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# Why I Love Halloween

*Contributing Writer*  
**Michael Colburn**

I love Halloween because of all the fun things people can do. One reason is all the candy. For example, on a good trip you can get so much candy. Last year I got ¾ of a big bag, which is normal for me. Also, the more Halloweens you go on the more you know which houses & neighborhoods give the most candy. Some years, I also go to a Trunk or Treat, which means even more candy.

Another reason that I love Halloween is all the costumes. I love to see everyone's Halloween costumes. I also like to browse and pick my costume and accessories out. I've been known to have my costume picked out months in advance. Here are some of my Halloween costumes starting from when I was one year old: a teddy bear, Tigger, monster, dinosaur, Jack Skellington, a knight, a cat, Master Chief, a Slytherin student and this year, the Grim Reaper.

My third reason is because of all the fun memories. For example, every year we start the night by going to my grandma's house. Then I go Trick or Treating with my family. Also, I have great memories of the school Halloween parties at Lincoln Elementary. Some of the things that we did at my Halloween parties were a Halloween carnival, a dance party in the gym, a costume contest, and of course, lots of treats and prizes. This year, I had my first Fright Night at Persell middle school, and I am looking forward to my class party this coming week.

*Happy Halloween Everybody!*

*Submitted Photo*

Mikey Colburn (son of our own Graphic Designer, April Colburn), ready for trick-or-treating as the Grim Reaper!

## HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT 2024

<b>ASHVILLE: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>	<b>GERRY: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>
<b>BEMUS POINT: 6 PM - 8 PM</b>	<b>JAMESTOWN: 6 PM - 8 PM</b>
<b>BROXTON: 5 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>KENNEDY: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>
<b>CASSADAGA: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>	<b>LAKEWOOD: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b>
<b>CELORON: 6 PM - 8 PM</b>	<b>MAYVILLE: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>
<b>CLYMER: 5 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>PANAMA: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>
<b>DUNKIRK: 4 PM - 7 PM</b>	<b>SHERMAN: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>
<b>FALCONER: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>	<b>SILVER CREEK: 5 PM - 8 PM</b>
<b>FREDONIA: 4:30 PM - 8 PM</b>	<b>SINCLAIRVILLE: 5 PM - 7 PM</b>
<b>FREWSBURG: 6 PM - 8 PM</b>	<b>WESTFIELD: 6 PM - 8 PM</b>





# This Week Around Town

## Monday, October 28

### **Wine on The Trail | 5:30 PM**

Dave & Margaret Naetzker Preserve  
For Info: [chautauquawatershed.org](http://chautauquawatershed.org)

### **Doubletree by Hilton: Trunk or Treat | 5 PM - 7 PM**

150 W 4th St. Jamestown  
For Info: 716-488-7227

## Tuesday, October 29

### **2nd Annual Pine Valley CSD Fall Sports Team: Trunk or Treat | 5 PM - 6:30 PM**

Pine Valley Central School (High School parking lot) | 7827 RT-83, South Dayton  
For Info: 716-988-3291

## Wednesday, October 30

### **Spooky Embroidery Art Class 5 PM - 8 PM**

Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-488-2529

### **City of Dunkirk Recreation Department Halloween Event | 4 PM - 7 PM**

Stearns Building 1st Floor | 338 Central Avenue, Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-366-9877

### **Chautauqua Safety Village Halloween Fun Fair | 4 PM - 7:30 PM**

2695 NY-394, Ashville  
For Info: 716-338-0170

### **New Flyer of America: Trunk or Treat | 5:30 PM - 7 PM**

New Flyer Parking Lot | 255 Fluvanna Ave, Jamestown

### **Movies at The Reg: Beetlejuice | 7 PM**

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-7070

## Thursday, October 31

### **Halloween Read and Treat (For All Ages: Books, Treats, Crafts!) | 6 PM - 8 PM**

Unitarian Church - 1255 Prendergast Avenue | Jamestown  
For Info: [UUJamestown.org](http://UUJamestown.org)

### **Legally Blonde: The Musical 7:30 PM**

Rockefeller Arts Center | Fredonia  
For Info: [events.fredonia.edu](http://events.fredonia.edu)

### **Trick or Treat Through The Village Businesses 5 PM - 8 PM**

Downtown Mayville, NY  
For Info: 716-269-4129



### **Panama Methodist Church Trunk or Treat | 5 PM - 7 PM**

22 E Main St, Panama  
For Info: 716-782-4031

### **Town of Ellington's Trunk and Treat | 5 PM - 7 PM**

The Town Park (US-62, Ellington)  
For Info: 716--287-2026

### **Zion Lutheran Church: Trunk or Treat | 6 PM - 8 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church | 45 Falconer St, Frewsburg  
For Info: 716-569-5495

### **Trunk or Treat at The Magnolia | 6 PM - 8 PM**

106 Main St, Frewsburg  
For Info: 716-569-3095

## Friday, November 1 thru Sunday, November 6

### **Lake Erie Wine Country's Harvest Weekends Friday 12 PM - 5 PM, Saturday 10AM-5PM Sunday 10AM-4PM**

For Info: [lakeeriewinecountry.org](http://lakeeriewinecountry.org)

## Friday, November 1

### **First Friday - Great Outdoors 11 AM - 12 PM**

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
For Info: [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org)

### **RTPI Guided Gallery Walk 2 PM**

Roger Tory Peterson Institute | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-665-2473

## Saturday, November 2

### **Migration: A Chance for a New Beginning | 1 PM**

Roger Tory Peterson Institute  
For Info: [rtpi.org](http://rtpi.org)

### **Public Skate | 3:30 PM - 6 PM**

Northwest Arena | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-484-2624

### **Farm-to-Table Dinner 6 PM - 8 PM**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
For Info: 716-483-6405

## Sunday, November 3

### **First Sunday Story Time 12:30 PM - 1 PM**

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
For Info at: [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org)

### **"The Joys of Mindful Eating" 10:30am**

1255 Prendergast Avenue, Jamestown  
For Info: [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar)

## Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

# Halloween

## A Fun and Spooky Celebration for Kids of All Ages



### Contributing Writer

#### Pat Locke

With Halloween, comes Halloween memories! They can be spooky, sweet or simply unforgettable. For most, trick-or-treating with friends and family is a popular memory along with carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, dressing up in costumes and attending school parties or home parties complete with Halloween-themed cookies. Playing Halloween-themed games such as bobbing for apples has always been a Halloween favorite along with hearing the song, Thriller by Michael Jackson. The iconic 1983 thriller music video has now surpassed one billion Youtube views!



A spooky memory is usually associated with visiting a haunted house or simply taking a hayride and walking through a created corn maze at a local pumpkin farm and their pumpkin patches. Corn Mazes are a popular attraction in North America. They are intricate paths carved out of cornstalks and are a way for farms to generate local and tourist business during the fun Fall season. Another popular sight to experience and to hear are events called Punkin

Chunkin. These events are the sport of hurling a pumpkin solely by mechanical means for distance. The devices used include slingshots though the preference is usually pneumatic (air) cannons.

Many countries have unique Halloween traditions reflecting their cultural heritage and history. Ireland celebrates with bonfires, costumes and trick-or-treating. Scotland celebrates Halloween called "Guising" (dressing up and singing/trick-or-treating). Spain/Portugal celebrates "Dia de las Animas" with candles and offerings. Italy celebrates "Ognissanti" with festivals and food. Germany celebrates "Allerheiligen" honoring deceased loved ones. In France, Halloween is referred to as "La Fete d'Halloween".

Halloween has always been a popular time of year for the young and even the young-at-heart. Its meaning can be broken down into "Hallow" meaning "saint" or "holy". "Een" which means "evening" or "eve".

Commercialization of Halloween began in the 20th century with mass production of costumes, decorations with trick-or-treating becoming widespread with the distribution of a variety of candy. We all seem to have a sweet-tooth this time of year so find some Halloween fun with your children or grandchildren and make your own sweet Halloween memories at any age with a cider donut and a glass of freshly pressed cider at an historic cider mill situated among the colorful Fall foliage.

Happy Halloween

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

# Happy Halloween!

Owner & Publisher  
**Lori Cornell**

I'll keep this week's editorial short and spooky!  
Well, actually there's nothing scary about this edition, but we are very proud of several included features:

- 1 - We welcome our incredible new student writer on board: Ryan Chambers-Leonard. He selected to write a fascinating research article about this holiday week. By the quality of his writing on page 4, you'd never guess he's only 15! We are thrilled to have him on board with our Gazette team.
- 2 - We give a sincere thank you to all our local first responders as we recognize October 28th as "First

Responders Day". We know how hard they work each and every day in our community to keep us safe and strong.

3 - We remind readers to please vote... early and often! Early voting polling locations opened this past Saturday, October 26 and will remain open until Sunday, November 3. The election is, of course, on Tuesday, November 5. For more information regarding your local ballot and polling places, please refer to our special election centerfold.

And...may you all have a very Happy Halloween! To younger parents: especially enjoy the memories with your trick-or-treating kiddos. I'll age myself by commiserating with all the older parents out there: Your little pumpkins grow up so fast!

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# Walpurgis Night



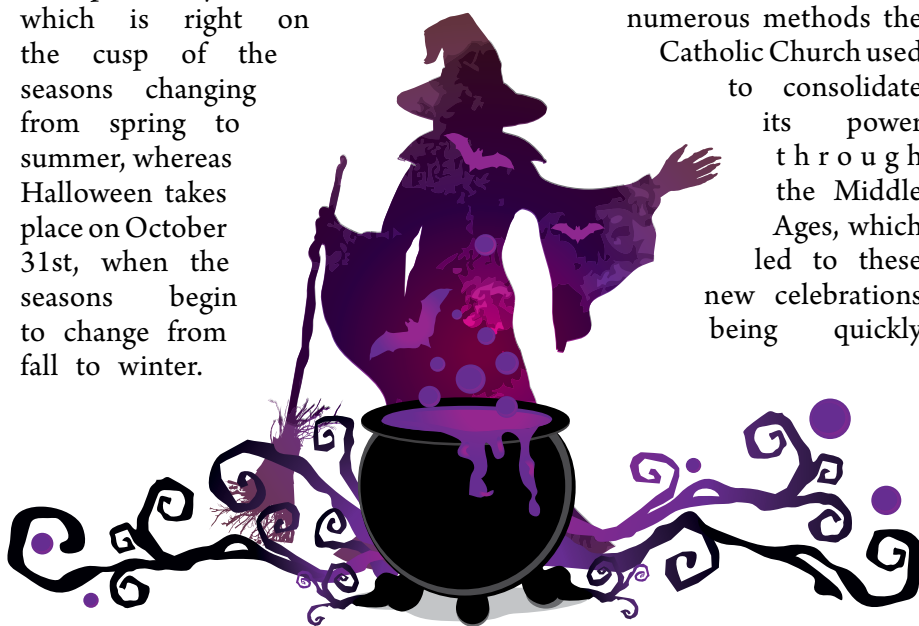
Contributing Writer

**Ryan Chambers-Leonard**  
Chautauqua County Student  
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When most Americans are asked to name the first holiday that comes to their mind, they'll probably tell you something like "Halloween," "Thanksgiving," or "Christmas." And they're all great answers, but a vast majority of Americans will answer one of these three holidays, so I've decided that my first article for this *Gazette* is going to be one with a single goal: inform you, the readers, about something fun, interesting, and unfamiliar to most American readers for our Halloween edition. So I pose a question to all of you: have you heard of "Walpurgisnacht"? Maybe you have, maybe you haven't, and if you have, I hope I can teach you something new to make it worth your time. Regardless, Walpurgisnacht (pronounced "waal-poor-guh-snaakt") is a European holiday that derives its name from Saint Walpurgis (also known as Abess Walpurga), who lived in Germany during the eighth century, and "Walpurgisnacht" itself roughly translates to Walpurgis Night. Walpurgisnacht is also commonly referred to as "Hexennacht," or Witches' night. Walpurgisnacht is celebrated on April 30, which happens to be exactly six months between consecutive Halloweens. By itself, this is a rather weak connection, but the two holidays have far more in common than it would seem on the surface.

