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WHEN YOUR HEART WEARS COMBAT BOOTS: INSIDE THE WORLD OF A BLUE STAR MOTHER

Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

Elizabeth Stone once said motherhood is to "decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body." Susan Rowley, Lake Erie New York Chapter 4 Blue Star Mothers President, would know more than most. Her heart, also known as her son, has proudly served in the U.S. military for the past 20 years, has traversed the country and relocated several times, and has been deployed overseas many times.

Rowley is proud of her son and all he has accomplished during his time in the military as she looks back over his 20 years of service. He joined a few years after the tragedy of 9/11 and hasn't looked back since.

"In 2005, my son was just finishing his second year at JCC and was pursuing an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice," Rowley said. "He said his plan was to attend the State Police Academy. He also mentioned to me that he had also spoken with a recruiter and my heart sank. It was 2005, the Iraqi War and the Global War

on Terror, among other conflicts, were happening. I was not the only mother facing the possibility of watching their children go to war zones, and many of my son's friends had enlisted right out of high school."

Her son went on to enlist and has since endured five combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, and has trained in areas across the globe. Rowley said he will spend the next year overseas and will again miss Christmas with his family.

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FREDONIA'S GREATEST HERO AND THE UNION HE FOUGHT TO SAVE

Contributing Writer
Jordan Nicholson

Some stories rise above history and live forever in the marrow of a place. The story of Alonzo Hereford Cushing, raised in Fredonia, New York, is one such story. It's the story of a young man who gave his life not only for his comrades or his flag, but for the idea of America itself—for unity, freedom, and the dignity of a nation determined to stand against disunion and reactionary tyranny.

At just 22 years old, Cushing found himself on Cemetery Ridge at the Battle of Gettysburg, commanding Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery. The air was thick with smoke, the ground trembling beneath the weight of cannon fire. As Pickett's Charge advanced—a wave of steel and fury sent forth by men attempting to further tear the Republic in two—Cushing had already been struck twice, once in the groin and once in the abdomen, and was bleeding

badly. His soldiers urged him to seek cover. He refused.

Instead, he rolled his guns forward, held his exposed intestines close to his body with a free hand, and kept firing as death closed in. A final shot struck him down, but not before he helped break the Confederate assault and turn the tide of the entire war. He died defending the Union from secessionist traitors who

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

November Camp (Children 4-11) 9 AM-3 PM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The Cinema Series: Eleanor the Great | 7:30 PM
1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center
Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Movies at The Reg: Spinal Tap II: The End Continues | 7 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Deer Hunters Eve Eve | 5 PM
Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House
For Info: 716-386-2893

A Winter's Canvas | 6 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: artclothandcraft.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Donna the Buffalo | 7 PM
The Spire Theater | Jamestown
For Info: 716-450-7357

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Lake Erie Wine Country Harvest Wine Weekend
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Lake Erie Wine Country | Westfield
For Info: lakeeriewinecountry.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Frewsburg Fall Into the Holidays Craft & Vendor Show | 10 AM-4 PM
Frewsburg Central School
For Info: facebook.com/FCSFallIntoTheHolidays

FENTON HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR | 10 AM-4 PM
Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion | Jamestown
For Info: fentonhistorycenter.org

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LMNOP Gallery Opening Reception | 10 AM-4 PM
LMNOP Gallery | Sherman
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Holiday Market | 5 PM-8 PM
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Friendsgiving | 6:30 PM
Liberty Vineyards & Winery | Sheridan
For Info: libertywinery.com

Sing a Long: A Bohemian Rhapsody | 7 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

That One Crocodile | 8 PM-10 PM
Raven & Thorn | Fredonia
For Info: 716-232-0879

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

THANK YOU VETERANS!



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

This week, we honor our veterans for their service to our country. We pay tribute to their selfless dedication to protect the freedoms we so cherish. And we offer our deepest respect for their courage on our behalf.

We especially thank our local veterans for their continued leadership in our community. Veterans - and veterans' organizations - make up the backbone of Chautauqua County, arguably central to the fabric of each community's life and identity. Whether it be hosting an organizational fundraiser or family reunion; serving up steak fries or wing nights; or holding that meat raffle or craft show that everyone knows and loves each year. I often reminisce fondly, that my first date ever with my now-husband - some 26

long years ago - was, in fact, to Dunkirk American Legion, Post 62 for a \$2 sausage (which I don't eat) and a political fundraiser. I'm proud that it wasn't a fancy restaurant or a high-priced show somewhere remarkable. It was just the natural attendance at a venue and cause for which we care deeply and a perhaps an apt testament to our local roots.

The time-honored traditions and active place of Legions, VFW's and the like remind us that they are more than a "club", more than a staple facility standing out on Main Streets and tucked amongst our country roads. These organizations exist to support our veterans and their omnipresence may remind us of the sacrifice upon which our great nation and special communities have all been built. They are made up of people who represent some of our strongest and some of our finest.

So the next time you roll up for a fish fry, remember why you're there. We officially recognize November 11 as Veterans' Day, but our veterans' organizations help us remember their service every day. Thank a veteran this week; thank a veteran any day.

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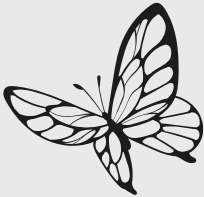
Stephanie Rowe, 52
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Riccardi's Family Funeral Home

November 4

Jerome Johnson, 78
Lakewood
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Dennis R. Ball, 84
Bemus Point
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Leonard C. Harding, 73
Falconer
Falconer Funeral Home



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PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

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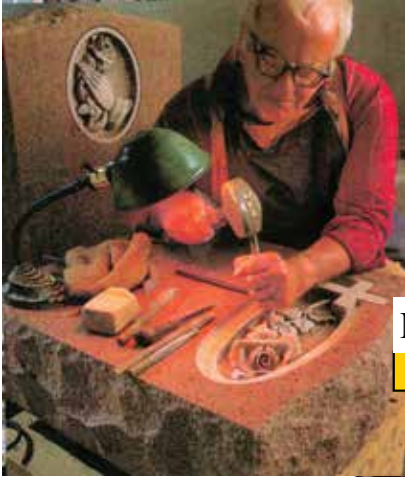
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LMNOP GALLERY OPENING RECEPTION

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LMNOP Gallery

LMNOP Gallery is delighted to announce an opening reception featuring seven talented local artists, each showcasing their unique artistic styles and mediums. The event will take place on November 15th and 16th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at LMNOP Gallery, located at 108 W. Main Street, Sherman, NY. LMNOP is a member of the North Shore Arts Alliance and a participant in the annual Chautauqua County Art Trails. The gallery will present works from seven outstanding local artists, representing a diverse range of media and artistic expression, including: plein air; acrylics; designer fabric clothing; collage; watercolor; woodwork; furniture; and kinetic art.

