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## SUMMER FUN: HERE WE COME!

Contributing Editor

**Katrina Fuller**

As the summer heat rolls in, Chautauqua County is gearing up for an exciting lineup of festivals and events that are set to light up the region in July and August. From colorful fireworks displays to historical celebrations, there's something for everyone to enjoy. For visitors and residents alike, the area will be alive with activities of all kinds, and the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau has collected all the events on one calendar for easy planning! For the full calendar, visit [TourChautauqua.com](http://TourChautauqua.com).

Kicking off the season, the county is set to be dazzled with a spectacular fireworks lineup on July 4 with the Annual "Light The Lake" and other local fireworks displays. Visitors and locals alike can look forward to a vibrant display that will light up the night sky, setting the stage for a summer filled with fun and excitement.

Heading over to the **Blue Heron Festival**, attendees can immerse themselves in a one-of-a-kind celebration of music, arts, and nature on July 5 through July 7. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Sherman, this event promises to be a harmonious blend of musical, creative and natural beauty. The music festival has offered this unique event for more than three decades. To view the musical lineup, more about the experience and

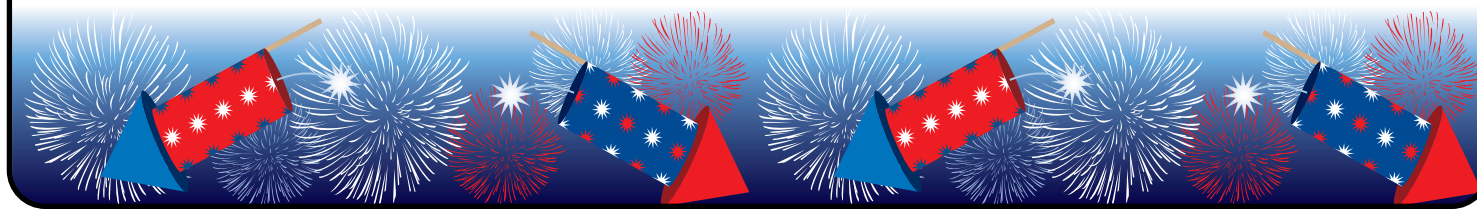


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In addition to these standout events, the **Chautauqua County Fair** promises a wholesome dose of classic Americana, featuring agricultural exhibits, carnival rides, and live entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. This year, the fair will be held July 16 through July 21, while ticket sales are already underway. Visit <https://www.chautauquacofair.org/> to plan your visit!

For those seeking a taste of folk culture and traditions, the **Scandinavian Folk Festival** promises to delight with its colorful festivities and lively entertainment. The annual festival will be held on July 20 and July 21 at the Northwest Arena in Jamestown. Featuring a showcase of Scandinavian heritage, this event offers a unique opportunity to experience the rich customs and vibrant spirit of the region. Another highlight

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## THE FOURTH OF JULY

Featured Writer

**Jordan Nicholson**

While we partake in hot dogs, parades, fireworks, and the related Independence Day ephemera, this year we should also take a moment to recognize the people and events that never get celebrated on July 4th.

Imagine being born on Christmas.

While it's true that Independence Day played a role in the scheduling of some of these events, July 4th is an historic day for reasons besides the foundation of our country.

Did you know that on July 4th 1976, while Americans were busy celebrating our 200th birthday, The Clash opened for The Sex Pistols at a tiny pub in Sheffield?

In the Bronx on July 4th 1939, the New York Yankees celebrated Lou Gehrig Day after his ALS diagnosis forced him to retire. At his ceremony, he spoke to a sold out crowd at Yankee Stadium, including Babe Ruth, and declared he was "the luckiest man on the face of the Earth." This is arguably the most famous speech in the history of sports.

Speaking of sports, on July 4th 1910, Jack Johnson beat James Jackson Jeffries in Reno,

a sporting event so significant it sparked race riots, 47 years after the Confederate surrender at Vicksburg on July 4th 1863.

Have you ever taken the train to New York City? Driving to Poughkeepsie and then taking the train into the city affords you some of the most breathtaking views of West Point. The United States Military Academy is a beautiful installation along the Hudson River. On July 4th 1802 it was officially opened by President Thomas Jefferson (who, along with John Adams,

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**July 4**

**Findley Lake 4th of July Celebration**  
*Live music at Alexander's on the Lake from 1-4 pm. Duck Race will take place at 12:30 pm at the Waterwheel Overlook. Flares will be put around the lake and lit before the fireworks at 10 pm.*

**Light The Lake - 10pm**  
Chautauqua Lake  
*An annual tradition on Chautauqua Lake; lakefront residents are asked to light their flares, which last for a duration of 30 minutes, in an effort to outline the entirety of Chautauqua Lake. Flares will be available for purchase at a number of local retailers. Proceeds from the flare sale benefit the Chautauqua Lake Association.*

**Lakewood July 4th Summerfest**  
Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood  
*4th of July Summerfest with vendors and fireworks.*  
*Lakewood Family YMCA "Firecracker Run" - 9am*  
*Music - 6-10pm*  
*Fireworks Display - 10pm*

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Editorial with Lori Cornell



# Celebrate & Honor



Owner & Publisher  
**Lori Cornell**

The Fourth of July. Fireworks. Picnics. And for me, the now perennial argument about whether it's a friend or a family holiday. (Couldn't it be both my dear teenage sons?!)

I went about planning this edition with a "welcome summer" theme in mind, and it wasn't until I received a thoughtful phone call from a local veteran, Stan Collver, that it hit me like a ton of bricks.

The Fourth of July is our Independence Day! Why yes, of course: fireworks, picnics and the chance to relax with family and friends is fantastic, but the true meaning of this national holiday is a celebration of our national freedom.

At its core, the Fourth of July is the anniversary of that special date when we became a country. The original Congress of the United States adopted the "Declaration of Independence" on July 4, 1776, declaring the then-13 colonies a separate nation from England. It is our birthdate as a country, if you will.

And, as with every such national holiday, it is a chance for us to remember and honor all those servicemen and women who have dedicated themselves toward making this freedom a reality.

Last weekend, my son Nate graduated from Maple Grove Jr.-Sr. High School. He and his 40-plus classmates walked across the school stage, proud to take their next leap and journey in life. But one very notable graduate's name was absent from the roll call. Logan Crist. Logan - who, just days before our country's celebration of freedom - had fittingly enough, answered the call to selflessly protect that very liberty. He had already been ordered to Basic Training. While some go from high school to college or trade school and some enter directly into the workforce, others like Logan are emboldened to enlist in the Armed Forces. All applaudable paths. All lofty ventures. But kids like Logan deserve our highest respect and honor for their willingness to serve us all.

So this Fourth of July, have fun, relax, and enjoy, but as you look to the sky, remember the purpose. Remember veterans like Stan, and all those servicemen and women like Logan today, that continue to stand ready on behalf of the freedom these fireworks display. Honor the fortitude of our founding fathers and mothers who envisioned what a remarkable nation we could be. And rededicate ourselves as citizens committed to continuing that greatness.

Happy birthday, America! Celebrate and honor!



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Follow us on:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

- The Declaration of Independence, 1776



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# New Interactive Chautauqua County Trails Map Now Available to the Public



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Residents and visitors interested in hiking, biking, riding, and/or rowing Chautauqua County's 250+ miles of trails have new resources available to help them plan their trip with the new interactive trails map and mobile map application. More details available at CHQTrails.org.

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## Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

There's a new resource available for people who want to hike, ride, or even paddle hundreds of miles of trails in Chautauqua County.

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), in collaboration with Chautauqua County Government and the Friends of the Chautauqua County Greenways (FCCG) group, is pleased to announce the release of the new Chautauqua County Interactive Trails Map and accompanying mobile application. The new interactive map, along with links to individual maps and also a mobile application, can all be found at CHQTrails.org.

According to Jacob Bodway, CCPEG Trail Coordinator, the need for an interactive trail map covering all of Chautauqua County is the result of an increased interest in the various trails found across the area, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we witnessed more trail users exploring our trails, many for the first time, we also heard a renewed interest in a trail map that would provide information for trail users of varied experience and ability," Bodway said. "I think that the new countywide trail map does that and more."

This interactive online map allows trail users to explore the hundreds of miles of trails throughout the county. They can select and view trails that fall into specific activities, like hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and kayaking. Users will also be able to select trails based on land-owner, like those found in state forested land, or those associated with a specific organization or community. It also features images of trail heads and provides information on trail surfaces, trail length, and

parking.

"It's the perfect 'one-stop-shop' for trail users who want to spend a weekend or longer exploring the trails in the county," Bodway explained. "The map really is a game changer and will give users all of the information that they need to make an itinerary for their next outdoor adventure in Chautauqua County."

The mobile application can be downloaded from Avenza, the top-rated app used for hiking and biking, even in the most remote areas of the world. Using GPS technology, Avenza is useful for when trail users are on the trail and want to see their location in real time, regardless of cell reception. Several trail maps have been added to Avenza – including Boutwell Hill, Harris Hill, and North Harmony State Forests; Long Point State Park; Audubon Community Nature Center; and Cassadaga Lakes – along with others. These county maps will also be available on other third-party apps, such as Trailforks, All Trails, and MTB Project. PDF versions of individual trail maps can also be viewed, downloaded and also printed from the website for trail users who may not have the ability to use the mobile app.

Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CCIDA CEO, emphasized that the maps and mobile application all align to the County's efforts to make Chautauqua County known as a mecca for outdoor recreation and active living.