Walpurgisnacht takes place on April 30th for a relatively simple reason- the administrative year of eighth century Germany ended on that day, and this itself was a cause for celebration. Festive activities like trick or treating and lively dances were common, and very quickly you can begin to see the parallels drawn between Walpurgisnacht and Halloween. In a similar vein, "Hexennacht" ties back into the scary and haunting motif that Halloween has always carried. Furthermore, Saint Walpurgis was known for "warding off pests, illness and witchcraft," as stated by Audra Gringus in her article "Germany's Halloween in April — Walpurgisnacht," which she published in April of 2022. These concepts of what the Saint represents bring a lot of themes from both Halloween and Walpurgisnacht together, one of the most prominent examples of course being witchcraft. This again brings up the motif of fear or being frightened.

If you wanted to take the connections between the holidays even further, you could take a look at the dynamic both of them have with their placements in the year. Walpurgisnacht takes place on April 30, as previously mentioned, which is right on the cusp of the seasons changing from spring to summer, whereas Halloween takes place on October 31st, when the seasons begin to change from fall to winter.



## THE ANTERIOR HALLOWEEN

Symbolically and literally, the holidays both occur during transitional phases of the year- when cultures begin to shift into fresh festivities and produce new goods. While of course these seasons are cyclical, they have such a massive impact on so many lives. The mass production of goods like candy and costumes cause a massive surge in both demand for those who produce the items and surges in the money flowing into those markets. While the simple dates don't seem incredibly important on paper, they hold so much more sway upon closer inspection. Walpurgisnacht emphasizes that "sway" even more, given the aforementioned fact that the administrative year ended on the same day Walpurgisnacht now occurs, which creates a strengthened sense of festivity and enforces the very reason the date is important. While holidays are commemorated for a variety of reasons, there is an immense amount of value to be found in what the simple dates of these holidays themselves can mark.

Both Walpurgis Night and Halloween actually have *extraordinarily* similar reasons for existing, as both were created by the Catholic Church as one method to discourage Catholics from celebrating traditionally Pagan holidays. This was one of the numerous methods the Catholic Church used to consolidate its power through the Middle Ages, which led to these new celebrations being quickly

popularized- albeit, some more significantly than others. However, it was effectively an act of Christians taking traditions or practices from other groups and fashioning them as their own to garner support. While there isn't much else substantial for me to note here, it's a fascinating idea that demonstrates a recurring practice throughout all religions and societies.

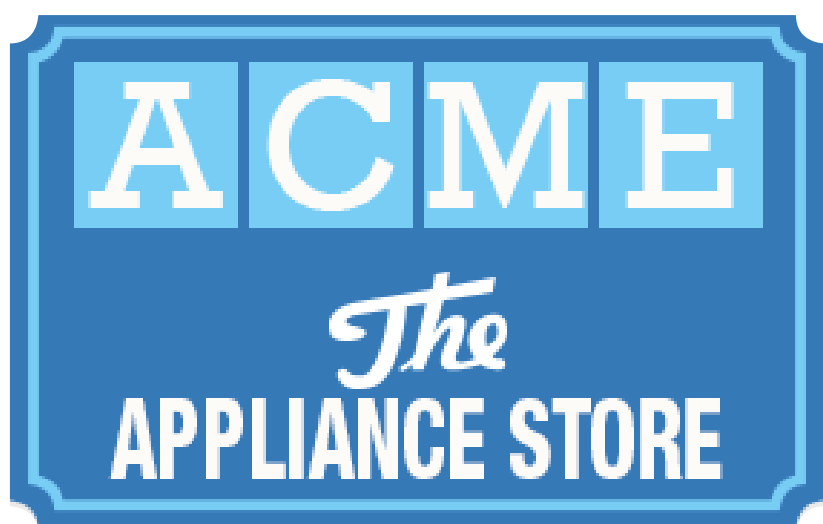
Although Walpurgisnacht is not celebrated in the United States, it is a massively influential factor in how and why we celebrate Halloween as we do now and offers a powerful demonstration of why it's so valuable to learn about the different celebrations and cultures from around the world. Our world and cultures are so beautifully intertwined, and it is a genuine privilege for me to be in a position to educate others on a holiday that is so closely connected with the very holiday this edition of the *Gazette* revolves around. I hope this encourages you to put yourself out into the world and to continue to learn about the world around you.

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# Chadakoin River Business Plan Receives Prestigious Award

Local Public and Private Partners Recognized  
During Annual Conference in Ithaca



Representatives from the City of Jamestown, Gebbie Foundation, CCIDA, Chautauqua County Planning & Development, CCPEG, C&S Companies, and the Harrison Studio were recently in Ithaca to accept the American Planning Association (APA) New York Upstate Chapter's "Best Practice" award for the development and completion of the Chadakoin River Strategic Business Plan.

## Article Contributed by Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

The American Planning Association (APA) New York Upstate Chapter has awarded the Chadakoin River Strategic Business Plan with its "Best Practice" award. The award was presented to the numerous individuals involved with developing the plan during the chapter's annual meeting in Ithaca earlier this month.

The Chadakoin River Strategic Business Plan was designed as an easy-to-deploy blueprint for the development of the City of Jamestown's river corridor as a unique and vibrant destination that capitalizes upon existing assets, identifies important public improvements, increases the amount of activity while improving quality of life, and leverages future investments. Armed with a clear understanding of the existing conditions, the plan proposes a series of individual activities - varied in nature - but all designed to enhance the Chadakoin corridor as a vibrant urban waterway with exceptional recreational and ecotourism opportunities. It was completed in the spring of 2021.

The concept to develop the plan as a "business strategy" is the result of the public-private collaboration between a variety of stakeholders, including the City of Jamestown, Gebbie Foundation, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) /Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), Jamestown Board of Public

Utilities, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, and several Jamestown-based businesses.

The core group that worked on completing the plan included the City of Jamestown, Gebbie Foundation, CCIDA, Chautauqua County Planning & Development, CCPEG, C&S Companies, and the Harrison Studio.

"A lot of time and effort went into the development of this plan by multiple partners and we were thrilled to see all of our hard work being recognized through this special award," said Mark Geise, CCIDA CEO and CCPEG Advisory Board Co-Chair. "Implementation of the recommendations suggested in this strategy will result in activation of this critical downtown asset."

"The Chadakoin River Business Plan is an invaluable tool in helping to guide the development of the Chadakoin River corridor for years to come, helping to lead to a stronger and more vibrant economy for the city of Jamestown and Chautauqua County. Thank you to Upstate New York APA for recognizing the work that went into creating this crucial document," said Crystal Surdyk, City of Jamestown Development Director.

The APA New York Upstate Chapter's "Best Practice" award is given annually to a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, or process in New York State. The award emphasizes results and demonstrates how

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## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

## CROSSWORD

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
5. Highly impressed
11. Pronoun to identify something specific
12. Uttered in an impassioned way
16. Outfits
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Stewed game casserole
19. Indignities inflicted on others
24. Blood type
25. Says beneath one's breath
26. Taxis
27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students live
30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin
31. Condiment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit of distance
39. Romanian village
40. Bears first overall pick Williams
43. Irritated
44. Clothing for sale has them
45. One-time world power
49. When you anticipate arriving
50. Farm building
51. Organize thoughtfully
53. Detective
54. One who reduces
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to "Pa"
59. World's longest river
60. Commemorates
63. Compound
64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
65. Email function

### CLUES DOWN

1. Open-roofed entrance
2. Japanese religion
3. Dancer's garments
4. Distributes
5. Yemeni port
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Engine variant
9. Makes more manageable
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Milliliter
14. Spread out from
15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
20. Respectful title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. Big Blue
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. Bar bill
34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Mary \_\_, cosmetics
38. Gym class
40. Autos
41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
42. Defeats (abbr.)
44. A way to color
45. Planet
46. Form of humor
47. Taken without permission
48. Go over again
50. Auto parts manufacturer
51. Detective's source
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. In the year of Our Lord
61. Atomic #18
62. Not from, but...

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 29



# Faith Matters

## Superheroes, Halloween and All the Saints



Contributing Writer

**Rev. Tara L. Eastman**  
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church,  
Warren, PA | Creator of Holy  
Shenanigans Podcast

What was your favorite Halloween costume when you were a child?

Something spooky, something silly, or was it someone heroic?

As I recall childhood memories of Halloween, I was excited for carving pumpkins and going Trick or Treating; but what I loved the most was deciding what my Halloween costume would be.

From ages five to seven, I dressed as Wonder Woman for Halloween.

It was the mid-seventies, and the Wonder Woman TV show was all the rage.

Each week when the show would air, I would put on my zip-up winter boots to create a make-shift costume, plant myself in front of the TV, and sing along to the theme song...

*“Wonder Woman...  
Wonder Woman!”*

*Now the world is ready for you,  
and the wonders you can do.*

*Make a hawk a dove, stop a war  
with love, make a liar tell the  
truth... Wonder Woman!”*

As a young girl, it wasn’t often that I would see women in the role of hero or leader. At least not in the dramatic way Wonder Woman did. When she heard a call for help or sought to stop harm; she would step out of her administrative office-worker role and spin into a costume change that enabled her to seek to support the needs of the world.

Wonder Woman was a different kind of hero, because as the theme song says: *she could stop a war, with*

*love.* She was intelligent, brave and cared about the needs of the world. And so, Wonder Woman became a Halloween Hero that captured my imagination.

From today’s perspective, it can be easy to critique the storyline of Wonder Woman being a hero hiding in plain sight. But this is a theme common in superhero lore: *Clark Kent to Superman, Peter Parker to Spiderman and Diana Prince to Wonder Woman.* These stories lifted up the idea that heroes exist in the mundane of daily life. Those hidden heroes are watching, waiting and ready to respond to the call for help, duck into a break room, spin around and change their costume, and transform into the hero.

With the help of a character like Wonder Woman/Diana Prince, I am reminded how the call to lives of love and service to others isn’t limited to comics. That in scripture, we find the message that love is foundational for the thriving of community.

