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## Earth Day 2024: "Planet vs. Plastics"

Contributing Writer

#### **Jordan Nicholson**

The term "elder millennial" refers to those of us who were born between 1986 and 1992. Our formative years were also the formative years of post-modernity. We have the internet and we know how to use it, but we were also taught to use card catalogs. So while the 90's are in the midst of being mythologized, on this Earth Day I'd like to showcase our planet's best hope – us.

The 2024 Earth Day theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." Plastics, originally billed as a convenient, economical method of packaging, have been wreaking havoc with their durability. Still, our planet is subject to the ebbs and flows of a battle that has been waging since the Industrial Revolution – nature vs. industry. Before the mid-2000's, "global warming" was the preferred term to describe the phenomenon of unnatural temperature changes brought about primarily by humanity's overreliance on fossil fuels. The prioritization of environmental protection has always been a hot-button political issue but there was bipartisan agreement on the importance of protecting the planet from over-pollution. That agreement has, like many other former areas of common ground, been lost to divisive

Elder millennials grew up at a time when there wasn't disagreement over whether the climate was changing we know it is and we know it has been changing because of the aforementioned emissions - but rather disagreements over how much environmental protection should be prioritized over things like jobs and energy. We were given small trees to plant at school. In fact, I'm proud to report one of my pine trees from second grade is still alive



and well. You'd be hard-pressed to find someone my age who doesn't spell the word "recycle" without reciting a song from "Rocko's Modern Life" in their head. Glen Colton came to our school and implored us to "Save the Manatees!" We were encouraged to cut our plastic can rings by being shown photos of ducks trapped in them.

The planet has changed as rapidly as we have. Ask any business owner in Chautauqua County about the difference between a good winter and a bad winter. Snowmobilers and skiers flocked to our area every winter and enjoyed a bountiful snowfall with consistently cold temperatures. As we got older, the winters got warmer, rainier, and less-predictable. The snow storms have gotten more intense, if less frequent. The flooding and drought conditions vacillate month-to-month instead of year-over-year. Countless snowmobile club volunteers now spend weeks preparing trails that might never see a rider all year. There are legitimate, dire economic consequences to a rapidly changing climate.

It's Time for the 2024 Lake Season

If we are going to save the planet, it will be on the backs of those of us who still have quite a bit of time left on this planet. In Western New York, we are blessed to live on the shores of 21% of the Earth's freshwater. That makes us vulnerable to a lot of things. The trees under whose shade we sit, the air we breathe, the streams we fish, are all at the mercy of the water we often take for granted. It really is that precarious.

So on this Earth Day, on-behalf of my fellow second grade classmates who were extremely vested in planting their trees, please make an effort to do your part. The biggest thing we can do to help the planet is to stop the nonsense of burying our heads in the sand and pretending it's not happening. It's not a partisan issue either – Nixon founded the EPA and our most progressive environmental President was Teddy Roosevelt. We believe climate change is real because it is. It will still be a few more years before my generation, 71% of whom believe climate change should be a top policy priority, accumulates enough policymaking power, so we'd be grateful if we still had a planet to save.

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Jay Young Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance

Article by

The Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance wishes everyone a happy Earth Day and an enjoyable and safe 2024 on the lake. For those who may not know, the Alliance is a

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### Editorial with Lori Cornell

### "In this House, we Recycle"



Owner & Publisher

Lori Cornell

The number one piece of advice I heard when I bought L this newspaper, was to avoid pontificating - to be very careful never to say anything controversial. Who me?! Those who knew me best in my former political life knew I might have a penchant for strong opinions and soapbox tendencies. But in these last two months (already!), I would daresay that I've been a very good girl. So please indulge my personal plea for this very special edition!

To me, Earth Day is a chance to remind ourselves of our intrinsic responsibility to care for the world entrusted to us. It's the reason why our own former Mayor, Congressman, and Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine signed in support of the federal commemoration of Earth Day back in the 1970s. (see page 8). Lundine, along with his signature on the commemoration, also staged a display of how much on average dirt fell on the City of Jamestown in a square mile on April 22, 1970. On that day, the City Department of Pubic Works dumped 30 tons of sand downtown in a showing of just what 30 days of pollution could do. We've come a long way since the 1970s, but there is always more we can do to protect and nurture our beloved environment here in Chautauqua County.

There are many ways to "care" for our earth and to become involved for the betterment of our natural resources, like doing our part to protect our five precious Chautauqua clean and available for our children and grandchildren to enjoy; and conserving energy and water sources as appropriate for our judicious personal and commercial use.

But to me, the most simple and obvious way to celebrate Earth Day every day is to recycle. Yes, there are three R's: reuse, reduce, and recycle, but above all, if "treehugging" festivities aren't your thing, just consider recycling. If rinsing out sticky peanut butter jars and trekking to our County's fantastic Transfer Stations (see page 15), also aren't your thing, then at least, please consider recycling your cans and recycling benefits the environment by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators, conserves our natural resources and helps prevent pollution and reduces greenhouse gasses by decreasing the need to mine and process natural resources. Who wouldn't want to help our Earth in this simple and highly beneficial way?

We have a firm mantra for the Cornell boys on the matter. My husband and I have been known to dump out sticky garbage bags full of half-drank pop cans mixed in with leftover teenager trash in the garage. The plea: "You need to get your butts out here and separate this mess. IN THIS HOUSE WE RECYCLE!"

We even get money back to do so in New York State! For your convenience, you may kindly visit any of this edition's great sponsors who will help you unload and tally up your loot: Falconer Bottle & Can Redemption Center, Farm Fresh Variety Store & Redemption Center and Don's Car Wash. It may be cliche to say, but truly, future generations are counting on us! That's not controversial, right?!

This week, I would also like to give a congratulatory shout out to one of our most faithful business supporters: Evans Wines & Liquors as they celebrate their one-year anniversary in their gorgeous new metropolis on Fairmount Avenue. (You, too, could be as cool as Maddie Evans and be featured every single week with a rotating ad on this esteemed Editorial Page. Simply give me County lakes; keeping our plethora a call!) Interestingly enough, the of parks, trails and other green spaces Gazette is actually supported by a number of wonderful local liquor stores including Raynor's Liquor, Frewsburg Wine & Spirits and East Side Liquor! So hit your favorite one this week and say cheers to an Earth Day every day.

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### **Trussalo Appointed Principal** of Ring Elementary School

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### **Jamestown Public Schools**

The Jamestown Public Schools Board of Education has approved the appointment of Michelle Trussalo as Principal of C.C. Ring Elementary School. Trussalo, the current assistant principal at M.J. Fletcher Elementary School, will begin her appointment on July 1, 2024.

"We are all very pleased that Michelle will be our new principal at Ring Elementary," said Dr. Kevin Whitaker, JPS Superintendent. "The school has a rich history and tradition, and I know that Michelle will bring her unique talents to the building. She shined during the interview process and was a top choice of all of our constituent groups. I am looking forward to seeing her great success for our kids."

"We are so excited to have Ms. Trussalo serve as the next principal at Ring School," said Tina Sandstrom, Assistant Superintendent Instruction and School Improvement. "Over the course of her career, she has demonstrated a consistent and sincere commitment to students and families. We believe this will be a great fit, and we are grateful to the students, staff, and families who assisted us in the interview process."

A 2008 graduate of Jamestown High School and city resident, Trussalo has spent the 2023-24 school year as Fletcher's assistant principal. Prior to that appointment, she worked in various roles at C.C. Ring Elementary School, spending seven years as a special education teacher and serving on special assignment, supporting steering committees. students and staff.

"I'm truly honored to have the unique opportunity to return to C.C. Ring Elementary, where I started my teaching career," Trussalo said. Ring's principal.



Michelle Trussalo

"There is tremendous work being done within our district to ensure the success of all students and I am eager to use my background and experiences in order to lead these efforts as principal. I look forward to meeting and reconnecting with the students, staff, and families of C.C. Ring by collaborating for the continued success of our students."

Trussalo earned a bachelor's and master's in science in education from the State University of New York College at Cortland and also received school building and school district leader certifications from the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester.

