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## Make Room, Give Thanks



Featured Writer  
**Katie Castro**

One thing is certain, as I prepare to pull out the special tableware and plan the perfect menu: Thanksgiving is nothing without a gathering.

I guess I should say that more carefully - I'm sensitive toward those that might feel lonely this holiday season - I get that too. This is my second Thanksgiving as an adult orphan, and I feel a little lost with still newly empty seats at the table.



Can Thanksgiving carry forward with empty seats?!

My feels say maybe not. Maybe I cannot do Thanksgiving this year. Maybe it's not worth mustering for. Maybe it's not worth the menu planning and the table

setting and the making room.

Ah, making room... my heart skips a beat and I catch my breath: I know how to make room.

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### PLEASE RESERVE YOUR HOLIDAY AD SPOTS

**Deadline for all December submissions: Tues, Nov. 26.**

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## Thanksgiving: An All-American Holiday



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**Ryan Chambers-Leonard**  
Chautauqua County Student

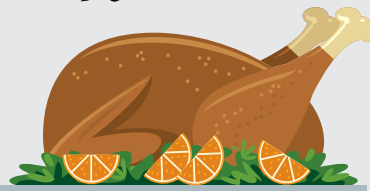
In the year of 2024, Thanksgiving is characterized by a number of things: turkey, mashed potatoes, casserole, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, and so many more foods that will be found throughout millions of American households this week. But I believe that

so many people forget what Thanksgiving is at its core, how it came to be, and why we celebrate it today. So as you prepare your own smidgen of a vast celebration, let me teach you a thing or two about this holiday.

Thanksgiving takes place annually in the United States, but it's not actually the only country that celebrates a holiday by that name. Canada and Japan celebrate similar occasions, and numerous other countries observe such celebrations as well. The United States, however, has likely the most well-defined historical background of this holiday. The commonly agreed-upon date for the origin of Thanksgiving is the harvest feast of 1621, a joint affair between the English colonists and Wampanoag people. This event sparked a series of celebrations that still happen

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**Editorial note:** Here at the Chautauqua Gazette, we give thanks for one of our greatest blessings this debut year: our talented and generous contributing writers! Among our impressive team includes Ryan Chambers-Leonard. At only 15-years-old, this Chautauqua County student writes well beyond his years and takes great care to research interesting topics for our readers. We are proud to showcase his talents on our Thanksgiving cover page this week.



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# This Week Around Town

**Monday, November 25**

**Countdown to Christmas**

**Snowman Class | 6 PM - 9 PM**

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**Thursday, November 28**

**2 Gingers Inn: Community**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

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**Friday, November 29**

**Santa Stopover | 11 AM**

Ashville General Store | Ashville

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**Saturday, November 30**

**Small Business Saturday**

**Artisan Show | 10 AM - 4 PM**

Busti Church of God | Jamestown

For Info: thirteen27designs@yahoo.com

**Handmade Gifts Christmas**

**Workshop | 10 AM - 2 PM**

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**Christmas on Central Small**

**Business Saturday Holiday**

**Market | 11 AM - 6 PM**

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**Small Business Saturday**

**10 AM - 4:30 PM**

Audubon Community Nature Center

Jamestown

For Info: AudubonCNC.org

**Lakewood YMCA 2024 Amy**

**King 5K Run/Walk | 10:30 AM**

Lakewood Moose Club | Lakewood

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**"Light Up The Point"**

**10 AM - 7 PM**

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**Sunday, December 1**

**First Sunday Story Time**

**12:30 PM - 1 PM**

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Jamestown

For Info at: AudubonCNC.org

## A British Isle Thanksgiving

Traditional Family Recipes for Oyster Stuffing and Green Bean Casserole

*Recipes Contributed by*

**Robert Cross**

3C's Catering

**A**s a family from the British Isles—my grandfather was of Scottish descent and my grandmother was from England—we always had oyster stuffing at our Thanksgiving dinners. Being from island nations, oysters were always plentiful. When immigrants arrived in the U.S. at the turn of the 20th century, oysters were abundant in the New York City area. The origin of the recipe is somewhat of a mystery, but it has always been a family favorite.

### Oyster Stuffing

1/2 C Butter  
1 C Chopped Onion  
1 C Chopped Celery  
1/4 tsp dried thyme leaves  
1/4 tsp salt  
dash pepper  
1 1/2 firm-type sliced white bread, cut into cubes  
2 pints small oysters  
1 egg



In a HOT dutch oven melt the butter and saute the onion & celery, stirring till golden- about 5 minutes. Remove from heat Stir in thyme, salt, & pepper. Add Bread cubed & toss lightly to mix well drain oysters, reserving the liquid. add the oysters to the bread mixture: toss lightly to combine.

In a small bowl, combine a 1/2 cup of the oyster liquid with the egg and blend well with a fork. Add to the bread mixture: toss lightly to combine.

Put stuffing into a lightly buttered 2 quart casserole dish and bake at 350 for approx 45 minutes or until Oysters curl.

Along with all the traditional Thanksgiving treats, we also enjoyed our version of green bean casserole. With our large garden, we canned our own green beans. This recipe is slightly different from most, as my father didn't like mushrooms or onions. Whatever the reason, we always enjoyed it at our holiday gatherings.

### Green Bean Casserole

1 Quart Canned Green Beans (drained)  
1 Can of Cream of chicken soup  
2 Cups Shredded Cheddar

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Ashville  
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Keith A. Miller, 84  
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Clement J. "CJ" Vullo, J2., 63  
Ashville  
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November 16

Angela Grekulak, 48  
Jamestown  
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November 17

Sheridan N. "Brownie" Brown, 88  
Jamestown  
Falconer Funeral Home

November 19

Samuel J. Mason, 71  
Fluvanna  
Lind Funeral Home

# FAITH, FAMILY, AND TRADITION

## Bread, Wine & Meat



Contributing Writer

Michele Starwalt-Woods  
Owner, MDStar Presentations

Thanksgiving - that special day in November when we gather together to enjoy a meal lovingly prepared by our family and friends while lifting up our thankfulness as we recognize and embrace our abundant blessings.

Each morsel at our Thanksgiving feast is delectable and many have profound meanings, often dating back to the Old Testament and earliest days of Faith, Family, and Tradition.

Bread

- "Mana from heaven, the breadlike substance that was delivered by God to the Isrealites during their grueling journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.
- Our Lord and Savior called Himself, the "Bread of Life," and at the Last Supper, Jesus broke bread and as He handed it to His disciples said, "This is my body given for you."
- The birthplace of our baby Jesus - Bethlehem, or in Hebrew - Beit Lechem, means House of Bread.

Wine

- In the Old Testament of the Bible, wine symbolized life, a sense of vitality, it brought joy and the ability to relax. (Still true to this day!)
- Jesus's first documented miracle consisted of turning water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. He also referred to wine as the new covenant in His blood.
- Just as bread was present and shared at the Last Supper, Jesus took a cup of wine. He gave ultimate thanks and said, "This is my blood, it is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many."

Meat (Turkey)

- From God's Creation of the Earth and all living things, to the Crucifixion of our Savior - the Bible is rich in examples of sacrificial animal offerings. These Scripture passages teach us the tragedy of sin and the mercy and justice of God.
- The sharing of our own turkey meat at each Thanksgiving celebration, carries out the centuries old sacrifice and redemption of our earliest ancestors.

While we bake our pies and thicken our gravy on Thanksgiving Day 2024, we will be blessed to remember the profound meanings of our sustaining foods in this yearly tradition. Many of us will gather together and look to the chair where our loved one once sat and that pang of missing and longing for that person will once again surface. Perhaps in spirit they are with us and the joy of the day, being surrounded by friends and family, will take precedence.

Before we begin the act of consuming all of our flavorful dishes, our heads will bow and our hearts and words will sing the praises of innumerable blessings. We will pray for those who are not present, offer thanks to our Heavenly Father, and ask for continued guidance and protection throughout our life journey to heaven.

May your blessings be many, may you be rich in acceptance and love, and may each of you celebrate this day of Thanksgiving with never ending Faith, Family, and Tradition.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

The Chautauqua Gazette is proud to feature different faith leaders from throughout the Greater Jamestown area each week, in an effort to connect and inspire. We endeavor to provide a variety of religious and faith perspectives well-aligned with our diverse community and values. If you are a faith leader and wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at [cornell@CHQgazette.com](mailto:cornell@CHQgazette.com).

