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SERVICE IS A HEALER: GIVE THANKS BY GIVING BACK



Contributing Writer
Shannon Nixon

November is here, the days have grown shorter, and the snow has touched down (too soon, too soon!). Beyond the evident changes in the season, this is a time when we start to gather around that familiar table: turkey, stuffing, the chatter of family and friends, the quiet hum of gratitude. Amid the routines and traditions, there is a deeper invitation: to look beyond ourselves and remember that service is not only one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen our community, it also has a way of healing us.

As actor-philanthropist Gary Sinise once put it, when describing his work through the Gary Sinise Foundation (which supports veterans and first responders), “Service is a great healer.” His words ring true for local communities, too: when we show up for one another, whether via a shared meal, a warm basket of food, or a visit to a senior, we begin to stitch together the kind of civic fabric that holds us all up. There is research to support this: Dr. Andrew Huberman, a neuroscientist at Stanford and host of the “Huberman Lab” podcast, explains that gratitude practices (especially those rooted in narrative and interpersonal connection) activate brain circuits tied to motivation, social connection, and reduced anxiety. Perhaps more importantly, Huberman points out that receiving gratitude (or witnessing it) can have an even more potent

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~ COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENTS 2025 ~

Christmas in the Village of Westfield
November 21-23 | 3 Day Event
Facebook: Christmas in the Village Westfield NY
featuring several events including:

Hot Toddy Crawl
November 22 | 11 AM - 4 PM
Let There Be Light Parade
November 22 | 5:30 PM

**Falconer Santa Parade
& Holiday Expo Falconer Fire Hall**
November 22 | 9-3 PM, Parade 5 PM
Facebook: Falconer Santa Parade

**Ellington Town Picnic Craft Show and
Christmas Auction**
November 22 | 9:30 AM-10 PM
Grandview of Ellington
For Info: facebook.com/ellingtontownpicnic

**Frewsburg Community
Old Fashioned Santa Parade**
November 29 | 11 AM
Facebook: Frewsburg Community Old
Fashioned Santa Parade

**Christmas in The Village
of Lakewood**
December 3, 5-6
Facebook: Lakewood Community
Development Corporation

**Dunkirk Christmas on Central Small
Business Saturday Holiday Market**
December 6 | 11 AM - 7 PM
Facebook: Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events

Dunkirk Holiday Parade
December 6 | 5:00 PM
Facebook: Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events

Fredonia Miracle on Main Street
(Main St/Downtown Fredonia)
December 6
Info: festivalsfredoniany.org

Light Up Cassadaga
December 6
Facebook: Citizens for a Better Cassadaga

**Randolph “Light Up The Night” Christmas
Parade**
December 6 | 7:30 PM
Facebook: Enjoy Randolph

**Jamestown The Magic of Holiday
Movies Parade**
December 6 | 6 PM - 8 PM
Facebook: Collaborative Children’s Solutions

Sherman Christmas in The Village
December 7 - 13
Info: Sherman Chamber of Commerce on Facebook

**Christmas thru The Village
Findley Lake**
December 6 -7 | 10am-5pm
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Mayville Holiday Market
December 13-14 | 10 AM - 4 PM
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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services Open House
10 AM-12 PM

Hall R. Clothier Building (Mayville Office)
For Info: chautauquacountyny.gov/office-aging

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Christmas Open House: Wreaths and Trees | 4 PM-7 PM

The Marvin House | Jamestown
For Info: 716-488-6206

Birds of Sunnyside Marsh Preserve Presentation | 4 PM

Fluvanna Free Library | Greenhurst
For Info: 716-487-1773

The Cinema Series: Roofman
7:30 PM

1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center
Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services Open House | 10 AM-12 PM

51 East Third St., Suite 2 (Dunkirk Office)
For Info: chautauquacountyny.gov/office-aging

Movies at The Reg: Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere | 7 PM

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

November Luncheon | 12 PM

The Marvin House | Jamestown
For Info: 716-488-6206

Wendy Wellen: The History of Chautauqua Rails to Trails | 7 PM

Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room at The Chautauqua Town Hall | Mayville
For Info: Chautauqua Township Historical Society Facebook Page

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

80 Years of Nuremberg: Opening Event: Virtual Tour of Courtroom 600
12 PM

The Robert H. Jackson Center | Jamestown
For Info: roberthjackson.org

Wine on the Trail | 4 PM

Chautauqua Creek Oxbow Forest Preserve | Sherman
For Info: 716-664-2166

Comedian Pete Correale | 7:30 PM

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For Info: fredopera.org

Country Night & Line Dancing w/Allie Perrin | 8:30 PM-10:30 PM

The Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House | Bemus Point
For Info: 716-386-2893

PA Line with special guest Jade Giambone | 9 PM

Wicked Warren's | Jamestown
For Info: 716-484-4070

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Holiday Gift Market | 5 PM

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute | Jamestown
For Info: rtpi.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Christmas in The Village of Westfield

Village of Westfield
For Info: 716-753-6043

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr. Musical | 7 PM

District Auditorium | Fredonia Middle School
For Info: 716-679-1581 ext. 1455

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Holiday Gift Market | 10 AM-2 PM

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute | Jamestown
For Info: rtpi.org

5th Annual Holiday Storefront
10 AM-3 PM

3 C's Catering & The Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall | Falconer
For Info: 716-267-4403

Heron Horse Turkey Trot Trail Challenge Weekend 11 AM

The Heron Farm and Event Center | Sherman
For Info: theheron.org

Thanksgiving Grocery Drive-Thru | 9:30 AM

Gospel Church WNY | Fredonia
For Info: 716-401-3066

Live at the Met: Arabella | 1 PM

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For Info: fredopera.org

Thanksgiving Giveaway | 2 PM

Multiple Jamestown Locations
For Info: 716-294-3180

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr. Musical | 3 PM & 7 PM

District Auditorium | Fredonia Middle School
For Info: 716-679-1581 ext. 1455

Falconer Santa Parade | 5 PM

Coleson Park | Falconer
For Info: 716-450-3032

The Wizards of Winter: Christmas Dream | 7:30 PM

1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center
Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Pastor Ruby Wiles: "How to Accept and Be Happy With Yourself"
10:30 AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown
For Info: uujamestown.org

Heron Horse Turkey Trot Trail Challenge Weekend 10 AM

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Thank you again and again. Happy "almost" Holidays to all!

As the snow flies and the temperature chills, we usher in another season and embrace the holidays upon us. Here at the Chautauqua Gazette, we also busily prepare our community newspaper for the new year. We are grateful for your growing support and appreciate your continued partnership in 2026.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

Join us this fall & Winter



FALL & WINTER LINE-UP & EVENTS

- Nov. 13: Deer Hunters Eve Wild Game Feast & Party | 5-8:30PM
- Nov. 21: Country Night & Line Dancing w/ Allie Perrin | 8:30-10:30PM
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Eve | Randy Graham & Jamie Henderson | 6-9PM
- Nov. 28: Black Friday Specials All Day | 15% OFF Golf Season Passes
Ion Sky Acoustics | 6-9PM
- Dec. 3: One Stop Christmas Shop | 5:30-8:30PM
- Dec. 13: Lunch with Santa | 11AM-1PM
- Dec. 20: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party | DJ Felix | 6-9PM
- Dec. 24: Tom & Jerry Party | 12-3PM
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Dinner Celebration | 5-9PM
- Jan. 10: Winter Festival & Christmas Tree Bonfire | 12-6PM
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"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, 'Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again.'"

