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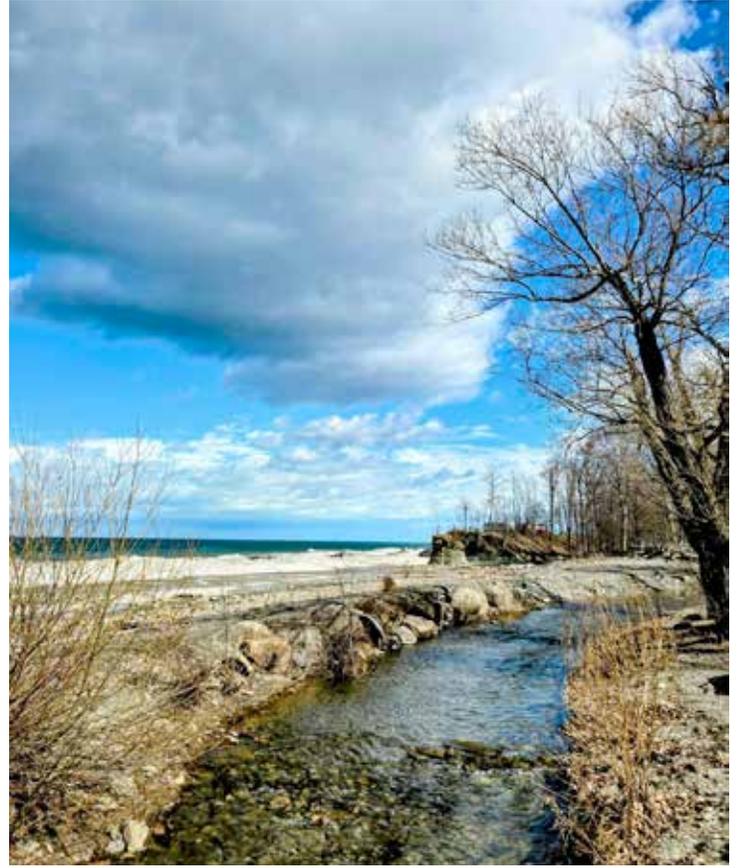


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Photography by Michelle Steenburn



"Sunny Shoreline" - March 2025, Sheridan, NY
Photography by Sandra Shisler

IN LIKE A LION, OUT LIKE A LAMB...?



Featured Writer
Dave Rowley

Retired Broadcaster from WDOE & Certified Observer for the National Weather Service

In my 42-year broadcasting career in Chautauqua County, I have covered several weather events. The tornadoes that hit Westfield and Fredonia in November 2012 were the latest on record since 1950. I even found myself in a twister that had touched down in downtown Fredonia during the Farm Festival in August 2004.

But for some reason, it seems some of the most bizarre weather happens during the month of March.

First, let me provide my connection to meteorology. It's been a hobby since child-

hood, when I grew up on a farm in Laona. My grandfather told stories about some of the storms that would hit during his farming years, and my father's connection with weather was through flying. He soloed at the age of 16 and held a private pilot's license until the 1970s. Then, there was my grandmother, who was a long-time teacher but was scared to death of lightning! It took a patient father who managed to keep my younger brother Jim and I from becoming petrified by such storms!

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WHY MARCH IS SO WACKY

Featured Writer
Aaron Mentkowski

Chief Meteorologist at WKBW-TV (ABC-7)
The month of March can be very frustrating for Chautauqua County residents. It's truly a weather rollercoaster.

Take last year, for example. On March 20, Jamestown had a high temperature of 76 degrees, while the successive dates of March 22, 24 and 25, 2025 all proceeded to plummet to 16 degrees! That's an

unprecedented 60-degree swing within days.

But March is always a transition for Chautauqua County as we go from winter to spring. This time of year can be very frustrating as we'll experience sunshine with highs in the 70s followed by temperatures in the teens with snow. We might enjoy sun, rain, snow, a freeze-thaw and thunderstorms all in the same week. You may play golf one day and snowmobile the next.



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National Comedy Center | Jamestown
For Info: comedycenter.org/MemoryCafe

MONDAY, MARCH 2 | 6 PM

Purim

St. Luke's Church Undercroft | Jamestown
For Info: facebook.com/newneighborscoalition

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 | 7 PM-10 PM

Craft & Sip Group

Labyrinth Press Company | Jamestown
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FRIDAY, MARCH 6
11 AM-12 PM

First Friday: Jambo, Tanzania! With Scott Stoleson

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 &
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 | 7 PM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7
10 AM-11 AM

Audubon Photography Club

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 | 7 PM

The Simon & Garfunkel Story

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
10:30 AM

Lauren Turner: "The Lords of Technology"

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown
For Info: uujamestown.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
11 AM-2 PM

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*Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot;
Whether the weather be fine, or whether the weather be not,
We'll weather the weather whatever the weather, Whether we like it or not.*

~Cardiff Camera Club, c.1921

Why is March so Wacky?

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This March looks like it will be cold and snowy to start, and then, the weather pattern will change, and temperatures are expected to be above normal as we head toward the middle of the month. At this time of year, the jet stream tends to fluctuate more. When the jet stream dips south, more Arctic air will flow into the area. The jet stream moves northward and warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico will surge into the region. Areas along the Lake Erie shoreline will stay colder longer, but a strong southerly wind flow will send temperatures soaring at times.

Due to conditions such as these, the

warmest temperature recorded in Jamestown for March was 82 degrees on March 31, 1998. In contrast, the coldest temperature recorded in Jamestown for March was -23 on March 1, 2015.

As we head toward spring, the average high temperature for the month of March will gradually increase. On March 1, the average high temperature is 38 degrees and by the end of the month, the average high temperature is 49 degrees. The monthly snow average is 15.3 inches. Last year, we had 2.9 inches of snow in Jamestown. This month looks to be coming in like a lion with some cold and snowy conditions. The end of the month looks to be more like a lamb with warmer temperatures.

One thing is certain: March 2026 will stay true to the weather whiplash for which our region is known as we transition to a new season.

Aaron is the Chief Meteorologist at WKBW-TV (ABC-7), where he delivers the morning weather forecasts from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This marks his 30th year in television broadcasting and his 26th year at Channel 7. In addition to his on-air television duties, he provides daily radio weather reports for WBEN.

Beyond broadcasting, Aaron is the owner of Weather in Detail, LLC, a forensic meteorology firm that prepares detailed weather reports for insurance companies and law firms involved in weather-related legal cases.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY'S TEMPERATURE RECORDS FOR MARCH:

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*according to the National Weather Service



Editorial with Lori Cornell

MARCH



Publisher
Lori Cornell

In like a Lion, Out like a Lamb...?

We sure hope. Just in time for Easter. Western New York collectively has its fingers crossed.

In the meantime, we are going to nerd out with maniac March and learn a little something about this meteorological wonder of WNY. It's the month where one day we have a snowstorm and the next, it may be 60 and sunny. It's the month in which we typically have some of the greatest topsy-turvy temperature fluctuations in all of the calendar year. Sometimes those changes occur all in the

same day. We experience the chilling cold of morning and the sweltering sun of the afternoon.

It's also the month that we, at the Chautauqua Gazette, will present such an exciting weekly line-up that you won't even notice mud season. Get ready to celebrate high school musical season (March 9 edition), St. Patrick's Day (March 16 edition), and Women's History Month (March 23 edition). As a woman-owned business, we are particularly excited for the latter!

If you are a woman business owner, please contact us today. We want to include you in our special feature highlighting your incredible talents and commitment to our community as part of this upcoming Women's History Month celebration.

But for now, hang tight, spring will come soon. As you watch the rollercoaster of temperatures and conditions, enjoy this edition's talk about the weather!



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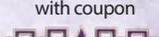
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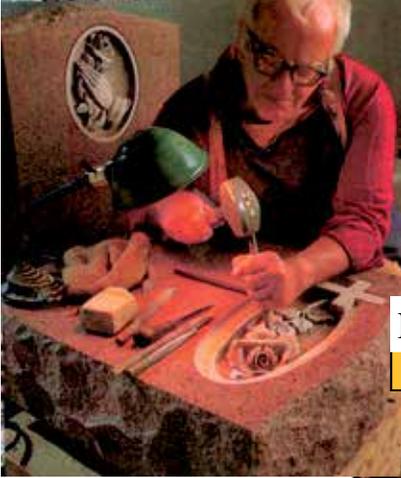
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Probably rain; probably not.

~Josh Billings, revised by H. Montague

Faith Matters

Lenten Life Stories 2026: Story as Spiritual Practice



Featured Writer
Rev. Tara Eastman
 First Presbyterian Church of Warren

When I was newly married and a new mom, I came across Circle of Quiet at the Prendergast Library. I checked out the book, wheeled my infant outside and started our walk home - but had no idea how this book would change my life.

In Circle of Quiet, L'Engle told the story of her family life and vocation as a writer - of the struggles and long-awaited publication of a Wrinkle in Time after 26 publisher rejections. Through this great discouragement L'Engle came to realize that having a book published didn't make her a writer - the act of writing did. Her words got me thinking about my own hopes and dreams of writing and going to college. Her words helped me realize that to be a student I needed to study. To study, I needed to apply to college. To be someone who tries something new, I needed to give that new thing a try.

So, when it was time to apply and register for JCC (Jamestown Community College), I applied and was accepted as a student.

L'Engle's book, A Circle of Quiet, is an example of the genre of a spiritual autobiography. Through her stories of struggle and efforts to pursue her

dreams, I learned I wasn't alone in my struggle to pursue my dream of higher education. In her stories of "trying", I took heart and took a chance to "try" something new too. Not every "try" I attempted led to magical success. But "trying" did lead to my growth: intellectual as well as spiritual.

Because I happened across the spiritual autobiography of Madeline L'Engle at the Library - I realized that my life-story held significant spiritual energy and inspiration. Her words encouraged me to take a risk and go to college. That risk led to many others. Including the risk to write and share stories of my own spiritual autobiography here with you.

We all have stories of struggle and joy. All of these stories are important. When we share our spiritual autobiographies, our hearts expand and we begin to see the traces of God's presence in our history - and embrace the truth that God was with us then, now and into every day to come. With the help of God let's hold the whole of our lives in grace and mercy. May we trace God's presence in our life-stories: joys and sorrows, conflicts and dreams, hurts and hopes. May we remember, each person's life-story has the power to make a difference to be the story we need to hear - so we are encouraged to "try" and live our own stories - to the full.