In her current role, she has served as an instruction leader in the planning, coordination, and administration of school activities and programs. She also has served on the building's PBIS, shared decision making, family and community engagement, safety, and child study committees. Districtwide, she has also served on the 2022-23 school year as Ring's teacher ELA and professional development

> Trussalo will succeed Annette Miller, who is retiring after nearly 35 years of service to the Jamestown Public Schools, including the last six as

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### **CCIDA and CCPEG Launch** 'Live CHQ' Marketing Campaign

New Website and Advertising Effort to Focus on Talent Attraction and Retention in Chautauqua County

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County of Chautauqua **Indutrial Development** Agency (CCIDA)

Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), along with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), is announcing the launch of a new, multi-year marketing campaign. The effort, called 'Live CHQ', will focus on talent attraction and retention by highlighting quality of life aspects and career opportunities available in Chautauqua County.

"Live CHQ is primarily intended to market our county to people living outside of our county in order to attract new and professionally talented residents by focusing on the best our county has to offer - including affordability, job opportunities, our cultural and entertainment attractions, and a wide variety of outdoor recreation options," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CCIDA CEO. "As part of the talent retention effort, we will also remind current residents of the benefits of living in Chautauqua County."

The campaign is modeled after a similar talent attraction and retention marketing effort in Buffalo, known as the "Be in Buffalo" campaign. That effort was spearheaded by Invest Buffalo Niagara, which also provided assistance with initial planning of the Live CHQ campaign.

A major component of Live CHQ is a newwebsite-LiveCHQ.org-that will inform the public about the various quality of life aspects the county has to offer, along with employment resources and business development opportunities found across the county. The campaign is also intended to assist local companies, businesses, and nonprofits across all sectors by helping to inform their prospective employees about what the county has to offer.

"Many of our local businesses and nonprofits need more skilled, talented, and experienced employees to fill vacant jobs. But it individuals to fill those position due to a high demand for skilled workers, compared to the number of candidates currently living in our county. We are encouraging the business community to use the website to assist with their recruitment efforts, especially for talent located outside of the area who may be unfamiliar with what Chautauqua County has to offer," explained Nate Aldrich, Chautaugua County Economic Development Coordinator and CCPEG Manager.

CCIDA and CCPEG contracted with Buffalo-based Block Club to develop the Live CHQ campaign following an RFP process in late 2022. Throughout 2023, Block Club

then worked to develop Live CHQ



by visiting the county and meeting with key stakeholders during the "discover phase" of the campaign, to determine its focus - young families, active adults, and professionals with a passion for outdoor recreation and cultural/community experiences who currently reside outside of Chautauqua County. Current county residents are a secondary target audience. Block Club also designed a "choose your adventure" theme, incorporating "CHQ" into the messaging of each ad. The company also designed specific digital ad assets for the campaign, along with a promotional video advertisement.

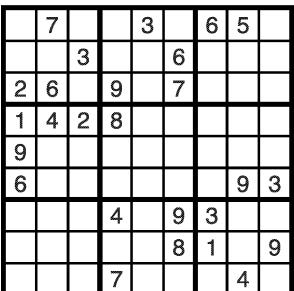
The website was designed by Clevermethod, also based in Buffalo. In addition to designing LiveCHQ. org, Clevermethod also developed ChooseCHQ.com, the new website for CCIDA and CCPEG, along with the other affiliation agencies the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) and the Chautauqua County Capital Corporation (CRC). Resource

Funding for the Live CHQ campaign was derived from American Rescue Plan Act funding provided to CCPEG by Chautauqua County, a multi-year grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, and from the CCIDA's general marketing budget. Assistance n developing the campaign was also provided by Chautauqua County Government and the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, along with a variety of organizations and attractions found across Chautauqua

can also be challenging to recruit "We want to emphasize that this is not a panacea that will suddenly reverse decades of population decline experienced in our county and across the Western New York region. Our hope is that it will be a valuable tool that, when combined with other efforts, will help to move the population needle in a positive direction," explained Geise. "The launch of Live CHQ is the culmination of a year's worth of planning and development, and we're excited to see it rolled out and

> More information about the Live CHQ marketing campaign will be announced in the coming weeks.

### **SUDOKU**

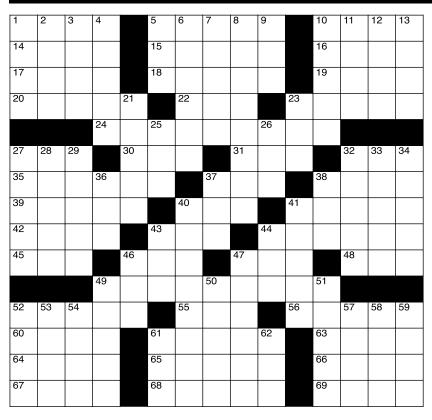


#### **Here's How It Works:**

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: Advanced

### **CROSSWORD**



#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors 5. Footwear
- 10. A way to disfigure
- 14. Exchange rate 15. Hawaiian wreaths
- 16. North-central Indian city 17. Bungle
- 18. Extremely angry
- 19. A short note of what's owed
- 20. Criminal organization
- 22. Mimic
- 23. Try to grab
- 24. U.S.-born individuals
- 27. Some are covert 30. Order of the British Empire
- 31. Don't know when yet
- 32. Payment (abbr.) 35. Winged angelic being
- 37. Variety of Chinese
- 38. A way to be anxious
- 39. Famed wrestler Hull 40. Partner to cheese

42. Canadian flyers 43. Actress Ryan 44. Highly unpleasant vapor

41. Slang for sergeant

- 45. Body part
- 46. Halfway
- 47. Cool! 48. Consume
- 49. Salts
- 52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
- 55. Housepet 56. Cavalry-sword
- 60. Symbol of a nation
- 61. Frocks
- 63. Used to carry food 64. Portuguese folk song
- 65. Sharp mountain ridge
- 66. Ireland
- 67. Where golfers begin
- 68. Greek mythological sorceress

33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface

69. Fluid suspensions

34. Partner to trick

37. Ammunition

43. Millimeters

46. Not around

Satisfies

52. Flew off!

47. Flightless bird

41. Flanks

36. British Air Aces

38. Supervises flying

40. Health care for the aged

44. Where wrestlers perform

50. Expressed concern for

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. "Mad Men" leading man 2. Water (Spanish)
- 3. Annoy 4. Bulgarian capital
- 5. Japanese title
- 6. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 7. Giraffe
- 8. A mixture of substances
- 9. Midway between south and
- southeast 1.0 Staffs
- 11. Turkish title
- 12. Type of acid
- 13. Thin, flat strip of wood
- 21. Russian river
- 23. Ribonucleic acid
- 25. Partner to flow 26. Airborne (abbr.)
- 27. Earthy pigment

28. Genus of earless seals

32. By or in itself

29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman

- 53. Wings 57. Vigor
  - 54. Load a ship
  - 58. British title 59. Whiskeys

61. \_\_Adams: founding father

62. Body of water

49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family

### **PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 19**



### April 9

Peter Louis Coggiola, 99 Lakewood Falconer Funeral Home

### April 10

Owen M. Derby, 59 Celoron Frewsburg Funeral Home

John C. Shorty Williams, 82 Jamestown Lynn Funeral Home

### April 11

Bobbi Jo Knavel, 55 Jamestown Falconer Funeral Home

Eva Ellen Perino, 87 Jamestown Falconer Funeral Home

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Beverly A. Linamen, 89 Frewsburg Frewsburg Funeral Home

Suzanne R. Bentley, 81 Panama Lynn Funeral Home

Diane Nazario, 82 Jamestown Lynn Funeral Home

Norman M. Smith, 70 Ashville Lynn Funeral Home

### April 13

Isaac D. Benton, 16 months old Jamestown Frewsburg Funeral Home

> Veda M. Stubbs, 88 Jamestown Lynn Funeral Home

Charles D. Clark, Jr., 72 Jamestown Lynn Funeral Home

### April 14

Mary C. Miraglia, 92 Lakewood Lynn Funeral Home

### April 15

Patricia "Patty" Fleming, 64 Jamestown Lynn Funeral Home

Richard D. Lepley, 88 Ashville Lynn Funeral Home

### April 16

Harold R. Almquist, 98 Jamestown Lynn Funeral Home

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

## Earth Day



Contributing Writer Rev. Luke F. Fodor Saint Luke's Church

in the morning to head out on a walk, a run or even as I to head to work, I am greeted by the pastel glow of the sun and a green gauze of new buds swelling on branches. Both occurrences are vivid proof that spring is **here**. Throughout the winter when the earth sleeps, it is easy to forget our place in it—as part of it. In winter we are forced to bundle ourselves up against the biting and frosty chill of the wind and we insulate ourselves from rootedness in the created order.

layers of winter protections and armaments this spring, you can again welcome your place in the created order. As spring reached our senses—may we all open to its magnitude and our sacred responsibility. When we smell the scent of blooming spring flowers or a pungently fragrant layer of fresh mulch, may we again take our place in nature. As we clean up lawns and plunge our hands into our gardens beds, we have the opportunity to remember our true nature as part of nature.

