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## On The Move: Falconer Flourishes Despite Past Set Backs

Contributing Editor

Katrina Fuller

The Village of Falconer has faced great adversity in the past several years, but no one would know that looking at all the recent developments. In 2017 and 2018, the downtown area of Falconer saw two fires in major structures that housed beloved retail stores, a salon and apartment buildings. Despite devastating loss, the downtown area has seen new businesses, retained established businesses and the community has never been stronger.

Falconer Mayor James Jaroszynski said the community has focused on healing and revitalization through public and private investment.

"Falconer has seen an influx of new businesses within

the past year through private investment - some of these new businesses include Lady T's Meraki Motif, PersNikkity Pies, The Hearing Place, 17-19 St. Mercantile, and Jamestown Auto Parts," Jaroszynski said. "The old M&T Bank location on Main Street has been sold and awaits the first Dunkin Donuts location in Southern Chautauqua County."

Jaroszynski said he and the Board of Trustees continues to apply for and obtain NYS Forward Grants for Main Street redevelopment. Likewise, village officials and the CCIDA recently met with a potential developer for the Falconer Square Project on West Main Street - the site of the previous fires.

"The hope is that this location will restore housing and new storefronts to that location,"

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Submitted Photo

Paul Capitano, Code Enforcement Officer; Brenda Cavallaro, Village Historian; Paula Spunaugle, Treasurer; Jim Jaroszynski, Mayor; Cindy Capestrani, Clerk; Laurie Becker, Library Director; Carl Caprino, DPW Superintendent.



Town Hall and Fire Department, Falconer, NY, 1906  
(Postcard Submitted by local historian, Vince Martonis)



Main Street, Falconer, NY, 1906  
(Postcard Submitted by local historian, Vince Martonis)

## The History of Falconer

Featured Writer

Brenda Cavallaro  
Falconer Village Historian

The early settlement of "Worksburg", Falconer's original name, was closely tied with "Kennedy Mills", later known as Kennedy. On August 1, 1807, Edward Work and Dr. Thomas

Kennedy purchased a large tract of land on both sides of the outlet below Dexterville, including the mill sites at Worksburg and Tiffanyville, near the intersection of West Main and Tiffany Avenue, and valuable lumber land east of the Cassadaga Creek and Levant.

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Erie & D.A.V. & P.R.R., Falconer, NY, 1905  
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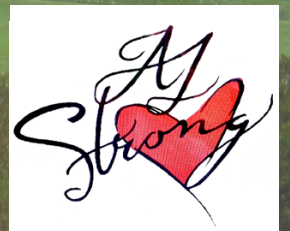
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Editorial with Lori Cornell



# Saving the Best for Last

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a well-respected foundation and an unusually high-density of strong manufacturers and multi-generational businesses - with new and exciting entrepreneurs ready to take on the world!

Just walk into PersNikkity Pies or the Maple Tree Cafe. There's a throw-back quaintness and homemade qualities that make for tastebud heaven at both locations. Who CANNOT wait for Danielle and Angelo Marra to open their doors at 17-19 West Main Mercantile - with their special idea to specialize in all things Chautauqua?!

Falconer: where big manufacturers rule as strong as craft tradesmen and women like mechanics, painters and graphic designers. You have village institutions like Gary Visky of Belle-view East who works twelve hour days in his retirement, and the local king of poly-chairs, vacuums and screen repair, Brian Nelson, who likewise won't ever say quit.

It's all right here: "Made in Falconer." From old to new, classic to cutting-edge, it was an absolute pleasure to conclude our six-community showcase series with Falconer. As I jokingly explained to each businessperson and community leader with whom I visited last week, maybe here at the Gazette, we "saved the best for last!"

Absolutely fascinating.

We've all been "through" Falconer. Its four-corner center is the second most trafficked intersection in Chautauqua County. Maybe we've stopped in here or there at some of the county's longest standing and best-known local businesses.

But have you really been to Falconer recently? Because if not, you should check it out. There's a quiet, but persistent, rumble of change. It's literally a community rising from the ashes. (Recall the devastating fires that decimated downtown in 2017 and 2018...)

You heard it here in the Gazette first: Falconer is the next big thing! The community is moving and shaking; planning and organizing; and refusing to settle for anything less than well-deserved advancement. They seem ripe with the perfect recipe: blending

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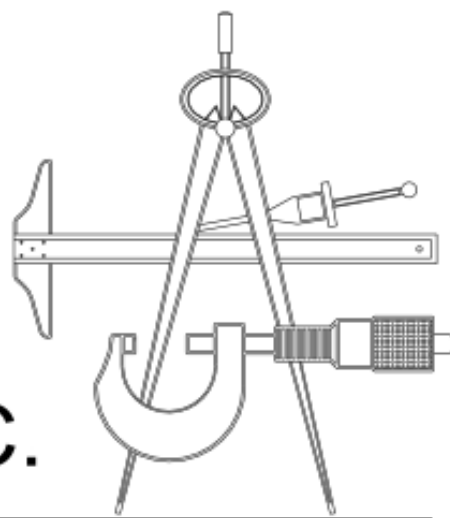
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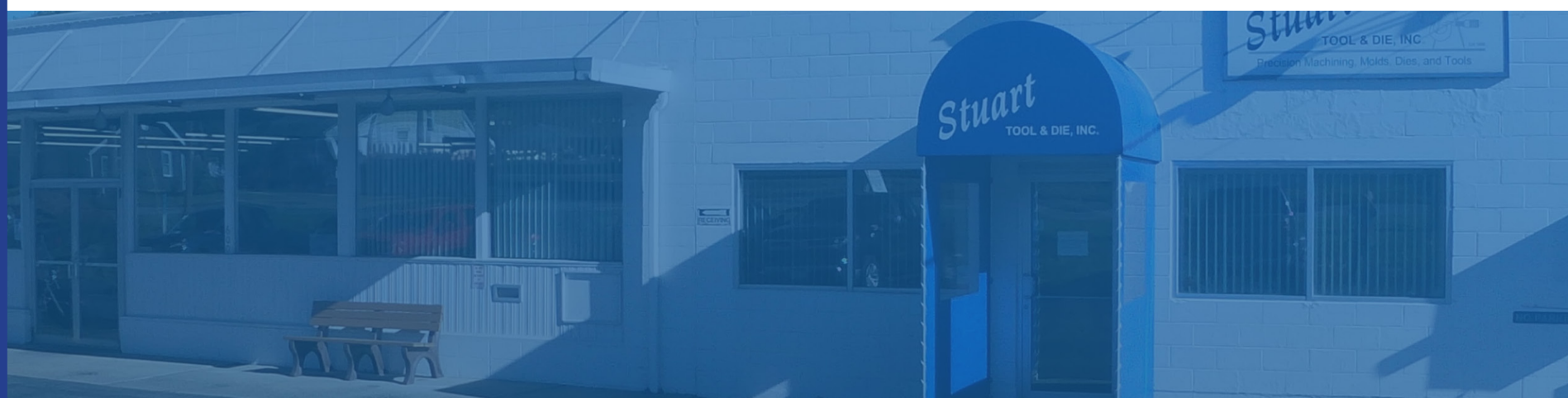
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## JPS School Budget Vote & Board Election to take Place May 21

