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## INFINITY VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS: NEARLY 30 YEARS OF GROWING YOUNG ARTISTS ACROSS CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

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**Infinity Visual and Performing Arts**

In 1998, seven students gathered in a parent's living room in Jamestown for music rehearsals. What began as a small performance-based program has grown into Infinity Visual and Performing Arts — a multi-arts center now serving more than 1,500 students annually from across Chautauqua County and neighboring communities.

As Infinity approaches its 30th anniversary, the organization reflects on nearly three decades of helping young people grow through active participation in the arts.

Infinity was founded in 1998 by Ron Graham, who envisioned a place where young people could learn, perform, and grow through music in a supportive, mentorship-driven environment. Under his leadership, the program expanded steadily, building a strong foundation for the future. When Graham retired, Shane Hawkins stepped into the role of Executive Director — a position she continues to hold today — guiding Infinity's continued growth while remaining rooted in its original mission.

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*Bella Putt and Instructor, Ron Packard*

## 2026 High-School Musicals

**Congrats to Dunkirk High School Musical for its production of Pippin and Brocton High School for its production of Once Upon a Mattress!**

<b>Jamestown High School</b> <i>Pirates of Penzance</i> March 12 & 13: 7 PM March 14: 2 PM & 7 PM	<b>Falconer High School</b> <i>Shrek The Musical</i> March 13-14: 7:30 PM March 15: 2:30 PM	<b>Panama Central School</b> <i>James and The Giant Peach</i> March 26: 6 PM (special rehearsal performance for senior citizens) March 27-28: 7 PM	<b>Frewsburg Central School</b> <i>Newsies: The Broadway Musical</i> March 27: 7 PM March 28: 2 PM & 7 PM	<b>Maple Grove High School</b> <i>Hades Town: Teen Edition</i> March 27-28: 7 PM March 29: 2 PM
<b>Southwestern High School</b> <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i> March 12-14: 7 PM	<b>Fredonia High School</b> <i>The Music Man</i> March 13: 7:30 PM March 14: 3 PM March 20-21: 7:30 PM	<b>Sherman High School</b> <i>Curtains!</i> (A Straight Play Act; school musical performed Fall 2025) March 27-28: 7 PM	<b>Cassadaga Valley Middle/High School</b> <i>High School Musical on Stage</i> March 27-28: 7:30 PM March 29: 2:30 PM	<b>Silver Creek High School</b> <i>Mean Girls: High School Edition</i> March 27-28: 7 PM March 29: 2 PM
<b>Chautauqua Lake Secondary School</b> <i>Wild Heart</i> March 13-14: 7 PM	<b>Forestville High School</b> <i>Bye-Bye Birdie</i> March 19-21: 7 PM			

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# THIS WEEK AROUND TOWN

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

### Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild First 2026 Meeting 6 PM

Bust 5 Corners Community Church | Busti  
For Info: Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild Facebook Page

### Movies at The Reg: No Other Choice | 7 PM

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 12

### Craft & Sip Group 7 PM-10 PM

Labyrinth Press Company | Jamestown  
For Info: Labyrinth Press Company Facebook Page

### Chautauqua County and America's 250th | 7 PM

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 12-SATURDAY, MARCH 14 7 PM (WITH A SATURDAY 2 PM MATINEE)

### Pirates of Penzance

Jamestown High School | Jamestown  
For Info: jpsny.org

## THURSDAY, MARCH 12-SATURDAY, MARCH 14

### Once Upon a Mattress | 7 PM

Southwestern High School | Lakewood  
For Info: high.swcsc12.org

## FRIDAY, MARCH 13 & SATURDAY, MARCH 14

### Wild Heart | 7 PM

Chautauqua Lake Secondary School | Mayville  
For Info: clake.org

## FRIDAY, MARCH

### 13-SUNDAY, MARCH 15 | 7:30 PM (WITH A SUNDAY 2:30 PM MATINEE)

### Shrek

Falconer Central School District  
For Info: falconerscd.org

## FRIDAY, MARCH 13 & SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | 7:30 PM

### The Music Man

Fredonia High School  
For Info: fredonia.wnyric.org

## FRIDAY, MARCH 13

### Free Medical Care Provided | 8 AM-4 PM

Brocton Central School District High School Gymnasium  
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### US Navy Band Sea Chanters 7 PM

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

### Chautauqua Striders St. Pat's Dash 3 Mile Run/Walk

9:30 AM  
Northwest Arena | Jamestown  
For Info: runsignup.com/Race/NY/Jamestown/StPatricksDash

### Little Explorers: Camouflage and Coloration

10 AM-11:30 AM  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
For Info: auduboncn.org

### Turn The River Green 10 AM-12 PM

Jamestown Riverwalk  
For Info: Collaborative Children's Solutions Facebook Page

### Putts and Pints Mini Golf Bar Crawl | 12 PM-5 PM

Participating Locations Across Jamestown  
For Info: Chautauqua Striders Facebook Page

### March Luncheon | 12 PM

The Marvin Community House | Jamestown  
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### Art & Architecture On Screen: St. Peter's and The Papal Basilicas of Rome | 1 PM

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### Live Acoustic Rock with Michael Hund | 1:30 PM-8 PM

Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House  
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### St. Pat's Party 4:30 PM-10 PM

Guppy's Restaurant & Tavern | Bemus Point  
For Info: Guppy's Restaurant & Tavern Facebook Page

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

### What We Carry: Angela Caley Solo Exhibition | 6 PM-8 PM

Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown  
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

### Lauren Turner: "The Lords of Technology" | 10:30 AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown  
For Info: uu.jamestown.org

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~"Climb Ev'ry Mountain" from "The Sound of Music" (1959; lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II)

Editorial with Lori Cornell

# BREAK A LEG, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY!



*Publisher*  
**Lori Cornell**

One of my favorite parts of publishing this newspaper is the many firsthand, up-close opportunities to experience the awe of our local small business community. As we prepared this special edition focused on music, my encounter with Billy Kates, owner of Chautauqua Music, suddenly and unexpectedly brought me to reminiscent tears.

My family has known Billy and patronized his beloved music shop for years - just as much as I'm certain Northern Chautauqua County families support their equally longtime, local stronghold with which I grew up: Crino Music of Dunkirk. My college sons first walked through Billy's downtown Jamestown doors many moons ago. Nate bought his saxophone there, from early squeaks to his eventual rise as "first chair", and my son, Ben - a guitarist, bassist, drummer and lead member of two rock bands - is a very enthusiastic, longtime customer.

I always knew that Billy was passionate about music - as well as very loud and wildly energetic - but I guess I never fully realized how much he personally cared about the musical opportunities and development of all of our community's young talent. He conjured up an image in my mind that I hadn't even recalled, from likely 15 years ago. He said to

me: "I remember the first time you ever walked in here with Ben. He couldn't even see over the counter. You did all the talking and then Ben walked out with his first drum set. And now look at him...an all grown-up rock star." Billy follows Ben on his bands' social media sites and Ben shops with Billy every single time he comes home. A Chautauqua Music gift certificate is the top of every Christmas and birthday list. But whether it be Ben - or any one of the kids whose talent Billy has inspired - I could see Billy's genuine pride as he beamed over my son's climb in the music world. His customer support is not transactional; it's a sincere relationship based upon a mutually shared love for music and a mutually shared love for Chautauqua County.

You can't get that from online ordering or the big box stores. You just can't.

And for as much as I'm awed by Billy, his special place as a small business owner in Chautauqua County is not even entirely unique. That love, that commitment to community is all around us. It's that same passion that founded Infinity Visual & Performing Arts nearly three decades ago and the same passion that continues to drive it so strong today. It's also the same passion that can be found in the hearts of every director and staff behind every high school musical production stage this month. Our community's musical mentors role up their sleeves and pour their hearts and souls into our kids.

Considering all this, our job as community members is really so simple: support them!

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# Musicals

## Trivia

1. In Mean Girls: High School Edition, what is the name of the popular clique led by Regina George?
2. What song from Mean Girls celebrates standing up to peer pressure and individuality?
3. What is the name of the shy math and science genius who auditions for the school musical with Troy?
4. What song from High School Musical encourages students not to stick to stereotypes?
5. Who wrote the original children's book James and the Giant Peach?
6. Who composed the music and lyrics for the musical James and the Giant Peach?
7. What city does Newsies take place in?
8. What Broadway composer wrote the music for Newsies?
9. What is the jukebox musical inspired by the story of Joan of Arc?
10. Who is the writer of the new musical Wild Heart?

1. The Plastics 2. "I'd Rather Be Me 3. Gabriella Montez 4. "Stick to the Status Quo"  
 5. Roald Dahl 6. Benj Pasek and Justin Paul 7. New York City 8. Alan Menken 9. Wild Heart 10. Chelsea Marcantel



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 Though your dreams be tossed and blown, walk on  
 Walk on with hope in your heart, And you’ll never walk alone”*

~“You’ll Never Walk Alone” from “Carousel”  
 (1945; lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II)

# Faith Matters

## Lenten Life Stories 2026: Stones and Bread - of Life!



*Featured Writer*

**Rev. Tara Eastman**

First Presbyterian Church of Warren

*This week's Lenten Life Story, focuses on the biblical account of Jesus' forty day experience in the wilderness and temptations of Satan, or the accuser. In the season of Lent, we mirror the forty day trek of Christ as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Through the symbols of stones and bread, we will investigate the theme of temptation and God's promise to be with us in all things.*

In the gospel of Matthew 4:1-4, Jesus travels into the wilderness, led by the Holy Spirit to spend 40 days in fasting, prayer and preparation for his public ministry. Jesus' experience of wilderness preparation was not a quiet and gentle time of reflection. In this time of fasting, Jesus experiences hunger, thirst, and physical weariness - as well confrontation with several with temptations. In the first wilderness temptation, we find Jesus faced with the temptation to turn rocks into delicious bread. Jesus refuses Satan's challenge, saying: "one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

Jesus counters Satan with a text from Deuteronomy, to recount God's historic provision for the physical

needs through giving manna as food in the desert and spiritual guidance, "in every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

(Note: Deuteronomy is one of the first five books of the Bible known as the Pentateuch/Torah. This collection of scriptures reveal God's acts of creation, covenant, the Exodus, Laws and History of the people of Israel.)

It is also important to note that in Old Testament texts, rocks and altars built from rocks hold spiritual significance to mark a place where people had an interaction with God. (See: Genesis 28:18- Jacob's pillow, Joshua 4:5-7 Joshua's Stones) This old testament background reveals the broad scope of God's actions of physical and spiritual provision. From Jacob's stone pillow, Joshua's stones, Israel's forty-year Exodus and Jesus' forty-days in the desert: we see the arc of divine presence and provision throughout the story of God.