In Mark 12:28-31, Jesus is asked the question, “Which commandment is the first of all? He says, “...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Then, Matthew 5:44 challenges the reader to take love into relationships of conflict: *“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*

This kind of love seems like something we’d rather leave to the superheroes. But the world needs everyday superheroes to turn the tide of hate, division and war - with love. Every day, as we head to the office, school, farm and field; we have opportunities to be a helper, a peacemaker, a mediator, a friend, or a subtle superhero.

### Spiritual Practices to Try On

This week of Halloween into All Saints Day, we have opportunity to reflect on our lives and remember the saints who have already gone into God’s presence. I invite you to remember the helpers and superheroes in plain sight. Those

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### Questions for Contemplation:

- Where am I called to be a helper?
- How can love help resolve my conflicts?
- Who am I “showing up” as in my life - and the lives of my neighbors?

**Prayer:** May this Halloween and All Saints Week be one where God’s love helps us live into our calling to be superheroes in plain sight. AMEN

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# Chautauqua County Honors Dr. Mary Ann Spanos for Over Two Decades of Service

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Information Officer

Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. publicly commended the retirement of Dr. Mary Ann Spanos, Director of the Office for Aging Services recently. Dr. Spanos has been at the forefront of advocating for the county’s seniors for over two decades, marking the end of an era in local aging services.

In a letter of commendation read aloud, Wendel praised Spanos for her unwavering dedication, stating, “Dr. Spanos has exemplified exceptional leadership, improving the lives of countless seniors throughout Chautauqua County.” He highlighted her tenure, which spanned from 1999 to her retirement on September 18, 2024, noting her role in spearheading programs that ensure independence, optimal health, and wellness for seniors in a safe and secure environment.

Dr. Spanos' career as a physical therapist specializing in geriatric rehabilitation began in 1986. Since taking the helm at the Office for Aging Services, her impact has been profound, with initiatives focused on helping seniors remain in their homes and stay connected to their communities. Wendel also acknowledged her national leadership as President of USAging, advocating for seniors' needs on a broader scale.

In recognition of her many achievements, Spanos was named a “Woman of Distinction” by the New York State Senate in 2022, underscoring her commitment to enhancing the quality of life for older adults.



Submitted Photo

Dr. Mary Ann Spanos

Wendel's letter concluded with heartfelt gratitude: “I thank Dr. Spanos for her unwavering service, her commitment to the well-being of our seniors, and her role as an inspiring leader in our community, and wish her all the best in retirement.”

In conjunction with her retirement, the County has appointed Dana Corwin as the Interim Director of the Office for Aging Services. Corwin, a registered nurse and Mayville resident, has been part of the department since 2008, working closely with Spanos to advocate for seniors.

“Dana’s appointment ensures that we will continue to build on the strong foundation Dr. Spanos has laid over the years,” said Wendel. “I am confident that under Dana’s leadership, we will continue to provide critical services to our seniors and their families.”

Corwin, expressing her gratitude, said, “Dr. Spanos taught me not only the logistical side of running this office but also the heart behind it. Her passion for helping people stay in their homes and communities is something I will carry forward.”

# Mayor Ecklund Releases Proclamation Declaring October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month



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From left, MacKenzie Smith, Jamestown Mayor Kim Ecklund, Alex Smith, and Lynne Newman, The Resource Center’s employment services administrator, pose with the Mayor’s proclamation declaring October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the city. Alex and MacKenzie are supported through TRC’s Employment Services Program. In addition to issuing the proclamation, Mayor Ecklund plans to have City Hall lit up in purple, pink, blue, red, and green October 29 and 30 in recognition of NDEAM.

# The Joys of Mindful Eating at the Holidays



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This Sunday at 10:30 a.m. you are invited to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown to learn about “The Joys of Mindful Eating at the Holidays.” From his home in Oregon, retired UU minister Rev. Alex Holt will talk about how winter holidays and eating lots of food go together, along with later possible remorse. Holt references Zen teacher Jan Chozen Bays’ book Mindful Eating and will suggest ways to get through the holidays with joy as well as less worry about weight gain. Come to 1255 Prendergast Avenue, or to participate virtually, use the link at [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar).

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# Chancellor's Awards Presented to Faculty and Staff at SUNY Fredonia

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SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Fredonia President Stephen H. Kolison Jr. and Provost David Starrett recently presented medallions to SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence recipients.

Also recognized at the event was Professor Timothy Frerichs of the Department of Visual Arts and New Media, who was appointed a SUNY Distinguished Professor, the highest rank awarded to faculty by the system administration.

Rachel Kerr and Dr. Tiffany Nicely received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.

Ms. Kerr, an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Communication, has over 25 years of teaching experience, and joined the SUNY Fredonia faculty in 2017. Nomination materials note her commitment to individualized undergraduate education, professional development, and student services. Her colleagues noted that even during COVID-19, she maintained impressive standards of instruction in synchronous and asynchronous internet-based courses in topics such as mass media, international media, media technology and public speaking. Kerr is known as a mentor to students who understands the importance that confidence plays in their preparations for the world outside the classroom. Her approach includes practical methods to help students ground their academic skills in their professional goals.

Colleagues note the exceptional level of inclusiveness in her teaching style, and one colleague wrote, "Rachel is a respected, versatile colleague, with a proven dedication to teaching. Her reputation for warmth and inclusiveness is well known and I enjoy our scholarly conversations that demonstrate stringent research..." A student noted that her "... approach to teaching is marked by empathy, and she demonstrates a sense of open-mindedness that encourages students to express themselves, free of judgment..."



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SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence recipients with President Stephen H. Kolison Jr. (center) include (left to right) Lynn Bowers, Roslyn Smith, Dr. Heather McEntarfer, Rachel Kerr, Dr. Tiffany Nicely, Dr. Thomas Hegna and Elizabeth "Libby" Goblirsch.

Dr. Nicely, an adjunct Lecturer in the School of Music, received an impressive 20 letters of recommendation from administrators, colleagues and students as part of her nomination portfolio. The letters endorsed the representation of Nicely as the model educator. She has been an adjunct lecturer in the School of Music since 2002, during which she has taught 13 different classes, and organized and led a study abroad program to Ghana four times. Nicely is known particularly for her extensive knowledge of ethnomusicology, drawing from her personal studies and connections with leading performers from various cultures. She shares this rich knowledge with students, helping them connect with the importance of cultural contexts. Her teaching philosophy is to have, "...respect for the students, the content, and the process," while also ensuring that the course involves challenging goals and opportunities.

One student expressed the impact she has had on his life and career, "The respect and dignity she demonstrates to all students goes without question, but the personal connection she makes as a teacher is just as important. ...she helped me transform an overly enthusiastic, unfocused young musician to a teacher, musician and adult with

focus and global perspective."

Dr. Heather McEntarfer and Professor Roslyn Smith received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. McEntarfer is an associate professor in the Department of English, and joined the SUNY Fredonia faculty in 2012. She has taught an impressive 20 different classes. It was noted that at the core of Dr. McEntarfer's teaching philosophy are values of equity and social justice with the motivation to initiate meaningful societal change. With this in mind, she engages her students in experiential learning and discussions on complex and controversial topics to help students navigate and explore ideas on sensitive topics that will help prepare them for the classrooms they will face as teachers. A former student noted, "I have witnessed Heather facilitate a multitude of conversations with the objective of making all students feel safe in the classroom. These conversations are not always easy to have, but it is something Heather has always shown the strength required to lead, and she does so with the understanding that all students deserve to feel safe in their places of learning." McEntarfer's colleagues and students consistently describe her as an exemplary educator who has meaningful impact on her

students' lives and futures.

Professor Smith is chair of the Department of Communication and earned an M.F.A. in video production from Bournemouth University in 1997 and a B.A. in Film and Media from Stirling University in 1995. She joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 2014, was promoted to associate professor in 2019 and appointed as chair of the Department of Communication in 2021. She has significantly impacted the department through her diverse teaching portfolio and innovative initiatives like the Communication Ambassador Program. Known for her hands-on teaching approach and high-impact practices, she has enhanced student engagement and success in film and media. It was also noted that her dedication to teaching and filmmaking, supported by numerous awards and successful projects, underscored her profound influence on her students and the broader academic community.

Smith's contributions extend beyond the classroom with her active involvement in student projects and professional development opportunities, reflected in her students' achievements and accolades. A colleague noted, "Students have repeatedly shared how she inspires, supports, and continues to mentor them even when they are not in one of her classes."

Dr. Thomas Hegna, an associate professor in the Department of Geology and Environmental Sciences, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

Dr. Hegna has made several contributions to invertebrate paleontology, significantly advancing the field of geoscience through his extensive research. With 43 scholarly articles, 93 conference papers, and 24 public lectures, his work has been influential and widely recognized. Notably praised by peers for his expertise in fossil arthropods and collaborative

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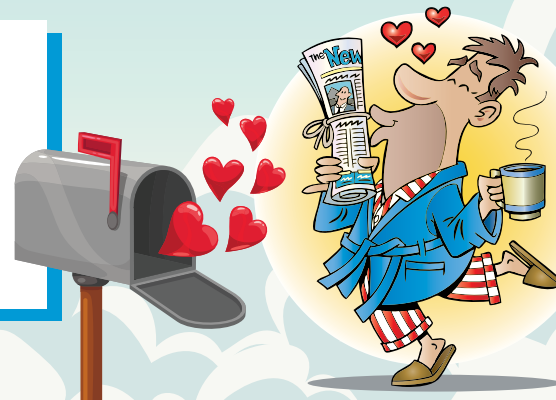


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## How Communities can Honor Local Police

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Metro Creative Connection

Safe communities allow residents to thrive and live their lives to the fullest. Such communities are sought-after places to live, and maintaining a community-wide sense of safety and security is no small task.

Local police forces do much to keep their communities safe, so it's no great mystery why residents want to show how much they appreciate the people who ensure their towns and cities remain wonderful places to call home. With that in mind, community residents, small business owners and elected officials can consider the following ways to honor local police.

### Offer Discounts to Law Enforcement and Their Families

Small business owners recognize the vital role local police play in keeping Main Street safe. A safe dining and shopping district is beneficial to business owners' bottom line, and that makes it worth their while to offer discounts to local law enforcement and their families. Local restaurant owners can offer percentage-based law enforcement discounts on food and drinks to active and retired law enforcement personnel and their families. Local shop owners can follow suit. Year-round discounts for law enforcement and their families are a nice token of business owners' appreciation, and such offers can be increased during busy times of year, such as the holiday season.

### Showcase Officers on Social Media

Local governments can get in on the act by highlighting a different officer each month on various social media platforms. Interview a new officer each month and highlight

their backgrounds and careers. This can be a great way to showcase the talents of local officers and foster strong connections between community residents and the men and women in law enforcement who keep their towns and cities safe.

### Feature Officers During Public Celebrations

Parades, holiday bazaars and local scholastic sporting events are some examples of events that bring community residents together. Such events provide great opportunities to thank local law enforcement and bring them into direct contact with residents. Encourage parade attendees to shake hands with featured officers and utilize well-attended community events, such as high school football games, to formally recognize local police departments and officers. A halftime announcement honoring an "Officer of the Month" is one way to showcase officers so residents can put a name and a face on their local police departments.