On Saturday afternoon, November 15th, don't miss the designer's clothing fashion show at 2:00 PM. Experience the creativity and craftsmanship of local designers as they present their latest collections. All artwork curated in the gallery will be available for purchase. By attending and supporting this event, you help to celebrate the importance of art and artists in Chautauqua County. We invite you to visit LMNOP Gallery for this special occasion and encourage you to support our vibrant local art community. Bring friends and family, explore diverse works of art, and enjoy a weekend filled with creativity and inspiration.

For more information, see Peter Hamilton at Facebook, or email maingallery94@gmail.com; or call 716 234-4010.

Audubon Announces 2025 Nature Photography Contest Winners



Entries in Audubon Community Nature Center's 2025 Nature Photography Contest came from across the country and around the globe. With judges not knowing the names or hometowns of the photographers, an impressive number of winners and Honorable Mentions came for our area. Pictured from left, "Dragonfly on Waterlily" by Michael Weishan of Cattaraugus was the winner in the Adult Single Blooms category, and from Jamestown, "Together Over Lake Erie: Aurora Borealis and Big Dipper" by Diane Bonnett took top honors in Adult Waterscapes and "Emerging" by Addison Becker won Youth Single Blooms. All winners and Honorable Mentions can be seen on the contest website, GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2025.

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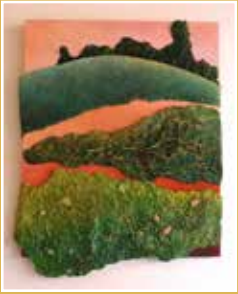
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MHA Recognizes Outstanding Volunteer, Supports Veterans, Has Hat & Glove Drive



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At the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County's recent recovery luncheon, volunteer Wing (left) was recognized for their important work at the Dunkirk recovery center. Most recently they organized October's annual Art in Recovery exhibit, made possible in part by support from the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County Projects Pool Grants Program.

In honor of Veterans Day, both the Jamestown and Dunkirk recovery centers will be closed on Tuesday, November 11. The MHA's Veterans Group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon in Jamestown. Facilitated by Finance Director and Air Force veteran Jill Marsh (right), it is for veterans and people who have had veterans in their families. The group has trivia, games, and a small lunch, helping veterans receive the support they need and providing a safe place to gather and share their military experiences.

The MHA is conducting a Hat and Glove Drive through Thursday, November 20. Donations of NEW hats and gloves for men or women are appreciated at the Jamestown location, Door 14 in the rear of the Gateway Center, 31 Water Street, between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contributors are thanked in advance for helping participants with the basic need to keep warm. For more information, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or Facebook.com/MHACHautauqua.



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Featured Writer
Gregory Carlson

For nearly a decade I’ve had the distinct privilege of serving as the Director of Veterans Services for Chautauqua County. Though I’m excited to swear in as the new County Clerk January 1st, the realization this will be the last Veterans Day in my current role is bitter sweet. What I will miss most is the one-on-one conversations with our county veterans. Within the confines of my office, I’ve heard enough incredible stories to write a hundred books. But their stories are not mine to tell. I have no worries the Veterans Service Agency will be in good hands. Whoever is fortunate enough to takes my place will have the benefit of a competent and seasoned staff while they learn the ropes. And professional advocacy in pursuit of VA benefits for county veterans will carry on without a hitch. As a farewell I’d like to share an article I wrote many years ago. Of all the Veterans Day pieces I’ve written over the years this was my favorite, as it best captured my sentiments about Veterans Day.

The Veteran Promise
Transcends Generations
Veterans Day 2017

On November 11th we will once again commemorate the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 marking the formal end of WWI. This day observed annually, once known as “Armistice Day,” was renamed in 1954 and is now known to all as Veterans Day. There will be ceremonies and services throughout the country to honor our veterans, and all of us who served will be thanked time and again. As a retired service member and Director of Veterans Service for Chautauqua County, I’ve dedicated my life to the men and women who served, and I want to share why I say thank you to my brothers and sisters at arms regardless of the circumstances of their service.

We come from all walks of life and all corners of the United States. Some stories end as Commanding Generals leading thousands, while others will end after a brief time with a few harrowing tales and a little money for school. For a few, the story ends bravely yet tragically on the battlefield, at sea, or in the air fulfilling the promise that binds all who served. I don’t thank veterans for the era in which they served, their branch of



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Greg Carlson (USAF Retired, serving 1996-2016), Director of the Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency, pictured in 2022.

service, or the rank they attained. I thank veterans for the promise they made. Whether it’s a skilled surgeon at 38 years old commissioning as a Field Grade Officer or an 18-year-old fresh out of school enlisting at the bottom of the pay scale, their promise to our nation is the same. Since the first oath under the Constitution approved by Act of Congress in 1789 our service members have raised their right hands and solemnly swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

With this promise all who serve know they are, “Americans fighting in the forces that guard their country and way of life, and are prepared to give their lives in our nation’s defense.” Fortunately, most veterans will never have to make the ultimate sacrifice, but the promise made to do so is why we say thank you. I’d imagine those who swore in on December 6, 1941 had no idea what December 7, 1941 would bring, nor did those who raised their right hand on September 10, 2001 know what September 11, 2001 would bring. But nearly 60-years separated those veterans who shared the same promise to defend our way of life. Veterans who served in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and during times of peace all swore the very same oath, and made the same promise to their countrymen with no one greater than the other. We’re rapidly approaching 2018, and next year’s new crop of troops will be the first born in this millennium. A new generation will take the oath and serve, and I will thank them for their service because their promise to defend our way of life transcends. So, on this Veterans Day and every day I say heartfelt thank you to all my brothers and sisters at arms!

NCCF Announces Fall
Community Grants Awards

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Grant recipients include: Chautauqua County Fair, Child Advocacy Program, CHRIC, Citizens for a Better Cassadaga, FeedMore WNY, Fredonia Presbyterian Church, Forestville Elementary School, Girl Scouts of WNY, Greystone Nature Preserve, Jamestown Community Learning Council, Lake Shore Family Center, Dunkirk-Fredonia Meals on Wheels, Mental Health Association, Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service, North Shore Arts Alliance, Together We Bloom, and Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY.