~ Lewis Carrol

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LITTLE "YESES" ADD UP



Featured Writer

Tara Lamont Eastman

First Presbyterian Church of Warren

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells parables about what it means to be in service to others. One parable ends with the statement, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You who were faithful with little will now be in charge of many things!" and continues with the parable of a King, the sheep and the goats... (Matthew 25: 31-46)

When addressing the "sheep, the King lists all the ways they have been faithful in caring for the needs of strangers, the ill, the hungry, and those in prison. "... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

As we approach Thanksgiving and holiday season, it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season. But this parable offers us space to consider the value of giving time, energy and effort - to help other people. How can we, this holiday season, be faithful to Christ's call to care for someone else?

This idea of work being a blessing is important to ponder. Work, or "chores" as I remember them being called as a child, were not exciting, like the Saturday morning sweeping up the wood dust in my Dad's basement wood shop. At the time I couldn't see the importance of that task, and grumbled that it was my chore to do. But most Saturdays, I'd sweep the sawdust wondering:

"What difference did this chore really make?"

Over the past several weeks, the reality of food insecurity in the United States has come to the forefront of the news.

An estimated 42 million people, in the US, are recipients of food support through SNAP and similar programs. WIC supports 40% of American women, children and infants with nutritional education and food resources. On a local level, the poverty rate (according to data gathered in 2023) is 17% in Chautauqua County and is 11.4% in Warren County. While this data, representative of real everyday needs of our neighbors, can be overwhelming. On local and national levels, social services, non-profits and churches are trying to find ways to meet the human needs all around us. As we witness the needs of our neighbors, and our own families - how are we to help?

Are efforts of care, like the sweeping up of sawdust? Or are they something more?

I believe that little yeses of love and care, do make a difference. That, when we are asked to help give a cup of water or a gift of time; they add up. Little yeses like:

- A small group of parents in an online group collaborating to gather meal kits and donate them to local food pantries.
- In the city of Warren, Pa - how local churches host community meals to provide food and community connection. (See schedule and locations below.)
- Local neighborhoods, in the city of Jamestown, sponsoring and filling free little food libraries to help their neighbors.

Efforts of work and service can sometimes feel like sweeping up sawdust, wondering what the impact really is? But as I consider this Jesus parable on work and service, the little "yeses" witnessed in our communities - I know they do make a difference.

The poem, The Work of Christmas from Howard Thurman speaks of real life work - some chores that need to be done in the world. His words challenge us with a call to pick up our (metaphorical or actual) broom and dustpan, and get on with the work of Christmas. The holidays are on their way. Yes, it's time to work, for

Christmas.

The Work of Christmas

Howard Thurman

"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart."

Rev. Tara Lamont Eastman is pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Warren, PA (warrenfpc.org) and producer of Holy Shenanigans Podcast at: holyshenanigans.buzzsprout.com. For more information, visit: taralamonteastman.com.

City of Warren Community Meal Schedule:

- First Methodist Church:
Mondays/ Sit-down meal. 4:30-6:00 PM at 200 Market St.
- St. Joseph's Church:
Tuesdays/Take-out only. 4 - 5:00 PM at 600 PA Ave. W.
- The Salvation Army:
M-F Soup Kitchen Noon-1pm / 311 Beech St.
- First Presbyterian Church:
Thursdays/Take-out and sit-down meal. 3:30- 5:00 PM at 300 Market St.
- The Crossing:
Saturdays/Pancake Breakfast 9-11am/350 Pennsylvania Ave.

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November 7

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Explore, Connect, and Celebrate: Office for Aging Services Hosts Countywide Open Houses

Join CHQ Aging this November to tour newly updated offices in Mayville, Jamestown, and Dunkirk

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**Chautauqua County Office
for Aging Services**

The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (CHQ Aging) is inviting residents, caregivers, and community partners to attend a series of upcoming Open Houses this November. The events will celebrate recent investments in modern, accessible office spaces designed to better serve the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Over the past several years, CHQ Aging has relocated and renovated several of its offices to provide improved access, updated facilities, and a more welcoming environment for visitors. To formally commemorate these milestones, three Open Houses will be held at the following locations:

Monday, November 17, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mayville Office – Hall R. Clothier Building, 7 North Erie Street, Second Floor, Mayville

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jamestown Office – The Chautauqua Center, 107 Institute Street, Second Floor, Jamestown

Friday, November 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dunkirk Office – 51 East Third Street, Suite #2, Dunkirk

Community members are encouraged to stop in, meet staff, and learn more about the wide range of services available through CHQ Aging. Light refreshments will be provided.

“Our offices have evolved significantly over the past few years, and these Open Houses give us the opportunity to welcome the community in,” said Dana Corwin, Director of the Office for Aging Services. “Even though our Jamestown office has been open for some time, many people are still surprised to find us in our newer location. We want everyone—especially older adults and caregivers—to feel comfortable knowing where to go when they need us.”

The Office for Aging Services recently completed its move into newly renovated space in the Hall R. Clothier Building in Mayville at the end of October, following the relocation of the Dunkirk office earlier this summer and the Jamestown office a few years ago.

“These updated spaces allow our team to better meet the needs of the people we serve,” said Carey Skelton, Nutrition and Wellness Program Coordinator. “We’re proud to invite our community partners and residents in to see how our offices have grown, and to learn more about the programs that support wellness and independence throughout Chautauqua County.”

In addition to improved space, CHQ Aging continues to expand how services are delivered across the county.

“It is a great benefit to the community to have our home care case managers integrated and located in the North, Mid, and South County,” said Michelle Swan, Coordinator for Home Care and Caregiver Support Services. “It allows families to receive support and guidance closer to home, and ensures our team remains connected to the unique needs of each community.”

NY Connects, the statewide “No Wrong Door” system for accessing long-term services and supports, is now available at all three CHQ Aging offices, supporting improved access to information and assistance.

“This has been a strategic goal for some time,” said Bridgette Paoletta, NY Connects Coordinator. “We are especially pleased to now offer bilingual NY Connects support for older adults and caregivers whose first language is Spanish. This helps ensure every resident can receive assistance in a way that feels accessible and welcoming.”

Those with questions about the Open Houses are encouraged to call New York Connects at 716-753-4582 or visit chautauquacountyny.gov/office-aging for more information



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From rock and pop to ballads, and even a visit from Mrs. Claus – there is something for everyone.

The Wizards of Winter are making their return to Jamestown after their successful December 2023 stop at The Reg. Like that concert, it is part of their national tour.

The Wizards of Winter performance is sponsored by PNC.

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.

The Wizards of Winter - featuring members who have performed with Classic Rock Giants – The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Rainbow, Def Leppard, Alice Cooper, Blue Oyster Cult and Trixter, along with Broadway and theater veterans, will perform a Christmas Holiday rock opera Sat., Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts.

Weaving a story based on their album The Christmas Dream, along with music from their self-titled CD and their album The Magic of Winter, the Wizards take their audience on a musical journey in search of the meaning of Christmas. This 11-member ensemble boasts soaring vocal harmonies, precision string instrumentation, powerful percussion, and stunning keyboard work, layered around a rich storyboard that evokes memories and emotions of December's past.