As the Creation stories from all the religious traditions seem to teach, while life begins with a divine spark or breath, we are formed of the earth. In the ancient Hebrew scriptures, the story of the creation includes the origin and naming of the first human who is called Adam because he come from the ground (the Hebrew word for ground is Adamah). On this Earth Day, we are invited to celebrate the Then I leave my house fertility of our Mother Earth, but also the accountability to care for earth as we do our own human

Whenever I get my hands dirty picking up trash or caretaking in my garden—I feel the invitation to humbly protect and minister to the earth. The very word for humility comes from same Latin word for soil, humus. On this Earth Day may your senses help you celebrate your home as part of the earth as you follow the Creator's call to humble yourself in care of our Mother Earth. As Perhaps as you strip off the Emily Dickerson invites us, so may we live it:

> "Nature" is what we see— The Hill—the Afternoon— Squirrel—Eclipse— the Bumble bee— Nay—Nature is Heaven— Nature is what we hear— The Bobolink—the Sea— Thunder—the Cricket— Nay—Nature is Harmony— Nature is what we know— Yet have no art to say— So impotent Our Wisdom is To her Simplicity.



### **The Jamestown Gazette Proudly Recognizes April as Child Abuse Awareness Month**

### CASA of Chautauqua Invites the Public to **Act Against Child Abuse and Neglect During National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

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CASA of Chautauqua

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, CASA of Chautauqua challenges residents of Chautauqua County to stand against child abuse and take action to support children who have been abused or neglected.

At any given time, there are nearly 90 children in foster care in Chautauqua County. These children come into the child welfare system through no fault of their own. Substance abuse and the socioeconomic environment is changing the demographic of children coming into care and placing a burden across the United including Chautauqua County. These issues impact a child's emotional well-being, educational achievement, brain development and mental health, and later employment. Trends have shown that more foster youth are aging out of the foster care system without finding safe and permanent homes and the skills needed to succeed. The demands for advocacy for these children exponentially increase in an overburdened and complex child welfare

CASA of Chautauqua County recruits, trains and supports volunteers who get to know children and the adults around them, and who advocate for the needs of those children in court and in the community. Our volunteers are simply everyday people who care deeply about children and are ready to make a child's life better. They are part of a national network of over 93,000 volunteers who are doing this work.

Throughout the month of April, CASA of Chautauqua is calling



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on members of the community to help the program serve more of Chautauqua County's most vulnerable children. The public is invited to join the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Pinwheels for Prevention is a national awareness campaign created by Prevent Child Abuse America urging people to act to prevent childhood abuse and neglect by transforming awareness into action. Without intervention and the help of a CASA volunteer, the odds are stacked against children in foster care. A child with a CASA volunteer spends 20 percent less time in foster care, on average, compared to a child without a CASA volunteer. Studies show children with a CASA volunteer receive more services that are critical to their well-being and are four times more likely to find a permanent home.

"CASA volunteers are a constant for the child in a time of chaos," said Kathy Park, executive director of CASA of Chautauqua County. "A child may have multiple social workers, attorneys, therapists and placements throughout the life of the case but only one CASA volunteer, which can make all the difference for the child's future." Look for the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign at area financial institutions, convenience stores, markets, restaurants, gas stations, liquor stores, libraries and more.

### **CASA's Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign**

Purchase \$2 Pinwheels & \$1 Pinwheel Cards Visit ChautauquaCASA.com for complete list of participating businesses. Monies raised support advocates for abused and neglected children in Chautaugua County



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### **Congressman Langworthy Introduces Legislation** to Combat the Use of Artificial Intelligence to **Create Child Sexual Abuse Material**

"The rapid growth of artificial intelligence poses unique challenges for protecting our children now and in the future as technology evolves," said Rep. Langworthy. "The Child Exploitation & Artificial Intelligence Expert Commission, created by this legislation, would bring together the foremost experts in the field to develop tools to effectively prevent, detect, and prosecute child exploitation crimes. This is just the first step to confront these challenges head-on and create a safer digital environment for the most vulnerable Americans."

Specifically, the Child Exploitation & Artificial Intelligence Expert Commission Act would:

• investigate and assess how artificial intelligence may be used to commit a child exploitation crime;

- evaluate the ability to prevent, detect, and prosecute a child exploitation crime committed using artificial intelligence under the law in effect during the period of the evaluation of the Commission; and
- analyze the efficacy of the current legal framework to charge individuals suspected of using AI to create CSAM and recommend changes to the current

Congressman Nick Langworthy represents the 23rd Congressional District of New York, including Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautaugua, Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties and parts of Erie County. Visit langworthy.house.gov.



### **Annual George L. Barone Jr. Scholarship Fund Rummage and Bag Sale to Benefit Local Academic Athletes**

Article Contributed by George L. Barone Jr. Scholarship Fund

The George L. Barone Jr. Scholarship Fund is excited to announce its annual Rummage and Bag Sale, to be held on Friday, April 26, 8am-4pm and Saturday, April 27 9am-1pm at the Lakewood YWCA Lake Lodge. This fundraising event is open to the public and invites attendees For more information, visit to fill a bag with items from the rummage sale with a donation of their choice.

The George L. Barone Jr. Scholarship Fund aims to support and recognize the dedication and hard work of local student-athletes who excel both in the classroom and on the field. By participating in the Rummage and Bag Sale, community members have the opportunity to contribute to the education and future success of these deserving individuals.

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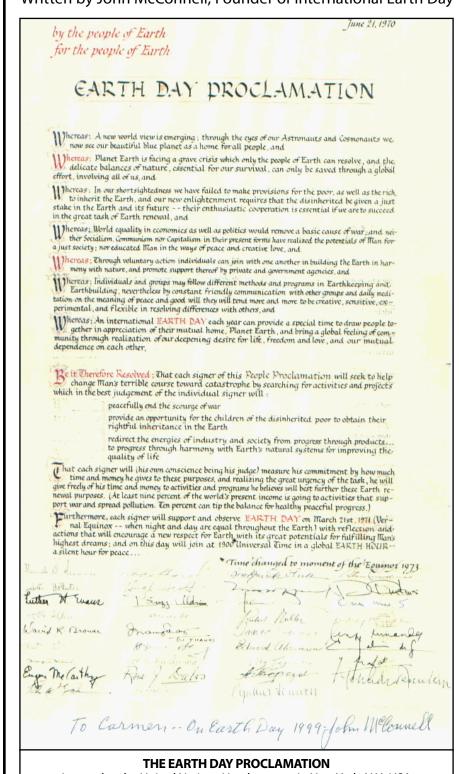
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### Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

### EARTH DAY 2024

Give an Hour for Our One Shared Home



Contributing Writer

#### Pat Locke

Earth Day is a global event which aims to highlight the importance of protecting the environment. It was set up in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a United States senator/ environmentalist and Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University. Both of these men had growing concerns about environmental damage in the United States such as that caused by a large oil spill in 1969 in Santa Barbara, California. Nelson and Hayes came up with Earth Day as a way to engage the public and push green initiatives to the national agenda. The first Earth Day saw 20 million people across the United States show their concern for our challenges, then. Beginning in 1990, Earth Day went global and mobilized more than 200 million people in 141 countries to bring the fight for the environment to the global stage. In 1992, the

United Nations hosted an Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In 1995, Gaylord Nelson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his role as the founder of Earth Day. Earth Day continues to grow and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020 with more

than 100 million taking action.