Recipients were selected after careful review by NCCF’s volunteer Grants Committee, composed of community members and NCCF board members: Adam Dimitri (Chair), Rose Ann Falcone, Margaret Ferris, Sandra Lewis, Betsy Swanson, Elizabeth Tytko, and Rachel Foley, NCCF Board President.

“The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation is honored to support the people and programs that keep our region

resilient, inclusive, and full of opportunity,” said Adam Dimitri, Grants Committee Chair. A Grants Reception will be held during NCCF’s annual Community Foundation Week Open House on Friday, November 14, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the SUNY Fredonia Center for Innovation & Economic Development (CIED).

Community Benefit Grants are awarded twice yearly to organizations working to improve the northern Chautauqua region. The next Letter of Interest deadline is March 1, 2026.

These grants are made possible through the generosity of donors who have established Community Funds at NCCF. Lower minimums and flexible terms now make starting a fund more accessible than ever. To contribute or create a fund, email nccf@nccfoundation.org or call 716-366-4892.

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Love 4th Grader's Design Chosen As New School Logo

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Jamestown Public Schools

S.G. Love Elementary School is ready to “roar.”

The school recently wrapped up its “Design the Lion” contest — a creative project that invited students to play a key role in selecting Love’s new lion mascot. While the school has long been known as the Love Lions, it had never officially adopted a visual mascot — until now.

In late October, Love students voted on three finalist designs, each inspired by drawings created by their classmates. The winning lion, drawn by fourth-grade student Amanda Jimenez, will now proudly represent the school for years to come. The design features a friendly, standing lion with a shirt that says “L is for Love.” Jimenez was recognized during a school assembly on Nov. 6.

“This was such a fun and meaningful project for our students,” said Michael Brown, Love School Principal. “Not only did they get to show off their creativity, but they also learned about the design process and how their ideas can come to life. It’s really special that our new logo was created by a



Submitted Photos

Love Lion. It gives our students a true sense of pride and ownership in their school.”



Love students learned about logos and icons in their art class with teacher Robbi Fabretti and were then given the opportunity to submit their own lion drawing for consideration as the new logo. Over 50 entries were received by

the school’s shared-decision making team which then chose their top three drawings.

The finalists were sent to Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES graphic designer Tom Rickert, who transformed each student’s hand-drawn lion into a professional, digital cartoon version. Students then cast their votes for their favorite design, and the winning logo was officially unveiled on October 31.

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“As my son serves overseas and he will be relocated when he returns,” she said. “His children are preparing once again to move to another place in the nation, far from the friends they have made over the past four years.”

Rowley said this change has impacted the entire family, including his children. For example, she said her grandson is working diligently to take college courses and extra classes and combine his junior and senior year and to graduate early in preparation for his family to move across the nation to their next assignment.

“No one truly understands what sacrifices military families need to make for their service, their spouse's service or their parents' service to our country,” she said. “We as their mothers understand the sacrifices by the entire family and support them in any way we can throughout their service.”

When her son first joined the military, Rowley wanted to get involved and support him. She attended a parade for the 4th of July in 2007 and saw a group of Blue Star Mothers in the parade bearing the service flag. The flag has a white field, a red border and a blue star representing each family member in military service.

“My father was a veteran of the Korean War and he taught me about that symbol and what it meant,” Rowley said. “I followed that group of mothers all the way to the end of the parade, where I was able to get their number and information on a meeting. I joined in 2007 when our chapter was chartered, and as there were not many members at that time, I was asked to run as Vice President in 2009. In 2010, I was voted in as President and I have been serving in that position ever since.”

Blue Star Mothers of America is an organization with over 6,000 members and 200 chapters across the nation.

The organization welcomes mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, as well as those who have children who are veterans. The organization works to support its members and the military members they love while promoting patriotism.

Rowley said this aspect of the organization is the most important of what they do. The members work to support one another through various means, lending a listening ear or sharing a bond of understanding through the difficulties and triumphs of their children’s service.

“No one can possibly understand what it feels like to send your son or daughter off to boot camp, or more deeply, off to a war zone,” Rowley added. “We offer emotional support in any way the new mother needs and what we are able to offer at our meetings or through a phone call or visit. I always ask moms to look around the room and talk to one another.”


She said some members bond with others who have children in the same branch of service, or maybe have the same years of service in. Some members are combat mothers who have endured a child's time in a warzone.

“We all bond with one another in different ways and many of us have bonded in lifelong friendships,” Rowley added. “We check in on one another when we know one of us is having an especially hard day, whether it is involving our military child or other life event.”

This network of support is crucial, she said, because it can be difficult to be the mother of a military member.

“We are so very proud and scared at the same time,” Rowley said. “Our children

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and their families live far from us and we may only see them a few times a year, sometimes less. That is very difficult for everyone in the family.”

While there have been difficult times during her son’s military service, she has always had the camaraderie of the Blue Star Mothers to bolster her. Rowley said her time in the Blue Star Mothers has enriched her life in various ways, and she is incredibly thankful for the organization as a whole and the local members who have become her bedrock.

“It has deepened my patriotism and my appreciation of a supportive community,” she said. “Being a member of this amazing organization has given me friendships that I cherish, along with knowing there are others who understand what it is like to have a child serve in the military and all the concerns and pride that go along with it. I would like to express my gratitude to the Blue Star Mothers of America and all its members for the strength, resilience and support of military families they all continually offer to those who serve, those who have served and to one another.”

While their service members are busy serving the country, the Blue Star Mothers are busy supporting them. Rowley said the local chapter, The Lake Erie New York Chapter 4, is very active with mothers and community volunteers working together on events and activities. “We support one another: our Gold Star families, who are the families who have lost a son or daughter while serving; those currently serving in the military; and veterans,” she said.

The chapter hosts a Gold Star Memorial every year on the Saturday before Memorial Day where those in attendance remember all of the area’s fallen by reading their name out loud and inviting their families to attend and honor them.

They have also hosted the Memorial Day event at Soldiers’ Circle for the past three years and have helped place flags on veterans’ graves at Lake View Cemetery. The group also attends the county’s 9/11 ceremony and other patriotic ceremonies they are invited to in the area, such as the Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

However, one initiative in particular invites the community to take part in a festive and tangible way.

“On the first Saturday of December every year, we host a care packaging event where we send care packages to our deployed troops who are serving away from home at Christmas,” Rowley said. “Last year, we were able to send 1,211 packages, and we are hoping to send as many this year. We invite our community to join us, the feeling of patriotism in that room that day is wonderful.”

Rowley said the packing day this year is Saturday, Dec. 6th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Fluvanna Community Church, located at 3363 Fluvanna Avenue in Jamestown.

