the eclipse band will be 120 miles. The solar eclipse coordinates will be as follows: 25°18'N 104°06'W / 25.3°N 104.1°W.

The eclipse path will begin in Mexico and pass through twelve states, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine before ending in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador which form the most easterly province in Canada.



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In technical terms, a total solar eclipse will take place at the Moon's ascending node (points where an orbit crosses a reference plane), visible across North America and dubbed the "Great North American Eclipse" by some of the media. In laymen terms, a solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun and blocks out some or all of the Sun's rays. This rare phenomenon causes the sky to darken during the middle of the day as if it were dusk or dawn. Places that are in the eclipse's path of totality (meaning the Moon is perfectly positioned to fully block the Sun) will see the most dramatic darkening and the sunset for 360 degrees along the horizon.

For residents of Chautauqua County and for those visiting the county, it

will provide an amazing opportunity to see and experience this dramatic darkening, front and center. By now, most of us already have our eclipse plans set as to where we will observe this extraordinary moment so whether you choose to see it with a small group, a large group, with family and friends or even alone ... enjoy the sight though be sure to wear ISO 12312-2 certified solar glasses. Chautauqua County is offering these safe and certified solar eclipse glasses for free. Some of the many locations include county fire departments; county libraries; town and city offices; Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce/Jamestown office; Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services in Mayville, Jamestown and Dunkirk;

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## Paul Clemente: A Force for Laughter and Community Engagement

Article by  
**Jamestown Gazette Staff**

The Jamestown Gazette is proud to highlight the movers and shakers in the community - those who make the community vibrant and beautiful. For this edition, the Gazette is focusing on the community-minded comic and entertainment-driven Paul Clemente. Clemente said he tries to exude an aura of creativity, using his many talents and boundless energy to leave an indelible mark on the local entertainment scene. From stand-up

comedy to DJing, hosting trivia nights to announcing wrestling matches, Clemente said his passion for spreading joy knows no bounds.

His journey into the world of entertainment began in 2016 with a resolution to become more involved in the community. Joining an improv group called Nameless! Comedy proved to be the catalyst for a series of remarkable adventures. Soon after, Clemente founded the comedy production group Karate Sleepover in



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owners, organizational leaders, and engaged citizenry that make this such a great place to live, work and call home. I am proud to play a role!

If you're a visitor here to view the solar eclipse: Welcome! We are so grateful you chose our town to spend this once-in-lifetime phenomenon.

We hope to make your stay as hospitable as possible and actively encourage you to love Chautauqua County as much as we do. Thank you for reading this newspaper and for patronizing the BEST establishments featured here inside.

I'll be brief this editorial edition: very simply, the Jamestown Gazette wishes everyone - loyal readers and guests alike - an absolutely fantastic week!!! It's April.

P.S. Remeber to vote in the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, April 2!

**T**here's excitement in the air this week! I'm not FOOLIN'! (Hee-hee, yes, I got that in...)

Whether you're recharging down south; busily preparing for the solar eclipse; or diving into your post-winter "to-do" list... Chautauqua County is moving full speed ahead.

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## Chautauqua County Recognized at United Nations for Bold Efforts Against Drug Addiction



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Pictured left to right: Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr., Ambassador Hugues Sanon, Special Envoy for International Relations of the Council for Justice, Equality and Peace to the United Nations and Global Ambassador of the Foundation for a Drug-Free World and New York State Senator George Borrello.

Chautauqua County's relentless pursuit in combating drug addiction received international acclaim at the United Nations headquarters during the 68th session focused on women's empowerment.

At the invitation of Ambassador Hugues Sanon, Special Envoy for International Relations of the Council for Justice, Equality and Peace to

the United Nations and Global Ambassador of the Foundation for a Drug-Free World, County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. led a delegation to the UN on Friday, March 22, 2024 to address the pressing issue of illicit drug abuse in rural counties like Chautauqua County, and to present proactive strategies during the World Conference for a Drug-Free World.



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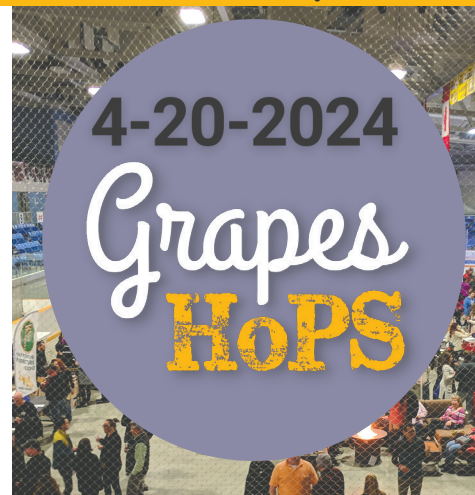


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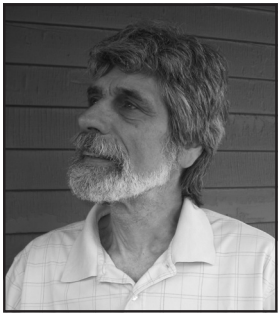






Checking In with Paul Leone

# April Fools' Day



Contributing Writer  
Paul Leone

rest. Let us, then, celebrate both the pranksters and ourselves, the fools. Of course, ourselves will generally be the pranksters one time or another and the pranksters the fools.

I had hoped in searching for information on the origins of April Fools' Day to have found some pagan antecedent agreed upon and expressed by a succession of scholars through the ages. No such luck. Seems that whatever scholars have hazarded a guess as to the origins of the day have never reached a credible consensus. The earliest suggestion I have come up with that merits scholarly consideration notes that Chaucer (Fourteenth century) in the *Nun's Priest's Tale* describes the Nun's tricky tale as having occurred thirty-two days from the beginning of March, or April 1. You would all do well to consult Chaucer on the matter, preferably in the *Old English*.

There will always be those who stretch the imagination in historical research. That Noah released the dove to signal the flood's receding earlier than the flood had actually receded has occurred to some as relative to the April Fools' origins. Noah was playing a prank?

More reasonable speculation centers on the switch called for by the Council of Trent in 1563 from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. The New Year began with the spring equinox, near April 1, in the Julian calendar. News spread slowly in the Sixteenth century. Those who continued to celebrate on the equinox rather than January 1 became *April fools* and susceptible to visible expressions of their ignorance.

Speculations abound. Suffice it to say that a celebration of fools is healthy for a general mental equilibrium.

Is it human nature to desire, and then plot and put into practice, some playful (or wicked) design to expose one's fellow to be a Fool?

I'd say yes, for who doesn't delight in one's own cleverness as demonstrated by an ability to make a believer, beyond all logic, of what to any reasonably intact individual is beyond belief? Not that the clever trickster deserves any especial credit for having proven his target gullible. It goes without saying that in this wide world of ours one doesn't have to look far to find a suitable victim.

That is not to say, however, that a certain degree of admiration is not due those capable of devising a complicated and convoluted plan to show up the insufferable egotist. Read your Shakespeare and you'll find numerous such examples never failing to inspire laughter and some sense of superiority among the laughers. Even if, to the credit of human sympathy, more often than not the ungulled onlookers experience a degree of pity toward the hapless sufferer.

