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Featured Writer  
**Fr. Paul Cygan**

**T**op of the mornin' to you! And the rest of the day be yours!

St. Patrick's Day is upon us. To celebrate, many will wear green, visit their local establishments, enjoy a few Irish libations, and don their Donegal caps. But it wouldn't be St. Patrick's Day without recognizing the great and magnanimous 5th century saint who inspired Ireland to embrace Christ.

Believe it or not, St. Patrick wasn't born Irish. He was Welsh! As a young man, he was captured by Irish pirates and enslaved as a

## ST. PATRICK

### IRISH BLESSING

*"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields. May God hold you in the palm of his hands."*



ling him to return to Ireland to preach to the pagan people. He even had dreams of the Irish calling out to him, begging him to bring Christ to them.

shepherd. During his captivity, he learned the Gaelic language and customs, and all the while he developed a deep relationship with God through prayer. After a daring escape, he eventually returned home to Wales. Yet something continued to tug at his heart. In prayer, St. Patrick felt God compel-

Patrick became a priest and was later ordained a bishop; hence the pointy hat, the miter, that we often see him wearing. His return to Ireland was both courageous and difficult, as he had to confront centuries-old pagan customs and Druid spirituality. Some pagan chieftains persecuted him and even attempted to kill him, but

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## A LITTLE GREEN, A LOT OF GRIT: MARCH MADNESS 2026 TIPS OFF WITH FRONTRUNNERS, LONG SHOTS, AND LOCAL ABSENCES



Contributing Writer  
**Jordan Nicholson**

**M**arch Madness arrives this year like a St. Patrick's Day parade—loud, unpredictable, and powered by equal parts tradition and illusion. By Selection Sunday on March 15, the 68team

men's field will be locked in, and the annual promise will be renewed: six wins to immortality, one loss to heartbreak. For most of you reading this, you've already seen the complete bracket. For Western New York fans, the tournament brings both excitement and a familiar sting—national contenders charge forward while local programs once again watch from the sidelines.

At the top of the bracket, a clear group of frontrunners has emerged. Duke enters March as the most complete team in the country, pairing elite guard play with depth that holds up across neutral floors. Michigan and Arizona are close behind, each boasting strong ré-

sumés built on highend wins and consistency through rugged conference schedules. UConn rounds out the leading pack, its championship pedigree and physical style making the Huskies a dangerous matchup regardless of seed line. None are invincible—but all will be expected to survive the first weekend without drama, which in March is never guaranteed.

Closer to home, the picture is less festive. Neither the



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## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

**Living Voices: The New American (Immigration in the early 20th Century)**  
9 AM-10 AM & 1 PM-2 PM  
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**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**  
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Coughlan's Pub | Fredonia  
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**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**  
8 AM-2 AM  
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**Free Classic Movie: "The Man Who Knew Too Much"**  
7 PM  
Lake Shore Center for the Arts | Westfield  
For Info: [lakeshorecenterforthearts.com](http://lakeshorecenterforthearts.com)

**The Cinema Series: "Sentimental Value"**  
7:30 PM  
1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center | Fredonia  
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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

**25 Years of Asking Questions: What Makes a Life Matter?** | 6 PM-7 PM  
Robert H. Jackson Center | Jamestown  
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**Living Voices: The New American** | 9 AM-10 AM, 11 AM-12 PM, & 1:15 PM-2:15 PM (Immigration in the early 20th Century)  
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**Movies at The Reg: A Private Life** | 7 PM  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown  
For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)

**Fenton History Center Presents: 2026 Trivia Nights** | 7 PM  
Shawbucks | Jamestown  
For Info: [fentonhistorycenter.org](http://fentonhistorycenter.org)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

**Yard Smarts: Landscaping and Lawn Care That Protects Our Watersheds**  
6 PM-7 PM  
Bemus Point Library | Bemus Point  
For Info: [chautauquawatershed.org](http://chautauquawatershed.org)

**Craft & Sip Group**  
7 PM-10 PM  
Labyrinth Press Company | Jamestown  
For Info: Labyrinth Press Company Facebook Page

## THURSDAY MARCH, 19-SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**Bye-Bye Birdie** | 7 PM  
Forestville High School  
For Info: [forestville.com](http://forestville.com)

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**Wine on the Trail and Yard Smarts Kickoff**  
5:30 PM-7 PM  
Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park | Cassadaga  
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## FRIDAY, MARCH 20 & SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**The Music Man** | 7:30 PM  
Fredonia High School  
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## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**Pancake & Waffle Breakfast: Meet The Easter Bunny** | 7:30 AM-10:30 AM  
Falcon's Nest | Falconer  
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**Life at the Met: Tristan und Isolde** | 12 PM  
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8 AM-11 AM  
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- SELECTION SUNDAY:.....Sunday, March 15
- FIRST FOUR: .....March 17-18
- FIRST ROUND: .....March 19-20
- SECOND ROUND: .....March 21-22
- SWEET 16: .....March 26-27
- ELITE EIGHT: .....March 28-29
- FINAL FOUR: .....April 4 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis
- NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:  
April 6 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis

Editorial with Lori Cornell

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



*Publisher*  
**Lori Cornell**

**W**hy is it that St. Patrick's Day - a religious feast originating in Ireland - has become universally appealing to people of many other backgrounds and ethnicities?

Is it because St. Patrick was such a laudable saint? Yes, but there were many standout saints that deserve honor and celebration.

Is it because the officially green holiday gives us the perfect excuse to patronize our local Irish establishments like Coughlan's in Fredonia and 2 Gingers in Jamestown? Yes, of course, but is it really the tinted beer and corned beef that make us feel so lucky?

Maybe it's because St. Patrick's

Day stands at the heart of our human nature and innate craving for happiness in the dead of winter? I'm no psychologist but we've all had social circles and life circumstances that were downers, that drain on our time and patience. The foundational premise for Irish culture and the celebration of their signature holiday is fundamentally the opposite of this "work". The Irish, as history tells it, overcame great obstacle - from the legendary Potato famines in the motherland to oppression and poverty in the inner cities of early America - and stood tall with a smile on their face, fiddle in their hand and gig in their step.

As human beings we crave happiness at our core and long to hang with happy people in happy times. That's the Irish. So whether your ancestors came from Ireland or not, St. Patrick's Day invites us all to celebrate happy and conjure up our best selves! And so, this week, top of the morning to us all.

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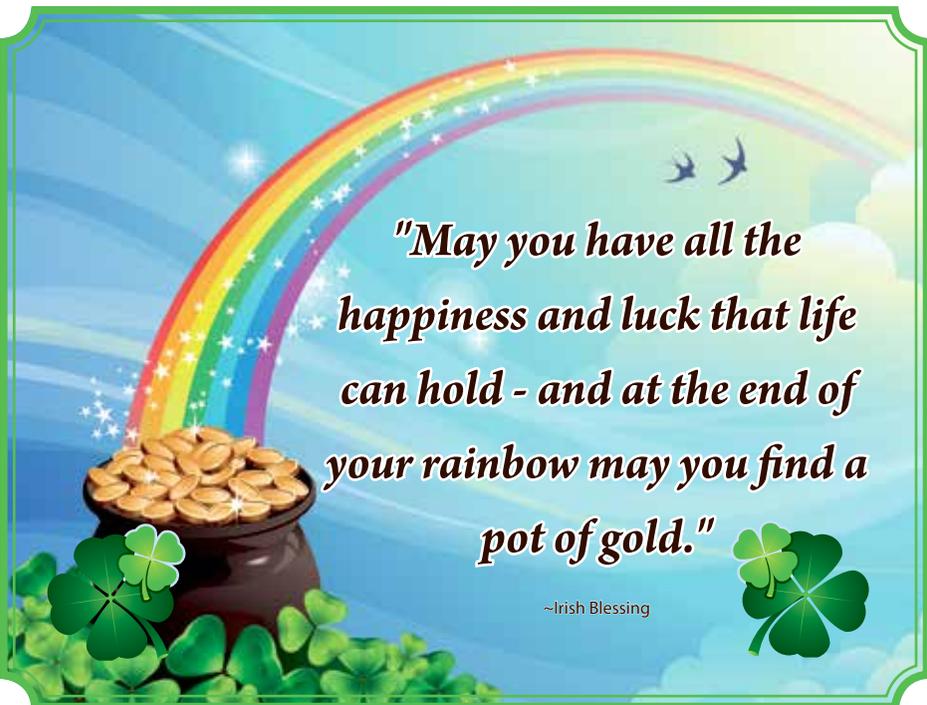
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~Irish Blessing




# Faith Matters

## Lenten Life Stories 2026: Come to the Water and Bring Your Ladle!



Featured Writer

Rev. Tara Eastman

First Presbyterian Church of Warren

*This week's Lenten Life Story, focuses on the theme of community building with the help of a life story about a freshwater spring and the biblical account of the Samaritan Woman from John 4.*

When I was a young child, I grew up next to a freshwater spring on Egypt Hollow Road in Russell, PA. The freshwater spring ran along the side of the huge backyard and a big metal ladle hung on a nail that my Dad had driven into the trunk of a sturdy tree. With the support of the thick branches and ladle fresh, freezing cold water was always within reach. The cold, clean water was always on tap to quench our tag-playing thirst, filling and refilling my tea set and was a ready source of refreshment to fill our dog's water dish on the back patio.