**Community to Vote on 2024-25 School Budget; Three School Board Members**



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Frank Galeazzo



Joseph Calimeri



Nina Karbacka

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**Jamestown Public Schools**

District voters will have the opportunity to approve the Jamestown Public Schools budget and vote for three members of the district's board of education on Tuesday, May 21. On Tuesday, April 16, the JPS Board of Education approved the district's proposal for a \$104,566,897 budget for the 2024-25 school year that includes a 0% increase to the tax levy as well as the creation of a \$5 million dollar capital reserve fund that will help the district plan for future capital projects. "This proposed budget will maintain critical positions that will continue to directly help our students' social and emotional needs, support our families, as well as directly address the academic impacts of the COVID shutdowns, especially in the areas of English/Language Arts, Reading and Literacy, and mathematics," said Dr. Kevin Whitaker, JPS Superintendent.

In order of appearance on the ballot: Frank Galeazzo is seeking his second full term on the Board of Education. He currently serves on the board's Policy and Finance committees. Galeazzo and his wife, Elizabeth, have been City of Jamestown residents for 20 years and have two children: Bradley, a 2022 JHS graduate, and Ashlyn, a junior at JHS. Galeazzo is a graduate of SUNY Alfred State and is currently the Information Services Manager at the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities.

Joseph Calimeri is seeking his first full term on the Board of Education. Calimeri, a 2003 JHS graduate, was appointed to fill a temporary vacancy on the Board in March. He has served as partner at Wright Calimeri, PLLC

since 2017 after joining Wright Wright & Hampton in 2011. Calimeri holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Geneseo and a law degree from Ohio North University College of Law. He resides in the city with his wife Leslie and children Sam, a sophomore at JHS, and George, a UPK student at Lincoln Elementary School.

Nina Karbacka is seeking her fourth term on the Board of Education. Karbacka holds a bachelor's and master's degree in music education from SUNY Fredonia and 41 years of teaching experience, at all grade levels, in the Jamestown Public Schools. She is the president of the advisory committee for NYS Association of Small City School Districts, which gives her the opportunity to represent the community to legislators, and the NYS Commissioner, to promote funding and awareness for Jamestown schools.

The two candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to three-year terms to commence July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2027. The individual who finishes in third place will be elected to a term that will commence on May 22, 2024 and end on June 30, 2025. Voters can cast their vote at any of the three polling sites: Jefferson (195 Martin Road), Lincoln (301 Front Street), and Washington (159 Buffalo Street) schools. The polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. on May 21. Registered voters who are not able to vote in person on Election Day may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. If you have a question regarding voter eligibility, please contact the District Clerk at (716) 483-4420. For more information on the 2024-25 school budget and the board member election, visit [jpsny.org/budge](http://jpsny.org/budge)

## Clymer Tulip Festival Set for Saturday, May 18



Submitted Photos



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**Levi Swanson**

Clymer Tulip Festival Committee

The Tulip Festival, a Dutch Heritage Celebration held biannually in Clymer NY is set for Saturday May 18th. This year's theme is "Victory in Bloom" in honor of the 2024 Summer Olympics. Several events are scheduled to take place throughout the town on Saturday including the wooden shoe SK starting at 9am. A vendor fair featuring 33 local vendors opens at 10am as well as 9 local food trucks including Clymer Central Schools own "The Cove."

On Friday there is a Tulip Queen Crowning at Clymer Central School starting at 7:00pm. Following the crowning will be fireworks over Clymer Pond. The Tulip Queen, along with the other queen candidates will be walking around the town Saturday greeting all of Clymers guests. At 2:30pm on Saturday the historic "Street Scrubbing" will begin, followed by the Grand Parade.

Clymer Tulip Festival Committee President Shelly Schenck added

that this year has a new addition to the event's festivities. "We wanted to do something different this year" said Schenck "traditionally we did a variety show on Saturday night but this year the Town of Clymer is showing a free movie in the park." Clymer Town Supervisor Brian Willink added "the Clymer Tulip Festival is such a great community event, we decided to partner with the Tulip Festival to kick off our Five Great Friday's by adding a sixth free movie on Saturday night." Saturday's movie is the 2023 movie "Wonka" starring Timothee Chalamet. Wonka is set to begin at "dusk" which is estimated to be 8:30pm. Viewing is free for all interested, concessions will be sold to benefit the Clymer Tulip Festival Committee.

In reference to Clymer Five Great Fridays, movies will be projected in the town park on five consecutive Fridays beginning May 31st and ending on June 28th. The movies are "The Lion King," "Secondhand Lions," "Encanto," "The Wizard of Oz," and "Sing."

A complete list of events can be found on the Clymer Tulip Festival Facebook Page.

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Senior Scene with Dr. Mary Ann Spanos

# May is Older Americans Month



Contributing Writer

Director of Office for Aging Services

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In May, NYS Office for Aging holds an event in Albany in honor of OAM and to recognize older volunteers across the state and their contributions to our local communities. It is estimated that there are 935,000 volunteers age 60+ in NY State who contribute 495 million hours of service at an economic value of 13.8 billion dollars. Volunteer service is critical to museums, libraries, hospitals, civic organizations, and cultural events not to mention home delivered meals, rural transportation, adult day services that older adults depend on. Each county can nominate up to two people to be honored at the Albany event. Local nomination are made to our office and the Office for Aging Services Advisory Council reviews and selects two long time volunteers to receive this honor. This year we are proud to honor, Gregory Peterson from Lakewood and Marsha Scott from Ashville as our volunteers of the year. Both of these individuals are native New Yorkers and lived most of their lives in Chautauqua County. Collectively they have given over 80+ years of volunteer service to our community.

Greg has spent his entire professional career at Phillips Lytle in Jamestown. He has provided many honors of pro bono legal work and helped many organizations through his volunteerism. Most notable was his role in establishing the Robert H. Jackson Center, which memorializes the life and legacy of this U.S. Supreme Court Justice from Chautauqua County. Greg was also instrumental in having the federal courthouse in Buffalo named after Jackson. Greg has always been involved in sports and was critical in helping to bring minor league baseball back to Jamestown in the 1970's and in helping to establishing Jamestown as the home of the Babe Ruth World Series.