"We have such incredible outdoor recreation assets, including more than 600 miles of recreational trails which we are actively working to improve," said Geise. "These maps not only help our county market itself as a tourism destination for outdoor enthusiasts, but help our own residents discover all we have to offer."

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## SUDOKU

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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

## CROSSWORD

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	58									59		

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Six (Spanish)
- 5. Invests in little enterprises
- 9. Large dung beetle
- 11. Gored
- 13. Partially paralyzed
- 15. Still a little wet
- 16. Legal field media company
- 17. Not working
- 19. 500 sheets of paper
- 21. Church structure
- 22. Sheep disease
- 23. Small drink of whiskey
- 25. Weaving tradition
- 26. Pestilence
- 27. Body part
- 29. Nabs
- 31. Places to stay
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Looked for
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- 41. Hair-like structure
- 43. Parts producer
- 44. Greek city
- 46. Subway dwellers
- 48. Norm from "Cheers"
- 52. Clean a floor
- 53. Vied for
- 54. Canned fish
- 56. Inspire with love
- 57. Sent down moisture
- 58. Wrest
- 59. Partner to carrots

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mounted
- 2. Assign
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 5. Parts of an organism
- 6. Person from England
- 7. Tropical plants of the pea family
- 8. Body part
- 9. Practice boxing
- 10. Containers
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Bleached
- 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
- 15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
- 18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
- 20. Cassava
- 24. A restaurant's list of offerings
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Orchestrate
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Astute
- 34. Highly decorated tea urn
- 35. Teach to behave
- 37. Endurance
- 38. Urinating
- 40. Barbie friend dolls
- 42. Repents
- 43. Man-eating giant
- 45. Jewish calendar month
- 47. Accelerated
- 49. Husband of Sita in Hindu
- 50. Lump of semiliquid substance
- 51. Lying in wait
- 55. Cease to exist

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June 23

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# Faith Matters

## Freedom



Contributing Writer  
**Rev. Luke F. Fodor**  
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There is nothing more American than the 4th of July in Chautauqua County—from hotdogs on the grill to flares encircling the Lake and fireworks in the sky. It is a time when we connect with friends and family and celebrate freedom. Freedom is a powerful word with an unlikely origin. When we use this word these days, we often imagine that freedom is related to our rights. But it has not always been that way.

The story of Pesach, of the Exodus from Egypt, is one of the oldest and greatest in the world. It tells of how a people, long ago, experienced oppression and were led to liberty through a long and arduous journey across the desert. If you remember the story from Sunday School or Cecil B. DeMille's Ten Commandments, whether Moses was portrayed as a flannel board figure or by Charleston Heston—he goes to Pharaoh proclaiming, "let my people go." And it is easy to hear this story as an emancipation from tyranny, but the freedom of the Exodus is not a story about freedom from, but rather freedom for.

There are two words for freedom in the Hebrew Bible's story of the Exodus: chofesh is 'freedom from,'

cherut is 'freedom to.' It is the latter which Moses asks for: "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to God in the wilderness" (Ex. 5:1). This is the basis of the freedom in the Bible and is never merely having the right of "freedom from," it is always the call of "freedom for." Indeed, the ultimate aim of Torah is to fashion a society on the foundations of justice and compassion, where we may "be free in a way that honors the freedom of all."

As I suggested at the beginning, the English word freedom is a powerful word with an unlikely origin which is obscured from our common understanding. It comes into English from the Proto-Germanic word friaz which means "to be able to love and not be in bondage." At its core, freedom is always a two-part reality that invites us to find our true purpose. We are free, so that we might lovingly create freedom for others.

The poet, David Whyte puts it into a nutshell, "Freedom is perhaps the ultimate spiritual longing of an individual human being, but freedom is only really appreciated when it falls within the parameters of a larger sense of belonging. In freedom, is the wish to belong, to structure in our own particular way."

On this 4th of July, what are you free for? How is your freedom fostering freedom for others?

*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 [LCornell@jamestowngazette.com](mailto:LCornell@jamestowngazette.com).*

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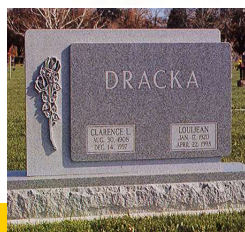
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President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

## Register Now for Branding Workshop July 22

It's not every day that you can get some solid business know-how from an expert, but sometimes the opportunities arise. The Chamber of Commerce is creating just such an opportunity for you this summer, as we host Travis Carlson for a Business Builder Workshop July 22. A Chautauqua County native, Travis is now an award-winning writer and filmmaker who worked for five years with the Buffalo Bills and Sabres as a cinematographer before co-founding Pan-American Film Division in Buffalo. Pan-Am partners with local and national businesses to help them communicate with their customers or other businesses. Their original work includes the one-shot feature film Mother's Day, as well as dozens of short films, three of which earned screenings at the Cannes Film Festival SFC.

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# Record-Breaking Comedian Nate Bargatze to Headline Final Night of National Comedy Center's 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival

## Joins Lineup Including Festival Headliners Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer

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**National Comedy Center**

The National Comedy Center, the nation's official museum and cultural institution dedicated to comedy, announced today that record-breaking comedian Nate Bargatze will headline the 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival on Saturday, August 3rd at the Northwest Arena in Jamestown, NY. Bargatze joins previously announced headliners: acclaimed comedians Nicole Byer on Thursday, August 1st and "Roastmaster General" Jeff Ross on Friday, August 2nd – both performing at Jamestown's Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

Over 50 live events will be presented over four days in a festival that celebrates comedy's contemporary stars and rising talent from across the country, while celebrating comedy's great heritage.

Bargatze has been selling out shows and breaking attendance records around the world with his current "The Be Funny" tour. Last fall, he made his hosting debut on *Saturday Night Live*, receiving rave reviews and drawing one of highest television audiences of the season, with *Vanity Fair* calling him, "A Great *Saturday Night Live* Host," and *Entertainment Weekly* exclaiming, "A frighteningly funny Halloween episode."

His most recent comedy special, *Nate Bargatze: Hello World*, holds the record as Amazon's most-watched comedy special of all time on Prime Video. He is widely known for his clean, relatable comedy for audiences of all ages, evident in his 13 appearances on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, the most appearances by any comedian. He also appeared on Conan four times and has appeared on Seth Meyers' and James Corden's respective late night shows.

"I've had the pleasure of visiting the National Comedy Center and it's just awesome. The interactivity of all the exhibits is amazing – there is nothing else like it. So, it's a thrill for me to perform at the National Comedy Center's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival this August. I hope everyone will come out to see us in Jamestown – and visit the Comedy Center before our show," said Nate Bargatze.

"Nate Bargatze has become a favorite of comedy fans across the country and one of the highest-grossing comedians of the year, selling out arenas nationwide," stated



Nicole Byer

National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. "We were thrilled to have Nate visit the National Comedy Center last fall and look forward to bringing him back to Jamestown for a special headlining performance this August. He's become a great friend and supporter of our mission."

Hailed as "The Nicest Man in Stand-up" by *The Atlantic* magazine and a "Rising Star" by *CBS Mornings*, Bargatze was nominated for a Grammy® for Best Comedy Album for his 2021 Netflix special *The Greatest Average American*, which follows his previous acclaimed Netflix specials *The Tennessee Kid* and *The Standups*. His *Saturday Night Live* sketch "Washington's Dream"



Jeff Ross

went viral and was hailed as an instant classic and one of the funniest SNL sketches of all time.

"With Nate Bargatze, Nicole Byer and Jeff Ross, we truly have a stellar headliner lineup this summer," stated Malachi Livermore, the National Comedy Center's Vice President of Programming & Guest Experience. "Together with many of the best stand-ups from across the country, Lucy celebration events, bigger block parties with live music and more, the 2024 festival will celebrate the best of comedy's past and present over four days."

Bargatze was featured as one of *Esquire's* "Best New Comedians" by Jim Gaffigan, one of Marc Maron's

"Comedians to Watch" in *Rolling Stone*, one of *Variety's* "10 Comics to Watch" for 2015, and as #1 on *Vulture's* '50 Comedians You Should Know' in 2015. He also appeared on the cover of *Variety's* annual comedy issue in 2022. He recently launched The Nateland Company, which develops and produces family-friendly content including comedy showcases, specials and podcasts including his own popular *The Nateland Podcast*, which featured Bargatze's tour of the National Comedy Center.

Tickets for the Nate Bargatze show will go on pre-sale for National Comedy Center Members on Tuesday, June 25 at noon ET through Wednesday, June 26 at 11:59 pm. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Thursday, June 27 at noon ET, at [ComedyCenter.org](https://www.comedycenter.org).

To become a National Comedy Center Member in order to gain first access to available seats for Nate Bargatze during the pre-sale ticket window, visit [ComedyCenter.org/membership](https://www.comedycenter.org/membership) or call the National Comedy Center at 716.484.2222. Memberships start at \$75 and provide year-round benefits including a "season pass" for visiting the award-winning National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

Tickets for the Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer shows, along with other festival events, including Late Night comedy shows and Lucy legacy events, are currently on sale to the public at [ComedyCenter.org](https://www.comedycenter.org).

"Roastmaster General" Jeff Ross, who brings his solo show "Take a Banana For the Ride" on Aug 2, was the creative force, co-host and producer of the recent blockbuster Netflix *Roast of Tom Brady*, and in addition to his numerous high profile roast credits, is among the most respected stand-up comedians touring today.

Nicole Byer, performing Aug 1, has become widely known as the host of *Nailed It!*, the Netflix Emmy-nominated reality-competition baking series, and is one of the most distinctive voices in stand-up comedy today.