Questions to ponder:

- What faith story has provided you encouragement? Who was it about?
- Why was it meaningful to you?
- If you were to share a life story with a friend, how would it encourage them to "try" something new?

Walking in grace,
Rev. Tara L. Eastman
 Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Pa and Host of Holy Shenanigans Podcast.



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Chasing Storms

Featured Writer

Mitch Bellinger

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potential for spring-like weather in the middle of the month. And if history has anything to say, another cool-down for the latter half of the month.

What does this mean for precipitation and snow? The warmer weather presents more opportunities for rain and possibly thunderstorms, while the colder weather presents more opportunities for snow. However, any cold snaps will likely be short-lived and on the lower side accumulation-wise. This is due to the higher sun angle of March, limiting overall accumulations on pavement as ground temperatures begin to warm. As March rolls on, the odds of big winter storms begin to dwindle, but aren't completely out of the question. We have seen late-season winter storms before.

The moral of the story is this: while March could very well tease us with spring-like weather, we wouldn't let our guard down on winter and pack all of the winter supplies away just yet. While big winter storms are likely behind us, Mother Nature just might throw us a few more minor snowfall events.

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Welcome to March, which is historically known as a weather battleground between winter trying to hang on and spring trying to work its way in. Meteorological spring arrived on March 1st, while the first day of astronomical spring will arrive on March 20th.

After a cold, and at times snowy, winter, most of us are hoping that spring makes a quick and long-lasting appearance. The colder winter we had, which allowed Lake Erie to reach 96% ice coverage at its peak, combined with colder Canadian air that has, for the most part, kept the Northeast colder than usual this winter. This may influence the delay of warmer temperatures from truly setting in for good until April.

For Western New York, after an average start to the month temperature-wise, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center anticipates well above-average temperatures by the middle of the month (the 6th to the 12th). If we use climatology data for Buffalo, NY, the average temperature is 37°F at the beginning of March and 48°F at the end of March.

While we have typically seen some truly cold and snowy blasts in Marches past, these cold snaps are usually brief and followed by warmer weather, and are then followed by more brief cold snaps, as the battle of winter vs. spring begins to fully take shape.

This March may be no different, with the



WEATHER

Trivia

1. What minimum lake-air temperature difference triggers lake-effect formation?
2. What term describes rain that accelerates snowmelt flooding?
3. Which cloud type often produces intense snow squalls?
4. What boundary separates colliding air masses?
5. Which geographic highland in our region strongly shapes local weather patterns?
6. Spring winds off Lake Erie most often blow from which direction?
7. What classification scale measures tornado strength?
8. In Western NY, severe thunderstorm frequency rises sharply in which month?
9. Which atmospheric layer warms fastest in early spring sunshine?
10. What boundary's northward shift signals true spring arrival?

1. 13 °C 2. Rain-on-snow 3. Cumulonimbus 4. Front 5. Allegheny Plateau 6. Southwest 7. Enhanced Fujita scale 8. May 9. Thermosphere 10. Polar jet stream

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~May Sarton, 1971 February 9th

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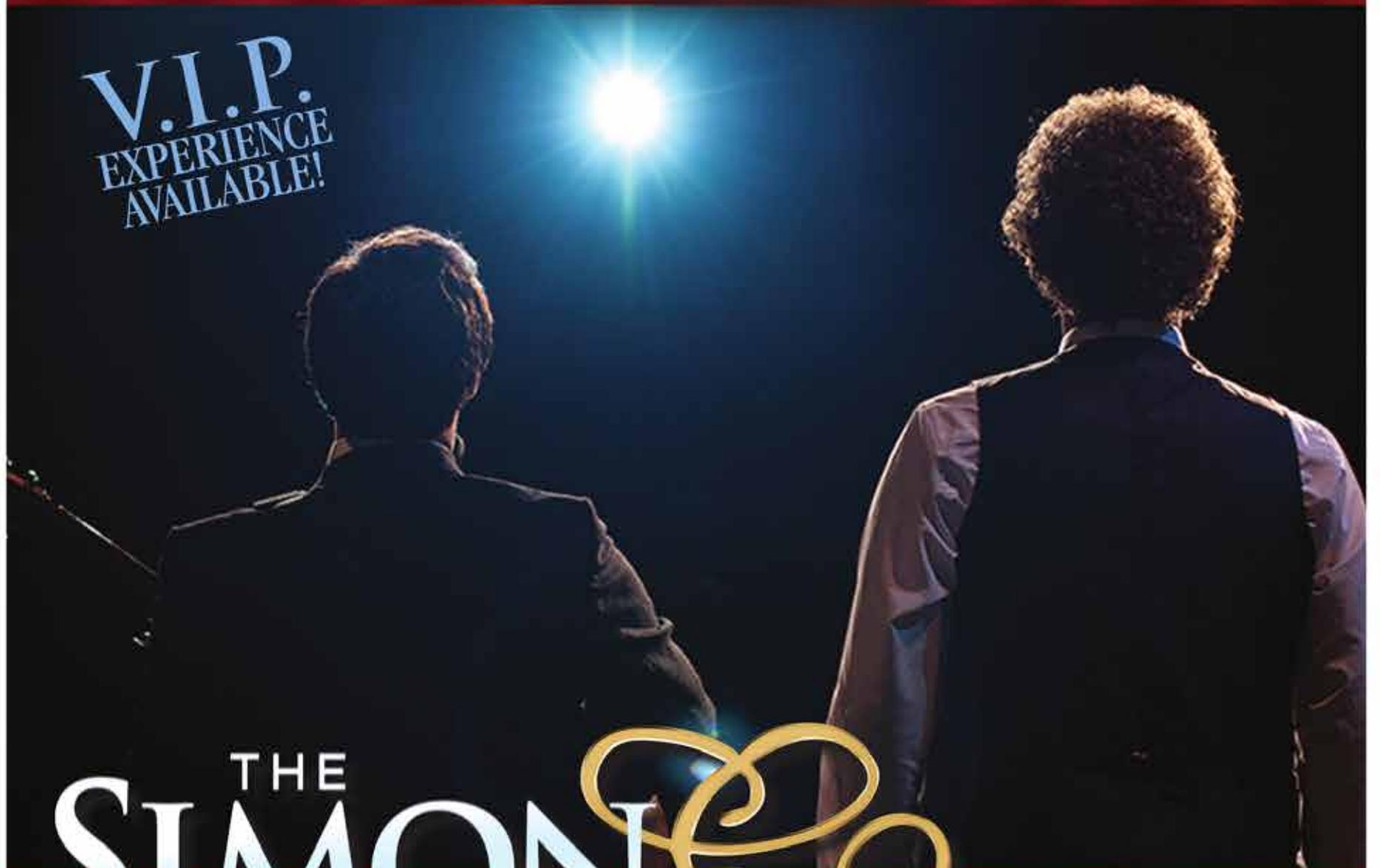
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The Simon & Garfunkel Story to be performed at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts March 7



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The internationally-acclaimed hit theater show The Simon & Garfunkel Story returned to the road this year with a North American tour to nearly 60 U.S. cities. Stopping at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts for one performance only - Sat., March 7 at 7 p.m. - the immersive concert-style tribute show, complete with nostalgia-inducing, unforgettable hits, will recreate the magic and authenticity of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel live on stage and chronicles the amazing journey of the iconic, GRAMMY-award winning act.

In a 2024 performance in Long Island, Art Garfunkel himself rushed the stage, grabbed the microphone, and declared, "What a great show!" before leaving the audience in awe once again.

The Simon & Garfunkel Story covers the duo's humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry, to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60s, as well as their dramatic split in 1970. The Simon & Garfunkel Story culminates with the pair's famous "The Concert in Central Park" reunion in 1981 which had more than half a million fans in attendance. The show features a set list of nearly 30 songs and uses state-of-the-art video projection, photos and original film footage. A full live band will perform all of the hits including "Mrs. Robinson," "Cecilia," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound" and many more complete with

the unmistakably perfect harmonies that will transport audiences down memory lane.

With more than 100 million album sales since 1965, Simon & Garfunkel's unforgettable songs and poetic lyrics poignantly captured the times made them one of the most successful folk-rock duos of all time. Over the years, they won 10 GRAMMY Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1977, the Brit Awards honored their "Bridge Over Troubled Water" album with Best International Album. In 2003, Simon & Garfunkel were awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and the following year saw their "The Sound of Silence" awarded a Grammy Hall of Fame Award.

The Simon & Garfunkel Story is sponsored by both Southern Tier Brewing Company and Wells Fargo Advisors.

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

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CCIDA Board Approves Financial Incentives for Dunkirk Landing, LLC

Action will assist with demolition of blighted property and development of 78 new housing units



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At its recent meeting, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved incentives for Dunkirk Landing, LLC. This action will support the acquisition, demolition, and new construction at 208-214 Washington Ave., 220 Washington Ave., and 160-164 E. 4th St., all located in the City of Dunkirk. This will result in the development of 78 new workforce housing apartments, and commercial space for daycare operations at the East 4th Street location. The CCIDA incentives include real property, sales tax, and mortgage recording tax abatements.

Under the name Homesteads at Dunkirk Landing, the project is being developed by Regan Development Corp., based in Ardsley, N.Y. The project involves purchasing properties at both Washington Avenue and East 4th Street, the demolition of an existing, dilapidated three-story building on Washington Avenue, and the demolition of a 10,000 square-foot portion a shopping plaza on East 4th Street (this portion being located on the western end of the plaza and owned by a different entity than the rest of the plaza). The developers will then construct two new, energy-efficient buildings that provide affordably-priced rental units for workers in need of quality housing near their workplace. A total of 48 units will be built at the Washington Avenue location, while 30 units will be built at the East 4th Street location, along with the aforementioned daycare space. The total project investment is estimated at \$38.2 million.

Of the 78 units, 11 units will be built as fully accessible and adapted for residents with mobility and/or hearing/vision impairments, and 16 units will be set aside for New York State's Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI.) The ESSHI provider will be

Soldier On, a program that helps homeless Veterans find housing and provides supportive services.

The financial assistance provided by the CCIDA will include sales tax, mortgage recording tax, and property tax abatements over 30 years, with \$691,368 in new total PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments paid to the affected tax jurisdictions during that same time period. Notably, the project includes many parcels that have either been exempt from real property tax billing or are delinquent, therefore creating new, positive real property tax revenue to the city, school, and county while eliminating the county burden of making taxes whole.

