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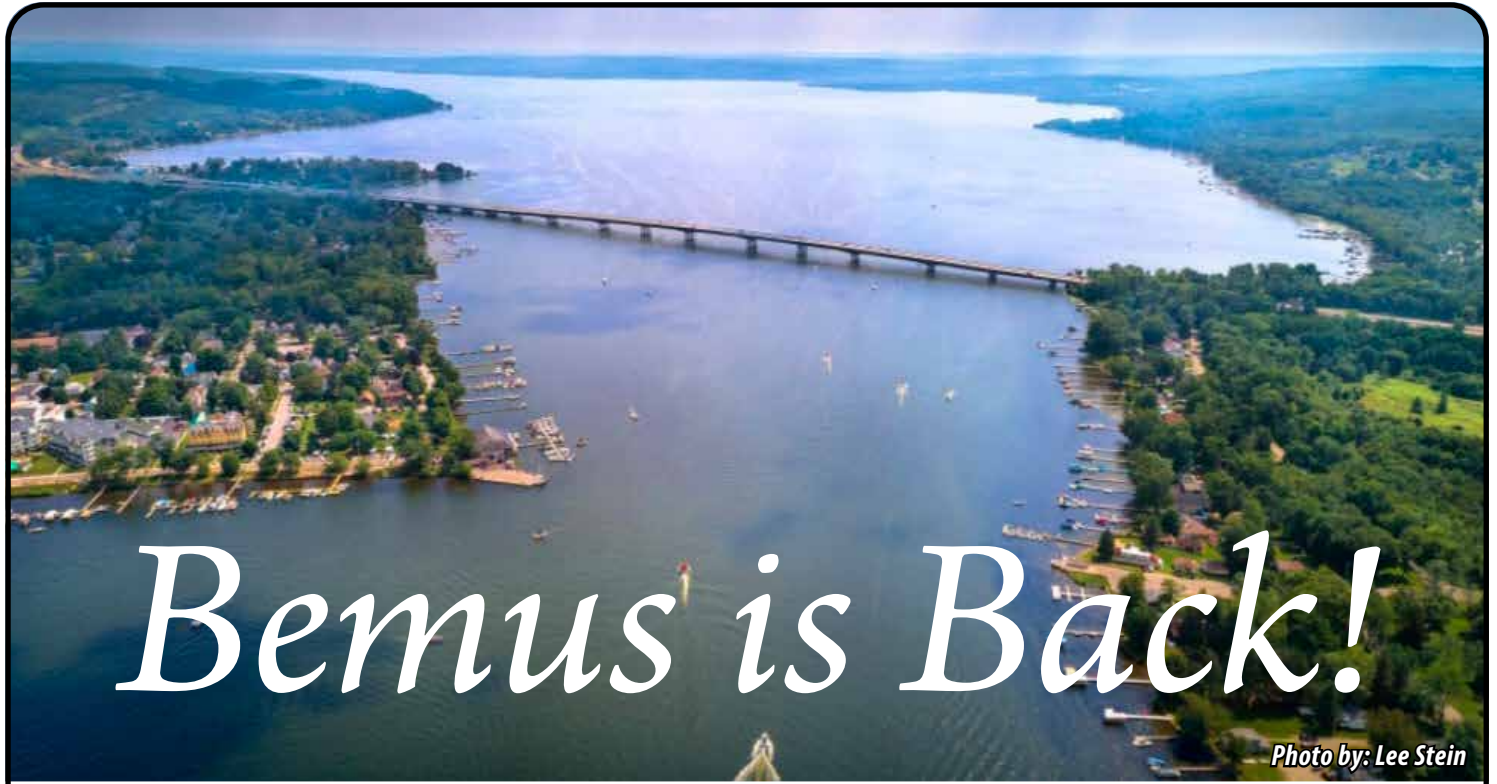
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Bemus is Back!

Photo by: Lee Stein

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Residents, visitors and travelers alike need look no further than Bemus Point for a spectacular start to summer. From a settlement in the 1800s to a bustling tourist destination - there is something for everyone in Bemus Point.

This year is no different with the weekend of May 3 – 5 designated as “Bemus Is Blooming.” Special activities are featured throughout the village that weekend as a preview of more to come during the more typical Memorial Day through Labor Day season.

Friday night will kick off with a basket raffle at Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC) to benefit the Bemus Point Library. The event is free to attend, and EBC will donate a portion of the evening’s dining proceeds back to the library. Over 75 baskets will be on display for ticketed bidding providing ample opportunity to support this great local cause. Doors will open at 4 p.m. Before the baskets relocate to EBC, they can be seen at the library and tickets are available there during library hours.

Other dining establishments in Bemus will be showcasing seasonal cuisine,

daily specials and old-fashioned comfort food. Local restaurants such as The Fish will offer waterfront dining on their lower deck or inside dining with a great view and Lake Life Café, will offer omelets, wraps and blended hot and cold coffee drinks. Those looking for a side of golf with their meal will want to visit the Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House. The Tap House and Guppy’s Restaurant & Tavern are also among the local establishments featuring an annual Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday and Cinco de Mayo celebrations on Sunday. Speaking of Guppy’s, visitors

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Bemus Point: A Storied History

Article by
Don Traynor & Katie Smith

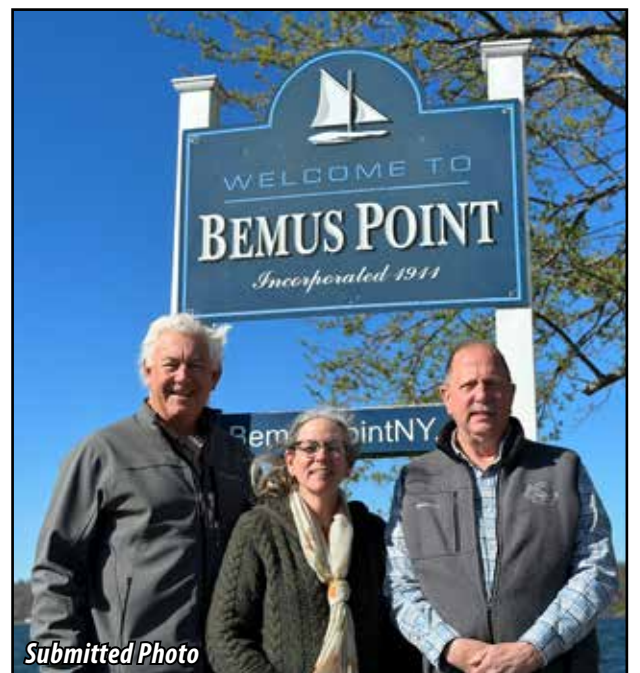
Bemus Point Historical Society

For more than 200 years, the village of Bemus Point has been synonymous with summer recreation. Beginning with modest development by the Bemus family to the retail shops, hotels, cottages and entertainment that came about during the 1900s, Bemus Point has always been a favorite tourist destination on Chautauqua Lake.

William Bemus was born in 1762 in Bemus Heights in

Saratoga County, NY. In 1782, he wed Mary Polly Prendergast, daughter of William and Mehitable Prendergast. Bemus and his brother-in-law, Thomas Prendergast, traveled to Batavia where they met William Peacock, who had recently been surveying the Chautauqua Lake area for the Holland Land Company. Before returning to their families, they visited the Chautauqua Lake region and determined this area would make a good settlement for the Bemus and Prendergast families. The Prendergast families settled in the lower

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Editorial with Lori Cornell



Stop and Smell the Blooms



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

You know the feeling.

Roll up to this stop sign and it never gets old. Whether a local resident or loyal visitor, the view right here takes your breath away. And this village inside draws you in like no other. It's not superior in talent, nor resources, nor opportunity. I've already showcased several of our other equally wonderful communities...