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# The Harvest is Plenty in Chautauqua County

## Cornell Co-op's 'Grow Chautauqua' Initiative Successful



Submitted Photos

Article by

**Linnea Haskins**

Community Food System Educator  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of  
Chautauqua County

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County is proud to announce a successful pilot season for its 'Grow Chautauqua' initiative, part of the New York Food for New York Families program funded by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the USDA.

The program aims to support local and traditionally disadvantaged farmers and producers, establish broader partnerships within the food distribution community, and improve food access for underserved, rural and remote communities.

Over the course of the season, which started in June and ended November 2, CCE purchased products from approximately 23 farms, local-food businesses, producers, and wholesale distributors for distribution across Chautauqua County. Over \$250,000 was invested within the local food-system.

More than 200,000 pounds of locally grown fruits and vegetables, meat products, and value-added products, such as baked goods, jams, honey, and maple syrup were provided to communities in Ripley, Jamestown, Fredonia, Falconer, Frewsburg, Lakewood, Mayville, Sinclairville, Clymer, Brocton, and Dunkirk. All products were distributed at no cost and with no restrictions to all participants. An estimated 1,000 individuals and families were served.

"We could not have accomplished this incredible community investment without the dedication of our local agriculture community, small businesses, and passionate volunteers and community organizations" shares Community Food System Educator, Linnea Haskin.

Main partner Brigiotta's Farmland Produce & Garden Center packaged an average of 500 food-boxes per week, delivering them to various partners, who worked directly with the community.

Other collaborators included the Jamestown Mobile Market, dedicated to growing the city's local



food system; Chautauqua County Rural Ministries; a Dunkirk based food pantry and soup kitchen; the local Salvation Army; St. Susan's Center; Friendship Baptist Church of Dunkirk; and the Ripley Public Library.

CCE also partnered with the county Office for Aging Services (OFAS), supporting their Local Roots program which brings fresh produce from organic farm Abers Acres to 450 older adults per week for a total of 12 weeks. "Reducing the barriers to access fresh produce helps our older adults to ultimately reach the recommended number of servings of fruits and vegetables each day. This reduces overall risk for malnutrition, helps prevent or maintain chronic disease processes, and helps our older adults age well in their homes," states Carey Skelton, Dietitian and Nutrition and Wellness Coordinator for OFAS.

Partners were chosen based on their current standing in the community, their experience with food access programs, and their outreach with communities most vulnerable, including low-income families, persons of color, homeless individuals, and older adults.

CCE issues a heartfelt thank you to the farmers who grew, produced and provided product for the program: Abers Acres (Kennedy); Amanda Byler (Frewsburg); Bit-O-Breeze Farm (Jamestown); Carli Cook (Stockton); Chautauqua County Produce Auction; Ellicottville Greens (Olean); Eden Valley Creamery (South Dayton); Degolier's Maple (Forestville); Roberto Fred Farms (Dunkirk);

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# Lace Up Your Running Shoes for a Cause that Captures the Heart of Our Community

Contributing Writer

**Pat Locke**

The Amy King Memorial 5K Run/Walk is set to take place November 30 at 11 a.m. in Celoron, an event hosted by the Celoron Moose Lodge (52 Dunham Avenue). Proceeds will benefit the Amy King Kids' YMCA Summer Camp and Southwestern Central School scholarships. Runners of all ages are invited to participate in honor of Amy, with the race concluding at Celoron Park near her memorial.



Submitted Photo

Amy King, photo taken 2001

Amy King, a flight attendant on United Flight 175, tragically lost her life during the 9/11 attacks at 29-years-old, alongside her long-time boyfriend, Michael Tarrou, a flight attendant who was also aboard. Amy was an avid runner and a beloved member of the Southwestern Central High School cross-country team. Known for her kindness and dedication to children, her legacy lives on through this event, which was inspired by her classmate, the late Jackson Rohm.

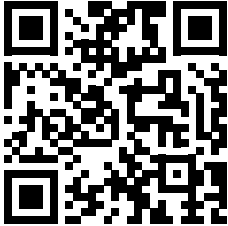
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The event organizers would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to

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The Chautauqua Gazette proudly featured Amy in our September 11 edition, commemorating her impact and the continued support for her memorial.

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~ Marcie, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving



# Light Up The Point

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 • BEMUS POINT, NY**  
**HOLIDAY MARKET 12-7PM • PARADE & TREE LIGHTING 5PM**

## "Light Up The Point" Community Event to Illuminate Bemus Point, New York, on Saturday, November 30th



Submitted Photos



### Article Contributed by **Bemus Point Business Association**

The holiday season is fast approaching, and the Bemus Point Business Association is thrilled to announce a celebration that brings the community together in the spirit of joy and holiday cheer. "Light Up The Point" will take place on Saturday, November 30th, offering a festive and memorable day for residents and visitors alike.

This community event is designed to foster holiday spirit and support Bemus Point's local businesses. The day's highlight will be a community parade along Main Street, followed by the village's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

### **Holiday Market & Community Activities**

From noon to 7 PM, visitors can enjoy a charming Holiday Market in the Skillmans/EBC parking lot, featuring a variety of vendors, including a crowd favorite—kettle corn. Additionally, our local school will be decorating Christmas trees, which will be displayed along Lakeside Drive for all to admire. Visitors can stroll along

and vote for their favorite decorated tree, adding a fun, interactive element to the festivities.

Throughout the day, businesses and residents will be adorning their storefronts with lights and decorations, enhancing the festive atmosphere. Local businesses will also host special activities to make the holiday experience even more delightful:

- Make Tree Ornaments from 12-4PM at Lakeside Arts & Furniture
- Pony Rides, Hair Tinseling, Cupcake Decorating & More at Rock Marine. Sweet Lolita's Cupcakes & Sweet Treats will also be on site...it's soon to be their new location!
- Decorating Christmas Cookies at Lake Life Cafe
- Children's Christmas Crafts from 12-3PM followed by Story Time with Mrs. Claus at the Bemus Point Library
- Open House at the Bemus Point Historical Society from 11AM-3PM
- Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides begin at Noon
- Photo Opportunity – be an Elf in Santa's Workshop at The Ugly Peacock
- Meet & Greet with Santa Claus

after the parade and tree lighting!

### **Shop Local on Small Business Saturday**

This year, "Light Up The Point" falls on Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to celebrating and supporting small, local businesses. Shopping and dining locally makes a real difference to everyone in our Chautauqua County community. Each purchase supports locally owned businesses, helping to create jobs, strengthen local services, and keep our area vibrant and thriving. By choosing to shop and dine locally, visitors and residents alike contribute to the charm, traditions, and future of Chautauqua County. This holiday season, let's show our support for the businesses that make our region so special!

### **Keep the Cheer Here! Shop & Dine in Bemus Point**

Visitors can enjoy seasonal shopping with special offers and unique gifts throughout the village. The Ugly Peacock will have a special sale on Friday and Saturday, with 20-50% off select items, offering distinctive gifts perfect for the holiday season. Bemus Point Pottery and their neighbors at Petals & Twigs Gifts and Children's

Shoppe will be open Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30, for an end-of-season sale. Shoppers can enjoy 30% off with card/check payments and 50% off with cash (some exceptions apply). November 30th will be their last open day of the year. Skillmans will also be kicking off their Holiday Sale with great deals on men's and women's clothing and gift items.

Be sure to stop by Lakeside Arts & Furniture – they offer a wonderful variety of merchandise, from handcrafted art pieces to unique home decor and thoughtful holiday gifts. Visitors can also book a festive Holiday Paint and Sip party, adding a creative touch to their holiday season with friends and family. Additionally, Treasures on Main will be having a "Going Out of Business Sale," so be sure to stop in for final deals on unique holiday items.

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# Light Up The Point

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
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## Light Up The Point - Event Schedule Saturday, November 30th

### Holiday Market

- Location: EBC/Skillmans parking lot
- Vendors: Brigiotta's, It's Your Day, Kettle Corn, and more
- Time: 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Ornament Making for Children
- Location: Lakeside Arts & Furniture
- Time: 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

### Children's Crafts

- Location: Bemus Point Library
- Time: 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Story Time with Mrs. Claus
- Location: Bemus Point Library
- Time: 3:00 p.m.

