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A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE TO A VERY SPECIAL MOM

Featured Writer

Ellen Ditonto, Johnny's Grammie & Gillian's Mom

Any mom can tell you that being a mother is not for the faint of heart. Whether you gave birth to one or many children or were gifted children through adoption or a fostering process, you know that the moment you hold your precious child for the first time, your life will be changed forever. From that point on, you do all you can to provide the very best for your child/children, and you, as the mom, will always put their needs ahead of your own. The mothering instinct is very real.

This is a story of tremendous love and loss seen through the eyes of a mom watching her daughter experience 32 traumatic months with her young son, Johnny. He was a childhood cancer warrior, diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma at age 7. Johnny sustained treatments of all kinds for 25 months over almost a three-year period, with a seven

and a half month period of remission. Johnny laid down his sword on April 15, just after his 10th birthday.

Johnny's story is one of amazing strength, faith and a positive attitude that belied the disease that was ravaging his body and took away what he wanted most – to be an ordinary kid. The story of his parents' search for treatments is extraordinary and included thousands of miles of travel, including three trips to a cancer research clinic in Germany.

But this story is about Johnny's Mom and how she navigated through those long months with Johnny, continued to support the needs of his three younger siblings, kept working as a school counselor until the last several weeks of Johnny's life and somehow managed to maintain her important connections to relatives and friends.



Gillian & Johnny LaMancuso, Mother's Day 2025

There are not enough adjectives to adequately describe the level of caring and support that Gillian gave to Johnny. As her mom, I couldn't be prouder of the inner strength and fortitude she mustered to do what was needed every step of the way.

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MORE THAN A DEFINITION: ON MOTHERS

Editor-in-Chief

Katrina Fuller

The word 'Mother' is one we hear often. It's many a child's first word, or at least some variation of it: we can picture tiny tots toddling around babbling "Mama" or "Mommy." How lovely that a child's first word is often naming one of the most important people in their lives.

Merriam-Webster defines mother as "a female parent," for its first definition, followed by "source or origin," for its second definition and ends its list with "something that is an extreme or ultimate example of its kind, especially in terms of scale, i.e. 'The Mother of all Construction Projects.'" The first definition is a common understanding of the word,

the second is thought-provoking and the final definition seems a little out of place without the context.

But, motherhood can be extreme, in both the good sense of the word and the bad. There are most definitely highs and lows in the rollercoaster ride mothers face. It's a journey that involves and envelops the mother in a series of "seasons" of life. This journey looks different for every mother, and the ups and downs can be as different as night and day.

Of course, there are the joys of motherhood: a child's laugh, their first words, the beauty of watching them learn and grow in their first years. As they get older, there is the ability to provide a listening ear, imparting advice as needed and even

still, some fun and whimsy along the way. As the children reach adulthood, there are still the phone calls for help, the joy of watching them come into their own and the pride of seeing them well on their way. These seasons are the fuel that gets mothers through their difficult times; the memories they will cling to in hardship.

The hard times can be incredibly hard for mothers. Some mothers face the loss of their child, the heart they held so closely outside of their bodies. Some mothers face difficulties with mental health or their physical health that lead to incredible difficulties both internally and in their day-to-day lives. Some mothers face the horrors of war and somehow balance that strain and

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AM-1 PM**

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SUNDAY, MAY 10



National Small Business Week: May 3-9, 2026 Mother's Day, Main Street Style

Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

Mother's Day isn't just about gifts. It's about the thought behind them, often found in small hometown shops. Behind every bouquet or wrapped box is a local merchant helping people say "Thank you, Mom." It's especially meaningful as we celebrate Small Business Week.

If you're exploring gift ideas, local shops across our communities offer something for every kind of mom. From boutiques like **Country Charm Boutique** in Frewsburg to **Dots Gift Boutique** in Jamestown to **Cotton Thistle Boutique**, **Peapod & Juniper** and **Soaring Eagle** in Lakewood, **Strawberry's Frame Shoppe** in Panama, and **Living Glass Gallery** and **Mumpsimus Books** in Westfield, you'll find everything from artisan goods to home décor and thoughtful keepsakes.

Fresh flowers are always a classic. Consider arrangements from **Francesca's Floral**,

Peapod & Juniper, or **The Secret Garden Flower Shop**, perfect for brightening Mom's day.

Looking to enjoy the season? Spring destinations like **Brigiottas Farmland Produce & Garden Center**, **Peterson Farm**, **Stillwater Garden Market**, and **Troyer's Greenhouse** offer a chance to shop, stroll, and soak in the beauty of spring.

Or give the gift of a relaxing outing. Treat Mom to brunch at spots like **Bemus Point Inn** or **Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House** mid-county; **Pearl City Hops Restaurant at the Downtown Doubletree** or **Liscandro's Restaurant** in Jamestown; or **LakeLife Cafe** or **Stella: A Kitchen & Bar** in Lakewood. Or if you haven't experienced the new **The White Inn** yet in Fredonia, do check it out, along with trusted hotspot **Jenna's 4th Street Cafe** in Dunkirk.

And don't forget the sweets! **Persnikkity Pies** in Falconer serves handcrafted pies

made with care (please put your pre-sale orders in two days ahead!), while **Webb's Candies** in Mayville continues a long tradition of handmade chocolates and confections, while embarking upon an exciting new expansion this month!

If you're planning a full afternoon or evening out, local favorites like **Andriaccio's Restaurant**, **Belle-View East**, **Guppy's Restaurant & Tavern**, and **Raven & Thorn** offer great options to wine and dine.

There's something special about celebrating Mother's Day on Main Street. Whether it's flowers, a handwritten card, or a carefully chosen gift from a local shop, it all carries a little more meaning. These are gifts chosen with intention, memory, and love.

In the end, Mother's Day isn't measured by what's spent, but by the love behind what's given and that spirit is alive and well in our local communities.



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Editorial with Lori Cornell

WHAT MATTERS THIS MOTHER'S DAY



Publisher
Lori Cornell

honor Johnny. Read it to hold up in prayer the entire LaMancuso/Ditonto family. And maybe most importantly, read it to remind yourself about what's truly most important this Mother's Day.

Because if you're like me, you spend many a mothering day worried about matterless minutiae. It's the grind of the schedule, the rides, the endless kid-ATM out your wallet. It's the laundry, the homework, the mess and more mess. But these precious responsibilities - no matter how young or old yours may be - have changed your life. Now keep making a valuable difference in theirs - with as much grace and joy as you can. Take some perspective from Gillian and focus on what really matters.

Let the small stuff go - and truly, cherish each moment this Mother's Day.

Ellen Ditonto - this week's featured writer - said it best: "You know that the moment you hold your precious child for the first time your life will be changed forever."

We are humbled and grateful for this chance to honor the life of her dear grandson, Johnny LaMancuso, and to tell the story of one of our community's most courageous mothers this holiday: her daughter, Gillian. Please read this week's cover story. Read it to



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John F. "Johnny" LaMancuso

April 1, 2016 ~ April 15, 2026 (age 10)



John F. "Johnny" LaMancuso, 10, of Jamestown, passed away peacefully in his home Wednesday, April 15, 2026, with his mom and dad by his side.

leadership. His friends will remember hundreds of ballgames around the area and especially on Johnny's home field in his backyard.

A loving brother, Johnny will be dearly missed by his three younger siblings. He is their hero, and is leaving with them many kisses, hugs, and sweet memories.

Johnny's bravery was revealed as he faithfully traveled the country and the world for medical treatment. He tested new therapies that will be improved upon because Johnny had the heart and courage to try.

Surviving besides his parents are sisters Alessandra and Miriana and brother Santino; grandparents John and Kathleen LaMancuso of Jamestown and Guy and Ellen Ditonto of Jamestown; great-grandmothers RosaLee Owen of Dunkirk and Nellie Ditonto of Lakewood; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents Donald Owen, Bennie Ditonto, Ignatius and Loretta LaMancuso, and John and Beatrice Kinnear.

Memorial donations may be made to the Little Warrior Foundation, PO Box 2124, Brookfield, WI 53008-2124, a leader in the battle against Ewing's Sarcoma. www.littlewarrior.org.

Johnny was born April 1, 2016, in Jamestown to John Ignatius and Gillian Marie Ditonto LaMancuso.

He was a fourth grade student at Fletcher Elementary School and was a communicant of St. John's Catholic Church.

Johnny will be remembered for inspiring his community and beyond, with his toughness, bravery, and unyielding spirit.

A magnetic personality, Johnny made hundreds of friends during his decade of life. He touched the lives of classmates, teachers, neighbors, teammates, coaches, and more. His friends will forever remember him as loyal, fun-loving, kind, and competitive.

A gifted athlete and hard worker, Johnny excelled in basketball, baseball, football, soccer, golf, and fishing. He lived for sports. He played basketball, baseball, and football while receiving chemotherapy and radiation, sometimes traveling directly from the infusion clinic or radiation center to the ball field to play. #17 will be remembered for his grit, determination, positive attitude, and

Faith Matters

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED



Featured Writer

Rev. Rick Miller

Interim Pastor
United Church of Christ of
Jamestown

Every year around Earth Day, we get a burst of motivation. We buy the plants. We sketch the garden beds. We picture ourselves as the kind of people who casually harvest herbs at golden hour. And then, five minutes in, we remember gardening is dirty.

Who inspired faith in you? Who modeled a life of love and service? Who first taught you to pray?

Both of my parents helped shape my faith, though my mother especially did so. She read Bible stories to me and my four brothers before bed. Each night we said the same familiar prayer together: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep..."

My childhood faith has grown and matured over the years, but prayer remains as natural to me as breathing. Sometimes my prayers are simply that—breath prayers, whispered in a moment, carried on an inhale and exhale.

Like many people these days, I carry a burden for our nation. My prayers for America and the world are sometimes deep sighs, especially when words fail me. It feels as though we need prayer now more than ever—for our country, for our world, for creation, and for all humanity.

On Thursday, May 7, Jamestown will observe the National Day of Prayer with a community event hosted by Community Helping Hands in the parking lot of the Gateway Center, 31

Water Street, Jamestown. Our first prayer, of course, is for clear skies—but we will gather rain or shine.

The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and promises to be a meaningful and welcoming experience for all. It will be a drop-in gathering, so you may come and go as your schedule allows and stay as long as you wish.

Rather than one person leading a large public prayer, there will be five interactive prayer stations offering creative ways to engage mind, heart, and body in communion with the God who hears us. Stations will include breath prayer, baptism remembrance, prayer through art, intercessory prayer, and anointing prayer. Area pastors and lay leaders will be present at each station to assist or guide participants.

Guests may participate as much or as little as they feel comfortable. Whether you are deeply rooted in prayer or simply curious, there will be something for everyone.