Marsha Scott also spent her life in Chautauqua County working for the county department of social services for over 32 years before retiring. Marsha is active in her church and quietly helps at many organizations including the Ashville Food pantry, the library, Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, St Luke's Thrift Shop, the Gerry Rodeo, Babe Ruth World Series of Cars, Lucille Ball Little Theater, RSVP, Love Inc and more. The Executive Director of the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts commented that, "Marsha embodies the essence of dedication and kindness, with an unwavering commitment to ensuring patrons have an exception experience."

We are grateful to these and all the volunteers who give their time and talents to make Chautauqua County a great place to live, play and grow old in. For more information on volunteering or anything mentioned in this article contact our NY Connects Helpline at 716-753-4582.

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month (OAM) is celebrated every May. This celebration is led by our federal oversight agency, the Administration for Community Living (ACL), which directs the work of local Offices for Aging and State Units on Aging. OAM is a time to recognize the contributions of older Americans, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm commitments to serving the older adults in our communities. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," focuses on the profound impact that meaningful connections have on the well-being and health of older adults — a relationship underscored by the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community.

Social connection is not just about having someone to chat with. It is about the transformative potential of community engagement that enhances our mental, physical, and emotional well-being. We need to recognize and nurture the role that connectedness plays in our lives so we can mitigate the negatives effect of loneliness and promote healthy aging for all.

Even though we know how important staying connected is to our health, we also recognize that it can be more difficult to make new friends as we grow older. Here are some things you can do to expand your social circle:

- Find a new passion by joining a social club (like United Senior Council), taking a class, learning to play an instrument, or trying new activities in your community like Pickle Ball, pottery class, or Dragon Boats.
- Stay engaged in your community by giving back through volunteerism at the hospital, library, National Comedy Center, Meals on Wheels, or after school programs. Contact Chautauqua County NY Connects or RSVP for more volunteer opportunities.
- Invest time with people to build new relationships and discover deeper connections with your church members, family, friends, or neighbors.
- If you have difficulty getting out of the house, try engaging through on-line groups specifically designed for Older Adults. NYS Office for Aging is offering free memberships to Get Set Up for any older adult living in NY. You can take a live exercise class, join a book club, cooking class and more. Visit <https://www.getsetup.io>

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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: Advanced

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### CLUES ACROSS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. It wakes you up              | 38. Make into leather without tannin |
| 6. A place to sleep             | 39. Plants grow from them            |
| 9. Czech village                | 41. Alias                            |
| 13. Appetizer                   | 44. Fingers do it                    |
| 14. African country             | 45. More dried-up                    |
| 15. Dark brown or black         | 46. Clod                             |
| 16. Parent-teacher groups       | 48. Senior officer                   |
| 17. Saturates                   | 49. A way to listen to music         |
| 18. ESPN personality Kimes      | 51. The bill in a restaurant         |
| 19. Songs to a lover            | 52. Historic center of Artois region |
| 21. Cavalry-sword               | 54. Cyprinid fishes                  |
| 22. Begat                       | 56. Poisonous perennial plant        |
| 23. Patriotic women             | 60. Scottish Loch                    |
| 24. Famed Princess              | 61. Heads                            |
| 25. One who does not conform    | 62. Extra seed-covering              |
| 28. Neither                     | 63. Wings                            |
| 29. Nigerian monetary unit      | 64. Britpop band                     |
| 31. Body parts                  | 65. Forearm bones                    |
| 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song | 66. Small immature herring           |
| 36. Depicts with pencil         | 67. Female sibling                   |
|                                 | 68. Hymn                             |

### CLUES DOWN

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. Vipers                       | 30. Asteroids                          |
| 2. Not on time                  | 32. Made more sugary                   |
| 3. Resembling a wing or wings   | 34. Change in skin pigment             |
| 4. Tears down                   | 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese           |
| 5. Professional designation     | 37. Koran chapters                     |
| 6. Noise a sheep made           | 40. A place to relax                   |
| 7. Type of lodge                | 42. Young woman ready for society life |
| 8. Speak poorly of              | 43. Female horses                      |
| 9. Ties the knot again          | 47. Half of Milli Vanilli              |
| 10. Apron                       | 49. Icelandic poems                    |
| 11. Studied intensively         | 50. Indiana town                       |
| 12. City in Finland             | 52. Golden peas                        |
| 14. One who monitors            | 53. Closes tightly                     |
| 17. 18-year astronomical period | 55. It's mined in mountains            |
| 20. Trent Reznor's band         | 56. Cliff (Hawaii)                     |
| 21. Takes to the sea            | 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid         |
| 23. Split pulses                | 58. Monetary unit                      |
| 25. Valentine's Day color       | 59. Primordial matter                  |
| 26. Wyatt ___                   | 61. TV station                         |
| 27. Type of rail                | 65. Rise                               |



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Carol A. Somers, 74  
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**May 5 (continued)**

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Jamestown  
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John N. Venable, 61  
Gerry  
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**May 6**

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Falconer  
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Marian L. Leathers, 88  
Jamestown  
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**May 7**

Timothy J. Nupp, 53  
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*"When someone you love becomes a memory,  
that memory becomes a treasure."*

# Faith Matters

## Faith Matters at Disney



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Senior Pastor at the  
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Going to a conference in Orlando, FL, the city of Disney World, the main speaker was Steven Barr who felt called to start a church in Disney. Once there, he instantly sunk into depression, the kind that keeps you from getting out of bed. His dear wife, exasperated by what she was observing, told him to get up and go to Disney to "blow the stink off him." He did.

Walking into Disney, it was as if all the visitors and patrons were blocked from his vision and all he could see was the cast members of the Magic Kingdom. Behind the costumes and masks were people feeling hurt, pain, depression, betrayal, and anxiety. He sensed God saying to him, "Steven, this is what I see and what you have to offer is something Disney can't."

That was a game-changer, resulting in a church within Disney which is today called the Castmember Church. A calling that fell into a pit of depression got revived through seeing the pain of others and doing something about it.

Depression can sink us. He was sunk until the stink was blown off by seeing a place known for escape exposing him to the grief of others and doing something about it. That view of others hurting drew the depression out of him, causing him to love them with interest in them and friendship for them in a trusted, wholesome and stable relationship.

Starting with nothing, including no budget and no building, Steve ministers to those who do all they can on the job to make people happy and smile, but away from the pixie dust and a make-believe world, there are lives filled with wounds. People hurt everywhere including Disney. Escape doesn't make the pain of life go away.

After hearing a snippet of his interactions with people there, I loved what Steve had to say as the grace of Jesus flows from his heart in the power of gospel in a fellowship of trust: "Can the church be a place where you can fall apart?" It should be along with having hope restored to the fallen, failing and flunking.

