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## TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS... ALL THE WAY TO CLYMER

*Marketing Director*

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The Clymer Tulip Festival is one of the region's most unique small-town celebrations and brings together community traditions, Dutch heritage, music, food, parades, dancing, and family activities for a weekend filled with fun and hometown pride.

Held every other year in Clymer, New York, the festival welcomes visitors from near and far to enjoy colorful events, local vendors, entertainment, and longstanding traditions that have been passed down through generations.

Festival favorites include the Tulip Parade, Klompen dancers, ceremonial street scrubbing, the Tulip Queen crowning, live entertainment, demonstrations, food stands, and

community events throughout the weekend.

Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning for another year, the Tulip Festival is a celebration of tradition, volunteerism, and the spirit of small-town community.

For more details on this weekend's events, please visit pages 6-8 of this edition.



## LOCAL ROOTS RUN DEEP

*Editor-in-Chief*

**Katrina Fuller**

Clymer's business community is built on more than storefronts and services. It is built on families, craftsmanship, tradition and neighbors supporting neighbors. From longtime staples to newer ventures, local businesses continue to help shape the character and economy of the community in

ways both big and small. Here is a look at several businesses helping keep Clymer thriving.

**B&H Windows**, located at 1804 Waite Corners Rd. in Panama, specializes in vinyl windows, new installation and replacements as well as double hung sliders, and has built a reputation for quality installation throughout the region. The company has become a trusted local name for homeowners looking to im-

prove and update their homes. For more information, call 716-355-6442.

**Mike Beckerink Cabinetry**, located at 8429 Ravlin Hill Road in Clymer, showcases the craftsmanship that has long been a hallmark of the area. The business creates custom cabinetry, blending practical skill with artistry. This summer, founder Mike Beckerink is excited to pass on his expert knowledge to his son, Jo Beckerink, and continue a family tra-

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Circa 1915



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Circa 1910

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# THIS WEEK AROUND TOWN

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

**Living Voices: Through The Eyes of a Friend** | 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 7-8 PM

Robert H. Jackson Center | Jamestown  
For Info: [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org)

**Memory Cafe: Journal Making with Deb Eck** | 12 PM

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown  
For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

**Business After Hours** | 5-6:30 PM

Westfield Makers Space  
For info: [chqchamber.org](http://chqchamber.org)

For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com) **Living Voices: Through The Eyes of a Friend** | 10-11 AM & 1:15-2:15 PM

Robert H. Jackson Center | Jamestown  
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**Movies at The Reg: EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert** | 7 PM

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)



### THURSDAY, MAY 14

**Trivia Contest** | 1 PM

North Harmony Senior Citizens Center  
Stow

**18th Annual Come to the Table Auction** | 5-8:30 PM

Chautauqua Harbor Hotel | Celeron  
For Info: 716-753-4123

**Craft & Sip Group** | 7-10 PM

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

**Telescope Training** | 7 PM

Stockton Library | Stockton  
For Info: 716-595-3323

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

**All New York Shop Hop**

Quilters' Haven and Yarn Shop | Lakewood  
For Info: 716-763-0342

**Little Red Schoolhouse Museum (Open During Tulip Festival)** | 2-5 PM

Clymer

**Jeff Allen: My First Final Farewell Tour** | 7 PM

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### FRIDAY, MAY 15 & SATURDAY, MAY 16

**Clymer Tulip Festival**

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### SATURDAY, MAY 16

**Bird Banding** | 7 AM-10 AM

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
For Info: [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org)

**Plant Sale** | 9 AM-1 PM

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**Family Bingo Night** | 4 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-490-6417

**Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17**

Westfield Makerspace Summer Market | 10 AM-4 PM

Westfield Marketspace  
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### SUNDAY, MAY 17

**Matt's Turn: Spaghetti Dinner** | 12-4 PM

Celeron Legion | Jamestown  
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Lauren Turner 2-Part Series: "War" | 10:30 AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown

For Info: [uujamestown.org](http://uujamestown.org)

**Benefit Honoring Johnny LaMancuso** | 1 PM - 5 PM

Shawbucks | Jamestown

## THE STATE OF OUR TOWN IS STRONG

### Featured Writer

**Brian Willink**

Supervisor  
Town of Clymer



As Supervisor for the Town of Clymer, I am proud to share an update on the many public works projects that have been completed, are underway, or are soon to begin. Each of these efforts—large or small—reflects our commitment to improving quality of life, strengthening safety, and continuing to move our community forward in a positive direction.

### Water System Replacement: A Generational Investment

The most visible and significant project we are undertaking is the full replacement of our water system. The system we rely on today was installed in 1967. While it has served us well for nearly 60 years, it has begun to show signs of reaching the end of

its useful life. In 2023, engineers and hydrologists conducted a full evaluation and determined that the best course of action was a complete overhaul.

This includes:

- A brandnew water well
- A new water tank
- Replacement of all six miles of underground pipe
- New fire hydrants
- New water meters

The project was awarded in early 2025, and construction began

in the fall of 2025. The total cost of this onceinageneration investment is \$8.4 million. This is one of the most important infrastructure upgrades our town has ever undertaken, and it will ensure reliable water service for decades to come.

While a project of this magnitude can seem daunting, and out of reach, the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

# CLYMER



*Publisher*  
**Lori Cornell**

We are very proud to continue our Community Showcase Series with the bustling Town of Clymer. Bustling? Did I say bustling? With a population of less than 1800 according to the 2020 Census, you may wonder why I'd jump to that word-choice.

Clymer, one of Chautauqua County's most picturesque rural towns, is also a thriving economic engine. We have proudly done more than a dozen showcase editions at this point, and I have to say, the sheer magnitude of Clymer's business community overwhelmed and impressed me.

One need only look to the rolling hills of the plentiful farmland to understand why agriculture is still our county's number one industry and why agri-business abounds with such visible strength in this special

southwestern corner. Its town center is also a bustling display of small business ingenuity with beloved staples such as Dutch Village and Neckers Company General Store to up-and-comer superstars like Sweeterson Farms and Twin Flame Coffee.

From historic homes to custom-crafted new construction, it's no wonder Clymer also represents one of our county's fastest growing tax bases. The Clymer community has the largest number of strong and contributing Amish entrepreneurs in the region as well. Combined with its unique Dutch heritage, Clymer features a rich culture like nowhere else.

And speaking of Dutch Heritage, Clymer is home to one of our region's most beloved biennial festivals: The Clymer Tulip Festival! We purposely saved this community showcase for this special weekend and an experience that only comes around every 730 days. We highly recommend this town, this festival, and this distant dreamland that stays close in our hearts!

Clymer is so worth the trek and your time. Check it out!



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Klopen Dancers Perform in full costume before large groups of onlookers at the annual Tulip Festival, Circa 1960

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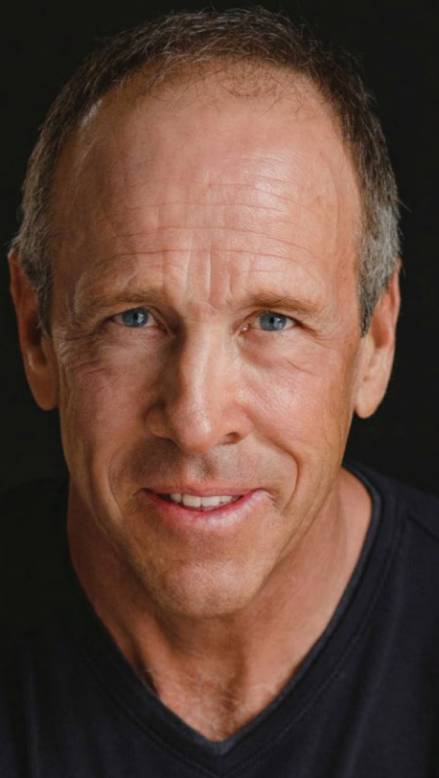
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**MATT EKSTROM**



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Matt faces many health challenges due to cancer, surgeries and damages due to treatments.

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# Faith Matters

## Blessings from Unity



Featured Writer

Pastor Roy Miller

Director, The Better Place, Inc

In what may often feel like a broken and fractured world, there is much blessing to behold in our love and support for one another. The Psalmist declared: "How good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity! . . . For there, the Lord bestows his blessing. . ." (Psalm 133:1 & 3, NIV)

One of the last prayers that Jesus prayed may be found in John's Gospel, Chapter 17. There, He prayed for all who would believe in Him that they would remain united in love, showing the world God's love.

As followers, we look to God to answer our prayers, but this prayer of Jesus is a prayer we may only answer with

faith. In faith, we may demonstrate the truth of His word and endeavor to live for Him in unity with one another. We are blessed in Chautauqua County with many faith-based endeavors to do just that.

For example, I am happy to be a part of a group of pastors and other ministry leaders that gathers every Tuesday morning at Hillcrest Church in Jamestown to seek God together. We encourage support for local ministries such as Love INC, UCAN City Mission, Options Care Center, Impact Campus Fellowship, Integrity First, and Community Helping Hands.

I am also happy to be part of a special local group called the Chautauqua Lake Region Men of Integrity. For three decades, this ministry has been bringing men from many congregations and denominations together to encourage one other to live out the Gospel, hosting events for men and women alike. This year's signature event will take place on May 15 as comedian Jeff Allen takes the stage at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts. All are welcome. Go be blessed and laugh together in unity!

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## Jamestown BPU Kicks Off 27th Annual "Cents for St. Susan's" Campaign

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Jamestown BPU

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) launched its 27th annual "Cents for St. Susan's" campaign today at St. Susan Center, with sponsors and volunteers gathering to mark the start of this year's fundraiser.

Over the past 26 years, the BPU's efforts—supported by the community—have raised \$431,851.13 in support of St. Susan Center.

Bright yellow coin canisters have once again been placed throughout the community, giving residents an easy way to donate loose change, cash or checks to support the soup kitchen. Checks payable to St. Susan Center may also be mailed to the BPU at P.O. Box 700, Jamestown, NY 1470, or dropped off at the Customer Service Office.

Donations can also be made online while paying utility bills. Redeemable bottles and cans may be donated at BPU Customer Service or at Don's Car Wash in Lakewood, provided they are designated for St. Susan Center.

Donations may also be made on the Events page of the St. Susan Center website under "BPU Cents for St. Susan's."

A hot dog sale is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 12, outside BPU Customer Service at 92 Steele Street. Employees will volunteer their lunch hours to sell hot dogs, chips, soda and water, with all proceeds benefiting the campaign. Redeemable bottles and cans may also be donated during the sale.