We had a freshwater spring.  
We had a tree with strong branches.  
We had a metal ladle in reach.  
We had proximity and the ability to bend down, scoop out the water and drink in the blessing of this living-water; whenever we had a need for it.

*But what if we hadn't had a ladle? What if there was no sturdy branch to hold onto? What if the fresh water spring dried up - or rerouted to the property up the road that was posted, "No Trespassing!" Without that living water close by, how would our neighborhood and family be*

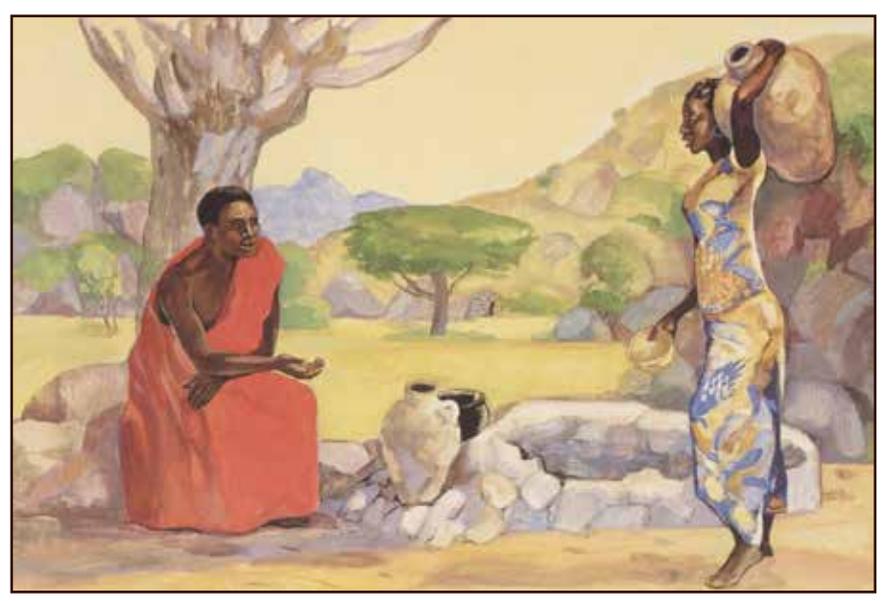
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Our access to that fresh water spring was incredibly life-giving. It took care of our physical thirst and gave us a place in the community and helped our backyard become a communal gathering place of refreshment. That water source helped attend to physical needs and offered space for people to come together, build relationships and become friends. That fresh spring was a source of water AND a life-giving community.

In the account of the Samaritan Woman at the Well from John 4:4-42, we encounter the power of community to be a source of isolation or life-giving connection. The woman goes to gather her daily jar of water in the heat of midday, because she doesn't want to - or can't go early in the morning with her neighbors. She is, by way of her personal circumstances or the bias of her community - cut off and isolated. The text doesn't give us her full backstory, except to note she goes to the well alone - that she has had five husbands - and the man she is currently living with; isn't her husband.

The reason we learn anything about her comes from her conversation with Jesus - as he waits at the well for the disciples to return with food. He sees the woman, asks her for a drink of water and she is astounded! She is a Samaritan woman and according to social norms - this Jewish man *should not* approach or speak to her.

And yet, Jesus pushes against the norms of society. He stops, sees and asks her for help. As they stood at the well, she had space to ask him essential questions about religion, address the conflict between the Samaritan and Jewish people and share her personal life. Instead of being a constant reminder of her isolation from community, Jacob's well becomes a gathering place for two very different people to begin talking and building a



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## CBA's 14th Annual Dining in the Dark Returns April 17th



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### CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services

CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services invites the community to its 14th annual Dining in the Dark on Friday, April 17th, at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY. This unique event gives guests the chance to enjoy a three-course meal completely without sight, guided by trained volunteers, offering a truly unforgettable sensory experience.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a cash bar, silent and live auctions, a wine pull, t-shirt sales, and a 50/50 raffle. Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m., when guests are blindfolded and led to their tables. The event not only delights the senses but also raises awareness and funds for CBA's programs, which support individuals of all ages with legal blindness through their Vision Rehabilitation services, Orientation and Mobility Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Braille training services. CBA also has a Youth Vision Screening Program that provides free screenings for over 4,500 children each year in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.

CBA continues to partner with JCC's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program and SUNY Fredonia's Pre-Health Professions Club for the event. These students, along with several community volunteers and CBA staff, assist guests at the dinner, guiding them around the tables and ensuring a memorable experience.

"This event truly brings our community together in a special way. I love that it has become a beloved tradition for many," said Megan Maynard, Executive Director. "Guests leave with more than just a memorable meal—they gain understanding, empathy, and a connection to the CBA programs that empower individuals living with vision loss in our community every day."

CBA has been providing one-on-one training for legally blind clients for over 100 years, and conducting vision screenings for children in the community for decades. The Dr. Timothy Grace Sight for Success Program is also a fund managed by CBA, named after the late Dr. Tim Grace. It ensures children have access to essential eye care once vision is screened.

Tickets for the fundraising event are available for \$70 per person. Reservations can be made online at [www.cbavision.org](http://www.cbavision.org). Discounted room rates are also offered at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. There are also business sponsorships to fit a variety of budgets, which include dinner reservations. For more information, visit the website, contact [director@cbavision.org](mailto:director@cbavision.org), or call the office at 716-664-6660. The deadline to purchase tickets or sign up for sponsorships is April 1st.

Those unable to attend can still support CBA through tax-deductible donations online or by mail to CBA, 510 W. 5th Street, Jamestown, NY. CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a United Way Community Partner.

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## Pride Prom: An Over the Rainbow Celebration



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### PFLAG Chautauqua and Jamestown Pride

PFLAG Chautauqua and Jamestown Pride are excited to announce **Pride Prom: Over the Rainbow**, a celebration for LGBTQ+ and allied people to experience a night of camaraderie, dancing, food, and fashion. Hosted as a private event at Wicked Warren's in Jamestown on March 28th from 6-10 p.m., this first area Pride Prom will be a safe, inclusive environment for people to dress in what makes them feel fabulous to dance and celebrate the evening in style.

Rob Roth, President of Wicked Warren's, affirms, "We're proud to support Jamestown Pride and PFLAG because strong communities are built on respect, kindness, and the freedom for people to be themselves. Events like Pride Prom and Pride Week bring people together in a positive, welcoming way, and we're honored to play a small part in celebrating the diversity that makes our region special."

The evening will begin with door prizes generously donated by local businesses, and the event will be hosted by Masters of Ceremonies DJ Paul Clemente (Diamond Run Radio) and Lennox WT (Moonlight Revival). A special Royal Drag Court will feature entertainers Sabrina White (Knights of Enchanted Dreams) and Justin Tyme (ShowTyme Productions) to warm up the dance floor. Local businesses

sponsoring Pride Prom will be acknowledged during the evening as well.

"We at Jamestown Pride are thrilled to finally offer a larger event in addition to our annual June festival," says Karen Hewes Suber, Events Coordinator for Jamestown Pride. "Our partnership with PFLAG this year has helped us organize events that enrich the queer community when visibility and representation are much needed." PFLAG Co-President Jo Hyatt adds, "Fueled by love and dressed in our best, we are gathering in celebration unapologetically being our authentic selves. In this current climate, it is an act of bravery."

Attending Pride Prom will help raise funds to support both LGBTQ+ organizations – PFLAG Chautauqua, which supports, educates and advocates for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them, and Jamestown Pride, whose mission is "...to create events celebrating the queer community so people feel good about who they are."

The event is available to prom goers ages 18+ and food and beverages will be available for sale. Presale tickets for \$20 are available on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-prom-tickets-1983693547801>. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the prom for \$25 at the door. Come enjoy the prom you wish you had: Formal is option, and fabulous is a must!



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“The company was started in 1956 by Glenn Janowsky, and it was built on relationships, customer service, pricing and quick service. But the company has gone way beyond that,” said Joseph R. Palmeri, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Jamestown Container. “We’ve done so many things in growth and acquisitions and training with Deming and continuous improvement.

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Throughout its history, Jamestown Container has remained committed to strong customer relationships, industry innovation, community involvement, and employee development. Many team members have built long-term careers with the company, contributing to a culture centered on safety, accountability, and pride in craftsmanship.

Jamestown Container continually works to expand capabilities and meet the evolving needs of modern customer supply chains. Investments in automation, design innovation, sustainability, and safety initiatives have strengthened the company’s ability to deliver efficient, cost-effective solutions that protect products and elevate brands. As part of its anniversary celebration, Jamestown Container Companies has scheduled a series of initiatives throughout 2026, including community engagement activities, employee spotlights, customer appreciation efforts, and the release of a commemorative video highlighting the company’s journey and future vision.