In Jesus wilderness temptations, God is helping to prepare him for public ministry and become "The Bread of Life for the World (See: John 6 - Feeding of the 5000) In this time of testing, Jesus experiences dire physical hunger, but with the help of his foundation in the Torah texts, his will refute Satan's temptations and fulfill his calling to be a source of spiritual sustenance for all people... *The Bread of Life.*

Jesus recognised rocks and bread as symbols of God's overarching story - and a reminder of who Jesus is... the Son of God who... "come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

And so, Satan's attempt to tempt Jesus



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## St. Susan Center Charts Sustainable Path Forward at Gateway Center

**Board Votes to Pursue Long-Term Tenancy; Capital Campaign Funds to Strengthen and Renovate Current Home**



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### **St. Susans Center**

**After months of careful evaluation and financial analysis, the St. Susan Center Board of Directors has voted to remain at its longtime home in the Gateway Center at 31 Water Street and to pursue tenancy within the Gateway Lofts redevelopment project.**

“We are incredibly grateful to the Conklin family for their extraordinary generosity,” said Cherie Rowland, Executive Director of St. Susan Center. “Their gift gave us the opportunity to explore a bold vision for expanding and enhancing our services. We remain deeply thankful for their compassion and commitment to our community.”

Over the past year, St. Susan Center completed architectural studies, site plan approvals, and detailed construction estimates for the JBC property. As planning advanced, however, projected renovation costs increased substantially — rising from early estimates of approximately \$1 million to nearly \$3 million when accounting for full construction scope and required upgrades, due to substantial change of use from a school building to food services. After careful analysis and a structured evaluation process, the Board of Directors determined that assuming this level of financial exposure would place significant long-term strain on the organization and risk the stability of our daily operations.

“Our responsibility is to ensure the long-term sustainability of St. Susan Center and the uninterrupted delivery of meals and services,” said Greg Lindquist, Board President. “Taking on a project of that scale would introduce significant financial risk.

After thoughtful deliberation, the Board concluded that remaining at Gateway and working toward a long-term lease arrangement is the most responsible path forward at this time.”

The Gateway Lofts project, led by Southern Tier Environments for Living (STEL) in partnership with Community Helping Hands and the YWCA of Jamestown, will transform the former Chautauqua Hardware factory into a 110-unit affordable housing development with supportive services. The project has progressed significantly and provides reassurance that the building will see long-term investment and revitalization.

“We are very pleased that St Susan’s Center has decided to remain at the Gateway Lofts Building. St. Susan’s Center has done a wonderful job providing for those less fortunate for the last 40-years and we look forward to working with them well into the future,” said Thomas Whitney, Executive Director, Southern Tier Environments. “The Gateway Lofts project is uniquely positioned to provide support services to those in need with the St. Susan’s Center, Community Helping Hands, Mental Health Association of Chautauqua County, the YWCA and Southern Tier Environments for Living all contributing their expertise.”

Remaining at Water Street allows St. Susan Center to continue operating without interruption while improvements are made. It preserves accessibility and maintains the organization’s 40-year presence in the downtown corridor.

“We are pleased that St. Susan Center will continue its important work at the Gateway Center. Their presence has long been a vital part

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## Community Foundations Expand Capacity Through Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Rural Philanthropy Fellowship

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### **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation are pleased to announce that Rural Philanthropy Fellows have been added to their teams through a unique partnership with the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. This effort will strengthen philanthropic leadership and community impact across rural regions of Western New York and Southeast Michigan.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation welcomed Solimar “Soly” Vazquez as its Community Impact Fellow, while the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation brought Jeannie Gallaway on its team as the Rural Philanthropy Fellow.

Together, these new roles represent a coordinated investment by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to strengthen local philanthropy and expand community foundations’ ability to respond to emerging community needs.

“By welcoming Soly to our team, we have added capacity to analyze our grantmaking and scholarship impact to make strategic improvements in outreach and process,” said Tory Irgang, Executive Director at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

“Through our relationship with the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, our impact and capacity have increased substantially. The addition of Jeannie as our first Fellow will be a game-changer for the NCCF and the community,” said Diane Hannum, Executive Director at the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. “She is a strategic thinker, with enthusiasm for positive change in our community and region.”

Vazquez and Gallaway are part of the Rural Philanthropy Fellows Cohort, which includes 15 fellows placed within community foundations across Western New York and Southeast Michigan. The initiative is funded primarily by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, with additional partnership support from the Herrick Foundation.

The program provides fellows with hands-on experience in philanthropy while helping community foundations expand their current capacity and deepen their work. Vazquez and Gallaway will be fully engaged as staff at their respective community foundations while also receiving professional development, mentorship, and networking opportuni-



Jeannie Gallaway



Solimar “Soly” Vazquez

ties through the New York Funders Alliance and partner organizations.

“We are excited to have Soly assist our community impact team with special projects and research that is beyond our current capacity,” added Elizabeth Jones, Community Impact Officer at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. “She will be a part of the full lifecycle of grantmaking and scholarships and help us implement strategic changes.”

Vazquez brings a unique blend of nonprofit, government, and private sector experience to her role, having served most recently as Associate Dean at Jamestown Business College and in the County Executive’s office.

“I’m honored to join the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and support the important work being done to strengthen our community,” said Vazquez. “This Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to learn, collaborate, and help connect resources to organizations and individuals working to create positive change.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome Jeannie to our staff,” said Leslie Wille, Community Engagement Coordinator at Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. “Her experience, coupled with her

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## This Week at Audubon: Online Pie Auction and Little Explorers



Through Wednesday, you can bid on delicious desserts or hearty main dishes at Audubon Community Nature Center's online Pie Auction fundraiser, [AudubonCNC.org/Pie-Auction](http://AudubonCNC.org/Pie-Auction). At Little Explorers on Saturday morning, you and your favorite 3 to 8-year-old(s) can learn how "Camouflage and Coloration" serve animals like this deer; register by Thursday at [AudubonCNC.org/Events](http://AudubonCNC.org/Events). Visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, and hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski six miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. To learn more, call (716) 569-2345 or visit [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org).

## Rural Mobile Medical Unit Health & Wellness Event at Brocton Central School District



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**Southwestern Independent  
Living Center**

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 and offers health and wellness supports to all ages.

The University at Buffalo will have two of their new mobile medical units on site, providing FREE basic health and wellness services to attendees. Their medical students will be assisting in various capacities during the event, as well.

Liberty Dental will provide FREE basic dental checks, fluoride treatments and dental education! Audio Nova will be performing FREE hearing checks in the nurses station at BCSD and Erie Retina Research will be performing FREE retinal checks with free follow-ups and treatments if deemed necessary!

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!

Golisano's Children's Hospital, formerly Oishei Children's, will be offering free summer safety equipment to youth! AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital

will be sharing information on cardiac rehab, their new mobile MRI unit, and basic health education, with UPMC Chautauqua performing basic wellness checks and visiting about UPMC's services. Brooks Hospital/LEMS representative Erin Gaken, will be available to share information regarding their new facility and services LEMS offers our communities. Roswell Cancer Institute will have a variety of programs available including the dangers of vaping, with their giant walk-through colon welcoming attendees!

Veterans' agencies from Erie, Buffalo and NYS, Dwyer, SAVE and Vets Finding Vets will also be present. Erie Vet Center's mobile medical unit will be on site and Ashley Haefner, VA WNY Healthcare System, will be a featured speaker, sharing information on myths and facts about VA Healthcare.

Center for Elder Law and Justice's Supervising Attorney Thomas J Warren will be speaking on "Identifying and Remediating Elder Abuse".

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for Elder Law and Justice, Inc.  
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A Multi-Pronged Approach"

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

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"ACCESS- VR Transition Services for  
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 ~ Paul McCartney,  
 Get Out Of Here (2013)

## How long to hang on to your tax returns

*Contributed by Metro Creative*

As individuals attempt to more effectively organize their homes, they may come across a familiar pile of documents that they might hesitate to discard. Conventional wisdom has suggested taxpayers hold on to their tax returns for at least seven years. However, the Internal Revenue Service indicates that the seven-year timeline is not necessarily applicable to everyone. The IRS recommends taxpayers speak with their insurance company or creditors to see if they require account holders to hold on their tax records longer than the IRS. If they don't, individuals can follow these guidelines, courtesy of the IRS.

1. Keep records for 3 years if situations (4), (5), and (6) below do not apply to you.
2. Keep records for 3 years from the date you filed your original return or 2 years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later, if you file a claim for credit or refund after you file your return.
3. Keep records for 7 years if you file a claim for a loss
4. Keep records for 6 years if you do not report income that you should report, and it is more than 25 percent of the gross income shown on your return.
5. Keep records indefinitely if you do not file a return.
6. Keep records indefinitely if you file a fraudulent return.
7. Keep employment tax records for at least 4 years after the date that the tax becomes due or is paid, whichever is later.

These can serve as guidelines taxpayers can follow if they are attempting to declutter at home but don't want to discard tax returns they might someday need. Taxpayers also can consult with their accountants or tax preparers for advice on how long to keep their returns. In addition, those who want to keep their returns can scan relevant return documents and then store them digitally on an external hard drive. This frees up space in a home and can calm any fears about discarding returns taxpayers may have.

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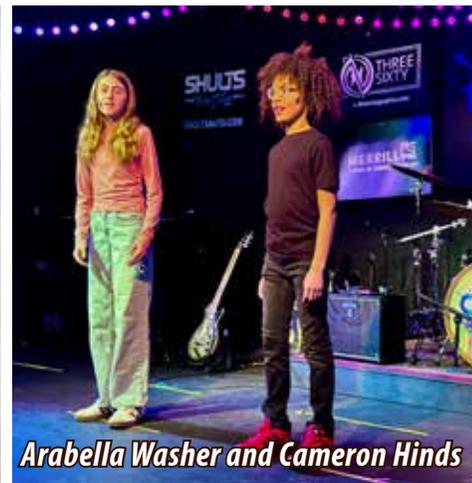
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### Infinity Visual and Performing Arts: Nearly 30 Years of Growing Young Artists Across Chautauqua County

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From its earliest days, Infinity's roots were firmly planted in music. Students came together to rehearse, perform, and build confidence on stage. Today, music instruction remains central to Infinity's programming. Students study voice, piano, guitar, strings, percussion, brass, woodwinds, and more through weekly private lessons, ensembles, and group classes. Performances at the Infinity Arts Café give students regular opportunities to apply what they learn in a professional setting.

But Infinity has always been about more than learning notes and technique. From the beginning, the model paired students with professional local artists and mentors who guide not only artistic growth but also leadership, collaboration, and responsibility. The focus is youth development through creativity — build-

ing habits and skills that extend far beyond the stage.

Over time, programming expanded in response to student interest and community need. What began as a music-focused initiative evolved into a comprehensive visual and performing arts center offering instruction in music, art, dance, theater, and performance. Students might perform in an ensemble, curate a gallery exhibition, learn live sound mixing, or develop portfolios for future academic and career pathways.

Infinity's reach extends well beyond Jamestown. Students travel from communities throughout the county and from more than 30 different schools. Infinity's Down-

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# 2026 High School Musicals

## Editor's Note:

The Chautauqua Gazette invited all school districts across Chautauqua County to participate in this special feature. Participation was optional, and schools appearing in this edition chose to take part. We appreciate all of the schools that contribute to the vibrant arts community in our county.