### Photo Opp in Santa's Workshop

- Location: The Ugly Peacock
- Time: All Day
- The Lawson Center Open House
- Location: The Lawson Center
- Time: 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

### Bemus Point Historical Society Museum Open

- Location: Bemus Point Historical Society
- Time: 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

### Meet the Alpacas

- Location: Alpacaville
- Details: Meet certified therapy alpacas and shop alpaca-themed gifts
- Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Spin to Win with Holiday Prizes

- Location: The Happy Cow
- Details: "Spin to Win" and holiday photo op area
- Time: All Day

### Maple Grove Holiday Tree Display

- Location: Lakeside Drive at The Landing at BPT
- Details: Enjoy themed holiday trees decorated by our local school!
- Time: All Day

### Cookie Decorating and Writing Letters to Nursing Homes

- Location: Lake Life Cafe
- Time: Business Hours

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### Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

- Location: Around the Village of Bemus Point
- Time: Begins at 12:00 p.m.

### Main Street Parade

- Location: Main Street
- Details: Open to all! Decorate your vehicle, golf cart, or yourself and join the parade
- Time: 5:00 p.m.

### Caroling with Santa Claus and Village Tree Lighting

- Location: Intersection of Lakeside Drive and Main Street
- Details: Gather for caroling, tree lighting, and photos with Santa
- Time: Following the Parade

### After-Party at the BPGC&TH

- Location: Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House
- Details: Party with DJ Campbell!
- Time: Following the Parade and Tree Lighting

### Shops Participating with Holiday Discounts

- Bemus Point Pottery
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- Skillmans
- The Ugly Peacock
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### Restaurants Participating with Holiday Specials

- Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House
- Bemus Point Inn Restaurant
- Coppola's Pizza
- Guppy's Restaurant and Tavern
- Lake Life Cafe
- See-Zurh House/14 Main (parade viewing party with hot dogs and hamburgers)
- The Green Door Tavern

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- The Landing at BPT (hosting school-decorated trees display)
- Splash
- It's Your Day

### On Sunday – Don't miss the BPGC&TH's One-Stop Christmas Shoppe!

- Location: Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House
- Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday





"Light Up The Point" Community Event to Illuminate Bemus Point, New York, on Saturday, November 30th

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welcoming visitors to explore their rich collection of boating history and heritage. The museum's shop will feature a fine selection of merchandise, including a brand-new line of sweatshirts. Many items will be marked down 20%-50%, making it the perfect opportunity to pick up unique holiday gifts while supporting a beloved local institution.

Local restaurants will be joining in the festivities, offering seasonal dishes and treats to keep visitors warm and energized as they explore Bemus Point. Bemus Point Inn Restaurant, Guppy's Restaurant & Tavern, Lake

Life Café, Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, Coppola's Pizzeria, 14 Main, and The Green Door Tavern will all be open for the event. Contact individual businesses for hours.

On Sunday, December 1st, Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House will continue the holiday spirit with a special shopping bazaar. Don't miss their "One Stop Christmas Shop" from noon to 3 PM.

Light Up The Point Parade

Saturday will culminate in the Light Up The Point Parade at 5 PM, which

we encourage everyone to join! Visitors are encouraged to wear their holiday best and join the fun—decorated golf carts and cars are welcome, so bring your light up gear and glow sticks!

Parade participants should gather at the lineup areas by 4:45 PM: children at the bus garage and decorated cars and golf carts at the golf course. The parade will proceed down Main Street and end at the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Main Street, where attendees will gather with Santa Claus for caroling and the lighting of the Village Tree.

Join Us for this Heartwarming Community Event

"Light Up The Point" captures the essence of the holiday season, and everyone is invited to participate. The Bemus Point community eagerly welcomes residents and visitors for a day filled with holiday cheer and community spirit. For more information and event updates, go to facebook.com/visitbemuspoint or www.visitbemuspoint.com.

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## Lawson Center Open for "Light Up The Point"

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Lawson Center

The Lawson Family Boating Heritage Museum will be open from 3 to 5 PM during the Bemus Point Business Association's "Light Up the Point" on Saturday, November 30. The museum, now in its twelfth year, is home to a very impressive collection of Chautauqua Lake double end rowboats, antique and modern canoes, rowing shells, vintage Mahogany Chris Crafts, and early fiberglass boats which illustrate the history of those craft on our lake. The Lawson Center also has a large collection of outboard engines which exemplify the growth of that industry, as well as examples of water skis, fishing equipment, and even an experimental bi-plane that flew on Chautauqua Lake.

One of the more impressive displays at the museum is the collection of photos, models and artifacts from the steamboat era of Chautauqua Lake. Two enormous rudders from these by-gone vessels anchor the lower entry of the building while the cutwater of the City of Jamestown adorns the third floor.

Many of the boats displayed at the Lawson Center were acquired from families who recreated on Chautauqua Lake in conditions which required everything from simply being thoroughly cleaned to being completely restored. That work is done by a team

of very dedicated volunteer craftsmen in the museum's boat shop.

While at the museum, visitors can purchase holiday gifts for their favorite boater – boat caps, shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, and other items. Locally authored books are also on sale. Bemus Point author Fletcher Ward will be on hand to sign several of his books including *Coops, Spears and Fish Decoys*, *The Last Raft*, *The History of Christ Craft Corporation's Jamestown Division*, and *Chautauqua's Other Boats*. The later two books were donated to the museum by the author as fund raisers with 100% of the profits from sales benefiting the work of this 501 c 3, not-for-profit museum. *Chautauqua's Other Boats* is Ward's most recent release and relates the history of three dozen of the lake's more unique vessels – some well-remembered, like the famous *Gad Fly* and the *Grey Ghost*, and others, like Eleaser Green's *Swan Boats* that were favorites at the Greenhurst Hotel and Celeron Amusement Park in the 1890s, that could only have been resurrected from the past by a truly dedicated researcher like this local native.

Join us in Bemus Point for the parade at 5, the community tree-lighting, the unique gift ideas and clothing at Bemus Point's many shops, story hour at the Bemus Point Library, and of course the arrival of that jolly old elf himself.

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A portion of the ticket sales benefit the Robert H. Jackson Center, which advances the legacy of the late U.S Supreme Court Justice and Chief Prosecutor in Nuremberg through education through programming, exhibits, and scholarship.

### Meet the Cast

**Ron Orbach**, from Broadway and screen. Ron created a role on Broadway in Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, and starred in scores of hit shows around the country. Ron just closed a production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, starring Jason Alexander, where he was featured as 'Lazar Wolf'.

**Stephen Stout**, a Chautauqua resident and Broadway veteran of renowned shows such as *Heidi Chronicles*, *The Sisters Rosensweig*, and many others.

**Mike Thornton**, lead actor with the nationally known political satire group "The Capitol Steps" for 24 years, as well as a 2-year Kennedy Center veteran with America's longest running play: *'Shear Madness*.

**Julia Niles**, Off Broadway, National tours and top regional theatre, including starring roles in *South Pacific* at Gateway Playhouse; "Magnolia" in *Show Boat* at Central City Opera Company, and at The Denver Center; "Marian" in *The Music Man*.

**David Wysocki**, a Buffalo actor and Artie Award recipient, appeared at Shakespeare in Delaware Park, and Irish Classical Theatre, among others.

**Paige Cummings**, is recently back from working stage and screen in LA - a bi-coastal talent.

**Christine Porter**, A Jamestown veteran actor, featured in many great leading roles around the area.



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Facebook: Light Up the Point

**Frewsburg Community Old Fashioned Santa Parade**  
11.30 | 11 AM  
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Facebook: Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events

**Dunkirk Holiday Parade**  
12.6  
5:30 PM  
DJ Dance Party with Rudolph  
6:30 PM  
Parade Begins

**Light Up Cassadaga**  
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Facebook: Citizens for a Better Cassadaga

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**Jamestown Winter Festival & Holiday Parade**  
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# Faith Matters

## How Do We Express Thanksgiving



*Featured Writer*  
**Dr. William Blair**  
Senior Pastor of New Creation Church  
in Jamestown

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and for most of us, there is a whole list of things on the agenda. In our home, that means a great meal is being prepared. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Westminster Dog Show, and, of course, football will be on the television. It is also a day when we begin to do some serious Christmas decorating. At some point in our day's festivities, usually around the table during mealtime, we will take a few moments to reflect and give thanks to God for the many things in our lives that are meaningful to us. The Bible has many stories of God's love and provision for His people.

In the Gospel of Luke Chapter 7, there is a story that touches my heart every time I read it. Jesus had been invited to the home of a Pharisee named Simon for a meal. The scripture indicates that the men were reclining around a table as they dined. While this was happening, people from the community were gathering around the edges of the room. It was common that if there was a special guest dining locally at a home the word would get out. The people of the neighborhood, although not invited to the meal, would come in and stand around the walls, listening to the conversation. It was during the meal that a woman from the streets came in and she "knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them." (Luke 7:38)

While the woman was doing this, Simon, the host, thought to himself that if this man (Jesus) were a prophet he would know what kind of woman it was who was touching his feet. Jesus, knowing Simon's thought, said, "I have something to say to you." (Luke 7:40)

And Simon replied, "Go ahead, Teacher." (Luke 7:40)

"A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?" (Luke 7:41-42)

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt." (Luke 7:43)

And Jesus said to him, "You have judged correctly." (Luke 7:43)

Looking toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." (Luke 7:44-48)

I'll mention that it was also customary for the host to provide his guests with water, the washing of the feet, an anointing of fragrant oil, and a kiss of welcome.