Six Comedy Late Night shows will take place Thursday, August 1 – Saturday, August 3, featuring over 20 of the most popular artists currently performing in comedy clubs nationwide – with television appearances on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *The Daily Show*, *Last Comic Standing*, Netflix comedy specials, *America's Got Talent*, and more.



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# Girls Power Rocket Stoves



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**Dream It Do It  
Western New York**

Girls from Chautauqua Lake and Brocton Central School Districts came together at the end of this school year for a day of fun projects and career exploration through a Girls in Manufacturing event sponsored by Dream it Do it Western New York. During the event the girls engaged in welding, CNC machining and assembly of rocket stoves. With the assistance of CLCS technology students, representatives of manufacturing and teachers, a team of girls learned about manufacturing careers, the manufacturing process and took home their very own rocket stove.

Dream It Do It Western New York, an initiative of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, creates events like Girls in Manufacturing Day as an outreach and preparation program to build the talent pipeline in support of the manufacturing economy. “We see an enormous opportunity to introduce more girls to manufacturing careers by empowering them and helping them build confidence that these traditionally male dominated careers are a viable option for women,” stated Todd Trantum, President of Dream It Do It Western New York and Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier. “Manufacturers continue to struggle to fill jobs at a time when the sector is growing and creating jobs and a wave of retirements continue to leave positions vacant. Our strategy through Dream It Do It, is focused on building an early talent pipeline by engaging with students through manufacturing technology tours, hands-on project-based experiences, and building meaningful long-lasting connections with the manufacturers in our region.”

“Programming like Girls in Manufacturing is engaging with young ladies, inspiring them through fun hands-on project-based learning and connecting this experience with careers in manufacturing,”

stated Heather Turner, President of Blackstone Advanced Technologies. “The Dream It Do It initiative is an important part of our strategy to connect with students in middle school and high school to help them learn more about what we do at Blackstone Advanced Technologies and the career opportunities we offer. Through Dream It Do It we have had students from a variety of schools tour our facility, we met with nearly 1,000 students at the recent STEM Wars event, and I had the opportunity to speak to the participants in the Girls in Manufacturing camp held at Chautauqua Lake Central School. All of these interactions are part of our effort at Blackstone, to build the early talent pipeline which we view as essential to the future growth of our business.”

During the event, middle school girls from Brocton and Chautauqua Lake learned all stages of the manufacturing process and had an opportunity to use machines such as mills, lathes, CNC lathes and mills, as well as welding and fabrication equipment to create projects. With the assistance of Chautauqua Lake technology students, representatives of manufacturing, and teachers, a team of girls learned about manufacturing careers, the manufacturing process and took home their very own rocket stove and wood epoxy creativity coaster.

Chautauqua Lake’s technology teachers took a leadership role in bringing this event and projects together. Teacher Bill Persons was excited for the participants as he noted, “As an educator, it is always exciting to see someone learn a new skill set, but to watch them use that skill to create something that is meaningful and personal to them is what it is all about. Through Dream It Do it and programs like Girls in Manufacturing, we hope to help facilitate events like this in the years to come to show our younger learners the endless potential in the field of manufacturing.”

Chautauqua Lake principal Rachel

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## Wicked Warren's Brews Up a New Experience in Jamestown, NY

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County of Chautauqua  
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Get ready to raise a glass to hops and heart as Wicked Warren's plans to open its doors between July 13th, 2024 in the heart of Jamestown, NY. This innovative brewpub brings together fresh, handcrafted beers, delicious food, and a vibrant community spirit to create a destination for beer enthusiasts, families, and nightlife seekers.

### Bold Brews, Crafted with Passion:

Wicked Warren's boasts a unique brewing operation overseen by Head Brewer Drew Erlandson, a seasoned professional who has over 15 years of Brewing experience in home, large production, and craft brewing. His passion for his craft is well noted by the accolades we received for his beer over the past four years as we grew our Warren, PA location. Dave Waller, a seasoned brewer in his own right will assist Drew in this larger facility, while Sloan Milne will head operations in Warren, PA.

The taproom will feature a double-digit selection of rotating beer, including our highly sought after Not A Boblem, (Pilsner), Brood X, (Mexican lager), Hopdilyicious, (NEIPA) and Muddy Mocha, (Stout). From crisp lagers to juicy IPAs and everything in between, there's a brew to tantalize every palate. In addition, Wicked has the best seltzer you have ever had which can be flavored with their umpteen flavoring combinations. Just do you!

### Beyond the Bevy:

Wicked Warren's doesn't stop at beer. Their kitchen will of course offer all things wicked from Warren, PA's menu but will finally have the opportunity to spread its wings to include enhancements of locally sourced gastropub fare, globally-inspired small plates and the occasional fine dining selection. Paired with the perfect pint, cocktail or fine wine Wicked Warren's promises a culinary adventure alongside your sudsy journey.

### More Than Just Beers:

Wicked Warren's - Jamestown aims to be more than just a place to grab a drink. It's a community hub, hosting live music nights, trivia nights, beer-making classes and holiday parties. Whether you're catching up with friends, cheering on your team, or making new connections, Wicked Warren's provides the perfect backdrop for good times and great memories.

In addition to being the perfect backdrop for good times, Wicked Warren's - Jamestown will eventually include these enhanced, updated, and new features:

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  - Unique Atmosphere to Jamestown
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  - High end wine selection
  - One off beers
- Expanded menu
- Bands
- Roof top patio

Earlier this year, Wicked Warren's received two low-interest loans to help support the new operation from both the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) and the Jamestown Local Development Corporation.

### Quotes:

"Our second location has been over a year in the making, we have taken what we learned during some trying times in Warren, PA and shaped it into a fantastic facility here in Jamestown. I am so excited to grow this location into Jamestown's premier entertainment destination" says Rob Roth, founder of Wicked Warren's LLC.

"I am very excited to bring our eclectic selection of beer styles to the Jamestown area! Our followers and members in Warren have been amazing, and I look forward to working with an even larger community. Most of our Warren Brews are created or inspired by local feedback, and we plan to keep this trend going in Jamestown." says Head Brewer Drew Erlandson.

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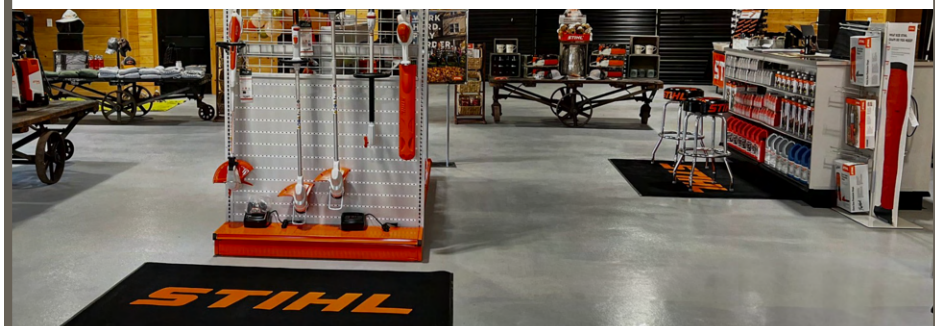
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## United Way of Chautauqua County Seeking Nominations for 2024 Joseph H. Mason Award



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Paul Abbott, fourth from left, was selected as the recipient of the 2023 Joseph H. Mason Award – given each year by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County recognizing one local union member for their volunteer service. Abbott is pictured with local union reps, elected officials and other governmental representatives in this picture from the 2023 Salute To Labor dinner and award ceremony.

### Article Contributed by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

The United Ways of Chautauqua County are currently seeking nominations for the 2024 Joseph H. Mason Award, which recognizes the community service of a local union member.

Now in its 43rd year, the Joseph H. Mason Award and “Salute to Labor” recognition dinner honor the memory of Mr. Mason and all that he did for our community. This year, for the first time in its history, nominations are open to union members (active or retired) from the entire county.

“We are so very thankful for the long history of support United Way has received from organized labor, and we are ecstatic to be opening up nominations for the Joseph H. Mason award to candidates from anywhere in Chautauqua County,” said Amy Rohler, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County Executive Director. “Labor unions are essential partners in helping us to meet our mission of improving the lives of county residents.”

Joe Mason was the Directing Business Representative of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District 65, representing southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. Joe’s reputation for standing up for the causes of labor, most importantly impacting the day-to-day lives of working men and women in our area, is well known. A long-standing member of the United Way Board of Directors, Joe exemplified labor’s commitment to serving our community through his devotion to the United Way campaign.

Anyone interested in nominating a union member, active or retired, can download a nomination form from United Way’s website at [www.UWaySCC.org](http://www.UWaySCC.org). Mail completed forms to United Way of Southern Chautauqua County at 208 Pine Street, Jamestown, NY 14701. Nominations can also be made online through a United Way Google form. Links to the form can be found in the social media profiles of and posts made by the United Ways of Chautauqua County.

For your nomination to be considered, it must reach United Way by August 23, 2024.

The United Way Labor Committee and past recipients of the award will review the nominations in August. The honoree will be recognized at the United Way Salute to Labor Dinner, which is scheduled for October 23 at 5:30pm at the Athenaeum Hotel on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution.

Last year, Jamestown School Board President Paul Abbott was selected as the recipient of the 2023 Joseph H. Mason Award recipient.

is a member of CSEA Deputy Sheriffs Unit 6322 Local 807 and has had a long career in law enforcement, first with the Jamestown Police Department and currently with the Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Department.