“We just have great relationships with the people in our industry and a lot of that has to do with Joe,” said Bruce Janowsky, CEO and President of James-



town Container Companies. “We’re good partners and they trust us. We’ve had so many good competitors and industry peers that we’ve become partners with or worked with. It’s really quite rewarding to look back at those relationships and how they helped us grow.”

Jamestown Container Companies remains family-owned and operated, with multiple manufacturing locations throughout the region. This includes our Midwest Box facility in Cleveland, OH and Cattaraugus Container in Franklinville, NY. The company continues to focus on delivering high-quality packaging solutions while investing in the people and technologies that drive long-term growth.

Learn more about Jamestown Container Companies and our 70th anniversary initiatives at [jamestowncontainer.com](http://jamestowncontainer.com).

### About Jamestown Container Companies

Jamestown Container Companies is a family-owned manufacturer of custom corrugated packaging and packaging solutions, serving customers across the Great Lakes region in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Southern Ontario, CA. Since 1956, Jamestown Container has provided high-quality packaging products designed to protect goods, enhance brands, and streamline logistics. The company maintains a strong commitment to safety, sustainability, and continuous improvement.



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## 5 TAX PREP TIPS

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Tax season isn't something most people look forward to, particularly if they suspect they owe money. However, a few tax prep tips can make the process of filing a return and, if necessary, paying back taxes as pain-free as possible.

1. Call your tax preparer early. If you use an accountant or another tax preparer, be sure to book the appointment as soon as possible because slots fill up quickly. You don't want to wait until the last minute and find there are no remaining appointments.

2. Establish a tax preparation folder. Beginning in January, certain documents will arrive in the mail that will be needed to file your taxes. Documents include earnings statements, banking interest statements and documents indicating investment profits. When items arrive, stash them in your tax folder so you'll have all necessary paperwork at the ready.

3. Avoid tax scams. As tax season draws near, tax scammers target unsuspecting individuals. You may find that you receive calls or texts from those purporting to be with the Internal Revenue Service. However, financial experts say that the

IRS or the U.S. Treasury will never call you on the phone; their mode of contact is via the U.S. mail. Another scam is individuals advertising a bigger refund when you use their services. This is not how tax laws work nor is it possible to get a return larger than what is owed. Avoid anyone promising a bigger return, advises Bankrate.

4. Consider increasing health spending account contributions. Lisa Greene-Lewis, a blog editor at TurboTax, says HSAs are triple tax-advantaged, meaning you get an "above-the-line" deduction for contributing, and the growth in these accounts as well as withdrawals are tax-free if used for qualified health expenses. If you need to lower your tax burden, HSAs may be a safe and legal way to do so.

5. Utilize tax software. If you're not using an accountant and have a relatively cut-and-dry financial situation, modern tax software can be an easy and inexpensive way to do your taxes. These sophisticated programs ask a series of detailed questions and the entire process can be completed in relatively little time.

It's almost time to get income taxes in order. Certain tips can make the process go more smoothly.

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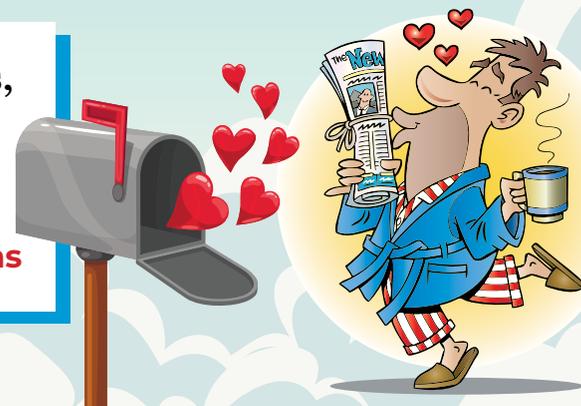
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St Patrick

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none of this deterred his faith. Over the course of sixty years, with perseverance and prayer as his constant companions, St. Patrick boldly set out to convert much of the Emerald Isle.

We're all familiar with the luck of finding a four-leaf clover. But one of St. Patrick's most famous teaching tools was the three-leaf clover, which he used to explain the Trinity: that God is one, yet three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Patrick called the tribes and chieftains to turn away from idol worship and other pagan practices. Even the development of the Celtic cross reflects this mission. These stone crosses, with a circle around the intersection, incorporated symbols of the sun and moon, showing that the cross of Christ is greater than both. By placing the cross at the center of the circle, Patrick redirected people's attention to Christ.

Another well-known legend is St. Patrick's banishment of the snakes. The story goes that the snakes were not merely pests, they were sacred to the Druids. Driving them into the sea symbolized the eradication of idol worship. Did it literally happen? Probably not. But the legend persists because it captures the spiritual impact of St. Patrick's mission.

But who was St. Patrick, really? Why did he do what he did? His own words in his Confessions give us the answer:

"It is not I but Christ the Lord who ordered me to come to these people and to stay with them for the rest of my life. I have not lived a life as perfect as other believers, but I still trust in the Lord."

He wasn't seeking fame or glory. His heart was moved by love for the people, and he served the Irish faithfully until his dying breath. We all know St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. But did you know he is also the patron saint of Nigeria? In the 1920s, Irish monks strengthe-

ned Christianity in Nigeria through their missionary efforts. The story comes full circle: St. Patrick once brought the faith to Ireland, and centuries later Irish missionaries brought the faith to Africa. Today, Nigeria is one of the most vibrantly Catholic countries on the continent, sending priests throughout the world. A Nigerian priest friend once told me that one of the more popular alcoholic beverages in Nigeria is Guinness. The Irish monks clearly knew how to spread the faith.

One last thing worth mentioning is how St. Patrick helped shape a distinctly Irish Catholic spirituality. He embraced the Celtic idea of "thin places". These are locations where one encounters God more readily,

whether in a prayerful church, in nature, or in the midst of family life. A Celtic saying goes that heaven and earth are always only three feet apart, except in thin places, where the distance is even smaller and the di-

vine becomes more tangible. Where is a thin place in your life? St. Patrick can help you find it.

As we celebrate this great day of Irish culture and faith, we remember the saint who continues to inspire us and point the way to Christ. Allow me to conclude with the words from the beautiful Irish blessing: "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields. May God hold you in the palm of his hands."

*Fr. Paul Cygan serves as the administrator of the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Family of Parishes and has been ministering in the Jamestown area for nearly five years. Though he is proud of his Polish heritage - and possesses not a single drop of Irish blood - he firmly believes that the spirit of the famous polka, "Everybody's Polish on Dyngus Day," should also apply to everyone's inner Irish on St. Patrick's Day.*



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Lenten Life Stories 2026:  
Come to the Water and Bring Your Ladle!

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needed life-giving relationship.

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**The account of the Samaritan woman and Jesus at the well, is a timely example of how curiosity, compassion and creativity cultivates new opportunities to build and experience life-giving-community.**

**Questions to Ponder:**

1. In this text from John 4, Jesus actively restores the Samaritan Woman to hold a leadership position in her community. What are your gifts of leadership?
2. Where is your gathering place of community and living-water? Why do you go there and what makes it life-giving?
3. How do you/will you use your gifts in your community?
4. If you had unlimited time, resources and "living-water" to share what change would you make in your community, work-place, school, non-profit or faith community?
5. Who in your life needs to be seen, heard and loved? Connect with this loved one this week.

Jesus' presence and actions at the well provided the woman (maybe for the first time in her life) space to be: seen, heard, welcomed - and invited to use her gifts. With Jesus' invitation, she is empowered to have a meaningful role in the community and use her gifts of intellect and leadership to invite others into a life-giving community with God and each other.

At the well, Jesus and the Samaritan Woman give proximity and access for people to gather and fill their physical need for water; as well as spiritual thirst for forgiveness, grace and hospitality. We all need a life-giving community where each person is seen, heard and celebrated. The Samaritan woman story reminds us: *God sees us, hears us, loves us - and calls us to use our gifts (ladles/buckets) to bring*

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## Sweet Steps to Making Maple Syrup

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Breakfast foods like pancakes or French toast just aren't the same without delicious maple syrup. Not all syrups in the grocery aisle are the same. In fact, some do not contain any maple at all. Pure maple syrup is a marvel of nature, and involves a multi-step process of getting this rich liquid from tree to table.

### Sugar maples and sugarbushes

Sugarmapletreesarethespeciesresponsible for producing the maple syrup consumers know and love. Alternative maple trees can be used, but industry experts say sugar maples produce the most flavorful syrups. According to the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association, maple syrup starts off as tree sap. Sugarmakers, as maple syrup producers are called, rely on a cultivated group of maple trees that they use for syrup, known as a sugarbush or maple orchard. This is where the syrup-making process begins.