### Support Police During Town Council Meetings

Attendance at town council meetings is a good way to remain informed about what's going on in a community, and it also serves as an opportunity to support measures aimed at benefitting local law enforcement personnel. Support efforts to increase salaries for local police officers and upgrade their resources so they can continue to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

There's no shortage of ways for communities and residents to express their appreciation and support for the local law enforcement personnel who keep their towns and cities safe.

"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."

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*Over 500 of the District's Classrooms will Welcome Fall 2024 Students with Digitally Enhanced Learning Opportunities that Leverage the Latest Interactive Tools and Enable Centralized System-Wide Control*



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**LG CreateBoard**

Jamestown, New York is investing in its youth and planning for the future by modernizing the Jamestown Public School district with new LG CreateBoard smart boards that deliver enhanced learning opportunities, increased engagement and direct relevance to students' daily lives and skill sets. District officials and technology providers have outfitted

every classroom across the district's ten K-12 schools with 86-inch LG CreateBoards, offering faculty and students expanded access to popular digital learning tools while simplifying technology management through LG's centralized platforms.

When recent school funding initiatives made it possible for the municipality to invest in education upgrades, Chuck Marzec, the district's Director of Technology, turned to Larry Meister, President of IT solutions provider

Mercury Networks. Meister, who has worked with the district for over a decade, collaborated with Marzec to determine which products and solutions would maximize learning benefits for the most students. Considering the timing, pricing, and available funding, they concluded that the LG CreateBoards could transform the experiences of every student and deliver forward-thinking classrooms that prepare students for a tech-filled world and job market.

The district last updated its projection-based classroom systems in 2012, before the explosion of new touch-sensitive smartboards that are sweeping across the education landscape. Attractive pricing helped convince the district that smart boards would be the most impactful, sustainable and widely deployable solution, offering greater capabilities than existing systems while standardizing every classroom to

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# NCCF Awards Service Learning Mini-Grants to Area Teachers

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The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) is proud to announce the recipients of its Service Learning Mini-Grants for the 2024-25 academic year.

Service learning integrates community service with traditional instruction, enhancing students' educational experiences while fostering civic responsibility. To date, NCCF has awarded nearly \$67,000 to nine area schools, supporting 142 service learning projects and positively impacting countless students and community members.

## Projects Funded for 2024-25:

- 1. NYS Cookie Project & Empty Bowls Fundraiser Project – Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES LoGuidice Center:** Culinary students will create New York State shaped cookies to be given to a 4th grade class as part of the NYS Cookie Project. Students will participate in the Empty Bowls Fundraiser by making soup to be served at the event.
- 2. Canvas and Cans - Fredonia Central School:** Members of the Art Club and National Honor Society will organize, lead, and participate in a community paint night, while collecting non-perishable food items for the school pantry.
- 3. Music Stands and Mentoring – Fredonia Central School:** Approximately 50-60 students will have the opportunity to participate in this pilot program. Students in need will be provided a music stand and will participate in a masterclass with a High School Music Honor Society Member to learn at-home practice techniques.
- 4. CTE Middle School Exploration - Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES LoGuidice Center:** Students will develop age-appropriate demonstrations and

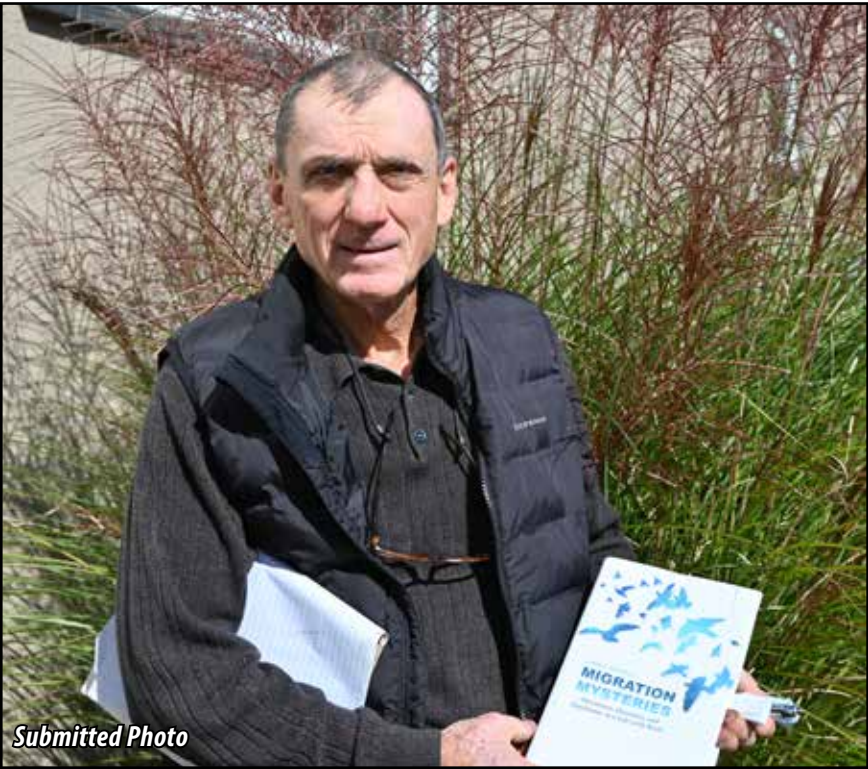
hands-on activities for elementary and middle school students. Students will then provide demonstrations on location at Fredonia and Gowanda schools later in the academic year.

- 5. Senior Class Learn and Serve - Fredonia Central School:** Students will each provide ten hours of volunteer service to four areas/organizations as decided by a vote.
- 6. Signs of Collaboration - Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES LoGuidice Center:** Construction Technology students will design and complete masonry around a new sign for the Fredonia First United Methodist Church. The sign, to be completed in 2025, will serve as a portfolio piece for students in their senior year of the program.

The Service Learning Mini-Grants Program is supported in part by an annual Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser. This year's fundraiser, featuring a basket raffle, is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 from 8-10 am. We encourage the public to attend this fun and impactful community event! Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 and include pancakes, bacon, and a beverage. To purchase tickets for the breakfast or contribute items for the raffle, please contact NCCF at 716-366-4892 or email Community Engagement Coordinator Leslie Wille at [Lwille@nccfoundation.org](mailto:Lwille@nccfoundation.org). Tickets may also be purchased online at [nccfoundation.org/nccf-flapjack-fundraiser](http://nccfoundation.org/nccf-flapjack-fundraiser).

NCCF celebrates the continued success of the Service Learning Mini-Grants Program and invites middle and high school teachers in northern Chautauqua school districts to participate. Grant applications are accepted annually through March 31 for the upcoming school year. For more information, please visit [nccfoundation.org/service-learning](http://nccfoundation.org/service-learning).

# Renowned Ornithologist Dr. John Rappole to Discuss Life Migrations: His Own, Avian and Human Immigration



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Dr. John Rappole

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church

On Saturday, November 2nd at 1pm, the New Neighbors Coalition and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute are jointly sponsoring a conversation entitled, *Migration: A Chance for a New Beginning* led by Dr. John H. Rappole at the Roger Tory Peterson Institution (311 Curtis Street Extension). The event will feature personal stories from Dr. Rappole's recent and most biographical of his 38 books, *Migration Mysteries: Adventures, Disasters, and Epiphanies in a Life with Birds* (Texas A&M: 2024).

Born and raised in Jamestown, Rappole migrated away from to start a lifelong journey in search of one thing—finding out why birds migrate. The developer and chief proponent of the “dispersal theory” of bird migration, Rappole will not only share his original scientific research, but also from his various migrations around the world. While studying birds around the world, John learned a lot about humanity in the process—exploring new cultures and learning Spanish. All of which has proved invaluable in his retirement as it has prepared him to volunteer with the New

Neighbors Coalition to assist others in their cultural integration.

Rappole promises that this conversation will be “a wild ride!” *Migration Mysteries* “is an epic account of the struggles, adventures, calamities, mistakes, and disasters involved with figuring out how migration works—as lived by me, my family, and a cast of incredible people with whom I have shared the path. And one more thing—those awe-filled moments when you realize that something you just saw or learned changes everything.”

The conversation is free and open to the public. Rappole will speak for about 35 minutes and then respond to questions from the audience. Refreshments will be served.

New Neighbors Coalition is a community-based immigration support effort housed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and funded through a NYS Office of New American grant/. For general inquiry, to volunteer and to stay connected, follow [www.facebook.com/NewNeighborsCoalition](http://www.facebook.com/NewNeighborsCoalition), email Momina Di Blasio at [momina@stlukesjamestown.org](mailto:momina@stlukesjamestown.org) or call the St. Luke's office at (716) 483 – 6405.



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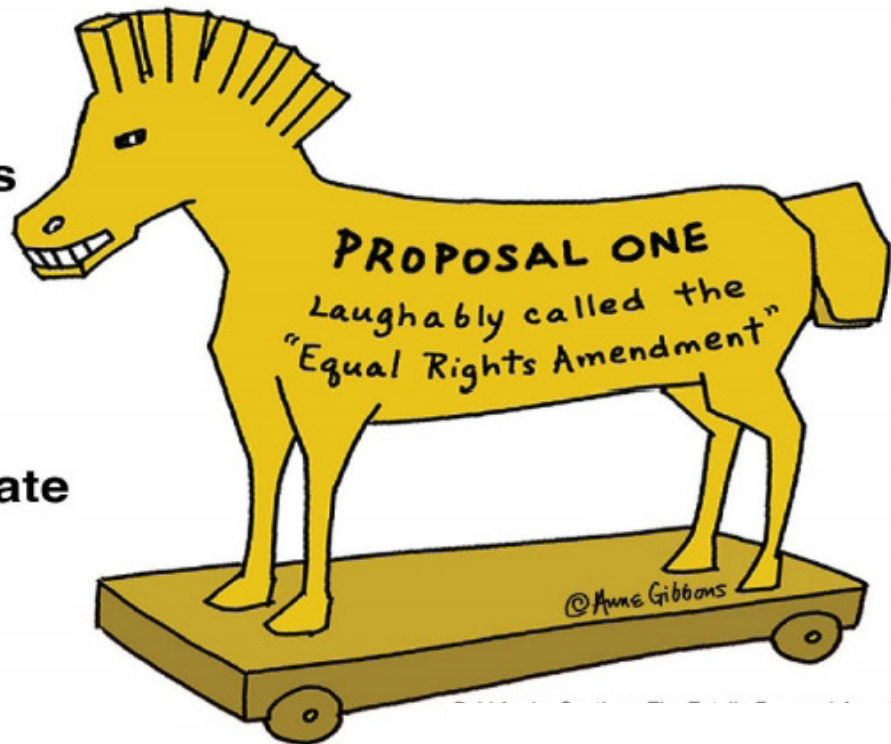




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Written by Michael Dee, Silver Creek and Scott Axelson, Jamestown.

**EQUAL RIGHTS VERSUS LEGALIZED DISCRIMINATION**

This year's NYS ballot contains the well-hidden and deceptively named "Proposition 1: Equal Rights Amendment". Upon reading this proposition, you should immediately ask yourself: What do they mean by equal rights?

The language of Proposition 1 (Prop-1) brings to mind the scene in Orwell's "Animal Farm", where the leaders of the socialist collective (the Pigs) declare that "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others".