But April Fools' Day? I prefer the apostrophe to follow the s as indicating the extravagant number of fools among us on April 1 (or on any other day for that matter.) You will excuse my cynicism, I trust, for I most assuredly include myself among the



## SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A minute amount (British)
- 5. Mystical or magical
- 11. Shortening
- 14. More satisfying
- 15. Other side
- 18. Philippine island
- 19. More unnatural
- 21. Mutual savings bank
- 23. Famed designer Chanel
- 24. Makes less wild
- 28. At some prior time
- 29. The cops who investigate the cops
- 30. Immune system response
- 32. Distress signal
- 33. Engine additive
- 35. "No Scrubs" trio
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 39. A reward (archaic)
- 41. Commercial
- 42. Spots where golfers start
- 44. Polite form of address (Indian)
- 46. French river
- 47. Reduce the light
- 49. Blood-sucking fly
- 52. A way to categorize
- 56. Procrastinates
- 58. Tall slender tower
- 60. Where researchers work
- 62. Office of the Pope
- 63. Office furnishing

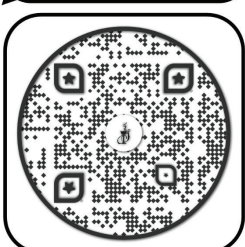
### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Possesses
- 2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. Clip
- 5. In a way, misleads
- 6. Human gene
- 7. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 8. Lizard genus
- 9. Parasites that invade the skin
- 10. Took apart
- 12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 13. S. California town
- 16. Suffix plural
- 17. Painting technique
- 20. Small Eurasian deer
- 22. Mr. T character
- 25. Microsoft
- 26. Shock therapy
- 27. Able to be sold
- 29. A doctrine
- 31. These three follow A
- 34. Pulse
- 36. Quantitative fact
- 37. Doctor \_\_: children's book author
- 38. Hebrew calendar month
- 40. Designated hitter
- 43. Northern Poland village
- 45. A passport is one form
- 48. Hand (Spanish)
- 50. Hit with the open hand
- 51. Actor Idris
- 53. Shakespeare's nickname "The \_\_"
- 54. Northern U.S. lake
- 55. Marvin and Horsley are two
- 57. Soak
- 58. Partner to cheese
- 59. Expression of disappointment
- 61. College dorm employee



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# Faith Matters

## Are We Ready?



*Contributing Writer*

**Rev. Jenni Piatt**

Christ First United Methodist Church

April 8, 2024 could be just a normal Monday. I could get up and go to work; put away my Sunday worship materials and start on the next Sunday's sermon and service; attend choir rehearsal and two evening meetings; and at the end of the day, go back to bed. Seems like a pretty standard Monday, but this one will be a bit different. With the great eclipse of 2024, people are saying we need to get ready and prepare for an unusual day.

Because of the distance of the moon from Earth, this eclipse will be longer and darker than the last eclipse in 2017. The next eclipse in the United States will be 2044 (according to NASA). This will be an exciting day. I am hoping I will be able to see this momentous event in the heavens. I suspect it will feel a bit eerie – like the darkness before a threatening storm or when the power goes out on a snowy winter night.

Between buying solar eclipse glasses, paying for travel, and lodging, arranging for extra security, and spending extra for specialized advertising, individuals, cities, and businesses are shelling out thousands of dollars to ensure they are prepared for this day. I am in awe of what our society is willing to invest in a natural event and the hope of benefiting from this day.

This eclipse is certainly rare, and it will be exciting to see, but the exhilaration that an eclipse creates is not new. Through the prophet Joel, God said that there will be a day when the sun will go dark and the moon will appear red like blood. This will happen before the great day of the LORD. But do not worry, God says he will save those who call on him (Joel 2:31-32). Jesus then quotes this passage in Matthew 24:29 when speaking to his disciples about the signs of the end times. He lets them

know that these things must happen and even when heaven and earth pass away, he – God's Word – will never cease to exist. When I think of an eclipse and the unnatural midday darkness, it brings me back to Jesus on the cross. Matthew 27:45 tells us that a darkness fell at about three in the afternoon, just as Jesus was dying. I can hardly imagine what those around the cross felt in that moment.

I have heard theories and explanations about how some people believe this eclipse is a sign of the end times or God's punishment on the US. Because of the anomalies of the coming eclipse on April 8, some believe it will surely bring in the rapture – the return of Christ Jesus and the raising of the church to heaven. I, however, cannot say that is the case. The same chapter of Matthew, noted above, says that nobody knows when the last day will take place. Although I find this fascinating, I tend to watch natural events unfold with great interest and anticipation for the glory and power of God to be revealed. Psalm 19:1 expresses that God's glory sings from the heavens and God's works are announced in the sky.

The talk about the eclipse, the preparations, the time, energy, and expense being invested, and the connection people are making to the end times just makes me wonder. What if we saw the glory of God in each day? What if we saw God's handiwork in each worm and spider? What if we listened to God's warnings now instead of fearing the punishment? What if we then used our resources to prepare for our eternal home? What if we reminded our friends and neighbors about Jesus as much as we are making sure they have their special glasses? What if we were focusing this same amount of attention on storing up our treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:20)? The ultimate question is: Will we be as ready for our final day on earth as we are for the eclipse?

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# Chautauqua County Health Department Celebrates National Public Health Week



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Health Departments across the nation are taking part to celebrate National Public Health Week (NPHW), April 1-7. The Chautauqua County Health Department highlights the NPHW theme Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We are all public health. We all — individuals, families, communities and the public health workforce — have a part to play in our "public's health." The first step in helping to improve our health and well being, is understanding the power that comes from joining together, engaging in our community and making choices that help protect ourselves and our neighbors.

"Our individual and public health is undoubtedly related to community engagement. Connecting with neighbors and being an active part of one's community breeds a deeper sense of responsibility, understanding, and desire for equitability, inclusivity, and responsiveness to the needs of those around us," states Lacey Wilson, Chautauqua County Public Health Director, "We truly are better and stronger together - 'a cord of three strands is not easily broken.' Our personal health outcomes improve relative to our social engagement, and we help those around us thrive when we make positive choices for ourselves and our communities."

The Chautauqua County Health Department is tasked with facilitating a county-wide health system that ensures coverage of six core service areas, which include: chronic disease prevention, emergency preparedness and response, family health, infectious disease surveillance, community and environmental health.

The following highlight some of the on-going and as-needed initiatives the Health Department either provides directly or along with partner agencies in the community.

• **Civic Engagement:** Providing

technical assistance to municipalities with an outcome to increase and improve green spaces throughout the county.

• **Healthy Neighborhoods:** Leading a strategic, collaborative approach to mitigate and prevent addiction and substance misuse, providing improved outcomes for individuals directly affected by addiction and a focused dismantling of the local predatory illicit drug market, as well as improving the safety of our neighborhoods.

• **New Tools and Innovations:** Developing a new communications and outreach division to improve dialogue and find innovative ways to share public health information with the community, when and where it matters.

• **Reproductive and Sexual Health:** Partnering with The Chautauqua Center (TCC) in providing reproductive services including contraception, pregnancy testing, education, counseling, STD/STI testing and treatment, HIV testing and HPV vaccination services.