Paul’s long history of volunteering began in 2000 when he began coaching soccer, which led to 16 years of coaching not only JAYS soccer but also SC United Travel Soccer, YMCA indoor soccer and JHS girls varsity and JV soccer and Jamestown Boys and Girls Club Softball. Paul ran for the Jamestown School Board in 2008 as a way of making sure all students were getting the best possible education. He very much enjoys being an advocate for the students of Jamestown. In addition to being a board member, he has served as President for the last 7 years and has attended hundreds of hours of training as a board member.

Previous Award winners include Jim Cama (New York State Teachers United), Burl Swanson (CWA 1115), Steve Skidmore (CSEA 6300), Resa Rosen-Murray (NYSUT), Steven Nowell (IBEW 106), Loren Smith (NYSUT Panama Faculty Association), Kyle Sholl & Shawn Tibbitts (IAFF 772/ Jamestown Fire Dept.), Christopher Maggio (Jamestown Teachers Association), Don Emhardt (IBEW 106), Robert Servis (AFM #134 Kendall Club PBA), Rodney Kolstee (CSEA 807), and Karen Frucella-Olson (UAW 338.)



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## WEEK 2 SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, JULY 1

- 9:15** - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
- 10:45** - Joanna Stern, senior personal technology writer, The Wall Street Journal
- 2:00** - Nicholas Carr, author, *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*
- 4:00** - Chamber Music. ChamberFest Cleveland-Sacred Song Service. "Sacred Synthesis"
- 8:15** - Jumaane Smith

### TUESDAY, JULY 2

- 9:15** - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
- 10:45** - Conrad Tucker, commissioner, U.S. Chamber of Commerce AI Commission on Competitiveness, Inclusion and Innovation; professor, Carnegie Mellon Univ.
- 2:00** - Margarita Guillory, associate professor of religion, Boston Univ.
- 3:30** - 150th Heritage Lecture Series. Patrick Whitton
- 8:15** - Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Rossen Milanov, conductor. Featuring the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra Horn section

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- 9:15** - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
- 10:45** - Kelly Carlin screenwriter, producer. Joely Fisher, secretary-treasurer, SAG-AFTRA
- 2:00** - Sigal Samuel, senior reporter, Vox
- 3:30** - African American Heritage House Lecture. Conrad Tucker, Arthur Hamerschlag Career Development Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University
- 8:15** - All-Star Dance Gala

### THURSDAY, JULY 4

- 9:15** - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
- 10:45** - Andrew Steer, president and CEO, Bezos Earth Fund
- 12:15** - Community Band (Bestor Plaza)
- 2:00** - Sylvester A. Johnson, associate vice provost for public interest technology, executive director of Tech for Humanity, Virginia Tech
- 3:30** - CLSC Author Presentation
- 8:00** - Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Independence Day Celebration. Stuart Chafetz, conductor. Julie Reiber, vocalist

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

- 9:15** - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
- 10:45** - Jamie Metzl, author, *Superconvergence: How the Genetics, Biotech, and AI Revolutions will Transform Our Lives, Work, and World*
- 2:00** - Matthew B. Crawford, senior fellow, University of Virginia Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture
- 5:00** - 150th Opera: *Love and Longing by the Lake* (Athenaeum Hotel Front Lawn)
- 7:30** - Theater. *Birthday Candles*
- 7:30** - Wilco

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

- 3:00** - Contemporary Issues Forum. Cady Coleman, former NASA astronaut; retired colonel, U.S. Air Force
- 4:15** - Chamber Music: Chautauqua Piano Faculty and Friends
- 7:30** - Theater. *Birthday Candles*
- 7:30** - Jurassic Park Live in Concert with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Stuart Chafetz, conductor



# WEEK TWO: THE AI REVOLUTION

*Artificial intelligence has loomed large in cultural consciousness for more than a century, primarily relegated to speculative works of fiction. The technology is now seeing exponential growth and adoption, accelerating the need for answers to questions posed by novelists and scientists — questions of ethics, of law, of nature. With AI no longer niche and imagined but mainstream and real, what will we do with the tools it offers us for efficiency and creation? How do we balance risk with opportunity? Can artificial intelligence evolve into artificial humanity, or can it allow for humans to be more human?*

## THIS WEEK'S LECTURE LINE-UP DAILY, 10:45AM - AMPHITHEATER

### MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

Joanna Stern, senior personal technology columnist at The Wall Street Journal, opens the discussions with an up-to-the-minute primer on how artificial intelligence has developed ever-more-rapidly, and considers where we may be headed as these remarkable and potentially dangerous technologies continue to evolve.

### TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

Conrad Tucker — who serves as both the Arthur Hamerschlag Career Development Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University and commissioner of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce AI Commission on Competitiveness, Inclusion and Innovation — seeks to help us to understand, from an

engineer's perspective, the actual mechanics of AI and the large language models that drive it: how they were constructed, how they work, and what their potential is — both good and bad.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

Kelly Carlin and Joely Fisher, two stewards of Hollywood family legacies, will appear together in conversation to discuss how AI is impacting the creative community. They will discuss the threats posed to artists, their livelihoods and their legacies, and the opportunities presented by ethically incorporating AI into creative work. Carlin is an author and television producer, and Fisher is an actor, director, author, and secretary-treasurer of SAG-AFTRA.

### THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

Andrew Steer, the president and CEO of the Bezos Earth Fund, will share details about the Bezos Earth Fund's newly announced AI for Climate and Nature Grand Challenge, which will award up to \$100 million in grants to explore how modern AI might help address climate change and nature loss.

### FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024

Jamie Metzl, one of the world's leading technology and healthcare futurists, closes the week with a discussion of his latest book: *Superconvergence: How the Genetics, Biotech, and AI Revolutions will Transform Our Lives, Work, and World.*



## 10 GREAT THINGS TO DO IN WEEK TWO:

- Attend a Class like: Painting the Figure: Explore the human form in this daily painting class, where the rich history and contemporary significance of this timeless subject come to life.
- Play a game of Pickleball on the newly installed pickle courts.
- Relax on the porch of the Historic Athenaeum Hotel and enjoy delicious shareable plates and glass of wine on the
- Browse through the Chautauqua Bookstore and find unique treasures for yourself and loved ones.
- Explore art with a docent tour through one of our two on grounds art galleries
- Enjoy a walk through the gardens located right outside the Main Gate on Rumble. Listen to the song of the giant wind chimes and beautifully planted native species of plants and flowers.
- Tour the grounds from the seat of a bicycle rented from Jamestown Cycle Shop Bike Rent
- Catch a captivating performance of Birthday Candles at Bratton Theater (July 9-21)
- Be inspired by a fantastic performance by Wilco on July 5 at the Chautauqua Amphitheater.
- Learn how Genetics, Biotech, and AI Revolutions will Transform Our Lives, Work, and World through Jamie Metzl's 10:45 a.m. lecture on July 5

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**CCIDA Board Approves Loans  
Totaling \$714,316 for Two Business  
Loans will Assist with Business Purchase in Frewsburg,  
Loan Consolidation for Ellicott Business**

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Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIDA. "Through this consolidation, the jobs will be retained, the CCIDA will move into first position on the property assets, and the Gren's will have lower monthly payments."

At its June 25, 2024 meeting, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved low-interest loans for two businesses totaling \$714,316: Ivory Acres Weddings, LLC (Town of Carroll) and Gren Ventures, LLC (Town of Ellicott).

**Ivory Acres Loan**

The loan approved for Ivory Acres was for \$140,000 and will be used to assist Cole and Rachel Smith with purchasing the business from the current owners, John and Kelsey Volpe, along with undertaking renovations. Ivory Acres was opened in 2018 by the Volpes after purchasing an 18-acre dairy farm at 191 Ivory Street, Frewsburg a year earlier. Since 2018, it has operated as a successful wedding and event center, selling out each season. The Smiths plan to purchase the business and continue to offer the venue to customers from inside and outside of Chautauqua County. Future plans involve renovations to update the facility, with a future outlook of building small cabins on the site. Contingent on local bank financing, the CCIDA will assume a second lien position. The term of the CCIDA loan is 20 years at 4% interest for this \$400,000 project.

**Gren Ventures, LLC**

The CCIDA Board approved a \$574,316 loan to Gren Ventures, doing business as Arthur R. Gren, Inc., located at 1886 Mason Drive. Arthur R. Gren Company was incorporated in 1954, serving Chautauqua County as a private company wholesale distributor of beer and non-alcohol products. The loan will be used to consolidate two existing loans dating back to 2013, when the company constructed a 22,875 square foot building for its recycling and warehousing center. At the time, Gren Ventures received an AI Tech Loan from the CCIDA for the project, along with a bank loan. Since the bank notified the Grens that they would not be renewing their loan, the Grens were forced to find other financing to fill this void. By consolidating the remaining balances from the CCIDA and bank loans, the CCIDA will move into a first lien position on the real-estate. The term of the loan is five years at 4% interest. "The Gren Ventures loan is a win-win-win for the community, the CCIDA, and the Grens," said Mark Geise, Deputy County

"We are pleased to support the transfer of ownership of Ivory Acres to the Smiths, ensuring it will continue to operate and serve the public as a beautiful and viable local wedding destination with potential for future development at the site," Geise said.

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**The Fourth of July**

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Jefferson (who, along with John Adams, died on July 4th 1826).

If you appreciate New York's waterways, you can still explore the Erie Canal, which broke ground on July 4th 1817.

Chautauqua's literary aficionados must love July 4th. In 1865, Lewis Carroll released Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Ten years earlier in 1855, Walt Whitman published Leaves of Grass, which was ten years after Thoreau bought Walden Pond. Nathaniel Hawthorne was born on July 4th 1804.