But Bemus elicits a feeling that goes beyond business success and tight-

knit traditions. The beauty, the bustle, the energy, it transforms your psyche and touches your soul. To me, it's that "feeling" that makes Bemus unique, especially in the summer.

This week, it's exciting to join the Bemus Bay Business Association in welcoming back some favorite seasonal destinations for 2024. The proud village owners have joined together to roll out "Bemus in Bloom" this May 3-6 and promise a fun-filled reopening for all.

So stop - smell the blooms, and enjoy Bemus. Take a walk down the main drag, grab a fantastic meal at one of the many restaurants, enjoy the beauty of Chautauqua Lake - it's all waiting there for you. The essence of Spring that hides hints of the warmth of summer in its midst.

That love, that feeling, that Bemus - it belongs to us all.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church Organizes Interfaith Pilgrimage for Peace in Gaza



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St. Luke's youth on a recent walking pilgrimage in Italy, an experience which underscored the transformative nature walking – a seminal experience for May 4th's Pilgrimage for Peace in Gaza.

Article Contributed by

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

"Going for a walk often transports us to farther destinations—beyond the mere miles traversed," says the Rev. Jessica Frederick, reflecting on leading a recent youth pilgrimage to Rome. "Of all that we saw and experienced in Italy, the students are still talking about the lessons learned from the days spent walking."

Frederick, an associate priest at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown, wondered if there was a way to apply the lessons learned on pilgrimage in a local context – without international travel. An opportunity presented itself sooner than expected, when a friend suggested organizing a peace walk to raise awareness about the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

"I have felt heartbroken and helpless by the news coming out of Gaza," continues Frederick, who lived in the West Bank from 2008-2010 as an international human rights advocate. "There's so much death and suffering occurring in such a tiny corner of the world. That's when we realized: The shoreline of Chautauqua Lake is roughly the length of the Gaza Strip. For perspective, Gaza is 141 square miles, less than one-tenth of the size of Chautauqua County – but with 2.5 million people on it. Palestinians have had to walk the length of Gaza, fleeing the violence of the war. It's impossible to wrap one's mind around. Now they have nowhere left to go. Why not walk that distance – the length of Gaza – locally, where we have the freedom to do so, to call for a ceasefire and to call for peace?"

In this way, the idea for an Interfaith Pilgrimage for Peace in Gaza came to be. On Saturday, May 4th, St. Luke's is organizing a 22 mile interfaith peace walk, from Mayville to Jamestown. Walkers will gather at the Lakeside Park in Mayville at 7 am, in order to depart promptly at 7:30 am. The walking group is planned to arrive at St. Luke's by 5 pm, where the day's activities will conclude with interfaith prayers and reflection. People of diverse ages and abilities are welcome to get involved, as participants are welcome to walk for all or some of the trip (there will be a support vehicle available for those who are not able to walk the full 22 miles). Additionally, the walk includes planned rest breaks (for food, water, etc.) every four to six miles along the way.

Community members may also donate in support of the peace walk, with all proceeds going to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese of Jerusalem runs Al-Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza, which treats patients regardless of race, religion, or ability to pay. To give online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/GazaWalk> and select "Gaza Relief" in the drop down menu. Checks may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, with "Gaza Relief" in the memo line.

The Interfaith Pilgrimage for Peace in Gaza is free and open to the public. St. Luke's Episcopal Church is located at 410 North Main Street, Corner of Fourth and Main, Jamestown, NY. For questions or more information, call the church office at 716-483-6405 or email the Rev. Jessica Frederick (jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org).



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2024 State of the County Address: Our County, Our Vision, Our Future



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In his 2024 State of the County Address, Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. illuminated a path towards resilience, prosperity, and community unity in 2024. Here are the key highlights:

Resilience Amid Challenges: Despite economic uncertainties, Chautauqua County thrived in 2023, experiencing a surge in business investment and expanding its labor force through strategic workforce development initiatives.

Commitment to Fiscal Conservatism: Wendel underscored the county's prudent budgeting practices, tax relief measures, and fiscal management, resulting in a budget at or below the state-mandated tax cap for four consecutive years.

Record Business Investment: The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) led projects totaling \$842 million, showcasing the county's commitment to economic diversification and expansion.

Future Growth Initiatives: Wendel outlined ambitious plans

to attract businesses and residents through branding campaigns like Live CHQ and Choose CHQ, alongside the development of a shovel-ready industrial park in the Town of Ripley.

Collaborative Victories: Collaboration with federal and state representatives secured funding for critical projects, including harbor improvements and lake preservation initiatives.

Investments in County Services: Initiatives addressing mental health support, substance abuse response, and re-entry programs demonstrate the county's dedication to supporting vulnerable populations.

Vision 2024: An initiative to modernize county office spaces aims to enhance productivity, employee satisfaction, and operational efficiency.

Renewed Determination: Wendel called upon residents to embrace courage and strength, envisioning a future where resilience reigns supreme and the county thrives economically and socially.

A full recap of Chautauqua County's State of the County Address can be viewed online at CHQGov.com.

"Addiction and Recovery Aren't Four-Letter Words" by Rev. Alex Holt



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"Addiction and Recovery Aren't Four-Letter Words" is the title of Rev. Alex Holt's message at the 10:30 a.m. May 5 Sunday service of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Avenue. In recovery himself, the retired Unitarian Universalist (UU) minister and Oregon resident will talk about UU and Buddhist approaches to addiction and recovery in the larger UU world. To join virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.

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

Level: Beginner

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Partner to "ooed"
- 6. Relaxing places
- 10. Humorous monologue
- 14. Simple elegance
- 15. Bearable
- 17. Disobedience
- 19. Express delight
- 20. Gov't attorneys
- 21. Wake up
- 22. A type of band
- 23. Remain as is
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Battle-ax
- 29. Volcanic crater
- 31. The mother of Jesus
- 32. One's life history
- 34. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 35. Doubles
- 37. Jacob __, American journalist
- 38. House pet
- 39. S. African river
- 40. Broad sashes
- 41. Establish as a foundation
- 43. KGB double agent Aldrich __
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Train group (abbr.)
- 50. Frames per second
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal from a federation
- 58. Guitarist sounds
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Helps escape

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Currency exchange charge
- 2. River in Tuscany
- 3. Breakfast dish
- 4. Defunct European currency
- 5. Upper class young woman
- 6. Part of a purse
- 7. Self-contained units
- 8. Boxing's GOAT
- 9. Legislators
- 10. Flightless birds
- 11. U. of Miami's mascot is one
- 12. Floating ice
- 13. Low, marshy land
- 16. Seldom
- 18. Lyric poems
- 22. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
- 23. Full extent of something
- 24. __ Claus
- 25. Naturally occurring solid material
- 27. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
- 28. Thirteen
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 30. Member of a Semitic people
- 31. One thousandth of an inch
- 33. Former CIA
- 35. Most lemony
- 36. Engage in
- 37. Small Eurasian deer
- 39. Provisions
- 42. All humans have them
- 43. Swiss river
- 44. Storage term (abbr.)
- 46. Famed Broadway lyricist Sammy
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Egyptian sun god
- 50. Flute
- 51. Flew off!
- 52. Scottish tax
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Populous Brazilian city
- 55. Malaysian Isthmus
- 56. Pointed end of a pen



April 20

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April 21

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April 22

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Faith Matters

Why does it matter?



Contributing Writer

Katie Castro
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“Why does it matter?” is my tween’s new favorite question. She doesn’t always ask it straightforwardly... many times it’s hidden behind the other question she’s asking, but regardless of what language my daughter uses, I can tell that the question tugging on most of her complaints and “why do I have to’s” these days is the question: “why does this matter?”