It was awkward and raw; an open, selfless display filled with emotion and shamelessness. But the gift of forgiveness and life compelled her.

God gives. We receive. What does our gratitude look like? This week most of us will sit around a table of bounty, looking into the eyes of people who fill our lives with substance. Being grateful, however we express it, should be on our menu.

*The Chautauqua Gazette is proud to feature different faith leaders from throughout the Greater Jamestown area each week, in an effort to connect and inspire. We endeavor to provide a variety of religious and faith perspectives well-aligned with our diverse community and values. If you are a faith leader and wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at [cornell@CHQgazette.com](mailto:cornell@CHQgazette.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: Advanced

### CROSSWORD

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Long piece of squared timber  
5. Emaciation  
10. "Bewitched" boss Larry  
14. Combining form meaning "different"  
15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes  
16. Older  
17. Large, stocky lizard  
18. Ringworm  
19. Actor Pitt  
20. Indian hand clash cymbals  
22. Data at rest  
23. Jeweled headdress  
24. Indicators of when stories were written  
27. Check  
30. Cigarette (slang)  
31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)  
32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
35. Delivered a speech  
37. A place to bathe  
38. Postmen deliver it  
39. Surface in geometry  
40. More (Spanish)
41. \_\_\_ and Venzetti  
42. Exclamation at the end of a prayer  
43. Hawaiian dish  
44. Aggressively proud men  
45. Fellow  
46. Mark Wahlberg comedy  
47. Mock  
48. When you expect to get somewhere  
49. Songs  
52. Pair of small hand drums  
55. Play  
56. Sword  
60. Evergreens and shrubs genus  
61. Filmed  
63. Italian Seaport  
64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea  
65. Pores in a leaf  
66. U. of Miami mascot is one  
67. Snakelike fishes  
68. Pretended to be  
69. Body part

### CLUES DOWN

1. Piece of felted material  
2. Ancient Greek City  
3. Aquatic plant  
4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)  
5. Body art (slang)  
6. One who follows the rules  
7. Ordinary  
8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title  
9. Relaxing space  
10. Japanese socks  
11. Indian city  
12. Rip  
13. Icelandic book  
21. Satisfies  
23. Where golfers begin  
25. Small amount  
26. Snag  
27. Determine the sum of  
28. A distinctive smell  
29. Exposed to view  
32. Stain or blemish
33. Small loop in embroidery  
34. River herring genus  
36. Large beer  
37. Deep, red-brown sea bream  
38. Partner to cheese  
40. At a deliberate pace  
41. Gurus  
43. Of each  
44. Angry  
46. Popular beverage  
47. Flower cluster  
49. Blocks  
50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)  
51. Polio vaccine developer  
52. A (usually) large and scholarly book  
53. Popular soap ingredient  
54. NBAer Bradley  
57. Popular movie about a pig  
58. Musician Clapton  
59. Not a sure thing  
61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)  
62. Father





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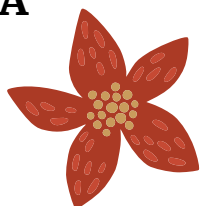
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We are so fortunate in Chautauqua County to have a wide variety of small retail businesses selling everything from kitchenware to books to games to jewelry, clothing, art, and more. Chances are, if you're looking for a gift for someone on your list you can find it at a small locally owned business. These businesses are owned by and employ our friends, neighbors, and family members. We recognize the importance of small, independent businesses not only as an economic driver but as key to creating our sense of community. Many communities may be the site of big box stores, but it's the small retailers and restaurants that truly cater to who we are as a community and provide unique spaces for residents and visitors alike to shop and dine. As much as the attractions and recreational opportunities set the stage for how we live, work, and play, so do small businesses. They are the backdrop that makes us special. Please shop small this holiday season.

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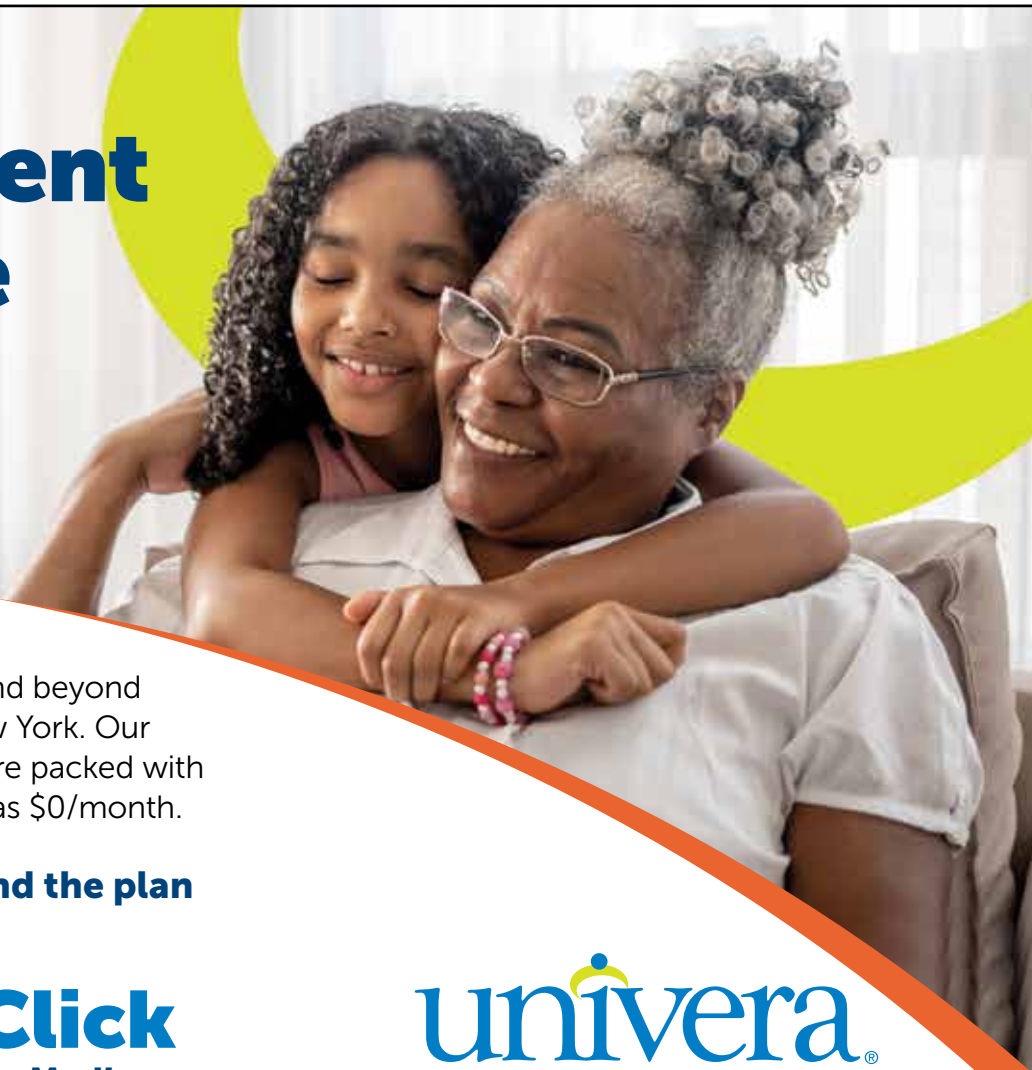
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Make Room, Give Thanks

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For I have been made room for. Not once, not twice, but hundreds of times.

Hundreds of times this community has made room for me: it has welcomed me - into its homes, into its churches, into its places of business, into its schools (my kids right now, at ages 7, 9, and 12 are welcomed so well into their schools)....over and over and over again, seats have been pulled up to make room for me.

Life hasn't played out the way I thought it would, but there is still so much good.

*I have been made room for.*  
By friends. By family. By this community. By Jesus - who welcomes every bit of my jagged edges and my genius.

*I have been made room for, so I know how to make room.*

And it doesn't look like the perfect menu, it doesn't look like the tablescapes I've so thoughtfully curated from Pinterest.... No, scrap those things. I can set those aside.