### From tree sap to syrup

Maple sap is mostly crystal clear water that is roughly 2 percent sugar. Sugarmakers visit the sugarbush in late winter/early spring for a sugaring season that lasts four to six weeks. The State of Vermont Pure Maple Syrup says a pattern of freezing and thawing temperatures - with below-freezing temperatures at night, followed by 40 to 45 F temperatures during the day - produces the requisite pressure within a tree to enable sap to flow when trees are tapped. It takes around 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. Each

sugar maple produces about 4 cups of syrup per tree, so sugarmakers must gather as much sap as possible.

The process begins with drilling a tap hole into each sugar maple tree. Then spouts are inserted into the holes to direct the sap into buckets or tubes that will deliver the sap to a collection tank at a sugar house or another collection area. According to Fort Rose Farm, a maple syrup farm in Canada, the sap is then placed into a reverse osmosis machine. It delivers pressure to pump the sap through a membrane to extract the sugar from the water in the sap. The sap then travels to an evaporator to boil off more water. As the water is removed, the product becomes thicker and more like syrup. The syrup is ready to draw off at 219 F, but it still needs to be filtered and potentially adjusted for density. It is then graded for flavor and color. Bascom, a maple syrup producer, says maple syrup made early in the season tends to be clear and have a delicate taste. As the season progresses, the syrup becomes darker and stronger in taste.

The MMPA says sap coming from the tree is approximately 98 percent water and 2 percent sugar. When the syrup is finished, it is only 33 percent water and 67 percent sugar. Maple syrup production is a labor of love, so a gallon of amber syrup generally retails between \$35 to \$45, states Bizfluent. Prices will vary depending on the grade of syrup and how well Mother Nature treated the trees that season.

Maple syrup is a product of nature. Although there is a short window of time for syrup production, the results are a sweet treat that makes breakfast, dessert and other meals that much more flavorful.



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## Chautauqua County Advances Phase 3 Sewer Expansion Around Chautauqua Lake

*Final project phase will extend service from Point Chautauqua to Midway State Park, supported by a \$17.8 million New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant.*



### South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District

#### PHASE III EXPANSION

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Chautauqua County officials today announced plans to move forward with **Phase 3 of the South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District (SCCLSD) expansion**, marking the final stretch in the decades-long effort to establish public sewer service around the entirety of Chautauqua Lake.

Phase 3 will extend public sewer infrastructure from Point Chautauqua to Midway State Park, effectively closing the remaining gap and completing the system connection around the lake's south and northern basins.

County Executive PJ Wendel called the announcement one of the most significant infrastructure advancements in recent county history. "From day one, completing public sewer around Chautauqua Lake has been one of my top priorities," said Wendel. "For years, we've talked about installing that 'golden pipe' to connect the system ends — and now, we're on the verge of making it a reality. This investment protects our environment, supports our tourism economy, and ensures that future generations can enjoy the beauty and integrity of Chautauqua Lake. I am grateful to Governor Hochul and our state partners for recognizing the importance of this project and providing the critical funding to move it forward."

This transformative project has been made possible in large part by a **\$17,795,000 New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Grant**, awarded through the Environmental Facilities Corporation on behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul. The funding will significantly offset eligible project costs and ensure the continued protection of water quality in the Chautauqua Lake watershed.

"This is the moment we have been working toward," said **Thomas Walsh, Director of the South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District**. "Phase 3 represents the final link in a system that will protect Chautauqua Lake for generations. With the support

of New York State and our local partners, we are advancing critical infrastructure that reduces nutrient loading, replaces aging septic systems, and strengthens the environmental health of our community."

The sewer district expansion has been in development for decades, with renewed momentum over the past several years. Phase 2, currently underway, expanded service along the west side of the lake and set the stage for this final phase of construction.

Karen Rine, South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Board Chair, emphasized the significance of this milestone. "This project is the result of persistence, teamwork, and a shared commitment to safeguarding our lake. Completing the connection from Point Chautauqua to Midway State Park fulfills a long-standing vision. We are proud of the dedication shown by our director, staff, board members, and partners who have worked tirelessly to make this possible."

Chautauqua County Legislature Chairman Pierre Chagnon noted the broader impact of the expansion. "Major public works projects like this require determination and sustained support at every level of government. Finalizing public sewer around Chautauqua Lake will fulfill the goal established by County Executive Horrigan in 2013. This is a historic achievement that will improve water quality, strengthen property values, and support the long-term vitality of our lake communities."

The Environmental Facilities Corporation will work closely with County and Sewer District officials as the project advances toward execution of a formal grant agreement and construction milestones. Work on Phase 3 is expected to proceed following final design, permitting, and financing approvals. Upon completion, the expansion will represent a generational investment in infrastructure, environmental protection, and the continued stewardship of one of Chautauqua County's most treasured natural resources. To learn more, view the South & Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District Phase 3 Map, Plan and Report online at: [chautauquacountyny.gov](http://chautauquacountyny.gov).

## BOCES Students Hear about Opportunities in Building Construction Trades



#### Contributed by Jamestown BPU

have excelled under the leadership of CTE Instructor Scott Hillman."

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Business Development Coordinator Ellen Ditonto recently appeared as a guest speaker in the Fundamental Building Systems and Welding Programs at the Cattaraugus-Allegany (CA) BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center.

As Business Development Coordinator for the Jamestown BPU, Ditonto has been part of workforce development initiatives, including the development of the "Smart Buildings" certificate program through Jamestown Community College's Workforce Development Program.

Ditonto focused her presentation on opportunities in the building construction trades, including electrical utility work and on the hard and soft skills employers seek in prospective employees. The group of students consists entirely of seniors enrolled in the two programs.

CA BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Career and Technical Education Chris Gagliardo said that industry-specific speakers are important to overall student development.

"These students are preparing to graduate and are looking for apprenticeships and other entry-level positions in a variety of building trades," Ditonto said. "It is an impressive group of students who

"We are grateful to organizations like the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities for taking the time to discuss the relevant skills and training that are useful in today's workplace," said Gagliardo. "It offers another perspective outside of their classroom training to prepare them for the next steps in their education and career."



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# Edgewood Communities' Annual Chili Cook-Off Raises Funds and Food Donations for Temple Sunshine Closet

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Edgewood Communities proudly announced the success of its annual Chili Cook-Off, selecting the Temple Sunshine Closet as this year's benefactor. The event raised \$150 in donations along with a generous collection of singleserve, shelfstable food items to support the program's Weekend Food Bag initiative.



This year's partnership carried special meaning for both Edgewood Communities and the Falconer Central School District. Edgewood resident Ken Vossler, a retired principal of Paul B.D. Temple Elementary School, shares a direct connection to the school, the very location where the Temple Sunshine Closet now operates, creating a heartfelt bridge between the seniors of Edgewood and the students of Temple Elementary.

In the event photo are Vossler, Molly Gustafson, founder of the Temple Sunshine Closet, and Sue Flynn, coordinator of the Chili Cook-Off. Gustafson, a PreK teacher at Paul B.D.

Temple Elementary, also has two aunts who reside within Edgewood Communities, deepening the intergenerational ties celebrated through this donation.

The Temple Sunshine Closet welcomes support from community

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# Honoring Those Who Have Touched Our Lives Gifts to WMH Foundation

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Tribute Gifts offer a unique opportunity to recognize someone who has memorably touched your life. Remembering a family member, a dear friend, or a colleague (in life or in death) is something that many members in our community customarily do at the Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation (WMHF).

Many are familiar with the hospital foundation's mission and how it helps the hospital remain on the cutting edge of patient care. Having celebrated its 47th Anniversary year, the WMHF, via its donors, continues its philanthropy by promoting outstanding healthcare. Donating a Memorial Gift to honor the memory of a friend or loved one who is no longer with us or recognizing a dear friend or loved one with an Honorarium is an appropriate expression of thoughtfulness and always appreciated.

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# Community Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Oliver G. & Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts

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**Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo**

The Oliver G. & Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts is accepting grant applications for its 2026 granting cycle. The Bauman Fund for the Arts is administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and awards annual grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located within the eight counties of Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming) that specialize in the classical arts sector. Applications are due Monday, April 13, 2026, and are available at <https://www.cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/bauman-fund-for-the-arts/>.

In accordance with Mrs. Baxter's wishes, priority will be given to applications that focus solely on the performance of "traditional, classical ballet and opera on the living stage, and preferably of the English, European, or Russian schools."

For more information on the Bauman Fund for the Arts grant process, please visit: <https://www.cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/bauman-fund-for-the-arts/>



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### About the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

The Bauman Fund for the Arts was established in 1996 by Sarah Bauman Baxter as a unique way to memorialize her father, Oliver Bauman. Mrs. Baxter and her father shared a love of the classics, including classical languages, ballet and opera. She translated that love into a legacy gift, which Mrs. Baxter hoped would help "perpetuate the appreciation of such fine arts as an important and integral part of our culture."

For more than a century, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo has enhanced and encouraged long-term philanthropy in the Western New York community. A 501(c)(3) organization, the Community Foundation's mission is: Connecting people, ideas and resources to improve lives in Western New York. Established in 1919, the Community Foundation has made the most of the generosity of individuals, families, foundations and organizations who entrust charitable assets to the Community Foundation's care. Learn more at [cfgb.org](https://www.cfgb.org).