St. Susan's will also be onsite serving a free hot dog lunch with chips and a drink, offering a chance to enjoy fellowship with neighbors and friends.

No matter your faith tradition or background, all are welcome to this annual observance held in communities across the nation. Whether you consider yourself a prayer warrior or wonder if anyone hears your prayers, come join us. Come out of curiosity. Come for lunch. Come help us lift our heads, our hands, and our hearts to the Creator who cares for all people in all places.

And with that invitation, let me close with a prayer as Mother's Day approaches:

Thanks be to God for all the women in our lives who have nurtured us, cared for us, served, sacrificed, and loved us in ways both seen and unseen. Their gifts have shaped us and blessed us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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The Capacity Lab at Centaur Stride

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At Centaur Stride Therapeutic Horseback Riding Facility, our commitment has always been clear: reach as many individuals as possible while keeping services affordable, and within our means to provide. Resourcefulness and frugality weren't just a necessity—but part of our identity. Many grant opportunities favor larger organizations with paid administrative infrastructure, leaving smaller nonprofits like ours at a disadvantage.

Then came a turning point.

With the founding of The Capacity Lab in Chautauqua County—a collaboration of four local funding partners—we found the support we had long needed. Their mission is to serve as a hands-on facilitator, convener, and strategic partner, helping to build a sustainable nonprofit sector that meets the needs of all county residents. For Centaur Stride, this was more than a resource—it was an advocate.

For the first time, we experienced true one-on-one guidance without competition or barriers. In my first meeting with then-Director Noah Gooding, I was asked a simple but powerful question: "How can we help you?" My response—"Oh, let me count the ways"—was met with genuine care, thoughtful listening, and strategic action.

Through their support, we secured funding to hire a temporary consultant to improve our social media presence and rebuild our outdated website.

But their impact didn't stop there.

Through conferences, networking events, newsletters, and educational opportunities, The Capacity Lab connected us to a broader nonprofit community. These experiences opened our eyes—sometimes painfully—to missed opportunities in the past, but more importantly, they gave us the tools to move forward with hope and guidance.

Perhaps most transformative have been the collaborative opportunities fostered by The Capacity Lab. At networking sessions, nonprofit leaders came together to share ideas, solve problems, and explore partnerships. It was indirectly through one of these connections that we met Dr. Holly Reslink—a physical therapist, experienced horse owner, and passionate advocate for therapeutic riding.

Holly's arrival felt nothing short of extraordinary. At a time when we were facing significant challenges in leadership succession and program sustainability, she was an infusion of enthusiasm, digital knowledge, horse

experience, and dedication we so urgently needed. What once seemed like a role requiring multiple people, extensive training, and uncertain compensation began to take shape in a sustainable and hopeful way.

The Capacity Lab has also connected us with free legal and organizational experts, including resources from the New York Council of Nonprofits.

Most recently, a new collaboration with the Chautauqua County Mental Health Association has brought to life the E.A.S.E. (Equine Assisted Social-Emotional Growth) Program. This initiative provides free services to children with disabilities, ages 5–21 and their siblings, with a focus on family unity and caregiver support. Already underway, the program reflects exactly what can happen when community partnerships come together with a shared purpose.

We are still growing. We are still learning. And we are still in need of community support—participants, volunteers, donors, and advocates who believe in the life-changing power of therapeutic riding and equine-assisted learning.

Centaur Stride has openings on our Board of Directors and Advisory Board. We're looking for individuals with a variety of leadership strengths, commitment, and compassion to help lead us toward capacity.

We invite you to be part of this journey. For more information or to get involved, please contact Holly at: info@centaurstride.org

Our next fundraiser is Glow Bingo on May 8th at the Sherman Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The prizes are fantastic. Go to linktr.ee/centaurstide for more info.

For more info on The Capacity Lab, contact Project Lead, Maria Kindberg at (716) 498-5572.

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We're holding a fundraiser to help Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation move one step closer to finding a cure for all children with cancer! Donations will support funding for Ewing Sarcoma research. This is the type of cancer Johnny battled.

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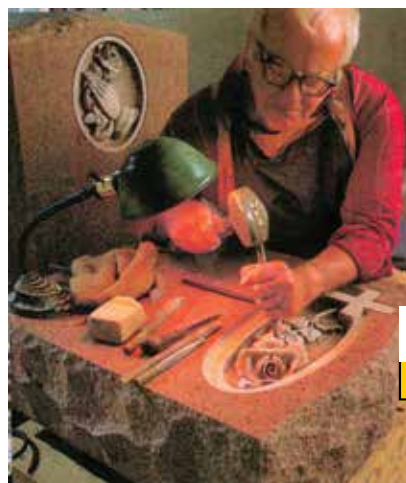
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OUR SON



by John & Gillian LaMancuso

How do we adequately honor the person who made all our dreams come true?

Johnny Francesco LaMancuso was our family's superhero, before he became our community's superhero.

From the time he was born, Johnny had a steely look in his big, beautiful brown eyes that told us God had blessed us with a very special angel.

Johnny's first and middle names could not have been more fitting.

The names "John" and "Francesco" honored his nanu, John L. LaMancuso, his great-great-grandfather, Giovanni LaMancusa, his great-grandfather, John Kinnear and his great-grandfather Ignatius "Frank" LaMancuso.

All of these people, including Johnny, followed different paths in their lives, but an invisible thread connects them through space and time . . . they all have the heart of a lion.

Johnny's nanu, John L. LaMancuso, reached the apex of his profession 23 years after a high school counselor told him he wasn't cut out for college and should look into a trade. Giovanni LaMancuso boarded a ship as a very young man speaking no English and with no education, and traveled across the ocean to a foreign land with a few lira in his pocket and a dream to create a better life for himself and his family; and the legacy he left far exceeds his boldest dreams. John Kinnear fought in Europe in World War II, earning a bronze star for bravery in combat. Ignatius LaMancuso taught all of us what it means to be a humble leader, to work hard, to be faithful and to care for one's family and friends.

The expectations for Johnny were great, and he exceeded all of them.

Johnny's first sledding adventure came when he was eight months old. John was dragging Johnny's sled up and down the hill in the backyard of 45 Walnut Street, while Gillian captured the moments on video. Johnny fell out of the sled, face-first into the cold snow. When we picked him up, we were surprised to find him smiling, not crying. He loved every minute of it. An early sign



LaMancuso Faamily
Gillian & John, Johnny, Santino,
Alessandria, Miriana



Johnny had the heart of a lion.

Johnny's desire to always be held as a baby was an early sign of his monumental love for his grandparents and us. He always wanted to be so close to us.

We will never forget Johnny's desire to sleep in bed with us. Perhaps he knew better than we did how precious those moments were.

Johnny's distaste for his crib was on display on the night after his sister, Alessandria, was born, when Johnny was 21 months old. We were sitting together on the couch late at night watching a movie, in our dream home, the place we picked out just for our family. Gillian was holding Alessandria. We thought Johnny was fast asleep in his crib. Until we saw a little head peek out very slowly from around the corner, and look at us, without saying a word. To this day, we still don't know how Johnny managed to get out of his crib. But we know exactly why he did it.

Johnny twice saved his little sister, Alessandria, from harm.

When he was 3 years old, he found her eating gummies from a ziplock bag and immediately took them from her and reported to us. It turns out they were just vitamins, but Alessandria would have had quite the tummy ache if she had made it through the whole bag.

Later that year, Johnny rescued Alessandria again.

On vacation in Bedford Springs, Alessandria was sitting on the edge of a hot

tub and slipped in. Johnny, who had just learned to swim on that trip, immediately jumped in and grabbed her arm so that we had a chance to get her out safely. As you can see, even then, he had the heart of a lion.

Johnny was a child who needed no urging when it came to learning to crawl, walk, swim, ride a bike, hit a baseball, climb a tree, tackle a runner or shoot a basket. He decided to do those things before you even had time to urge him. Sometimes he would try to do it the way we taught him. But we knew he was going to do it his way, and his way was probably going to be far better than anything we could teach him.

At an early age, we not only realized Johnny was going to make friends with almost everyone he came across, but also that he was going to love his friends and their families as deeply as he loved us. From Pre-K at Zion to Fletcher, from t-ball to kid pitch, to meeting neighborhood friends for the first time to adding several brothers to our family, Johnny developed more dear friendships in 10 years than some do in a lifetime. He was blessed to have them. His friends' families treated him like their own son.

Right before passing into a peaceful sleep last week, and right before telling us that he loved us, Johnny expressed a strong desire to talk to his friends. This, better than anything else, captures the depth of his love for them. Johnny's fun-loving spirit, his loyalty, his bravery, and his profound love for his friends will live on in each of their hearts. That same love extended to his brother, his

sisters, his grandparents, his aunts and uncles, his cousins, his teachers, his coaches, his camp counselors and many others. They are all left with sweet memories of Johnny's wisdom, his text messages and phone calls, his acts of kindness and service, his competitive nature, his long, messy curly hair that he was so proud of after months of having none and his big, infectious, beautiful smile.

There are other images of Johnny that will live forever in our hearts: Johnny, as a two-year-old at a family gathering or other party, running around, not listening and helping us all with our cardio fitness. Johnny, as a toddler running as fast as he could through the grass in the back yard, looking back at his feet, making sure they were moving as fast as he wanted them to. Johnny dressed up like Rambo with shooting glasses, a shooting vest, a bandana and fully stocked with a Nerf gun and bullets, ready for a neighborhood-wide battle. Johnny, in his baseball jersey, big chain, and neon green cleats, on the mound, showing no signs of panic, cool, calm, battling to get another out. Johnny, with his basketball jersey on and his favorite shoes, showing off his dribbling skills and running up and down the court with his best friends. Johnny under center, #17, leading the offense, barking out the count and making sure everyone is in the right position.

Johnny dressed in a black hat, black bandana and all black clothes, with his friends, running throughout the neighborhood on a warm summer

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REMEMBERING JOHNNY



April 1, 2016 ~ April 15, 2026

John F. "Johnny" LaMancuso

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Johnny & parents, John & Gillian



hearts that can never be taken away.

We miss Johnny so much already. We know you do, too. We want one more second with him. One more breakfast at the counter. One more trip to Erie. One more vacation at the beach. One more road trip. One more holiday. One more kiss goodnight. One more family dinner. One more neighborhood party. One more Bills game. One more toss of the football. One more camp. One more sleepover. One more practice. One more game. One more strikeout. One more double. One more steal. One more basket. One more goal. One more tackle. One more touchdown. One more spectacular play. One more clutch moment. One more smile.

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But God has even greater plans for Johnny, beyond our understanding today.

And we take solace in knowing that after Jesus was finished wrapping Johnny in his arms, Johnny had so many dear friends and family, so many special people, each ready to welcome him to his eternal peace.