• **Emergency and Environmental Preparedness:** Constantly improving the Emergency Preparedness Team procedures and response efforts, so that in the event of an emergency, proper authorities are ready to take the action needed.

In addition to the six core areas the Local Health Department coordinates, we also serve as a health access "safety net" to fill gaps in services available in our communities. For more information visit [www.HealthyCHQ.com](http://www.HealthyCHQ.com).

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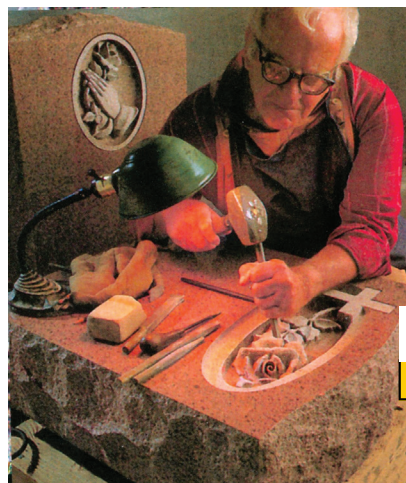
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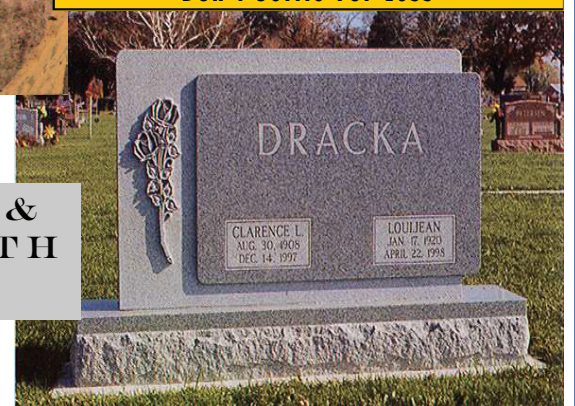
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## Local Business Owner Donates New Risers to Love Elementary School



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Jim Rauh, owner of Jim Rauh Enterprises, recently made a donation to S.G. Love Elementary School in Jamestown to help the school obtain new risers for student performances.

donation after meeting the school's long-term substitute music teacher Anne Dolce in the community. Pictured from left to right are Rauh, his son Jimmy, Dolce, and Love School Principal Cindy Johnson.

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## "Finding Awe in Dark Times" Rev. Alex Holt to Speak at Unitarian Universalist Congregation on April 7

Article Contributed by

Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Jamestown

Rev. Alex Holt speaks at the 10:30 a.m., April 7 Sunday service of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Avenue. His message is "Finding Awe in Dark Times." The Story for All Ages is Marcus Pfister's book Sun and Moon. Linda Hiers is service leader and Julie Anderson, pianist. To join virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.



Submitted Photo

Rev. Alex Holt

## Paul Clemente: A Force for Laughter and Community Engagement

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2017, producing shows that attracted audiences far and wide.

Beyond his comedic endeavors, Clemente established Crescent City Comedy in 2023. Under this banner, he offers a range of marketing services to local businesses, including the Jamestown Gazette, and leverages his expertise to help them thrive in an increasingly digital world.

Clemente's commitment to community engagement extends beyond his professional endeavors. As a dedicated family man with a wife, three children, and four cats, Clemente said he balances his numerous roles while maintaining a family focus.

Reflecting on his journey, Clemente

emphasizes the joy of giving back and making a positive impact on the lives of others. Clemente enjoys providing opportunities for laughter in the community, and aiding local companies with their various needs in marketing to support the development of Chautauqua County.

In a world where kindness is often in short supply, Clemente said he hopes to serve as a shining example of the transformative power of compassion and positivity. He said as his legacy continues to unfold in Jamestown, he hopes his contributions will be remembered not only for the laughter they bring but also for the sense of community they foster.





# Eclipse 101

Contributed by the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau

The Chautauqua-Lake Erie region lies along the optimal path, or path of totality, for the April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. Western New York State is one of the top spots in the world for those who wish to witness the full effects of the eclipse, which you'll see at approximately 3:18 p.m. in the scenic and beautiful Chautauqua-Lake Erie Region. This is the first Total Solar Eclipse in New York State since January 24, 1925. The partial phase of the eclipse will begin at 2:04 p.m., before the full eclipse at 3:18 p.m. The partial phase will end at 4:31 p.m.

### Eclipse Viewing Tips:

- When viewing the eclipse, use eclipse glasses at all times when any part of the Sun is visible.
- Direct viewing of the Sun can cause permanent damage if the proper precautions are not taken. Adequate eye protection specifically designed for viewing the Sun is essential and should be worn so that no harmful rays from the Sun can reach the eye.
- The temperature may drop rapidly during the eclipse, so prepare for cooler weather.
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## MHA Luncheon Highlights Opportunities and Achievements

Executive Director Steven Cobb opened the March recovery luncheon of the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA) by sharing his enthusiasm for On Point, a program that focuses on safe consumption for people who use substances.



Submitted Photo  
Apprentice Steve McIntyre (left) and a journeyman (not pictured) from IBEW Local 106 Electricians Union removed and replaced receptacles used for monthly recovery luncheons at the Mental Health Association. McIntyre is pictured with retiree Jeff Marsh, who coordinated the volunteer event.

Because everyone is different, the MHA has many different kinds of groups. A new group is SMART Recovery that meets on Fridays at noon to help people recover from addictive and problematic behaviors. Not associated with religion or spirituality, its approach is secular and research-based, and it is open to anyone.

Information about the helpline Never Use Alone – 1(877) 696-1996 – was in MHA's recent newsletter that can be found online at MHACHautauqua.org/Newsletters.

All MHA programs and services are free, including xylazine wound care kits, fentanyl test kits, and Narcan, an over-the-counter opioid overdose treatment. Staff can show how to use these and can get people connected with a doctor.

Certificates were awarded to three participants for milestones they

achieved: six months of sobriety, 27 years of sobriety, and a new job at UCAN City Mission.

The meal that was prepared and served by members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County is a peer recovery center offering support groups and individual coaching. To learn more, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHACHautauqua.

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**APRIL 3**  
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Variety of Eclipse themed workshops  
April 3-6 - Pearl City Clay House  
For schedule/info: [pearlcityclayhouse.org/programming/](http://pearlcityclayhouse.org/programming/)

**APRIL 4**  
**Eclipse Program – 1pm-3pm**  
Allegany State Park  
Quaker Bathhouse Great Room, Quaker Area

**WEEKEND LONG EVENTS**  
**APRIL 5 - APRIL 8**  
**Total Solar Eclipse Weekend**  
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**Eclipse Weekend**  
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**APRIL 6 - APRIL 8**  
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**APRIL 7 - APRIL 8**  
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**Mini Group Healings - 1-4pm**  
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**Eclipse Pre-Party - 7pm**  
Sunset Bay, Irving  
For info: [facebook.com/SunsetbayUSA](https://facebook.com/SunsetbayUSA)

**APRIL 8**  
**Eclipse Watch - 8am-4pm**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
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[lilydaleassembly.org/arts-crafts-funfest](http://lilydaleassembly.org/arts-crafts-funfest)

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**Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party 10am-9pm**  
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**Eclipse Party at the Inn - 12pm-5pm**  
Bemus Point Inn

**The Celestial Story: An Eclipse Adventure 12pm-6pm**  
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**Eclipse Party 12pm-9pm**  
The Empty Pint at Southern Tier Brewing Co. Lakewood, NY

**Blackout Day in Sunset Bay**  
Sunset Bay Beach Club, Irving  
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**Eclipse Viewing at Grape Discovery Center**  
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The Swamp, Jamestown

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**Solar Eclipse Watch Party - 1-5pm**  
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**Frewsburg American Legion Eclipse Festivities- 1-10pm**  
American Legion Post 556, Frewsburg  
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For info: [facebook.com/americanLegionPost556](https://facebook.com/americanLegionPost556)

**Solar Eclipse Party - 2pm-4pm**  
The Fish, Bemus Point  
For info: [bemuspointfish.club](http://bemuspointfish.club)

# 2024 Solar Eclipse

## Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau Safety Guide



Submitted Photo

Solar Eclipse: Monday, April 8, 2024 at approximately 3:15 p.m. in Chautauqua County.