The project will also receive state funding from the recent Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant awarded to the city in 2023, as well as the New York State Empire State Development (NYS ESD) County Infrastructure Grant Program.

The Homesteads at Dunkirk Landing project will provide an estimated 69 construction jobs during the demolition and construction period and, once complete, two permanent full-time jobs directly associated with the housing portion of the project. Additional jobs would also be provided in connection with Soldier On and once the independent daycare operation is established.

"This project has been in the works for the past three years and we're excited to see it finally come to fruition with the help of the CCIDA, Chautauqua County, the City of Dunkirk, and New York State," said Gabe Regan, Development Associate from Regan Development. "We know that new, quality housing is sorely needed in Dunkirk and has been for some time, so we are anxious to get the shovels in the ground and make Homesteads at Dunkirk Landing a reality."

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Documents to gather as you begin tax preparation

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Spring is synonymous with many things. While spring blooms and the sense of rejuvenation they inspire might be the first thought to come to mind when pondering spring, this beloved time of year also serves as tax season. As Americans prepare their income tax returns, the Internal Revenue Services offers this guide to what taxpayers will need to file successfully.

Forms

- W-2 or a corrected W-2 showing wages from employers
- Form W-2G for lottery and gambling winnings
- Forms 1099: There are numerous forms 1099 that show various types of income, and taxpayers will need to include any that reflect income they have earned that is not indicated on a W-2 or W-2G

Documents for credits or deductions

- Childcare or dependent care expenses
- Home mortgage and property tax records
- Donations to charity
- Health savings account or flexible spending account contributions
- Health care expenses (the IRS notes special rules apply for anyone hoping to itemize health care expenses as deductions)
- Retirement contributions
- Receipts for books, tuition and other education expenses (for teachers and students)
- Documents from side jobs and self-employment
- Statements from banks, payment apps, card processors, or online marketplaces
- Checks paid to you
- Receipts and mileage logs for travel, gift and car expenses
- Records of deductible office expenses
- Estimated tax payments
- Other business income and expense records

Personal information

- Social Security number (SSN) or individual tax ID number (ITIN): The IRS issues an ITIN, which is always a nine-digit number, to taxpayers who are not eligible for an SSN.
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposits (refunds) or debits (for taxes you owe)
- Your adjusted gross income and exact refund amount for last year's return
- Your name on record with the Social Security Administration
- Your current address
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CCIDA Board Approves Financial Incentives for Dunkirk Landing, LLC

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“This project will provide needed workforce housing for the City of Dunkirk along with on-site daycare operations, which are key components to attracting young, working families to our county,” said Mark Geise, Chautauqua County Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CEO of the CCIDA. “It will also serve as a transformative project for the city by removing blight and supporting walkability and vitality to the City’s urban core.”

“This investment is a win for our residents, our communities, and our future,” said Paul “PJ” Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive. “The Homesteads at Dunkirk Landing project will not only create quality homes for our residents but also support local jobs and economic development. Strengthening housing and infrastructure is critical to keeping Chautauqua County competitive and livable.”

“The City of Dunkirk has stood firmly behind this project from the beginning and are excited to see all the necessary support finally come together to make it a reality,” said Kate Wdowiasz, Mayor of Dunkirk. “The Homesteads project is, very much, needed in our city as local employers, including Wells, ramp up their employment. There’s a lack of good, af-

fordable, and safe rental housing in Dunkirk so this project is a godsend.”

Work on the Homesteads at Dunkirk Landing project is tentatively expected to begin in March 2026, with both buildings scheduled for completion by the end of November 2027.

About CCIDA - The CCIDA is an economic development organization authorized and empowered by the State of New York to make Chautauqua County a better place to work, live, and visit. It facilitates development by attracting new businesses, while promoting the retention and expansion of existing businesses. Assistance in the form of incentives – tax abatements, low interest loans, and bond financing – enhances the opportunities for job creation and retention by our businesses. For more information visit ChooseCHQ.com.

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National Parks Art Show Opens at the Darwin R. Barker Library



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Fredonia's Darwin R. Barker Library is excited to announce its next local art exhibition, "Visions of the National Parks and Beyond 2"—a local encore to a show originally installed at the Cray Art Gallery in Warren, PA last summer.

This exhibition takes viewers on a quintessential American journey—an expedition of discovery, wonder, and contemplation of our treasured and varied national parks. The artworks here capture both the grandeur and quiet beauty of our national parks and monuments, from the nature-sculpted landscapes of Utah, to the animals of Yellowstone and the rugged ice-capped peaks of the Grand Tetons, back to iconic parks in the East like Acadia and Gettysburg National Battlefield. More than mere celebrations of nature, these works are personal testaments by artists who were moved by the richness of the places kept naturally intact as national parks, preserved for the benefit of the entire country.

Throughout our history, the parks have been under threat from industry and tourism, and this exhibition shows some of the vibrancy, vitality,

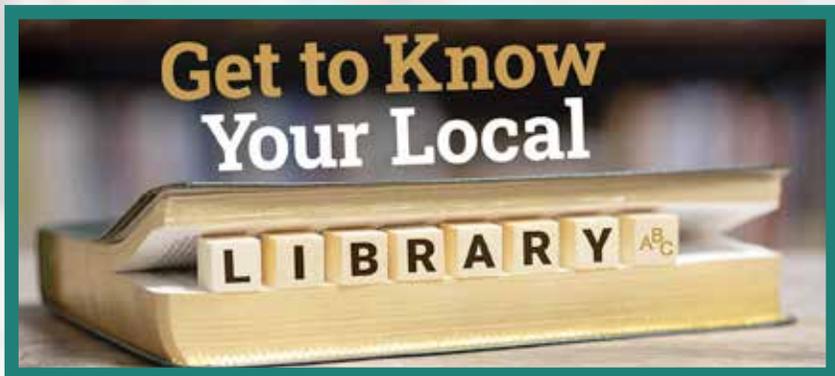
and beauty that would be lost if these lands were surrendered to commercial interests.

As Senator and "Father" of Earth Day Gaylord Nelson reminds us, "The wealth of the nation is its air, water, soil, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats, and biodiversity." Nelson's sentiment is even more critical today, and these works invite you to behold our vast American riches—our National Parks.

This exhibition features more than twenty works by six acclaimed regional artists: Thomas Annear, Wendy Bale, Angela Caley, James Hoggard, Tom Janik, and Thomas Paquette. Working in a rich variety of media and sizes, the artists engage the splendor of the parks through black-and-white and color photography, paintings in oil, gouache, acrylic, and mixed media and cut paper pieces.

The library will host an opening reception on Wednesday, March 4 from 5pm to 7pm. Enjoy refreshments and talk with the artists!

"Visions of the National Parks and Beyond 2" can also be viewed during regular library hours from March 4 to May 2. The Darwin R. Barker Library is located at 7 Day Street, Fredonia, NY.





LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Hazeltine Public Library: The best little Library in Busti

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In 1922, Charles Benjamin Reed Hazeltine donated \$ 5,000 in memory of his father, Pardon, toward establishing a library as close to the 5 Corners in Busti as possible. With his generous donation and funds from the Fanny Jones estate, the Hazeltine library was established on December 22, 1922. In 1934, the library moved to a dedicated building, which remains its current location. The

library went through an addition in 1975 and a renovation in 2004.

The Hazeltine Public Library has been serving and meeting the needs of its community for over 100 years! While the services and resources on offer have changed throughout the years, the mission of providing free resources and a community space remains a strong part of the library's mission.

When you visit the library, you'll find: books, DVDs, books on CD, access to public computers, open

24/7 WIFI, puzzles, magazines, newspapers, and a children's room ready to inspire the imagination. Patrons of all ages will find material of interest, from a cozy family chair for reading to print and digital resources.

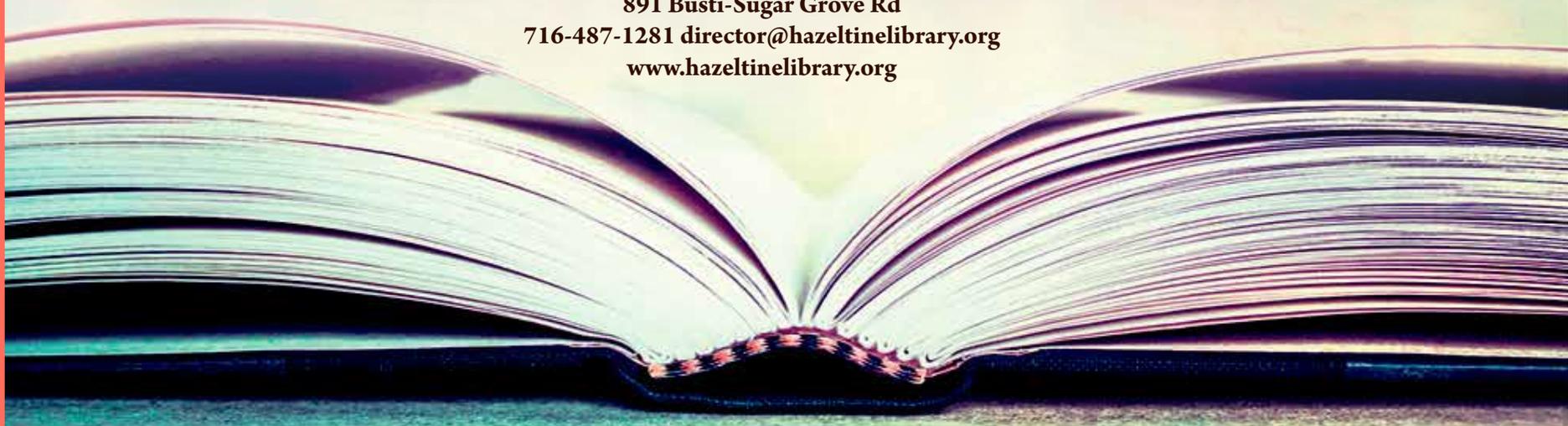
Did you know you can borrow puzzles with no obligation to return them, and they accept donations, keeping the selection full! You can also find a cart of free books anytime you stop in, and it's always changing. Even when the library is closed, anyone with

a library card can access the digital catalog at any time.

No matter if you are searching for a good read, need to access digital resources, or need to apply for jobs, the Hazeltine staff are ready to welcome everyone through their doors and support you to the best of their ability!