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## A Little Green, a Lot of Grit:

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Buffalo Bulls nor the St. Bonaventure Bonnies will hear their names called on Selection Sunday. Buffalo showed flashes during the MAC season but never found the consistency needed to make a late push. St. Bonaventure, once a March staple earlier in the decade, fell short in the Atlantic 10 race and will be left to wonder how narrow the margins have become in a league that no longer forgives extended slumps. Syracuse, still navigating its postzone identity, also remains outside the field, marking another quiet March for Central and Western New York hoops. In fact, both Syracuse and St. Bonaventure will be looking for new coaches.

That reality makes nearby Miami of Ohio one of the most intriguing sto-

ries on the bubble. The RedHawks dominated much of the regular season and built a résumé that has kept them firmly in the atlarge discussion, even after a stumble in the MAC tournament. Their case rests on consistency, road wins, and the eye test of a team that looks organized and confident on both ends. Miami (OH) may not carry national name recognition, but it has the profile of a First Four team that could quickly become a bracket headache for a higher seed that overlooks it.

Adding to the regional buzz, Buffalo's

KeyBank Center will host first and secondround games, bringing the tournament's energy directly to Western New York. Neutral sites rarely stay neutral for long, and visiting teams often struggle with unfamiliar rims and crowd dynamics. It's the kind of environment where favorites can tighten up and underdogs grow bolder—exactly the conditions that produce the moments fans remember long after the nets are cut.

While the men's tournament dominates headlines, the women's bracket unfolds alongside it, with Selection Sunday revealing a field led by established powers and deeper parity than ever. The women's tournament begins March 18, with the championship set for April 5 in Phoenix. The level of

play and competitive balance continue to elevate it as one of the sport's premier events.

There's something fitting about March Madness colliding with St. Patrick's Day. Both celebrate belief—sometimes irrational, often justified—that fortune can change in an instant. A tipped pass becomes a breakaway dunk. A missed free throw becomes a season's regret. The favorites arrive polished, the underdogs arrive fearless, and somewhere in between is the team that catches lightning.

So as fans across Chautauqua County fill out brackets, remember this: March rewards courage more than caution. Pick a favorite, trust a hunch, maybe even believe in a team wearing green. Because when the madness begins, luck alone won't win—but it always gets a vote.



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# Grant Funds Available for Homeowners in the Village of Falconer

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**Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation**

The Village of Falconer has grant funds available to help low- and moderate-income homeowners make necessary home repairs. These Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were awarded through the New York State Office of Community Renewal to assist nine homeowners living in the Village of Falconer.

The funds can be used for necessary repairs such as replacing old windows and doors, repairing or replacing roofs, repairing porches and entries, electrical, plumbing or heating system repairs, water and sewer laterals, etc. Anything that is necessary to assure the health and safety of the occupant and/or the structural integrity of the home is eligible, including modifications such as wheelchair ramps and walk-in showers. The program does not provide funds to remodel. In all cases, the property will be made lead-safe as part of the work that is done.

In order to be eligible, you must live in the Village of Falconer, the home must be your primary, year-round residence, and all taxes and mortgages (if applicable) must be current. In addition, you must meet the income guidelines as follows: household of one - \$49,600; household of two - \$56,650; household of th-

ree - \$63,750; household of four - \$70,800. Adjustments continue to be made as household size increases. These maximum allowable incomes includes the gross (before taxes) income of all members of the household over the age of 18, whether they are related or not and regardless of their willingness to contribute to household expenses.

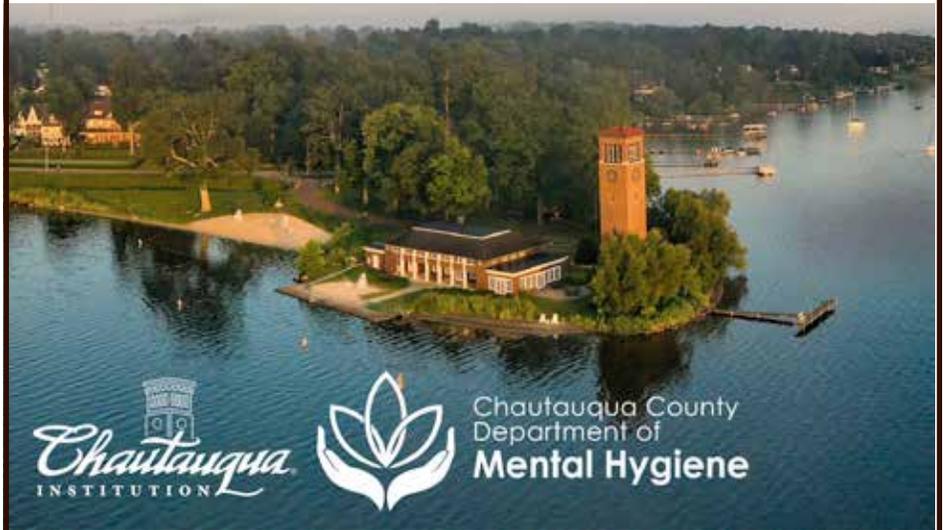
The Village of Falconer has contracted with countywide non-profit housing agency Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation (CHRIC) to get these funds out to those who need and deserve them. These funds are extremely limited, and applications and documentation are due back to CHRIC by April 30, 2026. If you would like more information or an application for the Falconer Village Rehab Program, please call CHRIC at 716-753-4650.

**About CHRIC**

CHRIC is a county-wide non-profit agency that has been serving the needs of Chautauqua County residents since 1978. For 48 Years—CHRIC has been improving the housing stock of Chautauqua County and the living conditions of its low-moderate income residents. It is CHRIC's Mission to Promote Neighborhood Stabilization, Community Revitalization, and Economic Development through projects and partnerships that positively impact Chautauqua County and its residents."



# Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene Partners with Chautauqua Institution to Expand Mental Health Training



*Contributed by*  
**Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene**

The Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene (CCDMH) has announced a new partnership with Chautauqua Institution to strengthen mental health awareness and support across the Institution's campus.

This collaborative initiative will equip staff across all departments with the knowledge and confidence to recognize and respond to individuals experiencing mental health challenges. Through Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), employees will learn practical strategies to support individuals in crisis as well as those showing early signs of mental health concerns.

CCDMH Training Specialist Christina Breen emphasized the importance of expanding mental health awareness across the community. "These mental health trainings are not only critical for individuals in crisis," said Breen. "They are just as important for those experiencing early signs and symptoms. When we know what to look for and how to respond, we can help people feel heard, seen, and safe while connecting them to the support they need."

By training representatives from departments across campus, Chautauqua Institution is reinforcing its commitment to fostering a culture of care. Staff members—from guest services and programming to facilities and security—will be better prepared to respond compassionately when someone is struggling.

Coordinator of Safety & Security Planning Sutton Dalrymple has played a key role in expanding participation and encouraging departments to engage in the trainings.

"Chautauqua Institution is a unique and treasured part of our County," said Dalrymple. Together, we can normalize the reality that life can be difficult regardless of background, while ensuring help is accessible and mental health is openly acknowledged and actively supported."

In addition to the trainings, Breen and Dalrymple are developing a clear and practical mental health response plan for campus staff. The framework will help employees feel prepared to take appropriate action when situations arise and provide consistent guidance across departments.

For more information about upcoming trainings or mental health resources, please contact Christina Breen at BreenC@chqgov.com at the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene.

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## Jodie Foster film - A Private Life - to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



In *A Private Life* (Wed., March 18 at 7 p.m.) The renowned psychiatrist Lilian Steiner (Jodie Foster) mounts a private investigation into the death of one of her patients, whom she is convinced has been murdered. *A Private Life* is rated R and is 107 minutes long. The film is presented in French with English subtitles.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include: Amanda Seyfried in the period musical drama *The Testament of Ann Lee* (March 25), Alexander Skarsgård in the dark romantic comedy *Pillion* (March 27), and the family-friendly animated film *Goat* (April 3 & April 6.)

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

## Area Organizations Host "Game of REAL Life" Resource Fair for Teens and Young Adults



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**Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Local organizations are teaming up to help teens and young adults prepare for independent living through an interactive community event.

The Game of REAL Life Teen Resource Fair will be held Wednesday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the G.A. Family Services Gymnasium, located at 210 Gustavus Avenue in Jamestown. Youth should enter through the gymnasium doors at the rear parking lot.

The free event is open to teens and young adults ages 14–21 living in Chautauqua County who want to explore resources that support the transition to adulthood.

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with representatives from local organizations offering services related to employment and job training, continuing education, housing and independent living, banking and financial literacy, transportation, healthcare and wellness, and community support services.

Attendees will “play” the Game of REAL Life by visiting vendor booths and interacting with agency representatives to earn raffle tickets for prize baskets. Youth will also have the chance to win a door prize—an iPad with case and

detachable keyboard valued at \$500. Participants must arrive before 12:30 p.m. to be eligible for the door prize drawing.