Well, folks, the Pigs are at it again, making themselves just a little more equal than you. Welcome to Orwell's "double-speak". War is peace. Famine is feasting. State sponsored discrimination is equality.

If you are not aware of NYS Prop-1, you need to learn before you vote, because its passage could have devastating effects on your family and your society. It

will allow the State to take control of your children by exploiting youthful naiveté, and you will become a serf on the State plantation, subject to State-sponsored racism and sexism. How?

Prop-1 Section (a) says: "No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed [or], religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression... be subjected to any discrimination..." Who can argue with that? Ending discrimination sounds good, right? That means no more race or gender discrimination, no more DEI, and no more affirmative action to institutionalize racism and gender-ism by the State. That part sounds good. However, the "age discrimination" thing could go horribly wrong.

Oops! Then you read Section (b): "Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to

prevent or dismantle discrimination..."

Uh-oh! There is the kicker. Prop-1 gives NYS the authority to enforce any form of discrimination against any group they choose, as long as the law is based on "good intentions" (who decides?). This obvious sleight-of-hand enables the State to engage in mandatory Social Engineering, with you as the guinea pig.

Section (b) of Prop-1 runs contrary to the equal protection clause of the US Constitution, so the State can now force you to pay reparations for any perceived grievance in which you never participated or benefited. They can force you to wait at the end of the line, or keep you from getting hired for a job for which you are the most qualified candidate. They can deny you healthcare or government aid based on race or gender (both have already been proposed by Kamala Harris for COVID and disaster aid). You are merely a pawn in the game of social engineering.

**OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF PROP-1 THAT YOU MUST CONSIDER:**

- Genetic XY males can compete in genetic XX female sports. Ironically, women's sports were invented as a matter of "equal rights" for those with XX chromosomes. The twisted logic of Prop-1 absolutely perverts the concept of equal rights. Suck it up, XX ladies.
- NYS can legally ignore parental rights, and force parents and taxpayers to subsidize transgender surgeries and processes for the children, even against parents' disapproval. If a 5-year old genetic XY male wakes up one day and wistfully tells his kindergarten teacher he wants to be a girl, the wheels are set in motion. Under Prop-1, sexual mutilation is the child's decision – to

be enforced by the State - whether the child understands the consequences or not. Mom and dad have no say. It's already happening in Washington State.

- Under Prop-1, children (no matter how young) have the right to override their parents' decisions using the State as the enforcer. Is this wise? A few things are certain about Prop-1:
- Fleeing NYS will become necessary for many families who don't want their children controlled by the State.
- People who excel at their vocation will flee this state, rather than be put at the back of the State's political preference

line per Section (b).

- Do children get to vote? Purchase alcohol? Have sex with anyone of any age? Apparently, statutory rape laws will be nullified. We can't have age discrimination under Prop-1. Children with equal rights make the decisions.
- The Lawyers are drooling over Prop-1, as its constitutionality relative to the US Constitution will be litigated all the way to the Supreme Court, for many years hence. Have fun paying the bill for the State's highly paid lawyers. Prop-1 is a looming disaster for NY families and society. Vote no on Prop-1, or suffer the consequences.





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**Prop 1 will:**  
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bring our rural interests and concerns to the fore and build coalitions to increase understanding and address agricultural issues.

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As a county legislator, I worked with and supported our Soil and Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension Agricultural Programs.

As an attorney, I fought against gas producers who were not honoring gas leases and were unfairly withholding royalties from farmers and other rural landowners.

The 150th NYS Assembly District has more farms than any other in the state but one. New York is a large state and the legislature is dominated by urban legislators, so it's important to elect leaders to Albany who understand where their milk, meat, wine, and produce come from and the hard work that goes into producing our food supply.

Every New York Farm Bureau legislative "success" this year was legislation sponsored by a Democratic Senator and Assembly member and signed by a Democratic governor. As a member of the majority party in the Assembly, I believe I can be especially effective as your representative in Albany.

As a member of the Assembly, I will work hard to represent the interests of our agricultural community. I will

I know hard work and the value of farms and our farming families. I will work hard for you. I hope for your consideration and your vote.

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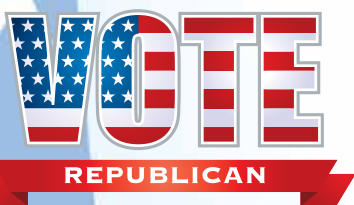
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# Langworthy’s Smoke & Mirrors

Article Contributed by

**Marcia Westling Johnson**  
Chair, Chautauqua County  
Democratic Committee

In recent years, a growing pattern has emerged among some Republican members of Congress. They tend to take credit for the benefits or funding resulting from major legislation despite having voted against these very bills or having come to Congress after they were passed. This dynamic frequently revolves around infrastructure. Our Congressman, Nick Langworthy has become an expert at this. If you were to go to his Congressional webpage, you’ll see press release after press release announcing grants and loans for our Congressional district. They imply that he has secured these grants for our area. They get splashed across local newspapers, creating the appearance that he is working hard for us. The most egregious announcements include the headline: “Congressman Nick Langworthy Announces \$4.75 Million for Dunkirk Harbor Project, Secured in FY25 House Appropriations.” He even got other elected officials, County Executive PJ Wendel and Mayor Kate Wdowiasz to join him at the Dunkirk Pier to make this announcement. However, one thing was overlooked. This is from the 2025 appropriations bill, HR 8752, which has not been passed by the Senate or signed by the President. The website gov.track.us gives it a 34% chance of being passed. In another instance the headline proclaims “Congressman Langworthy Secures \$1 Million to Upgrade Elma’s Wastewater Treatment System.” This bill was part of HR 8998, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025. How does Rep Langworthy secure money for a measure that has not passed Congress? If I recall, a bill has to pass both Houses of Congress and be signed by the President in order to become a law. But he specifically said he secured the funds in his press release.

If you read the press releases for all of these other projects, you will find that he did nothing to secure this money. He may have written a letter of support for the funding, which is the minimum effort anyone can do. On October 16, he announced that Ripley is receiving \$2,000,000 for a shovel ready site. If you work your way around the district, he will announce infrastructure projects that are being funded, by the Infrastructure Act that was passed before he was in Congress. Akron got over \$8,000,000 for wastewater system. Prattsburgh was awarded \$4,900,000 for water infrastructure upgrades. But if you look closely, he is announcing the money. The implication is he did something to secure these funds. But he did nothing.

Langworthy is desperate to appear to his constituents as someone who has accomplished something for the district he represents. But he is nothing more than an opportunist, who takes credit for bringing money to his district to which he did not contribute. Many Republican lawmakers feel compelled to oppose large spending bills due to pressure from their party’s base, whom often views such bills as fiscally irresponsible or overly expansive. However, once these bills become law, the tangible benefits that flow to their districts are too valuable to ignore.

On the national stage, Republicans like Langworthy may decry government spending. They are always decrying tax and spend liberals, but when these investments result in visible improvements at home, they recognize the need to celebrate those achievements, even if there is no achievement. Their constituents, after all, care about results, and if federal funding brings jobs or infrastructure improvements to their communities, those accomplishments are often politically advantageous to highlight, even though you have done nothing to secure this funding.



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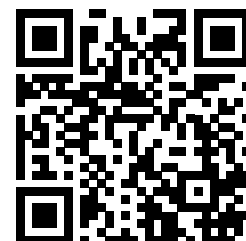
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# CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

## EARLY VOTING POLL SITES & HOURS

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\*Please note: The Board of Elections Office will not be utilized as a Early Voting site for the November 5, 2024 General Election. The site in Mayville will be at the Carlson Community Center (address above).

## HOURS:

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Noon to 8PM

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All voters in Chautauqua County will be eligible to participate in Early Voting at any one of the early voting poll sites. Early Voting Sites will be open in Chautauqua County for voters to cast their Election Ballot as early as 10 days before each Election. If you cast a ballot during the Early Voting Period, you will be ineligible to cast a ballot on Election Day or any subsequent Early Voting Days.

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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - ELECTION DAY

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# Peter Johnson

For



Family Court Judge



Who am I?

I am the only candidate that has worked for the family court, serving as Court Attorney for the Honorable Jeffrey A. Piazza for the last decade. If you know an attorney that you trust, I encourage you to ask them about me.

I believe that the family court is the most important court, and that I'm the most qualified candidate to be our next Chautauqua County Family Court Judge. I'm asking you for the honor of serving in your courtroom.

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## Making Things Clear

Article Contributed by

**Peter Johnson for  
Family Court Judge**

When talking to voters during this campaign about my experience and what I stand for, I often hear from people that they are confused about my opponent, Ms. Jaroszynski. In her advertisements she states, "Sally is a registered Republican and is endorsed by the Democratic Committee and Working Families parties." I totally understand why folks may be confused.

Let's unpack this. It is true that Jaroszynski switched parties to register as a Republican in February, 2024. Prior to this year, she ran unsuccessfully twice for Family Court Judge on the Democrat Line-losing to Judge Piazza in 2014 and Judge Sullivan in 2016.

Also, it confuses people that she currently touts being endorsed by the Democratic Committee. What she

conveniently fails to mention is she failed to collect enough support from Democrats to run as a Democrat in this election. She is running only on the Working Families line in this election.

Ultimately, the voters should pick the candidate that they believe will do the best job as judge. In deciding who is best, I believe the voters deserve to know clearly who the candidates are and their history. Don't be misled-Jaroszynski has never served as Family Court Judge, and she has never worked for the Family Court.

Working for the Chautauqua County Family Court for the last decade has given me the firsthand experience needed to handle the challenging job of Family Court Judge. More importantly, I believe serving as judge requires integrity, discernment, and a strong sense of conviction. For those reasons, I am asking the voters for the honor of serving as the next Family Court Judge.

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# JUDGE SALLY JAROSZYNSKI

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# Why am I passionate about helping others?



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**Judge Sally A. Jaroszynski  
for Family Court Judge**

I am a lifelong resident of Chautauqua County. I was raised in the Village of Falconer, the youngest of eight children. At a very young age I learned about compassion and empathy. Why you ask? Four of my siblings were born with a learning disability. I became a caretaker at a very young age and found beauty and love in their disabilities. I was a protector, cheerleader, and teacher. I learned to protect the most vulnerable and gave them their voice.

I have dedicated my career to serving others. I have worked three decades with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, abused and neglected children and victims. I never shy away from a challenging case and seek the best outcome for everyone involved.

I have been a Judge in the Town of Ellicott for 15 years. The Town of Ellicott is one of the busiest Justice courts in Chautauqua County. As a sitting judge I have presided over thousands of cases from criminal, traffic and civil matters. I have managed dockets with over a hundred appearances in one evening. I have managed a caseload at both my private practice and Court while ensuring that all participants are heard and treated fairly. I have used my years of knowledge, in the courtroom together with my decades of work with families to render fair and just outcomes for those innocent until proven guilty.

I am the only person in this race

who has a proven record, not only in the courtroom as an advocate, but also on the bench as a judge. My opponent works for the current judge and pledges to keep running it the same as the last 10 years. Chautauqua County families deserve better. The Court and its employees deserve better.