Watch the library's website and follow their Facebook page for updates on the upcoming Spring Authors Series and Summer programming.

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PATTERSON LIBRARY:

Thursday, March 5 | 6 PM

New Series: Fireside Lecture Series with CCHS

Thursday, March 12 | 5:30 PM

SUNY Fredonia Music Students concert series

Friday, March 13 | 11 AM

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Children's Program

Saturday, March 14 | 11 AM

A Royal Party Children's

Program March

Thursday, March 19

10:30 AM

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(registration required)

Thursday, March 26

6:30 PM

New Class: Embroidery for Beginners

Find a full list of events: www.pattersonlib.org

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Bemus Point Public Library

3rd Wednesday each month, 5:30 PM

Darwin R Barker Library Association

3rd Wednesday of each month, 4:00 PM

Dunkirk Public Library

4th Tuesday of odd months, 4:15 pm

Hazeltine Public Library

4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM

Myers Memorial

3rd Tuesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov, 6:30 PM

Patterson Library

2nd Thursday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov, 7:00 PM

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Senior Scene with Ellen Colasuonno

National Nutrition Month: Healthy Aging Starts Here: Serving Up Solutions in Our Community

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March is National Nutrition Month, a time to focus on the role food plays in supporting health, independence, and quality of life. It is also an opportunity to recognize the impact of the Senior Nutrition Program, which has provided vital services to older adults across the country since 1972.

This year's theme, Serving Up Solutions, highlights the creativity, collaboration, and innovation

that help local programs meet the changing needs of older adults. Every day, nutrition programs do more than provide meals. They support health, reduce isolation, and help older adults remain independent in their homes and communities.

An important part of supporting healthy eating in older adults is addressing common barriers such as limited income, mobility challenges, and access to food. Many seniors live on fixed incomes, which can make it difficult to afford fresh fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins.

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Chautauqua County Health Department Announces Completion of the 2025–2030 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan



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Chautauqua County Health Department

The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD), in collaboration with Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Inc., UPMC Chautauqua, and Allegheny Health Network Westfield Memorial Hospital, is pleased to announce the completion of the 2025–2030 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

CCHD extends its sincere appreciation to all members of the Chautauqua County Community Health Planning Team (CCCHPT) for their collaboration, commitment, flexibility, and willingness to explore innovative approaches to improving community health. The CCCHPT includes representatives from UPMC Chautauqua Hospital, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Inc., Allegheny Health Network Westfield Memorial Hospital, The Chautauqua Center, The Resource Center, Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services, The Heritage Group, Prevention Works, the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene and Social Services, Chautauqua Health Network, and the Healthy Community Alliance.

The 2025–2030 CHA and CHIP align with the New York State Prevention Agenda, the state’s health improvement plan that serves as a comprehensive framework for local and statewide action to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities. Developed and updated by the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council, the Prevention Agenda emphasizes prevention and equity, with the vision that every New Yorker has the opportunity to achieve their highest level of health across the lifespan.

This marks the fourth cycle of the Prevention Agenda since its inception

in 2008. New for the 2025–2030 cycle, the framework was revised to reflect the growing impact of socioeconomic factors on health and now aligns with the five social determinants of health outlined in Healthy People 2030.

Using data from the community health assessment, the CCCHPT is committed to educating residents and stakeholders about key health trends and challenges affecting Chautauqua County. The assessment focuses on the following five priority areas:

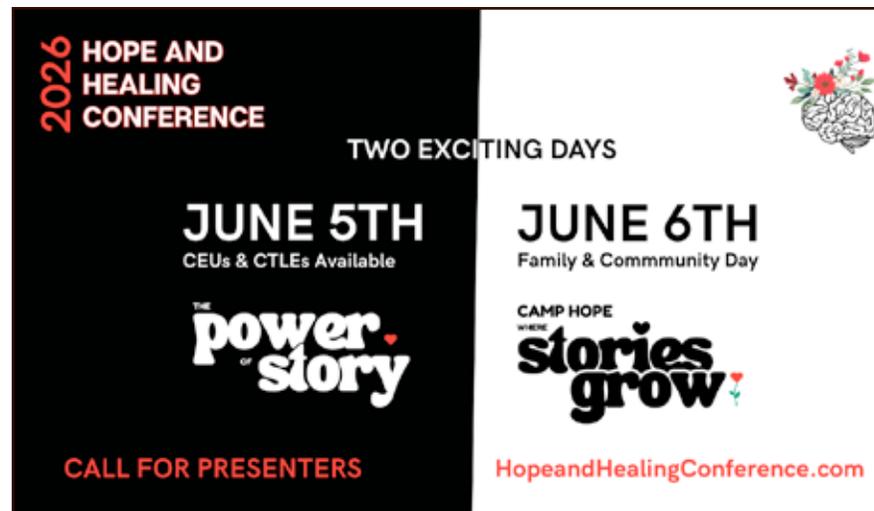
- Economic Stability
- Social and Community Context
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Health Care Access and Quality
- Education Access and Quality

“I am grateful to our partners for their collaboration and dedication throughout this process,” said Lacey Wilson, Chautauqua County Public Health Director. “By working together, we can address challenges proactively and strengthen prevention efforts to improve health and well-being across the County.”

More information about the New York State Prevention Agenda (2025–2030) is available at: health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2025-2030/

The full Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan can be found on Chautauqua County’s website at HealthyCHQ.com. About Chautauqua County Health Department - The Chautauqua County Health Department is the leading Public Health organization in Chautauqua County dedicated to the support of the community’s health. The Health Department takes innovative approaches to provide technical assistance to partner organizations, and offers various programs and services in order to help prevent disease, protect the public’s health and promote our community’s overall health and wellness. For more information visit www.HealthyCHQ.com.

Call for Presenters Announced for 2026 Hope & Healing Conference of WNY



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Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene

This year “The Power of Story” Takes Center Stage, and the planning committee for the 2026 Hope & Healing Conference of Western New York is excited to announce a Call for Presenters for Day One (June 5, 2026) of this year’s conference, centered around that theme.

Day one of the conference is designed for professionals, community leaders, educators, healthcare providers, advocates, and changemakers, but as always, the Hope & Healing Conference welcomes anyone who believes in building stronger, healthier communities.

This year, we are inviting presenters to help us explore how story shapes connection, resilience, recovery, prevention, and hope.

Our Presentation Opportunities:

Hope Talks are inspired by the idea that powerful messages don’t always need an hour, Hope Talks will feature short, impactful presentations lasting 5–10 minutes each.

We are looking for speakers willing to share: a lived experience that sparked change, a professional lesson that reshaped practice, a moment of connection that altered outcomes, a story that highlights resilience, prevention, or healing, or an innovative program or approach rooted in human experience.

These talks are meant to be authentic, meaningful, and accessible. Story casts a wide net. Your experience matters.

Breakout Sessions are 60-minute sessions that connect to the conference theme. Sessions may focus on: mental health, substance use prevention and recovery, trauma-informed care, youth engagement, family support, systems collaboration, community-based innovation, or access to care and service navigation.

Breakout sessions should offer practical insight, skill-building, or deeper discussion tied to the power of story in professional or community settings.

Individuals selected to present will receive complimentary admission to the conference. This is an opportunity to share your work and lived experience, connect with professionals and community members from across Western New York, and contribute to meaningful systems-level and community conversation.

Apply to present by submitting their proposal and find additional details by completing the **Hope Talks and Breakout Session Application** by March 17th.

Conference updates, announcements, and important dates will also be shared on HopeandHealingConference.com and our **Facebook event page**. Additional information, including keynote speakers, Day two community programming, and special panels will be released in the coming weeks.

The Hope & Healing Conference continues to bring together community-based organizations, agencies, educators, healthcare systems, and families across Chautauqua County and the broader Western New York region. When we share our stories, we build connection. When we build connection, we create change. We invite you to be part of it.



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levels. And NRT flavors are restricted to basic options like mint to avoid appealing to youth. Pouches feature extensive, often sweet flavors like “Berry Frost” or “Mango Tango” which appeal to youth. New York State has finally seen a significant drop in youth vaping—just in time for the tobacco industry to come along with another new product to attract and addict our youth. Nicotine pouches are not approved for smoking cessation, and it is well known that tax increases on tobacco products reduce tobacco use, especially among youth.



The good news is if you are thinking about or want to quit tobacco use as New York State resident you have options. The first option is visiting the New York State Quitline at <https://www.nysmokefree.com/> or contacting them at 1-866-697-8487 for free nicotine replacement therapy and counseling. The second option is to ask your doctor as they can prescribe nicotine replacement therapy and all health insurances cover some percentage of the costs.

As expected, Gov. Hochul’s proposed excise tax on the sale of nicotine pouches, similar to taxes on other non-cigarette tobacco products, has supporters and detractors. I urge you not to accept claims that nicotine pouches, like Zyn, should be exempt from tobacco excise taxes because they are approved for smoking cessation. That’s wrong. There are a variety of FDA-approved, medically backed, safe nicotine replacement therapies (NRT), available both over-the-counter and by prescription. They provide controlled, standardized doses of nicotine (typically 2 mg or 4 mg) to gradually reduce addiction. Pouches are marketed in a much wider range of nicotine, some reaching concentrations up to 50 mg or higher per pouch, which can maintain and even increase addiction

Southwestern Independent and Brocton Central School District Living Center Welcome All to Annual Event!



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March 13, 2026 marks the 8th annual Family, School, and Community Connections Symposium and Brocton Central School Rural Mobile Medical Unit Health and Wellness Initiative event! This free event is open to the public and runs from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Brocton School. This annual event is a collaboration between Southwestern Independent Living Center and Brocton Central School to offer information, services and assistance to all who attend.

This year the University at Buffalo is attending and presenting their new mobile medical units/services to Chautauqua County! They will also bring along medical students to assist agencies and attendees throughout the event! The health and wellness services they offer are free!

Other specialized medical assistance available during the event will be provided by Liberty Dental for basic dental checks, fluoride treatments and dental education! Audio Nova will be performing hearing checks in the nurses station at BCSD and Erie Retina Research will be performing retina checks with free follow-ups and free treatments if deemed necessary!

Our local law enforcement officials will also be on site to share programs and information with attendees. Chautauqua County Sheriff officers will be offering Child ID’s, assistance/information on other programs, and Jamestown PD will be on site to share information about their Domestic Violence Program with HOPE, their therapy dog, attending, as well!