Now, in 2024, the theme is "Planet vs. Plastics" which revolves around the idea of building a plastic-free future for generations to come. Planet vs. Plastics unites students, parents, businesses, governments, churches, unions and individuals to call for a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2040. It aims to raise awareness of the harmful effect of plastic pollution for human and planetary health. The theme for Earth Hour 2024 is "Give an Hour for Our One Shared Home". Every year the organizers come up with a theme for the day that helps increase awareness and sparks a conversation on climate change at the global level. Similarly, the Earth Hour 2023 theme was "The Biggest Hour for Earth". Earth Hour is an initiative to encourage everyone around the world to take accountability for their ecological footprint and engage in dialogue and resource exchange that provides

real solutions to our environmental challenges. Earth Hour is your time to dedicate an hour to help bring our world to life. You can do this any way you like by spending 60 minutes doing something, anything positive for our planet.

Need inspiration? Find out what your workplace or business can do. Spend an hour in nature or simply "switch off". This is where Earth Day all began. Taking an hour away from your screens and switching off your internet devices. So put your phone on 'do not disturb' and enjoy some down time to yourself or with loved ones. You could play a board game by candlelight or stargaze in your spring garden. Bring out the popcorn and watch a nature documentary or plan an outdoor adventure and reconnect

April 22 is Earth Day! Let's celebrate and find the leader in each of us so every day can be Earth Day. Join the movement to honor and celebrate our remarkable planet on this extraordinary day. Earth day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action to safeguard our planet for a healthier

planet and a brighter future. The official website is earthday.org and since the first Earth Day over a billion people across 192 countries have been mobilizing annually on Earth Day and every day

to protect our planet. When visiting the website, you can donate in honor of a friend or loved one to The Canopy Project which promotes planting trees.

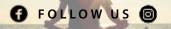
This year, under the theme "Planet vs Plastics", Earth Day's focus sharpens on one of the most critical environmental dilemmas of our era: plastic pollution. With a shocking 380 million tons of plastic churned out annually and only 9 percent ever finding its way into recycling efforts, the call for immediate action is more important than ever!

Earth Day should have a particularly special meaning for us all in light of the recent total eclipse most of us in Chautauqua County witnessed along the amazing path of totality on April 8 that spanned a width between 108-122 miles traveling from Mexico to Maine and into Canada. 43.8 million people were able to experience totality. Another mind-boggling fact to contemplate is the total length of the 2024 eclipse path .. 9,190 miles!

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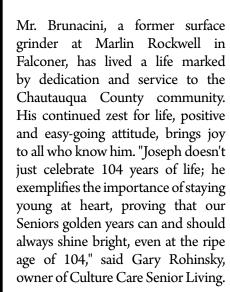


### **Tanglewood Manor Celebrates the Remarkable** 104th Birthday of Mr. Joseph Brunacini

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### **Culture Care Senior Living**

Culture Care Senior Living proudly announces the 104th birthday celebration of Mr. Joseph Brunacini, a beloved resident at their Tanglewood Manor Community on Fairmount avenue in Jamestown. The event will take place on April 29th at Tanglewood Manor at 10:30AM, which they warmly welcome all family and friends of Mr. Brunacini to join in the celebration.



Zac Hnatyszyn, VP of Community Outreach, added, "Today is more than a birthday; it's a celebration of zhnatyszyn@tanglewoodmanor.com



a life well-lived and the lessons we can all learn from Joseph's enduring optimism and spirited character." Mr. Brunacini's life story started in Jamestown on April 29th, 1920, and is enriched by his beautiful family, having 13 children, all of whom contribute to his ongoing legacy. His lovely personality and ability to light up a room with a well-timed joke are just a few qualities that endear him to everyone he meets. This celebration will be one to remember. celebrating this inspiring young man, the legacy he continues to build, and the over a century of dedication to the Jamestown community. For more information, please contact:

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## **Fenton Bicycles**



Contributing Writer Randy Anderson President, Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

Thautauqua Sports Hall of Fame emeritus director Denny ✓ Lundberg is the retired owner of the Cycle Shop in Jamestown. The Cycle Shop was incorporated in January 1924 and operated out of several locations. The business was originally organized by Rudolph Lundberg, Ludwig Anderson and Axel Pearson. Rudolph Lundberg took over the operations in 1925. In 1949, Harry Lundberg and his sister, Margit Jones, acquired the business. Harry Lundberg's son Dennis, acquired Mrs. Jones interest in 1962 and entered into partnership with his father.

In 1965 the corporation purchased the former Nelson Department Store annex building at 100 East Second Street at the foot of Pine Street and expanded into four stories of operation. In 1976, Dennis Lundberg acquired his father's interest and became sole owner and president. In 1977, the Cycle Shop was designated developer of the present location at 10 Harrison Street and erected a 16,000 square foot building to house its expanded operation. In 2002 the business was acquired by its present owners, Gary Evans, Randy Marsh and Steve Deyo.

Denny Lundberg recently made a unique donation to the CSHOF. It was a bicycle plate from the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing Company of Jamestown, NY. What was this company? Did they build bicycles? Anything else? Curiosity was piqued.

Research revealed that the Fenton Metallic Manufacturing was organized in 1888. It made metal office and vault furniture and related metal fixtures. It was reorganized as the Art Metal Construction Company in 1900 and renamed as simply Art Metal in 1959. It was one of Jamestown largest employers until the Jamestown plant was shut sown in 1971. Cummins Engine occupies the former Art Metal building in the Town of Busti.

Fenton Metallic Manufacturing was one of many companies who parlaved their existing business (in this case metal office goods) into bicycles when the 1890s bicycle boom began. Fenton produced bicycles and cycling parts beginning in 1894 and ceased manufacturing those items when the bicycle boom ended in 1898.

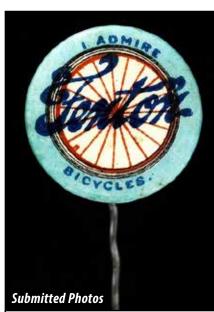
Bicycling boomed in popularity in the United States during the 1890s. This



was the "Golden Age of the Bicycle."

The 1890s were known as the golden age of bicycles for several reasons. First, during this time, bicycles became more affordable and accessible to the general population. This was largely due to the invention of the safety bicycle, which had two wheels of the same size and a chain-driven rear wheel. This design was much safer and more practical than earlier models, making cycling a viable mode of transportation for more people.

Second, the late 1890s saw a significant increase in the number of bicycle manufacturers and retailers. Prices were going down due to mass production. Between 1890 and 1900, the bike industry increased from 27 manufacturers to more than 300. In 1896, which was the peak of the craze,



Fenton Metallic Company of Fenton bicycles around 1896.



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than three million bicycles in the U.S. Additionally, the growth of the bicycle industry spurred innovation in other areas, such as the development of better roads and the creation of cycling clubs and organizations.

Third, the late 1890s saw a cultural shift towards health and fitness. Cycling was seen as a healthy and enjoyable activity, and many people took up cycling as a way to stay active and improve their overall health. This cultural shift was reflected in the media of the time, which often portrayed cycling as a wholesome and positive activity.

Finally, the bicycle craze was meaningful for women. Both Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are credited with declaring that "woman is riding to suffrage on the bicycle," a line that was printed and reprinted in it was estimated there were more newspapers at the turn of the century.