I have newly empty seats, and although my heart is still hurting,

there is room to reclaim: to reclaim space for others ... to welcome them in, to join my life with theirs (if only for a season), to share in the welcome and abundance and expansiveness of this community.

So I'll say it again: Thanksgiving is nothing without a gathering.

Indigenous, settlers, new friends and old... we make space as the season turns. No, things aren't always as we thought they would be, but when we stick to gathering, when we stick to the table, when we stick to making room and pulling up new seats... I have to believe that good (and maybe even better) is still ahead. We forge the future of our community around our dinner tables, and one extra chair at a time, we make room for what we had never imagined and we open our arms to different and to possibility and to what could be.

So, friendsgiving, Thanksgiving, a football game & snacks, an outdoor picnic by the lake... whatever your fancy or your tradition (I'm a firm practitioner of scruffy hospitality & frozen pizzas myself)... pull up some extra chairs this holiday, call a gathering, and prepare to make room. The best might yet be ahead.

Amy Rohler to Receive Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award

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Daniel J. Heitzenrater

Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
President and CEO



Amy Rohler, United Way Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the CHQ Chamber has selected Amy Rohler to receive the Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award for 2024. Amy Rohler is Executive Director of the United Way of Chautauqua County. Under her leadership, the two United Ways of Chautauqua County merged after several years of successful partnership and shared services. She has been Executive Director of the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County for seven years and was previously the Executive Director of Community Helping Hands. She is passionate about problem-solving, collaboration and community change.

Amy has a Master of Religion from Yale Divinity School, a Master's in Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Seattle Pacific University. She and her husband, Adam, have two children. Originally from Oregon, she has lived in Chautauqua County since 2009.

Pam Lydic was the very first President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, having pulled together

a variety of smaller community business organizations in order to strengthen the whole, financially and programmatically. Following her untimely passing in 2012, the Chamber launched this award in her memory to recognize an individual who has worked hard to bring groups of people together around a common goal or objective to move the region forward in a positive direction. The award will be presented during the Chamber's Annual Meeting December 13 at the White Inn in Fredonia. Advanced registration is required by December 6 through the Chamber's online calendar.



Jamestown Board of Public Utilities Announces Thanksgiving Schedules

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Customer Service Office reopens for business at 9 a.m. Monday, December 2.

Garbage and recycling collection will not occur on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, but instead, will be delayed until Friday, November 29. The regular Friday collection will take place on Saturday, November 30. Recycling for the week is metal.

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I started out giving thanks for small things, and the more thankful I became, the more my bounty increased.

~ Oprah Winfrey



## Just Desserts Open House at McClurg Museum December 8



Submitted Photo

McClurg Museum's rooms and staircase will feature unique decorations for the "just Desserts" open house on December 8.

### Article Contributed by McClurg Museum

McClurg Museum in Westfield will hold its annual Just Desserts open house from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.

The event, sponsored by the Chautauqua County Historical Society, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Guests are welcome to explore the museum's rooms and collections during the event. Self-guided tours,

which include an audio option, are available. Curated and antique ornaments are featured in the holiday decorations.

The museum has installed a new exhibit on Chautauqua Lake's history, spotlighting prominent hotels during the steamboat era.

For more information on upcoming Chautauqua County Historical Society programs and events, visit [cchsmcclurg.org](http://cchsmcclurg.org) or contact the historical society at 716.326.2977 or [info@cchsmcclurg.org](mailto:info@cchsmcclurg.org).

## City Rotary Clubs Support Reg Lenna Center for the Arts



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Members of the Rotary Club of Jamestown and the Greater Jamestown AM Rotary Club joined forces and purchased a row of 28 seats at the Reg Lenna Center of the Art to support the theater's replacement of seats.

The seats include a small plaque on the arm of the seat with the donor's name and in this case will also include the Rotary Emblem. Seat purchases are still available by contacting Hillary Meyer, Executive Director of the Reg at [hmeyer@reglenna.com](mailto:hmeyer@reglenna.com) or calling the theater at 716-484-7070.

## Alzheimer's Association Offers Program in Jamestown on Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

### Article Contributed by Alzheimer's Association

The Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will offer a free education program on recognizing and understanding Alzheimer's disease and dementia at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, at the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services, 107 Institute St. in Jamestown.

"The program will help participants learn about the differences between Alzheimer's and normal aging, and what to do if you suspect dementia in yourself or a loved one," says Andrea Koch, director of education and training for the WNY Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

"With drug treatments now available for early-stage Alzheimer's, such as Kisunla (donanemab), it is more important than ever to be evaluated by a health care professional if Alzheimer's is suspected," Koch says.

The program will also cover the difference between Alzheimer's and other dementias, risk factors, stages of the disease and Alzheimer's Association resources for care and support. Individuals can register online at [bit.ly/dec4uad](http://bit.ly/dec4uad) or by calling 800.272.3900.

To learn more about Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, call 800.272.3900 or visit [alz.org](http://alz.org).

## THANKSGIVING Trivia

1. What year did the first Thanksgiving take place?
2. Which Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
3. Which U.S. President declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863?
4. Which U.S. President attempted to change Thanksgiving's date in 1939?
5. How many pounds of turkey are consumed on Thanksgiving in the United States?
6. What is the name of the historical site where the Pilgrims disembarked in 1620?
7. According to The American Pie Council, what type of pie is America's favorite Thanksgiving pie?
8. Which two Ivy League colleges started the tradition of football on Thanksgiving?
9. Which founding father wanted the turkey to be the national bird of The United States?
10. Which iconic holiday song, routinely heard throughout the Christmas season, was originally intended to be a Thanksgiving Day song?



1. 1621 2. Wampanoag 3. Abraham Lincoln 4. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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Thanksgiving: An All-American Holiday

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more than four *hundred* years later - but surprisingly, a lot of foods and activities from that first celebration *aren't* what we have today.

The colonists contributed a variety of fowl that they had hunted - the specific species of which are unknown, but it's likely that it was the common prey of ducks and geese. The Wampanoag brought venison, fish, vegetables, and beer. Very quickly you'll notice the abundance of differences between this selection and our own, but the differences don't stop there. The men also tended to partake in activities such as recreational shooting and races, which are quite different from our own! In any case, our adoration of starchy vegetables like corn, potatoes, pumpkins, and squash likely derives from the Wampanoags reliance on maize, a crop that we now call *corn*. Maize comprised the majority of their diet, along with fish and various meat from hunted animals. And that reliance had possibly the most extreme domino effect in the last few centuries, as corn (as well as other starchy vegetables, to be fair) has become one of the most grown and consumed crops *ever*. It emphasizes the dynamic between modern Thanksgiving foods and those of several centuries ago, which is such a fascinating topic to research.

Although these celebratory feasts were a custom for the colonists, it took a long time for them to become a mainstay American holiday. The practice caused *a lot* of controversy, varying from how the day was used politically to the fact it was a traditional New England custom. Eventually it was pushed to the attention of President Abraham Lincoln through the efforts of American author Sarah Josepha Hale. She initiated a campaign spanning fifteen years with the goal to create an American Thanksgiving. Hale was the "editress" of the magazine "*Godey's Lady Book*," which was extremely influential throughout the 1800s. Her words were strengthened by a sense of nationalism born from events happening during this time period. She offered a holiday to bring together a struggling country that was in the middle of the Mexican-American War. Between that, and the already existing influence of the magazine, her words managed to reach President Lincoln, who declared a "national day of thanksgiving," set on November 26. After Lincoln, the following presidents chose the last Thursday in November on which to hold Thanksgiving, until President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt tried to move the holiday back a week

in an attempt to extend the Christmas shopping season. However, he failed due to a number of states refusing to adhere to the change. As a result, Roosevelt made a proclamation that marked the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, and it has been celebrated on that day for about eighty years.

While Thanksgiving is likely best remembered for the food that has become devoured by consumerism and commercialism, I believe that it is incredibly important to remember the very core of Thanksgiving, which is quite simply in the name - giving thanks. Sometimes people seem to forget what Thanksgiving really symbolizes - being thankful for everything we have. I think a lot of people beat themselves up if they aren't able to have the grand turkey dinner that's plastered all over the country during this time of the year, but there's something to be said to dispute that.

No matter where you are, no matter what you're doing for Thanksgiving, no matter what you're eating for Thanksgiving, and no matter who you are or aren't celebrating with, there will *always* be people who are thankful for you, who are grateful for you being you. And hopefully, that's a reminder for *you* to step back and think about who, or what, you're grateful for. Maybe it's your pet lying on your lap as you've been reading this; maybe it's the people who've always been there for you; maybe it's that slice of pie sitting in the fridge for a pick-me-up; or maybe it's the sound of soft rain upon waking up - there's so much to be grateful for in this world. And Thanksgiving is a day to truly reflect on that.