Welcome to the ultimate safety guide for experiencing the 2024 Solar Eclipse in Chautauqua County, New York.

Chautauqua County is set to be a prime location to view the 2024 Solar Eclipse. This rare event promises a breathtaking display in our skies. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly between the sun and the Earth, casting a shadow on the Earth. This results in a temporary dimming of sunlight, transforming day into night.

### Eclipse Glasses: Pick up a Free Pair Today!

Members of the public are encouraged to collect solar glasses from the mentioned locations, while businesses, community groups, organizations, and schools seeking larger quantities can email [glasses@CHQGov.com](mailto:glasses@CHQGov.com) to file a request.

### Weather Preparedness: Stay Informed

- Check Weather Updates: Keep a close eye on weather forecasts as the eclipse day approaches. Stay flexible and be prepared to move to an alternate location if needed. Learn more at [www.weather.gov/buf/totaleclipse](http://www.weather.gov/buf/totaleclipse)
- Backup Plans: Have a backup plan in case of unfavorable weather conditions. Research indoor viewing events or live streams to ensure you don't miss the spectacle.

### NY-Alert: Stay Updated

Sign up to the NY-Alert system to receive critical information and emergency alerts for Chautauqua County during the Eclipse and at other times throughout the year. NY-Alert contains critical, emergency-related information including instructions and recommendations in real-time by

### Protect Your Eyes

**DO NOT look into the SUN without proper protection.**

#### DOs:

- Do use special "eclipse glasses" that comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Some glasses are being sold that are not ISO and are not safe!
- Do inspect glasses and viewers before use. If damaged, DO NOT use.
- Do supervise children to make sure they are using glasses and viewers correctly.
- Do wear regular glasses (if you use them) and place the "eclipse glasses" over your normal glasses.
- Do limit viewing the Sun (with eclipse glasses) to 3 minutes of continuous use, intermittently for several hours.

#### Don'ts:

- Don't look directly at the Sun without proper eye protection.
- Don't use regular sunglasses. Ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe. Special eclipse glasses and viewers are thousands of times darker than regular sunglasses.
- Don't leave children unsupervised. Make sure they are using glasses and viewers correctly.
- Don't look at the eclipse through a camera, telescope, binoculars or other optical device. Eclipse glasses do not offer additional protection.

emergency personnel. Residents can sign up at [alert.ny.gov](http://alert.ny.gov).

### Ready for the Eclipse Adventure?

Follow [CHQGov.com/eclipse](http://CHQGov.com/eclipse) for comprehensive updates and helpful resources. Make your 2024 Solar Eclipse experience safe and truly unforgettable!





# Shining Light on Eclipse Histories

Article Contributed by

**Norman Carlson**

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Fenton History Center

Condensed and updated from an article by Norman Carlson in the *Post-Journal*, May 8, 1994 pages E 1 and E 2

Ancient people paid attention to the sky. They worked outside, often before sunrise and after sunset. They spent long, quiet hours around campfires. They looked up through the clear air. Their next day's work was determined by what they saw in the clouds. Their seasonal schedule - planting, harvesting, moving to different hunting or fishing locations - was determined by the objects in the night sky. The sky was the clock, calendar and home of the incomprehended forces that controlled everything on Earth. It was the home of the gods. People understood the pattern and regularity of the sky. They greatly feared any exception to that crucial regularity.

Northern peoples - I think of the Swedes - had excellent reason to entreat the mid-winter sun's return and rejoice at its mid-summer strength. Nearly every primitive tribe harbored ritualized fear that some year the sun and spring might fail to return.

Before astronomy gave us an understanding of the seasons and the motions of the heavenly bodies, solar eclipses delivered a double terror: superstitious panic on confrontation with the unexpected and activation of the constant dread of the death of the sun. If mere wispy comets provoked mass fear as omens of doom, imagine the drama of an unexpected, unexplained eclipse of the sun.

History has a number of examples of solar eclipses altering or sometimes re-enforcing the course of events. The classic example, from the pen of Herodotus, himself, was the total eclipse of the sun on May 28, 585 B.C. This occurred in the middle of a pitched battle between the Lydians of Asia Minor and the invading Medes of present day Iran. The unplanned peace may have helped stem this early advance of Middle Eastern power toward the founding region of European civilization. That civilization was then still small, primitive, and vulnerable. The story, it should be noted, is subject to modern criticism on several points.

On Feb. 29, 1504 in Jamaica, Columbus exploited his prior knowledge of an eclipse of the moon to terrify the Indians into keeping his hungry Spaniards better supplied.

Closer to home, two of the many conflicting accounts of the origin of the Iroquois league appear to mentioning a solar eclipse: "a darkening of the Great Spirit's smiling face" in one account, and in the other, "the sun went out and for a while it was complete darkness."

Historians love mentions of eclipses

in historical and legendary accounts because they are a magnificent dating tool. Nowhere is one more desperately needed than in determining the founding date of the Iroquois league. This is about as extreme an example as one can find of the variability and unreliability of oral tradition for chronology. Iroquois informants, mostly in the 19th century, typically responded to the questions about the age of this wondrous aboriginal political institution by saying it was founded so many generations or lifetimes before Europeans came.

Did the informants use life time and generation interchangeably? A generation could be as little as 17 years. A lifetime could easily mean 80.

Historians usually assume "the first European" means either Champlain coming down from the St. Lawrence for a brief skirmish of Hudons at the site of present day Albany both in 1609. Others tag it to news and rumors drifting in from Cartier's activity at Montreal in the 1530's. I think an Iroquois would more likely be speaking of the first contact with Europeans on his home ground, inland from the Hudson and well removed from the St. Lawrence. Again, depending on how they saw it, that could mean anything from 1615 to the 1630's. All in all, commonly suggested founding dates range from 1500 to 1600 with a total range from about 500 to 1630. Add to this confusion the fact that the league, essentially a non-aggression pact, and the confederacy, a political and military union, are really two different things, one growing out of the other certainly, decades, possibly centuries later. Few, if any Indian informants or white interrogators consciously made the distinction.