"We are grateful to receive the support of major sponsors for our 27th campaign," stated BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins who organizes the yearly drive. "I wish to recognize Judy and Steve McAllaster, the Chautauqua Chemical Company, the Robinson Law Office, Spry Point, Asplundh, Boyle's Motor Sales, CCB, Century 21/Turner Brokers, Dan and Connie Evans, Falconer Printing & Design Inc., Inscale PC, Invoice Cloud, Kwik-fill, The Legend Group with Lou Deppas, National Fuel, Northwest Bank, Robbins and Johnson Attorneys, ServPro, Shults Auto Group, Slone-Melhuish Insurance, Store-N-Lock, Weinberg Financial Group, Wright Calimeri, PLLC Attorneys and one anonymous person."

"Media sponsors include the Media One Radio Stations and the Jamestown Post-Journal, which donate valuable communications space in print and airtime," pointed out Robbins.

BPU General Manager Kristofor Sellstrom expressed his appreciation for everyone involved, noting that the BPU is proud to lead the campaign each year in support of St. Susan Center's guests.

"Our employees are honored to support the soup kitchen and stand with those who help ensure every member of our community is met with dignity, compassion and a warm meal," said Sellstrom. "It is inspiring to see how much can be accomplished by seventy-five dedicated volunteers working alongside a small staff."

"For 27 years, Cents for St. Susan's has proven that beautiful example of Jamestown taking care of its own," said St. Susan Center Executive Director Cherie Rowland. "Those yellow cans

represent more than spare change. They represent compassion, dignity, and neighbors looking out for one another. Because of this community and partners like the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities and its many sponsors that support Cents, we're able to share tables

with every guest, with respect, a warm meal, and the reassurance that they matter. We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity of the BPU and its sponsors, which makes our work possible."

St. Susan Center purchases food through FeedMore NY, formerly the Western New York Food Bank. Thanks to their partnership, every dollar donated provides six dollars' worth of food for those in need.

"The St. Susan Center served 49,287 meals in 2025, a clear reminder of the ongoing need in our community," added Robbins. "Continued support for the soup kitchen is essential, and every contribution to the BPU's 'Cents for St. Susan's' campaign makes a meaningful difference and is sincerely appreciated."

St. Susan Center is located at 31 Water Street in Jamestown and is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, and from noon to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Center is closed on Sundays and only closes on four additional days each year: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day, with special holiday hours on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.



## CLYMER

### Trivia

1. A "sweet" new addition to downtown with all things kitchen and lovely.
2. Your local oil and propane go-to where father and sons do business together.
3. The Lictus family also provides all your vehicle maintenance and repair needs here.
4. Who needs big box hardware when you have quality local experts at these two Clymer staples?
5. Rural residents would do well to call Austin at this company in order to use the bathroom with confidence.
6. Reimagine your concrete surfaces with this creative installation expert.
7. For all your carpeting, flooring and installation needs, always trust this two-generation company.
8. The renowned and beloved Dutch restaurant and gift shop in town.
9. Three different individuals own three different companies with this familiar Clymer surname. Their services include: Trucking; Tax & Bookkeeping; Countertops! Hint the surname starts with a "B" and ends with an "ink".
10. This sportsmen shop might also be called the Ravlin Hill Taj Mahal!
11. All the best in high-quality, custom-made windows hails from Clymer.
12. Amish-owned suppliers of wood, roofing and other building materials known for friendly service.

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The Tulip Queen represents the tradition of Dutch customs and celebrations that have been carried on in Clymer for decades. We are happy to share this year's candidates. The crowning of the queen has always existed as one of the signature events of the Tulip Festival weekend. By proudly donning Dutch-inspired attire, the Queen embodies the town's identity and helps preserve and share its heritage.

# CLYMER TULIP FESTIVAL



## ELLI BODAMER

*Daughter of David and Kristina Bodamer*

**Sponsor:** Abbe Reformed Church

**Talent:** Harmonica, Piano, & Flute

**Grade:** Senior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

National Honor Society, Varsity Softball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Volleyball, Band, Jazz Band, S.A.D.D., Student Council, Student Mentoring Program, Music Council, Saturday Morning Basketball, West Seneca Magic Softball, Softball Pitcher of the Year, Softball First Team All Star (2 Years), All WNY-Post Journal All-Star for Softball, Softball Second Team All-Star, Basketball Honorable Mention, Basketball Second Team All-Star (2 Years), Volleyball Honorable Mention (2 Years), Volleyball First Team All-Star

**Hobbies:** Fishing, Hunting, Hiking, Softball, Playing the Harmonica

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Ursuline College to Major in Psychology and Play D2 Softball on an Athletic Scholarship



## ADDISON DAMCOTT

*Daughter of Brian and Jen Damcott*

**Sponsor:** Neckers Company General Store

**Talent:** American Sign Language and How to Fit a Sheep for Show

**Grade:** Junior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

Robert Spinler Award from 4-H, Volunteered at Center Stride Therapeutic Riding Center, Chautauqua County 4-H Teen Ambassador Vice President for 2 years and President for 1 Year, Volunteer for Vacation Bible School, Volunteer for Awanas, Panama Baptist Church Youth Group, Groat Klompen Dancer, Basketball Statistician

**Hobbies:** 4-H, Making Maple Syrup, Camping, Kayaking, Photography, Hanging out with Friends and Family

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Attend College for Medical Sonography



## OLIVIA DELLAMORA

*Daughter of Sara & Brian Sullivan and John Dellamora*

**Sponsor:** Findley Lake Church

**Talent:** Piano

**Grade:** Senior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

5&2 Ministry Volunteer, Findley Lake Community Center Volunteer, Student Council Secretary, S.A.D.D., National Honors Society, JV Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Track, Homecoming Court, Findley Lake Church Youth Group, Vacation Bible School Volunteer, The Camp at Findley Employee, High Honor Roll, St. Bonaventure Scholarship, RIT Scholarship, Footsteps Troubadour, Impact Club

**Hobbies:** Volleyball, Running, Traveling, Boating, Jet Skiing, Tanning, Christian Services, Reading, Cooking, Baking, Piano, Guitar, Singing, Volunteering, Listening to Music, Crafts, Hanging out with Family and Friends, Worship

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Study Neuroscience at SUNY Geneseo to Become a Behavioral Neuroscientist



## HARLEIGH FAULKNER

*Daughter of Andy and Sabrina Pierce and Ed and Tiffany Faulkner*

**Sponsor:** John Wiggers & Son, Inc.

**Talent:** Barbie Skit

**Grade:** Junior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

JV Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, Two-Time Varsity Volleyball Section Finalist, Second Team All-League for Volleyball, JV Basketball, Varsity Basketball, JV Softball, Varsity Softball, Two-Time Varsity Softball Section Finalist, Travel Softball including the Teams; Corry Posse and Goldstar, Varsity Bowling, FBLA, FBLA District Award, National Honor Society, S.A.D.D., S.A.D.D. Vice President, Student Council, Student Council Vice President, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, Saturday Morning Basketball, Student Mentoring Program, Prom Committee, Cast Company Production of "The Music Man", Cast & Company Production of "Oklahoma", Homecoming Court, Findley Lake Church Youth Group, Community Service Yard Cleaning, Junior Auxiliary Member of the Corry American Legion Post 365

**Hobbies:** Hanging Out with Family and Friends, Playing Sports, Tanning, Listening to Music, Eating, Snowboarding, Playing Travel Softball, Ceramics, Shopping, Concerts, Playing Pickleball

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Attend College and Major in Elementary Education



## SADIE FULLER

*Daughter of Holli Fuller*

**Sponsor:** Dutch Village Restaurant

**Talent:** Drawing or a Comedy Skit

**Grade:** Senior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

High Honor Roll, Saint Bonaventure Art Show Award, CCS Yearbook Editor in Chief, National Honor Society Vice President, Class of 2026 Vice President

**Hobbies:** Drawing, Hanging out with Friends, Graphic Design for the CCS Yearbook

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** U.S. Navy, Aviation Survival Equipmentman



## MARLEEN LÖBER

*Daughter of Sonja Löber and Gerrit Löber*

*Hosted by Cassandra Skal and Claudia Potocki*

**Sponsor:** Clymer PTSO

**Talent:** German Poetry

**Grade:** Senior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

High Honor Roll, Varsity Track, Varsity Bowling, Sportsmanship Award Varsity Bowling, 1st Year Senior Reverse Champion 4H Chautauqua County Spring Rabbit show, Environmental Club, FBLA, 1st Place Public speaking FBLA District 11, 3rd Place Customer Service FBLA District 11, Volunteering for the Clymer French Creek Library, 4H Teen Ambassadors Treasure, Cast of "Macbeth", Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship (CBYX), MakerLab Schuldorf Bergstraße, Speaker at a Science Fair in Brussels, Award for "Sustainable Development in the Chemical Industry" at a National Youth Science Fair in Germany (Jugend Forscht), State Champion for "The Best Interdisciplinary Project" at a Youth Science Fair in Hessen Germany (Jugend Forscht), Regional 1st Place Chemistry at a Youth Science Fair in Germany (Jugend Forscht), Award for "Renewable Resources" at a Regional Youth Science Fair in Germany (Jugend Forscht), Award from the VCI at a Regional Youth Science Fair in Germany (Jugend Forscht) Rollerblade Speed Skating (ERSG Darmstadt e.V.), Cast and Organization of the Annual Christmas Play in Ober-Berbach, Musikwerkstatt Seeheim (Singing lessons), Heidelberger Life-Science Lab

**Hobbies:** Horseback Riding, Inline Skating, Acting, Reading, Baking, Crafts, Working in Different Laboratories, Bowling

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Attend the University of Heidelberg or Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, and Become a Researcher at the LHC



## HANNIDY GOETZINGER

*Daughter of Nichole and Kevin Damcott and Aaron Goetzinger*

**Sponsor:** Crandall G. Nyweide Law Office

**Talent:** A Song Speech

**Grade:** Junior

### High School & Community Activities & Honors:

National Honor Society, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track, FFA, FFA Treasurer, S.A.D.D., Volunteer for Awanas, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, Community Service Yard Cleaning, Varsity Track Sectional Winner, Saturday Morning Basketball

**Hobbies:** Baking, Playing Sports, Eating Food, and Hanging Out with Friends and Family

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Become a Mom



# CLYMER TULIP FESTIVAL



**ADDISON MCCRAY**

*Daughter of David and Sandra McCray*

**Sponsor:** McCray Maple

**Talent:** Singing and Playing the Guitar

**Grade:** Junior

**High School & Community Activities & Honors:** Compass Worship Leader, Footsteps Director, Various Awards at the Warren County Fair in Livestock Showing, Most Improved Player Chautauqua Christian Academy Varsity Basketball