For those looking for a way to get involved in supporting veterans who have passed and their families, Wreaths Across America Day is being held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 12 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery. On that day, wreaths will be placed by volunteers, loved ones and friends on the graves of each veteran, and their names spoken aloud, ensuring they are remembered with honor. Prior to the event, wreaths can be sponsored at www.wreathsassamerica.org under the location code NYLCJA with the sponsorship id NY0152. Wreaths cost \$17 each, and \$5 of each wreath goes toward purchasing additional wreaths for local veterans next year. This year, the hope is to cover 1,200 graves with wreaths. The deadline to order is Dec. 1, 2025.

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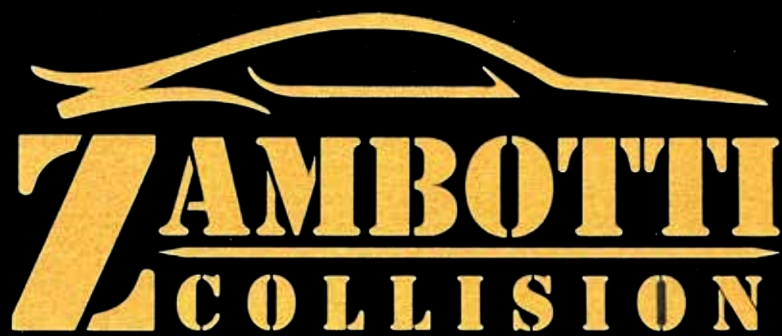


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Fredonia's Greatest Hero and the Union He Fought to Save

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sought to destroy it, and in doing so, helped preserve the American experiment itself.

For generations, his name was whispered with pride in Fredonia and other parts of the county—his courage carried on by teachers, veterans, and local historians who knew his story belonged to an entire nation, not just a small town in Chautauqua County. In 2014, more than 150 years after Gettysburg, President Obama awarded Cushing the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, finally recognizing what his descendants and would-be neighbors had known all along.

I remember that week well. I was a young Senate aide to Senator Chuck Schumer, standing at a press conference at Westfield's Grape Discovery Center—talking about Concord grapes and trade policy—when John Paul Wolfe, a local historian from the McClurg Museum, quietly approached me with a folder of papers. The Pentagon, he explained, was preparing to finally award Cushing's medal but had mistakenly identified his next-of-kin as a distant branch of the family in the Midwest. His research proved that Cushing's most direct descendants had their own roots right here in Chautauqua County, and that they wanted the medal displayed locally.

We didn't have much time. Bureaucracies are slow, especially at the Pentagon, but Senator Schumer acted fast. He called our defense aide in Washington, explained the situation, and made sure the record was corrected with a simple directive: "Fix this." Less than a week later, John Paul Wolfe and the Cushing family stood in the Oval Office with President Obama, accepting the Medal of Honor on Alonzo's behalf. It now hangs proudly at the McClurg Mansion, twenty minutes from where Alonzo

lived.

On this Veterans Day, we remember Lieutenant Cushing not only as a soldier who died bravely, but as a guardian of the nation's promise. He fought for a Union that was bleeding but unbroken, for a democracy that demanded defending, and for the belief that this country—though flawed and human—was still worth every measure of devotion.

His courage was not abstract. It was real, and costly. And it reminds us that the Republic endures only because men and women like Alonzo Cushing stood firm when everything around them seemed to fall apart. These are lessons upon which even the most defeated of activists should draw their inspiration.

Cushing earned our nation's highest decoration for valor by remaining true to our founding principles under the direst circumstances possible. Fredonia's bravest son gave his life so that freedom and unity would prevail over division and hate. The least we can do is remember him—not as a relic of the past, but as proof that the fight for the American ideal is never finished, and never in vain.

At a time when patriotism feels harder to summon, when anger and division once again test the strength of the American experiment, it can be easy to lose sight of what binds us together. Yet we need only look to the more than 18 million living American veterans—men and women who, unlike Cushing, were spared his fate but who once stood ready to meet it. Each of them raised a hand and pledged to defend this nation, to preserve the same ideals of unity and freedom that Cushing died for. In their quiet courage lies all the inspiration we should ever need.

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Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club Supports Veterans and Promotes Mental Health



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Bills Watch Party Committee proudly show the donated dazzling prizes. From left to right right are Julie Monaco, Eric Nickerson, Marie Duke and Linda Spaulding

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Chautauqua Mayville
Lions Club

The Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club continues its mission of community service through recent efforts supporting local veterans and raising awareness for mental health in rural areas.

On October 8, 2025, the Club presented DreAnn Csorba, Director of the Jamestown Dwyer Group, with a donation to help support local veterans. The presentation took place during the Lions' regular meeting at Lake Chautauqua VFW Post 8647, where Csorba shared information about the Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Program, which operates across 62 New York counties.

Named for Joseph Dwyer, an Iraq War veteran who struggled after returning home, the Dwyer Program was founded in 2012 to connect veterans and their families with confidential, non-clinical support. The program offers advocacy and access to resources such as food pantries, housing assistance, and benefits. More information is available at facebook.com/DwyerChautauqua.

The Lions Club will continue its community outreach with a Buffalo Bills vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers Watch Party on Sunday, November 16, at noon at the



Mayville VFW. The event will feature chicken wings, chili, and vegetarian options for \$20 per guest, payable at the door. Raffle tickets for Buffalo Bills-themed prizes, including a Dawson Knox cleat, cashmere sweater, Bills water clock, Bills hat, and "Cold Front" cap, will benefit Chautauqua Rural Minds, a nonprofit addressing the mental health challenges facing rural communities.

Proceeds will support Chautauqua Rural Minds' efforts to combat depression, substance abuse, and suicide in agricultural and rural areas.

The Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club meets monthly at the VFW on the second Wednesday to plan local service projects. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Ann Akin at 716-665-7432 or visit lionsclubs.org to learn more about the Lions' mission to strengthen communities and improve well-being worldwide.

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This Friday, November 14, is the deadline for two Audubon Community Nature Center opportunities. Make your reservations by then for Audubon's potluck Thanksgiving with the Birds on Saturday, November 22. Join, from left, Marketing and Design Director Jessica Piskor, volunteer Janet Forbes, and Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tefft to enjoy a program with an Animal Ambassador, have a wonderful meal, then take a walk if you would like. November 14 is also the deadline to order a beautiful Frasier Fir wreath, plain or with uniquely Audubon-themed decorations, for yourself or a gift. And don't forget: Nature Center building admission is FREE on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. For details on all these, visit AudubonCNC.org/events.