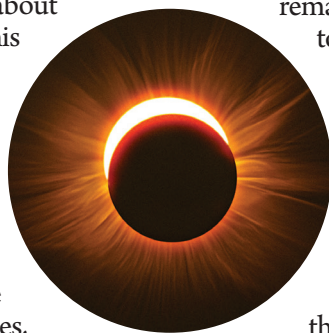
Given all that, an eclipse would seem to be a godsend for narrowing down or even fixing the date of league formation. All the more so when we find that the legends specify that the corn was receiving its last tillage, according to one source, or it was getting ripe or the grass was knee high according to the other source. Two students of Iroquois lore, W. W. Canfield in 1902 and P. A. W. Wallace in 1948, considered all this and both concluded that the formation of the Iroquois league was associated with the total eclipse of June 28, 1451.

In 1982, Dean R. Snow, a senior archaeologist with particular interest in the Mohawk homeland, reconsidered the evidence and found good grounds to question the assumptions and methods of the earlier workers. He found that between 1350 and 1650 there were actually 21 eclipses that were seen at 80 percent or more of totality in central New York. Using his own assumptions, he narrowed the list down to four most likely dates from 1442 to 1554. He would agree with the earlier writers in preferring June 28, 1451 except for the fact archaeology

shows settlement patterns at that date had not yet coalesced into the tribal patterns that would seem to be a prerequisite for a league. Factoring that in, his preferred date is June 18, 1554.

In 1997 an article appeared in the *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* that supported a 12th century date. However, just two years later, another article in the same journal pointed out serious problems of several sorts with that work. It is highly unlikely that Iroquois culture and identity was developed to an extent by the 12th century, that would foster such a development. Improvements in radiocarbon dating in this century, applied to the central New York area set the era of Iroquois development about 50 years more recent than they were even in the 1990's making a 12th century date even less plausible.

The area that would later become Chautauqua County probably was home to fewer than 1,000 people in 1806. Nevertheless, the total eclipse of the sun June 16, of that year has its own short chapter in our earliest full length history book 69 years later. Many of our pioneers saw the eclipse in their earlier homes in eastern New York and New England and this no doubt accounted for most of its later local fame. Interestingly, the greater historical significance of this eclipse remains unmentioned locally to this day.



Settlement in Western New York had been held back by the problems and policies of the Holland Land Company. The real frontier was 300 miles to the west in Ohio, Indiana, and adjacent states. Tecumseh, a Shawnee chief, and his brother Tenskwatawa, known as The Prophet, were building regional Indian resistance against further white advance. Theirs was the last of the few serious attempts to get Indians to think racially and put aside their tribal and local disputes in an effort to avoid being swallowed up by European civilization. Tecumseh met with indifferent success among his own people and even less with the Iroquois of New York, but many threatened tribes in and south of the old Northwest came into his alliance in the first decade of the 19th century. The centerpiece of Tecumseh's policy was a prohibition against any tribe or smaller group selling additional land to the Americans. Land should be sold only by consent of all Indians.

Tenskwatawa, blessed with none of the appearance, bearing, and character of his brother, nevertheless gradually forged a common belief system and motivational ideology for the Indian allies. This new religion discouraged drinking and other customs learned from the white people. It promoted revival of aboriginal practices. This political and religious pairing of brothers is more than a little reminiscent of Cornplanter and Handsome Lake among the Senecas.

The eclipse provided the opportunity Tenskwatawa needed to establish his reputation and credibility at the level necessary to overcome Indian resistance to their age long contempt for any person, leader, or idea from beyond their own town or tribe. Apparently the British had tipped off Tecumseh or Tenskwatawa of the impending eclipse early in the year. The British were churlish about the independence of their former colonies and they used every trick and connivance in the book to thwart our national identity and purpose for decades after the Revolution. The various

Indian tribes were frequent pawns in their game.

In April, William Henry Harrison, governor of the Indiana Territory, in a letter to tribal leaders, had spoken out against Tenskwatawa because of brutalities he had directed against defenseless scape goats among his own people and because it was apparent his preachings pointed to future trouble for white settlers. Tenskwatawa seized the challenge and predicted the eclipse 50 days in advance thus demonstrating his powers which Harrison had ridiculed.

The fulfillment of the prophecy had a profound effect in the short run, but the tide turned against Tecumseh, and even more so against Tenskwatawa, when Harrison defeated him - Tecumseh was absent - at the battle of Tippecanoe Nov. 7, 1811.

If the battle was the beginning of Tecumseh's fall, it was the start of Harrison's rise. It gave him the nickname that has been a delight for puckish children and adults to this day. On it was built a theme song and a campaign that placed Harrison in the presidency in the election of 1840 - Tippecanoe and Tyler too.

Some promotional genius lay behind the campaign of 1840. America had never seen anything like it - vast processions and camp meetings, party banners, the wearing of party emblems, the publishing and mass singing of party songs. "Log cabin and hard cider" was the motto. Party faithful erected tall poles and the opponents tried to outwit the guards and chop them down. Jamestown and other places in the county saw log cabins with elaborate inside and outside accouterments ceremonially erected.

The old keelboat canal was converted into a fire pit for an ox barbeque. Pages 164 and 165 of volume one of our Centennial History contain a full account. Harrison and the Whigs swept the country and the county but probably not one of the local voters connected the fame of their candidate to the "Great Eclipse." as they called it, in 1806.

I thank Ronald Kohl and Karen Livsey for providing articles important in the preparation of this piece.





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## Many Audubon Events Lead Up to April 8 Eclipse Celebration



Submitted Photos



Audubon Lights – Audubon Community Nature Center's spectacular light displays and laser light shows with live entertainment and treats around a warm fire – are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 5-7. Make reservations for the horse-drawn carriage rides at the all-day Eclipse Celebration on Monday, April 8.

Expecting thousands of visitors to Chautauqua County for the solar eclipse, Audubon Community Nature Center has added even more great weekend opportunities:

**Friday, April 5** - Kick off the weekend with First Friday, 11 a.m.-noon: "Flexing Our Mussels."

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nights, April 5-7** - At Audubon Lights, 8:30-10 p.m., walk along a luminary-lit trail passing stunningly beautiful displays and laser light shows; finish off with live entertainment and snacks around a warm fire. Food and LED light gadgets for sale.

**Saturday, April 6** - Meet some of Audubon's reptiles and amphibians at the 10-11 a.m. Creature Feature. Go on a Springtime Adventure 2-3:30 p.m. and experience nature through outdoor activities.

**Sunday, April 7** - Building admission is free on Sundays and so is a Special Eclipse First Sunday Storytime, 12:30-1 p.m. for 2-8-year-olds.

**Monday, April 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** is the Eclipse Watch celebration. For \$20 parking (limited to first 200 vehicles), you can enjoy many activities and free admission to the Nature Center. Watch the eclipse from excellent observation points. But first, delight in horse-drawn carriage rides (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), live music (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), food trucks (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and more.

Modest fees vary by event. Call (716) 569-2345 or click through Programs and Events at [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org) for all the details. Audubon is at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa.

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### Eye on Science

## Eclipses: A Few Minutes Every Few Hundred Years



**Dr. Sean Nowling**  
Assistant Professor of Physics  
Jamestown Community College

As a physics professor at Jamestown Community College, my students and I have been working to be ready to make scientific measurements as well as lead viewing activities

on campus. Eclipses are events that only occur for a few minutes every few hundred years at each location on Earth. The upcoming eclipse marks the first time the path of totality crosses this area since 1806, and it will not happen again here until 2144.