Fluvanna Free Library Presents Birds of Sunnyside Marsh Preserve

Contributed by
Fluvanna Free Library

Join Jim Berry, retired President of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, for a report on the bird life of the Sunnyside Marsh Preserve in Greenhurst, New York at the Fluvanna Free Library on Tuesday, November 18 at 4 pm.



For 10-years federally and state licensed master bird banders Dr. John Rappole and Berry have captured, banded and studied thousands of birds of 94 different species in this preserve. They recently published their findings in the paper "Seasonal Change in the Avian Community of a Western New York Shrub Swamp."

This program will present these findings, as well as provide background information on various plant and animal species found in the marsh.

For more information about this program or any events offered by the Fluvanna Free Library contact them at (716) 487- 1773 or email them at info@fluvannalibrary.org

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80 Years of Nuremberg: An International Reflection

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Robert H. Jackson Center

The Robert H. Jackson Center is partnering with leading institutions from the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom to launch an unprecedented year-long international symposium commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials.

Eighty years ago, the Nuremberg Trials established the first international tribunal to hold leaders accountable for war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes against peace, and conspiracy to commit those crimes. These historic proceedings reshaped international law and raised profound ethical questions that continue to shape our world today.

Beginning November 21, 2025, and continuing monthly through October 2026, this symposium will explore Nuremberg's enduring legacy, confront the challenges of modern global justice, and reflect on what it means to pursue accountability in an ever-changing world. Spanning eleven months, the same length as the original International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, the series mirrors the duration of the historic trial itself, underscoring its lasting impact on the pursuit of justice. From the historical relationship of President Truman and Justice Jackson to a retrospective on propaganda, from the struggle against global impunity to evolving challenges of crimes of aggression, the questions that Nuremberg first posed remain urgent and increasingly complex.

As Robert H. Jackson presciently stated in 1945: "The record on which we judge these defendants today is the record on which history will judge us tomorrow."

The public is encouraged to attend these events, whether in person at their host locations or virtually. The only event scheduled for viewing at the Jackson Center will be the lecture on April 10.

We are happy to provide expert insight for stories about the coming anniversary year from the Center's president, Kristan McMahon, or facilitate discussions with our partners and scholars.

Full program details and registration information available at: www.roberthjackson.org/80-years-of-nuremberg-an-international-reflection

About the Robert H. Jackson Center

The Robert H. Jackson Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the legacy of Robert H. Jackson and promoting universal principles of equality, fairness, and justice. The Center offers free tours Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, at 305 East 4th Street in Jamestown, NY.

For more information about the Center, visit roberthjackson.org or contact Kenny Macdonald at kmacdonald@roberthjackson.org or 716-483-6646.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

November 21, 2025

12:00 PM EST

Opening Event: Virtual Tour of Courtroom 600, Nuremberg Memorium Nuremberg Trials

December 1, 2025

12:30 PM EST

80 Years On: The Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials for Accountability

British Institute of International and Comparative Law

January 9, 2026

12:00 PM EST

The President and the Justice: Harry S. Truman, Robert Jackson, and the Pursuit of Justice

Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

February 6, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Images of Hate, Trials of Conscience: What Nuremberg Taught Us About Propaganda

Courtroom 600

March 6, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Nuremberg's Legacies for Justice and Accountability

Centre for European Law and Internationalisation, University of Leicester

April 10, 2026

12:00 PM EST

The Ethics and Philosophy of Prosecution: Justice vs. Revenge

Robert H. Jackson Center

May 8, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Advancing a Treaty on Crimes Against Humanity

American Society of International Law

June 5, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Nuremberg: A 2026 Simulation

Churchill Archives Centre

July 10, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Remembering Nuremberg

International Nuremberg Principles Academy

August 7, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Panel Title: To Be Determined

Portals to Peace Foundation

September 4, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Nuremberg's Legacy: The Crime of Aggression – an Update on the Special Tribunal for Ukraine and ICC Jurisdiction

Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression

October 9, 2026

12:00 PM EST

Closing Event

Robert H. Jackson Center

Celebrating Community Foundation Week

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Chautauqua Region Community Foundation & Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation

We stand together in conclusion of this year's celebration of Community Foundation Week. Every November 12 to 18, Community Foundation Week marks a time to recognize the local impact and increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering collaboration and innovation to address the needs of the communities they serve. Community Foundation Week was established in 1989 by former President George H.W. Bush to honor the work of community foundations nationwide and their unique ability to bring together the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to strengthen communities. For more than a century, community foundations have served as trusted partners and local resources, helping communities thrive through their focus on people, purpose, and place.

Community foundations are independent, public organizations that steward charitable resources from individuals and institutions to support local nonprofits. They represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy and are grounded in the belief that lasting change begins at the community level. Across the country, in small towns and large cities, community foundations are helping identify solutions, invest in what works, and bring people together to make a collective impact.

Here in Chautauqua County, we're fortunate to have not one but two community foundations working side by side to strengthen our region. The Chautauqua Region Community

Foundation and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation share a common purpose: connecting people who care with causes close to home. While we operate independently, we often collaborate to support initiatives that benefit residents and nonprofits across the entire county. Both foundations are built on a shared spirit of generosity, partnership, and long-term commitment to improving the quality of life for all who call Chautauqua County home.

Together, we see the difference philanthropy makes every day. Strategic grants fuel local projects, strengthen local nonprofits, and offer thoughtful and timely approaches to addressing community needs. Collaborations bring people and ideas together for the common good. Scholarships open doors to new opportunities. Every gift to the community foundations, no matter the size, helps build a stronger, more connected community.

In times that can feel uncertain or overwhelming, community foundations offer a hopeful way forward—an opportunity to take action where it matters most: right here at home. When you invest in your community, you help shape a brighter future for everyone who lives here.

As we conclude Community Foundation Week, we extend our gratitude to the donors, nonprofits, volunteers, and community leaders who make this work possible. Together, we are building a more vibrant Chautauqua County—today and for generations to come.



Service is a Healer: Give Thanks by Giving Back

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effect than simply reflecting on what we're grateful for. In other words, when someone says "thank you" and we truly feel it, our brain-body system shifts. We're calmer. More connected. Healthier.

With this in mind, the many holiday initiatives across Chautauqua County take on an added significance. These are not merely acts of charity; these are opportunities to cultivate deeper human connection, gratitude, and healing, on individual and collective levels.

Join the Table: Meals & Food Giveaways

- **Conduit Ministries** is distributing 1,700 free full Thanksgiving meal kits (turkey, sides, dessert) across 12 locations in Jamestown and surrounding towns on Saturday, November 22 at 2 p.m. No signup and no questions asked. Call 716-294-3180 for more information.
 - At **Gospel Church WNY** in Fredonia, there will be a Thanksgiving grocery drive-thru (free grocery bag and turkey) on Saturday, Nov 22, starting at 9:30 a.m., while supplies last.
 - In Jamestown, the partnership of **Lifted & UCAN City Mission** offers a free take-out Thanksgiving dinner (Nov 27, 5-7 p.m.), including warming kits. For more information, call 716-488-7480.
 - Northern County veterans and community members are welcome at the free Thanksgiving feast at **Sheridan VFW Post** on Thanksgiving Day from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited, and more information can be found by calling 716-672-6011.
 - **Chautauqua County Meals on Wheels** offers home-delivered meals and wellness checks year-round and welcomes both volunteers and individuals in need of services. Learn more by calling 716-488-9119.
- If you are able to volunteer in any way or help transport a kit, you will be offering not just a meal, but your service and your presence. And when you receive a smile or a heartfelt thanks in return, you're participating in that healing circle: service, gratitude, well-being.