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James Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund Keeps it Close to Home

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The James Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund was established recently by Jessup Baker, the President of Jamestown Plastics and the third generation Baker at the helm of the 66 year-old family business. With his grandfather James' legacy defined by his hard-working perfectionism, his family of successors knew that their work was cut out for them and strived to follow in the man's footsteps.

With his 1976 purchase of the Jamestown Plastics, James Baker was determined to double down on the company's pride for and innovation in what they do. They did just that, establishing the reputation of a high-quality, highly determined, and well-trusted organization. That reputation translated into continued success, which would span 23 years and be handed down to James' son, Jay.

This year, Jay's son and current President, Jessup Baker, established a scholarship fund to benefit the children of Jamestown Plastics employees. "It's a perfect opportunity to show our employees how much we care about them and their families, how much we value education and



Submitted Photo

James Baker

training, and that it's always possible to do more to help," Noted Jessup Baker. "We've seen this company grow and mature for decades, and I'm proud to now have the chance to do even more for our families.

To make a contribution to support James Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit [crcf.me/baker](http://crcf.me/baker). For more information on the funds held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, visit [www.crcfonline.org](http://www.crcfonline.org) or contact Lisa Lynde, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or [llynde@crcfonline.org](mailto:llynde@crcfonline.org)

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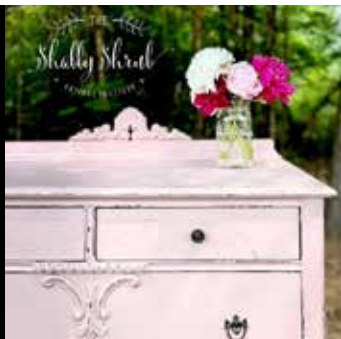
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~ Richelle E. Goodrich, Slaying Dragons

## Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth Awarded Second Multi-Year Grant from Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation

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**Chautauqua Region  
Economic Development  
Corporation**



standing in Western New York and  
across the State.

The Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC), the umbrella organization of the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), on Tuesday, November 19 authorized the acceptance of a three-year funding award from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, totaling \$1.625 Million.

The grant award, CCPEG's largest financial commitment to date, will extend and enhance CCPEG's administrative and project development capacity while dedicating the majority of the funding for the implementation of priority projects in alignment with the county's economic development strategy. This flexible funding pool is designed to provide critical local-matching dollars for catalytic economic and community development projects seeking funding from a multitude of local, state, federal, and philanthropic sources.

CCPEG Advisory Board Co-Chair Mark Geise, who is also the County's Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CEO of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), said, "I am extremely grateful to the Wilson Foundation for their continued support and I am very pleased to see the Partnership for Economic Growth driving collaborations and investments in priority economic and community development projects across the county."

The Partnership for Economic Growth finalized and adopted a five-year economic development strategy in 2020. This comprehensive approach resulted in the creation of five overarching initiatives and dozens of other key recommendations to be initiated by individual partners as well as collectively. It was designed to serve as a "call to action" and offers a clear vision for achieving economic prosperity in Chautauqua County. Most importantly, it promotes a collaborative and countywide outlook that supports substantial initiatives and strategic investments, to incrementally transform Chautauqua County's economic

While the strategic plan serves as a roadmap, partners convene regularly within five individual work groups to identify priorities in the areas of Business Development, Placemaking, Workforce Readiness and Development, Infrastructure, and Housing. Through this process, CCPEG identifies, vets, develops, helps to fund, and implements specific actions, projects, programs, and initiatives that align to the strategy.

While specific projects to be funded by the Wilson Foundation award are yet to be determined, criteria such as project readiness, feasibility, and economic impact will be used to guide decision-making.

Nathan Aldrich, Economic Development Manager for CREDC and CCPEG, noted that the Partnership has helped attract more than \$45 million in funding to Chautauqua County to support dozens of different priority projects since the partnership was launched in 2019.

"This second major grant award is a game-changer and will not only enable us to continue our work, but to take it to the next level," said Aldrich. "We look forward to realizing the tremendous impact that this funding will have on our ability to execute our mission and implement several transformative economic development projects within the next few years."

Geise and Aldrich also noted their appreciation to the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF), who helped advance the creation of the countywide economic development strategy and launch of CCPEG, and the Gebbie Foundation, who has also been a supporter of the initiative.

"In addition to the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, NCCF, and the Gebbie Foundation, we'd like to thank all of our committed partners, funders, Advisory Board members, and staff for their dedication to this unique public-private economic development collaborative," said Geise.

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# Giving Back

## Rotary Supports Reg Lenna Renovation

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Rotary Club of Jamestown

Seven members of the Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY prepared and served dinner to residents at the UCAN City Mission recently. The members cooked spaghetti and meatballs, a tossed salad, bread and dessert for men 18 years or older seeking temporary shelter at the local facility. It is a 30-day emergency stay facility that can cold up to 29 men. UCAN offers a bed, a shower, and two meals a day (breakfast and dinner).



Rotarians Diana Meckley left, and Tory Irgang, right prepare meatballs and pasta to serve to residents at the UCAN City Mission.

The Rotarians had the opportunity to see the fruits of their labor and the implementation of a joint donation of a new dishwasher to the Mission, provided by the Greater Jamestown AM Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Jamestown. The dishwasher made light work of cleanup by finishing a washing cycle in just 90 seconds after residents bussed the dishes and utensils used during dinner.

The two local Rotary Clubs joined forces to underwrite the cost for the new dishwasher.



The UCAN City Mission (United Christian Advocacy Network) is located at 7 West First Street in Jamestown, NY. The organization is witnessing transformation in the lives of people by providing shelter, hope, and renewal. It is an Emergency Rescue Mission seeking to serve “the least, the last, and the left behind.” It provides: 1) a safe place to live; 2) life skills training; 3) health care and hygiene; 4) local church connection and discipleship; 4) accountability; 6) a road to recovery. It is a Gospel Rescue Mission organization led by a Board of Directors and is also a part of the Citygate Network (formerly the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions.)

If you would like more information, you can contact UCAN 24/7 by calling 716-488-7480.

## “The Importance of Jesus” is Subject of Unitarian Service this Sunday, December 1



Submitted Photo

From his home in Oregon, retired Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Alex Holt speaks to the UU Congregation of Jamestown 10:30 a.m. hybrid service this Sunday, December 1. His subject will be “The Importance of Jesus, Our Religious Ancestor” and his primary teachings, focusing on what essential Unitarian beliefs Jesus carried with him. All are welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar).

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## JHS Musicians Selected for All-State Ensembles



Submitted Photos

From left to right are Eddie Meyer, Hayden Langford, Gina Delgado, Brighton Lumia, Olivia Beach, Isaac Margarito, and Rya Giuffre, who will represent JHS at the New York State School Music Association's Zone 1 Area All-State Festival at SUNY Fredonia on Nov. 21 and 22.

Article Contributed by  
Jamestown Public Schools

Seven Jamestown High School students have been selected to perform among New York state's most talented student musicians.

Olivia Beach, Gina Delgado, Rya Giuffre, Hayden Langford, Brighton Lumia, Isaac Margarito, and Eddie Meyer will represent JHS at the New York State School Music Association's Zone 1 Area All-State Festival at SUNY Fredonia on Nov. 21 and 22.

Zone 1 encompasses Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus counties. Delago and Lumia will participate in the Senior High Symphonia Orchestra, while Margarito will perform in the Senior High Band. Beach and Meyer will sing in the Senior High Treble Chorus, while Giuffre and Langford will sing in the Senior High Mixed Chorus.

Lumia and Meyer will also represent JHS at the NYSSMA Winter Conference All-State festival from Dec. 5 to 8 in Rochester, where they will perform in the Symphonic Band



Eddie Meyer and Brighton Lumia, who will represent JHS at the NYSSMA Winter Conference All-State festival from Dec. 5 to 8 in Rochester, where they will perform in the Symphonic Band and Mixed Chorus, respectively, with students from all 15 zones across New York state.

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To qualify for these festivals, the students prepare a NYSSMA Level VI solo which must be selected from repertoire lists in the current manual. Typically, over 6,500 sophomores and juniors from across the state of New York prepare for All-State evaluations in the hope of being selected.



Oscar

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Enzo



## Whiffy Fund is a Home Run for Youth Baseball Fans



Submitted Photo

Tory Irgang (left), Executive Director at Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, stands aside Whiffy and Randy Anderson.