Scientists have more than just democracy to be thankful for on July 4th. Physicists

across the world celebrated the discovery of the Higgs Boson at the CERN Large Hadron Collider, recreating subatomic particles that can help us understand the true origins of the universe on July 4th 2012, fifteen years after the Pathfinder landed on Mars and helped us explore the surface of another planet.

As you partake in the revelry of being American on America's birthday, at the cookouts and the bonfires and pool parties, at the parades and banquets... raise a cold beer to the unsung happenings of July 4th, a magical day for so many reasons.

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# Dancing Into Their Fourth Decade

The 2024 Great Blue Heron Music Festival will take Place in Sherman, NY, on July 5, 6, and 7



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**Great Blue Heron Music Festival**

The 2024 Great Blue Heron Music Festival dances into its fourth decade of music and community at The Heron Farm & Event Center over Independence Day weekend: Friday, July 5, through Sunday, July 7. Over 30 bands including Donna the Buffalo, Sam Bush, Rubblebucket, Couch, The Town Pants, Jimkata and Driftwood, will perform on three stages.

Weekend activities include instrument and dance workshops, food and craft vendors, swimming on a lifeguarded beach, biking, hiking, and daily activities for kids, teens, and seniors.

Tickets are on sale now, with walk-in woods camping included in the price of admission. Three and four-day camping passes for RVs and tent sites next to your vehicle are available for an additional fee. One-day tickets are available for Saturday and Sunday. Details at [greatblueheron.com](http://greatblueheron.com)

Following the festival's 30th anniversary last summer, the Great Blue Heron Festival is looking toward a bright future. One of the ways forward is the launching of a new, larger stage deep in the woods. "We've had other events on the property that have set up a stage in this area and it's been awesome," says Julie Rockcastle, one of the founders of the festival. "This new space allows more room for bigger bands and a larger audience."

The new stage is just one of several big improvements designed to enhance the experience for the thousands of music fans who return to the Great Blue Heron Music Festival each year. Production and lighting upgrades at the main stage and the big top dance tent are also underway. While live music is the centerpiece, the festival offers plenty of activities for the whole family. Discover how to make

music at an instrument workshop, or learn new steps with an instructor-led dance lesson. There is also a full slate of creative activities for young children and teens, a new space for the spirited drum circle, and a lifeguard-protected sandy beach on the spring-fed pond for a cool swim on a warm summer's day. And there's no need to cook, because there will be plenty of great options for food and drink, including a coffee bar, plus local beer and wine.

Festival favorites Donna the Buffalo have been a key part of the Blue Heron repertoire since year one, and they are back again with their highly danceable blend of groovy, continental roots rock. They'll be sharing the stage with International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame inductee Sam Bush, who was nominated for a Grammy this year for his latest album, *Radio John: The Songs of John Hartford*. This will be Sam's first appearance at the festival, alongside the debut of Brooklyn's always artful Rubblebucket, the improvisational rock of NYC's Stolen Gin, the magically soulful sounds of Joclyn and the Sweet Compression, Montreal's Cajun-zydeco band Le Winston, and Cool Cool Cool: a fiery nine-piece funk band featuring former members of Turkuaz. Back by popular demand is the irrepressible maritime madness of Vancouver's The Town Pants, the comfy "pop with a twist" sounds of Boston's Couch, the thrilling electro-rock of Jimkata, and Binghamton's song-driven folk-rockers Driftwood. Other familiar names include reggae ambassadors Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad, Jim Donovan's Sun King Warriors, North Carolina's raucous Tan & Sober Gentlemen, and West Virginia's Rasta Rafiki.

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Garden Information Written by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Master Gardeners Program is excited to announce their bimonthly horticulture newsletter The Optimistic Gardener.

The Optimistic Gardener newsletter is from the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County Master Gardeners. If you are interested in gardening and best practices based on research, this newsletter is for you. This bimonthly publication features articles written by Master Gardeners, profiles of local businesses, interviews with Master Gardeners, and columns on using

herbs and sustainable gardening practices. It also includes sections for asking questions of Master Gardeners, children's activities, and general gardening advice. In each issue, you can find information about Community Workshops and Community Resources.

You can find current and past editions of The Optimistic Gardener newsletter on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County website at <https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/gardening>. The group encourages everyone to visit the site regularly for valuable gardening resources.

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## Our Town Through My Eyes with Sam Teresi

## Episode 3: Philip, Mayor Steve, Reg, Betty and a Cast of Thousands



Contributing Writer

**Sam Teresi**

Former Mayor of Jamestown

The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts recently launched a fundraising drive to replace all 1,200 of the theater's 1950's vintage seats. The project is expected to cost about a half million dollars, with the majority funded by a NYS Council on the Arts grant. This is just the latest in a nearly 45-year ongoing campaign that has raised millions of dollars to rescue, preserve, rebuild, expand and operate this Downtown community treasure.

I would urge everyone to support this important cause and use it as an opportunity to honor, through one of the name plates that will be affixed to each sponsored seat, someone important in your life. Tax deductible contributions can be made at [reglenna.com/legacyseats](http://reglenna.com/legacyseats).

Jamestown's Palace Theater opened with great fanfare on February 5, 1923 as a "state of the art" vaudeville and motion picture house. Ultimately, nearly six decades later, the "Grand Lady of Third Street" succumbed to changing times and technologies, dwindling movie attendance and the atrocious condition of long neglected facilities and equipment. After periodic closings throughout the late 1970's, Dipson's Palace Theater went permanently dark on September 10, 1981. The final event that night was the film "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia", starring a young Dennis Quaid, Kristy McNichol and Mark Hamill.

With the previous shuttering of the other big, early 20th century Downtown theaters, the Roosevelt in Brooklyn Square, Sheas on East Second Street (currently the site of the Lucille Ball Little Theater) and the Winter Garden on N. Main St., the handwriting was on the wall for Jamestown's "Palace". The question before city government and community leaders was what to do with such a behemoth and deteriorated structure, sandwiched into a relatively modest footprint on a steep grade and offering very little frontage along its East Third St. public entrance.

It was then that a stream of well-intentioned but impractical reuse "plans" started coming out of the woodwork. Public expectations were raised and dashed so many times that a sense of frustration and despair ultimately set in, especially with neighboring property and business owners who felt they could no longer bear the burden of this albatross around their necks.

I actually remember chants of "KNOCK IT DOWN, KNOCK IT DOWN" at a public meeting held to garner ideas for the reuse of our Palace. This led to

the "practical and sensible solution" of building a retaining wall with a chain link fence atop, to hold up Third Street, following a tricky demolition. Local officials projected that this would yield about 17 surface parking spaces on the resulting empty lot. Fortunately, when the numbers came in showing that the cost of the project would be through the stratosphere, cooler heads prevailed and that option was scrapped too.

**Philip**

And then, the break Our Town needed came along in the form of Philip Morris, the young, energetic, charismatic and eternally optimistic Executive Director of the Arts Council for Chautauqua County.

As a college intern in the office of Mayor Steven B. Carlson, I had the opportunity to meet Philip around this time. I was also given a front row spectator's seat to what was about to unfold; the single largest and most successful organic, grass roots driven, volunteer initiative in Jamestown's 175-year history.

Philip's dream was to first save the Palace from the forces of physical destruction and then lead a community campaign to transform it into a world class performance and events space. But, he also clearly saw what few others couldn't even imagine at the time; that the improved facility and the "teaching moment" process of saving it, could serve as catalysts for more and even greater things to happen Downtown in the future. And, on both accounts, he was absolutely right!

Immediately out of the box there was a flurry of volunteer opportunities through which folks could help. There were numerous clean out "parties" that drew out dozens of locals on Saturday mornings to haul out truckloads of garbage, discarded equipment, falling plaster, broken seats, pigeon dung and rodent feces. They swept, washed and shined everything that didn't move and even some things that did. I still fondly remember the satisfied look on the face of my friend City Court Judge Sam Alessi, as he proudly polished the brass railings in the theater's long abandoned balcony.

Philip recruited several of his friends and Arts Council benefactors, who led efforts to raise seed money for the rag tag operation. Jane and Rolly Kidder, Patty and Marty Idzik, Holly and Pete Sullivan, Dave and Betsy Shepherd, Julian Wright, Gene Danielson, John Hamilton and Carol Lorenc from the Gebbie Foundation, Paul Sullivan from the Sheldon Foundation and many others all worked diligently to get the financial ball rolling. Most notable to me was the "Pennies for the Palace" drive where donation canisters were set out at local businesses, not only to raise money, but more importantly to stimulate critical community buy in and ownership. And, area school kids were also drafted into the effort; no doubt their first real life lesson in community building.

**Mayor Steve**

The campaign really took on rocket fuel after Philip enlisted my boss, Mayor

Steve, to join the fray in a really gutsy and significant way. Armed with an architectural report and a preliminary feasibility study paid for with the seed money, the "big ask" was for the city, through the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency (JURA), to accept the gift of the building from Dipson and to hold it in trust through an ambitious, multi-year, community fundraising and renovation process.

Many in town were actually "stunned" when the usually deliberative and cautious young mayor actually said YES. But in typical "Steve fashion", it came with a taxpayer protecting caveat. The Arts Council would need to sign a lease with JURA and pledge to insure, maintain and operate the facility at its own expense. Mayor Steve also insisted that Philip and company deliver upon a demonstration program of shows, events and activities, all without any operating subsidy from city taxpayers, to prove there was a market for their dream. Under the agreement, title to the property would eventually transfer to a new non-profit real estate corporation, once the necessary funds for the renovation were raised and major construction was ready to start.