# Chautauqua Lake Secondary School

## Wild Heart

MARCH 13&14 7PM



Eve Kushmaul, a junior at Chautauqua Lake designed and built the stairs/set for this year's musical in Woodworking class.



Wild Heart Cast

### Chautauqua Lake Secondary School presents *Wild Heart*

Performances March 13-14 at Chautauqua Lake Auditorium

Contributed by  
Chautauqua Lake  
Central School

Chautauqua Lake Central School's Secondary Musical this year is Wild Heart, a high-energy contemporary pop-rock jukebox musical by Chelsea Marcantel that reimagines the story of Joan of Arc for a new generation.

Blending a powerful historical narrative with chart-topping hits, Wild Heart features music made famous by artists such as Pink, Kelly Clarkson, and Weezer. The result is an inspiring and electrifying production that explores courage, conviction, and the strength to stand up for what you believe in.

Performances will take place on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 PM in the Chautauqua Lake Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and free for children ages 4 and under. Tickets will be available at the door.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, storytelling, and student talent as our cast and crew bring this bold reimagining to life.

- CAST:**  
Manuela Assis  
Ben Carlson  
Taylor Curtis  
Josie Dawson  
Peyton Donato  
Mackenna Hardenburg  
Caroline Hetrick  
Michael Horvath  
Braydon King  
Eve Kushmaul  
Karli Mayer  
Anya Olson  
Gracie Parker  
Olivia Rothwell  
Emma Rowe  
Evelyn Ryan  
Mackenzie Say  
Lillian Schenk  
Sophia Simpson  
Hunter Stow  
Isabella Trimbath  
McKenna Weilacher  
Brennan Wolfe

- CREW:**  
Addison Harrington,  
Stage Manager  
Lily Zappie, Pit  
Xander Zarpentine,  
Projection Operator  
Izzy Dawson,  
Costume Assistant

Chautauqua Lake Secondary School  
PRESENTS

**WILD HEART**  
BY CHELSEA MARCANTEL

March 12th – Preview, 7:00 PM  
March 13th – Opening Night, 7:00 PM  
March 14th – Final Performance, 7:00 PM

Directed by Jennifer Davis  
Choreographed by Janie Sharon  
Assistant Choreographer Olivia Michalak  
Musical Assistant McLain Hinkler

Tickets available at the door  
Adults \$10, Students and Sr. Citizens \$5, 4 & Under Free

WILD HEART is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by TRW, www.theatricalrights.com



# Panama Central School

## *James and the Giant Peach*

MARCH 27 & 28 7 PM

### Panama Presents *James and the Giant Peach*

Performances March 27–28 at Panama Central School District Auditorium

Contributed by

Panama  
Central School

**P**anama Central School will bring a beloved children's story to life this spring with its high school musical production of *James and the Giant Peach*. Featuring talented students in grades 7–12, the show promises a colorful, imaginative adventure filled with lively performances and catchy songs. The production is directed by Mrs. Jenna Devereaux and Mrs. Jennie Caruso.

Based on the classic children's book by Roald Dahl, *James and the Giant Peach* follows young James, an orphan who discovers a magical peach growing in his yard. After climbing inside, he meets a group of oversized insect friends—including a ladybug, grasshopper, spider, earthworm and centipede—who join him on a fantastical journey across the ocean in the giant fruit. Along the way, James learns about friendship, courage, and finding where he truly belongs. Panama's production highlights the



Cast of *James & The Giant Peach*

story's playful humor and heart while featuring upbeat, catchy musical numbers that make the show fun for audiences of all ages. With colorful characters and plenty of laughs, *James and the Giant Peach* is a family-friendly performance perfect for the whole community.

Performances will take place on Friday, **March 27**, and Saturday, **March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Panama Central School auditorium. Tickets are **\$8 for students and children** and **\$10 for adults**. A special dress rehearsal performance for senior citizens will be

held on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge for this performance, but donations are accepted.

Community members are encouraged to come out and support the students as they bring this whimsical musical adventure to the stage!

**PANAMA CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
presents

Roald Dahl's  
**James  
and the  
Giant  
Peach**

**March 27th & 28th**  
**7pm**

**\$8 for Students**      **\$10 for Adults**

\*Tickets purchased at the door

#### CAST:

**James:** Abigail Bullaro  
**Aunt Spiker:** Layla Brewer  
**Aunt Sponge:**  
Emma Ferguson  
**Grasshopper:**  
Jackson Burham  
**Ladybug:** Sarah Golden  
**Spider:** Gracie Warner  
**Earthworm:**  
Layla Anderson  
**Centipede:** Lucy Bullaro  
**Matron Nurse:**  
Addy Sturges  
**Karl Kreatour/Lucy Von  
Kooglestein:**  
Haven Karlson  
**Buzz/Billy Bobby Bobby  
Cop/Jake:**  
Andrew Apthorpe  
**Joe:** Jaxon Wolcott  
**Vagrant Solo 1:**  
Piper Phillips  
**Vagrant Solo 2:**  
Tyler Bradford  
**Bitsy Botana:** Ava Lawson  
**Reporter 1:** Reese Funk  
**Bunny Mackenzie The  
Third:** Kieara Graves

#### Willy Wonka:

Owen Kinney

#### Puppet Grasshopper:

Angie Braun

#### Puppet Ladybug:

Sophia Carlson-Brandi

#### Puppet Spider:

Lilly Abers

#### Puppet Earthworm:

Marlie Seekings

#### Puppet Centipede:

Daisy Sheldon

#### VAGRANT ENSEMBLE/ ANGRY CROWD

Piper Phillips  
Tyler Bradford  
Reese Funk  
Haven Karlson  
Ella Lawson  
Ava Lawson  
Kieara Graves  
Owen Kinney  
Jaxon Wolcott

#### GARDEN CHORUS/ CRUISE ENSEMBLE

#### Leah Chase

Bristol Feldt  
Jaydenn Hannold  
Jenica Ayers  
Angie Braun  
Sophia Carlson-Brandi  
Marlie Seekings  
Daisy Sheldon  
Lilly Abers

#### GARDEN GUILD

Ava Lawson  
Lily Burgeson  
Tatiana Piaschyk  
Tori Lombardo  
Mallory Parkhurst  
Izzy Burham  
Ava Schnars

#### NEW YORKERS

Haven Karlson  
Kieara Graves  
Andrew Apthorpe  
Izzy Burham  
Mallory Parkhurst  
Addy Sturges  
Jaxon Wolcott  
Ava Lawson  
Ella Lawson

#### REPORTERS

Reese Funk  
Ella Lawson  
Piper Phillips  
Tyler Bradford  
Owen Kinney  
Jaxon Wolcott

#### SEAGULLS

Reese Funk  
Bristol Feldt  
Piper Phillip  
Tori Lombardo  
Tatiana Piaschyk  
Lily Burgeson  
Ava Schnars

#### OOMPA LOOMPAS

Leah Chase  
Jaydenn Hannold  
Jenica Ayers

#### HOLLYWOOD AGENTS

Haven Karlson  
Kieara Graves  
Addy Sturges

# Cassadaga Valley Central School High School Musical on Stage

MARCH 27 7:30PM • MARCH 28 7:30 PM • MARCH 29 2:30 PM

## Cassadaga Valley Presents High School Musical on Stage

Performances March 27–29 at Silver Creek Central School District Auditorium



Contributed by  
Cassadaga Valley  
Central School

**H**igh School Musical, On Stage is based on Disney's On Stage will be presented by the Cassadaga Valley Drama Club. Performances will be held Friday March 27 at 7:30 pm, Saturday March 28 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday March 29 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 adults/ \$8 students and seniors. <https://cvcougars.seatyourself.biz>



Cast of High School Musical on Stage

The stage version of the show is based on Disney's successful *High School Musical* film of 2006. In the story, East High Wildcats basketball team captain Troy Bolton and gifted academic "braniac" Gabriella Montez meet accidentally by being volunteered for karaoke at a New Year's Eve kids party at a ski lodge where their families are spending the holidays. When Gabriella enrolls at

Troy's high school because her mom was transferred for a job, they meet up again but cannot pursue their passion for singing because of the established social

cliques at the school. Sharpay and Ryan Evans, fraternal twins, assume they will take the lead roles in the school's musical production "Juliet and Romeo," but the conflict occurs when Troy and Gabriella decide to audition, and Sharpay tries to sabotage their chances. Troy and Gabriella eventually gain support from their friends, winning the roles and inspiring the school to embrace diversity and to recognize that it takes all of them to succeed.

gners; Mr. Reggie Cole is in charge of set building and production, and Mr. John Cole Jr. is the vocal director and financial manager. The production has 48 students and 1 faculty member on stage; 11 students in the stage crew, and 4 students in the orchestra, which is utilizing Sinfonia software.

A special "Dinner and a Show" is available at the Saturday performance, with a 6:00 p.m spaghetti dinner benefiting the CVCS students who are touring Europe with American Music Abroad this summer. Presale tickets for shows as well as the dinner are available on the ticket website: <https://cvcougars.seatyourself.biz>

Cassadaga Valley's production of *High School Musical, On Stage* is directed by a team of 3 teachers at the school. Ms. Nicole Zenns is the stage director, orchestra conductor, and costume desi-

CVCS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

Disney

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

**March 27 @ 7:30**

**March 28 @ 7:30**

**March 29 @ 2:30**

Adults- \$10  
Students/Seniors-\$8

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High School Musical, On Stage is presented through special arrangement with MTL, Musical Theatre International

**LEAD ROLES:**

- Troy Bolton:** Cameron Katilus
- Gabriella Montez:** Mya Cusimano
- Sharpay Evans:** Emma Daigle
- Ryan Evans:** Matthew Lawrie
- Chad Danforth:** Connor Main
- Taylor McKessie:** Lilliean Meacham
- Jack Scott:** Austin Gloss
- Ms. Darbus:** Denza Fanara
- Coach Bolton:** Mr. Nick Spitzer
- Kelsi Nielsen:** Elora Kelley
- Zeke Baylor:** Anthony Clark
- Martha Cox:** Brandi Meder

- Ripper:** KP Pattison
- Ms. Tenney:** Addison Helwig

**ENSEMBLE ROLES:**

- Basketball Team:** Caleb Anderson, Nathan Cieplinski, Benjamin Petry
- Brainiacs:** Gemma Andersen, Eden Miller, Miranda Myers, Lydia Petry, Maya Richner
- Cheerleaders:** Roclynn Ulinger, Amilya Wolnik
- Abigail Abbey:** Aryanna Abram, Mercedes Best
- Sophi Conti:** Gabby Hubler
- Quinn Johnson:** Sawyer Johnson

- Gia Knott:** Chloe Mazzone, Kali Richerson, Naomi Stevens
- Theater Kids:** Brionna Doland, Hannah George, Blake Haase, Quinn Johnson, Eliana Katilus, Aurea Kelley, Lillian Phillips
- Jocks:** Alena Daigle, Talia Fanara, LeighAnn Fox, Cody George, Kailani Pierce, Joelle Spitzer
- Skaters:** Hunter Hattaway, Addison Helwig, Sawyer Johnson, Gia Knott, Mallory Myles, Kora Richerson

**ORCHESTRA:**

- Anna Burlingame:** keyboard
- Angelica Mullen:** keyboard
- Nora Nopper:** bari sax & bassoon
- Catie Russell:** Sinfonia music software

**STAGE CREW:**

- Aubre Bonasera:** Dominic DeGolier, Emmalyn DeGolier, Donny Easton, Aubi Farmer, Taylor Lahnen, Bridget McQuiggan, Austin Myers, Brianna Myers, Lynn Myers, Tristan Reese

# Silver Creek Central School

## Mean Girls

MARCH 27&28 7PM • MARCH 29 2PM

### Silver Creek Performing Arts Department Presents Mean Girls: High School Edition

Performances March 27–29 at Silver Creek Central School District Auditorium

Contributed by

Silver Creek Central School

The Silver Creek Performing Arts Department is proud to announce its spring musical production of Mean Girls: High School Edition, presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). This energetic, fast-paced show—rated PG-13—brings to the stage the beloved millennial-era movie that became a cultural touchstone for its sharp humor, memorable characters, and heartfelt message about empathy and authenticity.