*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.*

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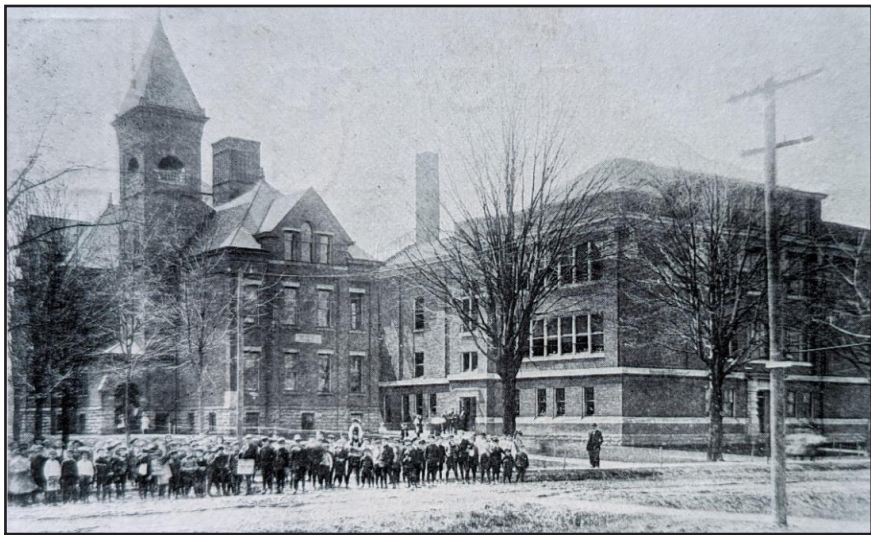
**Chris Miller** has a BS from Penn State in Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering, as well as an MBA from St. Bonaventure University. He has given more than 700 public presentations explaining why he abandoned the Theory of Evolution.

**Norman Carlson** is a reluctant atheist but a thorough one. He is a lifelong political and cultural conservative. He has a master's degree in entomology from Purdue University and has done extensive reading in science, history, and folklore.



## On The Move: Falconer Flourishes Despite Past Set Backs

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Primary and High School, Falconer, NY, 1909  
(Postcard Submitted by local historian, Vince Martonis)

he said. “You can feel the excitement in Falconer. Village businesses and manufacturing recently started a Falconer Chamber of Commerce, under the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce. (The Village government) together with the Town of Ellicott is looking to start a Falconer/Ellicott Development Corporation to assist in securing needed funds for development. Falconer is on the move!

Danielle and Angelo Marra, owners of 17-19 West Main Mercantile, have been a part of the “movement” in Falconer. The pair said they bought a dilapidated building in the center of the village two years ago. Since that time, they have turned it into a “community centerpiece.” The Marras said the store, which will open soon, will function as an outlet for Chautauqua County-made small businesses to sell their goods, grow, develop, and thrive.

“Our goal is to help small businesses grow so big they have to move out of here - that’s success to me,” said Danielle Marra.

The Hearing Place is also one of the cornerstones of the community, owned by Jamie Parasiliti. She maintains that despite being her business, hers is a labor of love.

“I’m here to help others hear well,” Parasiliti said. “My service motto is ‘loud does not mean clear.’” Her passion improves the quality of life of those she serves.

Sensei Jeremy Rugg, owner and head instructor of HaBushido International Federation, opened his dojo in the center of the village. Rugg

offers various classes throughout the week for both adults and children.

“I believe teaching martial arts to young people helps teach them lifelong skills and discipline,” Rugg said.

Waddington’s Tavern, located at 344 West Main Street in the village, is owned by Jeff Waddington. Waddington said he is proud the location is an “official chapter of the Brown-Backers Worldwide.” He said he credits his mother, Donna, for the restaurant’s beloved food.

“At 77 years old, she’s still making 160 homemade meatballs and sauce and ten pounds of macaroni salad each day,” he said. “She’s also the reason it is the cleanest bar in the county. Anyone that comes in here is among friends - it’s a better-than-cheers atmosphere. It’s Falconer at its best.”

Various local businesses bring so much to the community - from automotive and printing services to restaurants and sweet treats, including “Buccola’s Service Station, Jamestown Auto Supply, RS Motors, Falconer Funeral Home, Belle-View East, Builders Exchange of the Southern Tier, PersNikkity Pies, Maple Tree Cafe, Superior Automotive, Falconer Printing, Ubeo and others. The village would not be complete without its bedrock of manufacturers, Fancher Chair and Stuart Tool.

While the village may seem small at first glance, there is a lot of community located in this small area - one just has to know where to look.

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

- Joshua Benton, director, Niemen Journalism Lab



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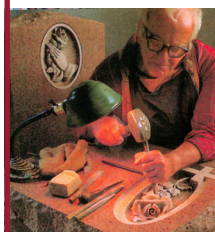
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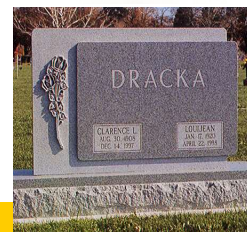
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## Call for Nominations - 2024 YWCA Jamestown Women of Achievement Awards

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YWCA Jamestown



Prepare to shine the spotlight on exceptional women in our community! Alliance for Nonprofit Resources proudly announces the call for nominations for the 2024 YWCA Jamestown Women of Achievement Awards.

The awards are presented to women in our community who demonstrate a commitment to the YWCA mission of "eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Award categories include: Rising Star, Power the Future, Catalyst for Change, Impact, and Shattered Ceiling. If you know an

outstanding woman who deserves to be recognized, please complete the nomination form at [www.ywcajamestown.com/WOA](http://www.ywcajamestown.com/WOA).

Nominations are open through May 31, 2024. Award recipients will be announced June 13th.

Please join us to celebrate the recipients of the 2024 Women of Achievement Awards on Friday, August 9th at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, with Hor D'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30, dinner and presentation to follow!

## Chautauqua County Launches Inaugural Active Transportation Week Today

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Chautauqua County  
Department of Planning and  
Development



Today marks the kickoff of Active Transportation Week, orchestrated by the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development, in collaboration with the Department of Health and CHQ Transit.

Running through Friday, May 17, Active Transportation Week embodies a spirited call to action, urging local residents to explore alternative modes of transportation beyond personal motor vehicles. On Friday, this pedal-powered initiative will be complemented by two Group Bicycle Rides in Jamestown and Dunkirk, offering participants the chance to pedal alongside friends, coworkers, and family.

This local initiative resonates with a broader national movement aimed at curbing single-rider vehicle trips, mitigating CO2 emissions, and nurturing a more interconnected community. From strolling and biking to skating, bussing, or carpooling, myriad avenues beckon individuals to join the cause. Such endeavors underscore the strategic necessity of prioritizing accessible and sustainable modes of mobility.