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"It really doesn't matter much where this one individual young lady is going on her wheel. It may be that she's going to the park on pleasure bent, or to the store for a dozen hairpins, or to call on a sick friend at the other side of town, or to get a doily pattern of somebody, or a recipe for removing tan and freckles. Let that be as it may. What the interested public wishes to know is, Where are all the women on wheels going? Is there a grand rendezvous somewhere toward which they are all headed and where they will some time hold a meet that will cause this wobbly old world to wake up and readjust

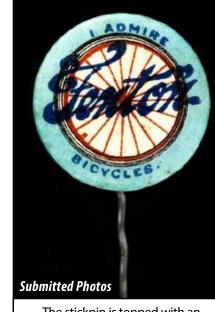
The bicycle, as a new technology of its time, had become an enormous cultural and political force, and an emblem of women's rights. "The woman on the wheel is altogether a novelty, and is essentially a product of the last decade of the century," wrote The Columbian (Pennsylvania) newspaper in 1895, "she is riding to greater freedom, to a nearer equality with man, to the habit of taking care of herself, and to new views on the subject of clothes philosophy."

Bicycle-riding required a shift away from the restrictive, modest fashion of the Victorian age, and ushered in a new era of exposed ankles—or at least visible bloomers—that represented such a departure from the laced up, ruffled down fashion that preceded it that bicycling women became a fascination to the (mostly male) newspaper reporters of the time.

Overall, the combination of affordable and practical bicycles, a competitive market, a cultural shift towards health and fitness and the empowerment it gave to women made the 1890s the golden age of bicycles.

Special thanks to Denny Lundberg for his donation that revealed a forgotten part of the sports history of Chautauqua County.

Lundberg, now retired and living in Balston Spa, NY served on the CSHOF Board of Directors for 30 years including terms as President and Vice-President.

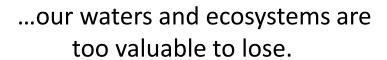


The stickpin is topped with an aqua colored celluloid button and is decorated with a red wheel in the center. The button reads "I admire/Fenton/Bicycles." The Jamestown, New York produced this souvenir pin advertising for

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### **KEEP THE LAKE A LAKE**

### WETLAND REGULATION IS A THREAT TO CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

This issue is NOT about the value of wetlands, it is about regulation of a LAKE as wetlands and the consequences.

The NYSDEC recently declared its intent to regulate portions of Chautauqua Lake as wetlands. Why??? Because if the proposed revisions to Freshwater Wetlands Regulations 6 NYCRR Part 664 go forward as written today, they can, and it is a win-win for Region 9 wetland acreage targets against the states state-wide goal of +1M acres and for anti-herbicide activists.

On January 1, 2025, the current NYS Freshwater Wetlands Maps will no longer limit DEC regulatory jurisdiction. Instead, maps will become informational, and any wetlands that meet the applicable definition and criteria will be regulated by DEC and subject to permitting.

The criteria is broadly written to allow for classification based merely on the presence of submerged aquatic vegetation of any kind. This means that the DEC could potentially classify ALL near shore areas of Chautaugua Lake as wetlands. What is the consequence?

Weed harvesting and use of aquatic herbicides are not allowed in "Wetlands" without a difficult permit. So, there is no guarantee for future weed management in "Wetlands" or in adjacent buffer zones.

Private properties within the required 500 ft buffer zones will be subject to regulation as well. This means expensive and complex permits for almost any activity adjacent to the lake, even to maintain existing structures such as private homes, docks, retaining walls, etc.

NYSDEC has focused "Wetlands" comments on the Lake's South Basin, but the extensiveness of the regulations threatens maintenance and recreational use of the entire Lake. A followup was held with DEC, County and local officials with verbal assurances by the DEC that weed management could continue "business-as-usual" with the additional permitting layer. This is not consistent with the DECs own principles for managing wetlands, and begs the question: Why regulate the lake as wetlands if no changes to the lake or its management are intended?

We ask that the DEC protect actual wetlands that would benefit our water quality and protect our lake, not to accelerate its long term evolution to a wetlands.



to learn more and to register for email updates about this important issue. #keepthelakealake





## HAPPY EARTH DAY!

This Earth Day, let's pledge to safeguard our planet's future. Join us at the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy as we work to preserve precious ecosystems and protect biodiversity. Celebrate Mother Earth today by planting native species in your yard or garden to support local wildlife and reduce our carbon footprint. Together, we can make a lasting impact for generations to come!



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- 3. What book helped launch the modern environmental movement?
- 4. In 1996, new EPA regulations required that people be informed of the presence of lead in what common household material?
- 5. What is widely considered the worst nuclear disaster in history?
- 6. In which state did the disastrous Exxon Valdez oil spill occur?
- 7. How much of our air pollution comes from motor vehicles?
- 8. Which animal does the melting of the Greenland ice sheet pose an immediate threat to?
- . What iconic bird was removed from the endangered species list in 2007?
- 10. What year did the US EPA declare greenhouse gasses a threat to public health?

5. Chernobyl 6. Alaska 7.50% 8. Polar Bears 9. The Bald Eagle 10. 2009 1. April 22, 1970 2. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle 3. Silent Spring 4. Paint

### **Saturday Bird Bandings at** Audubon, April 27-May 18



You can observe bird scientists in action and birds up close at bird banding on Saturday mornings April 27–May 18 at Audubon Community Nature Center. This picture of a Flicker being released after it was banded was taken by D. Arlene Bonnett of Jamestown and recognized in an Audubon Nature Photography Contest. For information on submitting to and voting for the 2024 Photo Contest visit GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2024.

### *Article Contributed by*

### Audubon Community **Nature Center**

Weather permitting, you can join ornithologists on the west side of Audubon Community Nature Center's property on Saturday mornings April 27 through May 18 and observe them banding

Bird banding is an established technique used to discover details about the behaviors of birds. Stop in any time 7-11 a.m. to learn exactly how this is done and why.

Come on your own or bring the kids with you to view this amazing process. Watch how the bird scientists capture migrating and resident birds in "mist" nets so-called because they are so fine they are almost like mist – fit them with identification bands, measure, weigh, and then release them. You might even be selected to help release a bird.

If the weather is too harsh for the safety of the birds, the nets are not opened. No dogs please.

You may want to bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them, and remember to dress for the weather. Plan to listen closely to the scientists and follow their instructions carefully, as safety of the birds is the priority.

Come to the picnic pavilion on (716) 569-2345, find Audubon the west side of the Audubon Community Nature Center on property at 1600 Riverside Road, Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC. just east of Route 62 between org. Check out AudubonCNC. Jamestown and Warren. Look org/about for a quick fly-by visit. for a "Bird Banding" sign at the Sunday, July 7 is the deadline for entrance closer to Route 62. submitting or voting on entries Drive in and park on the grass in the 2024 Nature Photography along the edge of the trees. Or Contest at GoGoPhotoContest. park at the Nature Center parking com/ACNCPhotoContest2024.

lot and walk the trail over to the banding site, especially if it has been raining.

Audubon offers demonstrations to the public free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated. No reservations are required.

To learn more and donate if you choose, click through Programs and Events at AudubonCNC.org.

You can visit Audubon's nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, enjoy the native tree arboretum, gardens, picnic area, and natural play space, and hike 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, winners of the 2023 Nature Photography Contest, 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

### **Chautauqua County Commemorates Earth** Day with a Call to Action for Recycling



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### Chautauqua County Media **Information Officer**

Earth Day is not just a day; it's a reminder of our collective responsibility to steward the environment for future generations. For Earth Day 2024, the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities Landfill Division emphasizes the critical importance of recycling in preserving our planet's resources and protecting its ecosystems.

"There are many reasons to recycle," says Aaron Gustafson Deputy Director of the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities. "Beyond being a legal requirement, recycling offers numerous benefits that contribute to a healthier environment and sustainable future."

There are many benefits to recycling:

### Reduction of Waste: Recycling reduces the volume of waste sent to landfills and incinerators, alleviating the burden on our environment.

### **Prevention of Pollution:** By

diverting materials from landfills and incinerators, recycling helps prevent pollution of air, water, and soil.