“Why does it matter that I do this thing, mom?” [Please insert whatever melodramatic, tween complaint tone you’re familiar with]. “Why does it matter?”

Faith is no exception to this question. In fact, I’d argue that it’s the most important “why does it matter” that she keeps asking right now. Why does it matter to have faith? Why does it matter to believe? Why do I keep on insisting that she show up in places and spaces where Jesus-inspired mission is happening?

In a post-religious 2024 landscape of declining world affairs, what does our faith even matter? If we’re honest, many of us have are asking the same question.

It might feel like an angsty question or a question of little faith, but to push it aside would be to forget its relevance to the passion. The passion of Christ, Holy Week – as we know it, is the wrestle between what we thought would be (what we expected it to be) and what is (a Savior whose Triumphant Entry was on a smelly donkey, betrayed by his own, crucified in public humiliation by the political powers, and wrapped in grave clothes). There is no doubt that Holy Week was a week of angst and great grief for the disciples as they wrestled with the question, “Why?”

“Why” is paramount to faith.

And when my daughter asks the question “why does it matter” with regard to faith these days, I have a habit: I push over her blanket, crawl into her bed, get real close, and with love whisper: “It matters because we couldn’t carry on without it. It’s the thing that pushes us forward.”

And then I start to recount for her all of the hard, horrific, awful, really bad, no-good things that I have survived (and even gone on to thrive through) because I believed that Jesus could take my angst and grief and trauma and tragedy and do what He did during Holy Week: resurrect it all ... make meaning and new life of it all, redeem even the dirtiest, hardest-to-hold bits of it, making beauty of the ashes of my story and declaring over it all: “the best is still yet to come.”

It matters to have faith because without it, despair wins the day; but with it (with all the hard of Holy Week and THEN the resurrection), hope wins instead.

If Jesus could turn death itself into eternal life, then all of our bad days can be new beginnings too.

It matters because when we live with that kind of hard-earned hope, the world around us changes too. When we live with resurrection hope, it gets into every gritty crack and crevice of our lives: into our families, into our friendships, into our workplaces, into our communities, into our world. When we live with that kind of hope, we breathe new life and possibility and imagination and opportunity into everything and everyone around us.

Your faith matters, little one, because it will sustain you and it will change everything around you.

And even as you wrestle, even now, pulling at the “why does it matter,” hope is afoot there too.

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

Bemus is Blooming

EMBRACING THE SEASON



Article by
Kelley Marker
Bemus Point Business Association

Spring has sprung in Bemus Point, NY, and with it comes the much-anticipated annual event, Bemus is Back in Bloom. Scheduled for May 3-5, this village-wide open house welcomes the season with open arms and invites locals and visitors alike to celebrate the return of warmer weather and longer days.

Bemus is Blooming has become a tradition for the community, serving as a season kick-off for many of the village’s beloved businesses. This event allows businesses to showcase their new spring goods and services while also offering special food and drink menus that embrace the season’s flavors.

For those who enjoy shopping, Bemus Point has an array of locally owned and operated shops that will be participating in the event. Visitors can expect to find new spring-themed items, from clothing to home decor, that embody the spirit of the season. These shops will also have their doors open to welcome visitors and showcase their new offerings. Visit these wonderful local shops during Bemus is Blooming: Alpacaville, Bemus Point Pottery, Lakeside Arts & Furniture, Loud Performance, Petals & Twigs Gifts & Children’s Shoppe, Skillmans, The Ugly Peacock and Treasures on Main (call individual businesses for hours).

Bemus Point’s local non-profit organizations are getting involved by hosting open houses and showcasing their services to the community. This provides an opportunity for visitors to learn about the work these organizations do and how they can get involved and support their community. Be sure to stop by The Lawson Center, Bemus Point Historical Society, and Bemus Point Library on Saturday!

Ellicottville Brewing on Chautauqua will be hosting a “Books ‘n Brews” fundraiser, supporting the Bemus Point Library on Friday, May 3 from 4PM to close. Visitors will have the opportunity to win one of the nearly 100 raffle baskets and enjoy literary themed cocktails during this special event!

Bemus is Blooming is also an excellent opportunity for visitors to indulge in some seasonal cuisine. Bemus Point is home to several restaurants and cafes that will be offering special spring-themed menus during the event. Many of Bemus Point’s restaurants will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo all weekend long! Visitors can expect to find a variety of delicious dishes and drinks at these restaurants, as well as specials throughout the weekend (call individual businesses for info).

It’s also Kentucky Derby Weekend! Visitors can enjoy the race at restaurants around the village. The Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House will also be hosting their annual Derby party Sunday night...they’re encouraging everyone to wear their best hats!

Visit these wonderful restaurants during Bemus is Blooming: Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, Bemus Point Inn Restaurant, Coppola’s Pizzeria, Ellicottville Brewing on Chautauqua, The Green Door Tavern, Guppy’s Restaurant & Tavern, Lake Life Café, 14 Main, Sweet Lolita’s Gourmet Cupcakes & Sweet Treats, The Fish and The Village Casino (opening for the season on May 3rd!).

Bemus is Blooming has something for everyone, from shopping and dining to community fundraising. The event is a testament to the community’s love for the season and its commitment to supporting local businesses and non-profit organizations. It’s a celebration of the coming of spring and all the joy and new beginnings it brings.

It’s a great way to welcome spring and experience the hospitality and charm of Bemus Point. With something for everyone, visitors are sure to have a great time exploring the village, trying new food and drink, and shopping for spring merchandise. So mark your calendars for May 3-5 and join us for a weekend of fun and celebration!

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Progress Continues on Chautauqua Lake with NYS Grants

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Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance

The Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance is pleased to announce that it has partnered with its Members on five successful 2023 New York State grant applications. Through the efforts of many, around \$885,000 in new project funding will be directed to Chautauqua Lake over the next several years, with about \$714,000 coming from the state. The work made possible by these five new grants is diverse – addressing invasive species, stormwater infrastructure, sediment and nutrient management, and flooding reduction. All will work in coordination to serve the collective goal of maintaining and improving Chautauqua Lake – our county's economic engine and ecological cornerstone.

Alliance Members earned two grants via the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program. Both fall under the Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control project category. The Village of Lakewood was awarded \$244,876 for its Village of Lakewood Fairmount Avenue Constructed Wetland Project. This work will construct a new wetland pond system to capture and treat stormwater from a 109-acre area. The project will use native seed mixes, live stakes, shrubs, and trees to increase flood resiliency and reduce sediment and nutrient transport to Chautauqua Lake. "Lakewood continues to be a great partner on watershed improvement projects," said Alliance Executive Director Randall Perry. "They have put together an impressive resume of both engineering studies to identify needs and solutions, and shovel-ready implementation projects like this. Thank you to everyone at the Village for their hard work and leadership – not just in the watershed, but also as it relates to their efforts on the lake itself and economic development in their community."

The Town of North Harmony secured \$218,800 for the Town of North Harmony Carpenter-Pringle Road Stream Culvert Replacement. This project will replace an aged stream culvert with a new larger arch pipe, and install bank protection at the project site in order to reduce erosion and protect road infrastructure. This culvert replacement will also improve stream function and reduce the negative impacts of storm events, aiding climate resilience. "I am very thankful for our partnership with the Alliance group with this project," North Harmony Highway Superintendent Benny Karlson said. "Receiving this grant allows North Harmony to address this failing culvert, which will improve the safety of our road and reduce the amount of sediment in our beautiful lake."