Throughout the event, participating agencies will offer live demonstrations of practical life skills, and food and drinks will be provided.

Transportation may be available through Chautauqua Area Regional Transit System (CARTS). Youth needing transportation can view routes and schedules at [chqgov.com/carts/routes-schedules](http://chqgov.com/carts/routes-schedules), and a reduced student fare may apply.

Organizations interested in participating as vendors or donating prize baskets can contact Brandy Freitas at 716-224-2676 or [freitasb@chqgov.com](mailto:freitasb@chqgov.com).

**About The Game of REAL Life**  
The Game of REAL Life is a collaborative effort between the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services Independent Living Program, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County, the Gustavus Adolphus Accountability & Responsibility Independent Living Social Emotional Learning Program, and YWCA Jamestown. The initiative connects teens and young adults with the life skills, knowledge, and community resources needed to become confident, independent, and successful adults.

# IRISH

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1. What color was originally associated with St. Patrick?
2. In what century did St. Patrick live?
3. St. Patrick worked mainly as what while enslaved in Ireland?
4. What document did St. Patrick write about his life?
5. What city held the first recorded St. Patrick's Day parade?
6. What church declared St. Patrick a saint?
7. St. Patrick is said to have driven what from Ireland?
8. What Irish hill is tied to St. Patrick's 40-day fast?
9. Which Irish town claims St. Patrick's burial?
10. Which city hosts the largest St. Patrick's Day parade?



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# Space STEM Camp Blasts Off Again, July 13-17!



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This July, Space STEM Camp returns for its 2026 season. From July 13 to July 17, local students will have the chance to launch rockets, program rovers, and peer into the deepest reaches of the galaxy in a weeklong adventure that proves science is anything but boring.

A collaborative effort by the Martz-Kohl Observatory, Falconer Central Schools, and Jamestown Community College (JCC), this camp is designed to turn curiosity into actual exploration. Registration officially opens today, March 16th, and if previous years are any indication, spots are expected to be claimed in less time than it takes for a radio signal to bounce off the moon and back to Earth (about 3 seconds!).

### A Curriculum Built for the Future

While many summer programs focus on a single subject, the Space STEM Camp integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through high-octane, real-world projects. This isn't a week of sitting in a classroom staring at a chalkboard; it's a week of getting hands-on with the tech that defines our future.

"You won't find 'sit-and-listen' sessions here," says Mary Plumb, program director. "Our students are too busy tracking telemetry and troubleshooting rover logic. By the time they launch their own rockets, they've moved past being mere spectators of science. They are becoming active participants in the future of exploration, learning the literal and metaphorical tools to navigate the stars."

"The week's agenda is a calculated sequence of projects that bridges the gap between middle school science and the high-stakes world of professionals in science and engineering:"

**Robotic Rover Programming:** In the tech labs at JCC, campers will tackle the logic

and language required to command robotic explorers. They'll navigate simulated planetary terrain, learning how engineers account for delay and environmental obstacles on worlds millions of miles away.

**Aerospace Engineering & Rocketry:** From aerodynamics to propulsion, students will build and launch their own rockets. This hands-on session teaches the physics of flight and the chemistry of what makes a launch successful.

**Telescope Construction:** Astronomy isn't just about looking through a lens; it's about understanding the optics. Every camper will build their own Galileo-type telescope to keep, ensuring the exploration continues long after the camp ends.

**The Physics of Light:** Using spectrometry, students will discover how scientists determine what stars are made of without ever leaving Earth, effectively "decoding" the chemical secrets of distant suns.

### The Observatory Experience

The camp utilizes two local facilities to provide a professional-grade experience. Most days begin at the Jamestown Community College campus, where students utilize modern labs and collaborative spaces. However, the heart of the astronomical experience lies at the Martz-Kohl Observatory in Frewsburg, NY.

Campers will gain practical experience using the observatory's massive 24-inch telescope, an instrument that offers views of the cosmos far beyond the reach of any backyard equipment. To ensure students get the full astronomer experience, the schedule includes a special "Late Night" Wednesday. On this day, camp hours shift from the morning to the evening (4 p.m. to 11 p.m.), allowing students to witness the night sky in all its glory under the guidance of seasoned local astronomers.

During these evening sessions, students learn to navigate the stars using planispheres and gain insight into the daily (and nightly) lives of physicists and researchers.

### Space as a Global Endeavor

In an era where space exploration is becoming a multi-national effort, the camp is also introducing students to the "big ideas" of international relations. Beyond the hardware and the math, campers will explore International Space Policy. They will discuss why countries work together through international agreements to ensure that space is used safely, responsibly, and for the benefit of all humankind.

"It's important for students to realize that space isn't just about the 'how'—it's also about the 'why,'" notes Tom Traub, president of the observatory. "Understanding how we coexist and cooperate in the final frontier is just as vital as understanding how to get there."

### Who Can Join the Crew?

The Space STEM Camp is designed to be accessible to a wide range of students. It is

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left to right: Jeff Crossley, Chautauqua County SAR President - Cheryl Fardink, Paul's wife - Paul Fardink - Tammy Lachner, Regent of the Jamestown DAR Chapter - Sara K. Johnson

**The Jamestown Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** met recently at the Chop House on Main to commemorate President's Day with other DAR chapters and the Chautauqua County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Jamestown Chapter also had the opportunity to award Paul Fardink of the SAR with the DAR America 250 Commendation Medal and Certificate in recognition of Mr. Fardink's outstanding contributions to preserving the legacy of the American Revolution, honoring patriots, and educating the community regarding the Revolutionary War. Mr. Fardink is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel who enjoys researching local patriots of the American Revolution and he has been instrumental in having Patriot Burial Markers placed at numerous Chautauqua County cemeteries where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried. He is also the current Vice-President of the Chautauqua County SAR.

For more information about the Daughters of the American Revolution, please email Regent Tammy Lachner at [jamestownnsdar@gmail.com](mailto:jamestownnsdar@gmail.com).

Lydian Energy – York Run Solar Project  
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**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION REQUEST**

This notice announces that York Run Solar, LLC (“the Applicant”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Lydian Energy, filed a Joint Application for Wetlands Permit, which included a request for a Water Quality Certification (WQC), with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (collectively the “Joint Application”). The Joint Application will be filed with the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Transmission (ORES) on or about March 13, 2026. The Joint Application relates to the construction of the proposed 90-megawatt (MW) major solar electric generating facility to be located in the Towns of Busti and Kiantone, Chautauqua County, New York (“the Project”).

On April 22, 2025, the Applicant was issued a Siting Permit under Article VIII of the Public Service Law from ORES (Matter No. 23-02987). The Joint Application that is the subject of this notice covers the permits/approvals required to construct and/or operate the Project under the Clean Water Act 404 and for WQC from ORES under Clean Water Act 401 and 6 NYCRR Part 608.

The Joint Application includes, among other things: a description of the Project, including details on Project components, Project design, Project construction, and related information; an analysis of the environmental setting of the Project; results from analyses conducted to assess potential impacts to aquatic resources, streams and jurisdictional waters from construction and operation of the Project; proposed measures to minimize environmental impacts; and reasonable alternatives. The pending USACE application also addresses compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the Historic Preservation Act. In general, the project is anticipated to have minimal permanent federal wetland impacts and impacts to federally regulated streams. Additional impacts are described in further detail in the Joint Application for Permit. Any necessary wetland mitigation related to potential Project impacts will be determined by the USACE.

Pursuant to the ORES regulations, this notice is being provided in accordance with 16 NYCRR 1100-1.4(b)(1) and 1.6(c) and will be published at least three (3) days prior to the filing of the Water Quality Certification request with ORES. A copy of the Water Quality Certification request will be served on the Chief Executive Officer of each municipality in which any portion of the Project is located, as well as those persons and agencies enumerated in 16 NYCRR 1100-1.6(a).

This request, when filed with ORES, will be available on the ORES website at (<https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications>) under Matter No. 23-02987.

For more information about the Project please visit the Project website at [www.yorkrun-solar.com](http://www.yorkrun-solar.com) or contact the Lydian Energy representative:

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March has been its usual fickle self so far, featuring both some bitter cold weather and some extraordinarily warm and sunny days, but one thing is for certain: March is a winner when it comes to local food choices.

Here we are smack dab in the middle of the month, and we have already been enjoying Lenten fish fries from a variety of local restaurants. Now Pi Day is upon us, and St. Patrick's Day is approaching. If you need some ideas about where to go, here are some helpful notes to get you started on your foodie journey.

Pi Day is March 14, and we are so fortunate to have a couple of amazing bakeries in Chautauqua County that focus on pies. Portage Pie in Westfield is one, and that is literally all they do – make pies. PersNikkity Pies in Falconer is the other, and while they make exceptional pies, they also feature a variety of other baked goods.