In June 1981, even before the theater's transfer to JURA, Philip secured permission from Dipson to hold the first live performance at the Palace since 1956, an acoustical concert featuring his old friend, national recording artist Harry Chapin. The sold out show occurred during a torrential rainstorm and was marred by water pouring in through the time damaged roof. I can still see the iconic photos of buckets set up on the stage surrounding the performer, as he played to the thousand-member umbrella clad audience.

At the end of the show, Chapin was so moved by the experience that he pledged to return and do a "full and proper" benefit show, if the people of Jamestown stepped up to save "this beautiful Palace". Unfortunately, the follow up performance was not to be as Chapin, a month later, on July 16, 1981, was killed in a horrific auto accident on the Long Island Expressway.

The shock of the tragedy could have easily been a mortal blow to the dream, but in retrospect, it served to only motivate Philip and the core group to push forward even harder. They had come too far, were driven and were not to be denied. Over the next year, the transfer of the property to JURA was completed and Mayor Steve secured funding for a major roof project to protect the space from further deterioration. The planning, private fundraising and short-term repair efforts continued at a feverish pace and during October 1982, the theater was rebranded as the Palace Civic Center.

Shortly thereafter, the Arts Council began delivering a program of impressive "demonstration events" as required by Mayor Steve during the prior year. Included were an assortment of community performances, movies, Broadway touring shows, civic meetings on the stage, youth

and school activities and major musical acts featuring big band era orchestras, military concert bands, local pop/rock groups and a memorable double sellout evening with Grammy winning recording artist Chuck Mangione.

**Reg and Betty**

The group and the project were clearly on a roll, but a major gap existed between the considerable funding raised to date and the \$3.5 million, a major lift in the 1980's, that was required to complete the massive renovation program.

Project advocates were in need of a game changing, small miracle. Their prayers were answered when local industrialist turned major philanthropist, Reg Lenna, along with his wife and life partner Betty, stepped to the plate with a stunning \$1 million pledge that Philip and his team had been cultivating for some time. This generosity spurred sizable donations from the Gebbie (\$750,000) and Ralph C. Sheldon (\$500,000) Foundations, along with a number of other major gifts that drove the project over the goal line.

Following a lengthy reconstruction effort, filled with the typical surprises, challenges and delays associated with bringing back to life a historic building, the Palace reopened and was renamed the Reg Lenna Civic Center in October, 1990.

**The Lesson**

Over the years, the "Reg" has become everything and more than Philip, Mayor Steve, Reg, Betty and company dreamed of.

- A much needed traffic generating venue for a continuous stream of arts, entertainment, educational, cultural and civic events.
- A catalyst for even more private and public investment in the Downtown area, which is the heartbeat and soul of not only the city, but the entire Greater Jamestown region.
- A "teacher", motivator and blueprint for how to do big and important things, that are seemingly too large and difficult for a small and economically challenged place like Our Town to accomplish. In other words, if we did it once with the Reg, we can do it over and over again to achieve other major goals.

This is more than a tale of passion and determination to save the last of Our Town's grand old playhouses. It's the inspiring story of a place that when the chips are down, always punches above its weight, and wins. It's also a testament to when the people of Our Town work together in the interest of the broader community, there's literally nothing they can't accomplish.

Consider what has happened on the heels of the Palace/Reg project since 1990.

- The Civic Center Development District Plan, paid for with a \$100,000 grant from the Cummins Foundation, was written by the community, with the help of national planning consultant Ernie Hutton.
- Inspired by the planning process, John Hamilton and Paul Sullivan from the Gebbie and Sheldon Foundations created a Million Dollar Challenge Grant that drove millions in new private

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## Recognition Ceremony Honoring Local Volunteers Held by United Way



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United Way of Southern Chautauqua County Executive Director Amy Rohler, at left, stands with some of the recipients of United Way's 2024 Volunteer of the Year awards. Each year, UWSCC asks the agencies it funds to provide the name of a volunteer in their organization deserving of recognition. Also pictured is Community Impact Manager Eric Rinaldo, second from right.

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### United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

A group of 19 volunteers were honored recently during United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's annual Volunteer of the Year recognition ceremony.

Held at Chautauqua Adult Day Services on Tuesday, June 18, the event featured glowing praise from United Way and its community partner agencies for the service provided by the volunteers to the local nonprofits.

The evening event had a puzzle theme this year, with the tagline: "Volunteers: The ESSENTIAL Piece".

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity exhibited by the 19 volunteers we honored during this year's Volunteer of the Year ceremony," said Eric Rinaldo, UWSCC Community Impact Manager. "Highlighting the dedication of these outstanding individuals underscores the vital role that volunteerism plays in our community. Volunteers are the lifeblood of local nonprofits, providing the essential support needed to fulfill their missions, achieve their goals and positively impact the lives of those they serve. The selfless contribution of these volunteers help to create a stronger, more vibrant community for

all."

#### Award Winners:

- A Children's Place — **Karen Gould**
- Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA — **Frank "Wally" York**
- American Red Cross — **Sharon Weiler**
- Winnifred Crawford Dibert Boys and Girls Club — **Roxane Geranmayeh**
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) — **Cheryl Grey**
- CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services — **Volunteers in the JCC OTA Program**
- Chautauqua Adult Day Services — **Tammy Raimondo**
- Chautauqua Safety Village - **Doug Fricke**
- Chautauqua Striders — **Janet Card**
- Girl Scouts of WNY — **Danielle Thor**
- Grow Jamestown / St. Luke's Church — **Brian Kearney**
- Jamestown Meals on Wheels — **Vicky Bardo & Wendy Wilcox**
- JCLC — **Catherine Willard**
- Junior Achievement of WNY — **Alexandra Schosek**
- MHA (Mental Health Association) — **Gordy Frederes & Blaine "Buddy" Carlson**
- Prevention Works — **Kyle Hellman**
- The Resource Center — **Donna Haenggi**
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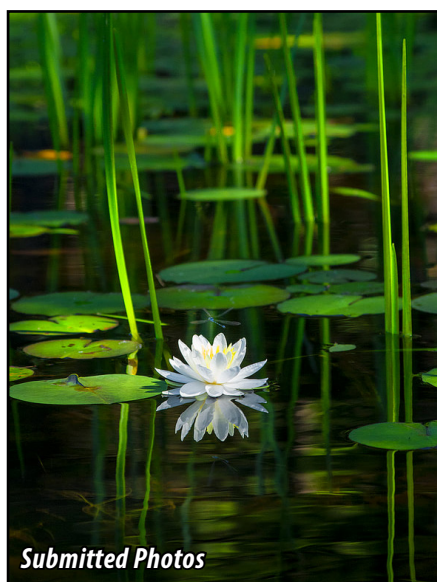
## This Week At Audubon: Green Play Days, Sunday Storytime, Photo Contest Deadline



Mondays all summer 2-6-year-olds and their favorite adult(s) can drop in any time 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for Audubon Community Nature Center's Green Play Days. With a mud kitchen, water wall, and more, the Green Play Area is a safe outdoor space for play that inspires both kids and adults to make discoveries and feel more comfortable about the natural world. An educator or volunteer will be available throughout the day to assist, but adults must supervise their children. For details, go to [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org) and click through Programs and Events.

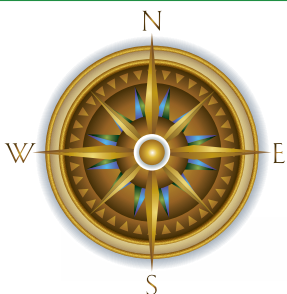


Have a fun-filled afternoon this Sunday with the 2-8-year-old(s) in your life at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Sunday Storytime, 12:30-1 p.m. Then visit the animals and enjoy the indoor and outdoor Nature Play Areas. Both Storytime and Sunday building admission are free. To reserve your space, go to [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org) and click through Programs and Events.



Submitted Photos

With \$1,600 in cash prizes, Sunday, July 7 is the deadline for submitting and voting on photos in Audubon Community Nature Center's 2024 Nature Photography Contest. Youth and adults can enter in the categories of Wildlife, Scapes, and Macros and Close-up Details. Information at [GoGoPhotocontest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2024](http://GoGoPhotocontest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2024). Pictured is previous Adult Winner, "Water Lilies and Reeds" by Michael Weishan of Cattaraugus, N.Y.



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## Summer Fun: Chautauqua County Gears Up For Jam Packed Season

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visitors won't want to miss is the performance of **ABBAMANIA**, the cast that performed for Mamma Mia. Find more information on this incredible event at [www.scandinavianjamestown.org](http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org).

For those looking for a little natural exploration, **Panama Rocks Wild America Nature Festival** will return on July 27 and July 28. The event invites nature enthusiasts to explore the stunning rock formations and lush landscapes of the Panama Rocks, featuring a juried natural art and craft show, live animal demonstrations and more. Visit [panamarocks.com](http://panamarocks.com) to plan your trip and note the other offerings of the incredible natural wonder that is Panama Rocks.

Meanwhile, the **Gerry Rodeo** invites visitors to experience the adrenaline-pumping thrills of a classic Western tradition from July 31 through Aug. 3. With its heart-pounding rodeo competitions and lively entertainment, this event offers a glimpse into the thrilling world of bull riding and roping. Events include bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping and more. For more information, visit <https://www.gerryrodeo.com>.

For those with a passion for laughter, the annual comedy festival is sure to tickle the funny bone with its lineup of top-notch comedians and side-splitting performances. This year, the event is being held from Aug. 1 through Aug. 4 and offers a schedule chock full of laughs. The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival includes headliners such as Nicole Byer, Jeff Ross and Nate Bargatze, as well as block parties and other events to add to the hilarity. For more on the festival or to plan a trip to the museum, visit [www.comedycenter.org](http://www.comedycenter.org).