Chautauqua County received a \$50,000 grant via the NYSDEC Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source

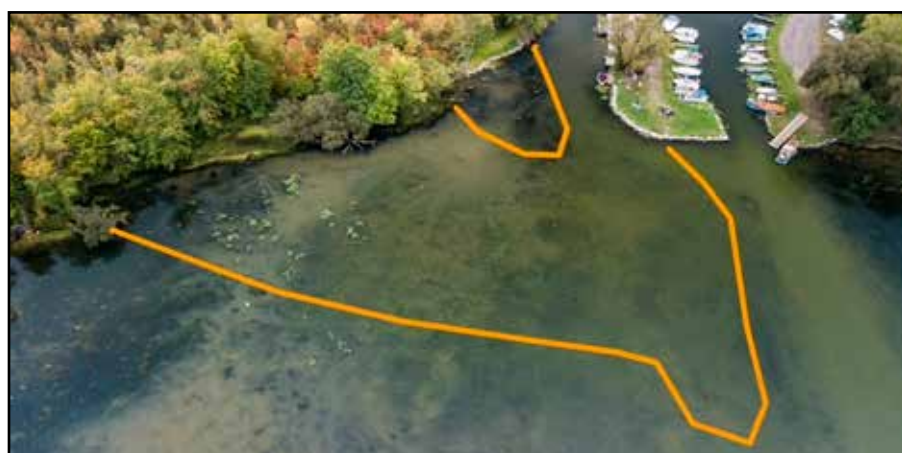


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Among the five New York State grants secured by Alliance Members are two starry stonewort management projects. Diver-assisted suction harvesting is scheduled to be performed at Ashville Bay, pictured above, as well as Prendergast Point.

Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG) program for the Bemus Creek Sediment and Debris Management Plan. This project will produce a stream sediment and debris management plan for a section of Bemus Creek in the Town of Ellery and Village of Bemus Point which will identify areas in the stream basin that contribute to flood risk and erosion. "We are pleased that the NYSDEC has awarded Chautauqua County funding for this project and optimistic that funding for implementation will be available in future rounds of the CFAs," County Watershed Coordinator Dave McCoy said. The plan will develop recommendations to reduce the risk of future flooding, erosion, and debris jams to benefit the overall function of the creek and protect homes and infrastructure in the area. The focus area of this study will be the lower sections of the creek, including areas near the Shore Acres community that have suffered from flooding in recent years. "I extend my sincere appreciation to the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance for their dedication in securing the \$50,000 grant via the NYSDEC Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG) program," County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. said. "This grant will significantly aid in the development of the Bemus Creek Sediment and Debris Management Plan, focusing on crucial areas within the Town of Ellery and Village of Bemus Point. This initiative is vital in identifying and addressing flood risks, erosion, and debris jams in the lower sections of the creek, with a particular focus on areas such as the Shore Acres community. Through collaborative efforts, we endeavor to protect homes and infrastructure, ensuring the sustainability and functionality of our creek for years to come."



In January, the NYSDEC announced awards for the recently reopened Invasive Species Grant Program, which provides funding for aquatic and terrestrial invasive species spread prevention, early detection and rapid response, lake management planning, research, and education and outreach. The Town of Chautauqua was awarded \$100,000 for the Chautauqua Lake Prendergast Point Starry Stonewort Control Project,

while the Town of North Harmony received \$100,000 for the Chautauqua Lake Ashville Bay Starry Stonewort Control Project. These projects will employ a removal technique known as diver-assisted suction harvesting, or DASH, to address concentrated infestations of the invasive macroalgae starry stonewort. With only \$3 Million in funds available statewide via the Invasive Species Program, these two projects account for almost 7% of all statewide awards, and were the only grants awarded to the Western New York Region by this program. "It is a testament to all the project partners involved that these applications could be identified and prepared in response to new state funding opportunities," said Alliance Project Manager Taylor West. "This problem species spreads readily via fragmentation and has the ability to form dense mats that can impair recreation, harm fish, and crowd out beneficial native species. Management is a high priority for everyone."

Research continues at the state and federal levels to identify best management practices for starry stonewort, however, few if any surefire techniques exist. With multiple other areas of occurrence around Chautauqua Lake, each with their own unique characteristics, several management options are being tested or considered in parallel. These include two manual removal pilot tests in Ashville Bay in 2022 and 2023, led by the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, and a chemical control pilot test planned for 2024, under the direction of the Chautauqua Lake Partnership.

Ranging from 10 to 25%, the local match for these grants was assembled from multiple sources including the Alliance-Foundation Match Fund, which includes funds from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the Holmberg Foundation, and The Lenna Foundation; the County; and in-kind services by the Town of North Harmony. These local buy-ins and commitments are vital to leverage these state funds, and we thank those who contributed and helped put these funding packages together. Steps leading to this success include multiple Alliance Members and their partners. Special thanks go

out to the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy for its role in helping bring the Fairmount Avenue Project to fruition, as well as its years of work leading the lake's invasive species early detection and rapid response efforts and related work to address starry stonewort. The Chautauqua Lake Association has also played a key role in our local invasive species programs via its watercraft steward program, as well as participation in the pilot removal of starry stonewort over the past two years. The Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Dr. Rob Richardson of NC State University, and Glenn Sullivan of Ready Scout LLC have provided important technical assistance for starry stonewort pilot testing and permitting, and the assessment of best management practices. Andy Johnson of EcoStrategies PLLC has played an important role in both the Fairmount Avenue Project and North Harmony Culvert Replacement by offering technical assistance and authoring feasibility studies necessary for application preparation.

"These parallel efforts at the local level, and the funding that supports them, continue to be critical in scaling up work and securing these larger outside dollars," said Perry. "The impact of the Alliance's consolidated local funding framework, supported generously by the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, The Lenna Foundation, the Holmberg Foundation, the Hultquist Foundation, and the County, is amplified by the pursuit of these state dollars. Meanwhile the ability to direct local dollars quickly to areas of greatest need also spins out leveraging opportunities and strengthens the applications we submit to the state. Neither works as well without the other."

Since 2015 when it began operations, the Alliance has proudly partnered with Members on 30 NYS grants, with total project values of nearly \$6.9 million. The state grant process – while very competitive – offers a unique opportunity to multiply our local resources when successful. Oftentimes, one local dollar garners three additional dollars from the state, yielding four dollars' worth of work. With this in mind, the authorship and submission of these proposals continues as a priority objective for the Alliance and its Members, as we work in collaboration to maximize the impact of our funders' investments and deliver projects that will benefit the Lake now and in the future.

We would like to thank the state, local foundations and the County for their generous contributions, the municipalities, and all other project partners who have helped make these applications a success. State funding for these projects is provided from the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the NYSDEC. For more information about these projects and others, please contact Alliance Communications Coordinator Jay Young at jyoung@chautauquaalliance.org or 716-661-8918, or visit the Alliance projects page at <http://www.chautauquaalliance.org/projects/>.



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Bemus Point: A Storied History

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end of the lake, calling Jamestown home.

In November of 1805, William Bemus had a substantial log house built about 30 or 40 rods northeast of the current location of the Bemus Point -Stow Ferry Landing. Bemus later built the first sawmill in the town in 1808 and the first gristmill in 1811. William Bemus remained active in the early development of the area until his death on January 2, 1830.

Thomas Bemus, William's son, settled on the west side of Chautauqua Lake and in 1811 applied for a license to construct and operate a lake crossing between the Bemus Point and Stow shores using a flat bottom raft. The construction of the Chautauqua Lake bridge in the 1980s made reaching Bemus Point easier and more convenient for many. However, over two centuries later a ferry still navigates "the narrows" between those two points each summer season and is considered a must-do activity for many residents and visitors.