(Cherry Creek, Northside Jamestown, Panama, Mayville, Westfield, Forestville, Silver Creek) often ramp up their distributions around the holidays. Simply dial 2-1-1 for the nearest pantry info.

- For children, **Toys for Tots** (ages 0-17) is providing county-wide gifts, and Salvation Army Angel Tree (Jamestown & Dunkirk) is providing holiday gifts (note: sign-ups are early November).
- For seniors: **Santa for Seniors** delivers gift bags and holiday meals to isolated seniors (60+). Want to nominate a senior? Nominations can be submitted through early December by contacting NY Connects/Office for Aging at 716-753-4582.
- At **St. Susan Center** in Jamestown, you can provide a free holiday meal (available for sit-down and take-out) on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, or any other time throughout the season.

Even with the many efforts mentioned here, it's impossible to list them all. Dozens of churches, nonprofits, neighborhood groups, and individual volunteers carry out acts of service every single day, often without recognition or publicity. Their work is a testament to why Chautauqua County is such a beautiful place. It's a community where people continually show up for one another.

These are initiatives that invite us to consider, "How can I be of service?" Even a one-hour shift of your time is a meaningful contribution. A donation of a few non-perishable goods helps. A friendly check-in with a neighbor's senior loved one helps. And when you do? You're doing something more than helping. You're healing; perhaps yourself, another individual, the broader collective, or all three. You're acknowledging the humanity in someone else. And the science shows that in that very act of connection, we improve our own health too.

The holiday season is a reminder that gratitude and service are inextricably linked. They are two sides of the same coin. When we give, when we witness the gratitude of others, we are reminded that none of us carries life alone. There is a unique kind of peace that comes from being part of something larger than ourselves, whether we are volunteering, donating, or even just being a warm presence in someone's life. This Thanksgiving, the invitation to serve is also an invitation to be fully present, to notice the impact of our actions, and to feel the quiet, enduring healing that arises from connection, generosity, and gratitude. In these simple exchanges, we discover how intertwined our well-being is with the well-being of our neighbors and our community as a whole.

Beyond the Meal: Baskets, Pantries & Winter Support

- The **Chautauqua County Rural Ministry** in Dunkirk offers holiday food baskets (Thanksgiving & Christmas). Contact 716-366-1787 for details.
- The **Salvation Army** (Jamestown & Dunkirk Corps) provides holiday food boxes county-wide, and registration is required. For information in Jamestown, call 716-664-4108, and for information in Dunkirk, call 716-366-3701.
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Colors of Courage to Inspire Hope and Support for Families Fighting Cancer

Live performance by artist Michael Israel set for December 4 at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel



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Be part of a night where art meets heart — “Colors of Courage” brings world-renowned performance artist Michael Israel to the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel on December 4 for a breathtaking live show to benefit families fighting cancer.

Known for his high-energy performances that blend music, movement, and visual art, Israel turns a blank canvas into a masterpiece before the audience’s eyes — a breathtaking “Cirque du Soleil meets Picasso” experience. Each larger-than-life painting created live on stage will be auctioned following the performance, with proceeds benefiting Kallie’s Crusade, the Italian American Charity Golf Association, and local families affected by cancer.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and silent auction, followed by Israel’s headline performance and live art auction.

“I’m honored to be part of this meaningful event that brings our community together in support of those fighting cancer,” said Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel. “Through the dedication of Kallie’s Crusade, the Italian American Charity Golf

Association, and so many generous partners, we’re helping families find hope and strength when they need it most.”

Michael Israel is an artist, entertainer, and humanitarian whose unforgettable performances have raised millions of dollars for more than 100 charitable organizations worldwide. Wielding multiple brushes at once, the black-belt artist combines the intensity of martial arts with four decades of fine art mastery — creating an explosion of color, movement, and emotion that leaves audiences standing in awe.

He has performed for and with celebrities, U.S. Presidents, and Fortune 100 CEOs — including Warren Buffett, for whom he painted a portrait that later sold for \$100,000 to benefit Girls Inc. of Omaha. His shows have energized events from Presidential galas in Washington, D.C. to the Olympic Medals Stage in Salt Lake City with Brooks & Dunn, and he has shared stages with Jay Leno in Las Vegas

and appeared in televised performances around the globe.

Beyond his remarkable artistry, Israel is known for his unwavering commitment to charity. His art has benefited organizations such as Special Olympics, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and the All-Star Children’s Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Individual paintings have fetched as much as \$250,000, turning inspiration into tangible impact for those in need.

“Michael’s work is more than performance — it’s a movement of hope, courage, and compassion,” said Tara Warren, co-founder of Kallie’s Crusade. “Having him join us in Chautauqua County is an incredible honor and an unforgettable way to help families facing unimaginable challenges.”

The Italian American Charity Golf Association, a longstanding champion for local cancer care, echoed that sentiment.

“Our mission has always been to ensure the fight against cancer continues locally, where it matters most,” said David Munella, Chairman of the Italian American Charity Golf Association. “Partnering with Kallie’s Crusade and Michael Israel allows us to amplify that impact in a powerful, emotional way.”

“Through the efforts of our dedicated committee and generous donors, we have been able to partner with the Hillman Cancer Treatment Center and Hospice locally as well as establishing a yearly endowment for families afflicted with cancer plus a scholarship with the Community Foundation,” continued Munella.

Colors of Courage featuring Michael Israel will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, 10 Dunham Avenue in

Celoron, New York. The inspiring evening will benefit Kallie’s Crusade and the Italian American Charity Golf Association, supporting local families in their fight against cancer.

Tickets are available now. To purchase or learn more, contact Michelle Turner at 716.640.4055 or michellemturner@gmail.com.

Wendy Lewellen to Speak on the History of Rail to Trails

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Chautauqua Town
Historical Society



This coming Thursday 7 pm, November 20th, local author and trail enthusiast Wendy Lewellen will be giving the Chautauqua Town Historical Society’s November talk. The Chautauqua Town Historical Society’s speaker’s programs are normally the third Thursday of the month. The talks are in the Veteran’s Memorial Meeting Room of the Chautauqua Town Hall, 2 Academy Street, Mayville, NY.

Lewellen is the secretary of Chautauqua Rails to Trails (CR2T) which is part of the national Rails to Trails Conservancy RTC. She is the author of Good Soles: Chautauqua Rails to Trails, Namesakes and Trailblazers, and Chautauqua Hostess: Winnie of the Wensley House. Lewellen, a native of western New York, will discuss the work of Chautauqua Rails to Trails, the volunteer organization that maintains a 30-mile system of recreational trails in the county. It is part of a national network of trails that have been created on the beds of former railroad tracks. All fifty states have rail-trails. The Chautauqua rail-trail runs from Sherman to Brocton with the Mayville Depot midway.