As we told Johnny hundreds of times,

Johnny boy, we love you so much, we are so proud of you, thank you for choosing us as your mom and dad.

How do we adequately honor the person who made our dreams come true ...

Every day with Johnny's light still shining brightly in our hearts,

We honor Johnny by being more kind,

by having more fun,

by dreaming bigger,

by smiling wider,

by being more brave,

by loving more deeply,

by being a better friend, a better son, daughter, father and mother,

by being more resilient,

by being more

like Johnny.

We love you 17.



Johnny & his uncle, Nate Ditonto and grandfather, Guy Ditonto



Johnny & his grandparents, John & Kathleen LaMancuso



night, chasing each other through back yards, laughing, yelling, playing "sneaks." Johnny at Midway, racing his classmates up the climbing wall, always checking to make sure he was ahead. Johnny in the backyard in one of his many jerseys, hat on backwards, voice echoing through the neighborhood, rallying everyone for a no-holds-barred game of football or baseball... and also passionately arguing with his friends about whether it was an out, a home run, a catch, a fumble, a first down or a touchdown.

Johnny at Moon Brook doing cannon balls off the diving board, eating ice cream with milk and chocolate all over his face, or rough-housing with his friends in the pool. Johnny and his friends sprawled out on our living room floor, binders and cases of sports and Pokemon cards everywhere, watching YouTube and movies and playing video games, eating every snack in the house, Lena's pizza and wings and ice cream. Johnny on the beach in Florida, skin bronzed from the sun, bright red sunglasses, running sprints along the water's edge, building sandcastles, snorkel on diving for sand-dollars, trying to catch minnows in his net and testing our hearts as he insisted on boogie boarding and swimming way too far out from shore. Johnny on the couch, relaxing with his brother and sisters and a bowl of popcorn and an Orange Vanilla sparkling water, enjoying family movie night on a Friday night.

Johnny getting chemotherapy or radiation in the morning in Buffalo or Cleveland, and then racing to the ball field in time for his baseball game and making it all look like a walk in the park. Johnny at the front door with his friends, some or all of them covered in mud, or dirt, or sweat, or water from playing outside all day, out of breath and all of them passionately begging for a sleepover at our house or one of his brothers' houses. Because the time they spent together was never enough.

These are the images Johnny left on our

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Westfield Native and Kentucky Derby Winner Focus of May 7 Program

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The monthly Fireside Lecture Series at the Patterson Library continues on Thursday, May 7 with a presentation on Vincent Powers, a native of Westfield who went on to win the Kentucky Derby. The lecture will be provided by Randy Anderson, executive director of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. Vincent Powers was born in Westfield in 1891 and became involved in horse racing as a teenager. In 1909 and at the age of just 17, Powers rode “Wintergreen” to victory in the 35th annual Kentucky Derby. Anderson’s

presentation will share details on Powers’ life, including how he went from living in rural Western New York to becoming the champion of the most prestigious competition in all of horse racing.

The Fireside Lecture Series, a collaboration between the Chautauqua County Historical Society and the Patterson Library, provides programs on local and general history. The Vincent Powers lecture will take place at 6 p.m. on May 7 at the library and is free and open to the public.

To learn more about the Fireside Lecture Series, visit CCHSMcClurg.org or PattersonLib.org

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY

DUNKIRK PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Thursday, May 7
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Miss Pam Appreciation Day! After twenty-five years, Miss Pam is retiring from the children’s room. All kids, families, and now-grown individuals who have fond memories with Pam during Story Hour are encouraged to stop in throughout the day to wish her well.

DARWIN R BARKER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Thursday, May 7 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Opening Reception for Segments, Change, Order art exhibition

Fredonia’s Darwin R. Barker Library is excited to announce its next local art exhibition, “Segments, Chance, Order—Mixed Media Sculpture by Thomas Golya.” Join the opening reception for refreshments and talk with the artist.

Golya’s work has previously been exhibited both locally and nationally in the southwest and midwest. This will be the first public showing of his work in more than 30 years.

“Segments, Chance, Order” can also be viewed during regular library hours from May 7 to June 30.

MYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Friday, May 15 | 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Medicare Neighborhood Meeting
Are you or a loved one enrolling in

Medicare this year? Are you new to Medicare or retiring soon? No matter your situation, I can help you get answers to your Medicare plan questions at a neighborhood meeting with Annette K Gill.

Saturday, May 16 | 11:00 AM
Oyster Mushrooms Workshop
Make Oyster Mushrooms from cardboard with local Mycologist Sam Warren. In this workshop, we will cover an easily replicable, affordable method to turn our everyday waste into a delicious, nutritious snack. Everyone will leave with their own bag of inoculated cardboard. All ages welcome; children must have adult supervision. Registration Required so please contact the library to sign up! director@myerslibrary.org

PATTERSON LIBRARY

Visit www.pattersonlibrary.org for a full list of events or visit our FB page

Tuesdays | 1:00 PM -3:00PM
Adult Program - Cozy Crafters – work on any handicraft

Saturdays | 10:30AM-11:30 AM
Children’s Program -Lego Club

Thursday, May 7 | 4:00 PM
Teen and Tween Advisory Board

Thursday, May 7 | 6:00 PM
Adult Program - Fireside Lecture with Randy Anderson CSHOF

Friday, May 8 | 4:00 PM-5:00PM
Adult Program -13 Walls with Katherine Kepner

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LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

James Prendergast Library Association

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**Chautauqua-Cattaraugus
Library System**

The Prendergast Library is one of the largest libraries in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library system. In 2025, they had over 110,000 visitors and offered over 1,100 programs to the community. A building rich in history, the Prendergast library was a gift to the city

from Alexander Prendergast, the city's founder's son, and his wife, Mary. They commissioned its construction in memory of their son, James. A.J. Warner of Rochester was the architect who designed and built the library over an eleven-year period. On January 29th, 1880, the James Prendergast Library Association of Jamestown was established by a special act of the New York State Legislature, and the doors opened on December 1st, 1891. The style of rounded arches, rock-faced ma-

sonry walls, the turret in the southeastern corner, and the building's general air of ruggedness are all defining features of the style by America's leading 19th-century architect, Henry Hobson Richardson. The library underwent extensive changes in 1960 as services and readership increased. The most recent renovation was completed in the fall of 2025, with a remodel of the front doors, circulation desk, and children's room.

If you haven't been in the library for a while, stop in to see the changes and discover all the services that are on offer. Other services beyond books and DVDs include free programming for all ages, 3D printing, tech help by appointment, meeting room space, and printing/copying, to name a few. Make sure to follow their Facebook page or visit their website for all the great Summer Reading Programs for all ages. The Prendergast staff can't wait to welcome you to the library.

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www.prendergastlibrary.org

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY CONT.

Tuesday, May 12 | 5:30PM

Adult Program - Author visit with Philip C. Laurien

Saturday, May 16 | 11:00AM

Children's Program - Learn about sensory differences with Mrs. Matthews. Registration is required

Tuesday, May 19 | 3:00PM

Chef Jim session focuses on French cuisine

Friday, May 22 | 10:30AM

Family movie 'Goat' with free popcorn

Tuesday, May 26 | 3:00PM

Children's Program - Crochet & Crafter's Club

PRENDERGAST LIBRARY

To learn more, visit Prendergastlibrary.org to view our programming calendar or call 484-7135 ext. 2226

Tuesday, May 5 | 5:30 PM

UpcycleCHQ at Prendergast Library's Curiosity Club - Teen & Adult Patrons

Rethink Waste

During the month of May, Upcycle will be helping patrons learn about helping communities reduce waste, unlock creativity, and create more sustainable local systems. UpcycleCHQ is a community initiative powered by GreenClusta Technologies LLC.

Tuesday, May 5 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Tween Tuesday. Drop in to learn to play

Dungeons and Dragons, hang out, and eat snacks! This program is intended for ages 10-13

Wednesday, May 6 | 5:30 PM

Explore Kumihimo Braiding and Bracelet Beading. We will be learning how to use a traditional Japanese form of braiding, using a handheld, portable foam disc (marudai) to braid embroidery thread in various patterns, like round or spiral shapes. Teens and adults (ages 14 and up) are invited to attend. No registration needed.

Tuesday, May 12 | 5:30 PM

UpcycleCHQ at Prendergast Library's Curiosity Club - Teen & Adult Patrons

Reuse & Repair Week

Wednesday, May 15 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

All-Ages Movie Night. Everyone is invited to drop in, watch a movie, and eat snacks. This month, we will be showing Moana 2

Wednesday, May 16

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Make Pinch Pot Bunnies with Pearl City Clayhouse Registration is required due to limited available spots. No experience needed, but patrons need to be at least 14 years old to participate. This program is funded by the Murray L. Bob Education Initiative.

Tuesday, May 19 | 5:30 PM

UpcycleCHQ at Prendergast Library's

Curiosity Club - Teen & Adult Patrons

Creative Upcycling

Tuesday, May 26 | 5:30 PM

UpcycleCHQ at Prendergast Library's Curiosity Club - Teen & Adult Patrons

Material Exchange & Showcase

RIPLEY LIBRARY:

Saturday, May 16 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A wide selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, and houseplants will be offered at very reasonable prices. In addition to the plant sale, there will be a wide variety of baked goods for sale, all donated by local volunteers. Donations of plants and baked goods can be dropped off at the library on Friday, May 15th, from 9 AM to 5 PM. All proceeds benefit the Ripley.

Tuesday, May 19 | 6:00 PM

History Lectures - Chautauqua Civilian Conservation Corps Camp

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a vital federal program established in 1933 to improve infrastructure and to provide jobs for young men during the Great Depression. Pam Brown is the municipal historian for Panama, Harmony, and North Harmony. She is one of only two NYS Registered Historians in Chautauqua County.

For information about programs at Ripley Library, please call 716-736-3913 or email: director@ripleylibrary.org!

BOARD MEETINGS:

All open to the public

Ahira Hall Memorial Library
3rd Friday of each month,
9:30 AM

Bemus Point Public Library
3rd Tuesday each month,
5:30 PM

**Darwin R Barker Library
Association**
3rd Wednesday of each month,
4:00 PM

Dunkirk Public Library
4th Tuesday of odd months,
4:15 pm

Hazeltine Public Library
4th Tuesday of each month,
5:30 PM

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

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

**Prendergast Library
Association**
3rd Thursday of even months,
5:15 PM

Ripley Public Library
4th Wednesday each month,
6:00 PM

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More Than A Definition: On Mothers

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fear while caring for their families. Some mothers face difficulties with conception and carry the grief of loss with them every day.

There are so many issues that mothers across the globe face day in and day out - we couldn't possibly name them all here.

Mother's Day is one day on the calendar that we collectively set aside to honor mothers. We might take our mothers out to brunch; perhaps we'll pick up some flowers and spend a lovely Spring day together. It is, of course, right and good to celebrate Mother's Day and honor our mothers for all they have done for us. It is important to take the time to give them a glimpse of the joy, devotion and love they have provided us and how much it means to us.