Travelers to Bemus Point found lodging in the many cottages, boarding houses and hotels that dotted the lakeside. At one time, four magnificent hotels were located along Lakeside Drive on what was referred to as "Hotel Row." Currently, only the Lenhart remains standing. The Lenhart is not currently operating but Air BnBs, newly constructed condos, cottages and apartments provide lodging for visitors.

Bemus Point continues to be a well-loved destination for families and friends looking to enjoy the perfect sunset of Bemus Bay.

The Bemus Point Historical Society was formed in 1997 and maintains a museum on Alburts Ave. in the village. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, and the museum is open Saturdays during July and August. The Historical Society can be reached via Facebook or email at bemuspointhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

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Support the Bemus Point Library's Annual Benefit at EBC



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Bemus Point Library Director Shannon Donovan & Ellicottville Brewing Company's Bemus General Manager Topper Clemmons shop the library raffle along with patrons.

Article by
Shannon Donovan
Bemus Point Library Director

The Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC) at Bemus Point has planned a fun-filled 2024 Season Opening night on Friday, May 3rd to benefit the Bemus Point Library. The doors open at 4 pm and live entertainment by the Big Dog Acoustics begins at 6 pm. Sit back and sip a literary-themed cocktail – Tequila Mockingbird, anyone – while you peruse the new EBC menu, knowing a portion of the restaurant's proceeds will support the library on this one-night event.

baskets; expensive barware, spirits, and hundreds of other items. Raffle tickets are \$10 for one, 26-ticket card, or just \$15 for two cards of \$2 tickets.

This is the third time EBC has held a benefit for the Bemus Library since opening its restaurant in the Chautauqua Lake Village in 2016. "It's a pleasure to give back to the village through supporting its library," said EBC Manager Topper Clemens. "May 3rd restaurant patrons will be eligible for hourly EBC gift card and beer drawing while celebrating our Bemus Point Library and the start of the Chautauqua Lake summer season."

A special "basket menu" will highlight the 90+ baskets and gift cards that will be displayed at the restaurant and raffled off during the weekend, with all proceeds going directly to the library. The raffle includes \$100 gift cards donated by EBC, The Fish, and Wegmans, along with dozens of other gifts cards between \$25 to \$70 to other area businesses and restaurants in Bemus, Lakewood, Mayville and Jamestown. Donated items include two, \$55 tickets to Chautauqua Institution's famed House and Garden tour, scheduled for July 11; two tickets and gift items to both the National Comedy Center and Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz museums in Jamestown; a \$329 auto spa detailing package from Ed Shults in Jamestown; a 50 % savings on hair, nail and spa services at St. Elmo Spa in the Chautauqua Institution; \$135 skate board package, Reno pottery, art work by noted local artist William Disbro, 10 child-themed

The Bemus Point Library is one of the smallest of the 38 libraries that make up the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus library system, but one with a huge community impact. With just two part-time employees and dedicated volunteers, it offers 16,000 books in one room; a much-regarded, free weekly toddler program that serves children from both Bemus Point and surrounding communities; a visiting reading support dog; author talks; a monthly book club; internet access and five computers available six days a week to residents and hundreds of summer patrons.

Individuals wishing to pre-purchase raffle tickets and preview baskets can do so at the Bemus Point Library through Thursday, May 2nd. The library is open 10 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday; Wednesday from 1 pm to 5 pm; Thursday 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

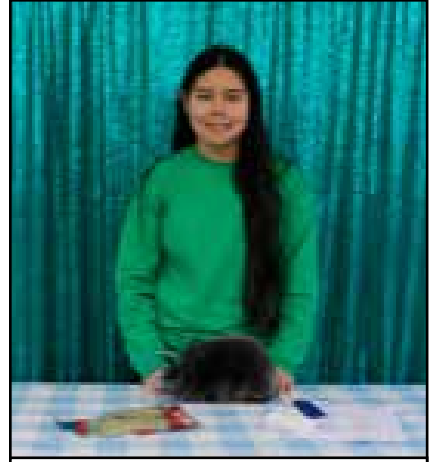
4-H Youth Compete in Annual Spring Rabbit Show



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Best in Show Winner, Brogan Nickerson; Reserve in Show Winner, Megan Yokom; ARBA Judge, Mike Ross



Overall Reserve Champion Showman Madalyn Reading



Overall Grand Champion Showman Luisa Smith

Article by
Lindsey Crisanti Meeder

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's 4-H Youth Development Program held their Annual Spring Show for youth in the Rabbit Project on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, at the Maple Springs Fire Hall in Bemus Point. The show was organized by volunteers on the 4-H Rabbit Project Advisory Committee. There were a total of 28 youth and 52 rabbits in attendance. Mike Ross judged the breed show. Youth exhibited various breeds of rabbits, and each breed competed for the Best of Breed (BOB) and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), awarded to the best rabbit of the opposite sex from the Best of Breed. Best in Show award went to Brogan Nickerson and his Mini Rex Buck. Reserve in Show award went to Megan Yokom and her Netherland Dwarf Buck.

The winners for Best of Breed were:
• Britannia Petite – Edward Light
• Champagne D'Argente – Kristen Heath
• Dutch – Lexus Eschenbach
• English Lop – Lexus Eschenbach
• Holland Lop – Kristen Heath
• Jersey Wooley – Presley Martell
• Mini Lop – Ida Jones
• Mini Rex – Brogan Nickerson – BEST IN SHOW
• Netherland Dwarf – Megan Yokom – RESERVE IN SHOW
• Rex- Paige Winton
• Pet Class – Madalyn Reading

The winners for Best Opposite Sex were:
• Britannia Petite – Edward Light
• Dutch – Lexus Eschenbach
• Holland Lop – Bryce Skarzinski
• Mini Lop – Onna Warner
• Mini Rex – Kierdan Nickerson
• Netherland Dwarf – Megan Yokom

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• Netherland Dwarf – Megan Yokom

Top Showmanship Awards were awarded to:
• 1st Year Junior Grand Champion Showman – Megan Yokom

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Jamestown BPU to hold Retool'24 Conference June 11

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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities



Retool'24, a one-day conference focused on clean energy sector opportunities for small and medium manufacturers, organized by the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities, will take place at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron on June 11.

The conference, part of the BPU's Retool WNY initiative, is aimed at helping regional manufacturers match their production capabilities with the critical needs of major companies in the clean energy sector.

This year's conference theme is, "Connect. Collaborate. Create Clean Energy Opportunities." It is focused specifically on opportunities for small and medium manufacturers to become part of the growing supply chain in the clean energy sector and to highlight entrepreneurs who have been early adopters to clean energy needs and have started businesses. The Retool event is meant to encourage business growth and development in climate and clean technologies in Western New York.

Partners for this year's event are NextCorps and Scale for ClimateTech, two not-for-profit organizations located at the University of Rochester focused on scaling up manufacturing in New York state, specifically focused on commercializing clean technologies and solutions.

The conference will feature a number of keynote speakers and panelists, all part of the clean energy ecosystem. One featured speaker will be Jon M. Williams, CEO of Viridi, an advanced battery energy storage

manufacturer in Buffalo. Viridi, located on Buffalo's east side, has a recruitment and training program to help place residents that face numerous employment challenges. Viridi has scaled up from a small start-up company and is located in a 42-acre complex that opened in 1923 as a General Motors plant.

David L. Leathers, Jamestown BPU general manager, noted that the importance of the Retool WNY initiative is in connecting regional manufacturers with companies looking for new suppliers.

"Our regional manufacturers can benefit from opportunities available now to become part of the supply chain for the emerging clean energy sector," Leathers said.