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Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor Honors Local Veterans



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**Chautauqua Region
Quilts of Valor**

The Chautauqua/Mayville Lion's Club will sponsor a Buffalo Bills/ Tampa Bay Buccaneers Watch Party on Sunday, November 16th at noon at the Mayville VFW.

Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor has been a member of the national Quilts of Valor Foundation since January 2024. In that time, the group has presented 46 handmade quilts to local veterans, each created by dedicated members and friends to honor and comfort those who have served.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation, established in 2003, is a national nonprofit whose mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. To date, more than 427,000 quilts have been awarded nationwide, including over 25,000 so far this year.

The Chautauqua Region chapter was formed following a presentation by Barb Cessna, the Fenton History Center's Vets Finding Vets Coordinator, at the Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild. Her program inspired the creation of a local group, since the nearest existing unit was in Hamburg, NY. Having a local Quilts of Valor unit has made it possible to recognize veterans right here in the Jamestown area and North County, with meaningful presentation ceremonies in Jamestown and Brocton. Recipients have ranged in age from their mid-thirties to their mid-nineties.

To receive a Quilt of Valor, recipients must be active-duty service members or honorably discharged veterans who have been nominated for the honor. Nomination forms and detailed information on eligibility, quilt sizes, and patterns are available at www.qovf.org.

Community members are encouraged to get involved by sewing quilts, donating materials or funds, or attending local presentations. Quilts are typically 60 by 80 inches and often feature red, white, and blue designs, though other colors are welcome. This year's national pattern is the traditional log cabin. Donations may be made payable to QOV and sent to Quilters' Haven and Yarn Shop, 135 E. Fairmount Ave., Suite 4, Lakewood, NY 14750.

Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor meets bi-monthly on the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Quilters' Haven in Lakewood. The next meeting will be held Friday, November 14, to plan upcoming presentations and quilt projects. Annual membership dues are \$10, payable to the QOV Foundation. Anyone is welcome to participate, and you do not need to be a member to make a quilt. Participants may provide the quilt top, backing, and binding, while Quilters' Haven generously supplies the batting and quilting services at no cost.

The local unit is coordinated by Cindy Conner, with Carol Lou Eisenhardt serving as treasurer and Diane Crandall as secretary. Quilters' Haven and Yarn Shop is the group's sponsoring business. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Chautauqua Rural Minds. This not-for-profit organization focuses on the "silent epidemic" ravaging rural America. This causes stress factors related to a weakening agricultural society, which can lead to depression, job loss, substance abuse, and a solitary lifestyle. Suicide prevention is one of their main goals.

Our Club is looking forward to this most enjoyable event that underscores our efforts to serve the community. Lions Club is an international organization that strives to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and to support those in need. Learn more about who we are and what we do at lionsclubs.org.



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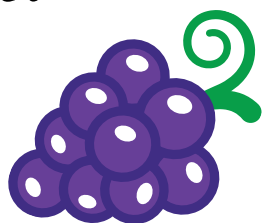


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Veterans Day & the 250th Marine Corps Birthday



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Veterans Family Fall BBQ 2025

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As Veterans Day approaches once again — and as our nation also celebrates the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps — we at Healing for Heroes, A Disabled Veterans Retreat and Wooded Oasis, Inc., pause to reflect on the incredible dedication and sacrifice of those who have served.

Both Tom Nelsen and Kelly Carpenter, our President and Vice President, proudly served as United States Marines, and their continued commitment to giving back is at the heart of everything we do. While Veterans Day is a well-deserved holiday of recognition, it always bears repeating just how much our servicemen and women sacrifice for our country — not only in times of war, but also in times of peace. The freedoms we enjoy every day are the direct result of their courage, discipline, and unwavering commitment to something greater than themselves. Over the past year, Healing for Heroes has continued its mission with tireless dedication. We've attended countless community events to raise awareness and support for our programs, sharing our story and purpose with those who may not yet know what we do. Every handshake, conversation, and donation helps us move one step closer to strengthening the services we provide for our nation's veterans.

Here at our 30-acre retreat in Bemus Point, NY, we've proudly hosted multiple events— not only for veterans but for their families as well — recognizing that healing and connection extend beyond the individual. Whether it's through community gatherings, volunteer efforts, or on-site programs, we're creating a place where veterans can relax, rebuild, and rediscover the camaraderie that is so vital to their well-being. We've also reached out beyond our property, hosting local events like our mini golf, driving range, and ice cream socials — giving families

and neighbors a way to connect, have fun, and learn more about our mission in a welcoming, community-focused setting.

This year has also brought meaningful partnerships that have strengthened our reach and impact. We've had the privilege of working alongside other outstanding nonprofit organizations, including the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. Together, we co-hosted their first-ever Wine Walk on a property not managed by CWC — right here at Healing for Heroes. It was a beautiful example of how collaboration and shared purpose can bring communities together in support of both veterans and environmental stewardship. Beyond events and partnerships, we continue to pursue grants and support from local foundations and businesses to sustain and expand our mission. Every bit of funding helps us maintain the property, improve our facilities, and ensure that all veterans and their families can access our retreat free of charge.

As we celebrate Veterans Day and honor the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, we're reminded why Healing for Heroes exists — to give back to those who have given so much. Our work is driven by gratitude, compassion, and the belief that every veteran deserves a place to rest, reconnect, and heal. To all who have served — and to those who continue to stand beside them — we extend our deepest thanks.

Your courage, sacrifice, and strength inspire everything we do. We also thank our volunteers, community partners, and donors who make our mission possible. Because of your generosity, we're able to continue building a space of peace and renewal for veterans and their families, right here in the heart of Bemus Point, New York. From all of us at Healing for Heroes – A Disabled Veterans Retreat and Wooded Oasis, Inc.

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Chautauqua County to Establish Purple Heart Trail Honoring Local Heroes

Contributed by Village of Sherman

A new project is underway to create a lasting tribute to the area's combat-wounded veterans. The Chautauqua County Purple Heart Trail is a planned 41-mile route that will honor the 771 known Purple Heart recipients from the county, spanning from World War I to present-day conflicts.

The project is a three-year initiative led by the Chautauqua County Purple Heart Trail Advisory Committee. The plan is to collect funds, donations, and sponsorships throughout 2025, complete a dedicated site at the Dunkirk Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum in 2026, and finish a second site at the Yorker Museum in Sherman in 2027.