**Hobbies:** Playing Guitar, Reading, Playing Volleyball and Basketball, Working with her Animals, and Helping on the Family Farm

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Attend Cosmetology School and Run Her Own Salon



**ALYSSA PRATT**

*Daughter of Lisa Emory and Brent Emory*

**Sponsor:** Triple E Mfg & Design

**Talent:** Singing

**Grade:** Junior

**High School & Community Activities & Honors:** Varsity Track, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, AAU basketball, Varsity Softball, Travel Softball, Mentoring, S.A.D.D., FBLA, Community Service, Student Council, CCS Yearbook Staff, Saturday Morning Basketball, Honor Roll

**Hobbies:** Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Cooking, Going for Walks, Singing, Journaling, Sunset & Sunrise Watching, Reading, Shopping

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Attend to Daemen University and Become a Registered Nurse



**RAEGAN SWEENEY**

*Daughter of Tracy and Stephanie Sweeney*

**Sponsor:** Kraig Sweeney General Contracting LLC

**Talent:** Throwing Pottery on the Wheel

**Grade:** Junior

**High School & Community Activities & Honors:**

JV Volleyball, JV Softball, Varsity Track, FFA, FFA Reporter, FFA Districts, FFA Sub States, S.A.D.D, High Honor Roll, Honor Roll, Merit Roll, WPRD Horse Club, 4-H, Corry Little League, Corry Posse Softball, 716 Club Volleyball, Volunteer at the Sherman Animal Shelter

**Hobbies:** Snowboarding, Hanging out with Family and Friends, Shopping, Pottery, Riding Horses

**Career Goals/Future Plans:** Become an Ultrasound Technician

## A History of the Clymer Tulip Festival

*Contributed by*

**Cindy Willink**  
Clymer Town Historian

The Clymer Tulip Festival began on February 12, 1953, when Cornell University professor Ora Smith met with residents of Clymer after returning from a government agricultural mission to Holland. Inspired by the Dutch communities he had seen there, especially their cleanliness, beauty, and abundance of tulips, Smith proposed creating a similar spirit in Clymer.



Carlyle Neckers, Ruth Gravink, Gertrude Gravink, Jane Fardink

That idea sparked the formation of the Clymer Community Club and the planning of the first festival, originally called Schoenemaken Dag, a Dutch phrase loosely meaning “clean-up” or “beautification day.”

The very first festival was held on Thursday, April 23, 1953. At the time, businesses already closed on Thursday afternoons, making it the perfect day for a town-wide clean-up celebration. Paper tulips decorated the schools and streets, residents planted tulip bulbs for future festivals, and sewing machines worked nonstop to create traditional Dutch “Volendam” costumes for townspeople.

More than 500 volunteers helped bring that first festival to life. Men carried yokes and buckets, women scrubbed streets with brooms, and schoolchildren marched in the “Volksparade,” or People’s Parade. Nearly everyone dressed in Dutch attire or their Sunday best.

Town Supervisor Harold Legters served as the first “burgermeister,” leading the ceremonial street scrubbing that remains one of the festival’s best-known traditions today.

The festival continued to grow throughout the 1950s and beyond. In 1954, the event officially became known as the Clymer Tulip Festival. That same era also introduced the beloved Klompen dancers. The Groat Klompen dancers joined the parade in 1954, followed by the Klein Klompen dancers in 1959, traditions that continue today.

To strengthen Clymer’s Dutch identity, four windmills were built in the fall of 1953 and placed at the entrances to town. One of those original windmills, located across from the school, was dedicated on October 13, 1953, and still stands as a community symbol decades later.

Another major tradition began in 1955 with the crowning of the first Tulip Queen, Gail Williams. Since then, dozens of young women have represented the festival and community through the Tulip Queen program.

Over the years, the festival expanded with larger parades, elaborate floats, music, dancing, demonstrations, and thousands of visitors. In 1957, Amos VanEarden began demonstrating the

art of wooden shoe making, another longtime festival favorite. The festival paused briefly in 1966, possibly due to the Vietnam War and the growing challenge of organizing such a large event. It returned in 1967 under a slightly different format before once again becoming the Tulip Festival in 1968.

After the 1976 festival, the event disappeared for several years as many felt it had become too commercialized and had drifted away from its original community-centered purpose.

Then, in 1983, a mysterious acronym began appearing around town: YAFTROFTF: “Young Adults for the Reorganization of the Tulip Festival.” Community members came together to revive the festival and return it to its roots with simpler traditions focused on civic pride, Dutch heritage, and community involvement.

That revival worked, and the festival has continued ever since. Today, the Clymer Tulip Festival is held every other year, alternating with the community musical. While new generations now organize the event, many of the original traditions remain: the burgermeister, ceremonial street scrubbing, the parade, Klompen dancers, Tulip Queen crowning, Dutch costumes, and a celebration of community spirit.

The festival celebrates Clymer’s history, volunteerism, and unique Dutch-inspired identity. Visitors experience small-town tradition at its best through colorful parades, music, dancing, community pride, and a festival unlike any other in the region.



# CLYMER TULIP FESTIVAL

## CLYMER TULIP FESTIVAL SCHEDULE 2026

### FRIDAY – MAY 15TH

#### 2:00pm-5:00pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse** will be open for visitors! Located at 7929 Clymer Center Rd, Clymer, NY 14724

#### 2:20pm

**May Day**- CCS School lawn

#### 5:00pm

**COME HAVE DINNER BEFORE THE CROWNING** – The COVE Food Truck WILL BE OPEN BEHIND CCS!

#### 7:00pm

**Tulip Queen Crowning** – Located at the CCS Student Performance Center

**Admission:** Donation (Benefits the Clymer Tulip Festival)

Concession Stand will be open serving snacks & drinks sponsored by the Clymer FBLA - In addition to the concessions there will also be a basket raffle that will take place throughout the weekend's activities beginning Friday night. These events are held to support the Clymer FBLA students attend their national competitions in San Antonio, TX.

#### 9:00pm

**Sausage & Sauerkraut Social** – Immediately following the Tulip Queen Crowning

Come to the Clymer Town Park to meet the 2026 Tulip Queen! Enjoy a warm bonfire and the flare lighting around the Clymer Pond – Sponsored by: White Land Surveying, CBCO, Inc., Ron/Jenna Johnson Family & Patty White

#### 9:30pm

**\*\* FIREWORKS - AT THE TOWN PARK!!!**

Sponsored by Clymer Area Businesses and Community Members\*\*

### SATURDAY - MAY 16TH

#### 7:30am

**The Wooden Shoe 5K Run/5K Walk Registration AND the 5K Kids Races- Registration** @ the SPC Lobby – Sponsored by SHAC (Student Health Advisory Council) **\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

#### 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse** will be open for visitors! Located at 7929 Clymer Center Rd., Clymer, NY 14724

#### 9:00am

**Start of the Wooden Shoe 5K Run/5K Walk**

#### 9:30am

**Start of the Wooden Shoe Kids Dash** – Track at CCS - **\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\***

#### 10:00am – 1:00pm

**Clymer French Creek Library – Book Sale, Face Painting and Quilt Raffle** – tickets available at Clymer French Creek Library, Community Bank & Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union

\$5 for 1 chance OR \$20.00 for 5 chances – Drawing to be held Tulip Festival weekend.

#### 10:00am – 2:30pm

**"KIDS ZONE"** – Elementary gym at the front of the school - \$5 Admission (all day)

**\*\* Bounce Houses and Games \*\***

#### 10:30am

**Craft/Vendor Show** - TONS of local crafters and familiar vendors along Rt 474 towards Fire Hall and Freeman St. next to the school

#### 10:00am

**Clymer Fire Department Open House** – Stop in and check out the fire department's equipment!

**\*\* Chautauqua County Sherriff's Dept** will be onsite with their Safe Child ID program & their K9 Unit will be stopping by for a visit! Also, come chat with John Letzo, CRNP from the Clymer Medical Center which is now accepting new patients and walk-ins! **\*\***

**Petting Zoo** – CCS Front Lawn - Sponsored by CCS FFA program – Come see Chickens, ducks, bunnies goats, and possibly a few other surprises!!

**Concessions open** – Food vendors open along Main Street featuring a variety of food and games- **FEATURING:** YAKISOBA NOODLE & TERIYAKI, ACE'S KETTLE CORN, PIT STOP POPS, 3 C'S CATERING, EVERYDAY'S A SUNDAE, RAMCOR and CLYMER CENTRAL SCHOOLS – THE COVE, PLUS CCS CLASS & CLUB FUNDRAISERS!

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#### 10:00am

**BASKETBALL CONNECT 4** – Located on Freeman St.

#### 10:30am

**Groat Klompen Dancers** to perform a traditional Dutch dance on Main Street

#### 11:00am

**Klein Klompen Dancers** – school age children show off a traditional Dutch dance on Main St

#### 11:00am

**Class of 2029 Chicken BBQ** - \$15/Dinner – Includes ½ Chicken, Mac Salad, Beans, Bread & a Dessert – **ONLY 300 dinners available – TAKE OUT ONLY** – Pick up at CCS Cafeteria. **NO PRESALE!**

#### 11:30am

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM – SHOW TENT** Located @ Lictus Automotive – This program allows kids to learn about dogs and it gives them the knowledge to work with dogs. The program is open to kids from 5 to 18 and you are not required to own a dog. Any dog can be in the program so hope you can stop to meet the dogs and talk to the kids in our program to learn more!

#### 12:00pm

**MAGIC STEVE – SHOW TENT** Located @ Lictus Automotive

#### 12:45pm

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#### 1:30pm

**MAGIC STEVE – SHOW TENT** Located @ Lictus Automotive

#### 2:45 pm

**Street Scrubbing** – Meet at the corner of Main & Freeman Streets

**GRAND PARADE** –

To begin immediately following the Street Scrubbing – Parade Route:



Corner of Mohawk & Main Streets to Clymer Fire Hall

#### 3pm – 6pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse** will be open for visitors

**SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT!!!** ASHES TO CROWNS

#### 7:00pm

**SPC (CLYMER CENTRAL SCHOOL)** **ADMISSION: DONATION** (Benefits Clymer Tulip Festival)

**\* Pirates Gallery Art Show** – Artwork from all ages of children at the school will be displayed in the hallway outside of the SPC. Check out these wonderful works of art of our children here at Clymer Central School during the Tulip Queen Crowning Friday night and Saturday Night concert. Coordinated by CCS art teachers \*

### SUNDAY – MAY 17TH

#### 1:30pm

**PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT** – Sponsored by Abbe Reformed Church located at Clymer Central School Courts – **PLAY STARTS 2pm** – Refreshments available – Donations to support Love One International

#### 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Little Red Schoolhouse** will be open for visitors! Located at 7929 Clymer Center Rd., Clymer, NY 14724

**FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR CLYMER TULIP FESTIVAL FACEBOOK PAGE!!**





# Businesses of the Week

Celebrating Local Businesses & Giving them the Spotlight!