Retool'24 is sponsored by the Jamestown BPU and a variety of regional businesses and organizations. Pre-registration is required for the conference. The registration site is: Retool24Event.eventbrite.com. More information is available by contacting Ellen Ditonto, Jamestown BPU business development coordinator, at 716-661-1686 or emailing businessdev@jamestownbpu.com.

"This conference is a way to share success stories as well as an opportunity to match manufacturer needs with suppliers that can help. An extended vendor fair and networking event will help with matching opportunities for our custom manufacturers and companies looking for new suppliers," Ditonto said.

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Prevention Works 23rd Annual Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest Winner



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Prevention Works recently held its 23rd Annual Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest. Grand prize winner, Tala Abuhmeidan, from Chautauqua Lake Central School, holds her winning poster. The theme of this year's contest was "I am not alone in saying no". The contest received 213 submissions spanning from 3rd to 12th grade across Chautauqua County. Tala's winning poster will be featured on a local billboard in our community.

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Come to the Table for CASA Returns to the Chautauqua Suites May 9



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County will hold its 16th Annual Come to the Table fundraiser on Thursday, May 9 at The Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, NY. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the live table auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door for \$20.

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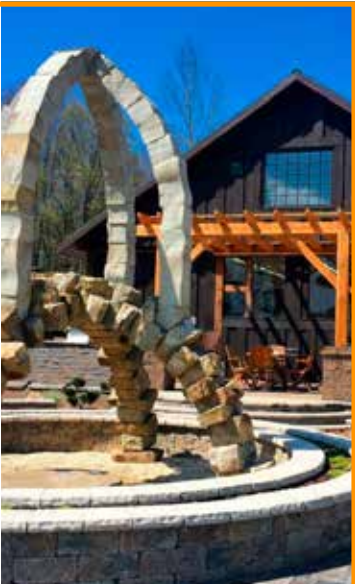
Support all those to whom we owe so much! A great opportunity to gather together, enjoy the race, and root for your favorite jockey/horse!

Reservations preferred: 716-753-2444
Reference this notice. Walk-ins welcome.
Delicious Derby Buffet is \$12/ Mint Julep special only \$5.
Derby Hats Encouraged! 50-50 tickets available.

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.

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Audubon First Friday, Bird Banding, Sunday Storytime This Weekend



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For a fun Sunday, bring your favorite 2-8 year old(s) to Audubon for Storytime, enjoy a free visit with the indoor animals, then go outside to check on the resident raptors. Final stop: Tank, the 12-foot, 1,500 pound concrete turtle in the Nature Play Area.

Article Contributed by
Audubon Community Nature Center

Jim Berry, retired President/CEO of Jamestown's Roger Tory Peterson Institute, speaks at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday, May 3, 11 a.m. As co-editor, he will describe the wonders of Bob Sundell's Birds of Chautauqua County, New York and Nearby Areas. Bring lunch and join the conversation afterward.

Experience bird bandings Saturdays, May 4-18, anytime 7-11 a.m. Watch ornithologists capture birds, fit them with ID bands, measure, weigh and release them. Bring the kids to this free event.

Enjoy a fun-filled spring day with the 2-8-year-old(s) in your life at the free First Sunday Story Time, 12:30-1 p.m., May 5, then visit the animals indoors and out. To reserve your space, go to AudubonCNC.org and click through Programs and Events.

MHA April Luncheon Starts with Appreciation



Submitted Photo
At the Mental Health Association's recent recovery luncheon, Finance Director Jill Marsh (right) awarded a certificate to intern Jena Vacanti for raising over \$3,300 through the basket raffle fundraiser she created. With recovery centers in Jamestown and Dunkirk, the MHA is a peer recovery center offering support groups and individual coaching for people looking to improve their lives, deepen wellness, thrive in recovery, or support those on a recovery path. To learn more about the Mental Health Association, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHACHautauqua.

Upcoming Local Library Events

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.
ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP
Hazeltine Public Library
Community Building
891 Busti Sugargrove Road, Jamestown

Are you interested in making your home more energy efficient? Would you like to learn more about sustainability, clean energy or solar energy? Emily Edmunds, an Energy Sustainability Educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide information on weatherization programs, insulation, efficient heating and cooling systems as well as free or reduced cost energy assessment programs, installation services and low cost financing. Ms. Edmunds is part of the Regional Energy Hub established by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to connect residents to the clean energy economy. She brings experience in clean energy, energy efficiency, energy literacy and weatherization to this free program, open to all residents. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling the library at 716-487-1281.

Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.
DEBATE: SPECIAL CREATION VS. DARWINIAN EVOLUTION
(privately sponsored)
Jamestown Prendergast Library
501 Cherry Street, Jamestown

Chris Miller and Norm Carlson will each have 20 minutes to present his view and followed by 3 alternating 4 minute time slots. Chris Miller will argue in favor of Special Creation and Norman Carlson will argue in favor of Darwinian Evolution. This will be the third debate between Miller and Carlson, having debated previously in 2003 and 2015. Chris Miller has a BS from Penn State in Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering, as well as an MBA from St. Bonaventure University. He became an avid believer in evolution after being taught that it was just as factual as gravity. He was so certain evolution was true that for 10 years he tried his best to persuade others to abandon their "ridiculous" belief in creation. Eventually he became aware that the evidence he was taught for evolution was dependent on dubious assumptions, and without those assumptions, true evidence greatly favored creation. Since then, he has given more than 700 public presentations explaining why he abandoned the Theory of Evolution. > Norm Carlson spent his high school evenings listening to Herbert W. Armstrong and spent five years of adulthood in a local fundamentalist church. He has always treated religious questions seriously. He has a collection of English bible translations. Now he is a reluctant atheist but a thorough one: no god, no spirit or supernatural realm, no miracles, no afterlife. He spent half his life dairy farming. He hewed logs at public demonstrations for 30 years. He is a lifelong political and cultural conservative. He spent 20 years active in the Chautauqua County Conservative Party. He has a master's degree in entomology from Purdue University and has done extensive reading in science, history, and folklore.

Thursday, May 16, 6-7 p.m.
LIBRARY FUNDING VOTER INFORMATION SESSIONS
Lakewood Memorial Library
12 W. Summit St., Lakewood
Hazeltine Public Library
891 Busti Sugargrove Road, Jamestown

Funding was initially approved by SWCS voters in 2018 and has remained the same amount since that time. The libraries are seeking an increase funding this year, allowing them to keep pace with inflation and minimum wage increases. Details and a cost calculator are available on each libraries' website. The information sessions are intended to answer questions related to the upcoming May 21 vote.

4-H Youth Compete in Annual Spring Rabbit Show

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the opportunity to be involved in noncompetitive group activities. Cloverbuds were able to "show and tell" their rabbits to the judge.
Cloverbuds who participated were:
• Lu Jones
• John Milliman
• Brayden Tarnowski
• Wyatt Winton
• Lucas Yokom

Everyone did an amazing job! Congratulations to these youth on another successful Spring Show!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Grid of numbers for puzzle solutions.

Grid of letters for puzzle solutions.

Bemus is Back!

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don't want to miss the chance to dine in a gondola Guppy's is known for or visit the long-established Green Door Tavern, both located just outside of the village on Route 430. This Saturday from 3-6 p.m., Green Door owner, Julie Harle, will also be celebrating a milestone birthday. Stop by to wish her well.

Meanwhile pizza, calzones and wings will be available at the newly renovated Coppola's Pizzeria and to-go food, ice cream cones, and all grocery needs may be purchased at the near by Bemus Point Market. Both establishments are under new ownership, and the new owners are working hard to provide excellent service and products for the season. For those looking to satisfy their ultimate sweet tooth, Sweet Lolita's Gourmet Cupcakes & Sweet Treats is the place to go. New favorite, Splash, featuring small plates, specialty cocktails, live jazz piano and prime seating on Main Street will open on May 10, just in time for a Mother's Day celebration.