Adapted specifically for student performers, Mean Girls: High School Edition follows the story of Cady Heron, a teenager who transfers to North Shore High School after spending most of her life being homeschooled in Africa. Navigating the unfamiliar world of high school cliques, Cady quickly befriends artsy outsiders Janis and Damian, who introduce her to the school’s complex social ecosystem. Together, they devise a plan to take



Cast of Mean Girls

down Regina George—the infamous “Queen Bee” of the school—and give her a taste of her own medicine.

To carry out the plan, Cady infiltrates Regina’s elite friend group known as “The Plastics,” which includes the loyal but

anxious Gretchen Wieners and the delightfully clueless Karen Smith. As Cady becomes more deeply entangled in their world, she finds herself torn between staying true to her values and succumbing to the intoxicating power of popularity. Her growing feelings for Aaron Samuels—Regina’s ex-boyfriend—only complicate matters further, adding humor, tension, and emotional depth to the story.

While Mean Girls is known for its comedic edge and iconic one-liners, the production also highlights meaningful themes that resonate with audiences of all ages. At its core, the show is a reminder that kindness, integrity, and self-awareness can transform not only individual lives but entire communities. The Silver

Creek Performing Arts Department aims to bring these themes to life through dynamic performances, vibrant choreography, and a talented ensemble of student actors, musicians, and crew members.

Carolyn Laurenzi, Lily Eager, Marc Bridon, and Brooke Jasinski who leads this year’s production, shared enthusiasm for the cast’s dedication and growth throughout the rehearsal process. “This show is incredibly fun, but it also asks students to explore complex emotions and relationships,” Laurenzi said. “Our cast has embraced the challenge with maturity, humor, and heart. We’re excited for the community to see how much work they’ve put into bringing these characters to life.”

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SILVER CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

# MEAN GIRLS

HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

MARCH 27&28, 2026 7PM  
MARCH 29, 2026 2PM  
DISTRICT AUDITORIUM

PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL PERMISSION WITH  
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**PG-13**

**CAST:**

Cady Heron.....Haleigh Salisbury  
Janis Ian .....Lilly Carlson  
Damian .....Kolby Jamison  
Understudy .....Joseph Ziegler  
Regina George.....Irelynd Henry  
Gretchen Wieners .....Alexandria Parks  
Karen Smith .....August Boedo  
Aaron Samuels .....Joseph Ziegler  
Understudy.....Dante Washington  
Kevin G.....Gavin Smith  
Mr. DuVall.....Calvin Matney  
Mrs. Norbury .....Dakota Bastedo  
Mrs. George/Marymount 3... Ericka Austin  
Mr. Heron/Shane Oman.....Colt Maracle

Mrs. Heron/Glen Coco.....Kimberly Bauer  
Taylor/Marymount 2 .....Lilly Shaw  
Caitlyn/Marymount 1.....Kimberly Houck  
Sonja/Martin.....Haley Ross  
Dawn .....Charley Boedo  
Ms. Buck/Caroline .....Zoralee Carver  
Danish Teacher .....Helle Havstrup  
Coach Carr/Jason .....Dante Washington  
Lizzie.....Ann Matney  
Sophie.....Ava Zahm  
Tyler. ....Zoey Zahm  
Rachel/Mathletes Moderator.. Chloe Tytko  
Grace.....Kenzie McNiff

**ENSEMBLE:**

Genevieve Lowe  
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**DANCE CAPTAINS:**

Ericka Austin  
August Boedo,  
Dante Washington

Frewsburg High School

NEWSIES

MARCH 27 7PM • MARCH 28 2PM & 7PM



Frewsburg Bear Players Present  
Disney's Newsies: The Broadway Musical

Performances March 27-28 at Harry J. Murray Auditorium at Frewsburg Central School



Contributed by

Frewsburg High School

The Frewsburg Bear Players proudly announce their upcoming production of Newsies, the high-energy Broadway hit inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899. Filled with powerful songs, dynamic choreography, and an inspiring story about standing up for what is right, this beloved Disney musical will take the stage later this month.

Performances will be held in the Harry J. Murray Auditorium at Frewsburg Central School on:

- Friday, March 27 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 PM
- Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$10 and are available online at: [events.ticketleap.com/tickets/frewsburgsd/newsies26](https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/frewsburgsd/newsies26)

Tickets may also be ordered by calling 716-569-7055 during school hours.

The production features a talented cast of Frewsburg students bringing the energy and heart of this popular musical to life. Audiences can expect memorable songs, exciting dance numbers, and a powerful story about teamwork, perseverance, and finding the courage to make a difference.

Originally released as a Disney film and later adapted into a Tony Award-winning Broadway production, Newsies tells the story of Jack Kelly and a



group of young newspaper sellers who rally together to challenge powerful publishers and fight for fair treatment.

Community members, families, and theater lovers of all ages are invited to join the Bear Players for an unforgettable evening of music, dance, and storytelling!

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [events.ticketleap.com/tickets/frewsburgsd/newsies26](https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/frewsburgsd/newsies26) or call 716-569-7055 during school hours. partment invites families, community members, and theater enthusiasts to join them for an unforgettable production filled with humor, heart, and a powerful message: being kind costs nothing, but it can change everything.

Directed by Shaun & Alicia Laska and Jennifer Sears  
Choreographer Jennie Caruso

CAST:

Owen Anderson..... Specs  
Sydney Canfield..... Henry, Seitz  
Grady Caster..... Crutchie  
Erica Cobbe ..... Ensemble  
Miranda Cortes-Diaz ..... Tom  
Robbie Culpepper..... Romeo  
Eliza Dahlin ..... Spot Conlon  
Hazel Eckert ..... Darcy, Stage Manager  
Ella Fuller ..... Splasher  
Isabella Gilbert..... Oscar Delancey, Nun  
Riley Gilbert ..... Mush, Nun  
Grace Gilevski..... Buttons  
Olivia Grey..... Nun, Jacobi  
Lilja Holland..... Hannah, Elmer  
Tristan Kelsey ..... Race, Bunsen

Cole Kramer..... Snyder, Finch  
Ava Krofka..... Medda Larkin  
Taran Laska ..... Jack Kelly  
Kennedy Nelson ..... Ike  
Olivia Nelson ..... Mike  
Anelia Pitts..... Katherine Plumber  
Annika Roushey ..... Les  
Mathias Sanfilippo ..... Pulitzer, Wiesel  
Braedan Signorino ..... Davey  
Colten Signorino ..... Albert  
Claire Spielman ..... Tommy Boy, Bowery Beauty  
Marleigh Stappenbeck ..... Morris Delancey  
Skylar Waid ..... Jo Jo, Bowery Beauty

THE FREWSBURG BEAR PLAYERS  
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Disney  
NEWSIES  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL



MARCH 27 & 28, 2026  
HARRY J. MURRAY AUDITORIUM

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# Falconer High School

## Shrek

MARCH 13 7:30PM • MARCH 14 7:30PM • MARCH 15 2:30PM

### Falcon Productions presents "Shrek The Musical"

Performances March 13-15 at Falconer High School Auditorium



*Contributed by*  
**Falconer High School**

**F**alcon Productions is thrilled to announce its 2026 High School Musical production of "Shrek The Musical". The highly anticipated show will be hosted in the school's newly remodeled auditorium, providing a fantastic, updated venue for the community to enjoy this spectacular event.

Under the guidance of Artistic Director Heather Young, Music Director Marie Karbacka, and Technical Director Jen Mikula, the students are ready to bring this fairytale adventure to life. "Shrek The Musical" is based on the beloved Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig. The production features a book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire alongside music by Jeanine Tesori.

The musical was originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions, with the original production directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford. This local performance is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), and all authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

**Performance Details:**  
**Friday, March 13: 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 14: 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 15: 2:30 p.m.**

Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. All tickets are \$10 and are available at the door only.

The community is encouraged to come out and support Drama at FCS!

**CAST AND CREW:**

Jacob Anderson.....Young Shrek  
Penelope Basile.....Ensemble  
Clara Carlberg.....Humpty Dumpty  
Jazelle Churnac .....Ensemble  
Lexi Cross .....Mama Bear  
Lydia Cross .....Ugly Duckling  
AB Curtis .....Wicked Witch  
Emma Darr .....Ensemble  
Noah Double .....Papa Bear  
Sophia Emborski .....Little Pig 2  
Colleen Fredrickson ...Guard  
Meredith Freeman ....Ensemble  
Ella Grace Garrison ....Dragon  
Emma Gustafson .....PeterPan  
Wyatt Harper.....Papa Ogre/ Farquaad's  
Father.....Andrew Johnson  
Lord Farquaad .....Ruh LaBadie  
Captain of the Guard .Khole Livengood  
Fiona .....Emma Lundsten  
Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy Annabelle  
Mikula.....Ensemble  
Braelyn Mistretta .....Little Pig 3  
Gracie Mitchener .....Teen Fiona/Blind Mouse  
Jeremiah Mobley

Big Bad Wolf.....Savannah Moore  
Baby Bear.....Olivia Newhall  
Young Fiona .....Alyssa Ortolano  
Guard .....Lilliana Reynolds  
Guard .....Hailey Rhinehart  
Little Pig 1.....McKaya Schimek  
Ensemble .....Nylah Sharpe  
Mama Ogre .....Kade Smith  
Shrek.....Claire Thompson  
Blind Mouse .....Jaxon VanArsdale  
Donkey.....Maddie Widen  
Pinocchio .....Lauren Youngberg  
Blind Mouse.....Crew  
Mathius Allen.....Sound  
Ben Caruso .....Lights  
Richard Golden.....Lights  
Kayleigh Burdic .....Student Stage Manager  
Isla Frederickson .....Stage Hand  
Geneva Johnson.....Stage Hand  
Sarah Higgs.....Stage Hand  
Gustafson Susann.....Stage Hand  
Braley Carson .....Student Stage manager  
Lazavier DeJesus .....Stage Hand

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

**Book & Lyrics by** David Lindsay-Abaire | **Music by** Jeanine Tesori

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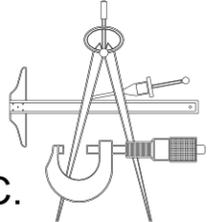
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### Lauren Turner Discusses The Lords of Technology - Part 2



Lauren Turner shares the second of his two-part look at “The Lords of Technology” at the 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown service this Sunday, March 15. 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 explore economic and political ethics re-examined for our present age. Everyone is welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar).