When you extend Pi Day to pizza pies, you'll find even more to love in this county. Try some amazing pizza at one of these local spots: Ashville General Store; Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House or Guppy's Tavern in Bemus Point; P\*Dubs or Steelbound Brewery in Dunkirk; Lena's Pizza in Fredonia; Frewsburger Pizza Shop in Frewsburg; Busti Tap House, Honest John's Pizzeria, Lena's Pizza, Pace's Pizza, Pizza Express, Shawbucks, SOLT Café & Spa, of Wicked Warren's in Jamestown; Andriaccio's or Bellini and Olive's at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville; Drift at Hideaway Bay, Ellie's Deli, or Villaggio Italiano in Silver Creek; Calarco's, Grace & Abe's, or Lena's in Westfield. With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner, you'll also want to make plans to get your corned beef and cabbage, Reubens, or Irish stew – not to mention specialty drink offerings. Many local places are eager to serve you including: Ashville General Store, Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, Guppy's Tavern, and The Green Door Tavern in Bemus Point, 3 Lakes Café

in Cassadaga, Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, Central Station Restaurant, Jenna's 4th Street Café, Spike Dailey's, and Steelbound Brewery in Dunkirk; Belle-View East in Falconer, Merritt Winery and Tavern on the Mall in Forestville, Buddy Brewster's, Domus Fare, and The Catering Company in Fredonia; Colony Seafood & Steakhouse in Irving; 4 Below Haggly's Bar & Grill, Busti Tap House, Honest John's Pizzeria, HotSpot Café, Pearl City Hops at DoubleTree, Ryan's Phil n' Cindy's Lunch, Shawbucks, SOLT Café, The Pub, and Wicked Warren's in Jamestown; Buddy Brewster's and Stella: A Kitchen and Bar in Lakewood; Andriaccio's, Bellini and Olives, and the Best of Buffalo by Byron at Big Inlet in Mayville; Sensory Smokehouse in Ripley; The Cornerstone Restaurant & Bakery in Sherman; Drift at Hideaway Bay and Villaggio Italiano in Silver Creek; Stockton Hotel in Stockton; Wicked Warren's in Warren; and the following all in Westfield: Calarco's, Full Strength Coffee, Jack's Barcelona Drive-In, Larry's Cantina, Parkview Café, Quagliana's Bark Grill, and Wanderlust Custard and Carry-Out.

These lists are just a starting point. Local dining options abound throughout Chautauqua County. Whatever type of meal you're seeking you are likely to find something to suit your tastes. You can find these and other great restaurants online through the Business Directory on our website at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

**Hanover Sip & Celebrate is March 18**

Join the CHQ Chamber at Merritt Estate Winery for the Hanover Sip & Celebrate, Wednesday, March 18 from 6-8pm at Merritt Estate Winery in Forestville! Enjoy complimentary snacks along with a cash bar. Bring business cards for networking and for the door prize drawing.

This event is free for Chamber members and \$10 per person for non-members. While walk-ins are always welcome, registering ahead of time is

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**Conewango Valley Kennel Club Establishes Scholarship**



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**Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**

The Conewango Valley Kennel Club has established the Conewango Valley Kennel Club Scholarship at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to support local students as a way to give back and build a future workforce.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to graduates of Chautauqua County high schools or Randolph Central School District who are pursuing an animal science or agricultural major. "We love working with donors who listen to the needs of the community and match their interests with those needs," said Tina Downey, Development Officer. "Through this fund, the Conewango Valley Kennel Club will invest in the next generation to strengthen our region.

"The main mission of the AKC is supporting canine welfare and husbandry, and we agree with this mission. Students who are passionate about working with animals and in agriculture are a natural extension of who we are as an organization," said Rich Myers, President of the Conewango Valley Kennel Club. "By establishing this scholarship, we hope

to help remove financial barriers and encourage young people to pursue careers that promote animal health, responsible practices, and long-term sustainability in an underserved industry in the greater Chautauqua Region."

Scholarships administered by the Foundation help connect donors' values with educational opportunities that make a lasting impact. The Conewango Valley Kennel Club Scholarship reflects the organization's longstanding commitment to animal welfare, education, and community engagement.

Organizations, families, and individuals interested in establishing scholarship funds that support local students are encouraged to contact the Foundation to learn more.

Those wishing to support the Conewango Valley Kennel Club Scholarship may contribute online at [crfc.me/cvkc](http://crfc.me/cvkc) or by mailing a check to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, 418 Spring Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 (please note "Conewango Valley Kennel Club Scholarship" in the memo line).

For more information, please contact the Conewango Valley Kennel Club or the Foundation at (716) 661-3390.

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May the sunshine brighten your heart.  
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you.  
And may God enfold you in His love."*

~Irish Blessing

**Chamber Corner**

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greatly appreciated to help with planning. Sip & Celebrate is sponsored by Merritt Estate Winery and Villaggio Italiano.

**Business After Hours at Audubon is March 25**

The CHQ Chamber and the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry are delighted to be collaborating once again with Audubon Community Nature Center for a region-wide Business After Hours event. It will be held Wednesday, March 25 from 5:30-7:30pm. All local businesspeople are invited to attend this special networking event, which will include complimentary appetizers and beverages, with tip proceeds benefiting Audubon Community Nature Center's mission of connecting people to nature. Bring business cards for networking and door prize drawings.

Attendees are invited to stay for a special private viewing of Audubon Lights after the networking event. The display features a half-mile trail of wonder, where visitors can walk among thousands of lights—from twinkling trailside luminaries to towering trees bathed in color.

CHQ Chamber member organizations can send two people free of charge to all Business After Hours events. Non-members or anyone above the two-person limit will be \$10. Registration for CHQ Chamber members is open online now through the Chamber's web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org). Members of the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry should email Savannah Casey at [szimmerman@wccbi.org](mailto:szimmerman@wccbi.org) to register free of charge. Business After Hours at Audubon Community Nature Center is sponsored by the Media One Radio Group, Northwest Bank,

Seneca Generations LLC, Southern Tier Brewing Company, the State University of New York at Fredonia, United Refining Company of Pennsylvania, Whirley DrinkWorks, and Wicked Warren's.

**Register Now for the CHQ Chamber State of the County Event**

As the CHQ Chamber continues to hone its series of advocacy events, we are proud to present County Executive P.J. Wendel for the 2026 State of the County. This event will be held Tuesday, April 21 at 8am at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 150 West Fourth Street, Jamestown.

This breakfast gathering will allow local businesspeople to hear the State of the County address directory as the County Executive highlights the year's accomplishments, opportunities, and priorities. A moderated question and answer session will follow the presentation, giving guests a chance to engage in meaningful discussion and have their concerns addressed.

The cost to attend this event is \$30 for Chamber members or \$35 for non-members, which covers breakfast and helps to support the ongoing work of the CHQ Chamber year-round. Sponsors for the 2026 CHQ Chamber State of the County Event are AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, LaBella Associates, Media One Radio Group, National Grid, the State University of New York at Fredonia, and UPMC Chautauqua. Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

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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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- 4. Sketches
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- 11. Atomic #58
- 12. Dorm official
- 14. Small Eurasian deer
- 15. Southern constellation
- 16. Workers' groups
- 18. Former
- 22. Excellent
- 23. Romance language related to Spanish
- 24. Reference
- 26. Equally
- 27. Dirty towels
- 28. A cargo (abbr.)
- 30. Ammunition
- 31. You get one in summer
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Swiss river
- 37. Exchange rate
- 39. British School
- 40. College teacher
- 41. Foreign Service
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Cost to fly
- 50. A salt or ester of boric acid
- 51. Mocking
- 52. One who bird-watches
- 53. Concluding passage
- 54. A major division of geological ti
- 55. Sodium
- 56. A way to produce
- 58. Soak
- 59. Laughed loudly and harshly
- 60. Affirmative

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Moth species phalonia
- 2. Quantum of energy
- 3. Break the law
- 4. Location of White House
- 5. Official cancellation of a decision
- 6. Where rockers work
- 7. Cut of beef: \_\_ mignon
- 8. Nocturnal burrowing reptile
- 9. Atomic #62
- 12. Genus of evergreen shrubs
- 13. Flowering plant of the legume family
- 17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 19. Tropical fruit
- 20. Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
- 21. James \_\_, painter
- 25. Popular dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Cuisine style
- 32. Genus of true flies
- 33. City in western France
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. One holding a position of command
- 41. Weekday
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. East German town
- 49. Olfactory property
- 56. Atomic #37
- 57. "Pollock" actor Harris



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## Space STEM Camp Blasts Off Again, July 13-17!

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open to those entering grades 7-9 who are enrolled in public schools across the Western New York region. Recognizing the close-knit nature of our region, the camp also welcomes students from Northwest Pennsylvania and local private schools, provided they can provide proof of vaccinations required by New York public schools.

### The Essentials:

Dates: July 13-17, 2026.

Cost: Only \$50 per camper, thanks to generous local grants and a dedicated team of volunteers. This keeps the barrier to entry low for families while providing a high-value educational experience. (Waitlisted students who do not get a spot will receive a full refund).