The Dunkirk Lighthouse site, the trail's final stop, will feature three park benches, three American Eagle

statues, three educational kiosks, and a Purple Heart Memorial Monument. The project has received official proclamations and letters of strong support from local and state officials, including Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr., New York State Senator George Borrello, and Assemblyman Andrew M. Molitor.

To fund the project, the committee is conducting a "Million Penny Drive" and offering various sponsorship opportunities. Individuals and organizations can contribute by sponsoring an inch, foot, or yard of the trail, or by purchasing a permanent commemorative plaque for \$250.

Donations can be made by check payable to either the "Dunkirk Lighthouse" or the "Village of Sherman" with "Purple Heart Trail" in the memo line. For more information, contact Jim Kurtz at (716) 753-7734 or jamesvkurtz@gmail.com.





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November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and Family Caregivers Month Here are 8 Ways You Can Support Dementia Caregivers

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Alzheimer's Association

November marks National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and Family Caregivers Month. The Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association encourages everyone to support the nearly 12 million Americans, including over half a million New Yorkers, who care for loved ones with dementia.

Supporting caregivers is easier than you think, and even small gestures can make a big difference. The Alzheimer's Association offers these ideas:

- **Learn:** Educate yourself about Alzheimer's symptoms, progression, and the challenges caregivers face.
- **Build a Team:** Organize family and friends to share caregiving tasks. The Association offers free online care calendar tools to coordinate help.
- **Give Caregivers a Break:** Schedule regular time to stay with the person living with dementia so the caregiver

can rest, run errands, or attend appointments.

- **Check In:** Caregivers often feel isolated. A simple call, note, or visit can mean a lot.
- **Tackle the To-Do List:** Offer to pick up groceries or prescriptions, do yard work, or handle small chores that caregivers may struggle to fit in.
- **Be Specific and Flexible:** Avoid vague offers like "let me know if you need anything." Instead, say, "I'm going to the store. What can I grab for you?" Keep checking in.

- **Help for the Holidays:** Offer to help with cooking, cleaning, or hosting during the holidays to reduce stress.
- **Join the Fight:** Honor caregivers and those living with Alzheimer's by volunteering, joining events like the Walk to End Alzheimer's or Do What You Love to End ALZ, advocating for research, or enrolling in a clinical study through TrialMatch.



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Pearl City Clay House Announces New Exhibition:
“What Are You?” by Fileve Tlaloc



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Pearl City Clay House

Pearl City Clay House announces its next gallery exhibition, “What Are You?” by artist and anthropologist Fileve Tlaloc (Palmer), presented with assistance from an SLFX Fellowship. The exhibition will open Saturday, November 8, 2025, with a public reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. and a brief artist talk at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Fileve Tlaloc is a multigenerational, Creole–South African–American artist and trained anthropologist who has lived and worked among the Haudenosaunee for more than fifteen years. Born and raised in New York City, she brings a unique perspective to her work, blending historical inquiry with artistic expression.

Her practice centers on the representation of human and animal forms, using cultural symbols to reflect relationships and explore the emotional and physical conditions

of human struggle between power and peace, injustice and freedom, and across intersections of race, geography, gender, and nature.

As a multicultural, multinational, and multiracial artist, Tlaloc investigates identity and the complexity of human experience. Through her anthropological lens and visual storytelling, she invites audiences to engage deeply with questions of belonging, resilience, and connection.

“We’re pleased to welcome Fileve

and her work to the Pearl City Clay House gallery,” said Deb Eck, Program Director at Pearl City Clay House. “Each exhibition offers an opportunity to showcase unique creative voices within our community.”

Pearl City Clay House is located at 220 East 2nd St in Downtown Jamestown, and is a program of Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Inc. PCCH provides gallery exhibitions, classes and workshops, and creative experiences for the community.

“The Root of All Evil” Concludes Sunday

This Sunday, November 16, retired Methodist minister Lauren Turner concludes his two-part look at “The Root of All Evil” at the 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown service. Turner says that in capitalistic societies such as ours, wealth can determine everything from political influence to feelings of self-worth. Capitalism has a record of creating extremes of wealth and poverty leading almost invariably to violence, but alternatives to capitalism can be even worse. All major religions warn about the dangers of greed. Jesus likened it to an unquenchable addiction that enslaves people. A wide range of economists are currently predicting an impending economic catastrophe. With a review of Part 1, Turner examines this problem and possible solutions to it, both for individuals and societies at large. Everyone is welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.



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Cuts, Color, and Compassion: E2CCB Students Lend a Hand for Breast Cancer Awareness



Submitted Photo

Cosmetology students from the Hewes Educational Center recently volunteered at The Chautauqua Center as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The seniors offered complimentary hairstyling, manicures, and gel manicures during the Oct. 15 event.

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Erie 2-Chautauqua-
Cattaraugus BOCES

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, seniors in the Cosmetology program at the Hewes Educational Center volunteered their time and skills at The Chautauqua Center in Jamestown.

The Oct. 15 event focused on raising awareness, providing mammogram screenings, and offering care and encouragement to community members affected by breast cancer.

Participating Career & Technical Education students included Addison Calimeri of Falconer; Cynthia Murray of Chautauqua Lake; Ashley Natal Guzman, Denise Williams, and Yomaris Rojas Nieves of Jamestown; Kieara Graves of Panama; Delilah Heverley of Sherman; and Kiernan Hiller, Marissa Oakes, and Riley LaPaglia of Southwestern.

Throughout the day, the students offered complimentary hairstyling,

manicures, and gel manicures. Their goal was to promote self-care and confidence while showing support for those touched by breast cancer.

“Our students were honored to use their talents to support such an important cause,” said Kyla Rodriguez, Cosmetology instructor at Hewes. “This experience not only allowed them to practice their professional skills, but also reminded them of the power of compassion, confidence, and community service.”

The partnership between Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES and The Chautauqua Center highlights a shared commitment to health education and community involvement. The day brought together students, staff, and residents in a meaningful way — demonstrating how service and learning can come together to make a positive impact.

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Fredonia Students Selected for Statewide Art Exhibit



"Grandma" by Kayleigh Heida, Grade 12, Fredonia High School



"Wrapped Realities" by Trillium Mason-DeMello, Grade 11, Fredonia High School



"Dancing Tales" by Brooklyn Smith, Grade 10, Fredonia High School

the public. Having three students featured is a significant honor for Fredonia.

Their artwork was part of the virtual exhibit presented during the NYSSBA Convention in New York City, October 20–22, and will remain online for public viewing through December 31, 2025, at nysata.memberclicks.net/nyssba-exhibit.