I pledge to the families of Chautauqua County that in my court they will not be silenced. Their voices will be heard. They will be treated with dignity and respect.

I earned my bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University and my law degree from Ohio Northern University. I remember being proud of passing the New York State Bar exam on my first try, as it was known to be one of the most difficult bar exams in the country at that time. I was the first in my immediate family to earn a Doctorate Degree.

There have been attempts to slow me down in this race. I know who I am. I am proud of myself and my work with families. I am proud of my two beautiful accomplished daughters and have been married to my best friend for 28 years. There is no campaign that will ever take this away from me.

Beware of the candidate that can't speak to their own accomplishments, but instead resorts to other methods to discredit their opponent.

Please vote on November 5, 2024. Chautauqua County families are counting on you. Remember FAMILIES OVER POLITICS!!!

# National Comedy Center Launches Special Exhibit to Honor Norman Lear's Legacy of Civic Engagement

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**National Comedy Center**

The National Comedy Center, the United States' official museum and archive dedicated to the art of comedy, announced a special exhibit celebrating Lear's storied legacy in comedy and civic engagement, opening today.

2024 marks the first modern election absent the legendary comedy producer and writer who passed in December 2023 after dedicating his life's work to championing all Americans' right to equal participation in the democratic process—starting with the right to vote. Lear's contributions are being honored with an installation inside the Comedy Center's galleries in Jamestown, NY, and in an online companion exhibit, both featuring rare archival materials and curated excerpts from Lear's sitcoms.

An original artwork by Shepard Fairey will be featured courtesy of People for The American Way's Artists for Democracy campaign, which was founded by Lear in 1981.

"My husband, Norman would be thrilled to know the National Comedy Center is using humor to shine a light on the importance of voting and defending democracy," said Lyn Davis Lear. "From flying combat missions during World War II, to sharing the Declaration of Independence with our country, Norman fought his entire life to ensure all Americans have the freedom to participate in our democratic process."

The multimedia installation explains how, before political humor was a mainstay of contemporary American entertainment, Norman Lear's body of work proved that political discourse not only had a place in popular culture...but that incisive, intelligent comedy could engage vast, dispersed, and diverse audiences of everyday Americans in impactful conversations about the democratic process and each of our roles within it. Lear once said "All in the Family was a comedy



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People For The American Way

show, but it dealt with issues that were very real and very much a part of our society. It was my way of starting a conversation."

Lear's groundbreaking sitcoms, including All in the Family, Maude, Good Times, and Sanford and Son, not only entertained 120 million Americans each week, but put forth a vision for how dinner table debates, neighborhood organizing, and showing up at a local polling place were the accessible—and meaningful—bedrock of American democracy.

"Norman Lear elevated his art to meet the gravity of his sociopolitical moment, advancing an optimistic belief in the power and potential of an engaged citizenry," said National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson.

Lear, an early supporter of the National Comedy Center's mission to establish the first official archive and museum dedicated to preserving comedy's heritage, held beliefs synergetic with the Center's own approach to history work: namely, the idea that artifacts representing our shared past are made most meaningful when they can be accessed by the public and connected to the present.

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## Beetlejuice Beetlejuice to Show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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### Reg Lenna Center for the Arts

Michael Keaton returns as the title character in Tim Burton's Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (Wed., Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.) After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid, discovers the mysterious model of the town in the attic and the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. With trouble brewing in both realms, it's only a matter of time until someone says Beetlejuice's name three times and the mischievous demon returns to unleash his very own brand of mayhem. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice is rated PG-13 and is 104 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Jason Schwartzman

and Carole Kane in the comedy Between the Temples (Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.), Kate Winslet as photographer and photojournalist Lee Miller in Lee (Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.), the biographical comedy about the first episode of SNL Saturday Night (Wed., Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.) and a one-time-only special engagement of Cat Video Fest 2024 (Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.) with a portion of ticket proceeds benefiting Chautauqua County Humane Society.

Tickets for most Movies at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online (reglenna.com) & by phone - 716.484.7070. Family showings are \$7 in-person at the box office and \$9 online & by phone. Special engagements are priced differently. The theater and box office at The Reg are located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY. The box office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12 - 5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events.



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Red, a sweet and loving lady with a porcelain white coat and... one blue eye and one green eye! If you want a lap cat, look no further. She is all about the snuggles and the good scratches. Meet Red soon at the Chautauqua County Humane Society. Shelter No. RR179.



Red





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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
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**CHQ Chamber to Implement  
a New Project to Boost  
Business**

The CHQ Chamber has won one of eight Springboard grants announced this past week during a reception at the Cutco Theater on JCC's Cattaraugus County campus. Springboard was launched in March as a regional rapid-prize competition aimed at programs that benefit entrepreneurs or businesses that need funding to expand or bring an idea to market level. There were three application rounds, with programming focused on the Greater Buffalo, Greater Rochester, or Southern Tier regions.

The CHQ Chamber had not applied until the third and final round of funding, as we worked to fine-tune some programming that will benefit local businesses. After several months of exploration, our team determined we would take our plan to launch a reimagined foot traffic initiative to the Springboard competition, and we were rewarded with a \$25,000 grant.

The CHQ Chamber will use Bandwango to provide data to evaluate impact and consumer traffic of new and existing initiatives, with a goal of marketing repeat visits to consumers. Bandwango is an established technology platform that "gamifies" customer visits to local businesses. In some areas it is used to create beverage trails, or to provide digital coupons to encourage customers to patronize businesses.

Urging customers to visit small, locally owned businesses is central to our work at the CHQ Chamber. In recent years we have tried to incentivize local shopping and dining through a variety of projects including our Holiday Window Decorating Contest, Small Business Saturday initiative, and more. This year, through the use of this new-to-us program, we hope to do an even better job of connecting consumers with small businesses.

All of this is possible thanks to the \$25,000 Springboard grant. The grant will allow us to procure the subscription, as well as improve marketing efforts and offer prize drawings for participants. We would not have been able to afford this pilot program without the grant funding.

Springboard is a collaborative effort of the Center for Regional Strategies, Main Light Strategies, Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, Victor & Company, and additional community partners in the region including the Small Business Development Center at Jamestown Community College. With a clear focus on the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Western New York and the Southern Tier, Springboard grants are going to promote business growth, pilot new programs, and support efforts such as business mentoring and more. The CHQ Chamber is grateful to all partners involved in this process.

To our local businesses, please watch for us to provide more information in the very near future about how you can participate in one of our upcoming Bandwango projects throughout Chautauqua County. We encourage you to join our email list to be in the loop as we unveil opportunities. Anyone may add their name to our list at [www.chqchamber.org/stay-up-to-date](http://www.chqchamber.org/stay-up-to-date).

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Chamber member businesses may send two people for free to each Business After Hours. After that the cost is just \$10 per person, or it's \$10 if you're a non-member. We always enjoy visiting with our friends at Southern Tier Brewing Company! This event fills up quickly, so registration is strongly

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**Kennie L. Campbell Scholarship  
Fund Honors Area Man**

Article Contributed by

**Chautauqua Region  
Community Foundation**

Kennie Campbell never sought the spotlight. Suzanne, his wife of 45 years put it best, "he didn't toot his own horn." According to those who knew him well, Kennie was humble, thoughtful, and kind. He could often be found working on something for a friend, neighbor, or loved one. Upon his passing, Suzanne visited the Foundation to explore options to remember Kennie by giving back to the community. After hearing about the impact that workforce development scholarships have, Suzanne knew that was the right fit. She established the Kennie L. Campbell Scholarship Fund to support job training and certification opportunities for local residents.

Kennie spent his career in the telecommunications field, where he was sought after and worked both locally and throughout the region. He was known as somewhat reserved and unassuming, but he loved wearing colorful Crocs, tie-dyed pocketed t-shirts and suspenders that doubled as tape measures.

"This scholarship is for people who want to get further in their career and enjoy working with their hands," said Suzanne. "Kennie made a living with hands-on work, and this scholarship will help others do the same. Our family and friends have really stepped forward to make this Fund something that honors



Submitted Photo

Kennie Campbell

Kennie and I am so pleased to be able to do that for him."

The Kennie L. Campbell Scholarship Fund will be awarded in 2025 through the Foundation's monthly Workforce Development Scholarship process. "Thanks to a growing number of donors, we have a dedicated pool of funds to support shorter term job training and certification programs," said Michelle Tambascio, Scholarship Officer.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation administers over 700 endowments in support of emerging community needs, charitable organizations and local students pursuing higher education. For more information on the funds held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, visit [www.crcfonline.org](http://www.crcfonline.org) or contact Lisa Lynde, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or [llynde@crcfonline.org](mailto:llynde@crcfonline.org).

**National Comedy Center Launches Special Exhibit to  
Honor Norman Lear's Legacy of Civic Engagement**

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In 2000, Lear and wife Lyn Davis Lear embodied this when they purchased one of the few surviving copies of the Dunlap Broadside Declaration of Independence to share with the American people in all 50 states through the Declaration of Independence Road Trip. The resulting "Declare Yourself" initiative registered over four million new, young voters in the 2004, 2006, and 2008 elections.

On Lear's 99th birthday in 2021 he reflected: "The right to vote is foundational. It is at the heart of everything I have fought for in war and in peacetime. Protecting voting rights should not be today's struggle. But it is. And that means it is our struggle, yours and mine, for as long as we have breath and strength."

Lear was a six-time Emmy winner, a Kennedy Center Honoree, a recipient of the Peabody Lifetime Achievement Award, and a proud member of the inaugural group of inductees to the Television Academy Hall of Fame. When President Clinton bestowed the National Medal of Arts on Lear in 1999, he noted: "Norman Lear has held up a mirror to American society and changed the way we look at it."

The exhibit can be experienced in the National Comedy Center's galleries in Jamestown, New York through 2025 and online at [ComedyCenter.org/Lear](http://ComedyCenter.org/Lear).





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# Classic Wine and Food Pairings

Article by

Metro Creative Connection

The renowned writer Ernest Hemingway is credited with saying, "My only regret in life is that I didn't drink more wine." Perhaps if the author had a better understanding of pairing wine with food, he would have enjoyed his wine a bit more often?

Unless you're spending time with a master sommelier or a seasoned oenophile, you're unlikely to be given a hard time if your wine and food pairings are not perfect. Although there is no need to always pair a bottle with food like an expert - and it's certainly alright to break the rules if you're particularly passionate about a specific type of wine - a general knowledge of classic food-and-wine parings can help anyone expand their knowledge and please their palate. And yes, it goes beyond white is for fish and red is for beef. These pairing pointers, courtesy of the experts at Food & Wine, Tasting Table and Wine Folly, can help anyone find the right combination for their dinner table.

## Basic methodologies

As you grow more familiar with wine, you'll learn why these tried-and-true suggestions often work.

- Red wines pair best with bold flavored meats (red meat).
- White wines pair best with light-intensity meats (fish and chicken).
- The wine should have the same flavor intensity of the food.
- The wine should be sweeter than the food.
- The wine should be more acidic than the food.
- It is better to match the wine with the sauce than with the meat.
- Think about whether you want contrasting

or congruent pairings. Red wines often create congruent pairings while white, sparkling and Rosé will create contrasting pairings.