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## Infinity Visual and Performing Arts: Nearly 30 Years of Growing Young Artists Across Chautauqua County

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town Jamestown location serves as a central arts hub, welcoming young people from rural, suburban, and urban areas alike.

Infinity's monthly membership is open to any interested student — there are no auditions or eligibility requirements to enroll. In addition to weekly private lessons, student members have opportunities to participate in group classes, ensembles, workshops, and performances throughout the year. Support from state, local, and regional foundations helps make this comprehensive model possible, providing equal access for families across Chautauqua County.

Infinity serves young people ages 5–18, with local college students eligible to continue through age 21. Limited daytime private lesson options are also available for adults, reflecting Infinity's broader commitment to accessible arts experiences for the entire community.

Each year, Infinity provides nearly 11,000 individualized private lessons and more than 1,200 group classes and workshops. Approximately 25–30% of students receive need-based scholarship assistance annually, helping ensure that access to arts education is not limited by a student family's financial circumstances.

As the organization grew, leadership also focused on sustainability. In 2022, Infinity expanded its downtown presence with the opening of Pearl City Clay House. While Pearl City Clay House serves adults, families, and visitors through clay and contemporary craft programming, its purpose directly supports Infinity's youth mission. One hundred percent of Pearl City Clay House profits are reinvested into Infinity programming, strengthening long-term access to arts education for young people across the region.

This April, Infinity students will once again take the stage for the annual Infinity Spring Showcase presented by Merrill Lynch of Jamestown. Nearly 100 students will perform in an evening that represents months of preparation and growth. For many students, it is a first performance. For others, it marks another step in a long artistic journey that began years ago.

For families across the county, Infinity's Spring Showcase is a visible reminder of what happens week after week in lesson rooms and rehearsal spaces — skills and confidence

being built, leadership being practiced, and creativity being explored.

As Infinity approaches 30 years, the heart of the organization remains the same as it was in that living room in 1998: young people learning, performing, creating friendships, being mentored, and discovering what they are capable of when given consistent opportunity and support.

What started with seven students has grown into a county-wide network of artists, families, instructors, alumni, and supporters. Many former students now return as instructors and mentors, creating a full-circle impact that continues to strengthen the community.

Nearly three decades later, the music — and the mission — continue. Enrollment at Infinity is ongoing throughout the year. Families interested in music, art, dance, theater, or performance-based learning opportunities are encouraged to explore program options and registration details online at [www.infinityperformingarts.org](http://www.infinityperformingarts.org).

### INFINITY 101

#### INFINITY PROGRAM SERVICES

- Weekly 1:1 private instruction in music, art, dance, and theater, ages 5-18
- Student ensembles and performance groups
- Live performance opportunities at the Infinity Arts Café
- Visual arts classes and portfolio development
- Theater production and acting classes
- Stage technology, lighting, and sound engineering training
- Leadership and mentorship opportunities for teens
- Need-based scholarship assistance for qualifying families

#### INFINITY BY THE NUMBERS

- Founded in 1998 with 7 students
- Now serving more than 1,500 students annually
- Students attend from more than 30 different schools
- Serving families throughout all of Chautauqua County
- Nearly 11,000 individualized private lessons each year
- More than 1,200 group classes and workshops annually
- Approximately 25–30% of students receive scholarship assistance
- 30+ professional artist instructors and mentors
- Downtown Jamestown Arts Campus including Infinity and Pearl City Clay House

## Lenten Life Stories 2026: Stones and Bread - of Life!

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are made benign. This challenge to turn stones into bread, points Jesus to remember God's promises from the Torah. Satan's attempt to use stone and bread to distract Jesus from his calling, are by the power of the Holy Spirit - are made spiritual symbols of God's provision and love.

The symbol of stones (wherever they are stacked) is a reminder of a place where God has drawn near. The symbol of bread points us to Jesus - the Bread of Life.

#### What do these symbols of stones and bread have to teach us?

This gospel lesson of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, reminds of the power of remembering the story of God's provision and presence. In the face of wilderness temptations to forget ourselves - we must remember: *who we are, whose we are, and what God has called us to do in the world as Jesus' followers.*

#### Questions to ponder

What scripture texts do you return to for spiritual comfort and encouragement?

Where have you personally experienced God's provision and presence? (stone/bread)

How is God calling you this Lent, to offer God's provision and love in the world?

**Activity:** Go outside and collect a stone to carry with you all of Lent. Whenever you see or hold it, pray: *"Thank you Creator/God for being here with me. Amen"*



A poem to accompany you through the Lenten wilderness...

#### A Stone to Re-member

By: P. Tara L. Eastman

A stone can't be bread, but it can be...

*A masterful distraction, a pain inside your shoe, scattered source to cause a stumble - with a pebble or two.*

A stone can't be bread, but what can it do?

*Be a heavyweight on papers, building blocks foundation, canvas for painting - and a marker of what you've been through.*

A stone can't be bread, but what can it say?

*Lapping greetings at a river's edge, declare thin space's proper name, recall a memory of a loved one - or pronounce a prayer, you have not yet prayed.*

A stone isn't bread, but reveals what is true

*- unseen heavy burdens that are long overdue.*

Stones unearth disproportions that turn us twisted inside.

*- Dig up fears and confusions that never lack to try...*

*to lull us into slumber, to keep us in the dark, to trick us into forgetfulness - of who and whose we are.*

A stone's purpose isn't feeding, but a blaze to mark the way.

A flash of inspiration to leave loneliness at bay.

A stone is a remembrance - that God has drawn near.

*On every highway and byway the stone points as if to say...*

*"God is with you, even here".*

**Prayer:** God, help us to face the temptations that try to distract us from our calling to follow Jesus. Help us to remember who we are - and whose we are - each and every day. AMEN

Walking in grace,

Rev. Tara L. Eastman

Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Pa and Host of Holy Shenanigans Podcast.

## Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild

will hold its first 2026 meeting Wednesday, March 11 at Busti 5 Corners Community Church in Busti across from the Fire Department. Our new officers for 2026 are Faith Swanson, president; Virginia Vath, vice-president; Dawn Russell, secretary; and Carol Fiscus, treasurer. This month's program will be show and share of our projects completed since our November meeting. This year we will be doing something different when we sign up to share. We will be indicating how many projects we will be showing and also indicate how many are donation quilts. Refreshments and social time from 6:00-6:30 with our meeting starting promptly at 6:30. Visitors and new members are always welcome.



# Business of the Week

Celebrating Local Businesses & Giving them the Spotlight!

## CHAUTAUQUA MUSIC

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Marketing Director  
**Shannon Nixon**

He returned home and within months, Kates reopened Chautauqua Music and began the long process of rebuilding the business from the ground up.

"I resurrected this place," Kates said. "This is a memorial to my dad."

The early years were no cake walk.

"I lived on gig money for the first few years and just kept dumping money into the business," he said. "It was tight."

But the effort paid off. Today, Chautauqua Music once again serves as a gathering place for musicians throughout the region.

For Kates, the most rewarding part of running the store isn't sales, but watching the next generation grow.

"The biggest reward for running this business is watching all the young children of our community who can't even see over my counter grow to the point where the student often surpasses the teacher," he said. "That's why I'm never going to retire. Watching that happen is priceless."

He believes music teaches discipline, creativity, and confidence and takes pride in helping young musicians find the instruments that ignite their passion.

"Music shouldn't have a price tag on it," he said. "I do whatever I can to give back and put the right instruments in the right hands."

Kates also believes local music shops play a vital role in communities like Jamestown. "We are the antithesis of corporate," he said.



Chautauqua Music, Owner Billy Kates

"We are community. We are kids."

Kates explains a local music shop gives the community something you just can't get from a big chain. People can walk in, ask questions, try instruments, and get help from someone who has spent his life around music. Over time, those visits turn into relationships, and many customers become part of the shop's extended music family.

The connection doesn't stop once someone buys an instrument. Kates also repairs instruments in-house for well-loved guitars, horns, and other pieces that have been played for years.

Taking care of those instruments is part of his larger philosophy about quality.

"We only sell instruments that meet the highest standards that our customers, young and old, deserve," he said.

Running a music store in today's market does come with challenges, especially when competing with major national retailers. But Kates has remained committed to running the shop his own way and keeping the focus on the local music community.



Walk into Chautauqua Music and it very quickly becomes clear this isn't just a store. In a world increasingly dominated by online retailers and impersonal big-box chains, Chautauqua Music offers more than instruments for sale.

The shop's owner, Billy Kates, has spent the past decade carrying on an important legacy that began more than 50 years ago. The full-line music store, located on Second Street in Downtown Jamestown, offers guitars, basses, drums, keyboards, orchestral and symphonic instruments, as well as repairs and services.

The store was originally opened in 1971 by Kates' father, John Phillip Davis. For decades, it operated as a beloved family business and a hub for local musicians. After Davis passed away from cancer at age 57 in 2007, the store eventually closed in July 2012.

Kates couldn't let it stay that way.

At the time, he was touring with his band and living life on the road. When the opportunity arose to bring the shop back, he made a life-changing decision.

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# MARTZ-KOHL OBSERVATORY

Observatory Lecture Series

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## Radio Astronomy: A Different View of the Cosmos



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The MeerKAT radio telescope array in South Africa. Consisting of 64 interlinked dishes, MeerKAT is currently the most sensitive radio telescope of its kind.

### Contributing Writer

#### Andy Felong

Public and Media Relations  
Martz-Kohl Observatory

A former Chief Engineer for WERG-FM and a DJ for WLWU-FM, Loreti spent 25 years at Penn State Behrend. During his tenure as a Lab Technician in the School of Engineering, he supported faculty research and collaborated closely with the astrophysics department. Now a volunteer for the Yahn Planetarium and a licensed amateur radio operator, Loreti is currently constructing his own personal radio telescope.

The Martz-Kohl Observatory is pleased to announce the next installment of its ongoing lecture series, featuring a deep dive into the invisible universe. On March 18 at 7:30 p.m., veteran engineer and amateur radio expert Mario Loreti will present "Radio Astronomy: A Different View of the Cosmos."

While traditional telescopes rely on visible light and infrared, radio astronomy tunes into a spectrum that remains hidden from the human eye. Loreti's presentation will bridge the gap between visual observation and radio spectrum analysis, explaining how radio telescopes provide vital data that optical lenses simply cannot capture.

The evening promises a unique multimedia experience. Attendees will explore the mechanics of the electromagnetic spectrum and the various types of radio telescopes used today. The audience will experience sounds, in the form of audio derived directly from celestial objects, that add an entirely new dimension to astronomical study and the wonder of the universe.

Mario Loreti brings over four decades of technical expertise to the Martz-Kohl Observatory. His fascination with the stars began in his teens with a 3" Edmund reflector, evolving alongside a professional career in electronics and broadcasting.