Using protective glasses, we will be able to see many interesting features of the Sun's atmosphere that are usually obscured by its great intensity. These few awe-inspiring moments serve as cosmic reminders of our place in the cosmos, inviting all people to marvel at the wonders of the universe.





## Solar Eclipse 2024 to be Seen in its Totality in Chautauqua County and Region

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Dunkirk City Hall; Chautauqua County Executive's Office; Chautauqua County Health Department, Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport; Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office; Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau; Chautauqua Institution; Jamestown Community College; Jamestown BPU and the Fluvanna Community Historical Society.

Only 21 total solar eclipses have ever crossed the lower 48 states. This event is rare as it won't be until August 12, 2045 that a total solar eclipse will pass again from coast to coast across the country. This eclipse will be visible in northern California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. There will be a prior total solar eclipse on August 22, 2044, but the path of totality will only be visible from Montana and North and South Dakota.

The longest duration of our April 8 totality will be four minutes, 28 seconds near Torreon, Mexico. Because the total eclipse path is 120 miles wide, people along the path of totality will see a totality duration between two and four minutes. In the United States, totality will begin in Texas at 1:27 p.m. CDT and will end in Maine at 3:35 p.m. EDT. By comparison, when the last total eclipse (partial in Chautauqua County) occurred on August 21, 2017, the duration was only 2 minutes, 40 seconds. Locally, the first contact of the moon will occur at 2:03 p.m. Totality will begin at 3:18 p.m., and last contact will occur at 4:30 p.m.

Given you might have to wait a couple decades for the next one, it might be worth taking a photo to

capture the moment. While most total solar eclipses are taken with specialized cameras, smartphones can still do a reasonable job with special precautions. For any partial phase of the eclipse (before or after totality), place a solar filter - such as certified solar eclipse glasses - over the camera lens on your phone to take a picture. Use extreme caution to not look at the sun while shooting the photo. During the period of totality, you may remove the glasses to safely photograph and witness the full beauty of the totality. It is not recommended to use a telescope to view the eclipse unless you have proper equipment and training.

Corey Swanson is President of the Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc., the owner and operator of the Martz-Kohl Observatory on Robbin Hill Road in Frewsburg. The Observatory has provided extensive community and school presentations to help educate the public prior to the total eclipse. The facility will not be open on April 8 due to safety concerns as the facility is unable to handle large numbers of people.

Swanson stated, "The total solar eclipse is a once-in-a-lifetime event that will allow us here in Chautauqua County to experience one of the most exciting celestial phenomenon. Please check our website and Facebook page for information related to the eclipse. We hope everyone enjoys the eclipse safely and will share your memories for years to come. Clear Skies."

Remember to protect your eyes and enjoy this most memorable event ... right in our own backyard!



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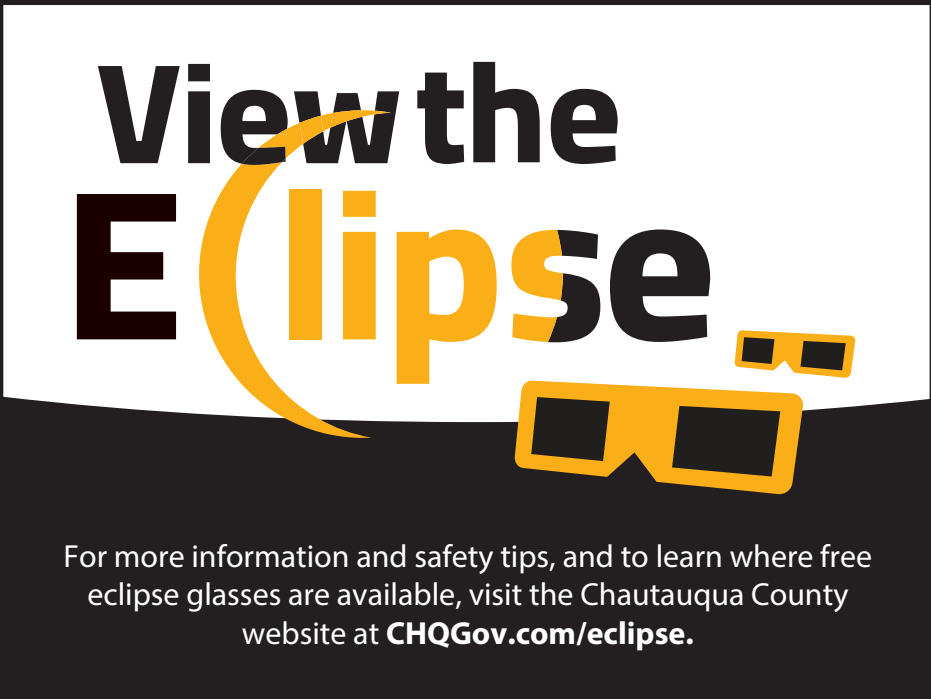
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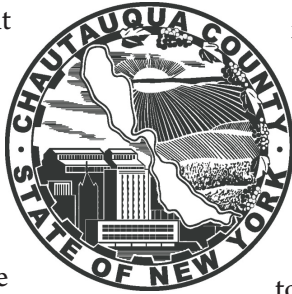




# Stay Safe on the Water: Chautauqua County's Eclipse Boater Safety Tips

Chautauqua County emphasizes boater safety for those planning to experience the celestial event on the water.

Noel Guttman, Director of Emergency Services, underscores the importance of preparedness, especially for both experienced and inexperienced boaters navigating the waters during the eclipse. "During those few minutes of darkness, it's crucial for boaters to be vigilant," says Guttman. "Many boaters might not be accustomed to navigating in the dark, so proper lighting and caution are essential."



Key safety tips include ensuring the presence of life jackets and navigational lights or flashlights on canoes or kayaks. Guttman advises boaters to remain cautious of their surroundings, particularly in low-light conditions, and to avoid potential hazards such as walls and other boats.

Guttman also highlights the significance of understanding

water temperatures, noting that despite sunny weather, water temperatures may be as low as 40 degrees Fahrenheit during the eclipse. "Even in seemingly mild weather, cold water exposure can be life-threatening," he cautions.

To mitigate risks, Guttman recommends equipping boats with functioning radios for communication and maintaining proper boat maintenance. Additionally, boaters should inform friends and family of their plans before setting sail to ensure swift assistance in case of emergencies.

Chautauqua County Emergency Services, along with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office and other local fire departments, will strategically place navigation resources to respond to emergencies effectively.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Chamber Corner

**Daniel J. Heitzenrater**  
President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

## Bright Spots Amidst the Blackout

Ready or not the total solar eclipse is coming our way on April 8! We can confidently say that most of Chautauqua County is ready. This is thanks in large part to Chautauqua County Emergency Management Director Noel Guttman, County Executive PJ Wendel, the Martz-Kohl Observatory, and the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau. Along with our staff at the Chamber of Commerce, these individuals and organizations have made a point of urging local organizations, individuals, and businesses to be prepared. Preparation includes planning ahead for traffic, supplies, and eye protection.