The railroad originally came to Mayville in 1867. In 1975 the Pennsylvania Railroad (Pennsy) abandoned its Chautauqua Branch, and local attorney John Goodell learned that former Pennsylvania Railroad (Pennsy) right-of-

way and been abandoned and was for sale, paving the way for the CR2T formation. The prehistory of the area’s trails dates to development of trail systems by the indigenous peoples several thousand years ago. The Eries were the trail users at the time of European contact. The French used the famous French Portage Trail from Barcelona to Mayville as early as 1615. For a time, it was a major continental route for travel between French Canada and French outposts in the Mississippi Valley. In the later 19th century, a trolley line followed the route.

Lewellen’s talk will touch on the history of trails in the area, primarily discussing the development and current use of the CR2T system over the past 30 years. The CR2T was formed in 1991 to convert the area’s abandoned railroad corridors into recreational trails. The trail system has grown to be composed of eleven named segments or sections. Eight of these trail sections are named for individuals. Lewellen will focus on some of their stories as well as recount stories of the trails.

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The CHQ Chamber encourages strong support for locally owned small businesses all year round, and especially during the holiday season. To help our local businesses get noticed more this year we are offering two great opportunities: a Holiday Window Decorating Contest and our Shop Small online pass where we are giving away thirty \$50 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards.

Businesses throughout Chautauqua County are invited to participate in the CHQ Chamber 2025 Holiday Window Decorating Contest! The contest will run November 24-December 17, but we encourage all businesses to sign up by November 20. Once your business is decorated for the holiday season you can send us a photo.

We'll create a Facebook gallery for all submissions, a Google map to show locations for all participating businesses, and we will invite the general public to vote by liking the image on Facebook. (One Like = One Vote.) There is no cost to participate, and you do not have to be a Chamber member. The top three vote-getters will win advertising space on the CHQ Chamber website or in our 2026 Membership Handbook. Sign up online now to be included on our web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

The Shop Small pass is online now featuring 170 local Chamber member retailers and restaurants. It's free to play! Just visit www.chqchamber.org/experiences and click "Sign Up" to get the pass on your phone. This is not an app you have to download – just a link that gives you access to check-in at each participating location when you visit during the month of November. Check in, collect points, and gather enough points for the gift card. The pass closes at the end of November, so act fast.

How to Accept and Be Happy With Yourself is Subject of Unitarian Message

Former Lutheran pastor Ruby Wiles, the founder/director of Warren's Free Books for Kids Town, speaks at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown's 10:30 a.m. hybrid service this Sunday, November 23. Her message is "How to Accept and Be Happy With Yourself." Wiles asks, "Have you ever wanted to divorce yourself? Have you ever wished you could change or at least let go of bad habits? How about taking another look! It is so easy to see what makes others special and not be able to see yourself clearly. We can help each other! Sometimes simple non-judgemental comments can help open a path to different ways or at least acknowledge current ways of living. This is who we are, let us rejoice and be happy with ourselves-warts and all." All are welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue and the coffee hour that follows. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.

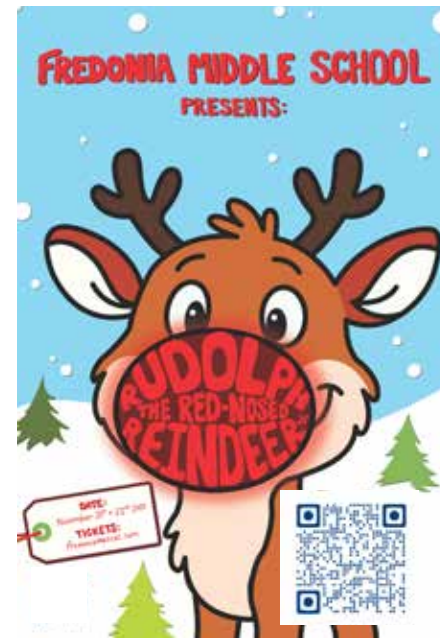


Fredonia Middle School Presents Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.

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Fredonia School District

Get in the holiday spirit with Fredonia Middle School's musical RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER JR. on November 21 at 7 pm and November 22 at 3 pm & 7 pm in the District Auditorium. All tickets are \$5. Reserved tickets are available at fredoniamusical.com, with any remaining seats available at the door. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER JR. is based on the classic animated special that has delighted audiences for over 60 years. The musical version includes all the songs from the special, including "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Silver and Gold," "We're A Couple of Misfits," and the title song, as well as other classic Christmas songs such as "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." Over 150 Fredonia students are involved in this production, between the cast and backstage crews. Principal cast members include Thomas Fagan (Rudolph), Bethany Strang (Sam the Snowman), Kinley Yelich (Hermy), Daniel Fagan (Yukon), Julia Ivory (Clarice), Gibson Way (Santa Claus), Nina Carle (Mrs.



Claus), Winnie Thomas & Noah Smith (Bumble), Lucius Kralik (Donner), Soleil Palmer (Mrs. Donner) and Matthew Thompson (Young Rudolph). Any questions, please contact Ben Wendell (Director): 716-679-1581 ext. 1455 or bwendell@fcsd.wnyric.org Fredonia Central School District is a place of learning and exploring. We are dedicated to paving innovative pathways to dynamic and global educational experiences that allow individuals to become their greatest selves.



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Village of Westfield*

The Village of Westfield invites residents and visitors to celebrate the magic of the holiday season during its cherished annual celebration, **Christmas in the Village**, taking place **Friday, November 21, through Sunday, November 23, 2025.**

For decades, this festive weekend has brought together community members and visitors to enjoy joyful traditions, sparkling decorations, and the warm small-town spirit that makes Westfield shine. Downtown will once again transform into a winter wonderland filled with lights, music, and family-friendly activities.

This year's celebration promises three full days of festive activities for friends and neighbors to enjoy together. From dazzling decorations and holiday markets to carriage rides and live performances, **Christmas in the Village** offers a joyful weekend full of activities for all ages.

"This fun-filled celebration is something our whole community looks forward to," said **Marilyn Hemmer, Chairperson of Christmas in the Village.** "Each year, I'm overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our residents, businesses, and volunteers. This event truly offers something for everyone — it's a time to gather, celebrate, and reflect on the magic of the season that makes Westfield so special."

The weekend kicks off on Friday, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and families are invited to the Patterson Library with a cozy screening of *The Grinch*, complete with popcorn and cocoa to enjoy.

Saturday, the festivities continue with the Village buzzing with fun activities. Families are invited to start the day with breakfast with Santa at the Presbyterian church, come to the Patterson Library for fun with make-and-take crafts, storytime, cookie decorating, holiday movies, music, and the festive "Hall of Trees," or enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride.

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy shopping at the Christmas Holiday Artisan Market at Eason Hall or at one of the many shops downtown, a tour of the McClurg Mansion, or a Holiday Tea hosted by Wanderlust (11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm, reservations 716-232-4069).

The Village's popular **Hot Toddy Crawl** from 11 am-4 pm, featuring complimentary drinks and treats at participating shops and businesses throughout the village. Maps and "Tour of Westfield" cards will be available at Eason Hall, Peaceful Designs, Full Strength Coffee Co., and Blue June Blooms. Completed cards can be returned to one of the shops where they were obtained to be entered into a drawing for local gift cards.

Throughout the day, guests can meet **Santa and Mrs. Claus**, enjoy carolers, and explore Westfield's **shops, galleries, restaurants, wineries, and the Grape Discovery Center** or the spectacular **Christmas Tree Fantasy Land** at Blue June Blooms on Main Street.