However, we must not forget that this day also brings heaviness to the hearts of many: the grief of a lost loved one, the pain felt for a child so dearly desired but never born and the struggles of mothers who have endured infertility. This may well be a difficult day for many for a myriad of reasons. Keeping that in mind, let us celebrate mothers as they should be celebrated, but also gently hold space for those whose day may be tinged with sadness.



To be a mother is to carry both joy and ache, often at the same time, often in silence. It is a role shaped not by a single definition, but by a thousand lived experiences. On this Mother's Day, may we honor all mothers, including the ones who are grieving, longing, healing or simply enduring. May we meet them all with the same quiet understanding: that motherhood, in all its forms, is both tender and immense.

Older Americans Month: Older Americans Month Celebrated with Annual Expo at SUNY Fredonia

Contributed by

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Chautauqua County Office for Aging

Each May, communities nationwide observe Older Americans Month, a tradition established in 1963 under President John F. Kennedy to recognize the contributions and lasting impact of older adults. Locally, that celebration will take shape on Thursday, **May 21st, 2026**, with the annual CHQAging Expo and Conference at the Williams Center on the campus of State University of New York at Fredonia.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to older adults, caregivers, and their families throughout the county.

A highlight of the day is the exhibition hall where local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) participate in a community vendor fair by sharing information about health and wellness programs, financial and legal services, housing and transportation options, caregiver support service, and public benefits. This is a great opportunity to ask questions directly with representatives, gather materials and learn what services are available close to home. **No registration is required for browsing the exhibition hall.**

In addition to the vendor exhibitions, educational breakout sessions will take concurrently offered in 8 classrooms around the perimeter of the exhibition hall at 10:30 AM, 11:30

AM, and 1 PM. Topics include Diabetes Education, Scam Prevention, Money Management, Medicare 101, Medicare Fraud, Legal Planning, Falls Prevention, Pain Management, 10 Nutrition Tips, and more! **Registration is recommended to reserve your spot in these popular informational sessions.** Walk-ins will be welcome if space is available.

The annual expo is designed to make accessing information easier by bringing a wide range of services together in one convenient location. It also creates a space for attendees to connect, learn, and discover programs that support independent, health, and well-being.

Mark your calendars for May 21st and plan to join us in celebrating Older Americans Month at our Annual CHQAging Expo and Conference. To register visit: [Chautauquacountyny.gov/CHQAgingExpo](https://chquacountyny.gov/CHQAgingExpo). If you don't have a device, call NY Connects at 716-753-4582 and one of our staff can help you register at this link. Transportation assistance can be requested through the registration link.

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



A Mother's Day Tribute to a Very Special Mom

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When I think back to my early days as Gillian's mom, I recall a couple of trips to the ER, one for a febrile seizure and another time for stitches on her chin after a playground fall. Then there was 9/11, and the need to reassure her and her brother that the world was not filled with hate and that being kind and caring was important in all aspects of our lives. Those incidents, while scary and etched into my memory, seem trivial now compared to the gravity of the challenges that Gillian faced with Johnny's cancer: the initial diagnosis, treatments, tests, imaging results, painful cries, countless meetings with doctors and clinicians, time away from her other very young children, days and nights of tears and holding onto hope and praying for a miracle. All of these will continue to shape her life as she finds ways to hold her grief and channel it to help her family and others facing similar situations.

I saw in Gillian a mom who made sure Johnny could participate as much as possible in the life of his siblings despite his declining health. Earlier this year, when Johnny's two sisters were playing basketball in the Upward program, Johnny wanted to go watch the game and see some of his buddies who had been teammates in prior years. Since he could no longer walk, it was a challenge on a snowy day to get him into the car and to the venue. I watched as Gillian carefully placed Johnny in his wheel-

chair and proudly pushed him into the gym. He lit up as people greeted him. Gillian knew he needed to be there, and she smiled as he talked with other kids and adults as well.

In the days and weeks that followed, I observed Gillian lovingly assisting Johnny with his daily care and sitting and lying close to him, soaking up precious moments. She did so with such grace and care, providing comfort and love to her son, knowing as only a mother could, that his time on Earth was coming to an end.

Johnny's passing is still so raw, and words that could cushion the blow are difficult to find. For Gillian, on this upcoming Mother's Day, I have found some of the words from the Serenity Prayer to be comforting to me, and hope they also provide some comfort to her as we grieve the loss of our shining star, Johnny LaMancuso.

"O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change... Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace." (Reinhold Niebuhr, Author)

-A post-script: Because this was written specifically as a tribute to Johnny's Mom, I still need to acknowledge the relentless research, time, effort, love and faith that Johnny's Dad provided to his son. That is a story for another day.



Ellen & Johnny



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**Chautauqua Region
Community Foundation**

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and Community Heart & Soul® have announced a new partnership to strengthen communities across the Chautauqua Region by expanding access to a proven, resident-driven approach to community engagement.

Community Heart & Soul engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. Designed for small cities and towns with populations up to 30,000, the process helps communities listen at scale, build trust, and translate residents' stories into shared priorities that help guide decisions over time.

Combining Community Heart & Soul's resident-driven approach with Chautauqua Region Community Foundation's local relationships, expertise, and resources, the partnership aims to leave a lasting impact on communities across the Chautauqua Region by helping residents and local leaders come together around what matters most. Through this partnership, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation will utilize the Community Heart & Soul model to help communities engage more people, listen to a broad range of local voices, and turn what residents share into clear priorities that can guide future action.

"We are honored to partner with Com-

munity Heart & Soul to engage with our community in new and meaningful ways," said Tory Irgang, Executive Director of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. "Moving beyond grant-making into community partnership and capacity building is a goal for the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and Community Heart & Soul is making that goal a reality."

Mark Sherman, President of Community Heart & Soul, shared his enthusiasm for the collaboration, "We're excited to partner with Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to support community engagement in southwestern New York. When residents take the time to listen deeply and act on what matters most, they build a strong foundation for the future."

About Community Heart & Soul

Community Heart & Soul, a nonprofit organization, builds stronger, healthier, and more economically vibrant small cities and towns across the United States. In addition to promoting the Community Heart & Soul model, the organization trains and supports a nationwide network of certified coaches who provide training and guidance to over 130 communities.

About Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation partners with its community to ignite positive change and create legacies of impact in the Chautauqua region. CRCF was established in 1978 by visionary community leaders who were committed to creating a vibrant region where every resident feels connected and has the opportunity to thrive.



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Chautauqua Lake Region
Men of Integrity

Humor is healthy. That seems to be common knowledge. This is triply true when the humor is clean and God-honoring. That is one reason that the Chautauqua Lake Region Men of Integrity (CLRMI) is bringing comedian Jeff Allen to the Reg Lena Center for the Arts in Jamestown on Friday, May 15 for a 7 p.m. performance.

Jeff Allen is noted for many things. His Happy Wife, Happy Life® message of a marriage gone wrong and redeemed has given laughter and encouragement to millions of people. Jeff's comedy drives home the humor in everyday family life and the joy derived from a healthy marriage. Jeff combines clean, hilarious humor like no other comedian working today. Besides performing at corporate functions and fundraisers, he regularly appears on television and radio across the country. Jeff has been featured on America's Got Talent, Netflix, Amazon, Dry Bar Comedy, PureFlex, Huckabee, Warner Bros., Bananas, Apostles of Comedy, Thou Shalt Laugh, and numerous other networks and shows. Consistently making heroes out of meeting planners, Jeff provides world-class comedy. With over 400 million video views on YouTube and Facebook, he is a comedian and viral sensation!

The CLRMI has been bringing men together for three decades. Their mission is to equip men for a lifestyle of Christlikeness at home, at church, in the workplace and the community. This ministry is centered in Jamestown but draws men from a three-county area. -- Four times each year they hold a breakfast gathering for fellowship,

worship, and for the impartation of Biblical teaching. Each year they also sponsor special events that can include spouses (like the Jeff Allen event).

Camp facilities such as Mission Meadows have been utilized for a day of outdoor activities for the men followed by an evening meal and program that includes spouses.

Over the years, CLRMI has filled up the Reg Lena Center for the Arts in Jamestown with speakers such as Patrick Morley (founder of Man in the Mirror Ministries), Kevin Leman, and Comedian, Ken Davis. They also packed out the JCC gymnasium when they brought Darryl and Tracy Strawberry to our region to speak and teach on overcoming drug addiction and on marriage.

Later this year, on October 10, the CLRMI will be sponsoring a Promise Keepers gathering called, "Wake Up Call." This will be like a "pep-rally" to get on board with the 30th anniversary "Stand in the Gap" gathering on The National Mall in Washington, DC that will take place in the Fall of 2027. Our CLRMI took ten buses of men to the "Stand in the Gap" back in 1997.

One of their special events in 2026 is fast approaching when comedian Jeff Allen comes to Jamestown. Our CLRMI are hoping that the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts will be filled to capacity for this very special evening with Jeff. Tickets have been selling, but there are still some available from www.ci.ovationtix.com/36182/production/1265995 or call 716-484-7070.

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CASA of Chautauqua County

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County invites the public to an unforgettable evening of artistry, generosity, and celebration at its 18th Annual Come to the Table fundraiser, taking place Thursday, May 14 at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with the lively and highly anticipated live table auction beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Hosted at the scenic Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, a new backdrop for this year's event, this signature evening transforms the experience into an immersive celebration where creativity meets compassion—and every table tells a story.

Guests will enjoy an engaging night featuring hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment by members of the Jamestown High School Chamber Orchestra, raffles, door prizes, and the excitement of a live auction unlike any other in the region. Tickets are available for \$20 at the door or in advance at chautauquacasa.com, and the public is warmly encouraged to attend.

At the heart of the event is the live table auction, where beautifully curated tablescapes—designed and donated by local CASA supporters—become works of art that guests can bid on and take home. This year's themes span imagination and nostalgia, including "Staycation" by Casey Foti and Dianne Foti, "Blind Date with a Book" by Jacki Crosby, "Camping-palooza" by Julie Ambrose, "The Imagination Station" by Lisa Allenson, "Sip, Slice and Savor" by Mark and Michelle Saxton, "Northwest Arena/The Zone" by Tonja Rinaldo, "Sogno Rustico" by Raven & Thorn, "Second Hand Rose" by Shari Jamieson, "Come into the Garden" by Deb Eck and Friends. Plus, there are many more creative surprises waiting to

be discovered.

Among the evening's featured auction highlights is a 7-night stay in a private Myrtle Beach condo, offering sun-soaked relaxation just steps from dining, shopping, golf, and entertainment. Returning as a guest favorite is the unforgettable "Heroes Dinner with Jamestown Fire Department" tablescape, where the highest bidder and 11 guests will enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner at Station One Firehouse, prepared and served by local firefighters, followed by an exclusive firehouse tour.