**Ellington's Bicentennial Celebration**, a four-day extravaganza, is slated for Aug. 1 through Aug. 4. Details about the event can be found on the

Ellington Town Picnic Facebook page. The celebration is in conjunction with their annual town picnic and includes a parade, amusements, vendors, and a fireworks show to remember, as well as a Cruise-In. This year's theme is Grand Ole Town . . . Then and Now.

Automobile enthusiasts will not want to miss the **Downtown Jamestown Cruise-In** being held on Aug. 9 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Cruise-In offers a chance to admire a dazzling array of vintage cars and hot rods, set against the charming backdrop of downtown Jamestown

History buffs won't want to miss out on **Findley Lake's Bicentennial Celebration**, where the rich heritage and traditions of the community will take center stage in a series of festivities. Findley Lake will host their celebration from Aug. 9 through Aug. 11 and will include displays, games, a vintage parade and more. For details, visit [www.tourchautauqua.com](http://www.tourchautauqua.com).

For aficionados of vintage charm, the **Chautauqua County Antique Equipment Show** in Stockton will showcase a dazzling display of antique machinery and equipment, offering a glimpse into the region's rich agricultural heritage from Aug. 16 through Aug. 18. The 49th annual show will be held at 4578 Cemetery Road in Stockton. Visit <https://ccea.net/annual-show.html> to find out more.

As the excitement builds, visitors are encouraged to mark their calendars for these not-to-be-missed events and make the most of their summer in Chautauqua County. With a diverse lineup of festivals and celebrations, there's no shortage of excitement and fun in store for everyone.

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JULY 31-AUGUST 3 - **GERRY RODEO**  
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## 10th Annual Marauder Trotter 5k Run/Walk is July 6



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The Dunkirk High School Class of 1989 will host the 10th Annual Marauder Trotter 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, July 6 at Wright Park.

The annual race, which is open to the public, is a fundraiser for their memorial scholarship managed by the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.

Registration is available on-line at <https://runsig.com/Race/NY/Dunkirk/MarauderTrotter5KRunWalk>. The deadline to guarantee a commemorative t-shirt is Thursday, June 27.

In honor of the 10-year anniversary, a birthday carnival with a bounce house,

carnival game tent, dunk tank, face painting and balloon twisting will take place on the city's grassy lot off Serval Street from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tickets will be \$1 each for activities requiring one to five tickets per participant.

Proceeds from the carnival, bottle pull birthday present silent auction will be donated to the DHS Unified Sports Program.

Early packet pickup and last minute registration is Friday, July 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. under the white tent at Wright Park. Registration of race registration is also available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

The race is sponsored by DHS '89 classmates Jason Hallmark of J.M. Hallmark & Associates, Mark Maslakowki, Melissa Haase, Scott Mekus and D.J. Wilson.



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### Girls Power Rocket Stoves

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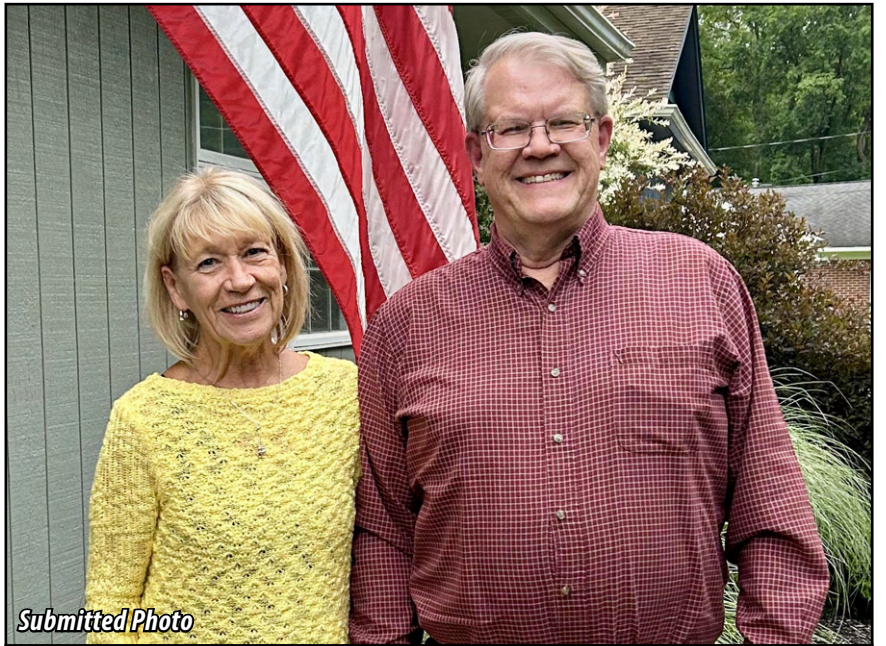
Curtin was also excited to see the confidence in the participants grow as they worked on their projects. Curtin stated, "With any creative project, those first few trial and error steps can be hard to get through. It takes courage to get going, and then confidence and focus to bring the creation to completion. Some of those welds on the rocket stoves were truly exceptional and were representative of the unknown potential of our students. This event is so wonderful because as the day went on, we saw both creativity and confidence shine through in the girls as they developed an eye for detail and craftsmanship in what they were working on."

Chautauqua Lake's technology, engineering, and manufacturing program has a longstanding commitment to sparking creativity and innovation with an emphasis on career readiness. Technology teacher Dan McCray saw this

positive outcome in the event stating, "This year's girls in manufacturing event fostered both creative and cutting-edge technical experiences for the girls as well as intentional moments to collaborate with industry representatives and college and career bound seniors pursuing careers in manufacturing. All involved noted what a positive and eye-opening experience it was for them, and we look forward to future opportunities to partner with Dream It Do It Western New York!"

Dream It Do It Western New York is energizing and building the early talent pipeline. The Dream It Do it Advanced Manufacturing Program is connecting, engaging, enriching, challenging and rewarding students on their way through manufacturing career pathways. To learn more about Dream It Do it Western New York and to sign up for the Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Program, visit [didiwny.com](http://didiwny.com).

### JHS Class of 1969 55th Reunion



Sandy Calalesina, Reunion Chair, and Fred Larson, Class President, planning JHS Class of 1969 55th Reunion.

The Jamestown High School Class of 1969 announces its 55th Reunion will be Saturday August 17.

The Reunion will be at the Northwest Arena from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

The Class of 1969 has never missed a 5 year reunion, having had reunions at the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50th year marks.

At the 45th Reunion the Class began a JHS Class of 1969 Scholarship through the Community Foundation. Beginning with the 50th reunion the Class of 1969 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded annually to a Senior with at least a B average who exemplifies the Class Motto: "The Greater the Obstacle, The More Glory In Overcoming It."

The Class anticipates that additional contributions to the Scholarship Fund as part of the 55th Reunion will allow the Class to possibly award

more scholarship money in the years to come.

Contributions by Class members that go directly from the administrator of their 401 (k) or traditional IRA to the "Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund", c/o Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, 418 Spring St. Jamestown, NY, will be income-tax free for the donor and will also satisfy retirement account Required Mandatory Distributions.

The cost to attend the 55th Reunion is only \$50 per person attending. Please register by sending a check by July 26 payable to the JHS Class of 1969 to Sandy Larson Calalesina, 109 Sunset Ave. Lakewood, NY 14750.

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## New Interactive Chautauqua County Trails Map Now Available to the Public

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Submitted Photos

Funding for the trail project comes from generous support provided by The Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. CCPEG selected Barton & Loguidice and Adirondack Research to oversee the project, following an RFP process that saw 15 proposals come forward. After a year of collaboration, the interactive trail map and mobile application were unveiled at the most recent FCCG public meeting, held at the SUNY Fredonia College Lodge on June 12, 2024.



Plans are underway to provide a limited number of print copies of individual trail maps, and to also remind trail users about the existence of the interactive map and mobile app with signage along the trails, in addition to other marketing efforts across the region. Meanwhile, the interactive map and additional details on where to find and install the mobile map application from Avenza can be found online at CHQTrails.org.

“The countywide trails map is the culmination of what happens when trail user groups work together to achieve a common goal,” noted Bodway. “I couldn’t be more proud of the teamwork and cooperation that went into creating the countywide trail map, and I’m excited to see where we go from here.”

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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## Our Town Through My Eyes: Episode 3: Philip, Mayor Steve, Reg, Betty and a Cast of Thousands

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- development during the 90’s.
  - The Gebbie Foundation actually revised its mission statement in the early 2000’s to promote economic development, particularly in the Downtown area. They have spearheaded some of the largest and most significant initiatives over the past two decades and no doubt, with more to come.
  - A quarter billion dollars (that’s billion with a B) in private and public Downtown projects have been completed during recent years. Included are the Northwest Arena; Gateway Station restoration; Lucy-Desi Museums; National Comedy Center and festivals; numerous restaurant, brewery and hotel projects; the complete redevelopment of abandoned and previously vacant structures like the Chadakoin, Wellman, Lynn, Willow Bay and Signature Buildings; creation of the Greater Jamestown River Walk; development of new housing; massive public infrastructure and parking investment; and many, many more.
  - Spurred by a nearly \$3 million investment from the Gebbie Foundation, other major private gifts and matched with a like amount of funding from the State of New York, the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts
- completed a massive, multi prong upgrade and major expansion of all their properties located in the East Third St. Theater District.
- All of these projects and more have happened by following the philosophy and using the same playbook forged during the Palace/Reg initiative four decades ago.
- I shudder to think what would and wouldn’t have happened in Our Town and where exactly things would be today, with yet another fenced in empty hole at 116 E. Third St. in Downtown Jamestown. Thank you Philip, Mayor Steve, Reg, Betty and the cast of thousands for stepping up and not letting that happen!
- Sam Teresi was the Executive Director of the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation (1985-1988), City Director of Development (1988-1999), Mayor of Jamestown (2000-2020) and is the city’s longest continuously serving CEO.*

## Wicked Warren’s Brews Up a New Experience in Jamestown, NY

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Center, Northwest Arena, and other downtown Jamestown attractions. We are confident that Wicked Warren’s will have a steadily growing and strong customer base, 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 earlier this year. “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.”