As twilight falls, the celebration reaches its brightest moment with the **"Let There Be Light" Christmas Parade**, hosted by Lake Shore Center for the Arts, begins at **5:30 PM** from the Westfield Family Physicians parking lot and ends at **Moore Park.**

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CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 23

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- November 22 Breakfast with Santa • Presbyterian Church • (8-10am)
- November 22 Hall of Christmas Artisan Market • (10am-4pm) • Eason Hall
- November 22-23 Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (11-4 & 12-4) Eason Hall
- November 22-23 Food Trucks & Popcorn on Elm, Concessions at Eason Hall
- November 22 Hot Toddy Crawl (11:00-4:00)
- November 22 "Holiday Tea" • Scones, Savories, Sweets (Sittings at 11,1,3)
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- November 22 Musical Entertainment • Presbyterian Church • 11am
- November 22-23 McClurg Museum • Open for Tours • 11am-2pm
- November 22 "Let There be Light" Christmas Parade Downtown • 5:30pm
- November 23 "It's A Wonderful Life" Lake Shore Center for the Arts
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- November 23 "Decorate A Gingerbread Man" with Santa & Mrs. Claus
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- November 29 Small Business Saturday
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FALCONER SANTA PARADE

NOVEMBER 22 • 5 PM

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Village of Falconer*

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Friendly Village of Falconer as the community prepares to usher in the holiday season with the annual Santa Parade hosted by Falconer Rotary Club on Saturday, November 22nd at 5:00 PM. The annual celebration will begin on East Avenue and travel down East Main Street through the heart of the Village to Phetteplace Street. Pre-parade entertainment will be provided by Steve Trapani near the Community Building.

Immediately following the parade, the public is invited to attend the annual Village Christmas tree lighting at the Santa House at Coleson Park on Coleson Drive. Children are then welcome to visit the guest of honor, Santa Claus and his lovely wife, Mrs. Claus and as they are waiting, they can visit the animals at the petting zoo. Each child will receive a book to take home after their visit with Santa Claus. 3 Cs Catering will be on hand to provide post parade fare.

This year, the Falconer Rotary Club is planning a major project which will involve the reconstruction of the infamous Santa House. The original house is over 60 years old

and is a beloved part of Village history, but is in need of repair and is not ADA compliant. The Club would like to rebuild the House and make it larger and handicapped accessible. They also would like to have it available for additional uses for other holidays throughout the year. They also want to upgrade the holiday decorations, picnic tables and other amenities for guests. The plans also include rebuilding the garage that houses the 1936 "Old Mack" Fire Engine. The plan is to build a glass garage to showcase the pride of the Falconer Fire Department that is Santa's mode of transportation. This park will be designed to attract families and visitors, not just at Christmas, but all year round.

The Falconer Rotary Club is proud of its longstanding partnership with the Village of Falconer and is looking forward to the Santa House/Coleson Park Project. It has been included in the Village's NYForward/DRI application recently submitted to New York State.

For more information about the Santa Parade or the Santa House/Coleson Park Project contact Alan and Nina Gustafson at 716-450-3032 or email falconerrotaryclub@outlook.com



Falconer Rotary Club is spearheading the reconstruction of the infamous Falconer Santa House. The original House is over 60 years old and is a beloved part of Village history, but it is in disrepair and not ADA compliant. The Club's planned efforts would rebuild the House - making it more accessible and available for additional uses throughout the year.



FALCONER Santa Parade

November 22ND @ 5:00PM

Along Main Street between East Avenue and Phetteplace Street.
Pre-Parade entertainment by Steve Trapani near the Community Building.
Following the parade, Santa will greet the children at Santa's House in Coleson Park after lighting the Community Christmas Tree

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Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet

The magic of the holidays returns to The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts as the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet (CRYB) presents its enchanting annual production of *The Nutcracker*! Performances take place Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. A special school performance will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

For many families across Chautauqua County, CRYB's *Nutcracker* has become a cherished holiday tradition — a dazzling celebration of dance, music, and imagination that delights audiences of all ages. This year's production promises to whisk audiences away on a magical journey filled with twinkling snowflakes, mischievous mice, and the unforgettable Sugar Plum Fairy.

The story follows young Clara, who drifts into a dream after receiving a mysterious nutcracker from her eccentric godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer. Her adventure unfolds with a thrilling battle against the Rat King and a wondrous voyage to the Kingdom of Sweets, where dancers from around the world perform in her honor.

This year's Clara and Nutcracker Prince will be performed by Paisley Wilson and Tavares White, with featured soloists Annie Johnson,

Charley Marshall, Reagan Howard, Gracie Watkins, Isabella Wilder, Hadley Olson, and Oakley Wilson. All are upper level students at CRYB.

Adding to the sparkle are special guest performers: Michael Patterson as Herr Drosselmeyer, Elizabeth Raible as the Grandmother, Grace Gibbons as the Rat Queen, and Nigil Weinman as the Battle Prince. Nearly 70 dancers from CRYB, Patterson School of Ballet, The Studio, and the wider community will bring this holiday classic to life on stage.



Tickets are available now at reglenna.com or by calling the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts Box Office at 716-484-7070. Check out the "11by11" promo code on tickets sales placed by Nov. 11.

Educators and group organizers interested in the Friday, December 11 school performance at 10:00 a.m. may contact the Reg Lenna Box Office for reservations.

CRYB's programming is 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. Additional support for CRYB's classical ballet performances is provided by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Oliver G. & Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts, The Lenna Foundation and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

Local Funders Collaborate to Create the WNY Forward Fund to Support Community Nonprofits invited to apply for grants to explore strategic alliances to create greater strength, stability, and sustainability

Contributed by
Western New York Forward Fund



A group of local funders have joined together to create the Western New York Forward Fund, a collaborative effort designed to support the WNY community and the local nonprofit sector in the face of major shifts in federal funding and priorities since early 2025.

Exploration and formation of strategic alliances is one of three priority areas designated by the collaboration. A grant application process will open immediately for nonprofit organizations interested in exploring and/or pursuing strategic alliances in varying levels including partnerships, shared services, mergers, and other collaborative models to help organizations adapt to the evolving environment, and remain resilient and responsive to community needs. More information and the application can be found at www.WNYForwardFund.org. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 12 at 4 PM.

Grant awards are expected to be up to \$25,000 and will be awarded in January. Nonprofits in the eight counties of Western New York (Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Wyoming, Genesee, and Orleans) are eligible to apply. Additional grant opportunities in this area are also planned for 2026. An informational webinar to learn

more about the grant opportunity will be held on Friday, November 21 from noon to 1 pm.

To date, twelve local funders have contributed approximately \$2.3 million to the Fund, created to spark innovation, strengthen capacity, and support nonprofits as they adapt to shifting conditions and they explore how to deliver services in partnership.

WNY Forward Fund collaborators include The Buffalo Bills Foundation, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Fund, James H. Cummings Foundation, The John R. Oishei Foundation, KeyBank, Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, M&T Charitable Foundation, The Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, and The Western New York Foundation. The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo will manage the Fund.

Interested nonprofits can learn more about the WNY Forward Fund, the grant application process for Strategic Alliances, and the informational webinar at WNYForwardFund.org. The deadline for applications is Friday, December 12 at 4 PM with grant awards to be announced in January.