"Encouraging a larger cohort to embrace public transit, cycling, or walking isn't merely beneficial for Chautauqua County; it's a collective

triumph for all!" elucidated Stephanie Nick, Chautauqua County's Special Project Coordinator. "When our communities invest in facilitating safer and more convenient means of transportation, untethered from vehicular dependence, we all stand to gain. From substantial healthcare savings and personal expenditure reductions to the cultivation of local businesses and communities, the pivot towards accessible and sustainable mobility heralds the path to a brighter future."

For those eager to delve into the world of Active Transportation Week, comprehensive information on bus schedules and fares awaits online at [chqgov.com/carts/CHQTransit](http://chqgov.com/carts/CHQTransit).

For further details, reach out to Stephanie Nick at (716) 661-8214 or via email at [nicks@chqgov.com](mailto:nicks@chqgov.com). Alternatively, visit [CHQGov.com](http://CHQGov.com) to become an integral part of the movement towards a greener, healthier future.

### May is Mental Health Awareness Month



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**Leanna Luka LCSW, Nikki Pitts LCSW-R, and Tana Rosendahl LMHC, LCAT**

and safe environment. Virtual appointments are also available.

Mental health is as equally important as physical health and shouldn't be thought of as separate. Having a healthy mind is essential to your overall health and well-being. A healthy mind includes emotional, psychological, and social well-being and affects how you think, feel and act. It works in unity with your body and influences how you handle stress, relate to others and make choices.

If you would like more information regarding counseling services with Leanna, Nikki or Tana you can join them at the open house or call 716-397-7134.

Leanna Luka LCSW, Nikki Pitts LCSW-R, and Tana Rosendahl LMHC, LCAT are taking the opportunity to bring attention to May Mental Health Awareness Month by celebrating the opening of their new office offering counseling services on May 20th from 4-7pm at 500 Pine Street Suite 8 Jamestown New York. Leanna, Nikki, and Tana all have over twenty years of experience with adults, children and families. The services are person centered and offered in a comfortable, soothing

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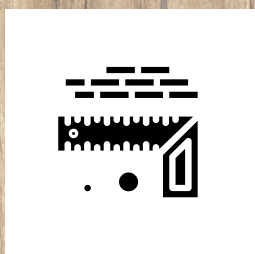
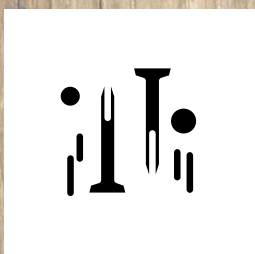
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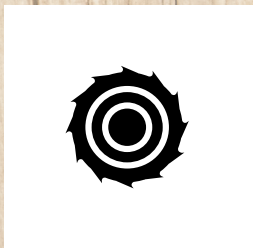
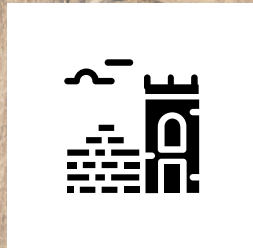
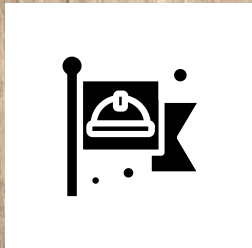
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# Chamber Corner

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## State Lawmakers in the Spotlight

The state budget process, energy issues, Chautauqua Lake, and more were all topics addressed by State Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Andrew Goodell during the Chamber's Annual State Legislative Breakfast. This event draws a varied audience each year consisting of local businesspeople, nonprofits, and local government representatives.

While both the Senator and Assemblyman agreed it's not ideal to wrap up direct policy issues in the state budget negotiations each year, they indicated it will be a challenge to change that practice. Senator Borrello is cosponsoring a bipartisan measure on that topic, but also noted it would require a change in the state constitution to change the practice. Assemblyman Goodell pointed out it's the only place where the Governor has any leverage to bring policy matters to the legislature for consideration.

Energy discussions included issues around enhancing the state's electric power grid, the continued use of natural gas, wind turbines, and tax breaks for purchasing electric vehicles. Some of the discussion focused on incentive programs for green energy products and projects that may be borne by users through service charges on energy bills.

On the controversial topic of designated wetlands for some portions of Chautauqua Lake, Senator Borrello noted the state Department of Environmental

Conservation has indicated that even a wetlands designation for some bays would not prevent people from using the lake or putting docks in, but it may require additional permits for some uses. Assemblyman Goodell added the designation alone does not change the fact that Chautauqua Lake remains a lake, but urged people who have concerns to directly send messages to the DEC and the Governor's office to voice their opinions.

As Assemblyman Goodell will be retiring from that position at the end of the year this was his final breakfast with the Chamber of Commerce. We thank him for his service to the county and our communities.

Sincere thanks to our sponsors for this event: Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Suites Meeting & Expo Center, DFT Communications, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown Mattress Company, LaBella Associates, Media One Radio Group, National Grid, Observer, The Post-Journal, and UPMC Chautauqua.

Additional thanks go to John D'Agostino, publisher of the Observer. John has moderated this state legislative discussion for the Chamber for many years and we sincerely appreciate his participation.

The Chamber has traditionally held three legislative events annually. The final one, featuring Congressman Nick Langworthy, is expected to be scheduled for late this summer. Please watch for that date and we hope you can join us at that time.

## Stop by the Falconer Public Library!



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Falconer Public Library

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**Falconer Public Library**

The Falconer Public Library, located at 101 W. Main Street, is part of the history of Falconer. It has enhanced learning, reading, communication and community rapport since its roots in 1913.

Known as a hub of activity in the village, the library is a member of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. It offers a variety of reading materials for all ages, computers, printer and copier access, free WiFi, DVDs and puzzles. There are Story Hour classes, art displays, makerspace activities, story walks, monthly book club, craft club and knitting group. Summer reading programs, summer band concerts and educational and informational programs are offered. Outreach is provided to Falconer schools, Silver Tree Living, Edgewood

Communities, Hultquist Place and the Resource Center. The library has a vast collection of yearbooks as well as access to well-kept historical records of Falconer by our Village Historian.

The budget is mainly supported by the Village of Falconer. The Town of Ellicott, gifts, donations and memorials from patrons help defray library costs. The annual book sale in August is the only fund raiser with profits from the sale being used to purchase new library materials.

The library is led by its Board of Directors and a staff of five as well as friends of the library and volunteers. It is open 43 hours a week: Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 5:00PM and Saturday, 9:00AM – 12:00PM.

## SUNY JCC Seeking Nominations for Alumni Nurse of Distinction Award

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**SUNY Jamestown Community College**



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SUNY Jamestown Community College is seeking nominations through Aug. 1 for its Alumni Nurse of Distinction Award.

Since its inception in 2002, the award has been presented to more than 120 outstanding JCC Nursing alumni. It honors those who have typified the JCC tradition of excellence, who exemplify the personal qualities of an ideal nurse, and who possess a deep professional commitment to excellence in patient care.