### Article Contributed by Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

The Whiffy Fund provides access to baseball games by offsetting the cost of tickets. It's a partnership between the Tarp Skunks, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. "This program has been nothing short of a home run," noted Board Member Randy Anderson. It's provided access to so many children and youth groups who might not have had access before, and given them an evening of safe and fun time with friends and family."

In the summer of 2024, The Whiffy Fund covered admission for over 2,500 youth to attend Tarp Skunks games free of charge. "This fund is an example of how the Foundation partners with community organizations to achieve a considerable and far-reaching impact," added Tory Irgang. Gifts to the Whiffy Fund directly support access to their games by our area's youth, and can be made online by visiting [crcf.me/whiffy](http://crcf.me/whiffy).

For more information on the funds held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, visit [www.crcfonline.org](http://www.crcfonline.org) or contact Lisa Lynde, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or [llynde@crcfonline.org](mailto:llynde@crcfonline.org)

## Cornell Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory Held Recent Pruning School



Submitted Photos

Growers learning more about the mechanized pruning techniques from Dr. Terry Bates.

### Article Contributed by Jennifer Phillips Russo

The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program from the Cornell Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory held pruning school on our AgriTech Campus in Portland, NY on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. This program was set up in a direct response to a couple grower requests. The day began with a light lunch for registrants and a brief overview by Dr. Terry Bates. He spoke about the pruning research carried out in our region over decades that has informed our research-based pruning strategies. While the primary focus of this program was on crop size manipulation, the role of soil health, nutrient availability, and water cannot be overstated. Enhancing vine size through optimal water and nutrient management supports higher crop loads while maintaining fruit quality and vine vigor. The team discussed the reasoning behind which buds are the most fruitful, which type of cane wood is ideal, what a 'balanced' vine means and how to determine it, what balancing your vines will do for the future success of your vineyard, and they learned about the many mechanized pruning trials. After an excellent question-and-answer session, the attendees went out into our research vines to observe the CLEREL crew hand-prune vines and how to collect pruning weights, which is an important technique to calculate your crop load and balance your vines.

This event was well attended for our first one in many years. New growers were there to learn as well as seasoned growers who brought their vineyard crew members. We were all pleased with the outcome of this educational



Growers learning pruning techniques from Dan Sprague Jr. at the Cornell Lake Erie and Extension Laboratory.

event and hope to continue them in the future. A suggestion was made to add a blade-sharpening portion to future classes to ensure our pruning shears are optimal for the season.

Dr. Terry Bates and others have studied how pruning levels affect Concord Grape Production and have published scientific papers on the results. Optimizing yield and maintaining acceptable juice soluble solids requires a strategic approach to pruning. Research demonstrates that increasing retained nodes per vine can enhance yields while delaying harvest minimally, provided midseason crop adjustments are employed. Meanwhile, adopting mechanical pruning systems significantly reduces costs, offering growers a pathway to improved profitability without compromising quality. The choice of pruning strategy should align with vineyard size, climate conditions, and grower objectives. For most New York 'Concord' grape growers, mechanical + manual pruning represents the most balanced and economically viable option, achieving higher yields and quality while minimizing labor costs.



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## SUNY Fredonia Police Officer to Receive Statewide Award for Saving a Life

Article Contributed by

SUNY Fredonia

Officer Amanda Drummond of the University Police Department at the State University of New York at Fredonia will receive the SUNY Police Chiefs Life Saving Award.

The four-year UP veteran at SUNY Fredonia and alumna of the university will be honored by the SUNY Police Chiefs Association at its annual conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, on Tuesday, Dec. 3.



Submitted Photo

Officer Amanda Drummond

Officer Drummond responded to an "all-call" for assistance issued by the village of Fredonia, NY, police department to adjacent law enforcement agencies for an early-morning incident last spring. Upon arriving at the scene and finding a person wounded, severely bleeding and laying on a street, Drummond immediately applied first aid, monitored vital signs and continued to care for the victim until an EMS crew arrived.

The victim kept saying that they thought they were going to die, Drummond recalled. Fellow UP officers arrived at the scene to provide support for Drummond.

After being taken to Brooks Memorial Hospital, the victim was later transferred to Erie County Medical Center and survived the injury.

"Officer Drummond's quick actions to mitigate further issues with the victim's injury ultimately saved his life," said UP Chief of Police Gordon Carpenter, who nominated Drummond for the award with input from his staff. "Based on her efforts, the subject was able to be rushed to the hospital and treated."

Drummond utilized basic first aid training received at the Erie County

[NY] Law Enforcement Training Academy as part of training to become a police officer in New York state. All UP officers at SUNY Fredonia receive refresher first aid training annually.

"She should be very proud," Chief Carpenter said. "She did her duty exceedingly well and saved a life." Drummond stands out for her willingness towards helping and assisting, maintaining a positive attitude, no matter what she's dealing with, he added. "She's an excellent officer, dedicated to the profession of law enforcement."

Feeling shocked, but proud, is how Drummond reacted to being chosen to receive the annual award.

"That was my very first time dealing with something like that. My co-workers were proud of me, so that was a nice feeling, too," she said.

Drummond, who was born in Houma, LA, and raised in Dunkirk, NY, received a B.A. from SUNY Fredonia, with majors in Criminal Justice and Sociology, in 2007. She began her law enforcement career at SUNY Oswego and joined the SUNY Fredonia UP four years ago.



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# This Weekend at the Audubon Community Nature Center



## Free Admission, Hot Cocoa and Cookies Saturday at Audubon

Audubon Community Nature Center celebrates Small Business Saturday 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. this Saturday with free hot cocoa and cookies, free admission and 10% off new memberships and most everything in the Blue Heron Gift Shop. In addition to cuddly stuffed animals, you'll find wonderful locally-made honey, beeswax candles, soaps, and so much more: the right gift for any child in your life and all the grown-ups, too. Audubon is at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren.



Submitted Photos

## First Sunday Story Time at Audubon This Sunday

After you and your favorite 2–8 year old(s) are inspired at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Sunday Story Time this Sunday, you can go outside to the Nature Play Area and visit Sara, the 14-foot long concrete Spotted Salamander. Story Time and Sunday building admission are both free. To reserve your space for the 12:30 p.m. event, click through Programs and Events at AudubonCNC.org.

# The Harvest is Plenty in Chautauqua County

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Richard Feinen Farms (Dunkirk); Green Heron Farm (Sherman); Enjoyable Acres (Fredonia); Lizzie Byler (Frewsburg); Hidden Valley Produce (Frewsburg); JM Joy Farms (Fredonia); Miller's Apples (Dunkirk); Maggitti Farms (Fredonia); Snowbelt Gardens (Jamestown); Stand Fast Grass Fed Beef (Dunkirk); Yerico Farms (Dunkirk); Gage Farms (Silver Creek); Roo Haven Farm (Forestville) and Sunshine Honey (Sherman).

The 2025 season for the 'Grow Chautauqua' program will begin in March of 2025, and run through August. Community members are

encouraged to keep an eye out for exact distribution locations and dates to be announced in the spring.

Chautauqua County residents are also encouraged to shop locally, even in the 'off-season,' by supporting local farms and producers. More information on local farms and agriculture businesses can be found via Chautauqua Grown, a guide to all thing's local foods, including farms that sell products direct to consumers, farmers markets, and restaurants that purchase locally produced food. Chautauqua Grown can be accessed at: <https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/chautauqua-grown>, as well as on Facebook.

# MHA Welcomes Visitors to Luncheon, has New AAA Group



Submitted Photo

Representatives from the Salvation Army and Goodskills Career Builder participated in the MHA's November holiday recovery luncheon and described the services their programs offer. Pictured from left are Salvation Army staffers Jennifer Rolfe, Asia Leonard, Joathylet (JoJo) Ruedas, and Scotlynn Fegley and Goodskills' Francisca Wallen and Jackie Greene.

## Article Contributed by Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County

At the Mental Health Association's November holiday recovery luncheon Acting Executive Director Michael Nordin recognized participants and welcomed staff from the Salvation Army and Goodskills Career Builder.

For information about Salvation Army services, including providing shelter, working with sexual assault victims, court advocacy, assistance finding housing, referrals and more, call (716) 661-3897. To learn about Goodskills' four-week program at Jamestown Community College that pays students while they prepare for a job in manufacturing, call (716) 854-3494.