"I've always been interested in general astronomy," says Loreti. "But to be able to hear signature sounds using radio telescopes is uniquely interesting. It adds another dimension to astronomy that many people have never experienced."

This talk will be live at the Martz-Kohl Observatory and available online via Zoom. You are encouraged to come to the observatory to meet Mario Loreti and join in our always lively Q&A after his talk. The observatory is located at 176 Robbin Hill Rd, Frewsburg, NY 14738. If the weather permits, there will be public viewing opportunities. While our lecture room is heated, you should dress for outside weather for tours and viewing. More info: [martzobservatory.org](http://martzobservatory.org)

The Martz-Kohl Observatory is managed by the Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of amateur astronomers. The association is committed to observational astronomy, with a particular emphasis on educational outreach, citizen science initiatives, and the enjoyment derived from stargazing.

## America 250 Takes Center Stage at 2026 Chautauqua County History Expo

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ature, local artifacts, exhibits, displays, authors, municipal historians, historical societies, libraries, genealogy groups, and other history-related organizations.

Exhibitor registration is available online at [chqhistoryexpo.com](http://chqhistoryexpo.com). Display sign-ups are free through June 30, 2026. After June 30, a \$20 registration fee will apply.

### Sponsorship and Program Advertising Opportunities

The Chautauqua County History Expo is a non-profit, community-focused event, and program advertisements and sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and organizations interested in supporting local history and education. Sponsorship details will be posted online, with opportunities to support expanded programming and family activities.

"The History Expo is a great example of how collaboration strengthens community pride," said Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel. "As we prepare for America 250, this event gives us a chance to celebrate our shared past, support the organizations preserving it, and inspire future generations."

### Stay Connected for Updates

Community members are encouraged to stay connected as planning continues. Event updates, announcements, and highlights will be shared on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CHQHHistory](http://www.facebook.com/CHQHHistory).

Additional details — including a full schedule, vendor lists, and special announcements — will be released in the coming months.

For more information, to register as a vendor or exhibitor, or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit [chqhistoryexpo.com](http://chqhistoryexpo.com) or email: [info@chqhistoryexpo.com](mailto:info@chqhistoryexpo.com).

**ABOUT THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HISTORY EXPO:** Free and open to the public, the Chautauqua County History Expo is an annual, family-friendly event designed to showcase the rich history and diverse heritage of Chautauqua County and surrounding communities. Organized by the Chautauqua County Historian's Office, the event is supported by a countywide planning committee. This expo promotes local history through exhibits, lectures, reenactments, music, and hands-on experiences featuring museums, historical societies, historians, libraries, genealogy organizations, authors, and other historical entities.



CHAMBER CORNER

Be a Champion for Small Business

Contributed by

**Daniel J. Heitzenrater**  
Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
President and CEO

We've heard it more than once from small business owners in the past month: February and March are some of their hardest months. This is especially true for small retailers and restaurants. It's challenging to get customers in the door during the winter season. Once spring actually hits, people tend to go out more and start to make more purchases as they anticipate the warmer weather ahead. So, we are asking you to keep that in mind and be a real champion for local small businesses. Here are some simple steps everyone can take to champion small businesses.

Go there. Foot traffic in the door at a small retailer is a crucial first step (literally) to keeping small businesses afloat. They need people to experience their shops, peruse their products, and enjoy their outstanding customer service. Local businesses thrive when they get foot traffic. That's largely because foot traffic leads to sales.

Buy something. Whether you buy something small and inexpensive or large and lavish you are helping that small business. You don't have to spend a fortune on any one item, but once you have seen the merchandise readily available in the many exceptional shops available throughout Chautauqua County, you are going to want to buy something.

Savor the experience. Whether you have breakfast, lunch, or dinner at a local restaurant take in the whole event. A meal is just more than something to eat. It's a friendly exchange with a server, a taste sensation, and a chance to connect with your dining partner. Linger over that conversation and stay for dessert. The same is true if you just go for coffee or drinks – enjoy the whole experience.

Once you have had a great experience at a local business, recommend them. Follow them on social media. Give them good online reviews. Tell your friends and neighbors about your great experience so they can share it

too. Local small business owners are passionate about their enterprises. For them, ownership is more than a responsibility, it's a way of life.

Small businesses are the foundation of our economy and provide environments that create a unique sense of place for communities throughout our county. The mission of the CHQ Chamber is to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. We take that mission seriously and have spent a great deal of time as champions for local business. We urge you to join us and become a cheerleader for locally owned small businesses.

**Hanover Sip & Celebrate is March 18**

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

This event is free for Chamber members and \$10 per person for non-members. While walk-ins are always welcome, registering ahead of time is greatly appreciated to help with planning. Sip & Celebrate is sponsored by Merritt Estate Winery and Villaggio Italiano.

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

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

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No Other Choice and Fackham Hall to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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**Reg Lenna Center for the Arts**

From director Park Chan-wook and based on Donald E. Westlake's novel "The Ax", **No Other Choice** (Wed., March 11 at 7 p.m.) follows Man-su on his desperate hunt for a new job after his abrupt layoff from the paper company he served for 25 years. **No Other Choice** is rated R and is 139 minutes long. The film is presented in Korean with English subtitles.



A spoof that crosses *Downton Abbey* with *Airplane!* and Monty Python, **Fackham Hall** (Fri., March 13 at 7 p.m.) follows lovable pick-pocket Eric Noone as he lands a job at a unique English manor house. He quickly rises through the ranks, and a forbidden romance with lady-of-the-house Rose Davenport blossoms. But when an unexpected murder occurs, Eric gets framed - leaving Rose and her family's future perilously uncertain. **Fackham Hall** rated R and is 107 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include: Jodie Foster in the French psychological thriller *A Private Life* (March 18), Amanda Seyfried in the period musical drama *The Testament of Ann Lee* (March 25) and Alexander Skarsgård in the dark romantic comedy *Pillion* (March 27.)

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

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## St. Susan Center Charts Sustainable Path Forward at Gateway Center

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of this building and of the broader downtown community. Community Helping Hands fully supports their decision and remains committed to working in close partnership as we move forward together," said Shawn Whitmer, Executive Director, Community Helping Hands Inc. "We are excited about the progress of the Gateway Lofts redevelopment and the investment it represents for this property and for Jamestown's future."

"This was not an easy decision," Rowland added. "But it was made with careful attention to stewardship, stability, and our commitment to serve our community with dignity and consistency every day. The resources we collected up to this point will support

meaningful renovations and improvements within our current space - enhancing safety, efficiency,



and the overall experience of those we serve. While our project address has changed, our need for kitchen equipment and renovations has not. Previously secured donations will still be used to help us fulfill this goal. Donors who gave \$1,000 or more will be recognized in our dining room at the Gateway Center. We want the community to know we are truly thankful for the continued trust and investment in our mission that continues far beyond *sharing tables*, it grows into futures reshaped, dreams reclaimed, and a community strengthened one life at a time."

St. Susan Center has served the Jamestown community for four decades, freely offering meals, fellowship, dignity and respect to all who come through our doors. For more information or to support St. Susan Center, visit [stsusancenter.org](http://stsusancenter.org).

## Jamestown Kiwanis and Key Club Hold Fun Fair at Brookdale



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### **Jamestown Kiwanis Club**

Members of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club and Jamestown High School Key Club recently held a Fun Fair for the residents of Brookdale Senior Living in Lakewood.

Jamestown Kiwanis member Jim Alexander organized the event. Alexander explained, "This Fun Fair means so much to the 50 or so residents of Brookdale who attended. It is a great night for the residents and for our Kiwanis members and the JHS Key Club members who are able to interact with so many wonderful senior citizens in our community."

The Jamestown Kiwanis Club has sponsored the Key Club at Jamestown High School for many decades. Alex Leone, the Kiwanis advisor to the Key Club, stated, "The JHS Key Club members provide a tremendous amount

service to the Jamestown High School community and to our community in general."

The Jamestown Kiwanis Club was founded in 1920. While the Club's primary purpose is "service to youth," Kiwanis has always served senior citizens as well. Jamestown's President Wendy Wilcox welcomes any additional community leaders to join at any time. The organization meets twice monthly, providing an opportunity to build friendships with like-minded professionals committed to community service. For more information on how to become involved, please contact: Fred Larson at [fred.a.larson@gmail.com](mailto:fred.a.larson@gmail.com).

Some of Jamestown Kiwanis Club's annual community service projects include: Annual Salvation Army breakfast with Santa, sponsorship of Babe Ruth and JAYS teams, Salvation Army bell-ringing, sponsorship of JHS Key Club, and community-wide blood testing in June.

## Chamber Corner

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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 trilliums to towering trees bathed in color.

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

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

As the CHQ Chamber continues to hone its series of advocacy events, we

are proud to present County Executive P.J. Wendel for the 2026 State of the County. This event will be held Tuesday, April 21 at 8am at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 150 West Fourth Street, Jamestown.

This breakfast gathering will allow local businesspeople to hear the State of the County address directly 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, the State University of New York at Fredonia, and UPMC Chautauqua. Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

## Silver Creek Performing Arts Department Presents Mean Girls: High School Edition

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The production also showcases the collaborative efforts of the district's music, theater, and art departments. Student and local musicians will perform the show's upbeat, contemporary score,

Performances will take place in the Silver Creek Central School District Auditorium on March 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m., with a matinee performance on March 29 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for Sil-

ver Creek students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased online at [silvercreekhs.seatyourself.biz](http://silvercreekhs.seatyourself.biz).

The Silver Creek Performing Arts Department invites families, community members, and theater enthusiasts to join them for an unforgettable production filled with humor, heart, and a powerful message: being kind costs nothing, but it can change everything.

## Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Molitor Announce this Week from Albany



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## Call for Increased CHIPS Funding to Protect Local Roads and Infrastructure

Assemblyman Andrew Molitor (R, C-Westfield), Sen. George Borrello (SD-57), local highway superintendents and municipal leaders are highlighting shortfalls in the state's Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding and the strain it is placing on communities across Chautauqua County.

Their focus is on the widening gap between stagnant state CHIPS support and rapidly rising costs for materials, labor, fuel and heavy equipment. Local officials detailed how inflation and supply chain pressures have significantly reduced their purchasing power, forcing difficult decisions about road repairs, bridge maintenance and long-term infrastructure planning.

"CHIPS funding has not kept pace with the real-world costs our towns and villages are facing," Molitor said. "When asphalt, diesel and equipment costs surge but state support remains flat, it is our local taxpayers who are left to shoulder the burden. That is not sustainable."

Highway superintendents have shared firsthand accounts of delayed resurfacing projects, scaled-back maintenance schedules and increased wear and tear

on local roadways. Municipal leaders emphasized that rural communities like those throughout Chautauqua County rely heavily on CHIPS funding to maintain safe travel routes for school buses, emergency vehicles, farmers and small businesses.