## Congruent versus contrasting

Congruent pairings, according to Wine Folly, create balance in the mouth by amplifying shared flavor compounds. For example, earth wines paired with earthy mushrooms. Contrasting pairings create balance through contrasting flavors. Therefore, a salad with acidity and bitterness may be complemented with a wine that is sweeter and not so acidic, or so may be the case with a fatty, salty food like foie gras.

## Common pairings to try

- Mushrooms, lentils and even salmon go great with reds like Pinot Noir or Dolcetto. These wines are light-bodied but also full of savory appeal.
  - Champagne and oysters work because Champagne has a touch of fruity sweetness. This helps it cut through salty foods like oysters or even chips.
  - Cabernet, and Bordeaux are ideal with steaks and lamb dishes. The tannins in cabernet will cut through the protein and fat in these red meats, while the fat balances out the rich tannins.
  - You'll need a wine that pops like Sauvignon Blanc, to go with tangy foods, such as grapefruit or scallops. This white wine also can work with various vinaigrettes or tangy cheeses.
  - Chianti is a prized Italian wine made from Sangiovese grapes. High acidity and noticeable tannins will help chianti pair well with high acid foods like those featuring tomato sauces, such as a rich pasta dish.
- It may take some time to gain experience pairing wine and foods. However, with a little practice, individuals can perfect their wine pairing skills.

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## Jamestown, NY Public Schools Create District of the Future with LG CreateBoards in Every Classroom

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simplify daily management and long-term maintenance.

"LG's easy-to-use CreateBoard interactive digital boards come at an incredible value, making them the best fit for Jamestown Public Schools. The district initially considered outfitting about half of its classrooms with a competitor product at double the price. With the CreateBoard, they're essentially doubling their investment, creating streamlined experiences for staff and students in every room and school," Meister explained. "The district's previous projection systems were single-room solutions lacking significant communication options and new advances in interactivity or cloud-based learning tools. Now, with the LG CreateBoards, they have a unified 500+ display network that can be monitored, managed, and used to distribute content from a single location for morning announcements or emergencies. Additionally, the ability to set automatic on/off schedules ensures no energy is wasted, eliminating one task for today's busy teachers."

The district is excited about what the technology can unleash in terms of classroom participation and faculty lesson plans, including simple access to popular web-based tools such as Google Classroom. The 40-point multi-touch digital displays allow a variety of interactive lesson plans and activities that can invite multiple students to use the board at once, in addition to convenient streaming and mobile device connections for educators and students alike. For instance, teachers can quickly log in to their accounts for Google and other services by scanning an on-screen QR code with their smartphone, and then leave the room knowing that the display automatically logs out of all accounts when the wireless connection is severed.

"It's hard to overstate the value of standardized solutions for our students, faculty and district as a whole," Marzec said. "Running a school or district involves a lot of moving parts, and when we have teachers who may use multiple classrooms or even multiple buildings throughout a day or a week, giving them the same tools everywhere ensures there's no time lost sorting out technical issues or troubleshooting compatibility with

their prepared lessons. The same is true for today's students who have never known a world without touchscreens. With a streamlined experience year after year, they can become fairly advanced users of the LG CreateBoard technology throughout their education, helping develop explicit technical skills alongside the school's curriculum."

With LG CreateBoards, teachers can easily augment lessons with presentations or videos, screen share lessons or content from their own devices and enable students to screen share projects from their devices. With the new centralized control capabilities, Jamestown Public Schools can also easily deliver video morning announcements to every room without any action required from teachers. Lessons can be saved and stored online for later viewing and study, including live annotations over text or video that enable teachers to provide context, information or discussion to delve further than standard textbook descriptions or pre-prepared content.

According to Jason Hubbard, Senior Account Manager for Education at LG Business Solutions, implementing CreateBoards can also fundamentally change how teachers approach the classroom by freeing them to leave their desk when using digital resources.

“The two-way connection between laptops and the LG CreateBoard means that they can control and manipulate their computer or content from the CreateBoard, unlike a projection system or other non-smart solution where they have to be at the desk to exert control,” said Hubbard. “This offers educators greater freedom of movement and caters to a variety of teaching styles, which can aid engagement and attentiveness, directly affecting student and school outcomes.”

When consulting Mercury Networks, the district considered different manufacturers and options, landing on the LG CreateBoard solution based on capabilities, manufacturer support and cost. The upgrade project began with 10 initial installations at the high school, then an expansion to five schools, and then the final decision to outfit every classroom all at once ahead of the



## Submitted Photos

2024-2025 school year. Each room's audio solution is also being upgraded to provide better sound quality and ensure long-term consistency for all users.

“We are excited to see our teachers and students leverage these technologies for greater collaboration and enhanced discussions in a way that encourages participation and connects with students’ daily experiences and digital lifestyles,” Marzec added. “Additionally, buying into LG’s ecosystem has offered us new opportunities to consider deploying connected digital signage displays in hallways, cafeterias, entrances and other public spaces to provide school messaging or community content such as student achievement reels or replays of events including sports, performances, guest speeches

and extracurricular activities.”

Marzec also noted how LG's attention to detail and willingness to provide assistance went above and beyond his expectations. In the past, technology providers had been much more hands-off, while LG acted more like a partner in terms of working to answer questions, resolve issues and ensure the district was fully satisfied with the outcome. The last installations concluded in early July 2024, with every classroom at every school ready to launch for the fall semester.

For more information about LG's CreateBoard lineup and all the benefits and opportunities they can provide to schools, visit [www.createboard.com](http://www.createboard.com).

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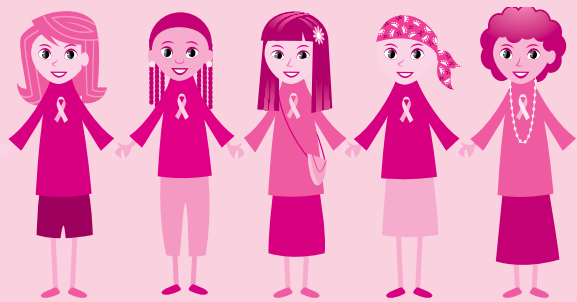
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## A Look at Inherited Breast Cancer

Article by

**Metro Creative Connection**

**Getting Tested**

Individuals can make various changes to their lifestyles to help reduce their chances of developing certain types of cancer, including breast cancer. One thing they cannot change is their genes, prompting curiosity about the role of family history in relation to breast cancer risk.

### First-Degree Connection

Parents pass down many things to their children, including hair color, height, and various other traits. Parents also can pass on an increased risk for breast cancer. Cancer Research UK says some people have a higher risk of developing breast cancer than the general population simply because other members of their families have had cancer. The organization says having a mother, sister or daughter (also referred to as a first-degree relative) diagnosed with breast cancer approximately doubles a woman's risk for breast cancer. This risk grows even higher when more close relatives have breast cancer, or if a relative developed breast cancer before reaching the age of 50.

### Inherited Damaged Genes

Johns Hopkins Medicine says about 10 percent of breast cancers are related to inheritance of damaged genes. Several genes are associated with elevated breast cancer risk, including BRCA1 and BRCA2. Additional genes associated with an increased risk for breast cancer include PALB2, ATM, CHEK2, CDH1, STK11, PTEN, TP53, and NF1. People who have inherited a damaged gene may have a particularly high risk of developing breast cancer or other cancers, depending on the specific gene and their family history.

Johns Hopkins says individuals can be tested for genes that put them at risk for cancer. That is a decision that merits ample consideration, and one that should be carefully discussed with a doctor and family members. Genetic counseling can look for inherited mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, the two most notable for increasing breast cancer risk. A blood test is typically covered by insurance companies and analysis can take a couple of weeks. More can be learned about genetic counseling and testing at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Whether or not to get genetic testing is a personal decision. However, learning the outcome may help protect future generations. Someone with a genetic mutation has about a 50 percent chance of passing that trait on to children.

### Additional Risk Factors

Heredity is just one risk factor for breast cancer. The American Cancer Society says White women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than some other races and ethnicities. Studies have found that taller women have a higher risk of breast cancer than shorter women, although the reasons for that are not exactly clear. In addition, women with dense breast tissue have a higher risk of breast cancer than women with average breast density. Women who began menstruating early (especially before age 12) have a slightly higher risk of breast cancer. That risk can be attributed to a longer exposure to the hormones estrogen and progesterone. The same can be said for women who experienced menopause later (typically after age 55).

Various factors can increase the risk of developing breast cancer, including genetic markers and family history of the disease.







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# Physical Symptoms of Breast Cancer

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The World Cancer Research Fund International reports that breast cancer is the second most common cancer across the globe, and the number one cancer in women. Nearly three million new cases of breast cancer in women are diagnosed across the globe each year.

Breast cancer poses a notable threat to women's health, but research and resulting advancements in treatment have made the disease more treatable than ever. Women also can play a part in ensuring better outcomes in relation to breast cancer by educating themselves about the disease, including its warning signs. The MD Anderson Cancer Center notes that most changes to the breast are a byproduct of hormonal cycles or conditions that are not as formidable as breast cancer. So women should not jump to any conclusions when spotting such changes. However, the MDACC recommends women visit their physicians if they notice any of the following signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

- Lump:** The MDACC notes that a lump in the breast or armpit is the most common symptom of breast cancer. Echoing assertions made by the MDACC, the American Cancer Society notes that most breast lumps are not cancerous. The ACS indicates a lump that is a painless, hard mass with irregular edges is more likely to be cancer, though cancerous lumps also can be soft, round, tender, or even painful. The lack of uniformity regarding cancerous lumps is one reason why it pays for women to be extra cautious and immediately report any abnormalities in the shape and feel of their breasts to their physicians.
- Swelling:** The ACS notes that some women with breast cancer will experience swelling of all or part of a

breast even if they do not feel a lump.

- Dimpling:** The MDACC reports that women with breast cancer may notice dimpling or puckering on the breast. According to the ACS, the dimpling can sometimes make the breast look like an orange peel.
- Nipple retraction:** The National Cancer Institute notes that nipple retraction occurs when a nipple turns inward into the breast or lies flat against the breast. Though nipple retraction can be a sign of breast cancer, the NCI notes that's not necessarily the case for all women. Some women experience nipple retraction due to aging, breastfeeding, injury, infection, surgery, or certain conditions of the breast.
- Changes to the skin around the breast:** The ACS notes some women with breast cancer experience redness on the skin around the breast or on the nipple. Additional changes may include dry, flaking or thickened skin around the breast and nipple.
- Discharge from the nipple:** The Mayo Clinic notes that it's normal to experience discharge from the nipple while pregnant and during breastfeeding. However, fluid coming out the nipple when a woman is not pregnant or breastfeeding could be a symptom of breast cancer.
- Additional symptoms:** The MDACC notes scaliness on the nipple that sometimes extends to the areola is another warning sign of breast cancer. The ACS also reports that swollen lymph nodes under the arm or near the collar bone can indicate that breast cancer has spread even before the original tumor in the breast has been felt.

Breast cancer is a formidable yet treatable disease. Women who recognize any signs and symptoms associated with breast cancer are urged to contact their physicians immediately.