New this year, the dazzling "Wicked Divas of Disney" tablescape brings villainous elegance to life, inspired by Disney's most iconic characters. This immersive experience also includes four tickets to "Aladdin" on Broadway, making it one of the evening's most sought-after auction items.

Throughout the night, CASA will proudly honor outstanding individuals and partners whose dedication strengthens advocacy for children in Chautauqua County. The Donna Vanstrom Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented to Samantha Cashmore in recognition of her extraordinary dedication to child advocacy and to Bob Rogers for his exceptional volunteer service and outstanding leadership on the CASA Board, both of whom have made a lasting impact on the children and families served by the program. The Mary Rogers Heart of CASA Award will be given to Nancy and Steve Wickmark in honor of their deep passion for CASA's mission and their unwavering commitment to supporting its work on behalf of vulnerable children. The Robert (Bob) Schinizer Justice for Children Award will be presented to the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services in appreciation of their strong collaborative partnership and steadfast commitment to ensuring that foster children

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Peace, Hope and Joy with Linda Kent

MOTHER'S HEART



Featured Writer
Linda Kent

his backpack and his lunch box. He practiced climbing the bus steps on round up day. He was so ready to go and chattered about it almost non-stop.

Morning, the first day of school. Pictures were taken. I didn't notice it at the time, but after, I could see the distress increase on his face and his smile become forced in each picture. The bus came and with a final hug and wave, the kids clambered on. The older two walked back a few rows, waved as they sat down. He topped the stairs, turned into the first seat, pressed his little face against the window and stared forlornly directly into my heart.

I burst into tears as the bus pulled away and cried all morning. I don't think I've ever felt anyone's eyes in my soul the way I felt my son's that day. The sadness in them that a big change had just occurred and things would never be the same. He recognized it and wanted to make sure I knew it too. It's a memory I will never forget.

I had a moment like that with my other children, too, a moment that changed my heart profoundly. Each child touches our mother's heart in ways that change us forever. I would have it no other way.

I love being a mom. I loved the cuddles, the chaos, the love freely given; especially when the kids were small. Little children give their love so easily. Their sloppy kisses and sticky hugs more than make up for the mess and stress of running around after them.

We all know there'll be a time when they'll break our heart, but it doesn't stop us from loving them. It did surprise me how early my youngest one broke mine, though.

His siblings were already in school. He had his year at home alone with me and was so excited to go to school, just like his brother and sister. He was finally going to kindergarten! He excitedly picked out

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CHAUTAUQUA REGION QUILT GUILD TO MEET

The Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild's monthly meeting will be Wednesday, May 13 at the Busti 5 Corners Community Church at the 5 corners across from the fire department. Our program this month is being presented by Judy Sharer from Warren and Corry, PA. Ms Sharer writes historical romance/family-saga series with a thread of quilting throughout the story. Her first series of four books are: Settler's Life, Second Chance Life, Civil War Life, and Love-Challenged Life. All 4 books can be borrowed through the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System (<https://catalog.cclsny.org/>). She will be bringing a trunk show of her quilting and will discuss different techniques used as she did most as self-taught. Her trunk show will have something for everyone attending. Possibly learning a bit about being an author as well.. Refreshments are served 6:00-6:30 with our meeting beginning promptly at 6:30. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Heather Turner

Blackstone Advanced Technologies Runs On Heart, Resilience

Heather Blackstone, co-owner of Blackstone Advanced Technologies, works in metal fabrication by day, but also takes pride in being a full-time, fully engaged mom as well.

“Being a mom and a business owner aren’t just roles I balance—they’re the two biggest sources of pride and purpose in my life,” Heather said. “I co-own and operate two metal fabrication companies (total of 170 team members) here in Chautauqua County with my husband, and every day I’m reminded that raising strong, kind boys and building a strong, values-driven company both require consistency, resilience and heart.”



Heather with sons Carter & Arie

She said being a mother has instilled many lessons over the years, which has inspired her business. “Motherhood has taught me how to lead with empathy, think long-term and stay grounded in what matters most,” she said. “I’m constantly inspired to make our businesses not only excellent at what we do, but also meaningful places to work—where team members feel supported and valued, just like I want our children to feel at home.”

While Heather enjoys entrepreneurship, she always remembers her family is her firm foundation. “I want my kids to grow up in a community where they see both their parents working hard, giving back and showing up—not just for the bottom line, but for our people and neighbors,” she said. “Being a mom makes me a better business owner, and owning these businesses pushes me to be the kind of mom I want to be.”



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Julie Ambrose

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Julie Ambrose, owner of St. Elmo Spa, has built her business with a clear understanding of how much people need space to slow down and take care of themselves; something she knows firsthand as both a mother and a business owner.



Julie with husband Bob, and children from left: Riley, Alyssa & Madelyn

She has grown the spa into a place clients return to not just for services, but for the personal and consistent experience grounded in genuine care. From skincare treatments to therapeutic services, the focus is always on meeting people where they are and helping them feel their best.

Julie brings that same mindset to how she runs her business and creates a supportive environment for her team while staying closely connected to her clients. Her involvement in the community reflects that as well, with a steady commitment to giving back and staying engaged locally.

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Sally A. Jaroszynski

Serving the families of Chautauqua County with diligence, compassion, and respect

For more than three decades, Sally’s law practice has been rooted in a simple but powerful commitment: serving the families of Chautauqua County with diligence, compassion, and respect. As a matrimonial and family law attorney, she has had the privilege of standing beside individuals during some of the most challenging and transformative moments of their lives—moments that demand not only legal guidance, but understanding and humanity.



Sally with her daughters, Hannah & Kathryn

This Mother’s Day, Sally finds herself reflecting not only on her professional journey, but also on the personal one that has unfolded alongside it. Building a private practice while raising two daughters was, at times, a delicate balancing act. Long hours, difficult cases, and the emotional weight that comes with family law were constants in her home. Yet, in the midst of that, there was also a shared sense of purpose—an understanding that the work being done was meaningful, and that it mattered.

Sally’s daughters grew up witnessing firsthand what it means to advocate for others. They saw the importance of listening without judgment, of standing firm in the face of adversity, and of working toward solutions that protect and strengthen families. Those lessons, she believes, helped shape the women they have become today.

Looking back, Sally sees how deeply intertwined her roles as an attorney and a mother have been. The same values that guide her work—compassion, perseverance, and advocacy—are the ones she hoped to instill at home. And in turn, her experience as a mother has only strengthened her ability to connect with and represent the families she serves.

This Mother’s Day, Sally is grateful—for her family, for her clients, and for the opportunity to continue doing work that she believes in. Supporting families is not just her profession; it has been a lifelong calling, both in and out of the office.

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Nicki Nearhoof

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For Nicki Nearhoof, ownership of Hae Jude Custom Signs and Apparel is more than a business. It’s a continuation of a story born in creativity and craftsmanship.



Amy with children Anthony, Lucy, and Joseph

Based in Silver Creek and proudly serving Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Erie counties for more than 25 years, Hae Jude has long been a trusted name in decorated apparel, signage, logo design, and custom-built online apparel stores. When Nicki purchased the business from its original founder, Judy Hilliker, she stepped into that legacy with intention. Now in her sixth year of ownership, she continues to carry it forward by honoring what was built while developing what comes next.

Alongside her husband Tim, a fellow local business owner, Nicki is raising their young twin daughters with a deep commitment to hard work, faith, and integrity. These values are woven into every aspect of their lives and into the heart of the business. Creativity is not just a service for Nicki; it’s a way to help others bring their ideas to life, whether for a business, an organization, or a neighbor with a vision.

As Hae Jude continues to grow, it is entering an exciting new chapter. A new storefront at 1040 Route 5 & 20 in Irving, next to Aunt Millie’s Restaurant, along with a newly built production space closer to home, marks the next step in that journey. With strong roots and a clear sense of purpose, Nicki and her family look ahead with gratitude and determination, ready to continue serving their community and building on a foundation more than a quarter century in the making.



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Robin Kiendl



In her father's footsteps, an inspiration for her daughters

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Robin with children
Finley 6, Billie 4 & Sophie 8

Raising a family has informed how she leads in everything with patience, adaptability, and a strong belief that relationships are her first priority. It's also shaped the culture of her agency. In the early days, her children were often by her side, sometimes right at the office, an experience she now considers one of the most meaningful parts of her journey. Even today, they remain a visible part of her world, a reflection of how closely her work and home life are intertwined.

Licensed in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Vermont, Robin brings nearly two decades of experience to the clients she serves. Her approach is focused on trust, consistency, and helping families protect what matters most.

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Kim Carlson



Bringing Color, Joy and Connection

Kim Carlson, owner of Pea Pod and Juniper, turned a personal journey through loss and COVID into a vibrant space for creativity, beauty, and community. Carlson founded the flower and gift shop as a place to bring color, joy, and connection to Lakewood, Jamestown, and the surrounding areas. Named after her granddaughters, Penelope and Juniper, the shop holds deep personal meaning centered on family.



Kim with granddaughters
Penelope & Juniper

"I knew that I was craving colorful, I was craving retail therapy... I was craving creativity," Carlson said. "I needed to work on beautiful things, and I knew it was time to make a change and that's when I opened the store."

Pea Pod and Juniper offers custom floral arrangements, subscriptions, and event services, along with a curated selection of gifts, all with a personal touch. Carlson emphasizes that every customer interaction is meaningful: "It's more personal...you're getting a personalized experience and there's a person that answers the phone, there's a person that will call you back."

Beyond flowers, Carlson has expanded into a year-round holiday store, acting as a hub for artistry, color, and good feelings. Through her business, she also gives back to the community and supports local causes.

For Carlson, the shop isn't just a place filled with beautiful flowers. It's a space for building experiences and memories. "There's just a good feeling in that building...my head and heart say 'I want more of this.'"



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Jessica with daughter xxx

Jessica's journey into entrepreneurship wasn't just about business—it was about necessity. With a daughter who faced serious medical challenges at a young age, Jessica needed flexibility more than anything. "Being self-employed gives me the flexibility to build my own schedule and make sure that I can be there for my daughter whenever she needs me," she said. That same adaptability defines her work-life rhythm today. While her daughter's at school, Jessica's in the garage, bringing vehicles back to life.

Her message to other moms considering their own path? "It's incredibly difficult, but it gives you the freedom to not only pursue your dreams, but to also build your family time to how you see fit," Jessica said. She reminds fellow mompreneurs not to drown in the to-do list. "The invoices will still be there tomorrow. Don't miss out on your children growing up ... make sure to prioritize the most important part of life, the people you love."