#### **Conservation of Natural**

**Resources:** Recycling conserves valuable natural resources by reusing materials such as paper, plastic, and metals.

**Energy Conservation:** The recycling process often requires less energy than producing new materials from raw resources, leading to energy savings and reduced carbon emissions.

### Job Creation and Economic **Benefits:** Recycling initiatives

create jobs in collection, processing, and manufacturing, contributing to local economies and sustainable development.

"It is everyone's responsibility to steward our world," emphasizes As we celebrate Earth Day, let us collective effort."

Chautauqua County offers multiple recycling options for its residents through the Division of Solid Waste. With four transfer station locations conveniently spread across the county, residents can easily access recycling services:

North County Transfer Station: 3688 Webster Rd. Fredonia, NY

(Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm)

#### **South County Transfer Station:** 2570 South Work St.

Falconer, NY 14733 (Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm, Friday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**West County Transfer Station: 121** Osborne St. Sherman, NY 14781

(Hours: Tuesday and Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm)

### **Ellery Transfer Station:**

3889 Towerville Rd. Jamestown, NY 14701 (Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Each location accepts a variety of recyclable materials, including cardboard, paper, plastic, scrap metal, used clothing, glass (food & beverage containers only), propane tanks, freon-containing items (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, conditioners, etc.), tires, electronics (except Ellery Transfer Station).

the Department However, emphasizes that certain items cannot be accepted at these facilities, including used motor oil and rechargeable batteries. Residents are urged to contact their local service stations or auto parts stores for used motor oil disposal and return rechargeable batteries to any retailer that sells them. It's crucial to refrain from disposing of rechargeable batteries in the garbage to prevent environmental harm.

Gustafson. "We must all work reaffirm our commitment to recycling together to protect and preserve what and environmental stewardship. we have for future generations. Each Together, we can make a difference in individual must do their part in this preserving the beauty and integrity of our planet.

### Eat Fresh, Do Good CSA



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

As the weather warms and new life

springs forth, we look forward to a new local growing season. While the convenience of our grocery stores allows us to eat fresh fruits and veggies all year long, there is nothing better than locally grown produce. Instead of being trucked in from some far-flung farms, local produce grown in season not only has a better taste and higher nutritional value, but it is also better for our environment as it requires less fossil fuel for shipping and packaging.

Grow Jamestown, in partnership with St. Luke's Church, adds additional societal value by expanding access to local produce through its Mobile Market, which takes local veggies to food deserts within the City of Jamestown. In order to support the effort, there is a CSA (community sponsored agriculture) program that allows individuals and families to buy a weekly share of produce on Wednesdays. Proceeds from the CSA support the operation of the Mobile Market.

The CSA program will run from June through September. Shares will be available for pick-up at St. Luke's on Wednesdays from noon to 7pm.We are offering shares in three sizes (and price points):

• **Fun Size** (\$200) — Perfect for an individual, couple or

family looking to introduce 3-4 unique and local veggies to your

- **Family Size (\$375)** For households looking to try new produce options, with 5-7 fresh fruit/veggie varieties.
- Full Size (\$500) For larger families or households that LOVE their fruits and veggies and wish to receive larger servings of seasonal options. Each week you'll receive an email detailing what to expect in your share, as well as suggested recipes of what to do with your veggies and tips for preserving their freshness.

Nick Weith, Grow Jamestown Manager, says, "We are excited to expand our offerings this year and to allow customers can also add on eggs, pork products, and fresh sourdough bread! All sourced, grown, and made right here in New York State and near Chautauqua County."

These add-on options include:

- **Egg Share** 1 dozen eggs from Conklin Family Ranch - \$64
- Bread Share 1 fresh NY grown and baked sourdough loaf from Grain Bakery - \$120
- **Meat Share** 2-4 lb. a week of locally raised pork products\* from Conklin Family Ranch - \$432

more information and to purchase your share, visit jtownpublicmarket.org. And for general points of inquiry, call the St. Luke's Church office (716.483.6405).

### The Dusk Beaver Search at the Audubon **Community Nature Center April 27**



**Community Nature** Center is presenting an outdoor adventure, the Dusk Beaver Search, on Saturday evening, April 27, 8-9:30 p.m. If you find beavers fascinating, or want to learn more about them, you will want to join in this special experience.

**April 22, 2024** 

### **SUNY JCC Juried Student Art & Design Exhibition Opens with Reception on April 26**









Photos from Earthfest 2023 at SUNY JCC.

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### SUNY Jamestown **Community College**

SUNY Jamestown Community College's annual Juried Student Art and Design Exhibition opens with a reception and awards ceremony at 4 p.m. on April 26 in the Jamestown Campus Week Gallery. The event is free and open to the public.

The professionally juried exhibition features works from students at all JCC locations, including painting, drawing and prints, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and digital media. It is scheduled to be on display through May 9 during regular business hours at Weeks Gallery inside the Sheldon Center

"Any student that has taken an art class at JCC has a unique opportunity to have their work professionally juried, installed, and exhibited in the Weeks Gallery," said Colin Shaffer, managing director of JCC's Galleries. "The event provides a valuable learning experience by modeling professionally juried exhibitions and teaching students about the process of preparing, editing, and submitting

This year's juror, Terry McKelvey, holds a master's in Fine Arts in Painting from Cornell University. He is a professor of Painting, Drawing, and 2D Design at PennWest University in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, where he has taught since 1998.

McKelvey's drawings and paintings oscillate between figure-based narratives and observation-based still lifes, interiors, and figures. His solo exhibition at the Octagon Gallery at Patterson Public Library in Westfield opens in January 2025.

For more information about the exhibition and the Galleries at JCC, visit sunyjcc.edu/Galleries.



### **BPU Yard Waste Site Now Open for the Season**

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### **Merrill Lynch Presents Infinity's Annual Spring Showcase**



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### Infinity Visual and Performing Arts

Don't miss your chance to see talented young performers live on stage as Infinity Celebrates its 25th Anniversary of arts education in Chautauqua County on April 27 at 7pm in the Washington Middle Auditorium. Infinity students have prepared for this culminating event since October, with opportunities to perfect their skills at the Infinity Arts Café and in the greater community.

Infinity Artistic Director, JamieLee Bonfiglio-Davis, shared: "Infinity's 25th Spring Showcase is going to be a blast. Our first showcase in 1998 started with 8 of us and now we have almost 80 students on stage and assisting with this show! This show will encompass all that Infinity has grown into over the years

and photography with student ages ranging from 4-18 years old! Come early and experience our student art show displayed in the lobby and buy some raffle tickets to try to win a basket while supporting Infinity! We hope you have the time of your life!"

Executive Director, Shane Hawkins, further explained: "Spring Showcase is our biggest show of the year and we are so excited to have our students show off their hard work on a new stage. This is going to be an amazing show and we can't wait to show our community what these kids can do!"

Admission is \$10 for adults (\$8 presale) and children under 18 are free. Purchase your tickets in advance at the Infinity Center or online at www.infinityperformingarts.org/ shop. You may also buy tickets at the door on the night of the event. Get ready for an incredible night of talent, including music, art, theater, dance, hard work, and youth empowerment!

### **Upcoming Animal Rabies Immunization Clinics Announced for the Towns of Poland & Portland**

**Chautauqua County** Health Department

The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) is announcing two free rabies vaccination clinics sponsored by the Town of Poland, Town of Portland, and the CCHD. Animals must be pre-registered to receive vaccinations. Vaccinations will be provided free of charge to all dogs, cats, and domesticated ferrets three months of age and older.

Pre-registration is required and should be submitted online

Article Contributed by by visiting https://chqgov. com/environmental-health/ rabies and view the calendar for upcoming clinics.

### Saturday, April 27th 1:00pm-3:00pm

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### **Lentsch Appointed JHS Marching Band Director**

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### **Jamestown Public Schools**

The Jamestown Public Schools Board of Education has approved the appointment of Marc Lentsch to serve as the next director of the Jamestown High School Marching Band. Lentsch, director of bands at Persell Middle School, currently serves as the marching band's assistant director.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to utilize Marc's depth of experience and expertise as the next director of the JHS Marching Band," said Dr. Kevin Whitaker, JPS Superintendent. "His experience with the band as a previous director and assistant director as well as his years of igniting a love of music and band into students at Persell Middle School make him the perfect fit to lead this program into the future."