Recipients are nominated by their co-workers or supervisors and may have graduated from the Jamestown or Cattaraugus County campuses. Nominations can be made online at [sunyjcc.edu/alumni/awards](http://sunyjcc.edu/alumni/awards).

“For more than 60 years, the JCC Nursing program has consistently produced many of the best nursing professionals in Western New York,” said Heather Burrell, JCC’s director of Nursing. “We look forward to receiving more nominations and honoring more standout graduates.”

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## Falconer Rotary Club is Proud of Partnership with Falconer



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Falconer Rotary Club disc golf ribbon cutting last August at Falconer Park.

### Article Contributed by Falconer Rotary Club

The Falconer Rotary Club has a long and valued relationship with the Village of Falconer. The Club, formed in 1938 by local businesses, has a proud history of service to not only the Falconer area community, but Rotary International projects as well.

The Falconer Rotary is proud of its partnership with the Village of Falconer in providing upgrades to the Falconer Park over the years with the most recent addition being a disc golf course that opened in August of 2023 funded by the local Club and a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation.

Other community programs the Falconer Rotary Club supports is the annual Falconer Santa Parade, Annual Spring Clean Up, Annual Yard Sale Event, After Prom Party, Little League Teams, Local Literacy Programs, Eye Glass Collection. The Club also awards an annual scholarship to a Falconer Central School Senior through the Chautauqua Region



Community Foundation. The Club has fundraisers throughout the year including a biannual pancake breakfast and an annual golf tournament and the funds raised are used for community projects and donated to local organizations such as the Blue Star Mothers (Mothers of Military) and Falconer's Future Business Leaders of America.

The Falconer Rotary Club meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 AM at the Firemen's Exempt Hall at 1 Coleson Drive in the Village.

Provided upgrades to Falconer Park:

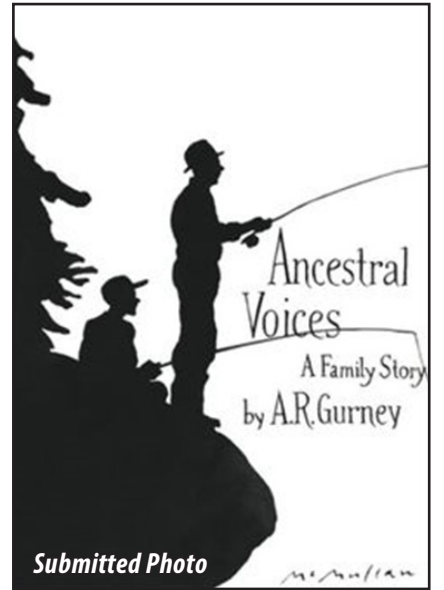
- Support community events and activities (Santa Parade, After Prom Party, Little League Teams, Spring Cleanup/Pride Day)
- Support local food pantries, Local Literacy Program, Used eye glass collections
- International programs including – Refurbished a fire truck for Chile, Water for good in Africa, 2 water wells in Haiti

## Ancestral Voices at Lake Shore Center for the Arts

Article Contributed by

### Lake Shore Center for the Arts

Lake Shore Center for the Arts in Westfield, NY is happy to bring A.R. Gurney's Ancestral Voices, produced by special arrangement with Broadway Play Publishing, NYC, to their Jacqueline Phillips Theater May 17, 18 and 19. Set in Buffalo, New York in the 1940s, his bittersweet story is humorously told through the eyes of young Eddie.



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His family is turned inside out when his grandmother unexpectedly divorces her husband to marry his grandfather's best friend. Simultaneously the outside world faces big changes with the advent of WWII and social upheaval

Director Tina Rausa, LSCFTA President, brings this delightful story to life. Stage Manager, Pat Kirell does the heavy lifting, organizing all of the moving parts of the production. Working with them behind the scenes, Libby Sciarrino, often seen in performance, is lending her talents to costuming for this production. Kelly Mathews, a man of many talents, handles the tech and sets.

- PHILLIP MCMULLEN plays the role of Eddie who narrates his family story in Ancestral Voices.
- TIM NEWELL Plays Eddie's Grandfather.

- JOAN CARUSO plays Grandmother Madeleine, a woman born too soon for the freedom and fulfillment she seeks.
- STEVE WENDELL plays Harvey.
- GWEN SPANN plays Mrs. Mitchell.
- CHUCK MUTCH plays Uncle Roger.
- JENNIFER DAVIS, plays Jane.
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## Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown Presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee



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**Lucille Ball Little Theatre  
of Jamestown**

The Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, located at 18 E 2nd Street, is proud to present the hilarious and heartwarming musical *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. This Tony Award-winning musical follows the journey of six quirky adolescents as they compete in a county spelling bee, showcasing their unique personalities and struggles along the way.

Directed by veteran actor and director, Adam Owens, the production features a talented cast of local performers who bring the characters to life with humor and charm. The cast includes Annie Davis as the determined and competitive Marcy Park, Michael Correy as the lovable but socially awkward William Barfee, and Holland Isaacson as the endearing and sweet Olive Ostrovsky, as well as Adrienne Reuss as Rona Lisa Peretti, Nany Salva as Mitch Mahoney, Ayri Brady as Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniére, Caleb Roller as Leaf Coneybear, Colin Drayer as Chip Tolentino and Jon Thompson as Douglas Panch.

The musical, with music and lyrics by William Finn and book by Rachel Sheinkin, has been praised for its witty and intelligent humor, as well as its heartfelt exploration of the pressures and challenges faced by young people. "At first glance, this show is a rambunctious comedy

about a middle school spelling bee," according to Owens. "There's little to no plot other than this: a handful of young spellers arrive and register for the Bee before being eliminated one-by-one. However, during the course of the 90 minutes in our gymnasium, we learn about these children, their families and, more importantly, their insecurities, joys, shortcomings, victories and vulnerabilities. These kids teach us all a valuable lesson; a lesson not just about spelling, but also about losing gracefully, winning amiably and being grateful for the opportunities we have. It's not about whether you win the Bee, but how well you face the outcome."

"This show is not meant to be a serious replication of an actual spelling bee. It's silly and allows our audiences to come in, relax and just laugh for a few hours. I think we could also use a little getaway from life where you can escape into another reality and laugh so I hope that the community takes this opportunity to do just that and see this production," according to Board President, Holly Weston.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee will be performed May 17, 18 at 7 PM and May 19 at 2 PM. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.LBLTJ.com](http://www.LBLTJ.com) and at the door starting 1 hour before each performance.

### PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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## The History of Falconer

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In 1807, Edward Work erected a hewed log house north of the outlet. In 1808, he built his first saw mills and put them into operation. He was actually the first to use the power from Chautauqua Lake. In 1809, Work built a grist mill with one run of stones. These mills were built three years before the settlement in Jamestown. Those early pioneers were attracted here with but one purpose in mind, and that purpose was to engage in the lumbering business, the area was dense with trees. The lumber was so excellent that "Poland Quality" was a standard for many years. There are records of a tree nine feet in diameter, and a tree that was 268 feet tall.