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Amy Martis



Lake Life Flexibility and Family

Amy Martis, owner of Lake Life Cafe in Bemus and Lake Life Kitchen in Lakewood, is the proud mother of three wonderful kiddos - Anthony (17), Lucy (15) and Joseph (13). While managing restaurants that serve delicious breakfasts, lunches and delectable coffee wasn't her first career, it certainly has fit her family life.



Amy with children
Anthony, Lucy, and Joseph

"Prior to having children, I was a high school math teacher but resigned from teaching once I had Joseph," Amy said. "While I loved teaching math, I knew that I wanted more of a flexible schedule - owning our own business allows me that flexibility while allowing me to use my creativity and vision to its fullest."

Amy said the reason she loves being a mompreneur is that it allows her the freedom to engage and be present in the activities and events that her family enjoys.

"I am their 'mom uber' and their biggest fan," she said. "My kids have also learned so much through our business ownership: ranging from how to do dishes to how to manage the finances. I am proud to say our family lives by the slogan 'work hard - play hard' while enjoying every minute."

Amy encouraged other moms who are looking to start a business to "take that leap," but warned there will be bumps along the way. "Balancing everything won't always happen and you have to understand that as flexible as it may seem - there will be times that your business must come first."



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Sally Andriaccio

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For Sally, motherhood and owning a business have always been about striving to keep a beautiful balance. Her favorite memories aren't just of milestones, but of her kids standing on stepstools at the sink, washing dishes and helping out wherever they could. They grew up "all-in," learning early on the heart of what it means to run a family business.

As Andriaccio's celebrates 44 years in business, Sally looks at her grown children leading as the third generation and realizes those early days of "helping out" built the foundation for the leaders they are today. They learned firsthand that success is built with grit, heart, and the incredible support of a local community that has watched them grow up alongside the business. Adding a second business, Coppola's Pizzeria, is a true testament to their hard work, leadership, and the grit they developed from growing up in the business.

Sally has come to realize that the secret to thriving wasn't just hard work—it was keeping her heart in the right place. She has always tried to live by the priority of putting God first, family second, and business third. That foundation allowed her to lead with



Sally (second from left) with her children: Jake, Abigail, Justin and Amanda

peace and purpose, and it's the greatest lesson she could have passed down to the third generation now at the helm.

With the grandchildren already waiting in the wings and watching their parents continue to build a legacy, Sally is filled with gratitude. Being a mom in this business meant showing her kids that work and family aren't always separate—they are a shared legacy of love and service.

To the wonderful community, Sally shares her thanks: for being the hands that have held them up for over four decades. She hopes that God blesses them and their families just as richly as they have blessed hers. They are so honored to grow alongside them.



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Mary Ann Bianco

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Mary Ann Bianco counts herself fortunate to own a Salon & Spa in Jamestown, Lakewood, and Chautauqua Institution since 1973. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she expanded her career by becoming a licensed real estate agent in both New York and Florida. Mary Ann has always been passionate about helping people, whether through hair and beauty or now in real estate. "The transition from salon owner to real estate agent has been both exciting and rewarding," says Mary Ann.

She has found that the skills she developed in the salon—listening to clients, understanding their needs, and providing tailored solutions—are just as important in helping someone find their dream home. In real estate, Mary Ann combines her love for aesthetics with her desire to assist people in making one of the most significant decisions of their lives. She enjoys guiding clients through the home-buying process and helping them feel informed and confident every step of the way.

As she navigates this new chapter, Mary Ann continues to cherish the connections she has built in her community over the years. Her commitment to providing excellent service remains steadfast, and she looks forward to helping clients discover not just a house, but a place they can truly call home. Whether it's styling hair or finding the perfect property,



Mary Ann and her son, Alex

Mary Ann believes in creating an experience that is both personal and enjoyable.

She is also deeply proud of her role as a mother, reflecting, "It was a privilege to raise such an amazing son. He understood what it was like for me to own and work a business with employees and raise a family. He is a Senior Vice President of Equitable Advisors, and his first entrepreneurial role was to buy sodas and fill the refrigerator at the salon where he made his first paycheck. But the thing I'm most proud about is his ability to communicate and show empathy to all the people he meets. I'm so blessed."

Mary Ann is excited to see where this journey will take her and can't wait to meet new clients and help them achieve their dreams. "I'm looking forward to seeing what happens next!"



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Julie Harle

A legacy founded on family, tradition, and small-town connection

Julie Harle, owner of The Green Door in Bemus Point, carries on a legacy founded on family, tradition, and small-town connection. Inspired by her great-grandmother Ann, who once owned a bar in Fedora, South Dakota called The Green Door, Julie's business is not just a name, but a continuation of something deeply personal.

Today, that same spirit lives on through Julie and the generations beside her. Her daughters, Maddy and Jenna, both play key roles in the business, working alongside her and helping shape its day-to-day success. It's truly a family effort; one built not only on hard work, but on shared pride and purpose. Supporting her every step of the way is her mother, Eileen Hanson, whom Julie describes as her biggest cheerleader.

Julie is grateful to be a woman business owner in the Bemus Point community, where the support of a small town has made all the difference. That encouragement, combined with the strength of her family, continues to fuel her journey.

At The Green Door, the story isn't just about a business. It's about generations of women, a legacy carried forward, and the meaningful connections that make it all worthwhile.



Julie with daughters Maddie (left front) & Jenna (left back) and mom, Eileen Hanson



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Dr. Melissa Dengler

Healing With Heart, Science and Motherhood

For Dr. Melissa Dengler, naturopathic medicine isn't just a profession — it's a personal calling. As the founder of Vitality Natural Health and Wellness Center, with locations in Meadville and Grove City, Pennsylvania and Lakewood, New York, she brings compassion, science and deep listening to every patient interaction.

"I became a naturopathic doctor to bridge the gap between modern science and natural healing," Melissa said. "In clinical practice, I see so many patients who feel unheard, over-medicated or frustrated with temporary fixes." Through tools like botanical medicine, clinical nutrition, homeopathy and lifestyle counseling, she focuses on treating root causes — not just symptoms. "My goal is always to support the body's healing intelligence with respect, not override it with force."

Becoming a mother added another layer to Melissa's practice. "When I became a mom, I wanted to utilize my knowledge in natural medicine and apply it to the health of my daughter. Not only is treating her holistically a priority of mine, but I want for her to grow up with a strong foundation of health — not just free from disease, but truly thriving — physically, mentally, and spiritually. I want my daughter to know that knowledge is powerful, but compassion is what changes lives."

As both doctor and Mom-Treprenuer, she blends intuition with expertise. "My patients taught me that every person holds a story worth hearing. My goal for my daughter is that she will live with that same sense of empathy and respect for others."

"Being a mother makes me a more compassionate doctor. Being a naturopath makes me a more empowered mom," Melissa said.



Melissa with daughter Addison



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Madelyn Card

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Be-coming a new mom while running her own business is a full-on balancing act for Madelyn—especially when that business includes a full catering kitchen and a seasonal mobile food trailer. Her days are filled with early mornings, late nights, and constantly shifting between caring for her newborn and keeping every part of her business moving. When her baby boy arrived on New Year's Day, it felt like more than just a birthday—it felt like a fresh start and a reminder each year of how much there is to be grateful for.

During the summer, Madelyn's work brings her to Chautauqua Institution for their full nine-week season, where her trailer is set up along Cookman Avenue near Hall of Philosophy and Alumni Hall. This year, she is expanding her menu to serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner—with a brand new coffee menu—while stepping into this new season of life as a mother, which makes everything feel even more meaningful. She serves artisanal sandwiches and home-style cooking with a touch of 1950s diner nostalgia in every meal. Outside of the Institution, she can also be found at events all around Chautauqua County, where her bright red 20-foot pull-behind trailer has become a familiar sight she is proud to show up with.

Multitasking has always come naturally to Madelyn. In many ways, it feels like part of being a woman—carrying multiple roles, responsibilities, and passions at once and still finding a way to make it all work. Food has always been a way to everyone's hearts for her, and running

a food business has been a long-time passion, just as much as becoming a mother.

Being a self-made, woman-run business owner and a mother is truly a dream come true for Madelyn. It's something she honestly wasn't sure would ever happen, and she is so grateful that it has. Building a life where both of those passions exist side by side is incredibly fulfilling. Motherhood has changed the way she shows up in her work—she is more patient, more efficient, and stronger than she ever expected.

It's not always easy. There are days where Madelyn feels pulled in both directions—wanting to be fully present at home while also giving her business everything it needs. But she has learned that balance isn't about perfection. It's about showing up and doing her best each day. What makes it all worth it is the purpose behind it: she's not just running a business—she's raising her baby boy while building something meaningful for her family, one season, one service, and one small victory at a time.



Madelyn with her son Theodore



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Kristin Lee Smithers, CLT

Owner of Sunny Shores SPRAY, SUN, SPA

A busy mom of four, devoted community supporter, and successful wellness Mom-Trepreneur, Kristin Lee Smithers brings unmatched energy and heart to everything she does. As a Certified Light Therapist, her mission is simple yet powerful: to educate and help others live their most vibrant and fulfilling lives.

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Kristin's expertise and passion have made her a sought-after speaker at webinars, cruises, and conferences, including JK Wellness, Heartland, and Serenity Expos. But beyond her professional accomplishments, her most profound role is being a mom. Whether she's helping manage her children's baseball teams, cheering at track meets, or attending every cheerleading performance and volleyball game, she shows up—fully and wholeheartedly.

A true believer in giving back, Kristin regu-



Kristin with family, front boy - Logan - 13 back row - Alarah - 17, Lily - 15, Carter - 14 & Husband Mat

larly sponsors community events throughout Northeast PA, supports youth sports teams, and contributes to charitable fundraisers. Her impact reaches far beyond her business—she's a pillar of encouragement and generosity in the community.

Described by many as a "force for good," Kristin is deeply respected and loved by her clients and their families alike. In her own words: "I'm a devoted mom, a passionate business owner, and a staunch community supporter—not because it's easy, but because I've realized my purpose is bigger than any challenge or time constraint. By pouring myself into family and the community I serve, I prove every single day that I was truly built for this and will continue to help people thrive for decades to come!"



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Nikki Pierce

PersNikkity Pies: A Family Recipe for Success

For Nikki Pierce of PersNikkity Pies, the café isn't just a business—it's a family affair. What started as something that "just sort of evolved" has become a heartfelt operation powered by love, excellent baked goods and lunches, handcrafted coffees, and teamwork. Nikki never set out to be a mom-trepreneur, but it clicked one day. "I was able to see that this gift from God was going to eventually be the method by which I was able to spend more time with my family," she said.