## CLYMER PROUDLY PRESENTS TWO NEW GEMS: SWEETERSON FARMS & FLAME COFFEE



Editor-in-Chief  
Katrina Fuller

**T**wo new local businesses in Clymer, NY, are bringing joy to foodies and coffee lovers in the town.

mers in that way, she said she enjoys the engagement and conversation they have when she is serving them their favorite coffee beverages.

"I love to meet people in a more casual way," she said. "We hope to integrate into people's routines and really get to know what people are looking for."

While it is easy to get the word out online, Heiser and her sister have found it can be difficult to get in touch with people who are not online.

"We have an amazing community on social media, but that leaves a lot of people in the dark. We are actively working on our print advertising, flyers and word of mouth to reach as many people as we can," she said. "Since we are brand new, a lot of people definitely haven't visited us yet. I would like people to know that we are here to make your new favorite drink! We know coffee preferences vary from person to person, so we want to make sure you get the drink you want. We do not upcharge for alternative milks like oat, almond or coconut because people shouldn't have to pay more for intolerances or milk preferences."

Heiser noted that there are also varying ways customers can retrieve their coffee with both a walk-up window and a drive-through.

"This was a very important part of our business when we were planning our trailer remodel," she said. "As someone with two young children, it's not always convenient to get out of the car and wait for coffee, so it was very important for us to make a drive-through work."

With the return of Spring, Heiser said they've taken some inspiration for their Spring menu from the whimsy of the season with fun drinks like the Cake Batter Latte, Chocolate Pistachio Latte and the Blackberry Matcha.

"Our Spring menu is really fun and has been a hit so far," she said. "Our goal with our specials is to create a simple but delicious item that people wouldn't think to order. We've gotten really good feedback on our matcha lattes and are excited to bring that to our small town."

Twin Flames will be open during May from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday through Saturday. Heiser said they will also be open on Memorial Day.

Sisters Anna Heiser and Makenna Woods have long dreamed about enjoying specialty coffee locally and have since been working to make it happen. Twin Flame, a coffee truck located at 8734 E Main Street, is that dream come to life.

"Twin Flame started as a dream of mine and my sister's about 3 years ago. We both love coffee and didn't like that there wasn't any place nearby to get coffee, besides plain black coffee," Heiser said. "We would regularly travel to Corry, Union City, Lakewood and Erie, but not everyone wants to or can travel to get coffee. We both have a lot of friends in the area who agreed there was a lack of options right here in Clymer!"

Heiser said there wasn't an opportunity to move into an existing space, but a small piece of land went up for tax auction in the summer of 2025.

"We had an idea to try to buy that land and buy a trailer to park on it," she said. "We found an old camping trailer to renovate and all our plans came together to open after Makenna graduates from college this May."

Being located in Clymer is an important part of their business, Heiser said. She and her sister love the town and knew they wanted to start their business there.

"And, everyone deserves good coffee," she added.

Heiser said she loves connecting with local residents on another level. While she currently works at the local hardware store and can connect with custo-



Pheobe, Carrie, Diana & Levi Swanson



Anna Heiser and Makenna Woods



"In June, our hours will be extended, but we haven't finalized those yet," she said. "The best way to keep up with our hours is by checking online or checking our hours poster hanging in the trailer. We are so excited for this business to grow and continue to meet people!"

Sweeterson Farms, a curated kitchen boutique that specializes in kitchen gadgets, utensils, sustainable items, including handmade beeswax wraps, and gifts, has moved from an online reality to an in-person storefront in Clymer.

"We began in 2023 online with 30 items and have expanded throughout the three years to pop-ups, vendor shows



and now our brick and mortar store on Main Street with over 500 items," said co-owner Carrie Swanson.

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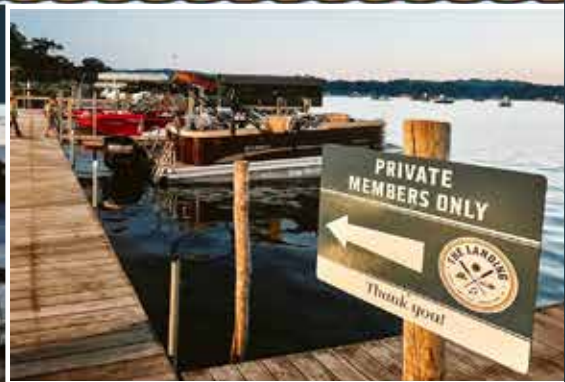


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that we received for \$5 million, as well as a 30 year bond at 0% interest allowed the town to move this project forward in a fiscally responsible manner.

### Sidewalk Improvements: Strengthening Safety

We have also continued our work to improve walkability and pedestrian safety throughout Clymer.

- In 2021, Phase I of our sidewalk replacement project upgraded 2,675 feet of sidewalk.
- In 2024, Phase II replaced an additional 2,000 feet.

Looking ahead, the New York State Department of Transportation is planning a drainage, curb, and sidewalk replacement project scheduled to begin in Spring 2027 along route 474 from the fire hall to Clymer Central School. This partnership will further modernize our streets and improve safety for residents of all ages, and will effectively complete the replacement of all of the existing sidewalks in the town as well as improved stormwater runoff.

**Town Park Playground Enhancements**  
Our Town Park continues to evolve as a central gathering place for families. Phase I of the playground upgrade was completed in October 2022, bringing new life to the space with a design slanted towards 3-6 year olds. Phase II has just finished the design stage, and is set for construction in late June 2026. This phase is targeting kids ages 6-10. These improvements will provide safer, more engaging recreational opportunities for our children and grandchildren. Big thank you to town board member Todd Kolstee for his work on both of these projects.

### Improving Town Services and Operations

The pandemic taught us many lessons, including the need for a more functional

Town Clerk office setup. In 2025, we relocated the office to 562 Clymer Sherman Road, giving residents a more accessible and efficient space for conducting town business.

Additionally, in 2024, we implemented a new financial software program to improve the accuracy and efficiency of managing the town's fiscal affairs. This upgrade ensures that our operations remain transparent, accountable, and modern.

### Chautauqua County EMS Fly Car

If you have been in the area of the fire hall recently, you likely noticed a Chautauqua County EMS vehicle parked alongside the building. The reason for this is because, as of April 2026, the town and surrounding communities are now being protected 24/7 by a paid paramedic. We are grateful for the county providing this service in support of our local volunteers, and are actively looking for a better arrangement to be able to park the vehicle out of the elements.

### Looking Ahead

Clymer is a strong community—one that values progress, safety, and quality of life. These projects represent not just improvements to infrastructure, but investments in our future. They reflect our shared commitment to ensuring that Clymer remains a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

A very special thank you to the many people who have been involved with these projects from the Town Board, Town Clerk, Town Highway Supervisor and Employees, Engineers, Contractors, and most importantly, the residents of the Town of Clymer for their guidance and support through all of the various projects that we have taken on in the past few years. It has been a busy, exciting, and very rewarding time to be involved.

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## Exoplanets: What They Are and How We Find Them

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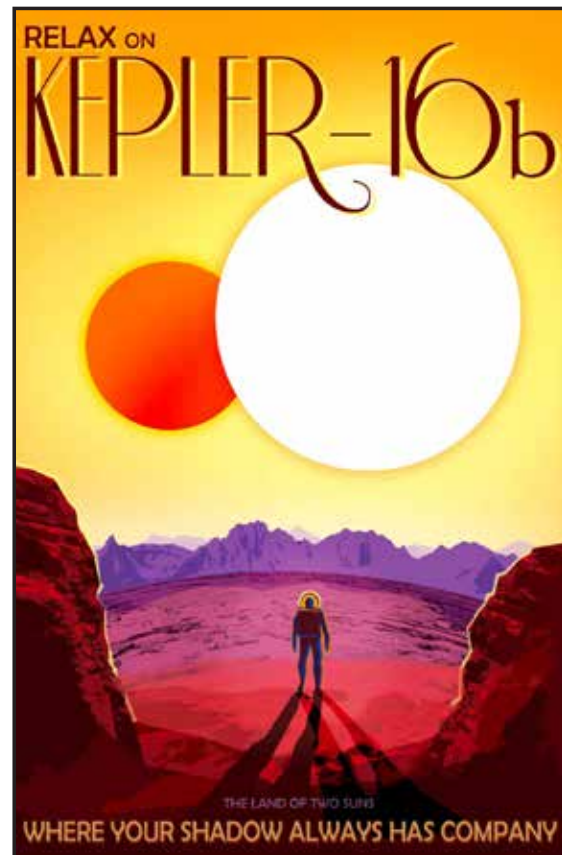
The confirmation of more than 6,000 exoplanets marks a monumental milestone for humanity, ushering in a new era of cosmic exploration. These diverse worlds are reshaping our understanding of the universe, revealing that our galaxy likely hosts trillions of planets—from the truly exotic to those that bear a striking resemblance to Earth. While NASA's space telescopes like James Webb and TESS lead the way from orbit, critical follow-up research is happening right here in Western New York.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM, the Martz-Kohl Observatory will host "Exoplanets: What They Are and How We Find Them," a public talk presented by Observatory President Tom Traub. The presentation offers a general introduction to these fascinating worlds and highlights the cutting-edge research being conducted at the observatory.

"We explore because humans are inherently curious," says Traub. "While space travel to these worlds is currently impossible, we explore from home to learn how other planetary systems form. This helps us understand just how unique and special our own Earth truly is."

The talk will feature local scientific highlights, including the observatory's 2025 collaboration with a global network of researchers to discover Wolf 327b. Located 93 light-years away, this "super-Earth" is a scorched, rocky world that orbits its star in just 13.7 hours. Traub will explain the transit method used by observatory members—a technique that involves measuring tiny dips in starlight as a planet passes in front of its sun—much like watching a moth flutter across a distant streetlight.

Tom Traub is the President of the Marshal Martz Memorial



Imagine a world where you have two shadows and every sunset is a double feature. This isn't Star Wars' Tatooine—it's Kepler-16b, a real exoplanet discovered right in our own Milky Way galaxy, only 245 light-years away! Join Martz-Kohl Observatory President Tom Traub as he reveals how we find these "strange new worlds" right here in Western New York!