Here in Chautauqua County, we have dozens of businesses and organizations going out of their way to host eclipse watch events, open extra hours, and provide fun and interesting activities around this incredible celestial event. The Chamber of Commerce and the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau have assembled lists of places that are holding special events and/or special hours during the eclipse weekend and the day of the event. You can find information online at [www.chautauquachamber.org](http://www.chautauquachamber.org) and [www.tourchautauqua.com](http://www.tourchautauqua.com).

For businesses and organizations hosting eclipse watch parties, this coming week is your last chance to stock up on supplies. Restaurants may want to be prepared for extra guests. Local hotels and other guest accommodations are mostly sold out, and visitors will be seeking places to eat and shop during their stays.

With an influx of tourist traffic anticipated for the eclipse, Chautauqua County government proactively purchased thousands of special eclipse glasses. By using Occupancy Tax funding – paid by past visitors to our county – they were able to acquire eclipse glasses for residents and visitors alike. They are ISO certified and meet the international standard for safe viewing of the sun. These glasses are available for free through most municipalities, libraries, and through the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce. Here are

some safety tips for using them:

- Do not look directly at the sun without proper eye protection
- Regular sunglasses – even very dark ones – will not protect your eyes for solar viewing.
- Limit sun viewing, even with eclipse glasses, to three minutes of continuous use – or intermittently over several hours.
- If you wear regular prescription glasses, put the solar eclipse glasses OVER your normal glasses.
- Supervise children to make sure they are using them properly.
- Once the eclipse is in totality, you can take off the glasses. Put them back on when the sun starts to show again.
- Use a solar eclipse lens filter over all camera lenses, including a phone camera, to avoid damage to your lens. Do not view the eclipse through binoculars or a telescope.

Emergency Services Director Noel Guttman is urging people to prepare as you would for a winter storm. Traffic tie-ups are anticipated, especially on major roads where people will be heading to and from eclipse viewing areas. The path of totality includes Erie, PA and Buffalo, NY and congested traffic is expected on roads in that vicinity.

The eclipse will start as a partial eclipse just after 2pm, and totality will begin somewhere between 3:15 and 3:18, depending on your location. The duration of totality will range from about 2 minutes 30 seconds along the southern edge of the path in New York State to 3 minutes 45 seconds along the Lake Erie shoreline, which is closer to the center of the path. Even on a cloudy day, the sky will get dark as if it was night.

We are all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and clear skies as Chautauqua County gets to participate in one of the most amazing events of our lifetimes. We urge one and all to enjoy it safely!

# SUNY JCC Hosting Activities on Jamestown Campus to Celebrate Total Solar Eclipse

SUNY Jamestown Community College is hosting an afternoon of free fun and informational activities to celebrate the total solar eclipse on April 8 at the Jamestown Campus.



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Activities are scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Eclipse totality on campus is expected for nearly three minutes at approximately 3:19 p.m.

All are invited to attend. Experiences include a full-scale model of the solar system; rocket launch game; virtual reality experience; eclipse simulation; solar-themed arts, crafts, and poetry readings; a campus scavenger hunt; science experiments; campus and academic program tours; and food and drinks.

This is the first total solar eclipse with the path of totality passing through the region since June 16, 1806 and there will not be another until Oct. 26, 2144, shared Kari Shrou, a JCC Biology instructor who is helping organize the campus event.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we want to do all we can to make it memorable," she added. "Pretty much everywhere you step on campus, we'll have a fun and interactive educational activity for children and families, including an ideal eclipse viewing location."

Eclipse-viewing glasses and campus maps showing activity locations will be available.

Visit [sunnyjcc.edu/events](http://sunnyjcc.edu/events) and find the April 8 total eclipse event to RSVP.

Contact Kari Shrou at [KariShrou@mail.sunnyjcc.edu](mailto:KariShrou@mail.sunnyjcc.edu) or 716.338.1373 for more information.





# This Week Around Town

**APRIL 2**

**Registration Deadline: Mud Camp – April 4, 9am–3pm**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
For info: (716) 569-2345  
www.auduboncnc.org

**Dining in the Dark – Reservations due**  
April 12 @ 5:30 - Chautauqua Harbor Hotel  
reservations online at cbavision.org, or by calling 716-664-6660

**APRIL 3**

**The Real Game of Life: Teen Resource Fair – 11am-2pm**  
G.A. Family Services Gymnasium  
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**Movies at the Reg: Migration – 2pm-3:30pm**  
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**APRIL 5**

**First Friday at Audubon – 11am**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
Flexing Our Mussels - with Elyse Henshaw  
Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.  
For info: auduboncnc.org

**Audubon Lights – 8:30-10pm**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
For paid reservations: AudubonCNC.org

**APRIL 6**

**Creature Feature – 10am**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome  
For info: auduboncnc.org

**Springtime Adventure Hike – 2pm-3:30pm**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
For info: AudubonCNC.org

**Pottery & Crafts Workshops – 10am-8pm**  
Pearl City Clay House  
For schedule/info: pearlcityclayhouse.org/programming/

**Free Wine Tastings 11am-1pm**  
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**APRIL 7**

**First Sunday Story Time (ages 2-8) 12:30pm-1pm**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
For info: AudubonCNC.org

**“Finding Awe in Dark Times.” – 10:30am**  
Rev. Alex Holt  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown  
To join virtually, use the link at: UUJamestown.org/calendar

## CCIDA Board Approves Loan Totaling \$400,000 for Tim & Edmond, LLC



At its March 26, 2024 meeting, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved low-interest loans for three separate businesses totaling \$725,000: Tim & Edmond, LLC; LINC Products & Services (LINC); and Excelco/Newbrook, Inc (ENI). The loans will not only help to retain existing positions but also lead to additional jobs being created in Chautauqua County.

The loan approved for Tim & Edmond, LLC was for \$400,000 and will be used to assist in the upgrade of its facility at 245 and 255 Fluvanna Ave. in Jamestown. Tim and Edmond Shults - owners of Shults Real Estate and Tim & Edmond, LLC

- have operated the real estate management company since 2007. In 2016, they purchased the 60,000-Square-foot former Quality Markets location and received a use variance from the City of Jamestown Zoning Board of Appeals for light manufacturing in this location. The new upgrade project will help ensure the Fluvanna Avenue facility can accommodate additional manufacturing usage. Total cost of the upgrade is \$1,020,000. The terms of the \$400,000 CCIDA loan are 15 years and 4% interest.

*“It’s best not to stare at the sun during an eclipse.”*

- Jeff Goldblum

## Chautauqua County-Jamestown Airport Set to Host a Sky-High Eclipse Viewing Extravaganza

As the moon gracefully casts its shadow across a vast stretch of the U.S., Mexico, and Canada on April 8, 2024, Chautauqua County-Jamestown Airport (JHW) is set to be the epicenter of a two-day celestial celebration.

Locals and visitors alike are invited to immerse themselves in the midday darkness and witness the eclipse spectacle, beginning around 3:15 p.m. locally.

Festivities will unfold on April 7th and 8th at the Chautauqua County-Jamestown Airport’s “Fly-by Night” event, kicking off with a pancake breakfast each morning starting at 7 am. Attendees will have ample time to revel in the celestial wonders and engaging activities; including dozens of vendors, adding to the lively and bustling atmosphere at the airport, into the evening.