Several hospitals will be visiting with attendees and sharing information about their services throughout the day. Golisano’s Children’s Hospital, formerly Oishei Children’s, will be offering free summer safety equipment to youth who visit their table! AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital will be sharing information about cardiac rehab, their new mobile MRI unit, available services and basic health education, and UPMC Chautauqua will be performing basic wellness checks and visiting about the UPMC’s services. Brooks Hospital and LEMS representative Erin Gaken, will be available to share information regarding their new facility, as well as services LEMS offers our communities. Roswell Cancer Institute will have a variety of programs available, with their giant walk-through colon welcoming all who attend!

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- 11:15 AM- Patricia E. McCalister, LMHC, Autism Coach
 "Nourishing the Garden of Neurodiversity"

- 12:00 PM- Eylesia Stilson, Hillside Youth Peer Support Programs

- 1:00 PM- Sara Wolf, NYS Department of Education
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County Executive Wendel Advocates for Chautauqua County Priorities in Washington, D.C.

National Association of Counties Legislative Conference draws nearly 2,000 county leaders



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Chautauqua County Executive

Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel joined nearly 2,000 county leaders from across the country for the 2026 Legislative Conference hosted by the National Association of Counties (NACo) February 21–24 in Washington, D.C. Wendel, who serves on NACo’s Board of Directors, represented Chautauqua County on the national stage—advocating for local priorities and strengthening intergovernmental partnerships that directly impact residents at home.

Over two general sessions, attendees heard from senior administration officials and members of Congress while shaping NACo’s federal policy agenda. Conference discussions addressed critical issues impacting counties, including surface transportation, federal disaster policy, housing and permitting reform, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, energy, workforce development, and mental health services.

“Serving on the NACo Board of Directors gives Chautauqua County a seat at the table in national conversations,” said Wendel. “While I routinely connect with Nick Langworthy and Charles Schumer on federal matters, there is tremendous value in traveling to our nation’s capital and speaking face to face with federal leaders and agency officials. These conversations ensure rural counties like ours are heard.”

Throughout the conference, Wendel participated in briefings and meetings focused on federal infrastructure funding, rural broadband expansion, mental health services, workforce development, and transportation programs that support local municipalities. He emphasized the importance of maintaining and strengthening federal partnerships that help counties address aging infrastructure, economic development, and public health challenges.

Conference speakers—including Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Lee Zeldin, Tom Emmer, Sam Graves, Glenn Thompson, Andrea Salinas and Bruce Westerman—reinforced how federal decisions in health, transportation, agriculture, natural resources, and environmental policy directly impact counties like Chautauqua.

“Federal decisions have direct impacts on our towns, villages, and cities,” Wendel added. “From road and bridge funding to disaster relief and mental health resources, we must continue advocating for policies that recognize the unique needs of rural communities like Chautauqua County. I’m proud to bring our local perspective to the national level—and to bring back information and partnerships that help us move forward.”

The conference culminated in an Advocacy Day of Action, where Wendel joined county leaders in meetings with members of Congress and federal agency representatives to reinforce county priorities and discuss legislative opportunities that benefit local governments.

As a member of the NACo Board of Directors, Wendel continues to help shape national policy positions that reflect the needs of counties across America—while ensuring Chautauqua County remains actively engaged in federal policymaking discussions.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America’s counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public’s understanding of county government. www.naco.org.

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CCIDA and CCPEG-Related Projects Reach \$85 million in Investments

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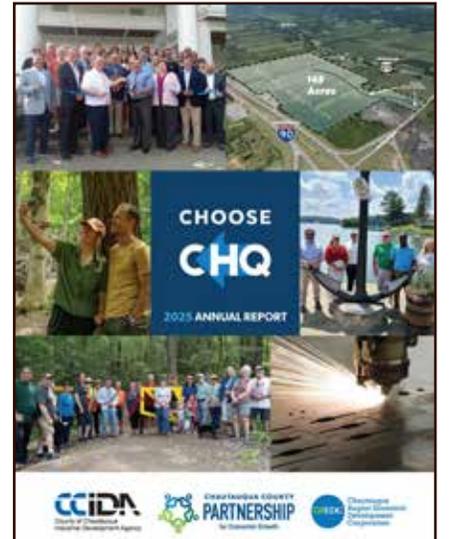
County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

At its recent meeting, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors reviewed the Choose CHQ 2025 Annual Report, highlighting accomplishments for the past year. The report provided year-in-review details for the CCIDA, as well as the accomplishments of the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) an initiative under the CCIDA’s component agency, the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC).

During the meeting, Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, CCIDA CEO, and CCPEG Co-Chair, shared the CCIDA’s Top 10 Accomplishments for the year, along with its top 10 goals for 2026. Geise noted that while the CCIDA was involved with a multitude of projects in 2025, only nine of them actually made it to the authorization stage. These nine projects will provide, if fully realized, an investment of nearly \$85 million in Chautauqua County. These projects would also result in the retention of 243 jobs and the creation of 639 permanent and temporary construction jobs. Projects that involve PILOTs (payments in lieu of taxes) will result in \$4.85 million in new revenue for taxing jurisdictions over the terms of the PILOTs, which wouldn’t have been realized had these projects not moved forward.

“While 2025 wasn’t an epic year as it was in both 2023 and 2024, it was definitely a solid year with some major wins for the County,” Geise said. “Even though some projects didn’t quite reach the finish line in 2025, we moved several key projects forward. In fact, in just the first two months of 2026, we’ve already surpassed 2025’s project investment total. This shows that while the final numbers weren’t quite as impressive compared to previous calendar years, the CCIDA team was working tirelessly throughout 2025 and that work is already paying off in 2026. There are definitely ebbs and flows as it relates to business investment from year-to-year, not only in Chautauqua County, but state-wide, nationally, and internationally. This was a good year!”

Some of the key 2025 accomplishments included: Maplevale Farms relocation and expansion project in the Town of Mina (\$41.4 million); updating and finalizing incentives for the renovation of the C.E. Welch Building in Westfield (increasing the total project investment by \$7.75); five solar projects with a



The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency released its Choose CHQ 2025 Annual Report on Tuesday, February 24 during its monthly Board of Directors Meeting. The report highlights the 2025 projects and accomplishments for both the CCIDA and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth.

combined investment of \$32.8 million and producing a total of 16.4 MW of clean energy; the Tri-County Country Club reconstruction and expansion effort (\$2.5 million); and providing a loan to support the Ivory Acres Wedding venue acquisition (\$243,000). The CCIDA also finalized planning for the \$16+ million shovel-ready I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley. The agency also continued to promote Chautauqua County as a viable place to live, work, and do business through the Live CHQ and Choose CHQ marketing efforts.

The annual report also included the Top 10 economic development goals for the involved agencies. These aspirations included aggressive proactive business retention and expansion; completing and marketing two shovel-ready sites in both Ripley (I-90 Veterans Commerce Park) and Ellicott (Mason Industrial Park); acquiring and preparing new shovel-ready sites; reactivating properties of community importance, including the NRG Plant in Dunkirk, the Furniture Mart building in Jamestown, the former Lakeshore Hospital in Irving, the former Truck-Lite plant in Ellicott, and the Serta Simmons Building in Ellicott, among others; assisting both ImmunityBio (Dunkirk) and Electrovaya (Ellicott) to ramp up operations; and continuing to focus on implementing recommendations from the County’s Economic Development Strategy through CREDC and CCPEG.

“We continue to look forward to our two shovel-ready sites being completed by the end of 2026,” said Nathan

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CHAMBER CORNER

Full House for an AI Workshop

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO

We knew we hit on a compelling topic when space for the CHQ Chamber Business Builder Workshop: AI for Your Business, was sold out two weeks before the event. With over 80 people in the room at the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Community Training Center in Lakewood on Wednesday, we offered two presentations demonstrating ways Artificial Intelligence can streamline some basic business functions by using a variety of platforms.

Our speakers were Rachael Wiley-Steffen, AI Certified Consultant, marketing strategist, licensed real estate professional, and co-owner of the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House and B.J. Monacelli of Robo Enterprises who is also an AI and Automation Consultant. Each offered real-use examples of the power of AI to simplify routine tasks and transform service models for different types of business needs.

Rachael demonstrated the use of a low-cost ChatGPT system to establish business and personal "assistants" to manage routine work including developing social media posts, marketing pieces, and blog posts with a focus on coordinated messaging. When she first started certification training for AI, she noted, the phrase that struck her was "Achieve more in less time." "Doesn't every businessperson want to do that?" she asked. GPT stands for Generative Pre-trained Transformer, and is focused on generating text, images, and scheduling around specific needs. Her example caused one attendee to note, "You literally just changed my life."

B.J. focused on automating tasks using a LEAK Framework: List the problems, Examine the costs, Audit the task, and Kickstart the solution. He demonstrated his free interactive tool through Discoverify.ai encouraging attendees in the room to input their own individual business hang-ups in order to get a quick report back noting efficiency gaps with priorities recommendations for quick automation fixes.

Both noted that these are just a few ways

AI can be used to drive efficiency and planning in a variety of business settings. There are numerous AI applications and generators, with more being developed all the time. If you have considered testing AI for your business, we encourage you to experiment and to seek guidance from the experts if needed. Both Rachael and B.J. work as consultants and would be happy to help.

The CHQ Chamber offers Business Builder Workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics designed to help local people build their business in numerous ways. The next Business Builder Workshop will be held April 8 at the UNY Fredonia Center for Innovation and Economic Development, 214 Central Avenue, Dunkirk. The topic will be Corporate Culture. Presenters will be announced soon.

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 to benefit 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. Members of the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry should email Savan-

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Stone Family's Gift of 100 Book Bundles Brings Hope and Comfort to Children in Foster Care



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CASA of Chautauqua County

On January 30, CASA of Chautauqua County (Court Appointed Special Advocates), in partnership with Family Court Judges, the Department of Mental Hygiene, Community Services Workers, and Attorneys, gratefully received a generous donation of 100 Book Bundles from the Stone family to share with children in foster care. These thoughtfully assembled bundles include books, journals, coloring books, and other comforting and creative items designed to inspire, engage, and bring joy.

The Stone family—along with their four remarkable children—knows firsthand the power of love, stability, and belonging. Having experienced the life-changing journey of becoming a forever family, they now give back each year in meaningful ways. In addition to the Book

Bundles, they have previously provided Birthday Boxes and Comfort Bags, consistently bringing moments of light and care to children navigating difficult circumstances. Their generosity reflects a heartfelt commitment to ensuring that every child feels seen, valued, and supported.