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3. What is the name of the black cat in the movie “Hocus Pocus”?
4. What is the name of the family who moves into the haunted house in the movie “Casper”?
5. In the movie “The Addams Family,” what is the name of the hand that is a separate character?
6. What is the name of the serial killer in the movie “Scream”?
7. In the movie “Coraline,” what is the name of the parallel world Coraline discovers?
8. What is the name of the hotel in “The Shining” where Jack Torrance becomes the winter caretaker?
9. What is the name of the high school in the movie “Halloweentown” where witches, vampires, and other magical creatures attend?
10. In the movie “The Conjuring,” what is the name of the possessed doll that Ed and Lorraine Warren investigate?

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The Johnson/BPU Good Neighbor Fund is intended to assist customers with BPU bills, should sudden troubles prevent them from paying utilities on time.

Customers who pay BPU bills regularly, who receive no social services assistance for utility bills and who experience a sudden hardship may be eligible for help through the fund.

Customers on Social Security, Food Stamps and HEAP may qualify. Aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Available dollars from the fund could be depleted at any time and assistance would not be available. The fund is open to all income levels.

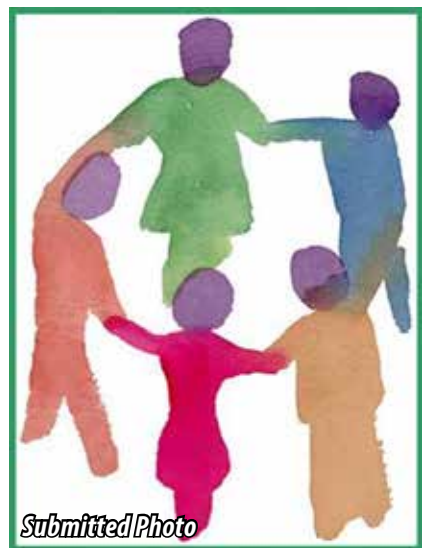
Customers who believe they may qualify should contact the Salvation Army in Jamestown at 716-664-4108 to make an appointment. The Salvation Army will verify the hardship and then contact the BPU to validate the payment history. The process is quick and easy.

Examples of financial hardships include, but are not limited to, an unknown leak in plumbing that may quickly result in costly water and sewer bills; an accident, sudden illness or job loss that could prevent timely payments; or an immediate necessary house repair that leaves a customer with utility bills that cannot be paid on time.

Assistance with BPU bills this past year included people with unexpected medical expenses, sudden loss of income or wages, victims of robbery or domestic violence, court costs and family deaths.

Money for the fund comes from private donors who contribute to the Johnson/BPU Good Neighbor Fund at the utility and customers who add dollars and cents to their payment checks or online for the fund. A donation box is now available in the BPU’s Customer Service Office, 92 Steele Street.

Local businesses also contribute as a “Good Neighbor of the Month” and



are recognized through the BPU’s monthly customer newsletter, the BPU’s social media channels and the BPU website at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com). Interested businesses in the “Good Neighbor” program may contact BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins for more information.

The BPU also maintains an endowment fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) which earns annual income to augment the amount of money that can be used to assist customers in this way.

The CRCF John Alfred and Oscar Johnson Memorial Trust/BPU Good Neighbor Fund was established with the Johnson Foundation’s generous gift to the fund in memory of John Alfred Johnson, who, with his brother Oscar, emigrated from Sweden to Jamestown. John worked for a local manufacturer daily and with his brother in construction at night. John worked hard, saving and investing his money. An American citizen, John considered himself a “working man” and was proud of his Swedish heritage.

Upon his death, Johnson created the Johnson Foundation to be administered by the late Jamestown Swedish Consul and attorney John Sellstrom, and his late wife, Carole. The Johnson Foundation grant to the BPU Good Neighbor Fund enabled the utility to endow and name the CRCF fund in 2014.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may send checks to the Johnson/BPU Good Neighbor Fund, c/o Becky Robbins, Jamestown BPU, P.O. Box 700, Jamestown. Gifts to the endowment fund may be sent to the CRCF c/o Johnson/BPU Good Neighbor Fund, 418 Spring Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

Gifts may be taken to the BPU Customer Service Office, 92 Steele Street or be made when paying a bill by mail or online at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com).





Chancellor’s Awards Presented to Faculty and Staff at SUNY Fredonia

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approach, Hegna has explored overlooked groups like clam shrimp and thylacocephalans.

Hegna actively involves undergraduate students in research and innovative projects, and it was noted that his commitment to research is also evident in his role as the lead Principal Investigator on a successful National Science Foundation grant. He is known by his colleagues to be exceptionally collaborative and connected. As one colleague wrote, “Dr. Hegna is very engaging and looks for collaboration opportunities both within his university and from diverse institutions. His inclusiveness is admirable and his record of peer reviewed publications with authors from numerous nations demonstrates his commitment to diversity and inclusiveness.”

Lynn Bowers, who is director of Student Accounts, received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

Ms. Bowers started her career at SUNY Fredonia in 2000 as the director of Student Accounts. Her colleagues note she is “dependable, forward-thinking, and intelligent, and demonstrates sound judgment and dedication to excellence when it comes to customer service. In the context of serving both students and their families, she has consistently demonstrated balance when helping to problem-solve and understand a process.” Another colleague noted she is, “extremely conscientious, thorough, and an incredibly hard worker.” In the midst of helping

students and their families navigate complexities of paying a student bill, she is known as a collaborator and someone who demonstrates a high level of professionalism. Another colleague stated that she will, “...turn over every stone possible to search for a solution...” when a student finds themselves in hardship.

Elizabeth Goblirsch, a janitor on campus, is the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service.

Ms. Goblirsch, known on campus as “Libby,” wasn’t able to attend the ceremony, but was recognized for her service. She is known across campus for taking tremendous pride in her work, and has been cleaning Thompson Hall since 2011, and was recently transferred to University Commons and the townhouse complex.

Colleagues remark on her ability to befriend many faculty, staff and students across campus and is an asset regardless of her building assignment. In addition, it was said that she takes immense pride in the work she does, has a strong work ethic, and cares about the people and students she serves at Fredonia.

Her colleagues also made a special mention of appreciating how much she contributes to the campus environment, noting she is willing to take care of plants over breaks without being asked, corrects safety concerns such as trip hazards, and goes above and beyond to help students.

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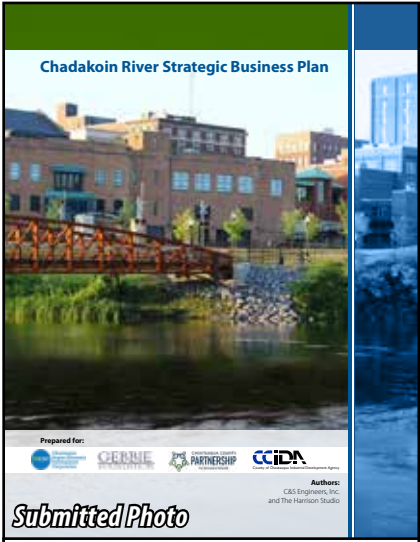
Chadakoin River Business Plan Receives Prestigious Award

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innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to create communities of lasting value.

CCPEG has worked with the city and other project partners to leverage the plan to secure several grants and funding commitments to advance several projects recommended within it, including a Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program award of \$1,280,661, an Empire State Development capital grant in the amount of \$361,000, \$50,000 from CCPEG, and an allocation of ARPA funding from the City of Jamestown.

Funds will advance a first phase of improvements to the Chadakoin River Basin area to increase public access to the water and spur economic activity in and around downtown Jamestown. Enhancements to the north shore of the Basin include a signature garden, mural, tiered seating space, and placemaking items. The south shore will benefit from the addition of a kayak launch, dock,



Submitted Photo

The Chadakoin River Strategic Business Plan was the recipient of the 2024 Best Practice Award, presented by the American Planning Association New York Upstate Chapter during its recent annual conference in Ithaca.

and welcome center for visitors. The City is currently out to bid on this phase of work and anticipates improvements getting underway in 2025.

The full Chadakoin River Business Plan can be found under the “Business Development” section of Chadakoin.org.

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encouraged. Visit our web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

Nominations Open Now for Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award

Each year the CHQ Chamber presents an award in memory of the first President of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, Pam Lydic. It recognizes an organization or individual in the region who has worked hard to bring groups of people together around a common goal or objective.

This award is presented to an entity or person who has helped move the region forward in a positive direction through collaboration and by building partnerships. The award is particularly focused on those who have done their work

consistently and often times in the background. A typical awardee may be an ‘unsung hero’ in the community or one that has made a dramatic impact.

The award will be presented during the Chamber’s Annual Meeting in December and includes a \$500 stipend to the recipient’s nonprofit of choice.

To submit an organization or individual for consideration please fill out our online form at [www.chqchamber.org/award-nomination-form](http://www.chqchamber.org/award-nomination-form). Submissions must be received by November 11, 2024.



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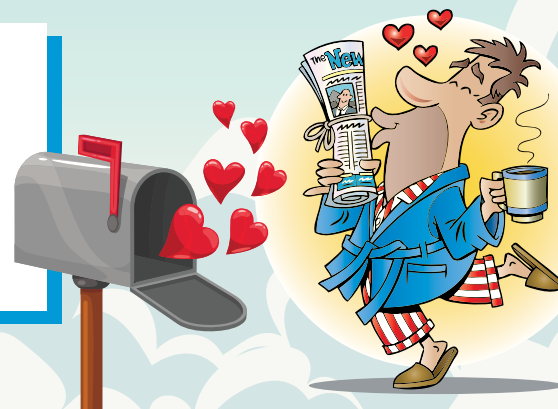


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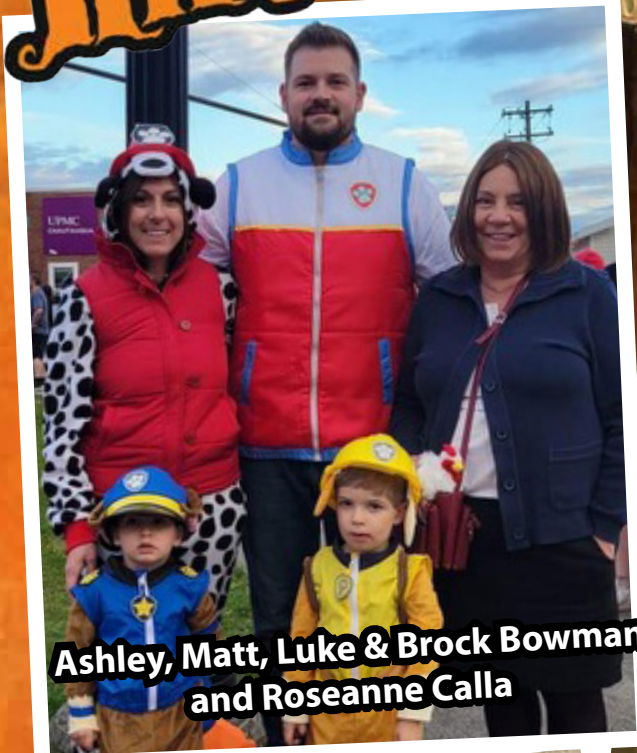


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