From day one, Nikki ensured her kids were part of the business. "I have expected my kids to 'buy into' our family business since the beginning," she shared. Each child brings their own strengths: her son, Kal, a top-tier taste tester and recipe critic; her middle daughter, Addie, a social media wiz guiding her through the age of Reels and reach; and her youngest daughter, Kate, a natural baker with a knack for vision and leadership. "She's great at working events with me and running the bakery when I'm not available." Meanwhile, her son's girlfriend, Sierra, is just as much family, serving as co-lead baker and co-manager—an instrumental role that helps keep PersNikkity running smoothly.

Nikki even has a mom hack to share: "Have your kids read business emails to you while you're driving and ask them how they would respond... sort of like your own personal assistant."

Beyond the bakery, Nikki has also stepped into public service, having served as a Village of Falconer trustee for over a year and currently run-



Nikki with children Kate, Sierra, Addie & Kal

ning for District 15, Town of Ellicott County Legislator. Her commitment to both her business and her community reflects the same passion and drive she brings to everything she does.

To moms dreaming of entrepreneurship, Nikki's advice is simple but powerful: "If you can at all do it, go for it! Build your vision slowly and with patience... it will show your kids that you can make dreams come true," she said.

She also encourages fellow family business owners in New York to talk with their accountant about how to best leverage their structure when filing taxes—something she's learned can make a meaningful difference.

For those planning to celebrate Mother's Day with PersNikkity Pies, Nikki recommends calling at least two days ahead for any pre-orders, though there will be plenty of treats available in-store throughout the weekend. Orders can be placed by calling the bakery directly at 716-294-3368.



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Kaitlyn Bentley

Sharing her dedication to local agriculture

For Kaitlyn, owner of Peterson Farm, motherhood and small business ownership go hand in hand: both demanding, but both deeply rewarding.

"It's not an easy job," she shares, balancing the realities of raising children while running a farm that requires attention around the clock. Early mornings, late nights, and unexpected farm emergencies are simply part of daily life. But for Kaitlyn, those moments are also opportunities.

Rather than keeping her two worlds separate, she brings her children along for the journey. Whether it's tending to animals at sunrise or handling the unpredictability that comes with farm life, her kids are learning firsthand what hard work, responsibility, and dedication look like.

For Kaitlyn, that's the heart of it all. Mot just building a business, but creating a life

"It's not an easy job taking on motherhood as well as being a small business owner where both need endeavors your 24/7 attention but it's worth it to be able to be there for my kids and take them along with me to teach them what it means to work hard. Even when that means being with me early in the morning or late at night dealing with farm emergencies and animal care. My hope is that they find what they love to with the space and experiences I am giving them."



Kaitlyn and her children, Sawyer and Elwyn.

where her children can grow, explore, and discover their own passions. "My hope is that they find what they love," she says, "with the space and experiences I'm giving them."

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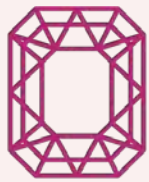
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Get answers directly from guest speakers at an upcoming town hall meeting.

Guest Speakers:

- Anna Powell, Childhood Lead & Healthy Homes Coordinator, Chautauqua County Health Department
- Crystal Surdyk, Director of Development, City of Jamestown

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Real Estate Investor Association, Jamestown (REIA)

Real Estate Investor Association (REIA): History

The Real Estate Investor Association (REIA) began in Jamestown in 1970, founded by five landlords seeking a forum for local property owners to connect, share real estate information, and support each other's businesses. Their aim was to encourage open communication and growth in the rental property community.

Over the years, REIA has grown significantly, maintaining a membership of 60 to 80 property owners, property managers, and real estate professionals. Together, these members are actively involved in buying, selling and managing a substantial number of rental units throughout Jamestown and the surrounding areas. The association values its legacy, and it is both proud and grateful that several of the original founding members remain active participants in the group today.

The REIA can be reached at REIAjamestown@yahoo.com

Open Dialogue and Collaboration – With Our Speakers

Anna Powell, Childhood Lead & Healthy Homes Coordinator, Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) Crystal Surdyk, Director of Development, City of Jamestown

REIA Members, Board of Realtors Members, and our speakers recognize the importance of bringing together all key stakeholders to discuss important matters. Working collaboratively is essential for handling changes, ensuring compliance with both registries, and offering support to the rental property community and Realtors during periods of adjustment.

About Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) Lead Rental Registry Program

The Lead Rental Registry Program establishes a proactive statewide system aimed at identifying and mitigating lead hazards in rental housing. The goal is to detect and remedy lead paint risks in rental properties before children are exposed to them.

- All residential rental properties in the 14701 zip-code, containing two or more units constructed before 1980 must undergo inspections to ensure they are free of lead hazards.
- Property owners are required to obtain a Lead Safety Certificate for every rented unit.
- Any lead hazards that are identified must be addressed using lead-safe work practices and must be corrected promptly.
- Compliance with these requirements will be monitored and enforced to prevent childhood lead poisoning and maintain safer housing conditions throughout the community.

About City of Jamestown - Rental Property Registry

All residential rental properties in Jamestown must be registered. The registration will help the city address and enforce substandard housing laws, maintain current owner and property manager information, and build a database for emergency response and to send important legal communication direct to the owner.

- Owners who didn't register by 08/01/2024 must do so now to avoid penalties.
- New property owners must register within 30 days of ownership transfer.
- Post-Transfer Inspections: All rental properties are subject to inspection within 90 days of ownership transfer.
- Inspection Scope: Includes the exterior, common areas, and all rental units.

Town Hall Meeting: Location and Information

Audience: Professionals interested in or affected by these initiatives

REIA is hosting this meeting with cooperation from The Chautauqua County Board of Realtors.

Meeting Details:

- Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
- Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- Location: Wicked Warren's, 3rd Floor Meeting Room, 119 W 3rd St, Jamestown
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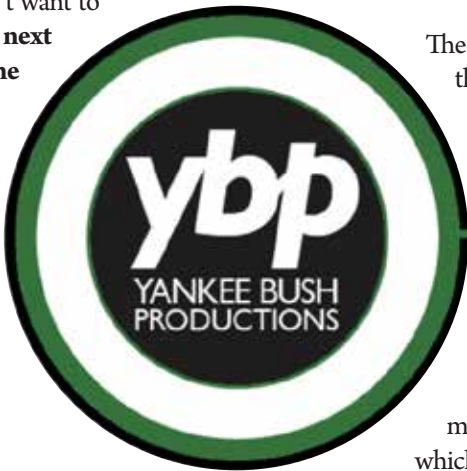
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On Friday, May 8, 2026, 8 pm, a fantastic Tribute to The Beatles, The Caverners, will perform all your favorite Beatles' songs at the Struthers Library Theatre, Warren, PA. THE CAVERNERS debuted in 1994, and have since been exciting audiences with their note for note perfect portrayal of The Beatles in concert. With authentic instruments, costumes and stellar vocals this all Canadian cast recreates an incredible performance night after night leaving audiences screaming, stamping their feet and shouting for more. All the great songs are there too, everything from "She Loves You" to "Day Tripper" from "Yesterday," "Help," and "A Hard Day's Night" to "Get Back" and "Hey Jude." Come see it for yourself. THE CAVERNERS will hold your hand back to The Ed Sullivan Show in February 1964, then drive your car and take you on a yellow submarine to meet nowhere men, taxmen, and people named Jude, Lady Madonna and John and Yoko. It's a ride you won't want to miss!

Catch the next best thing to the original Beatles - catch The Caverners' Tribute to the Beatles at the Struthers Library Theatre, Warren, PA, Friday, May 8, 2026!



There is really no need to remind the public of who and what The Beatles or The Fab Four, which they also became known as, were except to remind everyone of how much they accomplished in a relatively short span of time. The Beatles was formed in 1960 in Liverpool, England and ultimately disbanded in 1970. The Beatles appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1964 as part of their first tour of the United States, promoting their first hit single, "I Want to Hold Your Hand." Beatlemania exploded in the United States following their three appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show, February 9, 16 and 23, 1964. The Beatles broke television ratings records in the U.S. with their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show with over 70 million people viewing their performance. The British Invasion was officially underway in the U.S. from then on.

The Beatles were the most influential popular music group of the rock era. They affected the post-war baby boom generation of Britain, the United States and many other countries during the 1960s. Certainly they are the most popular group in rock history, with global sales exceeding 1.1 billion records. Throughout their relatively short time recording and performing together, the

Beatles set a number of world records, most of which have yet to be broken. The following are just a few of those records. During the week of April 4, 1964, The Beatles held the top five positions on the Billboard singles chart. No one had ever done anything like this before and no one has since. The songs were "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please, Please Me." The Beatles are the only artists to have 'back-to-back-to-back' # 1 singles on Billboard's Hot 100. Boyz II Men and Elvis Presley succeeded themselves on the chart, but the Beatles are the only artists to 'three-peat'. The Beatles' "Yesterday" is the most covered song in history, appearing in the Guinness Book of Records with over three thousand recorded versions. With their performance at Shea Stadium, NYC, in 1965, the Beatles set new world records for concert attendance (\$5,600+) and revenue which have since been massively surpassed. This was, however, the first time in the history of popular music anyone had played in a stadium as opposed to a theatre or concert hall.

The Beatles performed their last concert before paying fans in Candlestick Park in San Francisco, on August 29, 1966. They then concentrated on recording and their compositions and musical experiments which raised their artistic reputations remarkably while still being wildly popular. While they were originally famous for what some labelled light-weight pop, their later works achieved a combination of popular and critical acclaim. They became more than recording artists; they branched out into film: A Hard Day's Night, 1964; Help!, 1965; Magical Mystery Tour, 1967; Yellow Submarine, 1968 and Let It Be, 1970 and also political activism. They achieved an iconic status with far reaching effects. They are regarded as the most influential band of all time and they are responsible for turning pop music into an art form. **Don't miss experiencing The Caverners' tribute to this iconic band, The Beatles!**

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CHAUTAUQUA REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HUMANE SOCIETY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

In February, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation approved a grant from the Fund for the Region to support the Chautauqua County Humane Society’s \$7 million capital campaign—an ambitious effort to expand and renovate its existing animal shelter to better serve animals and the community.

The “Building Our Future” campaign will add significant square footage to the current facility, creating space to accommodate 29 dogs, nine stray holding areas, 48 cats, 10 flexible holding cages, and a new isolation area for dogs.

The project also ensures the facility meets and exceeds evolving New York State animal shelter regulations, including updated standards for space, ventilation, and separation requirements. These improvements are essential to maintaining safe, humane conditions for animals in care and position the Humane Society to continue delivering high-quality services while remaining fully compliant with state guidelines.

The Humane Society’s leadership thoughtfully scaled the design to

focus on essential needs, resulting in a practical, mission-centered expansion that strengthens core operations while remaining fiscally responsible. As Executive Director Jane Babinsky shared, “This project is about making sure we can continue to meet the needs of animals and our community—not just today, but for years to come. Every decision in this plan reflects that responsibility.”