These special gifts not only brighten the lives of the children served by CASA, but also enhance the work of CASA volunteers. Volunteers build trusting relationships with the children they advocate for, gathering important information to share with the courts and collaborating with social workers, foster families, educators,

counselors, and therapists. The Book Bundles offer a warm and welcoming way to connect—helping to ease conversations, build comfort, and create positive moments during what can be an uncertain time in a child's life.

CASA of Chautauqua County and our community partners extend our deepest appreciation to foster families like the Stones and to the many unsung heroes who open their hearts and homes to children in need. Their compassion provides safety, stability, and hope to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Currently, Chautauqua County has approximately 75 certified foster homes, including both traditional and kinship homes, many of which are at capacity. With nearly 100 children in care—ranging from infancy through age 18—the need for additional foster families remains great. Each child comes with their own unique story, strengths, and needs, but all share the same fundamental desire: to feel loved, safe, and accepted.

Thanks to the Stone family's continued dedication and generosity, children in foster care are reminded that they are not alone and that their community cares deeply about their well-being.

To learn more about the Stone family foster care initiatives, reach out to Danielle Stone on Facebook. To learn more about foster care please visit www.fosterlovechq.com or contact the intake caseworker at 716-661-8212. To learn more about CASA of Chautauqua County, visit www.chautauquacasa.com.

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In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb...?

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For me, when I think of March weather, the Blizzard of 1993 comes to mind because the storm that hit much of the Eastern third of the nation affected my own life. It was the year my wife Cheryl and I moved to Cassadaga, and that move was delayed by a couple of weeks due to the storm that some experts have dubbed the Storm of the Century. I recalled the blizzard had dumped over two feet of snow across much of the county and we had to wait until a lot of that snow melted so we could move into the house.

Other memories of March stem from extreme weather that can occur during the month, including sub-zero cold and gusty winds. Naturally, my work required me to get up early in the morning to prepare for news broadcasts, and I drove through all kinds of weather to get to the radio stations, which were located 10 miles away. One March morning in 2018, I had to dig through 16 inches of snow just to get to my car! The following March, we had low temperatures well below zero, making the car difficult to start. In March of 2020, there were wind gusts over 40 mph, although it was balmy at 74 degrees.

Why does it seem that some of the wildest weather in Chautauqua County occurs during the month of March? It's largely due to fast-moving frontal systems and pressure differences. This is because March is a month of seasonal transition as the sun advances

David Rowley dedicated 42 years to broadcasting in Western New York, becoming a trusted voice across Chautauqua County and beyond. As News Director at WDOE 1410AM and 101.5FM in Dunkirk for more than three decades, and previously a broadcaster at WKSJ/WHUG in Jamestown and WBUZ in Fredonia, David built a reputation for steady leadership, community focus and journalistic integrity.

A lifelong resident of the area, now calling Cassadaga home, he has also served his community through numerous leadership roles, including the Cassadaga Village Board, the Cassadaga Lakes Association, the Village Planning Board and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.

Officially recognized as a weather expert by the National Weather Service through his work as a volunteer Cooperative Weather Observer, David has long provided reliable insight during Western New York's ever-changing seasons. He retired in 2023, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication and connection to the communities he so faithfully served.

north of the equator, while arctic air may persist across Canada into early spring, setting the stage for some wild weather events. While it's difficult to predict how March 2026 will turn out, to steal from an old weather saying, let's hope it will wind up being more like a lamb than a lion!

Chamber Corner

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nah Casey at szimmerman@wccbi.org to register free of charge. Business After Hours at Audubon Community Nature Center is sponsored by the Media One Radio Group, and State University of New York at Fredonia.

Save the Date 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, 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, and the State University of New York at Fredonia. Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

Visitors Bureau Presents Customer Service Excellence Awards



Pictured, from left: Andrew Nixon, CCVB president and CEO; Jess Splawski, general manager of the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House; Rachael and Bryce Steffen, owners of the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House.



Pictured, from left: Kayli Rodrigues, assistant general manager, Doubletree by Hilton – Jamestown; Brandon O'Dell, area operations director/GM, for Doubletree by Hilton – Jamestown; Amber Huber, front office manager of the Doubletree by Hilton – Jamestown; and Andrew Nixon, CCVB president and CEO.

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The Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau recently presented customer service excellence awards to employees of the local tourism industry.

Recipients included: Jess Splawski, general manager of the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House; and Amber Huber, front office manager of the Doubletree by Hilton – Jamestown. "These recipients do excellent work for their employers and provide visitors with great customer service," said Andrew Nixon, CCVB president and CEO. "They also share their extensive knowledge of the local area, businesses and attractions. This ensures visitors have the best experience possible in Chautauqua County and supports the entire tourism industry."

Bryce and Rachael Steffen, owners of the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, nominated Splawski for the award, praising her work ethic, positive attitude and attentiveness.

"Jess Splawski exemplifies what true hospitality looks like in a tourism-driven community," they wrote in their nomination. "As general manager of Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, she leads from the floor, not from behind a desk. Visitors do not just experience a meal, a round of golf, or an event, they experience being genuinely welcomed, cared for, and remembered. That starts with Jess. She sets the tone every day through her energy, attentiveness, and sincere care for people."

Brandon O'Dell, area operations director/GM for Doubletree by Hilton – Jamestown, nominated Huber for the award. This is the second recent honor for Huber, who also received the Lodging Employee of the Year Award from the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association last year.

"This award recognizes Amber's outstanding dedication, warm hospitality, and the way she goes above and beyond to make every guest feel welcome," O'Dell wrote. "She truly embodies what exceptional guest service is all about, and we couldn't be more proud to have her on our team." CCVB created the awards to recognize and foster customer service excellence within the Chautauqua County tourism industry. CCVB plans to present another round of customer service excellence awards in the fall months and will announce a formal nomination timeline to tourism industry businesses.

"We're proud to present the customer service excellence award to these deserving recipients, and we look forward to honoring more employees soon," Nixon said.

About CCVB: The mission of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau (CCVB) is to support Chautauqua County businesses and the local economy by marketing to, attracting, and serving visitors to our county. We do this by reaching potential visitors and assisting them in the process of learning about, coming to, and enjoying our area. CCVB is the official tourism promotion agency for Chautauqua County, NY. For more information, visit tourchautauqua.com.



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The Choose CHQ 2025 Annual Report included updates on Chautauqua County's effort to develop two shovel-ready sites, including the future site of the 140+ acre I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley.

Aldrich, Chautauqua County Economic Development Coordinator. "In 2025, we were able to secure all the necessary funding to move these projects forward and will now put that money to use this year. Once complete, we are confident that both the Ripley and Mason sites will attract a lot of interest and eventually bring new business into our county."

In addition to the CCIDA and CREDC accomplishments and goals, the 2025 Annual Report also provided an update on various projects and activities involving CCPEG. According to Geise, CCPEG assisted 51 individual projects providing both direct and indirect support toward economic development efforts across the county. CCPEG also allocated over \$400,000 in funds that directly assisted 26 individual projects, which, in turn, leveraged nearly \$6.2 million in additional outside funding. CCPEG also lived up to its name in 2025, with 70 individual meetings taking place involving 75 unique partners from across the county.

Of the \$400,000 in project support mentioned above via CCPEG, more than \$269,000 went to 23 different partner-led economic development projects, delivered through CCPEG's Economic Growth Fund. Some of those projects included: the Advanced Manufacturing Program at Dream It, Do It Western New York; the Village of Cassadaga's Main Street Master Plan; the City of Jamestown's Main Street Underpass Park; Chautauqua Rails to Trails southern trailhead improvements in the Village of Sherman; a Chautauqua Child Care Economic Development project for Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.; and promoting the CHQ Chamber's ShopLocalCHQ initiative, among several others.

"It's rewarding to see the Partnership fulfilling its mission by supporting so many of our community and organizational partners with their projects," said Josiah Lamp, CCPEG Program Manager. "We are especially pleased to see the Village of Westfield receive \$4.5 million from Empire State Development in 2025 from the NY

Forward Program. This was due, in part, to technical assistance and support provided by CCPEG in prior years. We've provided this same assistance to Mina, Falconer, and Sherman in 2025, and are hopeful it will result in a win for at least one of those communities in 2026."

In addition to the various partners and projects that received support from CCPEG in 2025, the initiative also worked on a major "Impact" report that will highlight CCPEG's success since its launch in 2019 as a model for public-private partnerships in rural economic development. CCPEG also worked to finalize a new, multi-year Chautauqua County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Both the Impact Report and the new Strategic Plan will be completed and released in the first half of 2026.

"We are continuing to move forward in our quest to grow and strengthen our local economy here in Chautauqua County," Geise said. "As I've stated many times before, economic development is a marathon, not a sprint, but our work in 2025 shows that we are keeping pace and moving our county in the right direction, thanks to our many collaborations and partnerships with various businesses, municipalities, and local organizations. Together, we are moving Chautauqua County forward."

The complete Choose CHQ 2025 Annual Report, featuring information for both the CCIDA and CCPEG, is available at ChooseCHQ.com.

About CCPEG - The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources to advance key projects that achieve economic prosperity in Chautauqua County. It also serves as the catalyst and broker of resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for the formation, retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs and advancements to the quality of life. It is an initiative of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). For more information, please visit CHQPartnership.org.



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"I am deeply disturbed by the brutal assault on a civilian counselor and several correction officers at Lakeview Correctional Facility in Brocton, NY. My thoughts are with the dedicated professionals who were injured while carrying out their duties.

As the County Executive of Chautauqua County, I am a proud supporter of law enforcement and the men and women who serve on the front lines every single day. It is time to ensure our correctional facilities are safe for the employees who protect our communities.

I stand with Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Andrew Molitor in supporting their proposal to repeal the HALT Act. Since its enactment, assaults on officers, medical staff, and inmates have risen at an alarming rate. The HALT Act and similar policies have stripped correction officers of the critical tools they need to maintain order and have placed both staff and incarcerated individuals at risk.

This assault was completely avoidable. In March 2025, we called for the full repeal of the HALT Act after rising violence in our jails led to a statewide correction officers' strike. One year later, the same issues persist. It is time to act to prevent further violence, ensure safety, and restore order in our correctional facilities.