Chautauqua County Executive Paul Wendel Jr. said, "Reliable state CHIPS funding is absolutely essential for our local municipalities, especially here in rural communities where towns and villages are responsible for maintaining miles of roadway with very limited resources. This funding allows local highway departments to address everyday needs like filling potholes, repairing road surfaces and keeping residents safe year-round. I urge Gov. Kathy Hochul to continue supporting and strengthening CHIPS funding so our local governments can plan, respond and maintain critical infrastructure without placing additional strain on local taxpayers. I also want to thank State Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Andrew Molitor for their strong advocacy on behalf of our municipalities and their continued commitment to the communities they serve."

Town of Westfield Highway Supervisor

David Babcock said, "CHIPS funding hasn't kept up with inflation, and local towns are falling behind on critical road maintenance. For many small municipalities, CHIPS makes up most or even all of their road budget. We need a \$250 million increase and to make temporary programs permanent to give towns stable, reliable funding. Local roads are lifelines for school buses, farmers, and emergency services. When Albany under funds CHIPS, the burden falls on already stretched property taxpayers. Trust local communities to set their own priorities."

Sen. George Borrello said, "Local roads are not optional infrastructure; they are the foundation of our economy and the lifeline of our communities. Families rely on them to get to work, farmers depend on them to move their products and businesses need them to grow and compete. Yet Albany continues to underinvest in the roads that support nearly 87 percent of New York's transportation network, even as inflation has driven highway construction costs up dramatically. Every year, local highway departments are forced to do more with less, as rising material, labor and equipment costs steadily erode the real value of state funding. We are calling on the governor and legislative leaders

to provide meaningful increases in funding for our local roads and bridges so communities have the resources they need to maintain safe infrastructure, protect taxpayers from higher long-term costs and keep our economy moving forward."

Molitor stressed that maintaining local infrastructure is not optional. "Our roads and bridges are the backbone of our local economy," he said. "From agriculture and manufacturing to tourism and small businesses, reliable infrastructure is essential. The state must ensure that CHIPS funding reflects today's costs, not the prices of a decade ago."

The lawmakers call on state leadership to increase CHIPS funding in the upcoming budget and to provide predictable, inflation-adjusted support so municipalities can properly plan for long-term infrastructure needs.

"Local governments are doing everything they can with limited resources," Borrello added. "They deserve a fair partnership from the state. Investing in CHIPS is an investment in public safety, economic growth and the future of our communities."

## Roundtable Held to Discuss Impact of Hotels Used as Emergency Shelters in Chautauqua County

New York State Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Andrew Molitor hosted a roundtable discussion with local officials, law enforcement leaders and school administrators to examine the growing use of hotels and motels as emergency shelters and the impacts these placements are having on communities across Chautauqua County.

The discussion brought together representatives from county government, local municipalities, law enforcement agencies and school districts to share firsthand perspectives on how the rapid rise in homelessness is affecting public safety, schools, municipal resources and county budgets.

According to the New York State Comptroller, homelessness across New York more than doubled between January 2022 and January 2024. Upstate cities have experienced significant increases, including Buffalo (81 percent), Syracuse (67 percent), Rochester (41 percent) and Albany (38 percent). In Chautauqua County, homelessness increased by 103 percent between 2022 and 2024, including a 150 percent increase in homeless families and a 141 percent rise in children without stable housing.

As shelter capacity has been strained, counties across upstate New York have increasingly relied on hotels and motels for emergency placements. While these placements provide temporary housing, participants in the roundtable noted that hotels are not designed to function as shelters and typically do not provide the supportive services needed to help individuals and families transition into stable housing.

Local officials also discussed the downstream impacts these placements can have on surrounding communities, including increased calls for police and emergency services and concerns raised by school districts located near hotels used for emergency housing.

In the Village of Falconer, for example, school officials and local leaders have raised concerns about incidents connected to individuals staying at a nearby hotel used for emergency placements, including individuals entering school property and safety concerns raised by parents and school officials.

"Homelessness is rising rapidly across upstate New York, and counties like Chautauqua are being forced to manage the consequences largely on their own," said

Senator Borrello. "New York law requires counties to provide emergency shelter, but the state leaves local governments to figure out how to do it and how to pay for it. As the scope of this problem grows, that model is becoming increasingly unsustainable for rural counties."

Participants also discussed potential alternatives to the current reliance on hotels, including models that combine housing with structured support services.

One example highlighted was Albany County's Sheriff's Homeless Improvement Project (SHIP), which provides transitional housing and services within unused space at the county jail. Since launching in 2019, the program has served 497 individuals and expanded to include housing for women and children.

Borrello noted that Western New York already has several vacant or partially vacant correctional facilities that could potentially be part of similar solutions. Unlike roadside hotels, these facilities already include infrastructure such as commercial kitchens, meeting and classroom space, and areas for counseling and workforce training, allowing services to be delivered on-site rather than simply providing a temporary room.

"Hotels were never designed to function as shelters," Borrello said. "Facilities that already have the space for support services, training and community resources could provide a more structured environment focused on helping people transition into permanent housing."

Assemblyman Molitor said the goal of the roundtable was to bring together local leaders who are directly experiencing the impacts of the homelessness crisis.

"Local governments, law enforcement and school officials are on the front lines of this issue," said Assemblyman Molitor. "Their insights are critical as we look for solutions that both support vulnerable individuals and protect the stability and safety of our communities."

"We all share the goal of helping people move out of homelessness and into stable housing," Molitor said. "But the current system places too much responsibility on counties and local communities while the problem continues to grow. As homelessness rises across the state, Albany must play a stronger role in developing solutions that help people transition to permanent housing and give communities the support they need."

# Chautauqua County Secures \$250,000 State Grant to Accelerate Housing Development and Strengthen Local Communities

*State funding will advance housing site readiness, zoning updates, and implementation of the County's Housing Strategy to expand affordable and workforce housing opportunities.*

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NY



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**Chautauqua County  
Department of Planning &  
Development**

The Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development is pleased to announce that Chautauqua County has been awarded a \$250,000 grant through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR) "Technical Assistance to Grow Pro-Housing Communities" program. This funding will be used to advance the Chautauqua County Housing Market Analysis and Development Strategy developed in collaboration with the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth in 2024.

The NYS HCR award will be used to implement key recommendations from the Housing Strategy to continue building momentum to create opportunities for and encourage new housing development throughout the County. The grant funds will be allocated to advance the following recommendations:

- Inventory of Potential Housing Sites – The County will develop a county-wide inventory of potential housing sites using a GIS oriented platform. Outreach to municipalities and building owners will support the creation of a developer-ready listing and marketing campaign.
- Pre-Development Activities – Five sites will be selected for pre-development analysis to move projects closer to construction readiness.
- Developer Forum – A one-day forum will connect housing developers with local site opportunities, incentives, and community housing needs.
- Zoning Analysis – Review of

municipal zoning codes with recommendations to allow for an array of housing types, remove barriers, and encourage housing development.

- Public and Stakeholder Engagement – Outreach to build awareness and collaboration around housing challenges and solutions.

The Chautauqua County Housing Market Analysis and Development Strategy envisions, "a healthy and well-functioning housing market as critical to the vibrancy of communities, well-being of residents, and future economic development. The County envisions such a market to be one that is diverse enough to meet the needs of all residents, from young families to seniors and across income levels, and yet aligns with the character and vision of local communities throughout the County. Optimally, this means a combination of homeownership and rental units throughout the County, developed at various density and cost levels to best fit within existing communities."

In conducting this Housing Strategy, key themes emerged regarding housing needs and dynamics in Chautauqua County, with affordability becoming a common topic of discussion. Housing affordability is a challenge that impacts a broad range of households in the County. Based on County-wide priorities recommended in the Strategy, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development has developed an Affordable Housing Fact Sheet meant to educate and improve the understanding of what housing affordability means and who it impacts in the community.

The Affordable Housing Fact Sheet highlights the importance of

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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

## CROSSWORD

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Consumer protection agency
- 8. Criminal syndicate
- 11. Moves back from
- 13. Satisfaction
- 14. Feel concern or interest
- 15. Monetary units
- 16. Congressman (abbr.)
- 17. Israeli city
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. 2,000 lbs.
- 21. Grandmother
- 22. North, South and Central
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Social networking platform
- 32. Early term for basketball player
- 33. Another name for sesame plant
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Provide greater detail
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Celtic punk rockers
- 50. A fencing sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted in mind or body
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Social media hand gesture
- 62. Hong Kong food stall \_\_ pai dor
- 63. Opposite of beginning
- 64. Email function

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. Fashionable
- 3. Borough in Helsinki
- 4. Inability to hear
- 5. More quickly
- 6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
- 7. Shrewdly
- 8. Rooney and Kate are two
- 9. Mediterranean port
- 10. Benedictine monk
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Town in Galilee
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Mice genus
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Chest muscle (slang)
- 26. Transmits genetic information from DNA
- 27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Short route aircraft
- 34. Pitching statistic
- 35. Pointed end of a pen
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Body part
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Feline
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Seduced
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 47. Repair
- 48. Olive genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. C. European river
- 54. Keep under control
- 58. Father

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## Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

Supporting Independence,  
Health & Connection

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**Dana Corwin**Director of Chautauqua County  
Office for Aging Services

The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (OFAS) exists to guide, connect, and advocate for older adults and caregivers so they can age safely and independently at home. From information and referrals to in-home support and nutrition programs, OFAS serves as a trusted community resource.

There are so many different reasons to reach out to the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services:

- You may find that you are having difficulty doing simple tasks around your house, such as laundry, meal preparation or household chores.
- You may be feeling lonely and want opportunities to connect with others.
- You might be caring for an elderly parent and find that you are having a hard time doing it by yourself.
- You may have questions about Medicare or Medicaid.
- You may want to learn more about planning for your future.

**Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services can help guide with experience to connect you with resources. We are the local leader in aging well at home. Our main intake line, NY Connects, can link you to long-term services and supports at 716-753-4582.**

**Start with NY Connects**

NY Connects is Chautauqua County's "No Wrong Door" entry point for long-term services and supports. One call connects older adults and caregivers to:

- Information and referrals
- Options counseling
- Community-based services
- Long-term care resources

**Call 716-753-4582 to get started.**

**In-Home & Caregiver Support**

OFAS helps older adults remain independent through:

- Home-Delivered Meals

- Personal care and household assistance
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Social Adult Day Services

Caregivers can access confidential support, training, respite options, support groups, Memory Cafés, and referrals for counseling. No one is denied services due to inability to pay.

**CHQAgging Nutrition Services**

Good nutrition supports healthy aging and independence.

**Dining In Program**

Home-delivered meals for eligible homebound older adults, including a safety check and friendly visit.

**Dining Out Program**

Meals at approved community dining sites using a pre-loaded CHQAgging card, encouraging both nutrition and social connection.

**Nutrition Counseling & Education**

Registered Dietitian services, chronic disease guidance, group workshops, and SNAP-Ed programming.

**Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**

Eligible participants receive coupons for fresh, local produce at participating farmers markets.