"Having three students represented in this statewide show speaks volumes about the creativity, dedication, and skill of our young artists, and the strong support they receive from our art teachers," said Superintendent Brad Zilliox. "We are immensely proud of Trillium, Brooklyn, and Kayleigh, as well as our entire Art Department."

Fredonia Central School District is committed to fostering innovative and dynamic educational experiences that empower students to reach their fullest potential.

Three Fredonia High School art students, Trillium Mason-DeMello, Brooklyn Smith, and Kayleigh Heida, have been selected for the statewide student art exhibit sponsored by the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) in collaboration with the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA).

This annual exhibition highlights outstanding student artwork from across New York State and is viewed by school boards, educators, and

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The CHQ Chamber supports small local businesses year-round but takes extra steps each holiday season to promote those that depend on holiday sales. Locally owned shops, restaurants, and cafés are the backbone of our economy and the heart of our communities.

While Small Business Saturday is one day, shopping small matters all year. To make it fun, the CHQ Chamber has launched a Shop Small Pass, your chance to shop local and win big! Thirty \$50 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards will be given away to participants who check in at participating businesses across Chautauqua County. Earn 150 points to redeem a card. Only 30 are available, one per person.

Sign up at www.chqchamber.org/ experiences by clicking Sign Up on the pass, then Checkout to enter your contact info. No purchase or app required. You'll get a text link to access your pass. Play daily through November, with bonus points on Small Business Saturday. The pass closes November 30.

CHQ Chamber Holiday
Window Decorating Contest

Businesses countywide are invited to join the 2025 Holiday Window Decorating Contest, running Nov. 24-Dec. 17. Register by Nov. 20 to be featured. Send a photo once decorated; submissions will appear in a Facebook gallery and on a Google map. Public voting is simple: each Facebook "Like" counts as a vote.

Participation is free and open to all businesses. The top three winners receive advertising on the Chamber website or in the 2026 Membership Handbook. Sign up at www.chqchamber.org.

Business After Hours –
Southern Tier Brewing

Join us for the final Business After Hours of 2025 on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5–6:30 p.m. at Southern Tier Brewing Company in Lakewood. Chamber members may send two representatives at no charge; additional guests and non-members are \$10.

This event is sponsored by Southern Tier Brewing Company, LaBella Associates, National Grid, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, and SUNY Fredonia. Register now at www.chqchamber.org.

Help Us Celebrate 25 Years of
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The 25th Annual Meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 12 at noon at Wicked Warren's in Jamestown. Keynote speaker Ronald Richard, retired president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, will join us as we present the Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award to Aimee Rogers, founder and president of Imagine Forestville. Members will also vote on the 2026 board slate. Sponsors include Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, CCIDA, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, SUNY Fredonia, and Wicked Warren's. Register at www.chamberrsvp.org.

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Village of Westfield Announces Recommended NY Forward Projects

Westfield, New York, November 6, 2025 - The Village of Westfield and its Local Planning Committee (LPC) are pleased to announce the following projects recommended for funding through New York State’s NY Forward (NYF) program. Projects were proposed by diverse public, private, and nonprofit project sponsors. The amount of NYF funding requested by each project sponsor is included in parentheses. Each project represents an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing revitalization of downtown Westfield.

- Reinvent the Burns Block as Live / Work Space (\$589,000)
- Rehabilitate the Former Welch’s Production Facility (\$145,000)
- Redevelop 29-31 Elm Street to House a Mix of Uses (\$355,000)
- Expand CK Natural Juice’s Cold-Pressed Beverage Production Capacity (\$143,000)
- Restore the Building Exterior and Plaza at the Patterson Library (\$555,000)
- Redevelop the Former Welch’s Administrative Building into Apartments and Commercial Space (\$1,000,000)
- Modernize the Westfield YWCA (\$457,000)
- Launch a Community Co-Op for Makers and Entrepreneurs (\$328,000)
- Improve Community Space at Eason Hall (\$800,000)
- Improve Main Street through Streetscape and Safety Enhancements (\$1,154,000)
- Enhance Safety and Tranquility at Moore Park (\$167,000)
- Build a Covered Stage Structure to Enhance Amphitheater Performances (\$149,000)
- Create a Pocket Park on Clinton Street with Public Restrooms and Bicycle Repair Station (\$816,000)
- Develop Community Branding and Comprehensive Wayfinding Signage (\$247,000)
- Establish a Small Project Fund (\$600,000)

Recommendations reflect months of public engagement, including workshops, surveys, and community discussions focused on strengthening downtown and supporting local businesses. The projects will be included in a Strategic Investment Plan that will be submitted to New York State by the end of the year. The State will then review and select final projects to award a share of the \$4.5 million in funding available to revitalize downtown Westfield. Projects that do not receive a grant award are encouraged to apply, and will be prioritized, for funding through other State grant programs.

Village of Westfield Mayor and LPC Co-Chair Dennis Lutes said, “This is an important moment. The slate of recommended projects marks the culmination of seven months of intensive planning and public outreach as part of the Westfield NY Forward program. We’re confident the State’s investment in these projects will transform Westfield by attracting more residents, visitors, and businesses as well as additional jobs and investment. A special thanks to the members of our Local Planning Committee and the public for their help identifying the issues and opportunities to be addressed through this process, the goals and strategies that will guide our revitalization efforts, and the projects that will transform the Village. I want to thank Governor Kathy Hochul for her \$4.5 million commitment to Westfield.”

Western New York Regional Economic Development Council Member and LPC Co-Chair Michael Metzger said, “It was evident from the Village of Westfield’s NY Forward application that the community is prepared for the State’s \$4.5 million investment. This was reaffirmed throughout the seven-month NYF planning process. From Village board members to department staff, Local Planning Committee members, the business community, community-based organizations, and residents, everyone came together to identify the priorities for revitalizing Westfield, leading to this recommended slate of projects which represents real opportunity to transform the Village. Thanks to the Western New York offices of Empire State Development, the New York Department of State, and Homes & Community Renewal for guiding the process and providing valuable support to ensure a transformational outcome. I commend everyone involved in the process and look forward to the State’s award announcements early next year.”

Collectively, NY Forward projects help create an active downtown with a mix of uses; provide diverse employment opportunities for a variety of skill sets; create diverse housing options for all income levels; provide enhanced public spaces for all ages and abilities; enhance downtown living and quality of life; encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and grow the local property tax base. Projects selected for a NYF grant award are expected to begin construction within two years of award and be completed within five years. New York State will continue to assist project sponsors throughout the implementation process.