I urge the Governor and State Legislature to repeal the HALT Act. We cannot continue to allow misguided, pro-criminal policies to fuel further violence in our facilities."

"This brutal assault on a civilian counselor and several correction officers at Lakeview Correctional Facility was horrific, preventable and the fault of the dangerous HALT Act, and its champions, Governor Hochul and Albany Democrats.

This disastrous law has stripped correction officers of the tools they need to discourage inmate violence and protect themselves. My thoughts are with the victims, who suffered serious injuries for simply doing their jobs and with all of our prison staff who go to work every day in the toughest environment possible, knowing that their boss – the governor – does not have their backs.

Thanks to Democrats' reckless criminal justice policies, prison populations are increasingly concentrated with the most violent offenders – the worst of the worst, while other criminals are typically released back into our communities. The result is a system where correction officers face greater risks than ever before, without the tools they need to protect themselves and others.

In this case, these reckless policies meant that prison staff were forced to allow an inmate with a documented history of prison violence to enter a classroom unrestrained with a civilian employee, a teacher who is dedicated to helping inmates. Union officials have begged the administration for permission to use safety restraints in classroom and programming settings for inmates who are proven disciplinary problems. They've been ignored.

The governor and the Democrat majorities should immediately implement the recommendations of the HALT Act Committee, developed as part of the agreement to end last year's strike. While not perfect, these recommendations would restore some of the safeguards that corrections professionals have been calling for and help address the unacceptable rise in violence inside our prisons.

I will continue fighting relentlessly against the current HALT policies on behalf of the brave men and women who serve on the front lines in jobs that are among the most grueling in existence. I am outraged that our governor and her legislative allies have unleashed such danger and chaos in our prisons and continue to ignore the catastrophic conditions they've created. They are complicit in this violence, and their refusal to act is putting lives at risk every single day."



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"Rising assault numbers against staff, officers and between inmates is 100% preventable. Our leaders in Albany are ignoring this issue and more of our friends, family members and loved ones are getting hurt every day. It is a simple fix; repeal HALT and permit proper restraints to be used so that inmates CANNOT attack civilians and correction officers."



Southwestern Celebrates Transportation Team



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Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES*

For many students, the school day begins and ends with a familiar face behind the wheel. At Southwestern Central School District, that person is often the first to greet them in the morning and the last to wish them well each afternoon.

February was nationally recognized as Love the Bus Month, a time when schools and communities across the country celebrate the iconic yellow school bus and, more importantly, the professionals who safely transport students each day.

At Southwestern, that responsibility falls to a dedicated team of 18 bus drivers, six bus monitors, and two mechanics.

For bus driver Janet Carlson, one of the most meaningful aspects of the job is seeing students grow from pre-kindergarten through graduation. "Having past students come up to

you and tell you you're the best is my favorite part," she said.

Transportation supervisor John Spacht said the month is a chance to recognize the staff who set the tone for a safe, positive school day. "Their commitment to safety and to the students we serve is something I am truly proud of," he said.

Head driver Tammy Peterson, who has worked in the district for 21 years, emphasized the trust that comes with the role. Drivers are often the first and last staff members students see, forming lasting relationships that quietly support them throughout school.

Veteran drivers Mary Blake (26 years) and Sue Bentley (35 years) echoed that sentiment, noting that watching students grow and building relationships over the years is the most rewarding part of the job. Bentley added, "Being with the kids always puts a smile on my face. If you enjoy working with kids and driving, this is the perfect job."

SUDOKU

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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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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unit of dry measure
- 5. One who defies authority
- 8. Social media giant
- 12. Render holy
- 14. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 15. Computer manufacturer
- 16. Creed
- 18. Immoral act
- 19. Mountain pass
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Don't know when yet
- 22. Elected officials
- 23. Corrupt tendencies
- 26. Popular adult beverage
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Morally correct
- 32. Type of whale
- 33. Portable conical tent
- 34. Native people of the Congo
- 39. More (Spanish)
- 42. Classroom implements
- 44. Cognizant of
- 46. One who tells
- 47. Free from bondage
- 49. Thick piece of something
- 50. Containing two adjacent nitrogen atoms
- 51. Removed from the record
- 56. Legendary singer Turner
- 57. Broke up the earth
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. Contributes
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Wreckage on the sea bed
- 62. Affirmative! (slang)
- 63. Witness
- 64. Scrape (Archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "___ and flows"
- 2. Humble request for help
- 3. A position of leadership
- 4. Continent
- 5. Adherent of a particular religion
- 6. Things that can be eaten
- 7. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 8. Long-tailed crows
- 9. Repeated
- 10. Bluish greens
- 11. Humanities
- 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
- 17. Labor (Spanish)
- 24. Zero
- 25. Shared by involving three parties
- 26. Queens ballplayer
- 27. Consumed
- 28. Rest here please
- 29. Men's fashion accessory
- 35. American time
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. They ___
- 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 40. Places to play video games
- 41. A sudden attack of illness
- 42. When you hope to arrive
- 43. Charges
- 44. Actress Seyfried
- 45. A tributary of the Ohio River
- 47. Omit when speaking
- 48. Armored fish
- 49. Remain
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Adventure story
- 54. Geological times
- 55. Eat dinner

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting to discuss the conclusion of diagnostic cardiac catheterization services at UPMC Chautauqua will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams and will also be offered in person.

To join, scan the QR code
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Individuals wishing to provide comments or express concerns may contact Director of Operations, Tammara Hodges, at Hodgestl@upmc.edu or 716-664-8441 for additional details regarding attendance options.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Registration Open for Opera House 5K



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1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center

Registration for the ninth annual 1891 Run for the Fredonia Opera House is now open. The race is a 5K Run and Walk fund-raiser for the Opera House. It will be held on Sunday, April 26, at 9 a.m.

The race starts and ends at Barker Common in downtown Fredonia. Except for a small incline at the start of the race, it is a flat, fast course that is USATF-certified (#NY1708JG). It includes segments of Temple St., Central Ave. and Brigham Rd., as well as a portion of Ring Road on the State University of New York at Fredonia campus.

Runners will follow a lead car provided by local law enforcement. Walkers will complete the entire route on the sidewalk.

Medals are awarded to the top three male and female finishers in various age bracket and top three male and female finishers overall. T-shirts are guaranteed to those who register before Apr. 14. Swag Bags will be distributed to all registrants.

This year's race is one of the featured runs in the Chautauqua Striders Athletic Club's Runner of the Year Series. Striders Athletic Club members receive a 10% discount on registration.

Advance registration for adults is \$25; registration the day of the race is \$30. Registration for those 21 and under is \$15. For more information or to register, visit <https://fredopera.org/the-1891-run/>. Registrations also can be made by completing a printed registration form at the Opera House Box Office, Tuesday-Friday, 12-4:30 p.m. Proceeds raised from the run support the theatre's general operations and programming.

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center is a member-supported not-for-profit performing arts center with a mission to "present the performing arts for the benefit of our community and region ... providing access to artistic diversity ... and high quality programming at an affordable price." It is located in Village Hall in downtown Fredonia. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.fredopera.org.



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2026 Winter 5K Series Wrap-Up



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Chautauqua Striders

The Chautauqua Striders Winter 5K Series once again brought the community together for a fun (and freezing) season of racing at the beautiful Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. What makes this series unique is its age-graded format. Similar to a handicap in golf, age-grading levels the playing field for all runners. The system assigns each participant a percentage of an "ideal" time based on their age and gender, meaning anyone has a chance to compete for the top spots.

The final race of the series took place on Saturday, February 21st, where runners were enthusiastically cheered across the finish line by volunteers from the SUNY Fredonia Women's Soccer team. Following the race, we held a brief awards ceremony to recognize this year's Overall Series Winners.

Top 5 Overall Series Winners:

1. Adam Rowe
2. Jeff Carlson
3. Nancy Johnson
4. Christopher Waclawski
5. Gregory Brink

Thank you to the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel for hosting us, and to this year's generous sponsors: Slone Melhuish Insurance, Three Sixty Graphics, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Inc., Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, Howard Hanna Holt Real Estate, Jamestown Spine, Jamestown Mattress, Live CHQ, and R. Thomas Rankin Attorney at Law.

We are grateful to the runners, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators who made the 2026 Winter 5K Series another successful and memorable season! Full race results can be found at <https://runsignup.com/Series/winter5k2024>.

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The Marvin House Honors Lucile M. Wright

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The Marvin House*

The Elizabeth Warner Marvin House, a renowned women's organization in Jamestown committed to leadership, community service, and cultural enrichment, is set to commemorate its 75th anniversary. This milestone will be celebrated during Women's History Month with a special luncheon event that highlights the extraordinary life and achievements of aviation pioneer Lucile M. Wright.

The luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2026, beginning at 12:00 noon, at the Marvin House, located at 2 W. Fifth Street, Jamestown. Dennis Webster, Curator of the Lucile M. Wright Air Museum, will serve as the event's featured presenter.

Webster, whose retirement from WJTN marked a significant moment in the history of local broadcasting, continues to play a vital role in preserving regional history through his work with the Lucile M. Wright Air Museum.

Lucile M. Wright logged over 5 million miles on commercial flights. During World War II, she distinguished herself as the only woman courier pilot in Western New York, serving with the Civil Air Patrol Program and transporting essential machine parts and defense personnel.

Wright devoted her life to the advancement of aviation and the empowerment of women pilots. She was honored three times with the Amelia Earhart Medal and was named Wo-

man of the Year in Aviation by the National Aeronautical Society in 1965.

Her advocacy extended beyond flying: Wright supported airport development, promoted aviation-friendly legislation, and established scholarship programs to inspire and assist the next generation of aviators.

"The story of Lucile M. Wright is one of vision, courage, and leadership," says Dennis Webster. "She not only excelled in her own career but also uplifted others by encouraging young people—especially women—to pursue their dreams in aviation." The mission of the Lucile M. Wright Air Museum is to foster an interest in aviation among youth, preserve the region's aviation history, and honor the enduring legacy of Lucile M. Wright, a pioneering figure in 20th-century aviation in Chautauqua County.

The celebration luncheon menu will include:

- Grilled ham and swiss on sourdough
- Potato leek soup
- Coffee, tea
- Vanilla ice cream with crème de menthe and pistachios

After the meal, guests will be treated to the special presentation by Dennis Webster.