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TIPS TO WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE

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The elements pose a unique challenge to motor vehicles, and that's particularly notable when seasons change. Though the shift from spring to summer or even summer to fall may not be too significant, drivers who want to safeguard their vehicles would be wise to take certain measures to prepare their cars or trucks for winter weather.

Winterizing a car can be an important part of vehicle maintenance. That's particularly true for vehicle owners who live in regions where winter is marked by especially cold temperatures and/or significant snowfall. As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take these steps to winterize their vehicles.

· Address tires and tire pressure. The experts at Kelley Blue Book note the danger of aging and/or poorly inflated tires, particularly in winter. Icy, wet and/or snow-covered roads can be dangerous to traverse, so it benefits drivers to examine their tires prior to winter. Worn down treads reduce traction and make it more difficult for vehicles to stop, which is already challenging on roads where ice is present. It's equally important to keep tires properly inflated, as KBB reports each 10-degree dip in temperature can lead to a one-pound loss in air pressure. Poorly inflated tires can decrease performance and safety on the road.

· Check the battery and replace it, if necessary. Another step to winterize a car involves the battery that helps to keep the vehicle running. The automotive experts at Firestone note that sinking temperatures force the

chemical reaction within vehicle batteries to slow, which reduces the amount of power the battery can generate. In fact, Firestone estimates a battery can lose as much as 60 percent of its strength in freezing temperatures. Firestone urges drivers to get a battery assessment test prior to winter to ensure the battery is healthy enough to endure the coming months. If the assessment indicates the battery is weak, replace it prior to winter.

· Check fluid levels. Routine vehicle maintenance at an auto body shop or car dealership typically involves checking and topping off fluid levels. Book such an appointment in advance of winter to ensure the vehicle has coolant, which KBB notes is formulated to resist freezing. Without sufficient coolant, a vehicle engine can suffer significant damage. Windshield washer fluid also should be filled to ensure the windshield can be sufficiently cleaned of salt during and after snowstorms. A pre-winter oil change also can help the vehicle run smoothly throughout the colder months.

· Inspect belts and hoses. KBB notes cold weather weakens belts and hoses, which can become brittle and fail in low temperatures. Belts and hoses should be checked prior to winter. Engines can overheat, electrical system problems can emerge and power steering may be compromised if belts and hoses are allowed to fall into disrepair.

Winter can be a challenging time of year for cars and trucks. Various strategies to winterize a car before the mercury drops can make it safer to be on the road when the weather turns cold.



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WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO WASH YOUR CAR

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The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good, and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot. But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic. According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though late model vehicles aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time, can adversely affect the paint job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Another benefit to routine car washes is they can prevent damage related to

seasonal issues. For example, individuals who live in regions where winter snowfall is common may routinely drive on roads that have been salted. Deicing the roads makes driving safer, but salt can accumulate on the undercarriage of the vehicle and contribute to corrosion. Winter may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

But it's not just the exterior of the car that can benefit from routine washing. When taking their cars to get washed, many motorists pay a little extra to have their vehicle interiors cleaned. Sometimes referred to as "interior detailing," cleaning the cabin of the car helps to maintain the interior so it looks new longer. Routine interior cleaning also can remove dust and other particles that can serve as irritants if allowed to build up over time.

Car washes may be seen as a purely cosmetic form of vehicle maintenance. But the benefits of routine and thorough car washes extend far beyond aesthetic appeal.

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This "moving festival of lights" features illuminated floats, tractors, dancers, musicians, and more — a true feast for the eyes and the heart. Parade applications are available on Facebook, at Eason Hall, or by contacting **Sue Poster (248-830-6058)** or **Marilyn Hemmer (716-753-6043)**.

Following the parade, gather in **Moore Park** for the annual **Christmas tree lighting** with **Santa Claus**. Children can meet Santa and Mrs. Claus at the gazebo and enjoy cookies provided by the YWCA.

As the day concludes, parents and children alike will slumber with visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads as they anxiously await another exciting day in Westfield to begin. As they awake, they will not be disappointed as Sunday holds

the opportunity to decorate a gingerbread man with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, enjoy a live performance of *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Lakeshore Center for the Arts, or many of the other fun activities planned for the day.

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For more information, please contact **Marilyn Hemmer** at (716) 753-6043 or jm_hemmer@hotmail.com.

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

Level: Beginner

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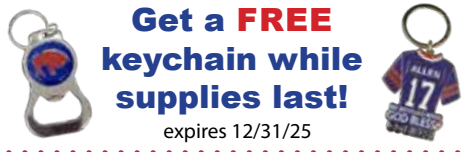
- 1. Popular broadcast network
- 4. Train line
- 10. Go quickly
- 11. Straightforward
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. Swiss river
- 15. It can be straight or curved
- 16. Edit
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Gotten up
- 23. Sea vessel
- 24. Agents of one's demise
- 26. Not out
- 27. Something to scratch
- 28. A round water pot
- 30. Slang for cylindrical green fruit
- 31. Promotions
- 34. Masses of matter
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Nightstand item
- 39. The content of cognition
- 40. Arab ruler
- 41. Northern U.S. state
- 42. Chewed in small bites
- 48. Hawaiian island
- 50. More thin
- 51. Of one
- 52. Rigid bracelet or anklet
- 53. Barbary sheep
- 54. Not even
- 55. Atomic #106
- 56. Haggie
- 58. Boxing's GOAT
- 59. Division of a group into opposing factions
- 60. Vietnamese offensive

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Horse-drawn carriage
- 2. Prejudices
- 3. Peacefully
- 4. University athletic official
- 5. Soldiers
- 6. Large mollusk
- 7. Take out again
- 8. Sour or bitter in taste
- 9. Songwriter Tunstall
- 12. Husk of wheat
- 13. Flexible covering in some birds
- 17. Energy
- 19. Night monkey genus
- 20. Small nails
- 21. Colorless volatile liquid
- 25. In a way, changes integrity
- 29. Mark Wahlberg's stuffed animal
- 31. Remember it
- 32. "Good Will Hunting" lead man
- 33. Pleasant facial expression
- 35. Sea vessel
- 38. Lacking poetic beauty
- 41. Tall, swift and slender dog
- 43. Sports personality Michelle
- 44. Robber
- 45. Liquefied natural gas
- 46. Snake-like fish
- 47. Sediment at bottom of a liquid
- 49. Crimean seaport
- 56. Bad grades
- 57. Popular S. Korean rapper



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Marvin House Welcomes New Board Member

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The Marvin House

We are proud to welcome Ashley Senske to the Board. Ashley is an extraordinary woman who brings a wealth of talents to our beloved home. She will be such an asset as we celebrate our 75th year as a women's organization.



Ashley Senske

Ashley is an archivist, historian, and author with over ten years of experience leading cultural heritage projects with museums, libraries, and other non-profit historical institutions.

She holds an M.S. in Information Library Sciences from the University at Buffalo. She is certified by the Society of American Archivists as a Digital Archives Specialist, and served for five years as the appointed City Historian of Jamestown, New York.

Ashley currently serves as the Collections Manager for the National Comedy Center, the nation's congressionally-designated repository for comedy history and the first cultural institution dedicated to presenting and preserving the vital story of comedy.