The first lumber was used to build flat boats for trips to Philadelphia and New Orleans. In 1832, Edward Work built a new home known at the time as the "mansion". It took two years to build. It is one of the oldest buildings in Chautauqua County and was a landmark in the heart of the village at the corner of Main and Work. In 1914, this house was moved to 17 East Mosher Street and is currently occupied today.

From the time he settled at Worksburg, until his death in 1857, Edward Work was a resident of the Town of Ellicott. In 1840, Robert Falconer from Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania and his sons, Patrick and William, purchased most of the Work properties and land. By 1844, Patrick had bought out his father and was considered the owner of Worksburg. During the 1870's,

the Dunkirk Alleghany Valley and Pittsburgh Railroad (D.A.V. & P.) started a line through the area. Worksburg was 50 feet less above sea level than Jamestown which was a definite advantage to the railroad. Patrick Falconer also was willing to donate a generous amount of land to ensure its passage through Worksburg. The railroad elected to have a depot in Worksburg but Patrick stipulated, as the story goes, that the name of the depot be "Falconer". And so the village became known.

From the first settlement by Edward Work in 1807, until the building of the D.A.V. & P. Railroad, Worksburg was just a little hamlet with no stores, no post office, and no churches. It is a self-evident fact that the coming of the railroad was the making of this community. The W. T. Falconer Manufacturing Company was started by W. T. Falconer and P. E. Merrill in 1888. It was the area's first industry. It became the American Manufacturing and is today known as Fancher Chair. The Village of Falconer was incorporated in 1891. In the early days, the mayors were called presidents. John Phetteplace as the first president. The Falconer Fire Department was organized in 1893, while the Henry Mosher Post 638 has the distinction of being one of the oldest American Legion Posts in the county.



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**MAY 13**

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**Quick Clay Class: Tea Bag Catcher - 6:30 PM**  
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown  
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

**Hatha Vinyasa Yoga - 6 PM**  
Sukanya Burman Dance | Jamestown  
For Info: sukanyaburman.com

**Golf with the Pros at Mulligan's - 8 AM-8 PM**  
Mulligan's Golf & Fun Center | Lakewood  
For Info/Tickets: 716.969.0529 or mulligansonfairmount.com

**Chautauqua's Got Talent - 7 PM**  
The Spire Theater | Jamestown  
For Info/Tickets: inspirejamestown.com

**Observatory Lecture: The Secret Life of the Sun - 7:30 PM**  
Martz-Kohl Observatory | Frewsburg  
For Info: martzobservatory.org

**MAY 15**

**Celebrate Warren Gives with Audubon 4PM - 8PM**  
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**Chautauqua County Genealogical Society 6:30PM meeting and speaker at 7 PM**  
Todd Langworthy, Historian for the Village of Fredonia | free, open to the public  
Cassadaga American Legion

**The Secret Life of the Sun - 7:30 PM**  
Martz - Kohl Observatory, Frewsburg  
For info: martzobservatory.org

**MAY 16**

**Clymer Tulip Festival**  
For Info: facebook.com/ClymerTulipFestival

**Marvin House May Luncheon - 12 PM**  
The Marvin Community House | Jamestown  
For Info: 716.488.6206

**Free Wine Tastings at Bag and String Wine Merchants - 4 PM-6 PM**  
Bag And String Wine Merchants | Lakewood

**Library funding vote information sessions Regarding May 21 vote - 6pm**  
Hazeltine Public Library, Busti and Lakewood Memorial Library, Lakewood

**Third Thursday Live Music - 6 PM**  
Winter Garden Plaza | Downtown Jamestown  
For Info: Third Thursday Facebook Page

**MAY 17**

**ArtScape Original Art Show - 5 PM-7:30 PM**  
Chautauqua Art Gallery | Jamestown  
For Info: 716.294.3027 or chautauquaartgallery.com

**Beginner Watercolor Class Series - 6 PM**  
Art Cloth & Craft | Jamestown  
For Info: artclothandcraft.com

**May Recital Night - 7 PM**  
Infinity Visual and Performing Arts | Jamestown  
For Info: infinityperformingarts.org

**Commencement Eve POPs: A Big Band Musical Tour of America Fredonia - 7:30 PM**  
Rockefeller Arts Center | Fredonia  
For Info: events.fredonia.edu

**MAY 17, 18, & 19**

**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - 7 PM**  
Lucille Ball Little Theatre | Jamestown  
For Info: 716.483.1095 or lbtlj.com

**MAY 18**

**Bird Banding - 7 AM - 11 AM**  
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
Free and fascinating for all ages!  
For Info: auduboncnc.org

**Fredonia Farmer's Market - 9 AM-1 PM**  
Church St. | Fredonia  
For Info: 716.672.4818 or fredoniafarmersmarket.org

**Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale 10 AM-1PM**  
JCC Science Center | Jamestown  
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**Fairy Door Workshop - 1 PM-3:30 PM**  
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Register by May 15 at: AudubonCNC.org

**Movies at The Reg - Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire - 8 PM**  
Reg Lenna Civic Center | Jamestown  
For Info: 716.484.7070 or reglenna.com

## Scott Kindberg to Address JCC Class of 2024 at Commencement Ceremonies, May 17 & 18

Article Contributed by  
**SUNY Jamestown Community College**

Scott Kindberg, award-winning journalist and author, will present the keynote address to graduates of SUNY Jamestown Community College at its 2024 commencement events.

Kindberg is a lifelong resident of Jamestown and the regional sports editor for The Post-Journal and its sister publications the Observer in Dunkirk and Times Observer in Warren, Pennsylvania since 2020. A recent inductee of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, Kindberg began his career as the assistant general manager of the Jamestown Expos before joining The Post-Journal as a sports reporter in 1983. From 1987-2015, Kindberg became the assistant sports editor, and covered the Buffalo Bills and their four consecutive Super Bowl appearances. His work has earned 14 New York State Associated Press awards.

In addition to the thousands of articles and columns he has written over the years, Kindberg has authored 10 books and co-edited "Our Game: from Unknowns to Tarp Skunks," a book about the history of baseball in Jamestown.

Kindberg graduated from Jamestown High School and



Submitted Photo

Scott Kindberg

SUNY JCC, which awarded him the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2023. A summa cum laude graduate of Point Park University, Kindberg has a degree in journalism and communications, and he has traveled throughout the state following the successes of high school athletes for four decades. Kindberg and Vicki, his wife of nearly 30 years, have three sons and three grandchildren.