**Health, Wellness & Additional Supports**

OFAS also offers:

- Health and wellness programs
- Elder abuse prevention resources
- Health insurance counseling
- Housing information and home repair assistance
- Employment and legal resource referrals
- Senior club and center information

**Stay Connected**

OFAS shares updates through its monthly newsletter on our website for your use. Do you need communication and updates from our office? Our outreach communication system, called Blooming Health, is just what you are looking for! Choose from text, e-mails, or automated calls to receive messages. For more information on this and/or services call

**NY Connects: 716-753-4582 or Visit: <https://chautauquacountyny.gov/office-aging>**

Save the date for the CHQAgging Expo & Conference, May 21, 2026, at the SUNY Fredonia campus!

Aging well at home starts with one call. Be well!

Pearl City Clay House  
Announces New Gallery  
Exhibition, *What We Carry*,  
by Angela Caley

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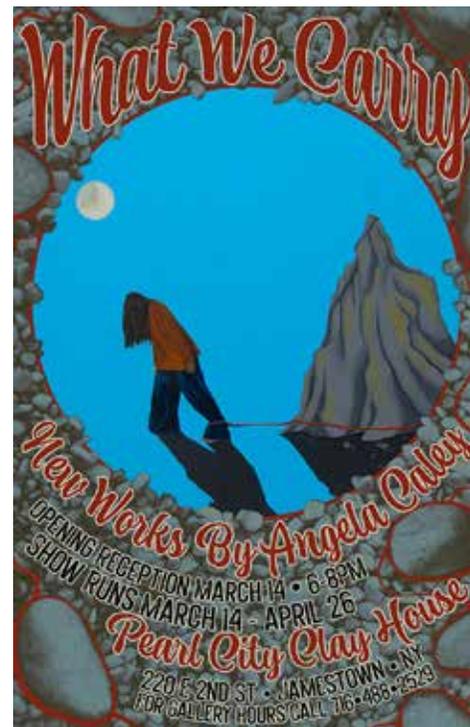
**Pearl City Clay House**

Pearl City Clay House is pleased to announce the opening of *What We Carry*, a solo exhibition by artist Angela Caley, opening Saturday, March 14, with an artist reception from 6:00–8:00pm. The exhibition will remain on display through April 26 and is open to the public during regular studio hours.

*What We Carry* features 11 new oil and mixed-media works that explore the emotional landscapes of the human experience. Drawing from themes of anxiety, grief, joy, and memory, the exhibition can be viewed as a series of personal journal entries rendered in paint. Through layered symbolism and introspective imagery, Caley invites viewers into moments both deeply personal and universally resonant.

Caley is a self-taught oil painter whose work blends stylized realism and surrealism with a strong emphasis on symbolism. Her image-making process serves as a means of sharing personal narratives while encouraging viewers to discover new emotional and imaginative worlds through her perspective. She specializes in mixed media techniques, combining ink drawing with oil and acrylic paint on both wood and canvas.

Caley attended Columbus College of Art and Design and continued her education in New York, earning a degree in fine art and studio arts while also studying sociology. In the early 2000s, she co-founded the Active



Artist Alliance and has participated in and helped organize more than 60 exhibitions across the country, including shows in St. Petersburg, Florida; Pittsburgh; Ithaca; New York City; and throughout Chautauqua County. She has presented four solo exhibitions since 2004.

Most recently, Caley exhibited in *Visions of the National Parks and Beyond* at the Crary Art Gallery in Warren, Pennsylvania, and was selected as a member of the October 2024 cohort at the Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts, where she was awarded a residency.

Pearl City Clay House hosts rotating exhibitions featuring local, regional, and national artists, alongside its studios for ceramics and contemporary craft. Gallery exhibitions are free and open to the public.

## Chautauqua Music

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"We can do it better right here in Jamestown and support our local music scene directly while we're at it," he said.

And according to Kates, Chautauqua County's music scene is something very special.

"I've lived all over the country," he said. "But when I come back to Jamestown, I guarantee we have more talent per capita than anywhere in the U.S. We are a music family. We practice all winter and we play all summer."

He also believes that young people in the region deserve access to the same musical opportunities as students anywhere else.

"Kids in Chautauqua County deserve

just as many educational opportunities in music as anyone," he said.

As for the future of Chautauqua Music, Kates has no plans of slowing down.

"They're going to carry me out of here in a body bag. I'm 50 years old, still fired up and still trying to inspire each new generation."

Looking ahead, he sees the second chapter of the business as just beginning.

"With the second half of life now upon me," Kates said, "look out Chautauqua County...act two will be the best."

If there's one thing Kates hopes people remember about Chautauqua Music, it's simple: "Music is the one language that can bind us all."

## Community Foundations Expand Capacity Through Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Rural Philanthropy Fellowship

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knowledge of and passion for our community, will be invaluable as we continue to expand our reach and impact. Jeannie is truly an asset to our community and the foundation.”

Galloway is a recognized leader in northern Chautauqua County, Board Secretary for Together We Bloom, and held various strategic planning roles throughout our community.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to create lasting impact in my community, and I believe the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation is a powerful vehicle for comprehensive, intentional, and strategic change,” said Galloway. “I feel fortunate to join a team doing such meaningful work and to contribute thoughtfully to efforts that build resilience, compassion, and understanding across our community.”

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation is a grantmaking organization dedicated to improving quality of life in Southeast Michigan and Western New York. Established through Wilson’s estate following his passing in 2014, the Foundation was created with a 20-year grantmaking lifespan focused on delivering immediate,

measurable, and meaningful impact in the communities it serves.

By participating in the Rural Philanthropy Fellows Cohort, both community foundations are helping strengthen the philanthropic infrastructure that supports nonprofits, educational opportunities, and community initiatives throughout Chautauqua County. The initiative also supports the development of emerging philanthropic leaders who will help guide community investment in the future.

### About the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation partners with the community to ignite positive change and create legacies of impact. [crcfonline.org](http://crcfonline.org)

### About the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation connects people with purpose, building local prosperity through local philanthropy, strategic grantmaking, and community leadership. [nccfoundation.org](http://nccfoundation.org)

## Chautauqua County Secures \$250,000 State Grant to Accelerate Housing Development and Strengthen Local Communities

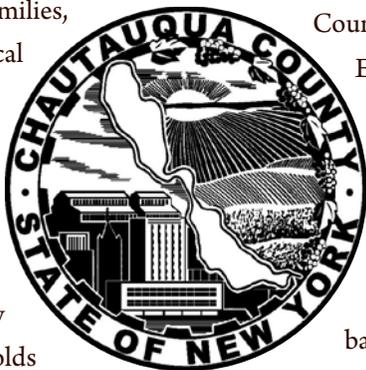
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understanding that affordable housing is needed across the community and serves a wide-range of incomes, household types, and life stages. Affordable housing is not limited to one segment of the population; it includes options for young professionals, families, seniors, and the local workforce who all contribute to the county’s economic vitality and quality of life. In fact, a majority of the households in Chautauqua County would qualify for admittance into affordable housing, based on the income characteristics of the County’s population.

“Affordable housing supports our workforce, helps businesses attract employees, and ensures that people

of varying income levels can locate to or continue to live and thrive in Chautauqua County,” said County Executive PJ Wendel. “The multitude of efforts being facilitated by the County’s Department of Planning & Development, the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, and the CCIDA are moving us in the right direction, with the fact sheet providing unbiased and fact-based information to support productive community conversations.”

“Understanding housing affordability helps communities make informed decisions, and the term “affordable housing” encompasses a wide range of income categories. Currently, approximately 75% of our County’s Economic Growth in 2024.



## UVA Law Professor and Author to Discuss New Jackson Biography as Part of ‘25 Years of Asking Questions’ Lecture Series

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**Robert H. Jackson Center**

The Robert H. Jackson Center will present a free public lecture on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. featuring Professor G. Edward White, one of the nation’s most respected scholars of American legal history. White will discuss his acclaimed new biography, Robert H. Jackson: A Life in Judgment, tracing Jackson’s extraordinary journey from a self-taught country lawyer in upstate New York to Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and Chief U.S. Prosecutor at the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. The book will be available for purchase at the event.

The lecture is the latest program in the Center’s ‘25 Years of Asking Questions’ series, marking the organization’s 25th anniversary with monthly events exploring the enduring relevance of Justice Jackson’s life and legacy. The series is sponsored by Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union.

White’s lecture will center on the questions that animate his new work: Why do we continue to study Robert H. Jackson today? What makes a life worthy of remembrance? And how does one person’s commitment to principle shape institutions and ideas long after they are gone?

Drawing from Jackson’s personal papers, oral histories, and decades of scholarship, White presents a portrait of the justice who defended New Deal policies, authored landmark opinions including West Virginia v. Barnette, dissented in Korematsu v. United States, and delivered the opening statement for the prosecution at Nuremberg in 1945.

### About the speaker

G. Edward White is the David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of

Law. A former clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren, White has authored 20 books and received honors from the American Historical Association, the American Bar Association, and the Association of American Law Schools. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Society of American Historians. His scholarship ranges from constitutional law to the cultural history of American sports.

### About the ‘25 Years of Asking Questions’ Lecture Series

The Robert H. Jackson Center launched its 25th anniversary year on December 13, 2025, with a year-long theme and monthly lecture series: ‘25 Years of Asking Questions.’ The series brings nationally recognized scholars and legal experts to Jamestown to discuss questions facing American democracy, the rule of law, and the enduring relevance of Justice Jackson’s ideas. For a full schedule, visit <https://www.roberthjackson.org/25yaq/>

### About the Robert H. Jackson Center

Founded in 2001, the Robert H. Jackson Center, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, advances the legacy of Robert H. Jackson and our vision of a global society where the universal principles of equality, fairness and justice prevail.

To learn more about the extraordinary local, national, and international contributions of Robert H. Jackson, the public is invited to visit the Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at 305 East 4th Street in Jamestown, NY or online at [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org). Docents are available to provide tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and by appointment. Donations are welcome to support the free programs the Center provides to all ages throughout the year. For more information, call (716) 483-6646 or visit [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org).



ROBERT H. JACKSON CENTER

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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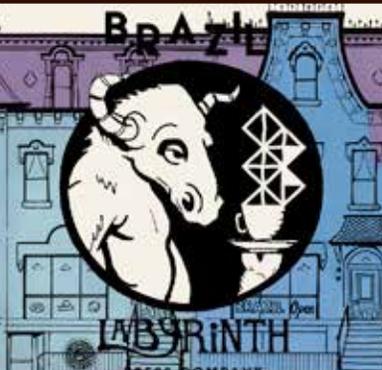


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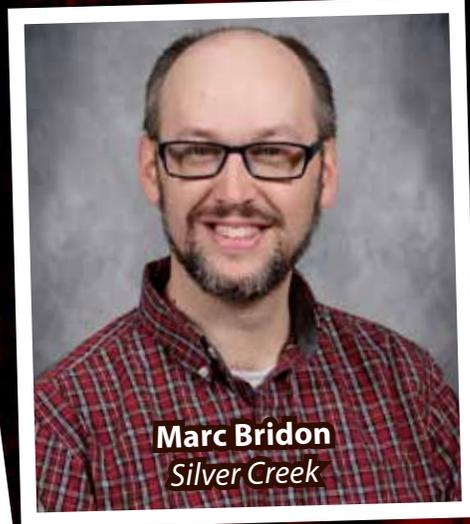
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