Credit: JPL / Caltech

Astronomical Association Inc. (MMMAA), where he blends a lifelong passion for the stars with a gift for scientific exploration. A lifelong resident of Warren, PA, Tom's journey began at age nine, leading him to grind his own 8-inch telescope mirror by age 14 and later construct a planetarium projector for public programs. After the Apollo program concluded, Tom spent 41 years as a product design engineer for Betts Industries, all while maintaining his deep devotion to the night sky. He recently applied his technical expertise to spearhead the automation of the observatory's 24-inch telescope and the integration of new astro-imaging systems, paving the way for advanced research and greater community involvement.

A firm believer in the power of citizen science, Tom collaborated on the 2025 discovery of the exoplanet Wolf 327b, proving that dedicated local observers can make a global impact. As a NASA Eclipse Ambassador, he led the observatory's extensive outreach program for the total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024. His distinguished background includes leadership roles in the Astronomical League and

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## Free Rabies Vaccine Clinics Offered Across Chautauqua County



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Chautauqua County  
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The Chautauqua County Health Department, in partnership with the Town of Westfield, Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue, Chautauqua County Humane Society, The Pet Pantry, and Lakeshore Humane Society, will host four free rabies vaccination clinics to help protect dogs, cats, and ferrets, as well as the community, from this fatal disease.

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431 E. Chestnut Street, Dunkirk

- Saturday, May 30th | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
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**How to Participate:**

- **Eligibility:** Dogs, cats and ferrets three months of age and older are eligible for a vaccination.
- **Pre-registration required:** Visit HealthyCHQ.com/rabies to schedule an appointment. If unable to attend, please cancel via your confirmation email to open your spot to others.
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Kate McDonald Polakiewicz, Farm Business Management Specialist, and Amy Barkley, Livestock Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension, invite beginning and established farmers to attend an upcoming online webinar that covers key considerations for farmers when starting a farm stand or farm store. Establishing these on-farm retail outlets can help producers gain market access, diversify their income, and connect with their community. Individuals attending this training will learn to think through what is involved with setting up a farm stand or store—including agricultural districting, local zoning laws, suitability for farm stand or store locations, insurance needs, product regulations, marketing considerations, and more.

The program will be held on

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 12pm – 1pm. It will be taught as a webinar over Zoom and is free to attend. Pre-registration is required. The webinar will be recorded, and a recording will be sent to all registrants. For questions or assistance registering, visit <https://tinyurl.com/47vzfw3t> or contact Kate McDonald Polakiewicz at 716-640-0522 or [kem348@cornell.edu](mailto:kem348@cornell.edu).

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## Margaret Ostrander

Margaret Ostrander recently celebrated her 100th birthday, marking a century filled with faith, family, service, and joy. Born in Everett, Massachusetts, Margaret shared 73 wonderful years of marriage with her beloved husband, Murvel. Together they built a beautiful family that now includes four children, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Throughout her life, Margaret held several jobs, including secretarial work for the chief clerk at a naval gun factory during wartime. A talented self-taught piano player, Margaret, has always enjoyed keeping busy with puzzles, cooking, movies, and reading.



Margaret's favorite memories include her years volunteering with the PTA, participating in 4-H, and serving as a Cub Scout den leader. She also has a unique fun fact that surprises many people — she previously drove a fire truck! When asked the secret to a long and fulfilling life, Margaret shares, "To live a long life, make sure you laugh a lot, love a lot, and be active." Her strong faith has guided her throughout her life, and her favorite scripture remains, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path."

## Robert "Bob" Kennelley

Robert "Bob" Kennelley recently celebrated his 100th birthday surrounded by a loving and growing family. Born in Dunkirk, New York, Bob grew up in the Cassadaga area working on his family farm before proudly serving in the United States Navy beginning in 1944. Following his military service, Bob worked for Agway for more than 30 years, building a reputation for hard work and dedication. Bob shared 42 years of marriage with his late wife, Shirley, before her passing, and he and his wife Grace have now been together for 26 wonderful years. His family includes five children, one stepson, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren with one more on the way, and four great-great-grandchildren.



Bob's hobbies and interests have always reflected his active lifestyle and love for the outdoors. He enjoys bowling, gardening, fishing, and baseball, and he proudly notes that he is one of eight children. Above all else, Bob is most proud of passing along his strong work ethic to his children and grandchildren. His advice for others is simple yet meaningful: always be kind. Bob's life has been shaped by hard work, family values, and a deep appreciation for the people around him.

## Judy Young

Judy Young recently celebrated her 100th birthday and continues to inspire others with her remarkable energy and accomplishments. Born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Queens, Judy later moved to Jamestown in 1961. She has been blessed with a wonderful family, including her husband, two children, and one grandson. Judy enjoyed a successful career that included positions as a secretary for The New Yorker magazine and the Jamestown YMCA. Throughout her life, she has remained passionate about staying physically and mentally active through reading, puzzles, and athletics.



A champion master swimmer, Judy has earned dozens of medals and set numerous national age-group records in competitions held throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, and Florida. Her competitive spirit and dedication to fitness continue to inspire those around her. Judy also carries vivid memories of World War II, including Pearl Harbor Day and standing with soldiers right before their number was called to go overseas. Her advice to others is both practical and heartfelt: "Keep active and value your friends." Her century of life reflects resilience, determination, and a deep appreciation for community and friendship.




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**CCPEG Releases Updated County Economic Development Strategy**

*New plan sets shared priorities, strengthens coordination, and guides project decisions countywide*

*Contributed by  
Chautauqua County  
Partnership for Economic  
Growth*

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) has released the Chautauqua County Economic Development Strategy for 2026-2031. The Strategy updates the county's 2020 Strategic Plan and provides a clear, countywide roadmap to guide economic development priorities and investments through 2031 by outlining the county's key needs, setting clear priorities, and helping to guide planning, grant requests, and project work over the next five years. Just as important, the Strategy will help guide decision making when it involves prioritizing local economic development projects. It is intended help communities, workforce partners, economic and community development organizations, and other partners work toward the same countywide goals.

"With many needs and limited resources, Chautauqua County must focus on projects that are ready, aligned, and likely to deliver strong results for residents and businesses," said Mark Geise, Deputy Chautauqua County Executive for Economic Development and CCPEG Advisory Board Co-chair. "Building off our successes in the last several years, the updated Strategy gives Chautauqua County a clear direction for the next five years and helps us stay focused on the work that matters most. It also helps us make smarter choices about the projects we should support. When partners share the same plan, we can make greater progress and do it more expeditiously."

The Strategy was shaped by input from stakeholders from across the county, it builds off of past work, and it updates priorities based on current conditions. "This new strategic plan recognizes that economic development is not a single program or a single project that occurs in a vacuum," Geise said. "But rather, it is a steady opus that depends on coordination, clear goals, and follow-through. The Strategy also reflects lessons learned over the last five years, including the importance



of being prepared when funding opportunities become available, and the value of strong partnerships across organizations and communities."

The Economic Development Strategy for 2026-2031 is also designed to be practical and user-friendly. It focuses on five areas, or pillars, that are key to a strong economy and strong communities: business development, workforce, housing, infrastructure, and placemaking.

"These focus areas are all closely connected," said Josiah Lamp, CCPEG Program Manager. "Businesses grow when they have workers, sites, and modern infrastructure. Workers locate here or stay when they can find stable jobs and housing. Communities thrive when downtowns, waterfronts, and public spaces support local life and attract visitors."

**About CCPEG** - The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources to advance key projects that achieve economic prosperity in Chautauqua County. It also serves as the catalyst and broker of resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for improving the quality of life in our communities, thereby attracting people and businesses to Chautauqua County to live, work, recreate, and invest. It is an initiative of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC).

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# The Clymer Amish Community

Chautauqua County is home to one of the oldest and largest Amish settlements in the state of New York. The Amish presence in the region dates back to the mid-20th century, when families from Pennsylvania and Ohio migrated to the area in search of affordable farmland and the opportunity to maintain a traditional agricultural lifestyle. Much of the Amish population is concentrated in the Conewango Valley and surrounding rural communities, including areas near Clymer, Sherman, and French Creek. Historians and researchers note that many of these settlers belonged to conservative Amish affiliations, particularly the Troyer Amish, known for maintaining strict traditional practices and simple living.

Today, the Amish are an important part of the rural identity and economy of southern Chautauqua County. In and around Clymer, visitors frequently encounter horse-drawn buggies, family farms, roadside produce stands, woodworking shops, and handmade furniture businesses. While the Amish community generally values privacy and separation from modern culture, many families operate small businesses that serve locals and visitors. The region is known for craftsmanship, agriculture, and traditional trades, which help preserve the county's rural character. Residents often describe the Amish presence as deeply connected to the landscape and farming heritage of the area.

*We are proud to feature the below article from an octogenarian matriarch in the Clymer Amish community who has written for the national Amish publication the "Die Botchaft" for many years. Her daughter, Amanda Byler, authored the book, "Memories of the Clymer, New York Settlement - a beautiful complication of Amish remembrances." The book may be purchased at Clymer Hardware Store.*

*Featured Writer*  
**Clara Troyer**

Fifty years ago, in May of 1976, our family moved to the Clymer area from Middlefield, Ohio. We were the second Amish family to settle here. The first family, Noah and Ida Wengerd and their five children, later moved to Rogers, Ohio, about 12 years ago, so we have now lived here the longest. We moved because we wanted a farm, and land prices were more reasonable here than in the Middlefield area. In the fall of 1975, my husband Walter and several other men made trips out here and found farms available for purchase. We bought our farm from Merle and Eva Dwick on Clymer Hill Road.

Leaving relatives, neighbors, and caring church families behind was not easy. We had our doubts at times, but we also felt our former area was becoming crowded, and this community was only about 100 miles away.

So, with our seven children, ages 14 down to 3 years old, we made the move. Anyone who remembers the winter of 1976-77 will remember the many snowstorms and the weather during those first few winters, but we survived!



We could never complain about the non-Amish neighbors around us. They always treated us well and made us feel welcome. I especially want to mention the late Nancy Westerburg and her kindness to us Amish families. She was a paramedic and helped us whenever needed.

Today, this area, Clymer, Sherman, Panama, and a few families in Bear Lake, Pa., includes 13 church districts and at least that many private schools. Around 350 families, "more or less," now make up this close-knit community, where many older residents have married children and grandchildren who hope to remain in the area.

Many new homes have been built over the years, although dairy farmers are now few and far between. Today, there are calf and chicken farmers, along with many family-oriented businesses, including carpentry, timber, lumber, and pallet shop operations.

We are also seriously thinking about holding a 50th anniversary reunion this summer, although no location or date has yet been announced.