Lentsch has served as a band director in the Jamestown Public Schools for the past 18 years, serving as a band director at Jamestown High School prior to his current post at "We want to reassure our local Persell. From 2006 to 2009, Lentsch served as co-director of the marching be a marching band next school year band with Meghan Murray, before and beyond," said Allyson Smith, spending the last 15 years as the JHS Principal. "We are committed to organization's assistant director. continuing this program's tradition of He also served as director of the excellence.'



Marc Lentsch

Jamestown High School Winter Guard program and is a member of the North East Color Guard Circuit Hall of Fame and previously served on the Winterguard International Advisory Board and Steering

A decision surrounding the marching band's competitive future has not yet been determined. However, recruitment and registration of student musicians is underway.

community and alumni: there will

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### **SUNY JCC Will Hold Annual Earth Day Celebration April 24**

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### **SUNY** Jamestown **Community College**

SUNY Jamestown Community College's annual Earthfest celebration is planned from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 on the Jamestown Campus.

Earthfest promotes understanding, celebration, and stewardship of the Earth and its resources. Weather permitting, the event will span the central campus walkways near the pond and the Student Union. Local environmental organizations, student groups, and public agencies bring educational and informational displays and exhibits while eco-friendly businesses provide an assortment of earth-friendly items for purchase.

Local acoustic musician Jamie Haight will perform live guitar music during the event.

presenter Jeff Musial of Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics will show some of his animal ambassadors to audience members in the Student Union. Musial and his exotic animals have appeared on NBC, CBS, and The Tonight Show with Jimmy

will hold a tree seedling adoption Senate.



made possible by The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, and a chance auction. The club will donate proceeds from the event to The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy and The Invasive Species Centre.

Andy Pitoniak, assistant professor of Biology at JCC, looks forward to the event every year.

"We enjoy having everyone come together in recognition From noon - 1 p.m. featured of the intricate dance of life on this planet," Pitoniak said. "With Earthfest comes an opportunity to appreciate our planet and recognize our responsibility to preserve and protect it for future generations."

JCC's Earth Awareness Club began holding Earthfest in the 1990s. The event is also sponsored by the College Programming The JCC Earth Awareness Club Committee and JCC Student

### **Congressman Langworthy Announces USDA Purchase of Surplus Concord Grape Juice from Growers in New York**

Article Contributed by

### Congressman Nick Langworthy

After Congressman Langworthy (NY-23) penned a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the agency has committed to purchasing \$45 million worth of surplus Concord grape juice to help stabilize industry prices.

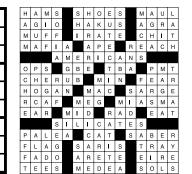
"Western New York grape growers had an excellent year, resulting in a surplus of Concord grape food insecurity. The \$45 million juice, which poses challenges managing inventory and stabilizing prices," said

grateful that the USDA has agreed to purchase \$45 million in surplus juice to distribute to various nutrition assistance programs, benefitting communities in need across the nation as well as our grape growers. I'm always proud to advocate for the hardworking agricultural community in our region and ensure they have a seat at the table in Washington."

The USDA's Section 23 allows for the purchase of surplus agricultural products to support domestic markets and address purchase of surplus Concord grape juice under this program will benefit grape growers in New Congressman Langworthy. "I'm York and other states.



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### **SUNY JCC Earns 15th Consecutive Tree Campus USA Designation**



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### SUNY Jamestown **Community College**

SUNY Jamestown Community College is preparing to celebrate its 15th consecutive Tree Campus USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation with ceremonial tree plantings from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on April 23.

'We welcome the community to gather at the front of the Science Center and participate in the event," said Andy Pitoniak, assistant professor of Biology at ICC. "In order to maintain our Tree Campus designation, we must show a commitment to maintaining and improving the trees on campus. This day is a fun piece of our ongoing efforts."

Tree Campus USA is a national program that was created in 2008 to honor colleges and universities The Tree Campus celebration and students in conservation Committee.

goals. JCC received its first designation in 2009 and was the first community college in New York to achieve this designation.

"Tree campuses must plant one tree every year for Arbor Day," Pitoniak said. "We also have to keep and regularly update a tree management plan, maintain a tree committee, have students involved through service learning, and designate a budget for the trees and their maintenance."

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, trees on campus and in urban spaces can lower energy costs by providing shade cover, cleaner air and water, and green spaces for students and faculty. Shaded areas for studying and gathering make campuses more visually appealing, and trees have been shown to improve students' mental and cognitive health.

for effective campus forest is sponsored by the JCC Tree management, and engaging staff Committee and Sustainability

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For over 75 years, through their many service projects, the Mayville Chautauqua Lions Club has provided support to those in need in Mayville, Westfield, Sherman, Clymer and Ripley. For more information about the Lions Club check out Mayville Chautauqua Lions Club on Facebook or for international information, visit lionsclubs.org. Volunteers always needed and appreciated.

**Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation** 

### This Week **Around Town**

#### **APRIL 22**

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### CHQ Book Read "Apple: Skin to the Core"

James Prendergast Library For info: ywcajamestown.comchqbookread

Chautauqua's Got Talent - 7pm

The Spire Theater

For info/tickets: inspirejamestown.com

### CCE Spring Lunch & Learn Series -

Integrated Pest Management-12pm-12:30 Cornell Cooperative Ext. Offices or via Zoom For info & to register: chautauqua.cce.cornell. edu/gardening or 716-664-9502 x224

#### **Ceremonial Tree Plantings: Celebrating** JCC's Tree Campus USA designation 12:30pm-1:30pm

In front of Science Center, JCC, Jamestown Mayville Adult Co-Ed Volleyball – 6:30pm

Every Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm Gym, Town of Chautaugua Offices For info: handcrafted14757@outlook.com

#### **APRIL 24**

#### Weekly Bird Walks at RTPI - 9am

Free, registration encouraged For info/to register: 716-665-2473

#### quick clay: trinket box - 5:30pm

Pearl City Clayhouse, Jamestown For info/reserve: pearlcityclayhouse.org/ event/quick-clay-trinket-box/

#### Movies at The Reg: Problemista - 7pm

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts For info/tickets: www.tourchautaugua.com/ events/movies-at-the-reg-problemista

#### Ekstasis 2.0 Concert Series - 5pm Patterson Library, Westfield

For info: pattersonlib.org

#### **APRIL 25**

#### Audubon Nature Paint Night - 5:30pm

(reservation deadline is April 21) **Audubon Community Nature Center** For info/reservations: AudubonCNC.org

#### Tim Donahue "Japan's Influence on my Life and Music"- 7pm

Thompson Hall Room W101, SUNY Fredonia Free and open to the public

#### Comedy Open Mic at The Lab - 7pm 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Labyrinth Press Co, Jamestown

#### **APRIL 26**

#### George L. Barone Jr Scholarship Fund Rummage and Bag Sale - 8am-4pm YWCA Lake Lodge, Lakewood

Birdathon: A day for birders For info: AudubonCNC.org

### Student Art & Desian Exhibition Reception

Free and open to the public Week Gallery, JCC

### For info: sunyjcc.edu/Galleries Teen Untitled Goose Night - 4:30-6:30pm

James Prendergast Library

#### Fredonia Literary Festival – 12pm-4:30pm free and open to the public

Williams Center's - Blue Lounge **SUNY Fredonia** 

### Clay With Renee – 6pm

For info: pearlcityclayhouse.org/event/clay-

#### Pottery Wheel Party (Adults Only) - 6pm For info: pearlcityclayhouse.org/event/ wheel-party-7/

#### Ceramic Desk Organizer - 6pm

https://pearlcityclayhouse.org/event/desk-Pearl City Clay House, Jamestown

#### Jazz Fest – 7pm

Scharmann Theatre, JCC For info: sunyjcc.edu/events

#### **APRIL 27**

### George L. Barone Jr Scholarship Fund Rummage and Bag Sale - 9am-1pm

YWCA Lake Lodge, Lakewood For info: George L Barone Jr. Scholarship

#### **Genealogy Conference & History Fair** 9am-4pm

Genealogy Conference Cost \$75, selection of 16 classes, includes lunch Fluvanna Community Church For info: fentonhistorycenter.org/crgc