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday (Star Party Night) from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Transportation: Families are responsible for drop-off and pick-up at the JCC Jamestown campus daily. However, a bus provided by Falconer Central Schools will handle the transport between JCC and the Martz-Kohl Observatory, making it seamless for the campers.

Meals: A daily snack is provided, along with dinner on Wednesday and a celebratory reception on Friday. Students are asked to pack a lunch and a water bottle for other days.

Registration: <https://martzobservatory.org/space-stem-camp/>

### A Community Mission

Now in its fourth year of inspiring young minds, the camp remains a testament to what local organizations can achieve when they pool their resources. Supported by guest speakers, local teachers, and observatory astronomers, the program bridges the gap between middle school curiosity and real-world career paths in aerospace, engineering, and physics.

On the final afternoon, families are invited to the observatory for a reception to see what their campers have accomplished. It's more than just a camp; it's a launchpad for the next generation of regional leaders.

For more information or to register starting today, March 16th, please visit <https://martzobservatory.org>

## Rotary Club of Jamestown Supports Local Coldest Night of the Year Initiative



Members of the Rotary Club of Jamestown participated in the Coldest Night of the Year event in downtown Jamestown on Saturday, February 28. The family-friendly winter walk is held each year to raise awareness around the issue of homelessness and is also intended to raise vital funds for local organizations serving people experiencing homelessness, hunger, and hardship. This year's event in Jamestown benefitted the YWCA of Jamestown's Empower Her Housing initiative, which is designed to meet women and families where they are. Through Legacy House and First House, women and children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are provided safe, stable, and affordable transitional housing. Participants are also supported in identifying their capabilities, building essential life skills, and moving toward healthy, independent living. The local Jamestown Rotary club had over 30 people supporting the team of walkers, with over \$1,250 raised for the YWCA program - which reportedly saw an estimated \$25,000 total raised for the event. Pictured are the Rotary Club of Jamestown team, including club treasurer Ruth Lundin; members Sharon Hamilton and Joni Blackman; and member Brandon O'Dell and club vice president Zach Agett, along with their families. (Submitted Photo)



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## Community Helping Hands Pausing Operations

Community Helping Hands (CHH) will be pausing their thrift store operations. This means that donations of clothing, furniture and household goods are not being accepted.

March 20 will be the last day to shop in the thrift stores. Only clients who already have appointments prior to March 20 will be served. During this pause in CHH thrift store operations, the Mental Health Association (MHA) and St. Susan's Soup Kitchen will continue their operations in the Gateway Center without disruption.

We appreciate your support, both past and present and please watch for future announcements so you do not miss updates. If you have questions or concerns, please email [office.chh@gmail.com](mailto:office.chh@gmail.com).

# Come to the Table for CASA Calling All Table Designers!



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**Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County is thrilled to announce its 18th Annual Come to the Table Auction, taking place on Thursday, May 14, at an exciting **new venue — the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY.** Doors open at 5 p.m., with the live table auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, raffles, live entertainment, a cash bar, and more. Tickets are \$20 and include entry into a door prize drawing. The public is invited to attend.

Come to the Table offers guests a one-of-a-kind experience, showcasing approximately 25 themed tablescapes creatively designed by local artisans, businesses, and CASA supporters. Both new and seasoned table designers are encouraged to participate, making this event a welcoming and inspiring opportunity for first-time designers and returning favorites alike. Guests can bid on the tables during the live auction, with the highest bidder taking home everything on the table — from gift certificates and experiences to décor, sports memorabilia, and more. Past themes have ranged from *A Heroes Dinner*, featuring a private meal and tour at the Jamestown Fire Department, to an immersive *Joshua Tree National Park* vacation escape.

“This year’s event is especially exciting as we welcome our supporters to a brand-new venue,” said Kathy Park, Executive Director of CASA of Chautauqua County. “The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel provides a beautiful setting for Come to the Table and allows us to elevate this beloved community event while continuing to shine a spotlight on our mission.”

Table designers will also compete for awards in five categories: most whimsical, most artistic, most original, most elegant, and people’s choice. Winners receive a certificate and bragging rights for the year. The event is a long-standing community favorite and a unique opportunity for groups and organizations to showcase their creativity while supporting a meaningful cause.

A table designer packet is available online at [www.ChautauquaCASA.com](http://www.ChautauquaCASA.com). Table requirements are minimal,

and themed tables may include gift certificates, experiences, antiques, and more. The table designer entry form is due Wednesday, March 25.

Come to the Table also offers numerous ways for local businesses and organizations to get involved through event sponsorships, which provide strong public visibility and recognition throughout the evening.

“This event would not be possible without the continued generosity of our supporters,” said Kelly Fiorella, Fund Development Coordinator of CASA of Chautauqua County. “We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gives so faithfully to our mission, allowing us to continue advocating for the most underserved youth in our communities. Come to the Table truly reflects the compassion and commitment of our community.”

Tickets may be purchased online, from any CASA board or staff member, or at the door. To become a sponsor, table designer, or to donate to the basket raffle, contact Kelly Fiorella at [kfiorellacasa@gmail.com](mailto:kfiorellacasa@gmail.com).

All funds raised from Come to the Table directly support CASA’s mission of recruiting, training, and supporting volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Chautauqua County. Those unable to attend but wishing to support CASA may make a tax-deductible donation online at [www.ChautauquaCASA.com](http://www.ChautauquaCASA.com) or by mailing a check to CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc., 2 Academy Street, Suite 5, Mayville, NY 14757.

**About CASA of Chautauqua**

The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County is to provide an independent voice in court, advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the pursuit of finding safe and permanent homes. CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc. relies on highly trained volunteers who are appointed by a Chautauqua County Family Court Judge to advocate for children in court. These volunteers work with relevant agencies and parties in order to advocate for the best interests of the child. With the information provided by the CASA volunteer, Family Court Judges are better able to make informed decisions as to what is best for the child. CASA of Chautauqua County is a United Way Community Partner.

*Senior Scene with Bridgette Paoletta*

# Statewide Senior Action Council Advocates for New York’s Older Adults

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**Bridgette Paoletta**

Coordinator of Aging Services  
Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services

working with legislators and state agencies, the organization seeks to ensure that seniors can maintain financial stability in an increasingly costly economy.

The Statewide Senior Action Council of New York has long been a leading voice for older adults, working to protect and expand the rights, benefits, and quality of life of seniors across the state.

Founded to ensure that older New Yorkers are not overlooked in public policy decisions, the organization focuses on advocacy, education, and grassroots action. Its mission centers on economic security, accessible healthcare, affordable housing, and the preservation of essential services that allow seniors to live with dignity and independence.

One of the Council’s primary areas of focus is healthcare. The organization actively monitors changes to Medicare, Medicaid, and prescription drug policies, educating seniors about their benefits while advocating against cuts that could threaten access to care. Through workshops, informational materials, and community outreach, the Council helps seniors better understand complex healthcare systems and their rights within them.

The Council also champions economic justice for retirees, including protections for pensions and Social Security, fair utility rates, and consumer protections against fraud and financial exploitation. By

A key strength of the Statewide Senior Action Council is its grassroots approach. Members are encouraged to participate in advocacy efforts such as letter-writing campaigns, public hearings, and meetings with elected officials. This involvement ensures that the voices of older adults are heard directly by decision-makers at the local and state levels.

With a growing senior population in New York, the work of the Statewide Senior Action Council remains as relevant as ever. By combining advocacy, education, and community engagement, the organization continues to play a vital role in shaping policies that impact millions of older New Yorkers.

For seniors seeking information, support, or a way to get involved, the Statewide Senior Action Council offers an avenue to turn individual concerns into collective action—strengthening the voice of older adults across the state. Statewide can be contacted at 1-800-333-4374 or email at [info@nysenior.org](mailto:info@nysenior.org).

Chautauqua County NY Connects can be reached by phone at 716-753-4582, by email at [ccnyc@chqgov.com](mailto:ccnyc@chqgov.com) or by visiting your nearest Office for Aging Services location during normal business hours.

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May God bless you forever and ever.**

~Irish Blessing

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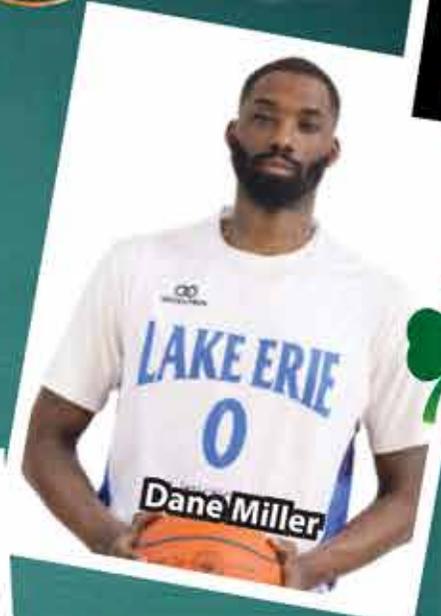
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