As demand for shelter services continues, so too does the community’s longstanding commitment to animal welfare. Chautauqua County has consistently demonstrated strong support for the Humane Society and the critical role it plays in protecting and caring for vulnerable animals. By supporting this campaign, the Foundation signals confidence in the project’s vision, leadership, and community backing.

“Our donors and fund advisors include many animal welfare supporters,” said Tory Irgang. “This grant aligns with our community’s needs and the interests of so many who support the Foundation.”

For more information on the funds held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, visit www.crcfonline.org or contact Lindsey Goold, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or lgoold@crcfonline.org.

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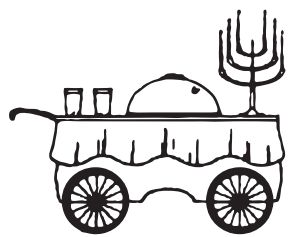
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Home Installation of Fiber-Optic Drops an Exciting New Aspect of Jamestown BPU Fiber Project

Contributed by
Jamestown BPU

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) officials are excited to announce a new development that will help the build-out of the Jamestown BPU Fiber Project this spring and summer.

Crews of contractors will soon install new fiber-optic lines from the street to the exterior of homes in BPU electric territory where Jamestown BPU Fiber is offered to customers.

Door tags will first be hung on property doors to inform residents of the installations, with links to online information explaining the process. Following approximately two weeks after the door tags are hung, installations will begin in those neighborhoods.

Free installations of "fiber drops" will include small non-descript boxes neatly and securely attached to homes at no cost to customers, as part of the New York State Connect ALL program grant that has funded the project.

A fiber drop is a 1/8-inch fiber-optic cable installed from the street to the exterior of the building, right next to, or as close as possible to, existing electrical utility lines and meters. This is an industry-standard installation that connects homes to the Jamestown Community Fiber network.

The fiber drop, valued at \$450, is installed at no cost or obligation to the homeowner. The drop simply makes a home fiber-ready, but there is no obligation to sign up for the service.

The fiber drop is an exterior-only installation, and property owners do not need to be home for it. An indoor installation is only performed if a customer chooses to sign up for the Jamestown BPU Fiber internet service.

"The installation of fiber-optic drops provides us with the opportunity to ensure that all our electric customers will have access to free installation of the fiber lines to their homes at no cost before the New York State grant providing the service to our community expires at the end of the year," explains BPU General Manager Kristofor G. Sellstrom.

"The drop installation makes the home fiber-ready, should the homeowner decide to sign up for the Jamestown BPU Fiber internet service," continues Sellstrom. "It's an exciting step as we move forward to offer low-cost, high-speed internet as a BPU utility service to our electric customers."

Sellstrom reminds residents that if they sign up for the service before the end of October, the first 90 days of BPU internet service will be free.

Customers may enroll in the hometown fiber project at Jamestownbpu.com/fiber or by calling 716-661-1633. Jamestown BPU Fiber is currently available from two internet companies: Fiber Spark and Sumo Fiber.

Should a resident wish to opt out of the free fiber-optic drop installation, the door tag includes a QR code for more information, or they may click directly on: jamestownbpufiber.com/fiber-drop-FAQ.



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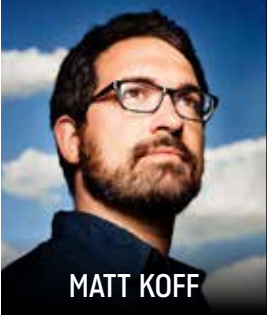


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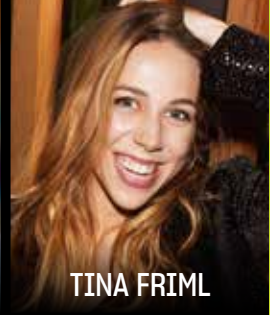
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ATTRACTING AND MAINTAINING CUSTOMERS

Article Contributed by

Daniel J. Heitzenrater

Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

How does your business attract and retain customers? That's the question we're asking small business owners as we travel the county with our Small Business Sit-Downs. From Hanover to Falconer, to right in our office in downtown Jamestown, the answers have been mostly consistent. It starts with a quality product. But then what?

No matter what industry you're in, you're going to face competition. The competition could come from a fellow small-business owner, a large chain store, a big-box retailer, or an online giant. When you have a quality product, be it a book, a cup of coffee, a landscaping service, etc, how do you keep your customers coming back to you?

Relationships.

Randy Zahm, of Harley-Davidson of Jamestown, said his customers have "a sense of belonging." The company has capitalized on the existing community of Harley-Davidson owners and connected their love of Harleys to an overall love of the places where they can ride them around our community, with an event-heavy schedule that keeps their customers connected.

Social media is another tool used by many. Sanfilippo Solutions and the Fenton History Center noted that they have used fun, engaging videos to raise awareness, build an audience, and educate their social media followers about what their business/organization does and how viewers can benefit.

Elizabeth Gabalski of the Fenton History Center noted that their social media has helped remind area residents of the fun they used to have at the center as kids and are now excited to bring their kids to the center.

Word-of-mouth.

Once you have a quality product and relationships in place, the next phase we consistently hear about is word-of-mouth marketing. The cheapest and most effective form of marketing is when your customers encourage their friends and family to also become your customers.

As you consider ways to maintain and grow your customer base. Think about ways to improve your product, build relationships, and create people that are such big fans of what you do that they won't stop talking about to their friends and family. What ways are you going to build your community?

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eSolutions/Bush Receivership Statement from CE Wendel and Mark Geise

Contributed by
County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

We are very disheartened regarding the recent announcement by eSolutions Furniture, formerly Bush Industries, that communicated they are dissolving the company resulting in the closing of their Jamestown furniture plant in the Town of Ellicott. The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) has been aware of the major challenges facing the business, and has been working proactively with them for nearly a year trying to identify a path forward that would prevent a full closure from taking place.

Unfortunately, despite our repeated and best efforts, we were unable to provide the level and type of assistance to prevent this unfortunate outcome. The company has officially announced that they are going into receivership to not only shutter the Jamestown Plant and liquidate their assets, but all of the facilities owned by eSolutions in the US, Canada, and Asia. The CCIDA and County pulled in Empire State Development, Upstate Capital Association of NY, Insyte Consulting, political leadership, and a multitude of finance-related experts to

assist; however, our collective efforts were to no avail as this situation was beyond our influence and control. In fact, due to the efforts of the CCIDA and others, several offers were made to the Canadian lending syndicate to purchase the company, but these offers were inexplicably rejected.

Since 1959, the company has provided employment opportunities for thousands of area residents, including the estimated 230+ workers currently employed at the Jamestown facility today. The issues facing eSolutions are not the result of anything we are or aren't doing locally, but rather due to internal business-wide decisions and broader economic factors, forces, and uncertainties. In fact, the CCIDA has a long history of working with and assisting Bush Industries dating back several decades, which helped to sustain their operations to the present.

The CCIDA and County vow to do all they can to try to resurrect the business and/or find a new tenant for the Mason Drive facility. In any event, the CCIDA, Workforce Development Board (Chautauqua Works), and the Department of Labor (DOL) will assist the effected workers with finding new employment opportunities with other local businesses, and to ensure they are aware of the available resources that will allow them to land on their feet.

Respectfully,
PJ Wendel, County Executive
Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development/CCIDA CEO



Step Into an Evening of Inspiration, Creativity, and Community Impact at CASA of Chautauqua County's 18th Annual "Come to the Table" Fundraiser

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remain a priority within the system of care. The Friends of the Community Award will be awarded to Raymour & Flanigan in recognition of their generous and compassionate support of foster families, including their meaningful involvement in creating inclusive, welcoming experiences such as the Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt event.

The event also features the impactful Service Auction, allowing guests to directly support CASA's mission. The service auction includes financial support for CASA advocacy, the lifebook and summer camp programs.

"The service auction is a cornerstone of Come to the Table and gives guests a powerful way to directly impact the children we serve," said Kathy Park, Executive Director of CASA. "Many of these children move from home to home with very few belongings. Our Lifebook program helps them preserve their memories, milestones, and sense of identity—something they can carry with them always."

Guests are also invited to support the Mary Rogers Heart of CASA Fund, which helps provide educational and enrichment opportunities for children in grades K-12, including school supplies, activities, lessons, registrations, and essential resources. The fund honors Mary Rogers' lifelong belief that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, regardless of circumstance.

Come to the Table continues to offer meaningful opportunities for community involvement, with sponsorships available for local businesses and organizations. This year's sponsors include Chautauqua Chemicals, Community Bank, Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant, Jamestown Plastics, Inc., SKE, Sherman Teacher's Association, The Great Tree Inn Bed and Breakfast, and Wegmans.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door, through CASA board and staff members, or online at chautauquacasa.com. Those interested in sponsorships, table design, or basket donations may contact Kelly Fiorella at kfiorellacasa@gmail.com.

All proceeds directly support CASA's mission of recruiting, training, and supporting volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Chautauqua County.

For those unable to attend, a tax-deductible donation can be sent to: CASA of Chautauqua County, 2 Academy Street, Suite 5, Mayville, NY 14757



About CASA of Chautauqua
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Warren's Ruby Wiles on "Letting Your Inner Light Shine"

Ruby Wiles returns this second Sunday of May to speak to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown at 10:30 a.m. Her message, "Letting Your Inner Light Shine," will feature stories of people who followed their inner light. As the founder/director of Warren's Free Books for Kids Town, whose mission is literacy and children's education, Wiles also reads a children's book that fits the adults' message. All are welcome to the service and the coffee hour that follows. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar. To learn more about Wiles' nonprofit program, visit www.FreeBooksKidsTown.com.

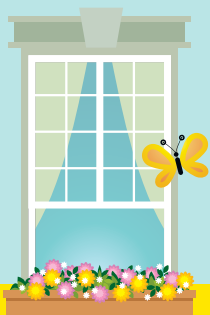


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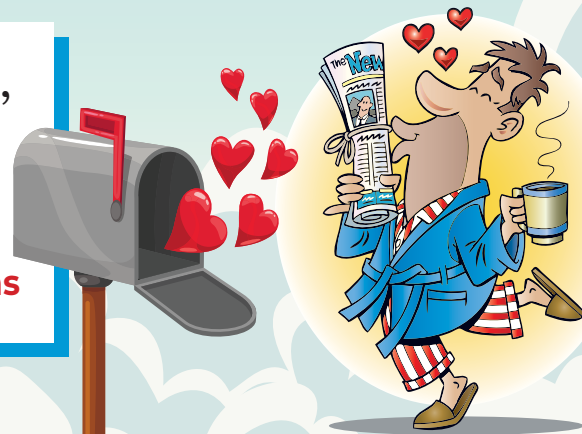
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