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# Cassadaga Valley Key Club Students Take the Lead in Community Giving Through NCCF Initiative



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## Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation

The future of community leadership was on full display in Cassadaga recently, driven by the insight, compassion, and determination of local students who proved they are not only ready to be part of the conversation but to lead it.

Through an initiative led by the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF), made possible by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, more than 30 students from Cassadaga Valley Central School District's Key Club stepped into the role of philanthropists. Their task was simple, but powerful: identify the most pressing needs in their community and decide how to invest real money.

What followed was a dynamic process rooted in collaboration, critical thinking, and a deep understanding of their community.

Students began by identifying the needs they see every day: mental health and substance use concerns, the need for stronger community connection, food insecurity, access to basic necessities, care for the elderly, and transportation barriers.

Working in small groups, they shared perspectives, asked thoughtful questions, and reflected on both the challenges and the organizations working to meet them. As ideas filled the room, common themes emerged. With support from NCCF, students carefully considered impact, reach, and need — ultimately making intentional, informed decisions about where funding could do the most good.

By the end of the session, they directed \$2,000 in grant funding to three organizations:

- Park Methodist Church — \$1,000
- Cassadaga Valley S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) — \$500
- Cassadaga Valley Key Club — \$500

Their selections reflected a strong awareness of the organizations that serve as anchors in their community. It's important to recognize that to them, school is a major part of their community. Learning how to make an impact at school translates to their ability and drive to impact wherever they go on to live.

Reflecting on the role of Park Methodist Church in the community, Xabrina Szablewski said, "I swear it's like the heart of our community. It is behind so many things, and it doesn't even get recognized for half the things it does. It is such a big part of the community."

Students also recognized the importance of prevention and education through S.A.D.D., as well as the opportunity to expand the reach of their own service work through Key Club.

"We also hope to start a middle school branch of S.A.D.D. that focuses more on bullying prevention," said Szablewski.

"For us, the funding opens up more opportunities to do bigger things," said student Austin Gloss. He spoke passionately about his time in Key Club, the projects he's been a part of, and the impact he has made during his service.

For Key Club advisor Karen Schrader, the experience was both inspiring and affirming.

"I was beyond impressed with the needs and areas that the students came up with. Many I had never even thought of. Sometimes the youth of today get a bad rep, but that's not what I saw and heard in the room. I saw passion and compassion. I saw energy. I saw the future in these kids," she said. "The Key Club exceeded my personal expectations. While I have not been to Park Church, I sure did learn at this meeting that they seem to be the pillar of our community, servicing enormous numbers of our youth in several capacities. I can say with sincerity, it has been an honor to work in Cassadaga my entire career and my entire adult life."

At its core, the regranting initiative is about more than funding; it is about connection, trust, and possibility. By engaging students in real decision-making, NCCF is helping to build understanding of what a community foundation is, and what it can do through the power of Community Funds established by generous, forward-thinking donors. The process connects people to organizations, highlights needs and opportunities, and strengthens partnerships across the community.

It also empowers young people to see themselves as part of the solution. Students are not only learning about philanthropy, they are practicing it. They are identifying needs, aligning resources, and making decisions that create real, tangible impact.

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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!

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| 15. Fates                               | 40. Potted plants                  |
| 17. The Yankees have lots of these      | 41. Containers                     |
| 19. Unhappy                             | 43. Large, flightless birds        |
| 20. Mimic                               | 45. Part of a book                 |
| 21. Remove from the record              | 46. American spies                 |
| 22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)      | 47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flc |
| 23. A way to fight                      | 49. Swiss river                    |
| 24. Turfs                               | 50. Disfigure                      |
| 26. Contract                            | 53. Have surgery                   |
| 29. Country along the Arabian peninsula | 57. Formal withdrawal              |
| 31. Tree species                        | 58. Early English council          |
| 32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)   | 59. Area units                     |
| 34. Perfect                             | 60. 2,000 lbs.                     |
|   | 61. Siskel and ___                 |

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| 1. Animal jaws                         | 29. Resistance unit               |
| 2. Small water buffalo                 | 30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea |
| 3. An appliance has one                | 31. Cast out                      |
| 4. Every                               | 33. 60-minute periods             |
| 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)  | 35. Most worn                     |
| 6. Very skilled                        | 36. European river                |
| 7. No more than what is specified      | 37. Atomic mass unit              |
| 8. Tire measurement                    | 39. Items of food                 |
| 9. Towers                              | 42. Body parts                    |
| 10. Forward                            | 43. Ireland                       |
| 11. Jacob ___, American journalist     | 44. Partner to Pa                 |
| 12. Vale                               | 46. Sammy ___, songwriter         |
| 13. Former CIA                         | 47. Dutch settler                 |
| 16. Middle Eastern nation              | 48. Full-grown pike fish          |
| 18. Exhausts                           | 49. Sun or solar disk             |
| 22. South Dakota                       | 50. Minute arachnid               |
| 23. The complete duration of something | 51. From a distance               |
| 24. Kids love him                      | 52. A monthly expense             |
| 25. Singular                           | 53. Young women's association     |
| 27. Cod genus                          | 54. Brazilian state               |
| 28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese           | 55. Air freight provider          |
|  | 56. Pointed end of a pen          |



# HEALTHYCHQ



## Chautauqua County Highlights Dental Health Needs & Community Solutions

Community leaders, healthcare professionals, educators, and students gathered recently in Chautauqua County to address pressing dental health challenges and explore solutions. *Contributed by Chautauqua County Health Department*



Jamestown and Monroe Community Colleges receive Champion Awards for their efforts to prepare local students for careers in dental hygiene. From left: Chautauqua County Public Health Director Lacey Wilson, Chautauqua County Legislator Marty Proctor, Dr. Marsha Bower of Monroe Community College, Dr. Daniel DeMarte of Jamestown Community College, local dentists Dr. Erin Pender and Dr. Tom Dobmeier, and Chautauqua Lake Dental Practice Manager and Dental Connect Program Coordinator Annie Pratt.

professionals, educators, and students gathered recently in Chautauqua County to address pressing dental health challenges and explore solutions. "Building for Our Future: Strengthening the Dental Health System" was held at the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Community Training Center and drew approximately 30 attendees representing a wide range of sectors. The event aimed to increase awareness of the county's dental health needs, highlight ongoing and planned initiatives, and build support for strengthening the local dental health system.

County Executive Paul M. Wendel, Jr. delivered opening remarks highlighting his commitment to improving dental health in the region. Lacey Wilson, Chautauqua County Pu-

blic Health Director, outlined key oral health data and future priorities. Local data indicate that access to dental care remains a challenge for many residents, particularly those insured through Me-

dicaid.

Three major barriers impacting dental health access in Chautauqua County:

**Income**—many residents face financial limitations that make it difficult to afford care, even when insured.

**Transportation challenges**—especially in rural areas—can prevent individuals from getting to appointments

**Workforce shortages**—a shortage of dental professionals in the region limits appointment availability and contributes to longer wait times. In addition, the number of providers who accept Medicaid is limited, and demand exceeds available capacity.

More information on county data related to oral health care can be found here: <https://bit.ly/CHQOralHealth>.



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## SUNY Fredonia Opens New Track and Field Facility, Hosts First Home Meet Since 2008



Alumni, student athletes and dignitaries break through the ceremonial ribbon at the ceremony opening SUNY Fredonia's outdoor track and field facility.

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**SUNY Fredonia**

The State University of New York at Fredonia officially opened its newly upgraded outdoor track and field facility on April 25, hosting its first home meet in nearly two decades.

Prior to the meet, university leaders, student-athletes, coaches, alumni and invited guests gathered at the facility for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, which included remarks from campus and state representatives, as well as Fredonia students and athletics leadership.

"These enhancements create a premier venue for student-athletes," said President Stephen H. Kolison Jr. "I extend my sincere gratitude to all who helped make this remarkable facility a reality."

The nearly \$12 million project, funded through the State University of New York Construction Fund as part of systemwide capital investment, includes an eight-lane all-weather track, jumping and throwing venues, a synthetic turf infield, stadium lighting, a press box and seating for approximately 500 spectators.

Senior student-athlete Cara Pellechia spoke about the significance of the new facility from a student perspective. "This facility is incredibly

meaningful to us. It's not just a place where we practice or compete," Pellechia said. "It's where we grow together, challenge each other and celebrate each other. This is where relationships are built, and some of our closest friendships are formed."

Pellechia added that the investment reflects confidence in the program's future. "It shows that people believe in what we're doing," she said. "We're proud of this space and excited for everything ahead."

"This facility represents a meaningful investment in our students and creates new opportunities for our programs," said Interim Co-Director of Athletics and Recreation Patrick Gondek. "It allows our track and field and cross-country teams to compete and host events on campus, while also providing a high-quality space for training, recreation and the broader campus community."

Gondek also announced during the ceremony that Fredonia has been selected to host the 2027 and 2028 SUNYAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the new facility.

The ceremony concluded with a symbolic ribbon-cutting, as track and field alumni ran through the ribbon held by dignitaries that included former Fredonia Track and Field Coach Jim Ulrich, the architect of 36 SUNYAC track championships.

## RACE AGAINST TIME

*Featured Writer*

**Joan Eppheimer**

Discovering cures and treatments for progressive diseases is like a race against time, because progressive means the disorder is worsening with each passing day, month, and year. On Friday, May 15, 2026, International MPS Awareness Day will be observed, a day highlighting a family of rare, progressive diseases known as MPS and ML.

MPS and ML diseases are a little bit like the movie *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* in which a baby begins as an old man and ages in reverse. In MPS and ML each child begins life as a healthy baby and continues to develop normally until somewhere between the ages of 18 months and four years old. Imagine watching your child take his or her first steps, learn their first words, and acquire other early milestones only to watch them slowly begin losing them as these conditions take hold on their bodies.

MPS and ML patients all lack specific enzymes in their bodies. Inside our body's cells are tiny organelles called lysosomes, often dubbed the stomach of the cell. Their main job is to digest and break down molecules sent into the cells so they can be recycled in the body or eliminated. Powerful enzymes accomplish this task. Each MPS patient lacks an enzyme that decomposes complex sugar molecules and those with the ML condition lack enzymes that disintegrate lipids in the cell. Both cases cause substances to build up and be stored in each cell that were not meant to be there causing them to be known as Lysosomal Storage Diseases (LSD). Over time the build-up becomes toxic to the cell and causes damage which in turn causes progressive health problems. Thus, patients are in a race against time to find treatment to slow and prevent

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*Wayne & Jason*



the progression of the disease.

Until the 1950's science did not even know the lysosome existed. Today remarkable progress has been made in developing treatments for some of these disorders. The missing enzymes for several of the MPS types have been created scientifically and can be administered once a week intravenously, known as enzyme replacement therapy (ERT). Treatments do not cure the disease, but they help to slow its progress.