### Opening Celebration:

Join Wicked Warren’s for their grand opening celebration scheduled for July, 13th, 2024 at 11am. Enjoy live music, special beer releases, delicious food, and a chance to be among the first to experience all that Wicked Warren’s - Jamestown has to offer. Get ready to Get Wicked With It and stay tuned for many more details on this exciting day!

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## Mental Health Association Recognizes Key Volunteers



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Special volunteers were recognized at the Mental Health Association’s June recovery luncheon. Pictured from left are Gordy Frederes, Blain “Buddy” Carlson, Executive Director Steven Cobb, and Rev. Tom LeBeau. 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, call (716) 661-9044 or visit [MHACHautauqua.org](http://MHACHautauqua.org) or [facebook.com/MHACHautauqua](https://facebook.com/MHACHautauqua).

# Tarp Skunks Community Buyout, Presented by Live CHQ, is July 11

*Evening will also Serve as a Salute to Chautauqua County's First Responders*



Image Courtesy of: Jamestown Tarp Skunks

The Jamestown Tarp Skunks will take the field on July 11 for a free-admission game that will also serve as a salute to Chautauqua County's first responders. The community buyout night is being sponsored by the Live CHQ initiative and will include pre-game activities, including a "touch a truck" promotion with various fire trucks and other first responder vehicles.

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**County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency**

Live CHQ, Chautauqua County's talent attraction and retention initiative, will be presenting a "Community Buyout Night" for the Jamestown Tarp Skunks' July 11, 2024 home game against the Geneva Red Wings, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All tickets for that night's game will be free to the public courtesy of Live CHQ and its two affiliate agencies, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG). The theme for this special night is "A Salute to Chautauqua County's First Responders," honoring past and present members of the county's EMS, Fire, and Police agencies.

"Rewarding the community, and especially first responders and their families, with complementary tickets is our way of saying 'thank you' to the men and women who work tirelessly to keep us safe," said Mark Geise, Chautauqua County Deputy County Executive of Economic Development, and CCIDA CEO. "It also serves to remind residents and businesses about Live CHQ, our talent attraction and retention initiative, which highlights all the benefits of living and working in Chautauqua County."

"CCIDA and CCPEG, along with the Live CHQ initiative, has been working with us to find a way to salute and thank our county's first responders and what better way to do that than to give them the opportunity to enjoy community baseball, free of charge!" said Christian Dolce, Tarp Skunks General Manager and Director of

Business and Sales operations. "Not only will we be waiving admission fees for all attendees that evening, but we'll also have a number of special events and activities planned to help honor and support first responders, especially our county's numerous volunteer fire departments."

Pregame festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and include a "touch a truck" event with various first responder vehicles on hand; a meet and greet with Whiffy, the Tarp Skunks mascot and characters from Paw Patrol, provided by Chautauqua Safety Village; and volunteer fire department information and sign-up stations. There will also be a 50/50 drawing to support volunteer fire fighters, prizes and giveaways from LiveCHQ, and a special first pitch ceremony honoring all first responders in attendance. Representatives from CCIDA and CCPEG will also be on hand to share details and answer questions about the Live CHQ campaign and the Choose CHQ branding initiative, which works highlight all the economic development efforts, projects, and initiatives overseen by CCIDA and its affiliate agencies.

Free tickets are available at Russell E. Diethrick Park the night of the game. Volunteer firefighters, local law enforcement, and EMS workers can also pick up tickets at their designated stations, with limited tickets also available at both CCIDA offices in Jamestown and Dunkirk. Any first responder group that would like tickets can also call the Tarp Skunks direction at 716-705-5600.

Additional information about the Jamestown Tarp Skunks and the team's 2024 season, along with a printable schedule, can be found at TarpSkunks.com.



# New Neighbors Enjoy the Great American Pastime



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New Neighbors Enjoy Baseball

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**St. Luke's Church**

As if learning the complexities of a new culture and a language were not sufficiently difficult, our new neighbors will take on the new challenge of learning the Great American Pastime. Thanks to the generosity of Live CHQ, which funded a buyout of the Tarp Skunks game the New Neighbors Coalition is headed to ballpark on Thursday, July 11th at 6:30pm.

Members of the community are invited to join new neighbors at the Tarp Skunks game. We are excited to enjoy America's favorite pastime alongside new arrivals and the community. There is no cost to attend, and the event promises to be a fun time as the Jamestown Tarp Skunks take on the Geneva Red Wings. The game is at Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park at 485 Falconer Street in Jamestown (JCC campus).

The Rev. Luke Fodor said, "We are so excited to go back to the ballpark. Last year, the New Neighbors Coalition hosted this event last summer and it was so much fun experiencing the game afresh through new eyes!"

Momina Di Blasio, New Neighbor Manager, notes "We chose this night to highlight that Chautauqua County is a great place to live. We want to celebrate all of our new neighbors and future ones too."

This year we plan to bring an even bigger, more diverse crowd this year! All are welcome to join in on the excitement and encouraged to wear best black, blue, and white. If you are interested in attending the event, please reach out to Momina Di Blasio, at momina@stlukesjamestown.org or call the St. Luke's office at (716) 664-6405, so we know to save you a seat!

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## Five Athletes to Keep an Eye on at this Summer's Olympic Games

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Sports fans across the globe will be glued to their televisions this summer, when the historic city of Paris hosts the Olympic Games. Beginning with the Opening Ceremony on July 26, the 2024 Olympic Games is sure to feature awe-inspiring athletic accomplishments that mark the culmination of years of hard work on the part of competitors.

Once the games commence, fans can keep an eye out for these five notable athletes who figure to put their stamp on this summer's competitions.

**1. Simone Biles:** Few athletes at this summer's Games are as recognizable as American gymnast Simone Biles. Biles's accomplishments are already too numerous to mention, but the 27-year-old can pad her legacy even further by earning just one more medal this summer in Paris. Should she accomplish that feat, Biles will have earned more Olympic medals than any American gymnast in the history of the Games.

**2. Daiki Hashimoto:** A two-time gold medal winner at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo (which were held in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic), Hashimoto, who will turn 23 during this summer's games, will be seen as the athlete to beat in men's gymnastics. Hashimoto is a four-time world champion, and NBC Sports notes three of those titles were earned in 2023.

**3. LeBron James:** The National Basketball Association's all-time leading scorer is no stranger to the Olympic Games, but the 39-year-old James has not played on the Olympic stage since 2012. Over the last several years, James made no secret of his desire to return to Olympic competition, suggesting this summer's games will be the last time to see arguably the greatest player of



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all time compete at this level.

**4. Léon Marchand:** Born in Toulouse, France, in 2002, Marchand figures to be the center of attention this summer. Some suggest Marchand could put on a performance not unlike his fellow swimmer Michael Phelps' efforts in the pool years ago, as the Frenchman is coached by Bob Bowman at Arizona State University. Bowman famously coached Phelps during his time at the University of Michigan and beyond, and swimming fans will be curious to see how the hometown hero Marchand performs in the pools of Paris this summer.

**5. Summer McIntosh:** The pride of Canada made a name for herself at the tender age of 14 during the 2020 Games, where she was the youngest athlete named to the Canadian team. McIntosh finished fourth in the 400-meter freestyle in Tokyo, narrowly missing a medal in that event but still breaking the Canadian national record. Now a seasoned 17-year-old, McIntosh returns to the Olympic stage this summer.

The Summer Olympics return this summer in Paris, and many talented, exciting athletes figure to make this year's competitions as exciting as ever.

## JHS Graduate will Represent Rotarians in Brazil



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Todd, Stavros & Alexis Singleton and Rotary Youth Exchange Chair Cheri Maytum Krull.

Jamestown High School graduate Stavros Singleton, son of Alexis and Todd Singleton, will be flying to Brazil in August, to represent our community and local Rotary Club as a foreign exchange student for the next year.

Stavros has been friends with the present Brazilian student Joaquin Caparoz, who has spent the past year living and studying in our community and will fly home in early July.

Stavros has been active in orchestra, track and field and cross country at Jamestown High School as well as performing in high school musicals and 'pounding the boards' at Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown.

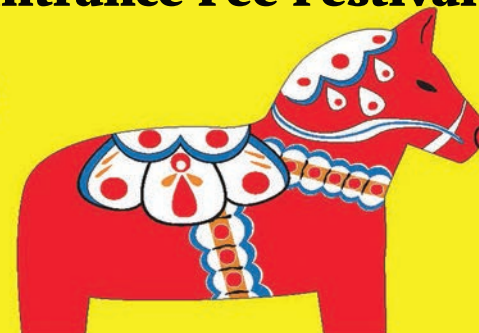
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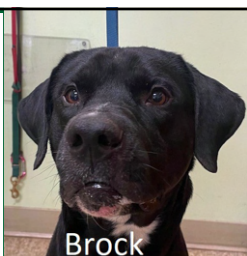


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