For more information, please visit the project website at www.WestfieldNYForward.com, or contact the Westfield NYF lead planning consultant:

Derik Kane, LaBella Associates: dkane@labellapc.com | (716) 551-6230

About the Westfield NY Forward (NYF): The Westfield NY Forward program is a community-driven initiative aimed at transforming the Village of Westfield’s downtown area. Led by the New York State Department of State, with assistance from Empire State Development, Homes and Community Renewal, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the program works to accelerate and expand economic revitalization in smaller and rural downtowns. Supported by the NY Forward award, the Village of Westfield, and its residents, the program seeks to enhance quality of life, create economic opportunities, and foster a vibrant downtown environment.

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Step into an memorable evening where fashion takes the spotlight and art sets the scene. On Thursday, November 13th at 6 p.m., Art Cloth & Craft presents A Winter's Canvas — a chic, immersive event blending style, creativity, and community spirit. Proceeds from the evening will directly support the historic Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in downtown Jamestown.

The Fashion Show

At the heart of the evening is a captivating live fashion show curated and styled by sisters Bobbi Spare and Lauren Edwards, owners of Art Cloth & Craft. Known for their distinctive blend of modern, wearable fashion and artistic flair, Bobbi and Lauren have transformed their latest seasonal collection into a dynamic visual experience.

Each look will showcase rich color palettes, layered textures, and thoughtful styling — encouraging guests to see clothing not just as what you wear, but as a reflection of creativity and confidence.

“What we love most about the fashion show is the opportunity to show our customers how to style an entire look — how to play with pattern, color, and accessories in ways that feel true to them” says Bobbi Spare. When someone sees a complete outfit come to life, it sparks ideas and builds confidence — and that’s what fashion is really about.”

From statement denim to luxurious fabrics and one-of-a-kind accessories, the show will highlight pieces that capture the boutique’s signature aesthetic: effortless, elevated, and infused with personality. All featured looks — will be available for purchase in-store immediately following the event.

The Art Experience

Adding to the evening’s visual atmosphere, artists Joseph Grice and Leslie Calimeri of Chautauqua Art Gallery will lend their creative touch. Joe Grice will be onsite painting a live work in progress as guests arrive, offering a glimpse into the artistic process, both Joe and Leslie will showcase a curated selection of their original artwork and prints, many depicting local scenes. Their presence brings an added layer of inspiration and artistry to the evening’s decor and ambiance.

The Mission

Art Cloth & Craft has long championed local creativity — from boutique fashion to artisan goods — and this event reflects that passion for community collaboration. All proceeds from the ticket sales and cash bar will benefit the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, helping sustain the beloved theater and its mission to keep the performing arts thriving in Jamestown. Ticket price includes the evening’s entertainment, passed hors d'oeuvres by Julie Lampard of Taste Buds, and a limited edition guest gift.

“The Reg Lenna is a cultural landmark,” says Lauren Edwards. “It’s where art, performance, and community intersect — just like this event. We’re proud to give back to a place that means so much to Jamestown.”

Tickets for the event are \$45 and can be purchased at artclothandcraft.com and reglenna.com. A Winter's Canvas will be in Reg Lenna Center for The Arts' Media Arts Studio located at 108 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY.



Bohemian Rhapsody returns
to Reg Lenna Center for The
Arts in a sing along version



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Sing a Long a Bohemian Rhapsody will be shown at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Sat., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

The 2018 film, a biopic about the rock band Queen, features an Oscar-winning performance by Rami Malek as front man Freddie Mercury. In this version of the film, lyrics will be shown on the screen for audience members to sing along to. A host will warm up the audience with songs and a few dance moves. Each audience member will be given an interactive prop bag with items that can be used throughout the night. Ticket holders are encouraged to dress up like Mercury, other members of Queen, or in 1970's/early 1980's apparel.

The film is an enthralling celebration of Queen, their music, and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes

and convention to become one of history’s most beloved entertainers. Following Queen’s meteoric rise, their revolutionary sound and Freddie’s solo career, the film also chronicles the band’s reunion, and one of the greatest performances in rock history.

The night marks a return to the screen of the film, which was sold out at The Reg in early 2019, just before winning 4 Academy Awards.

Tickets for this event are on sale now. The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts box office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12-5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 716.484.7070 or at reglenna.com. Reg Lenna Center for The Arts is located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY.

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts' programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

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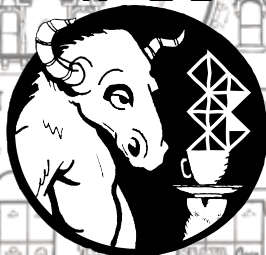
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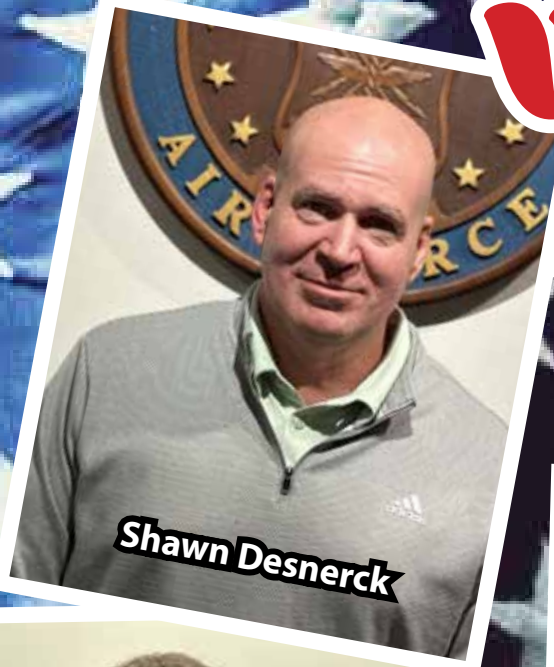
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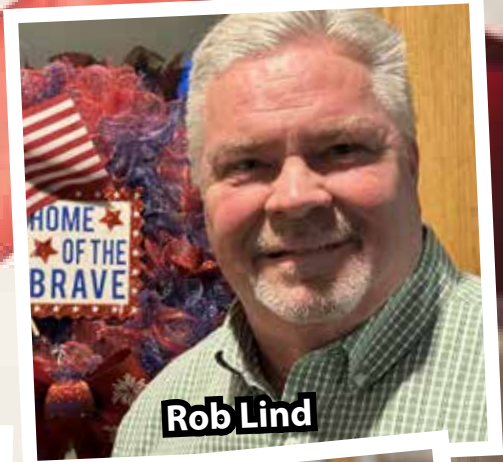
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