MHA's new All Addictions Anonymous (AAA) group is an all-inclusive, 12-step program based in the teachings of Alcoholics Anonymous but geared toward any addiction: alcohol, drugs, food, shopping, or any personal compulsion that has had a negative impact on a person's well being. It meets at the Jamestown recovery center in the Gateway Building, Door 14, at 31 Water Street on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to participate and learn the tools AAA offers to help with whatever their personal addiction struggles may be.

The MHA is a peer recovery center offering support groups and individual coaching. To learn more, call (716) 661-9044 or visit [MHACHautauqua.org](http://MHACHautauqua.org) or Facebook. [com/MHACHautauqua](https://www.facebook.com/MHACHautauqua).



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# Dunkirk to Host Christmas on Central



Article Contributed by  
**City of Dunkirk**

Mayor Kate Wdowiasz and the City of Dunkirk Festivals and Specials Events Department are excited to announce Dunkirk's Christmas on Central Small Business Saturday Holiday Market and Annual Tree Lighting.

The Christmas on Central festive event will be held on Saturday, November 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and focuses on Small Business Saturday local merchants and area vendors.

The indoor and outdoor pop-up shopping event is sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union. Other sponsors include VanDette Law PLLC, Central Station Restaurant, Putnam Record Agency, The Botox Barn and JF Grant Consulting Services.

Local vendors and activities will be inside Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (NCCS), Elks Club, Stearns Building, former P&G grocery store,

P\*dubs, Onix Barbershop and other locations along with other holiday elements outside on Central Avenue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The day will provide a great opportunity to shop for holiday gifts from over 80 vendors and small businesses while enjoying live music at City Hall with Footsteps (11 a.m.), Slim & Red (1 p.m.) and DJ Joe Gould (3 p.m.).

Other activities include complimentary horse drawn carriage rides with two wagons this year provided by Laff 'N Lyon Ranch from 12 noon to 4 p.m., visits with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and elves from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall, ice sculpture carving demonstrations by Jamestown Ice & Storage in Stearns Court starting at 11 a.m., children's holiday craft-making (12 noon - 4 p.m. at NCCS) and cookie frost (11 a.m. - 3 p.m. inside the Stearns Building), complimentary hot cocoa and food available for purchase from the Central Station Restaurant.

A new unwrapped toy drive conducted by Chautauqua County Rural Ministry

is also being held to support the local families in need. Drop off sites will be Dunkirk City Hall and NCCS during the month of December.

There will also be a shopping map available at the event promoting participating vendors and some of the other holiday deals and savings taking place at other local businesses throughout the city. The map will also be on-line at [www.cityofdunkirk.com](http://www.cityofdunkirk.com).

"This free event is always well-attended and a great kickoff to the holiday season," said Mayor Wdowiasz. "It's fantastic to see people in downtown Dunkirk shopping, mingling and enjoying all the planned activities.

Like last year, holiday dancers from the McKenna Academy of Dance (5 p.m.) and Danza! Performing Arts Academy (5:15 p.m.) will perform a holiday routine in front of city hall.

The event will conclude with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on the steps of Dunkirk City Hall with Mayor

Wdowiasz, staff, community members and friends.

Participants are reminded to dress warm during the inside and outside strolling holiday event.

Corporate events sponsors are available at the following levels: \$1,000 - Overall Sponsor, \$500 - Tree Lighting Sponsor, \$250 - Horse-Drawn Carriage Sponsor and \$100 - Santa Set Sponsor.

Vendor opportunities are still available for \$35 (Dunkirk residents) and \$45 (non-Dunkirk resident). If you are interested in being a sponsor or a craft, gift, or kids' activity vendor, please visit the city website at [www.cityofdunkirk.com](http://www.cityofdunkirk.com) under Residents/Festivals or their Facebook page at Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events for registration form.

For more information, contact Scott Mekus, event specialist, at City of Dunkirk at (716) 366-9848 or [smekus@cityofdunkirk.com](mailto:smekus@cityofdunkirk.com).



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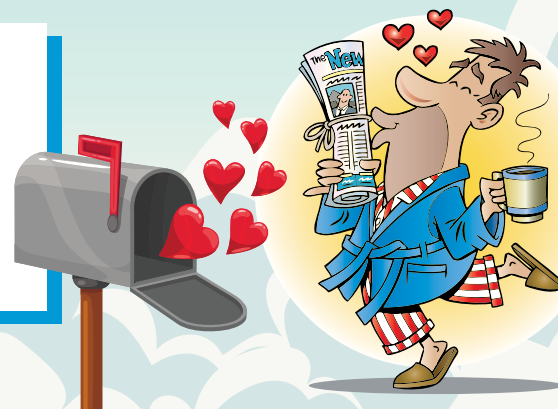


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#### ORIGINAL 12

Grilled patty, cheddar, greens, red onion, tomato, pickle, mustard, hot sauce.

#### AFRICAN PEANUT BURGER 12

Grilled patty, over easy egg, scratch made apricot jam and spicy peanut sauce

#### GARLIC MUSHROOM SWISS BURGER 13

Grilled patty, garlic butter, grilled mushrooms, swiss cheese, vegan garlic mayo.

#### MINOTAUR MASH 13

Grilled patty, mashed sweet potatoes, caramelized onions, cranberry compote, and vegan mayo

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### LARGE PLATES

Add a veggie burger patty, peruvian tofu, or Beyond sausage to any dish for +\$5

#### THAI PEANUT RAMEN BOWL 16

Chili, peanut, coconut, ginger, and lime infused broth with noodles, mushrooms, broccoli, and fresh sweet red peppers finished with crushed peanuts, cilantro, scallions, and spicy peanut sauce.  
SUB gluten-free buckwheat noodles +\$2

#### CHILI CRISP ALFREDO TORTELLINI 17

Scratch-made alfredo sauce with an infusion of chili crisp served over cheese tortillina with steamed broccoli and a toasted roll

#### CHANA MARSALA 15

Chickpea and tomato dish with garlic, spanish onion, coconut milk, and garam masala finished with cilantro and topped with mango chutney. Served over basmati rice with scratch-made flatbread.

### SOUPS

cup 6 / bowl 8 / quart to go 12

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### SIDES

#### MAC & CHEESE

#### STEAKHOUSE MAC

#### HOUSE SALAD

#### CAESAR SALAD

#### RICE & BEANS

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### QUESADILLAS

Gluten free option available on a smaller 10" tortilla.

#### CHEESE 8.5

Cheddar and monterey jack cheeses melted into a 12" grilled flour tortilla dusted with spices. Served with sour cream and salsa.

#### BLACK BEAN 11

black bean dip, red onion, and cheddar/monterey jack cheeses melted in a 12" tortilla dusted with spices. Served with sour cream and salsa.

#### SPINACH ARTICHOKE 11

Scratch-made spinach and artichoke cheese dip, mozzarella, and mushrooms melted into a 12" flour tortilla. Served with red sauce.

#### THE GOAT 11

Goat cheese, brown butter toasted walnuts, roasted garlic, our apricot jam on a 10" grilled flour tortilla. Served with a cranberry compote for dipping.

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#### SOUTHWEST small burrito 7.5 / large burrito or bowl 13 / salad 16

Seasoned brown rice, our hot bean mix, cheddar jack, baby spinach, salsa, sour cream and Frank's red hot sauce.

#### HAVANA SHAKEDOWN small burrito 7.5 / large burrito or bowl 13 / salad 16

Seasoned brown rice, black beans with lime, avocado, carrots, sunflower seeds, greens, agave, salsa, hot sauce. Add sour cream?

#### EVEN MORE GREEKER 13 small burrito 7.5 / large burrito or bowl 13 / salad 16

Greek-Style chickpea and cucumber salad, kalamata olives, feta, baby spinach, diced tomatoes, sunflower seeds, tzatziki, and hummus.

#### THE SMASH MOUTH small burrito 8.5 / large burrito or bowl 14 / salad 17

Chickpeas, basil pesto, feta, dried cranberries, avocado, roasted red peppers, sunflower seeds, spinach, sour cream, and hot sauce.

### FLATBREADS

Thin crust dough and toppings baked to order.  
Gluten free crust available for +3.

#### MYSTIC PIZZA 16

Scratch-made red sauce topped with mozzarella, Beyond sausage, Beyond pepperoni, and our crumbled veggie burger finished with chili garlic oil.

#### GOODFELLAS 15

Loaded with our house-made spinach artichoke dip, roasted red peppers, mozzarella, and an italian three cheese blend.

#### GET SHORTY 14

Scratch-made red sauce topped with mozzarella and plenty of fresh basil finished with an Italian three cheese blend and a drizzle of olive oil.

#### EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE 15

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