Tickets are priced at \$21 for Marvin House members and \$25 for the public. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Marvin House directly at (716) 488-6206 or via email at marvinhouse@marvinhouse.com. Seating is limited, so early reservations are recommended.



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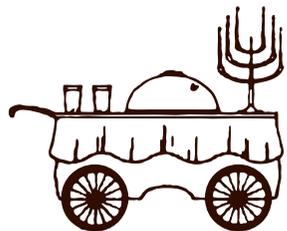
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Lauren Turner Discusses The Lords of Technology



Lauren Turner takes a two-part look at "The Lords of Technology" at the 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown services this Sunday, March 8, and next. The retired Methodist minister says that today just three people in America have as much wealth as the bottom 50%. They have a virtual monopoly on technology that most businesses depend on for their very existence. They control algorithms that determine what people see and don't see on social media. These Lords of Technology have more control over policies that affect everyone than any elected politician. Some openly state that the wealthy elite have proven their superiority by gaining their wealth and therefore they are better qualified to control the country. Turner will re-examine economic and political ethics for our present age. Everyone is welcome to the services at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.



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18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: ELITE KREATIONS BUILDS REPUTATION ON QUALITY AND SERVICE



Robert & Debra Reedy



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fleet managers alike," he said. "We believe in doing the right thing, taking care of our employees, showing respect for all people and giving back to the community."

He said the vision has always been to be known locally as "a trusted place to go to receive quality automotive detailing," backed by consistent workmanship and professional equipment.

"We maintain a clean, well-organized facility with state-of-the-art equipment," Reedy said. "That's part of doing the job right."

With 18 years in the industry, Reedy has seen how expectations around detailing can vary. He emphasizes that quality work requires time and attention to detail, especially in Western New York winters. He said Elite Kreations invests in professional-grade equipment and trained staff to ensure vehicles leave looking their best, even when faced with the grime of winter driving and salt residue. The shop also offers seasonal promotions, including winter wash packages designed to help protect vehicles from salt and road conditions.

Reedy said at Elite Kreations, the difference is the time, effort and experience that he and his staff put into their detailing service. His shop also offers a unique service that provides the ultimate convenience: free local pickup and delivery within the Jamestown area for detailing customers.

"That makes a big difference for people who are at work," Reedy said.

He noted that he and his staff are also committed to going the extra mile for their customers. For example, Reedy said when a vehicle comes in for a detail, he and his staff automatically check the tire pressure, the windshield wipers and all the lights on the car to make sure they're in working order. The shop will also top up the windshield washer fluid as a courtesy.

"If you have a reverse light out on your left side, I'll call you and say you have a reverse light out on your truck, and explain that I can change that," he said, noting that in some vehicles he cannot change them as it requires the removal of the grill, but when he can do so, he will. "I can also test your battery, your alternator and your starter. So now I'm going to come to you and say 'We tested your battery as a courtesy. Did you know your battery is weak? Do you want a new battery installed for this much, no cost of installation, only the cost of the battery?'"

The Elite Kreations customer service and quality business practices have helped the shop earn repeat customers and fleet accounts throughout the area, including work for local dealerships and municipal vehicles.

In addition to detailing, Elite Kreations operates as a U-Haul rental location, providing trucks, trailers and moving supplies.

"We're also a full-service U-Haul rental company," Reedy said. "We try to make it convenient for people."

While continuing to run a business with customers at top of mind, Reedy has also maintained a practice of giving back to the community in which he has built his business. From donating to the Humane Society and St. Susan's Center to providing Thanksgiving dinner to members of the local police and fire departments, Reedy said he appreciates giving back to the incredible institutions that have done so much for the area and provided much-needed services.

"We appreciate what they do, and we wanted to show some appreciation," he said.

After nearly two decades in business, Reedy says Elite Kreations' longevity comes down to relationships, service and consistency. That steady approach, combined with investment in equipment and staff, is what he believes has allowed the business to remain a reliable option for vehicle owners across the area.

"We take pride in what we do," Reedy said. "We're here, and we've been here for 18 years."

Reedy describes his mission as delivering a high level of service at a fair value while building long-term relationships with customers.

"At Elite Kreations, we pledge to provide a distinctive and high level of customer service at a great value for auto owners and



Elite Kreations Auto Detailing and U-Haul Rentals is located at 731 E. Second St. in Jamestown. The business is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit elitekreationsdetailing.com, find Elite Kreations Detailing on Facebook or call 716-484-6246.



National Nutrition Month: Healthy Aging Starts Here: Serving Up Solutions in Our Community

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Programs that provide nutritious meals or subsidized groceries can help fill this gap, but education is also key. Teaching simple, cost-effective strategies like choosing frozen or canned produce with no added salt or sugar, buying in bulk when possible, and planning meals around sales can make a meaningful difference.

Mobility and transportation can also be major obstacles. For older adults who cannot easily leave their homes, home-delivered meals and strong community partnerships with local food banks or farms can improve access to nutritious foods. Additional supports such as volunteer transportation and mobile produce programs further reduce these barriers while helping older adults maintain independence.

Physical limitations may also make food preparation difficult. Providing simple, senior-friendly recipes, adaptive kitchen tools, and tips for preparing meals safely can empower older adults to continue cooking. Encouraging small, manageable changes rather than overwhelming shifts helps build confidence and

long-term success. Ultimately, overcoming these barriers requires a community-based approach that combines education, access, and ongoing support so older adults can maintain their health, dignity, and quality of life.

Through the Senior Nutrition Program, older adults have access to a variety of services, including home delivered meals, congregate dining opportunities, nutrition education, and wellness programming. These services are designed to ensure that older adults receive balanced, nutritious meals while also staying connected and engaged.

Check out our website at <https://chqgov.com/office-aging> to see all the programs and services offered. Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services offers Nutrition & Wellness programs to support you in your journey toward total wellness. Call NY Connects at 716-753-4582 for more details and information about any of the Nutrition and Wellness programs provided by Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services.

Jamestown BPU Transitions Online Presence to .Gov Domain

Contributed by Jamestown BPU

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is transitioning its official online presence to the www.JamestownNYBPU.gov domain as of March 2. The change is another step the utility is taking to enhance its cybersecurity and protect customers.

New York municipalities and public power entities such as the BPU are converting to .gov domains to comply with state legislation requiring towns with populations over 1,500 to do so. The shift increases security, reduces phishing risks and certifies the site as an official government entity.

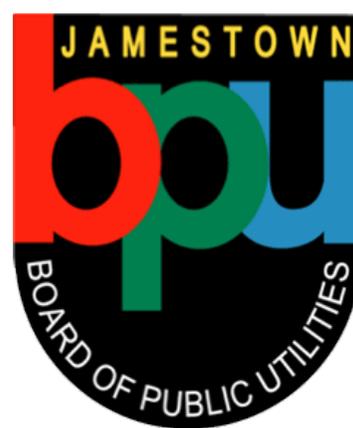
Moving to a .gov domain will provide several benefits, including increased trust and enhanced security for customers and improved public recognition as an official government website with official government email addresses.

“A .gov domain immediately signals that a website or email is official and legitimate,” states BPU General Manager Kristofor Sellstrom. “Because .gov domains are reserved

for verified U.S. government organizations, it becomes more difficult for malicious actors to create fake websites or email addresses that impersonate government entities, thereby reducing the risk of phishing attacks and fraud.”

A .gov domain makes it easy for the public to identify and access official information and services. The .gov domains are subject to specific security protocols and requirements, including multi-factor authentication and encryption, which further protect data and systems.

“My Account” pages on the www.JamestownNYBPU.gov website allow customers to schedule additional garbage collections, pay bills, monitor usage, request a recycling calendar, request a new recycling bin and/or garbage container, request business development information and schedule a yard waste bag collection. Landlords can authorize a property manager to access the account and verify a renter as a customer. It is recommended that BPU customers sign up for free portal access to save time and trips to BPU customer service.



BCSD and SILC Welcome All to Annual Event!

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Our Veteran’s will also be assisted throughout the day! Veterans’ agencies from Erie, PA, Buffalo and NYS will be available during the event. Erie Vet Center will have their mobile unit on site and Ashley Haefner, VA WNY Healthcare System, will be one of the featured speakers, sharing information on the myths and facts about VA Healthcare. Dwyer, SAVE and Vets Finding Vets will also be on hand to visit with our vets and their families.

Center for Elder Law and Justice’s Supervising Attorney Thomas J Warren will be speaking on “Identifying and Remediating Elder Abuse”, and other agencies who assist elders will also be on site.

This year several financial institutions will be present with Key Bank’s Courtney Barmore presenting a lecture on identity theft. During this event, services and programs

are available that relate to all ages and demographics. Three food trucks will be available for breakfast and lunch purchases, Over the Rainbow, U Take the Cake, and Mystic Smoke BBQ. Free laundry, hygiene and cleaning products will be available while supplies last!

CHQ Transit and SILC have partnered to offer free transportation to and from the event to the first 100 callers who request a ride! Call CHQ Transit, 716-665-6466 to schedule a ride!

Jason Delcamp, BCSD Superintendent and Marie Carrubba, Esq, SILC Executive Director welcome all to this free event and thank our sponsors for their support that allows us to keep this a FREE event!

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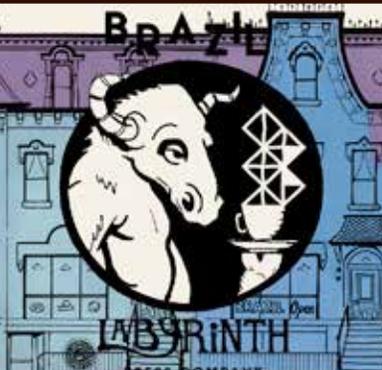


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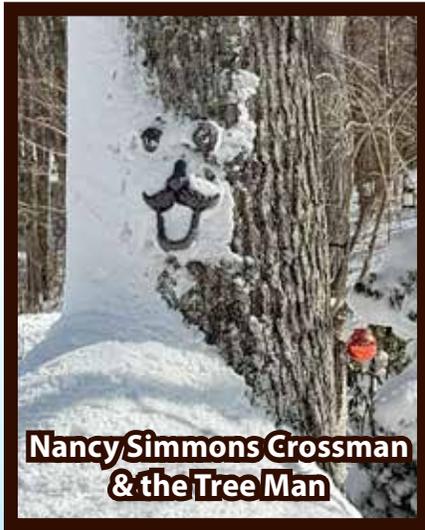
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