Waterfront dining and boat docking, with a side of history can be had at the Village Casino. For many years Big Bands and their vocalists were a fixture at the Casino. Posters and playbills from the past on display attest to the many groups that were featured. Manager Andrew Carlson (the village owns the Casino) heads up the venue that offers live entertainment, a game room, karaoke nights and holds a world record for selling the most chicken wings in a 24-hour period - a record they will seek to break again in August of this year!

When looking for shopping opportunities - Bemus merchants offer a wide variety from which to choose. Treasures on Main promises lake themed keepsakes and some exciting new wares, or go big with Stone and Outdoor Living Center, the region's premier source for custom stone patios, landscape products, and other outdoor living specialties. Every business will have their doors open this weekend to welcome visitors and residents alike. Check out: visitbemuspoint.com for a full directory.

Accommodations for overnight, a weekend, a week or the summer can be found through Real Estate Advantage, the Resort on Main, and

Splash Suites. Also, lodgers might consider the many other private rentals in and around the village.

A unique visiting experience is available from The Landing - a private club on Chautauqua Lake offering daily, weekly or seasonal passes for lake access, docking privileges and lawn activities.

ROCKterra, a successful Westfield business, makes and sells boat docks, stores boats and has recently acquired the former Shore Acres Marina to now serve Chautauqua Lake boaters as well. Meanwhile, right on the lakefront, Bemus Bay Water Toys stands ready to rent all of those aquatic summer fun needs from boats to kayaks to water bikes and beyond. Outdoor enthusiasts will find a full range of bikes, snowmobiles and more at Loud Performance on Route 430 near Midway State Park.

With a nod to the past, Bemus is moving ahead with a comprehensive strategic plan for village improvements, lake access expansion, street beautification and economic growth.

"The state and federal government has awarded Bemus Point funds that will allow us to create a self-guided historical trail through the village, connecting to Long Point State Park and becoming a part of the "Town Trail" program," said Mayor Jeff Molnar. "An ADA canoe/kayak launch will be installed at the boat ramp and the state intends to invest in upgrades at that same location, replacing the seawall and adding lighting and restrooms. Working with town of Ellery officials, we also received funds from the county bed tax to create the Bemus Point/Ellery Paddle Trail - a paddle waterway trail - beginning at the Cheney Farm and following the shoreline to Long Point. The impact these trails will have on tourism and our economy are immeasurable."

Come for a day, come for a week - visit in the summer, spring, fall or winter - Bemus is always Blooming and has something to offer everyone.

This Week Around Town

- APRIL 29**
Chautauqua's Got Talent - 7pm
 The Spire Theater
 For info/tickets: inspirejamestown.com
- APRIL 30**
Trail Guide Training - 9am
 Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown
 For info: audubonnc.org
- MAY 1**
Treasure Trove Auction - Bidding Begins
 For info: JNYrotary.afrogs.org
- Weekly Bird Walks at RTP1 - 10am**
 Roger Tori Peterson Institute, Jamestown
 For info: rtpi.org
- Trail Guide Training - 9am**
 Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown
 For info: audubonnc.org
- Girls Night Out - Sip and Shop - 6pm**
 Handcrafted from the Heart, Mayville
 For info: handcrafted14757@outlook.com
- Movies at The Reg: Arthur the King - 7pm**
 Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, Jamestown
 For info: https://reglenna.com/events/movies-the-reg-arthur-the-king
- MAY 2**
"Meat" Your Farmer 2024 - 5-8pm
 Powerhouse on the Roycroft Campus, East Aurora
 Free event, RSVP appreciated
 amb544@cornell.edu
 For info: swnydlfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=2369
- MAY 3**
Bemus is Blooming - May 3-5
 Bemus Point, NY
 For info: www.visitbemuspoint.com
- First Friday - 11am-12pm**
 Audubon Community Nature Center
 Jim Berry on Bob Sundell's Birds book
 Info at: AudubonCNC.org
- Books 'N Brews - 4pm**
 Bemus Point Library Fundraiser
 Ellicottville Brewing on Chautauqua
 For info: www.facebook.com/events/429509549631057/
- MAY 4**
Bird Banding - 7am-11am
 Audubon Community Nature Center
 Free and fascinating for all ages!
 Info at: AudubonCNC.org
- Salamander Saturday**
 Free, no reservations required
 Audubon community Nature Center, Jamestown
 Details at: www.fcsl.org
- Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic - 9am-12pm**
 Animals must be pre-registered
 Town of Portland Fire Dept
 For info/register: chqgov.com/environmentalhealth/rabies
- Gardening Symposium - 9am-3pm**
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 Carnahan Jackson Building, JCC, Jamestown
 For info: www.facebook.com/events/276042315378267/
- Women of Faith Conference: A Light in the Darkness - 10am-2pm**
 Whittier Apple Farm, Blockville
 For info/tickets: headentotheparty.com/event-details/women-of-faith-conference
- Findley Lake Spring Craft Show 10am-4pm**
 To Benefit Findley Lake Library
 Findley Lake Fire Hall
 For Info: visitfindleylake.com
- International Women's MTB Day Ride 10am**
 Loud Performance
 For info: facebook.com/events/1454457058787833
- Movies at The Reg: Kung Fu Panda 4 - 2pm**
 Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, Jamestown
 For tickets/info: reglenna.com/events/movies-the-reg-kung-fu-panda-4
- Closing of the Time Capsule and Elizabeth Fenton's 200th Birthday - 2-4pm**
 Fenton History Center, Jamestown
 For info: fentonhistorycenter.org
- The Marvin House Kentucky Derby Party 5-7pm**
 Reservations required.
 The Marvin House, Jamestown
 For info/reservations call: 716-488-6206
- MAY 5**
First Sunday Storytime - 12:30pm-1pm
 Audubon Community Nature Center
 Free for children ages 2-8 and their adult
 Info at: AudubonCNC.org
- Cinco De Mayo Party at Guppy's - 3:30pm**
 Guppy's, Bemus Point
 For info: guppystavern.com/events

Chamber Corner

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

Celebrate Small Business!

Small business is not just the backbone of our economy, it is the lifeblood of our communities. The US Small Business Administration defines a small business as any business that employs 500 or fewer people. Here in Chautauqua County, that encompasses almost all our business, with very few exceeding that threshold.

National Small Business Week is April 28-May 4 this year, and the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce is working with the Small Business Development Center at JCC to recognize small businesses throughout the region.

We will kick off the week on Monday, April 29 with a special recognition event at Brigiotta's Farmland Produce in Jamestown, featuring many of our local elected officials and highlighting a store that has been a Jamestown staple for 100 years and has grown into a major regional wholesaler with 100 employees. We honor the Galbato family for its multi-generational commitment to serving customers and working with local growers.

Last year, the Chamber facilitated and participated in 75 ribbon cuttings for new small businesses throughout Chautauqua County. So far this year we have 23 scheduled with more expected. They are retailers, restaurants, and service industries, all locally owned and operated, spanning the entirety of the county. Each one of them not only offers products or services to their customers, but they help to create the fabric of our communities. These and all the other small businesses make our county a special place to live, work, and visit. Whether it's the unique coffee shop, a special boutique or gift shop, or the landscaper beautifying our commercial

and residential areas, these businesspeople put their effort, and their heart, into their work. Because their small businesses are unique to our area, customers will remember them. The big box stores serve a purpose, but they don't create a sense of place like our small businesses do.

Economically, small businesses are the engine that keeps us on track. They provide jobs, work with other local businesses often as vendors or customers, provide the payroll that supports local families, and increases sales tax revenue for our county and municipalities. All this buying and selling creates a vibrant economic climate that has laid the groundwork for an excellent quality of life.