Avlayah, an ERT just approved by the FDA in February 2026 for MPS II represents a significant advancement in treatment. This therapy can replace the deficient enzyme both in brain tissue as well as the rest of the body. It is the first ERT treatment for MPS II that can cross the blood-brain barrier to address neurological symptoms. Previously, there was no hope of preserving cogni-

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tive skills such as speech and neuromuscular abilities like walking. Developed over 20 years, Avlayah was even found to improve hearing in many trial participants.

Currently, Avlayah is only approved for patients under 18, leaving local resident Rev. Wayne Eppheimer and his nephew Jason Madison of Allentown, PA unable to access the new treatment. Both have the attenuated (mild) form of MPS II but are outside the approved age bracket.

There are still MPS conditions without any available treatments, but the National MPS Society announced this month some large grant funding for research and a new treatment on the horizon for MPS IIIB (Sanfilippo syndrome type

B). This is one of the types that currently does not have any available therapy. The clock is ticking in the bodies of children and adults with MPS, but as Terri Klein, CEO of The National MPS Society notes in referring to the new drug for MPS IIIB, "This kind of long-term clinical data represents exactly the progress our community has been fighting for." Understanding and treatment for rare diseases such as MPS has come a long way since the discovery of the lysosome in 1955.

In honor of this day, Mayor Ecklund has issued a proclamation declaring May 15, 2026, to be International MPS Awareness Day. City Hall will be lit purple to commemorate the day. If you would like more information, please visit <https://mpssociety.org/en/>



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### HOUSE PASSES 2026 FARM BILL

#### Farm, Food, and National Security Act Delivers Major Wins for Western New York and the Southern Tier

Congressman Nick Langworthy today announced House passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, a comprehensive Farm Bill that includes multiple provisions sponsored by Congressman Langworthy to strengthen rural communities across Western New York and the Southern Tier.

The legislation incorporates several of Congressman Langworthy's bills, including the GRAPE Act, MAPLE Act, SAP Act, CAREERS Act, and the Rural Telehealth and Education Enhancement Act, all aimed at supporting farmers, expanding rural economic opportunity, and improving access to critical services.

"As a former member of the Agriculture Committee, I know how much work and negotiation went into this legislation," said Congressman Langworthy. "This final package reflects real input from the farmers, producers, and growers from across the nation. I'm proud that several of my bills are included and will deliver direct benefits to Western New York and the Southern Tier. I'll always fight to make sure our rural communities have a seat at the table and the support they deserve."

In addition to his own provisions, Congressman Langworthy highlighted key reforms included in the bill, such as expanding SNAP eligibility to include hot foods like rotisserie chickens and addressing liability protections for pesticide manufacturers.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 224-200, with 14 Democrats voting in favor, marking the highest level of bipartisan support for a House Farm Bill since 2008. More than 96% of House Republicans supported the measure, the strongest Republican backing for a Farm Bill in history, underscoring a unified commitment to rural America.

*Congressman Langworthy's Provisions Included in the Farm Bill:*

- **GRAPE Act (H.R. 292):** Establishes a crop insurance program to protect table, wine, and juice grape growers from losses due to freeze events.
- **MAPLE Act (H.R. 293):** Expands the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to include maple syrup as an eligible purchase.
- **SAP Act (H.R. 289):** Reauthorizes the Acer Access and Development Program and strengthens industry input in setting program priorities.
- **CAREERS Act (H.R. 291):** Expands workforce development in rural communities by strengthening the RISE Grant Program to address workforce shortages and skills gaps.
- **Rural Telehealth and Education Enhancement Act (H.R. 290):** Reauthorizes the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program at \$82 million annually for five years, supporting broadband infrastructure and telehealth access in rural areas.

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The LRSH welcomes all visitors whenever the door is open and the flag is out, and is even host to classes of students for day field trips and experience the entire school day learning in this historical setting. It feels almost like it is time for school when you enter. Stop by during the Tulip Festival and enjoy a piece of Clymer history!

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### A DREAM REALIZED

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
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Last week, our team traveled across the county and connected with over 500 small businesses. Our mission was simple: to thank small business owners for doing business in Chautauqua County. As we've shared our voyage on social media, one comment on a video stuck out to me, "Thank you for helping small businesses achieve a dream."

A dream. For all of the work we do to champion small businesses, encourage the community to shop locally, celebrate the successes and try to provide educational resources to help avoid or get through the hard times, sometimes it can be lost that what we are doing is helping people live their dream.

We host a lot of ribbon cuttings for new businesses. As we hand the microphone to a business owner who is filled with nervous energy and just trying to remember the address of their business, we frequently hear the origin stories of how what was a passion became a profession. The owner will recount stories of talking to their spouse where they asked the questions, "Can we do this?" "Should we do this?" "Are we really doing this?"

As business owners find their location, or work from home. Fill out

paperwork. Hire employees. Join the chamber. Schedule a ribbon cutting. These are all steps towards fulfilling a dream.

Every time you walk through the doors of your local restaurant, florist, bookstore, autoshop, hair salon, etc, you aren't just walking into a small business, you are walking into the doors of a dream realized.

#### Business After Hours at Westfield Makerspace

The next CHQ Chamber Business After Hours will be held Wednesday, May 13 at Westfield Makerspace. Guests will enjoy complimentary appetizers and beverages while networking.

All local businesspeople are welcome. CHQ Chamber Business After Hours events are free for two people from each Chamber member organization. The price is just \$10 for non-members or anyone above the two-person limit. Registration is appreciated for our planning purposes but is not required. Registering in advance gets you on our "Who's Who in the Room" list. Registration is open now through our web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

Business After Hours at Westfield Makerspace is sponsored by Westfield Makerspace, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, SUNY Fredonia, and Media One Radio Group.

## Chautauqua County Health Department Highlights North County Partnerships to Expand Lead Poisoning Prevention Efforts

*Free Lead Testing Event on May 14th*



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#### Chautauqua County Health Department

The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) is proud to partner with organizations like the Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation (CHRIC) and the City of Dunkirk to expand lead poisoning prevention efforts and improve access to services for families in Northern Chautauqua County. As part of these collaborative efforts, **residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming Dunkirk City School District Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, May 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at Dunkirk Intermediate School on Eagle Street, where free lead-related testing and educational resources will be available to the community.

During the event, CHRIC will offer **free lead testing for household items**, including vintage toys, imported ceramics, decorative bakeware, and repurposed painted items that may contain lead.

The Health Department will also provide **free lead testing for children age of six and under**. The quick fingerstick test provides results within minutes and helps families determine whether children may currently be exposed to lead. Children should routinely be tested for lead at ages one and two through their pediatrician, and this event offers an additional opportunity for families to catch up on missed testing or check for exposure between routine screenings. Lead exposure remains a serious public health concern, particularly in older communities like Dunkirk, where many homes were built before 1978, when lead-based paint was banned for residential use. Lead exposure can cause lifelong learning difficulties, developmental delays, behavioral concerns, and other serious health effects in children.

For more information about lead poisoning prevention programs and services available through the Chautauqua County Health Department, visit [HealthyCHQ.com/Lead](http://HealthyCHQ.com/Lead) or call the Health Department at (716) 753-4481.

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## \$23 Million in Broadband Investment Approved in Chautauqua County

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**County of Chautauqua  
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The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), in close collaboration with the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development, announced significant progress in expanding broadband access to unserved and underserved locations across the county. These advancements follow years of focused planning, infrastructure analysis, and agency coordination aimed at closing the digital divide for rural residents, businesses, and community institutions.

As the Covid-19 pandemic made abundantly clear, there are still many areas within Chautauqua County that do not have access to high-speed broadband internet. In recognition of the need to focus on critical

infrastructure and economic resiliency, changes in the way people work and do business, and enhancing opportunities for entrepreneurship and business development, Chautauqua County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) working group identified the Broadband Infrastructure Project as one of the County's top priority community and economic development projects.

The County authorized and contracted with the CCIDA to allocate \$1 million dollars in ARPA funding to identify and work with the various stakeholders to define a strategic solution and accompanying action plan for implementation; develop a funding strategy based on available funding opportunities; assist in the development and submission of grant proposals; and assist in Request for Proposals (RFP) and vendor solicitation to reach unserved and underserved addresses in Chautauqua County.

With the help of ECC Technologies, in 2024 the CCIDA was able to identify over 4,000 unserved and underserved addresses throughout the county. Four zones were then established, based on geographic location of the addresses and current internet service providers' territories. An RFP was then developed and released to internet service providers (ISPs), with three ISPs submitting proposals.

In 2025, DFT Communications was awarded 50% grant funding to support fiber deployment at 385 of those 4,000+ addresses in Zone 3, located within the Dunkirk, Sheridan, and Pomfret region of Chautauqua County. This investment will accelerate the construction of last-mile infrastructure, directly addressing long-standing coverage gaps and improving service quality for residents, farms, and small businesses. DFT is on schedule to complete those connections by 2027. Also in 2025, the City of Jamestown was awarded \$29.6 million in New York State ConnectALL funding to assist with the Jamestown Open Access Broadband Utility project.

Just this past month, Chautauqua County also benefited from substantial state and federal broadband investments that will deliver high-speed internet to thousands of other locations currently lacking reliable service.

This includes the latest round of the New York State ConnectALL Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program awards, totaling over \$23 million in grant funding awarded to three ISPs. As part of the statewide effort to expand high-speed fiber and satellite broadband, the ConnectALL office had to seek and receive approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to approve the three ISPs to provide fiber and satellite technology in Chautauqua County. These providers were approved and include:

- Spectrum Northeast, LLC will receive \$19,673,080 in grant funding to service 2,454 locations with fiber connections. This expansion represents one of the largest single-provider broadband investments in the region, targeting rural and hard-to-reach areas.
- Space Exploration Technologies Corp. will receive \$886,500 in grant funding to service 591 locations through satellite connections. Starlink's award will serve remote areas where traditional infrastructure is challenging to deploy, offering reliable satellite internet options to households and businesses.
- Fidium Enterprise Services, LLC will receive \$2.5 million in grant funding to service 472 locations with fiber connections. Fidium will extend fiber-based service to under-

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Amy Barkley, Livestock Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program (SWNYDLFC) and Jess Waltemyer, NYS Small Ruminant Extension Specialist with Cornell's PRO-LIVESTOCK Team, are partnering to host a training for sheep, goat, and camelid owners on the importance of integrated pest management techniques for internal parasites. Internal parasites are very common and can be economically damaging without using the proper techniques to reduce exposure, improve animal resilience, and properly treat current infestations.