#### Bird Banding at Audubon - 7-11am Free; donations appreciated.

For details call (716) 569-2345 Audubon Community Nature Center,

#### Mayville Spring Market - 10am-4pm Free, open to the public

Town of Chautauqua Offices, Mayville For info: handcrafted14757@outlook.com

#### For info:pearlcityclayhouse.org/event/wheelroots-level-1-2

Wheel Roots: Levels 1 and 2 - 11am

Ceramic Butter Dish - 2pm For info: pearlcityclayhouse.org/event/ butter-dish-2 Pearl City Clay House, Jamestown

#### The Coffee & Chocolate Festival at Peek'n Peak Resort - 11am-6pm

Peek'n Peak Resort, Clymer For info /tickets: facebook.com/ EverestEventsGroup

#### Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic - 1pm-3pm

Animals must be pre-registered Town of Poland Highway Department For info/register: chqgov.com/ environmentalhealth/rabies

#### The Femmes of Rock at The Reg – 8pm

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, Jamestown For info/tickets: reglenna.com/events/ femmes-rock

#### Dusk Beaver Search - 8pm

**Audubon Community Nature Center** reservations required by Thursday, April 25 For info/reservations: AudubonCNC.org

#### Chicken and Biscuits Dinner - 12:30-2:30pm to benefit Jamestown Kiwanis Youth Projects

\$12.00 for an adult dinner and \$8.00 for a child under 14 **Brookdale Lakewood** 

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#### Infinity's Annual Spring Showcase - 7pm Washington Middle School Auditorium

For tickets: www.infinityperformingarts.org

### **APRIL 28**

#### Mayville Spring Market - 10am-4pm Free, open to the public

Town of Chautauqua Offices, Mayville For info: handcrafted14757@outlook.com

#### Family Wheel Experience - 1pm Pearl City Clay House, Jamestown

For info: https://pearlcityclayhouse.org/ event/family-wheel-experience-7/

### **Chamber Corner**

Article Contributed by

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

### **Live CHQ! Choose CHQ!**

The new Live CHQ Campaign has us pretty excited! Not only does it portray Chautauqua County as a great place to live and work, behind the scenes there are specific plans to push out this fantastic new marketing video in a variety of ways to a variety of audiences.

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth have leaned into the need to attract not only new businesses to our county, but also a skilled workforce. Recruiting talented and skilled workers to Chautaugua County has been a challenge for a very long time. The new Live CHQ package is aimed at helping local companies and organizations in their recruitment efforts, as they can clearly and easily show off the low cost of living here, as well as the numerous cultural and recreational assets here that many of us take for granted.

The LiveCHQ.org website features a compendium of reasons why professionals would choose to relocate to Chautauqua County to enjoy a high quality of living and raise their families. In tandem with that, the ChooseCHQ.org site is aimed at providing businesses with a streamlined approach to starting up here or relocating here.

For the past few years, the Chamber of Commerce has taken on a strong role as a champion for local business. We take that so seriously that we built it into the mission statement crafted by our Board of Directors last year. Now, armed with some new tools from the Live CHQ campaign, we feel are even more energized around this conversation. Chautauqua County IS a great place to work, to own a business, and to find community support for local businesses.

communities, but we feel very posted April 29.

comfortable now in saying that Chautauqua County is taking positive steps to build back a working-age labor force and improve our overall economic

If you haven't seen the video yet, please watch. It's compelling, and we urge all local businesses, nonprofits, governments, and community groups to not only check it out but to share it broadly. Enthusiasm is contagious! It takes a full community to be a force for positive change. We have added the Live CHQ video and direct links to the websites to our homepage and shared them on social media. We hope you will all do the same.

### **Not a Chamber Member Yet? Watch for Our Small Business** Week Membership Offers

Each year the Chamber observes National Small Business Week with a special celebration held at a local small business, and by kicking off our annual membership drive with some special offers. This year will be no exception. We are working in conjunction with the Small Business Development Center at JCC on a Small Business Week recognition event to be held at Brigiotta's Farmland Produce on Fairmount Avenue in Jamestown April 29.

In recognition of National Small Business Week, you can join the Chamber during our Membership Drive and get a \$45 discount off your firstyear membership at any of the Main Street levels. This offer is valid April 29-May 10 only. In addition, any business that joins during the drive will be entered into a drawing for a second year Main Street One tier membership free (a \$195 value) or two tickets to the Chamber Annual Awards Banquet in October (a \$125 value.) For There is no quick fix to years of more information call the declining population and out- Chamber of Commerce or see migration of businesses in our our website when the offers are



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### **Alliance Members Prepare For 2024 Lake Season**

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not-for-profit organization that has worked since 2015 to secure funding, prioritize projects, and allocate resources to improve the health and usability of the lake and its watershed. The Alliance is a collection of member organizations representing a wide range of local stakeholders.

Our lake, like the earth, is a vital shared resource. It is an environmental, economic, and cultural cornerstone of our region that supports many different uses and users. While stakeholders often have differing opinions about how, when, and why a shared resource is managed, that is only because there is also agreement—agreement on the value and importance it holds for everyone. One of the most unique and important characteristics of the lake is its versatility as a resource. This 13,000-acre body of water is a world class fishery, making it a prime destination for anglers, and a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Class A waterbody that provides drinking water to the public. The lake's two distinct basins provide a range of rich aquatic habitats, which support many different plant and animal species. Opportunities for recreation are just as diverse, whether you enjoy kayaking or waterskiing or birdwatching.

The Alliance strives to support projects and programs that benefit this range of uses and users. In order to do so we rely on the experience and focus areas of our individual members. Issues such as excess plant growth, harmful algal blooms, invasive species, watershed management, economic development, stream restoration, and many others all require attention and funding. As a result, the Alliance's broad membership includes governmental entities like our nine lakeside municipalities and Chautauqua County, along



with public utilities like the South and Center Sewer Districts, North Sewer District, and the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities. Members also include local service providers like the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Chautauqua Lake Association, and Chautauqua Lake Partnership. Other members have different lake-related missions focused on areas like recreation. culture, business, and tourism. These include Chautauqua Institution, County Visitors Bureau, the Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association, and the Chautaugua-Cattaraugus Board of Realtors. Funders are another important category of Alliance members, such as The Lenna Foundation and the Arnold Holmberg Foundation. The connecting thread among these organizations is a shared interest in a resource that benefits us all.

within the Alliance has developed over the years, alongside access to new technology and the changing needs of the lake and its users. Adaptability continues to be a major goal of our work, both in terms of the programs that are implemented and how they can be sustainably funded. New partnerships exist today to service the lake that were absent in the recent past, and the last five years have seen an influx of new scientific research to help inform this work. Much progress has been and is being made. While the steps that need to be taken may be complex, the goal is simple: the continued health, use, and enjoyment of Chautauqua Lake.

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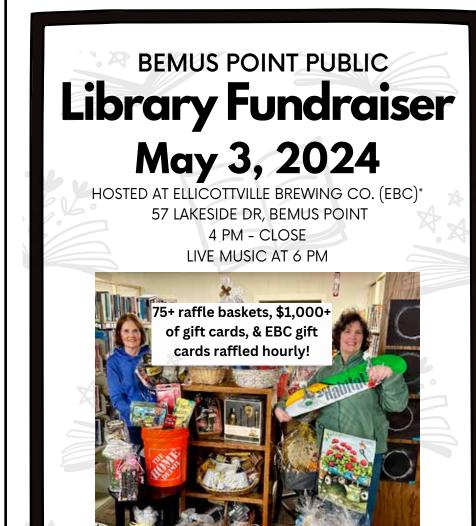
# **Welcomes New Board Members**





David M. Martin, PE

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