Our mission is to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion local businesses in Chautauqua County. All our work is meaningful and important for local businesses, but that final piece - to champion local businesses - is honestly one of our favorite jobs. As a true community cheerleader for small businesses, we love to remind people to shop locally. ShopLocalCHQ is literally the name of our Chamber gift card program. We do try to make a big deal out of Small Business Saturday each November, but honestly this is work we do all year round through ribbon cuttings, advertising, and communicating broadly that locally owned businesses are crucial in Chautauqua County.

We hope you will support small locally owned businesses on a regular basis and join us to help promote them whenever you can. When we all sing the praises of small businesses it's a win for our entire county. Our sincere thanks to all the small business owners in Chautauqua County who are making a difference here every day. Happy National Small Business Week!

Wicked Warren's to Open Second Location in Jamestown

CCIDA Helps Bring New Downtown Jamestown Business One Step Closer to Finish Line



Submitted Photo
Head Brewer Drew Erlandson & President/Founder Robert Roth

Article Contributed by
County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

At its April 23, 2024 meeting, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved incentives for Wicked Warren's, to support the purchase and renovation of property at 115-121 West 3rd Street in Jamestown, the site of the former Jamestown Brewing Company. The incentives include exemptions from mortgage recording taxes, sales and use taxes, and property taxes. Earlier this year in January, the board also approved \$950,000 low-interest loan for the project.

Majority owner, Robert Roth, has 27 years of experience running his own business. A total of 26 positions will be created once fully open. The project would also result in 15 temporary construction jobs.

"We've done considerable planning and are looking forward to getting this business up and running as soon as possible," Roth said in January, when the CCIDA board approved the initial loan for the project. "Once open and operational, Wicked Warren's of Jamestown will brew craft beer, serve food, and host corporate meetings and ball room events. It will also provide live music, feature a 'Speak Easy Room,' and in the future open a roof top bar. Our goal is to make 119 West 3rd St, Jamestown's premier entertainment destination."

"The property is at a prime location for this type of operation, in close proximity to the National Comedy Center, Northwest Arena, and other downtown Jamestown attractions. The former Jamestown Brewing Company, which was located in the facility, steadily grew its customer base until the onset of the COVID pandemic. We are confident that Wicked Warren's will do the same, based on what they're doing in Warren, and bring new life to Downtown Jamestown," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIDA.

"We're excited to see new life come into this property after being vacant for nearly four years," said Jamestown Mayor Kimberly Ecklund in January. "Having a craft brewery, restaurant, and banquet facility located in the core of downtown Jamestown will help to boost both visitor and local foot traffic, while also providing additional job opportunities for our local residents."

The total estimated cost of the project would be \$2.35 million. The financial assistance provided by the CCIDA will be up to \$63,124 in sales tax exemptions, up to \$23,250 in mortgage tax exemptions, and \$156,670 in property tax exemptions over ten years, with \$446,820 in total PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) being paid to the affected tax jurisdictions during that same time period.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK



Creamside
 Creamside is a friendly one year old who would love to make you his family. He lives in Paradise at the Chautauqua County Humane Society with the other cats and is happy with their company. Please come to meet him soon. All animals that are adopted out of CCHS have been spayed or neutered, are up to date for vaccinations, and have a microchip. Shelter No. RR179.



Leonidas
 Leonidas is the epitome of fun! This playful pup is full of life and always ready for a good time. His sweet nature and playful antics make him a delight to be around. Whether he's chasing his tail, playing with toys, or just enjoying a good belly rub, Leonidas is always full of energy and enthusiasm. Leonidas is sure to bring joy and laughter to any home. Shelter No. RR179.

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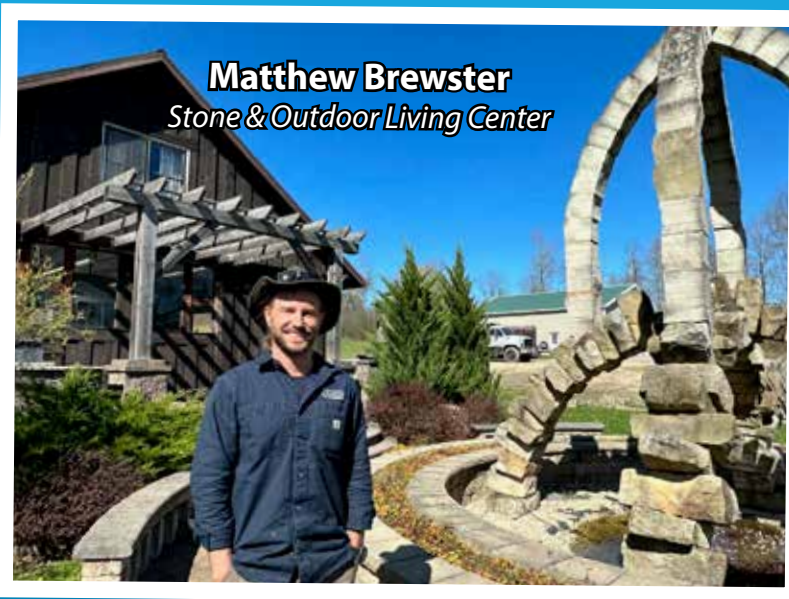
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The Bemus Point Stow Ferry opens for its 2024 summer season on May 24, 4pm and will run on Fridays (4-8:30pm) and Saturdays/Sundays (12-8:30pm). The historic vessel has connected the village with the hamlet of Stow for over 210 years. The Ferry Board relies upon rider donations to provide for, and preserve, this community treasure. Please give generously.



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BEMUS POINT TRIVIA

1. "Rock" your boat at this upcoming new Bemus business.
2. Formerly deemed "Italian," this restaurant is a lakefront staple and entertainment favorite.
3. The best place for craft cocktails, waterfront views, and jazz piano concerts while you dine.
4. Dock your boat here for sunset and dine-up service before you catch the weekend's band.
5. The village's premier haven for your sweet tooth.
6. Shop here for your unique "treasures" and gift items.
7. A great real estate choice, located right in Bemus, with a village webcam always rolling for your enjoyment. (Find the webcam QR code on their ad!)
8. Not only is this Bemus' premier bike shop, but it's also the entrance to some of the region's best mountain biking trails.
9. One of Bemus' longest serving traditions at over 40 years, named after a fish on Route 430.
10. Not "red" nor "brown", but the entrance to this year-round watering hole is what?
11. This destination is way above "par" with its signature events, Brussels sprout apps, and Chocolate Lab mascots.
12. Send your vacationing friends to this hometown "resort", one of Bemus' great AirBnB's located right in the heart of Main Street.
13. Get bread, butter, ice cream cones, subs, fresh produce, baked goods and more at the village's most essential stop.
14. "Land" your family and relax lakefront as a lucky member here.
15. Regional expert in outdoor living and landscaping products, including designer stone.
16. An Italian institution, led by the beloved Andriaccio family.
17. Rent a boat, a kayak, water bike and more right on Lakeside Drive.
18. Any caffeine-junkie knows that this beloved stomping "grounds" closes at 2pm in the winter, 4pm in the summer.

1. ROCKterra 2. The Fish 3. Splash 4. The Casino 5. Sweet Lett's 6. Treasures on Main 7. Real Estate Advantage 8. Loud Performance 9. Guppy's 10. Green 11. Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House 12. Resort on Main 13. Bemus Point Market 14. The Landing 15. Outdoor Stone and Living Center 16. Coppola's Pizzeria 17. Bemus Point Water Toys 18. Lake Life Cafe