Commencement events at SUNY JCC are set for 7 p.m. on May 17 at the Olean YMCA for graduates of the Cattaraugus County Campus, and 10 a.m. on May 18 in the gymnasium of the Physical Education Complex for graduates of the Jamestown Campus. The events will honor graduates from summer and fall 2023, and pending spring 2024.

More information is available at [sunyjcc.edu/events](http://sunyjcc.edu/events).

## MPS AWARENESS

Article Contributed by  
**Joan Eppheimer**



Wayne at purple bow sales

Imagine renting your home out for a year, coming home after that year, opening your front door, and having an avalanche of trash come cascading out the door because the renters never took it out. That's a bit like what the

body of a person with an MPS disorder is experiencing in every cell. MPS stands for mucopolysaccharidosis, named after the "trash" that isn't being taken out of the cells. Mucopolysaccharides—long chains of sugars (carbs) in our cells—is the term that was previously used for this "trash," but today these carbs have been renamed glycosaminoglycans and are commonly referred to as GAGs.

Everyone has these GAGs in their cells. They help build bone, cartilage, tendons, corneas, skin, and connective tissue. They are also in the fluid that lubricates our joints.

In a properly functioning body, these GAGs do their work and then are continually broken down by a total of 11 different enzymes. In each of the different types of MPS diseases, one of these enzymes is either insufficiently produced, missing, or produced in a faulty way. The result is that the GAGs are not broken down properly and they collect in the cells, blood, brain, spinal cord, and connective tissues. In other words, the GAGs ("trash") accumulate in every cell throughout the entire body.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, is International MPS Awareness Day, a day set aside to

promote awareness of these rare diseases. Local resident Wayne Eppheimer was born with MPS type II, also known as Hunter Syndrome. Newborn screening did not exist when he was born and while the disease had been discovered, it was not well known. He spent years going to Shriners clinics in his hometown of Meadville, Pennsylvania because he was knock kneed but never learned the underlying cause. Finally in his teen years, the Shriner's Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania admitted him for an extended stay. They ran tests over several months and finally concluded he had Hunter Syndrome. There was no treatment available at the time, so Eppheimer returned home and continued life.

It was not until Eppheimer was in his 50s that medical therapy for his type of MPS became available. It took years of research to identify the specific missing enzyme for Hunter Syndrome, and then more time to develop an artificial enzyme to try and replace it in the body. This therapy, known as Enzyme Replacement Therapy (ERT) is administered through an infusion weekly. Eppheimer has been receiving

ERT for nearly 16 years. ERT is not a cure, but it has helped to slow the progression of his disease and undoubtedly added years to his life.

Aunt Joan's Pearl City Popcorn, a local company founded by Eppheimer's wife, Joan, has joined in the effort to promote MPS Awareness Day. To spread awareness in Jamestown, the company adds informative tags and purple bows—the representative color for the MPS Society—to their packaging from April through June. This special promotion is dubbed "Purple Bow Sale." All of the profits from the Purple Bow Sales are donated to the National MPS Society. On Wednesday, May 15, Aunt Joan's will be at Tracy Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. selling popcorn in honor of MPS Awareness Day. In addition, City Hall will be lit purple and the mayor is issuing a proclamation recognizing May 15, 2024 as MPS Awareness Day. Those interested in learning more about these diseases can visit the Society's website, [mpssociety.org](http://mpssociety.org). To learn about purchasing Aunt Joan's popcorn, go to their Facebook page, Aunt Joan's Pearl City Popcorn.

# Hope and Healing Conference Announced



Submitted Photo

Carlton Hall, Gwendolyn A. Bork & Laura Stack, Keynote Speakers for the 2024 Hope and Healing Conference at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY.

### Article Contributed by Chautauqua County Media Information Officer

The Chautauqua Substance Abuse Response Partnership (CSARP) coalition is proud to announce the upcoming Hope and Healing Conference, a premier event dedicated to addressing the complex needs in mental health and chemical dependency. This event is a cornerstone in celebrating treatment and recovery successes within Chautauqua County and the wider region.

Join us as we connect, learn, and celebrate the collective strides we are making in healing and recovery. This full-day event will offer "Hope Talks," brief presentations reflecting local stories and efforts in the format of popular "Ted Talks," addresses by municipal officials, and a behavioral health resources fair.

We are honored to feature an impressive lineup of keynote speakers who bring experience and expertise to our engaging day of transformation, care, and community.

#### Event Details:

- Date: June 6th, 2024
- Time: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- Venue: Chautauqua Harbor Hotel
- Register at: [HopeandHealingConference.com](https://www.HopeandHealingConference.com)
- Registration includes lunch, coffee, tea, and water service

#### Introducing Our Keynote Speakers:

Laura Stack is a noted speaker, author, and leader in substance abuse prevention. She is the Founder & CEO of Johnny's Ambassadors Youth THC Prevention, an organization dedicated to educating communities about the dangers of high-potency THC on adolescent brain development. She will share her deeply personal and motivational story as a mother and leader in

substance abuse prevention, focusing on the impact of THC on youth. About Laura Stack: Visit <https://johnnysambassadors.org> to learn more.

Carlton Hall, President and CEO of Carlton Hall Consulting LLC, brings a quarter-century of intensive substance abuse prevention and community problem-solving services. Carlton has been a guiding force in community coalitions both nationally and internationally, contributing to global discussions on drug prevention at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). About Carlton Hall: Visit <http://carltonhallconsulting.com/> to learn more.

Gwendolyn A. Bork, a seasoned Peer Recovery Coach and NYS Trainer of Trainer. President of FOCUS, a WNY Youth Addiction Prevention Coalition currently funded by the White House Office of Drug Control Policy and the CDC. Business owner, Author, and Gold Key Award Winner by the Chemical Dependency Consortium, she deeply understands the Continuum of Substance Use Disorder. Gwendolyn's multifaceted expertise equips her to address prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction with compassion and knowledge. About Gwendolyn A. Brock: Visit <https://www.legendwny.com/team/gwendolyn-bork> to learn more.

The Hope and Healing Conference welcomes healthcare professionals, policymakers, educators, community members, and media representatives to this significant event. Your participation is a step towards a community united in fostering hope and facilitating healing. Attendees will be equipped with practical knowledge and inspired to contribute positively to the well-being of our communities. For updates on the conference agenda and registration details, please visit the official conference website.

# 66TH ALLEGANY NATURE PILGRIMAGE



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Anyone who loves the outdoors and wants to learn more about it will find their passion fulfilled at the 2024 Allegany Nature Pilgrimage, May 31–June 2. More than 120 naturalist-led nature walks, field trips and classes fill the weekend. Big Tent speakers are Jim McCormac Friday on "Moths: Growing the Darker Side of Butterflies" and Julie Lundgren Saturday on "Allegany's Natural Wonders." Now open at [AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com](http://AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com). Walk-in registrations can be made in person at Camp Allegany in the Red House Area.

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