At the Comedy Center, she oversees acquisitions, preservation,

research, and exhibition of artifacts from the careers of artists including Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, George Carlin, Lenny Bruce, The Smothers Brothers, Carol Burnett, The Marx Brothers, Carl Reiner, Joan Rivers, Garry Shandling, Jonathan Winters, Harold Ramis, Rodney Dangerfield, and dozens of others. In addition to serving as the Collections Manager, Ashley is passionate about community outreach and engagement, building bridges that link local stakeholders to the museums' exhibits, educational initiatives, and programming.

She is the current chair and trustee of the Collections Committee at the Chautauqua County Historical Society and the Chair of the Exhibits Committee for the Board of Trustees at the Marvin House.

CHQ CHAMBER RELOCATES IN DUNKIRK



Opening the CHQ Chamber office in Dunkirk are (L-R) Dave Kleparek and Bob Lingle, CHQ Chamber; Dr. Stephen Kolison, SUNY Fredonia President and CHQ Chamber Board Member; Daniel Heitzenrater, CHQ Chamber President/CEO; Chuck Cornell, SUNY Fredonia CIED Director; Staunzie Grady, CHQ Chamber; and Larry Fiorella, CHQ Chamber Board Member. (Photo by SUNY Fredonia)

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

The CHQ Chamber has recently moved its office in Dunkirk into the SUNY Fredonia Center for Innovation & Economic Development (CIED) at 214 Central Avenue. The Chamber office will be in Suite 139.

"We are very pleased to be located in this great space in downtown Dunkirk," noted CHQ Chamber President and CEO Daniel Heitzenrater. "This office is not only conveniently located for our members, but also adjacent to many of our partner organizations including offices for the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth."

He added, "We are grateful to the State University of New York at Fredonia, Dr. Stephen Kolison, and his team at CIED for working with us on this beneficial arrangement."

"SUNY Fredonia is proud to welcome the CHQ Chamber to the Center for Innovation and Economic Development," said SUNY Fredonia President Stephen H. Kolison Jr. "This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to strengthening the local economy and expanding opportunities

for businesses and residents throughout Chautauqua County."

Formerly known as the SUNY Fredonia Technology Incubator, the CIED was designed to be a launchpad for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

"This is a place for entrepreneurs," Heitzenrater said, "and that aligns perfectly with the mission of the CHQ Chamber to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses. Being in the heart of downtown Dunkirk is also important as we work to further improve our relationships with businesses and organizations of all types and sizes."

The CHQ Chamber was formerly located in the Jamestown Community College Training Center in Dunkirk, which was recently sold. "We remain grateful to JCC for the hospitality over many years and continue to be a partner with them," Heitzenrater noted.

The CHQ Chamber office in Dunkirk will be open 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday, from November 17-December 19 (closed Thanksgiving and the day after) and available for ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card sales for the holiday season. Some hours may vary due to Chamber events.

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Collaborative Children's Solutions Launches "NextGen Jamestown" Program

New Mentorship & Leadership Initiative Empowers Students to Shape the City's Future

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Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS) is igniting the next generation of local leaders through "NextGen Jamestown", a new hands-on mentorship and community engagement program that empowers students to learn from city leaders, dive into Jamestown's story, and help shape its future.

Launching this fall, the two-year initiative runs through June 2027, beginning with students at Jamestown High School and with plans to expand into additional area schools. Through interactive workshops, mentorships, and real-world projects, students are discovering how Jamestown works — and how their ideas and energy can help drive its next chapter.

"NextGen Jamestown is about giving young people a seat at the table," said Patrick Smeraldo, Owner and President of Collaborative Children's Solutions. "We want our students to see that they are part of Jamestown's story — not just as observers, but as contributors to its growth and future."

Through the program, students will experience a behind-the-scenes look at how Jamestown operates — not just in theory, but in practice. Working alongside high school government and civic classes, participants gain hands-on knowledge of the city's departments and the people who keep them running. From Fire and Police to Parks, Streets, the Department of Development, and the Mayor's Office, NextGen Jamestown offers an immersive approach to civic engagement, helping students understand how local government functions and where their own leadership can make a difference.

As the program grows, other key aspects of community life and history will be featured, giving students an even broader understanding of the systems and people that make Jamestown thrive.

"The NextGen Jamestown program represents exactly the kind of community collaboration that keeps our city moving forward," said Jamestown Mayor Kim Ecklund. "By connecting students directly with local leaders and mentors, we're helping them see that their ideas matter and that they have an important role to play in Jamestown's future. I'm proud to support an effort that invests

in our young people and strengthens the bond between our schools, community, and city."

Through CCS's media division, CCS-TV, the program goes beyond the classroom. Students will turn their experiences and projects into a youth-driven TV series that will stream on the CCS-TV platform, highlighting their ideas, interviews, and community impact. Viewers will be able to follow along as Jamestown's young leaders share their journeys and creative visions for the city's future. Announcements about the upcoming NextGen Jamestown series and viewing details will be released soon on CCS-TV's social media and CCS-TV.com.

"We're deeply grateful to the City of Jamestown for helping make this effort possible," Smeraldo added. "By connecting youth with civic and community mentors, and giving them a voice through CCS-TV, we're building something that's both educational and inspiring — a program that celebrates the future leaders of this city."

As participants grow through the program, they'll also have the chance to "pay it forward," serving as mentors for the next group of students, including incoming freshmen in the 2026-27 school year.

To learn more about the NextGen Jamestown Program, contact Patrick Smeraldo via email at ccsolutions716@gmail.com. Visit CCS-TV.com or follow @ccstelevision on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on upcoming programming. Watch CCS-TV on Roku, YouTube and the CCS-TV mobile app. About Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS) - Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS) is a Jamestown-based nonprofit organization committed to empowering youth and strengthening communities through mentorship, education, and creative partnerships. Through its initiatives and media division, CCS-TV, the organization provides hands-on learning experiences that foster leadership, collaboration, and positive community engagement.



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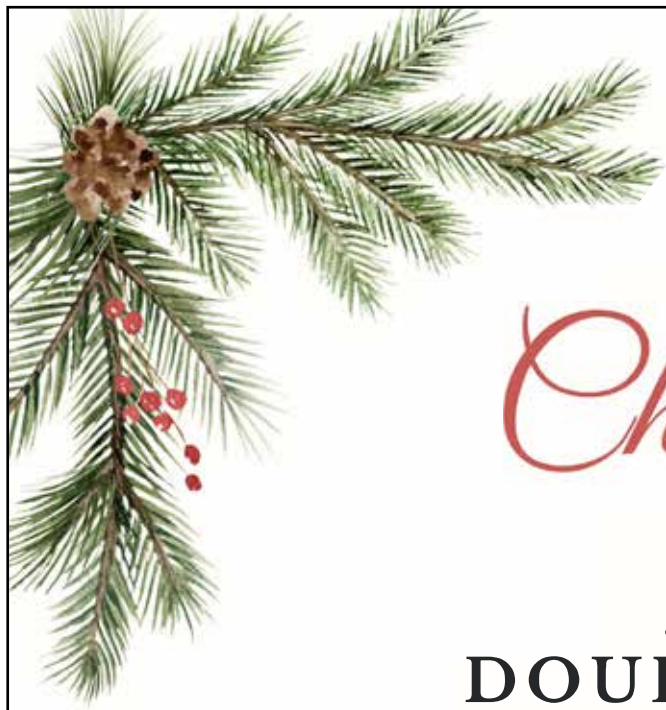
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