Students will learn about integrated pest management practices that are key to reducing internal parasite loads and dewormer resistance in sheep, goats, and camelids. The topics to be covered include:

- Common internal parasites and their lifecycles
- Strategies to reduce the need for antiparasitic drugs
- Developing an effective grazing plan to reduce worm burdens
- Practical, effective ways to use dewormers

## Exoplanets: What They Are and How We Find Them

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contributions to NASA's Transient Lunar Phenomena Observations. An avid "eclipse chaser" and educator, Tom has taught at Jamestown Community College and remains a member of several international astronomical associations. For Tom, the greatest reward is bringing the night sky to life for students and the public, sharing the knowledge he has gathered over a lifetime of looking upward.

We encourage you to join us in person at the observatory to meet Tom and participate in our always-lively Q&A session following his talk. If the weather permits, we will conclude the evening with guided tours and viewing opportunities through our premier telescopes. Please remember to dress for the elements; while our classroom is heated for your comfort, the observatory domes are not. This



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The program will be on Saturday, May 23rd from 9am – 12pm. It is free to all. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/FAMACHAJamestown> or contact Amy Barkley at 716-640-0844 or [amb544@cornell.edu](mailto:amb544@cornell.edu). This program is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under award number 2024-70027-42540.

SWNYDLFC is a partnership between Cornell University and the CCE Associations of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Steuben counties. Their team includes Amy Barkley, Livestock Management Specialist and Team Leader (716-640-0844); Kate McDonald Polakiewicz, Farm Business Management Specialist (716-640-0522); Katelyn Miller, Field Crops and Forage Specialist (716-640-2047); and Katie Callero, Dairy Management Specialist (607-422-6788). Cornell is an equal opportunity employer.

presentation will also be streamed via Zoom. For more information and the Zoom link, please visit: [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. The observatory is located at 176 Robbin Hill Rd, Frewsburg, NY 14738. Join us for our Open Observatory nights every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission is free, but we welcome any donations that help us continue our outreach and programs.

## \$23 Million in Broadband Investment Approved in Chautauqua County

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served pockets of the county, complementing existing infrastructure upgrades.

Combined, these BEAD projects will bring high-speed broadband to 3,517 locations. There is no specific region or community that will be targeted through these funds. Instead, the affected locations are found in various rural areas throughout the entire county.

“Chautauqua County has been strategic and persistent in its efforts to secure broadband investment,” said Paul “PJ” Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive. “These recent grant awards are the result of years of groundwork by the CCIDA and County Department of Planning & Development to ensure that every corner of our county has access to the high-speed internet that modern life and economic development demand.”

“Broadband is essential infrastructure, just like water, sewer, and electric. This initiative reflects a strong partnership between the CCIDA, County Planning, local providers, and the ConnectALL Office resulting in nearly 4,000 unserved and underserved locations to be served. Together we are making transformative progress for our current and future residents and businesses,” said Mark Geise, Deputy Chautauqua County Executive for Economic Development and CCIDA CEO. “Over the coming mon-

ths, the awarded providers will begin detailed engineering, permitting, and construction planning. Simultaneously, County and State officials will work closely with providers to support project timelines, coordinate on local infrastructure needs, and ensure clear communication with the public. Special recognition needs to be made to Rebecca Wurster, County Planning Coordinator, as well as ECC Technologies, for their gallant efforts in bringing this to fruition.”

Chautauqua County anticipates that the BEAD projects will launch in 2026, and it is estimated that these projects will take approximately three to five years to complete. Additional information on ConnectALL’s Broadband Deployment Plans can be found at [Broadband.NY.gov/broadband-deployment-plans](http://Broadband.NY.gov/broadband-deployment-plans).

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

## Local Roots Run Deep

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dition of craftsmanship into the next generation. More information is available at [mikebeckerinkcabinetry.com](http://mikebeckerinkcabinetry.com).

The Amish community is also incredibly active in the Clymer area, especially in the business community. Businesses like **Detweiler Concrete Coatings**, **Eastern States Metal**, **Church Street Supply** and **Troyer Greenhouse** are part of a longstanding tradition of skilled workmanship, agriculture and entrepreneurship that continues to strengthen the local community.

**Detweiler Concrete Floor Coatings**, located at 9664 Reagan Road, Clymer, specializes in durable concrete floor coatings for homes and businesses, including garages, patios, warehouses and showrooms. The company has earned praise for quality workmanship and customer service throughout Chautauqua County and beyond. More information is available by calling 716-490-4574.

**Ravlin Hill Archery** has become a destination for local outdoor enthusiasts and hunters alike. The business offers archery equipment and expertise while supporting the region’s strong outdoor sports tradition. The business relocated to a larger facility at 7938 Route 474 in Panama. It can be reached at 716-355-8841.

**Troyer’s Greenhouse** is a one-stop shop for gardening enthusiasts everywhere. Located at 1669 Weeks Rd., they offer annual, perennial, herb and vegetable plants for gardens of all shapes and sizes. For more information, visit [www.troyersgreenhouse.com](http://www.troyersgreenhouse.com) or call 716-782-4887.

A number of businesses in town are also tied together through one entrepreneurial local family. **Lictus Keystone**, owned and operated by the Lictus family, is a longtime fuel and propane supplier serving Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. **Lictus Automotive** is also under the Lictus Keystone umbrella. Clymer Hardware, operated by Amy Wood, and **Twin Flame**, a new coffee truck launched by Amy Wood’s daughter, Anna, round out the family’s investment in the community and its future. Together, the businesses span fuel and petroleum products, automotive work, hardware and fresh coffee served in the center of town.

**Moshers Carpeting** recently celebrated its 31st anniversary on April 1. Owned by Mindy and Scott Mosher alongside their adult children, Jared and Kendra, the business represents two generations working together to serve local customers. Over the decades, the family-run business has become a trusted source for flooring and carpeting needs throughout the area.

**Dutch Village Restaurant** remains one of Clymer’s longtime staples and a familiar stop for both residents and visitors alike. The eatery has long been part of the fabric of the community and continues to draw people from around the region for their incredible foods, including homemade mashed potatoes and gravy and delicious breakfasts. Visit [www.dutchvillage.net](http://www.dutchvillage.net) to view their menu.

**Sara Beckerink Tax Prep and Bookkeeping** continues to serve local residents and businesses with tax preparation and bookkeeping services. Though her office serves clients across the region, Beckerink remains a proud Clymer native with strong ties to the community. For more information, call 716-640-0590.

**Sweeterson Farm**, a unique kitchen boutique located at 8723 East Main St. in Clymer, offers a little something for every chef and foodie. Owned by Clymer residents Levi and Carrie Swanson, Sweetersons Farm brings their love for culinary arts and cooking into the community through a wonderful selection of products that will make every kitchen just a little sweeter. For more information, follow them on Facebook or visit [www.sweetersonfarms.com](http://www.sweetersonfarms.com)

**Beckerink Trucking** continues the tradition of transportation and logistics work that supports both local businesses and the wider regional economy. Located at 8138 Brownell Rd, the company can be reached at 716-450-0680 for all your trucking and transportation needs.

Together, these businesses reflect the spirit of Clymer itself: hardworking, family-oriented and deeply connected to the community. Whether they have been operating for decades or are just getting started, each contributes something valuable to Clymer’s identity and future.



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**War: How Can We Prevent It?**



With trillions of dollars spent training and equipping soldiers each year, surprisingly little is spent studying the causes of war and finding ways to prevent it. **In the first of a two-part series on "War," at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, May 17 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, Lauren Turner will examine the causes of war.** The largest study ever done on the causes of war looked at every armed conflict in the world since 1819 and compiled enormous amounts of data; when the results were tabulated, there were many surprises. Studies of primates suggest that aggression may be innate in humans and that fear literally causes primate brains (including humans) to function differently. In part 2 the following Sunday, the retired United Methodist pastor will discuss ways to prevent war. Everyone is welcome at 1255 Prendergast Ave. To participate virtually, use the link at [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar).

**Clymer Proudly Presents Two New Gems:  
Sweeterson Farms & Flame Coffee**

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The business is a family-owned by Carrie, her husband, Levi Swanson and their two daughters, Diana and Phoebe. The name Sweeterson Farms is a combination of Carrie and her husband's last names: Swanson and Peterson.

The family had an easy decision to make when it came to finding a place to set up shop. Carrie said they live in Clymer, so it was only natural to find a storefront and launch their in-person business there.

"We combined the two together to create Sweeterson," Carrie said. "The Farms comes from both of our backgrounds growing up on dairy farms."

"We love the small business community and the support from the community as well," she said. "We are very involved in the Tulip Festival as well as other non-profits in the area. We are raising our kids in the Clymer community, so being involved and supporting the community through the business made sense."

The Swansons have a mission that is at the heart of their business: "We believe in the simple joys of life, the warmth of a home-cooked meal, the delight of hosting gatherings with loved ones, the beauty of a small-town community, and the love shared around a dining table. Our kitchen boutique is our way of sharing these joys with you," she said.

Carrie said one of the best parts of owning a business in Clymer is helping customers who may not be sure what the shop offers or finding the perfect item for their needs.

The shop offers a variety of kitchen goods that the Swansons picked out especially for the shop

"It is so great to be able to connect with our customers in person and help them find that perfect gift or perfect something for their house," she said. "Seeing them come back in is great!"

"Some of our favorites are the blue whale butter dish, croc chop, stamped bowls, handmade beeswax wraps and a wide variety of entertaining items," she said. "Our variety of goods are colorful, fun and functional and typically we bring in mid and high-end kitchen wares."

Carrie and her husband Levi are once again gearing up to get involved in a popular Clymer event in the Fall. The pair will be hosting the Clymer Harvest Market on September 12.

Another important highlight of the shop is its focus on sustainability. Sweeterson Farms offers plastic-free kitchen utensils and other goods, as well as beeswax wraps and bags made by Carrie. The speciality wraps and bags are a great alternative to plastic wrap and are made using 100% cotton, beeswax, pine resin and jojoba oil.

"This once-a-year festival brings together local businesses, non-profits and more at the Clymer Town Park, Carrie said. "Follow us on socials or join our mailing list to learn more!"

"We offer a variety of sizes with the most popular being our 2 pack, XL Beeswax Bread Bag, Medium Cheese Bag and Small Snack Bag," she said.

Sweeterson Farms is located at 8723 E Main Street in Clymer and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.sweetersonfarms.com](http://www.sweetersonfarms.com). The store also offers local pickup for items and shipping on all online orders.



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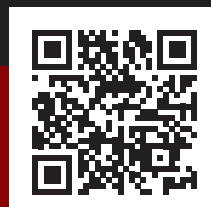
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