Airport Manager Shannon Fischer has unveiled exciting plans for a two-day free eclipse viewing event, transforming the airport into a vibrant hub of activity.

“The eclipse viewing party promises not only a unique spectacle in the sky but also a vibrant atmosphere filled with aviation enthusiasts, diverse vendors, and exciting activities,” said Airport Manager Shannon Fischer. “Our airport is ready to soar with excitement as we anticipate the influx of visitors who will undoubtedly make this event a truly unforgettable experience.”

A DJ will set the mood, ensuring a spirited atmosphere throughout the two-day event. There will also be time to indulge in a diverse array of

culinary delights with tempting food trucks offering a variety of delectable treats. In addition, the Great Lakes Flight Center will be offering rides to experience the eclipse from the sky.

“We have our 5 aircraft available for pilots to rent to be able to watch the eclipse from the air,” said Dave Hinz, President / Flight Instructor at Great Lakes Flight Center. “Currently we have one of our aircraft already reserved for a private rental and we’ll also be taking a group of students/pilots from our flight school up in another of our aircraft to view the eclipse from altitude.”

With Chautauqua County situated in the eclipse’s path of totality, expect a sky adorned with numerous aircraft arrivals, creating a dynamic and memorable experience for aviation enthusiasts.

“We’re thrilled to showcase the beauty of Chautauqua County-Jamestown Airport as a prime destination for the 2024 Solar Eclipse,” said Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. “Welcoming visitors from near and far, our airport promises an unforgettable celebration of aviation, entertainment, and the wonders of the cosmos. We invite everyone to join us and make lasting memories under the Chautauqua County sky.”

On Sunday at 10 a.m., a special dedication ceremony will honor Joseph Minarovich, a stalwart in aviation whose legacy continues to inspire younger generations.

## TOTAL ECLIPSE TRIVIA

1. A Total Solar Eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the \_\_\_\_ and sun and blocks out all of the sun’s rays.
2. At approximately what time will the full eclipse occur in the Jamestown area? a)3:18pm b)2:42pm c)4:01pm
3. This is the first Total Solar Eclipse with the path of totality passing through the Jamestown area since: a)1912 b)1806 c)1865
4. There will not be another Total Solar Eclipse in the Jamestown area until: a)2054 b)2101 c)2144
5. Jamestown will have approximately what duration of totality? a)1 minute, 53 seconds b)2 minutes, 53 seconds c)3 minutes, 3 seconds
6. The Lake Erie shoreline communities will have approximately what duration of totality? a)3 minutes, 40 seconds b)2 minutes, 53 seconds c)3 minutes, 22 seconds
7. T or F: Never look directly at the sun without special protective glasses.
8. T or F: Authorities expect very few visitors and very little traffic to the area.
9. T or F: During the eclipse the temperature may drop and people and animals may become disoriented.
10. What organization in Chautauqua County is rooted in the public education and enjoyment of astronomical wonders like the solar eclipse?

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## Unlock Your Potential: Join Us at The "Real" Game of Life Resource Fair



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Uncover the gateway to unleashing your full potential and seamlessly transitioning into adulthood at The "Real" Game of Life Resource Fair, where Chautauqua County youth will find a wealth of invaluable resources and unwavering support awaiting them.

Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services, in collaboration with Gustavus Adolphus (GA) Family Services, YWCA Jamestown, and Court Appointment Special Advocate (CASA) are co-hosting this resource fair on April 3rd, 2024, at GA Family Services from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m

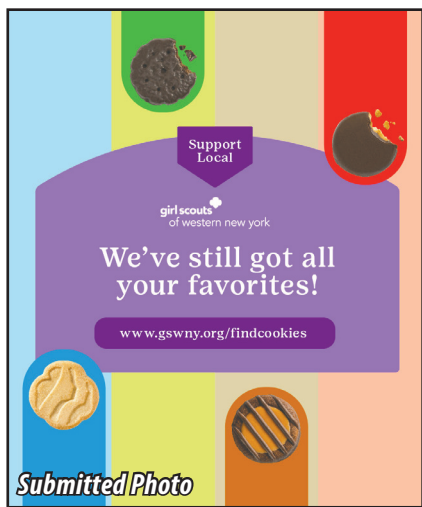
Geared towards Chautauqua County youth aged 14-21, this FREE event invites all teens and young adults residing in Chautauqua County to connect with local organizations offering support in various aspects of adult life, including employment, education, housing, finance, transportation, healthcare, and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to win exciting prize baskets and an e-bike package valued at over \$1,200.

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Beyond the simple purchase of cookies, buyers invest in the future of these young girls, fostering their growth and learning. The program's emphasis on local impact ensures that proceeds stay within the community, directly supporting local councils and troops.



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These funds contribute to a variety of enriching activities and experiences for the girls, ranging from field trips to community projects and outdoor adventures. All cookie varieties are priced at \$6.00 per package, with 100% of all proceeds staying local within Girl Scouts of Western New York.



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### CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

Daffodil is a little bundle of joy who fills every moment with her playful antics and endless affection. Her playful, goofy nature and her love for running and cuddles are truly heartwarming. She is hoping to find a home where she can continue to spread her love and joy. Daffodil is more than ready to bloom in a loving family that appreciates her playful spirit and sweet nature. Meet her soon at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.

This big guy may still be young, but Buddy is an old soul. He is shy and quiet, and buries his gorgeous face in our armpits every time we pick him up. He would love to blossom in a loving home with a family to call his own. We believe his heart is enormous and just waiting for the moment to flourish and thrive! Won't yours be the family to give Buddy that moment?! Shelter No. RR179.





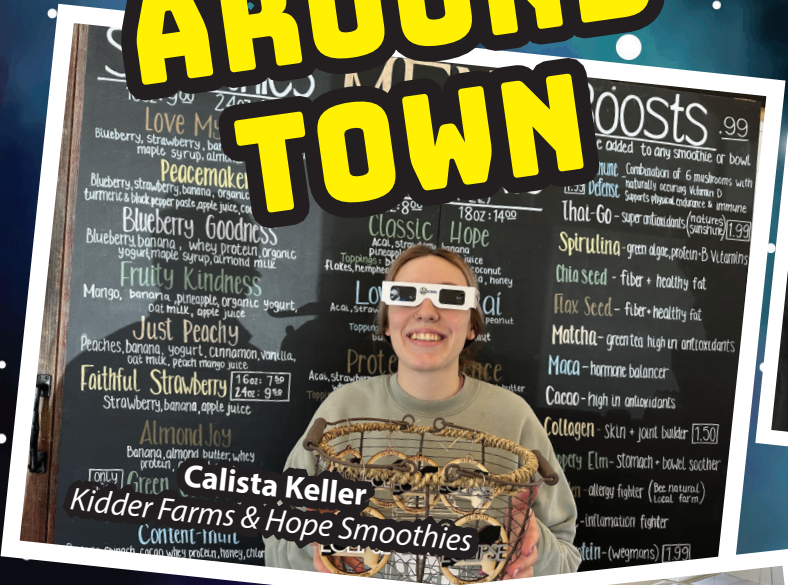


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